

# Haryana Review

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## Haryana marks stamp on G20

### Delegates introduced to IT governance, Harappan replicas

By Ajay Bhardwaj

Tapping the opportunity offered by the inaugural meeting of the Anti-Corruption Group of G20 in Gurugram, the Manohar Lal government spared no stops to ensure that the delegates carried an imprint of Haryana when they head back home after the four day event.

An imprint that shows Haryana in full colours its warm hospitality, rich culture, glorious heritage, booming economy and IT-laden good governance.

While the delegates from as many as 38 countries were apprised of a number of innovative initiatives undertaken by the Manohar Lal government to combat corruption, the flair of digital governance that has brought about transparency and integrity to the fore in administration, was also laid bare before them.

The special presentation was about the Parivar Pehchan Patra, a unique initiative of the Manohar Lal government that has helped check pilferage in the government schemes and ensure that benefits reach the true beneficiaries.

The delegates were told how with the help of PPP 12 lakh new



ration cards have been prepared while nine lakh were found to be fake ones.

The delegates were also presented with the picture of the vibrant state of the economy of Haryana which affords rich opportunities for the foreign investors.

Chief Minister Sh Manohar Lal took the lead by hosting a 'Ratri Bhoj par Samvad' in honour of representatives which introduced

the folk tradition and rich art culture of Haryana to the foreign dignitaries. At the 'Ratri Bhoj par Samvad' the delegates were served special dishes and sweets prepared from coarse grains.

#### Atithi Devo Bhava

The foreign guests were greeted with hospitality and with the spirit of 'Atithi Devo Bhava', special arrangements were made for them and were welcomed with tilak.

Later they were introduced to the state's art and culture with presentation through traditional instruments and traditional folk songs.

The representatives of countries like Canada, Italy, Austria, Mauritius, Switzerland and Indonesia in particular appreciated the hospitality of Haryana.

Giovanni Tartaglia Polcini, Head of Task Force, Co-chair, G20 ACWG, Italy, reaffirmed Italy's staunch support for India's agenda

at the G20 ACWG. He appreciated India's efforts for organizing the first G20 ACWG at Gurugram.

While talking about the changing nature of corruption, he stated that there is a need to engage with civil society and the business community, as part of a multi stake holder approach that is required to fight effectively against corruption.

#### Replicas of Harappan times

During the course of the event the delegates were given replicas of the Harappan remains that were found in Haryana's Hisar, The state had prepared 200 replicas of Harappan artefacts that were excavated from Rakhigarhi last year.

It turned out to be a unique gift prepared by an artist in Jind.

The delegates also visited Museo Camera, Sultanpur National Park, Aravalli Biodiversity Park, Cyber Hub, Transport Museum in Tauru and the Pratapgarh farms as the objective was to make them aware about the culture, history and traditions of Haryana.

In addition, a special focus was laid on yoga sessions and Ayush and Yoga instructors held classes for the delegates.

## On same page in taking on corruption

By Parveen K Modi

There could not have been a better choice of venue for hosting the inaugural meeting of the anti-corruption group of G20 than Haryana.

For, the strategy hammered by the Manohar Lal Government to tame the monster of graft seems to be in perfect sync with the Anti-Corruption Action Plan 2022-24 drawn by the G20 Anti-Corruption Working Group.

And closer home, this inference gains no less salience when a comparison is drawn with the Centre's zero-tolerance-to-corruption policy espoused by the Prime Minister, Mr Narendra Modi.

Comparisons may seem odious but these have to be made at times to draw home the point.

A close comparison bears out in unmistakable terms that the strategies of both the G20 Anti-Corruption Working Group and Haryana jell well, go together, and place both on the same page in taking on corruption.

Set up in 2010, the focus of the G20 working group is fixated primarily on integrity and transparency in public and private sectors, capacity building, collection of best practices, and development and implementation of national anti-graft strategies.

Since corruption hampers sustainable economic growth, undermines the rule of law, erodes

It also aims at harnessing information technology in a big way to achieve the avowed objectives.

This reads like a mirror image of what constitutes the crux of Haryana's strategy to fight graft.

The edifice of the state's framework also rests on the two pillars of preventive and punitive measures.

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citizen's trust in institutions and dogs the path to achieving the sustainable development goals, the working group has evolved an Anti-Corruption Action Plan 2022-2024 to combat the menace.

The cut and thrust of the action plan involves promotion of actions to prevent and counter corruption (preventive and punitive measures).

It too bets big on the deployment of IT tools to pace up delivery of services and weed out fraudsters nibbling at unlawful gains from the social welfare policies of the state government.

Besides, a la the G20 action plan, the state's strategy under scores transparency, collection of best practices, and use of IT to pare

down the interface between the people and the administration which keeps the doors ajar for touts and middlemen to come in and operate.

The framework not only seeks to stamp out the root causes of corruption but also provides for coming down on the corrupt with a heavy hand.

#### National context

In the national context, the broad planks of Haryana's strategy draw inspiration from the zero-tolerance-to-graft policy adopted by the Central Government.

It will not be inept to say that it has been broadly patterned on the Centre's work plan.

Tracing the history of the fight against corruption, it goes back to the recommendations made by the Santhanam Commission set up in 1962 to go into corruption-related offences in the public sector and government departments in the Central Government, Union Territories, nationalized banks, and PSU officers.

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## GST kitty up 23 pc in Feb

By Rajeev Ranjan Roy

Haryana registered an impressive 23 percent growth in Goods and Services Tax (GST) collection in February '23, totalling Rs 7,310 crore as compared to Rs 5,928 crore mop up in the last corresponding month. Normally, February being a 28 days month witnesses a relatively lower collection of revenue.

A series of measures to plug the loopholes, ensure transparency and minimize leakages have led to sustainable increase in GST collection in Haryana, which has achieved several milestones in the areas of good governance since the day Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal took over the office. According to the Union Ministry of Finance, Haryana is far ahead of several states so far as growth in the GST revenue collection is concerned. For example, Punjab registered a growth of 12 per cent in GST collection in February '23.

# New initiatives evolved to combat graft

By **Ajay Bhardwaj**

The first meeting of the G20 ACWG (Anti-corruption working group) which included over 90 delegates participating from 20 member countries, 10 invitee countries and 9 International Organisations proved to be a truly representative of the richness of international experience in anti-corruption initiatives.

The three day meeting saw intensive and productive deliberations on several key focal areas pertaining to asset recovery, fugitive economic offenders, formal and informal channels of cooperation for information sharing, institutional frameworks for combating corruption, mutual legal assistance, among others.

It included presentations and interventions of country delegates and experts from UNODC, OECD, Egmont Group, INTERPOL and IMF.

## Keynote addresses

The keynote addresses were delivered by dignitaries including Comptroller and Auditor General of India Girish Chandra Murmu, Central Vigilance Commissioner of India Praveen Kumar Srivastava, Chairman Central Board of Direct Taxes Nitin Gupta, Chairman, Director Enforcement Directorate



Sanjay Kumar Mishra, Director Enforcement Directorate and Director, Central Bureau of Investigation Subodh Kumar Jaiswal.

They not only enriched the deliberations but also touched upon various challenges in combating

corruption.

It was an endeavour of the delegates during the deliberations to arrive at a consensus on the draft text of the high-level principles that are on the agenda for the ACWG during India's G20 Presidency.

A considerable progress was made in discussing the high-level principles on Improving Information sharing for fighting Corruption and related economic crimes, strengthening asset recovery mechanisms related to corruption

and related economic crimes, strengthening Law Enforcement Cooperation for Action against corruption and related economic crime, and promoting integrity and effectiveness of Public Bodies responsible for preventing and combating corruption

## ICT leveraged

On the first day a side event was held on leveraging ICT to curb corruption in the public sector, an area in which India's recent initiatives like the GEM Portal and DBT have been globally recognized.

During this event, leading experts from India showcased how India has adapted the power of ICT to curb corruption in public service delivery.

Officials said India looks forward eagerly to hosting the delegates again at Rishikesh from 25th to 27th May for the second ACWG meeting and Kolkata from 9th to 11th August for the third ACWG meeting.

India will also host the first ever in-person Anti Corruption Ministerial Meeting to provide further impetus to Enhancing Asset Recovery and International Cooperation for Strengthening the Fight against Corruption and related Economic Crimes.

# Delicacies, hospitality win hearts of delegates

By **Rajeev Ranjan Roy**

Our guests are nothing less than gods! It was this spirit with which foreign delegates were served during 'Raatri Bhoj Par Samvad' organized by Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal led Haryana government in honour of representatives who attended the Anti-Corruption Working Group (ACWG) meeting of G20 at Gurugram on March 2.

Haryana Governor Mr Bandaru Dattatraya, Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal and Deputy Chief Minister Mr Dushyant Chautala welcomed the Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology; Minister of State (Independent Charge) Earth Sciences; Minister of State PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh.

Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal while welcoming the foreign guests at 'Raatri Bhoj Par Samvad' said that it is a matter of great pride for India to have assumed the G20 Presidency, under the leadership of Prime Minister Mr Narendra Modi.

The Chief Minister said that it is also a matter of pride for Haryana that the state has organized 'Raatri Bhoj Par Samvad' to introduce the tradition and rich art and culture of Haryana to the foreign delegates. In the 'Raatri Bhoj Par Samvad,' the delegates were served special



dishes and sweets prepared from coarse grains.

Special arrangements had been made for foreign delegates. They were welcomed with 'Tilak' and were introduced to the state's art and culture with presentation through traditional instruments and folk songs.

The representatives of countries like Canada, Italy, Austria, Mauritius, Switzerland and Indonesia, appreciated the hospitality of Haryana.

They appreciated the delicacies served during the 'Raatri Bhoj Par Samvad' programme and the painting exhibition based on art and

culture, which was organized on the occasion.

During the 'Raatri Bhoj Par Samvad' programme, the team of Information, Public Relations, Languages and Culture Department, Haryana, effectively demonstrated the Haryanvi folk style at the venue, giving collective presentation of traditional folk dances Loor, Ghoomar, Dhamal, Phaaag, Googa Dhamoda, etc., related to various festivals, crop ripening and other occasions in the state.

Flute players Subhash Ghosh and Suleman also gave a cultural presentation during the programme. On the occasion, the members of the state Cabinet, senior officials of the Central and state governments were also present.



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Chaired by Mr K Santhanam, MP, the Santhanam Commission had been set up after a scam involving financial irregularities sparked a debate in Parliament.

Its remit included finding out the factors that caused corruption and suggesting what could be done to prevent it.

The commission concluded that mainly four factors spawned corruption.

These are: administrative delays; government biting more than it can chew and taking upon itself more regulatory functions than it has the wherewithal to do; room for discretion in the exercise of powers vested in officials; and cumbersome and tiring procedures involved in the delivery of citizen-centric services which badly affected the life of the man in the street.

It noted that "time has come to put the entire vigilance organisation on a proper and adequate basis".

It recommended the creation of the institution of Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) to oversee and monitor vigilance administration of various Central Government organisations. Accepting the recommendations, the Central Government notified on February 11, 1964, the creation of CVC, the first vigilance administration mechanism in the country.

# IT-laced governance brings kudos

## Union Minister lauds tech-savvy Haryana CM for reforms at G20 Working Group meeting

By **Rajeev Ranjan Roy**

A wholesome array of reforms to improve the ease of governance coupled with optimum use of information technology (IT) under the stellar leadership and administrative vision of the Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, have brought Haryana kudos at the first G20 Anti-Corruption Working Group (ACWG) meeting in Gurugram.

Dr Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science and Technology; Minister of State (Independent Charge) Earth Sciences; Minister of State PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, hailed the Chief Minister as tech-savvy and lauded several digital reforms initiated to ensure better governance. He also praised the state for its excellent hospitality.

### Good governance

Appreciating the Chief Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh said that during his tenure many successful experiments had been done in the direction of good governance. Other states of the country have also followed some of the successful programmes implemented by Manohar Lal-led Haryana Government, he said.

“It is a matter of great pride for India to have assumed the G20 Presidency. The present government under the leadership of the Prime Minister, Mr Narendra Modi, has envisioned developing such an administrative ecosystem for a devel-



oped India, which has zero tolerance for corruption.

The Enforcement Directorate has salvaged assets worth about \$180 billion of the public sector banks which had suffered losses due to frauds, he said.

“It is our considered view that strengthening of mechanisms for speedy confiscation of the proceeds of crime, both at home and abroad, will force the offenders to return to their home country.

This will allow for an effective investigation and speedy trial for the related offence. This would also help the banks and other financial institutions and tax authorities to

achieve recovery from defaults committed by such FEOs, thus restoring, to some extent, the overall health of these banks and other financial institutions,” said Dr Singh.

### Social challenge

Corruption is a complex social, political, and economic challenge affecting all countries. In a globalised world, corruption has ramifications well beyond the G20. It adversely impacts the effective utilisation of resources, creates market distortions, adversely impacts the quality of life of citizens, impacting the benefits of globali-

sation and consequently, economic growth and overall governance and most disproportionately affecting the poor and most marginalized, added Dr Singh.

Participating in the discussion on ‘DBT and Digital Public Infrastructure’ organized on the sidelines of the first ACWG meeting of G-20, Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister, Mr V Umashankar, shared his thoughts on various measures taken by the state government, especially the visionary thinking of the Chief Minister, thanks to which the benefits of welfare schemes are directly reaching the eligible bene-

ficiaries.

Sharing the experience of the state on providing direct benefits to the common people through technology, Mr Umashankar said citizens are getting the benefits of government schemes in a time-bound manner only through the Parivar Pehchan Patra (PPP). It has now become possible to deliver benefits of schemes to the beneficiaries without any human intervention.

### Family as a unit

“Under PPP, the state government has considered the family as a unit, in which complete details of the educational qualification, income, age, etc., of each member of the family are available. The government aims to ensure the eligibility of beneficiary schemes on the basis of family,” he said.

Mr Umashankar further informed that the state government had taken steps towards bringing several portals and different data on one portal. Now, the government is doing the work of verifying each and every data and is determined to give the benefits of government schemes to the right people at the right time.

Measuring the income is the biggest task to take benefits of the schemes. Now facilities are being provided automatically to the people without applying. Health services had been expanded by giving benefits of schemes like CHIRAYU Haryana to about 30 lakh families under the PPP,” added Mr V Umashankar.

# Delegates saunter around Sultanpur bird sanctuary

BY **Ajay Bhardwaj**

Delegates taking part in the G20 Anti-Corruption Working Group meeting visited the Sultanpur Bird Sanctuary (Ramsar Site) in Gurgaon district.

Spread over an area of about 350 acres the Sultanpur Bird Sanctuary has been a major winter centre for migratory birds from Europe, Siberia and Central Asia.

They observed various species of migratory and local birds through binoculars in the wetland area.

Dr. MD Sinha, Principal Secretary, Tourism Department, welcomed the delegates at the Bird Sanctuary premises and apprised them about the Sultanpur Bird Sanctuary included in the Ramsar site and the information related to the migratory birds coming here. Birds of about 250 species migrate here every year in this major bird century of India.

A special exhibition was also organised for the delegates to give them detailed information



about the migratory birds.

After having a good view of the birds the delegates planted saplings to create a lasting memory of the G-20 meeting in Gurugram.

### Self-help group lauded

The delegates also explored the inspiring handicraft works made by the self-help group members and appreciated self-help group's efforts to create self-employment opportunities for women in order to assist them become financially independent.

The delegates, while visiting

the stall of the Haryana State Rural Livelihood Mission, showed special interest in the products prepared by women members of Self Help Groups (SHGs).

Dr. Amarinder Kaur, CEO of Haryana State Rural Livelihood Mission, said that by joining self-help groups, women are setting an example of self-reliance by contributing through their work. Women of rural environments are being organized through self-help groups and made economically self-sufficient.

Handicraft products made by the women members of self-help groups are being appreciated at both national and international levels.

As with the efforts of Prime Minister Sh. Narendra Modi, the United Nations has declared the year 2023 as the International Year of Millet (IYOM) the delegates were served bajra biscuits, jowar namkeen and ragi chips etc.

Millet's stall was also set up by the Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Department.



# Glimpses of G20 anti

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# -graft group meeting

by Vinay Malik



# Preventive-punitive combo tells

## Manohar Lal Govt slams the doors shut on graft by reforming governance

By **Parveen K Modi**

Good governance in Haryana has been transformed into e-Governance, marked by unmistakable signs of systemic make over. The hallmark of the make over is a clean, transparent, graft free and responsive administration provided by the state government led by the Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal.

An administration that has slammed the doors shut on corruption by ensuring delivery of citizen-centric services in a hassle-free and time bound manner.

An administration that thinks and cares for the people, reaches out to them with the hand that helps, listens to what they have to say, answers their asks, and is open to assimilating any workable suggestions.

### IT deployed

Last but not least, an administration that has deployed IT tools like never before to nip the evil of corruption in the bud by reducing the interface between the people and officers which kept the doors ajar for touts and corruption. As many as 546 citizen-centric services

of more than 30 departments are available online. The Chief Minister has adopted the policy of zero tolerance to corruption.

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### IT, DBT kick out touts

Taking first things preventive measures first, systemic reforms have been made to ensure delivery of citizen-centric services in a graft-free and hassle-less manner, leaving no room for the middlemen and touts to operate.

made online to reduce the interface between the citizen and the administration which leaves room for graft. Doors have been slammed shut on the parchi-kharchi regime.

With a view to ensuring that the middleman does not gnaw at a pie of it, the state's contribution at the

road to reforms, the Manohar Lal Government has harnessed two key tools of decentralisation and delegation of powers to bring about systemic changes aimed at stamping out graft.

### Leading from the front

Leading from the front, the Chief Minister delegated certain powers vested in him, especially concerning the change of land use, to the respective departments and decentralized decision making.

Decentralisation has gone steeply deep; it has reached the panchayat level. Development works involving a certain level of expenses are now executed by the panchayats and other units of the local government by taking the e-tendering route.

The transition from good governance to e-governance is manifested to a great extent by the Parivar Pehchan Patra, a flagship scheme of the Haryana Government.

PPP is a passport which makes available at one stop benefits of most welfare services and schemes. That too, without one having to make repeated errands of government offices, and without having to grease the palms of greedy staffers.



“Eradicating corruption is Haryana Government's utmost priority. We have adopted a two-pronged strategy and combined preventive with punitive measures to stem the rot which has been sucking hollow different layers of the administration, and eating into the vitals of society. The two prongs are: slamming the doors shut on graft by reforming governance; and cracking down on the corrupt.”

**Manohar Lal**  
Chief Minister, Haryana

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The IT stick has been used like never before to beat graft with. The government is working hard to end corruption by resorting to online systems. More than 100 apps and portals have been launched to facilitate delivery. As many as 546 citizen-centric services of more than 30 departments have been

time of marriage of a poor man's daughter, pension of the elderly and the widow, and scholarship of a student is transferred directly into the account of the beneficiary through DBT (Direct Benefit Transfer). Concentration of too many powers in too few hands breeds corruption. Walking on the

# Cracking the whip on the corrupt

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Not content with the preventive measures, the Manohar Lal Government has cracked the whip on the corrupt. The state government has let loose the cat of State Vigilance Bureau, now rechristened Anti-Corruption Bureau, among the pigeons of corruption. Coming down heavily on the corrupt elements, the Bureau registered 891 complaints since October, 2014, out of which investigation into 714 complaints has

been completed.

As a sequel to these investigations, the watchdog suggested that criminal cases should be registered against 128 gazetted officers, 175 non-gazetted officers and 199 other persons.

Besides, departmental action has been proposed against the culprits in 240 cases. Criminal cases and departmental action have been suggested in 35 cases.

Since October, 2014, as many as 858 criminal cases have been registered against the officers/em-

ployees. Besides, action has been taken against 1,035 officers/employees of various departments for recovery of Rs 52 crore in 546 cases causing loss of government revenue.

The anti-graft agency was established in June, 1967 as a Special Investigation Agency (SIA) to combat the menace of corruption. SIA was later renamed as State Vigilance Bureau in 1978.

With a view to empowering the bureau, giving it more teeth, and making it more-broad based, the state government has decided to

rechristen it as Anti-Corruption Bureau.

It operates under the charge of a director general/director, who is an IPS officer in the rank of Director General of Police or Additional Director General of Police.

Its head office is located in Panchkula, near Chandigarh. Seven regional offices of the bureau are located in Panchkula, Ambala, Gurugram, Rohtak, Hisar, Karnal and Faridabad.

Besides, with a view to facilitating people to register com-

plaints and give information about corrupt employees/activities in the control room of the Bureau headquarters, Panchkula; toll-free helpline numbers 1064 and 1800-180-2022 have been set up. The general public can also send complaints on WhatsApp number 9417891064 and on e-mail IDs svb@hry.nic.in and dgsvb-hry@nic.in

Given the intent of the Chief Minister and the sweeping measures taken, Haryana is well on the road to taming the dragon of corruption.

## Redress mechanism: CM Window a draw



Realising full well that preventive and punitive measures are not enough to provide a transparent and graft-free administration, the Manohar Lal Government has launched CM Window, a mechanism to ensure quick redress of people's grievances.

For, not getting one's due, and grievances not getting addressed, makes most people take the graft route. The response bears evidence that this grievance redress and monitoring system has caught the fancy of the people.

Up to January 20, 2023,

10,58,888 complaints were received on the CM Window, out of which 9,23,880 complaints were resolved. Out of these, 54,262 complaints have been found inconsistent, and an action taken report has been received on 23,011 complaints.

Launched on December 25, 2014 in all districts and all departments of Haryana as a flagship programme to listen to the grievances of the people, CM Window has played a key role in resolving personal grievances as well as settling issues of public and social interest.



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## G20 introduced

G-20 was established in 1999 as a forum to discuss global economic and financial issues in the wake of the Asian financial crisis.

After the global economic and financial crisis of 2007, G-20 was upgraded to the level of heads of state/government, and in 2009, it was designated as the premier forum for international economic cooperation.

G20 summit is held annually under a rotating presidency. Initially the G20 focused on macro-economic issues, but later expanded its agenda to include trade, climate change, sustainable development, health, agriculture, energy, environment, climate change and anti corruption.

G20 consists of 19 countries (Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Turkey, United Kingdom and United States) and the European Union. Also, 9 guest countries Bangladesh, Egypt, Mauritius, Netherlands, Nigeria, Oman, Singapore, Spain, United Arab Emirates will be included in the G-20.

G-20 member states account for about 85 percent of global GDP, more than 75 percent of global trade, and about two-thirds of the world's population.

### How the group works

The G-20 agenda is steered and the summit is organized for one year under G-20 chairmanship. The theme of India's G-20 chairmanship—'VasudhaivaKu tumbakam' or 'One Earth-One Family-One Future' is taken from the ancient Sanskrit text of the Maha Upanishad.

For India, the G-20 chairmanship marks the beginning of the 'Amrit Kaal', which began on August 15, 2022, the 75th anniversary of Independence, in its vision for a futuristic, prosperous, inclusive and developed society, characterized by a human centred approach; for a period of 25 years till the centenary of independence.

### Meetings planned

The official meetings of the G-20 have been planned in Delhi, Amritsar-Punjab, Indore-Madhya Pradesh, Udaipur-Rajasthan, Rann of Kutch-Gujarat, Kolkata-West Bengal, Khajuraho-Madhya Pradesh, Gandhinagar-Gujarat, Guwahati-Assam, Goa, Chandigarh, Chennai-Tamil Nadu, Jodhpur-Rajasthan, Thiruvananthapuram-Kerala, Pune-Maharashtra, Bengaluru-Karnataka, Bhubaneswar-Odisha, Mahabalipuram-Tamil Nadu, Mumbai-Maharashtra, Lucknow-Uttar Pradesh, Shillong-Meghalaya, Siliguri-West Bengal, Surat-Gujarat, Hyderabad-Telangana, Gurugram-Haryana, Kochi-Kerala, Varanasi-Uttar Pradesh and Visakhapatnam-Andhra Pradesh.

## 2022-24 Anti-Corruption Action Plan unfolded

# Focus on global thinking and action

By Parveen K Modi

**G**20 is of the firm conviction that the menace of corruption hampers sustainable economic growth, impedes market competition, undermines the rule of law and erodes citizens' trust in institutions. Besides, it dogs the path to creating prosperity and security and undermines movement towards the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Since the forms and manifestations of corruption are constantly evolving, and new vulnerabilities, especially in the context of the economic crisis, increase opportunities and incentives for corrupt behavior, the G20 Anti-Corruption Working Group developed an Anti-Corruption Action Plan 2022-2024.

The action plan aims at stimulating the thinking and discussion on the promotion of international cooperation particularly in regard to (i) asset recovery; (ii) law enforcement cooperation; (iii) information sharing; (iv) technology and (v) denial of safe haven/entry.

### Timely implementation

In addition, it envisages enhanced efforts to ensure timely implementation of previous commitments and legal obligations, in particular those enshrined in the multi-lateral instruments G20 is party to.

The action plan enjoins upon

the working group to ensure implementation of the existing G20 commitments and identify further areas where G20 can best add value and give momentum to existing efforts, without duplicating work undertaken elsewhere.

Through the action plan, G20 seeks to achieve three overarching objectives for its anti-corruption agenda:

Promote implementation of the existing G20 commitments and

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treaty obligations to increase the impact of the international anti-corruption agenda.

Build on existing G20 anti-corruption commitments by developing further targeted actions on the topics where the G20 Anti-Corruption Working Group can best add value through extensive consultation and joint contribution, and increase the impact of our work in the wider international community.

And also meet new corruption challenges identified by the international community and promote actions to prevent and counter corruption in related areas.

The action plan is guided by the political declaration of the first-ever special session of the United Nations General Assembly against corruption, which G20 fully welcomed and supported, as well as the first ever G20 Anti-Corruption Ministerial Communiqué.

### Think Pieces

It is also informed by the “Think Pieces” developed by the Organisation for Economic Co-

In implementing this Action Plan, the working group will continue to build on its cooperation and engagement with relevant international organizations and bodies, in particular UNODC, OECD, FATF, WB and the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

It will also strengthen its cooperation with other organizations such as INTERPOL and the Egmont Group of Financial Intelligence Units. Reaffirming that the G20 is a member driven process, the working group will further strengthen its engagement with other stakeholders such as academia, civil society, media, and the private sector, and will continue to promote their important role and active participation in the fight against corruption highlighting national efforts in this field.

The prevention of and the fight against corruption have to be conducted in a manner consistent with G20 obligations with regard to and respect for all human rights, justice, democracy and the rule of law at all levels. With recovery from the Pandemic comes the opportunity to lay the foundation for a sustainable, transparent and inclusive recovery. It remains a top priority for G20 countries to use the lessons learned from this crisis and come out of it stronger, more transparent, more accountable and more resilient.

## Police go hi-tech with ICJS project

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**K**eeping pace with the concept of modern policing, the Haryana Police have successfully implemented the much awaited Inter-Operable Criminal Justice System (ICJS) project of the Union Government, an important step in the direction of making the state police hi-tech.

The ICJS project launched by the Union Government has been implemented in the entire country through the Ministry of Home Affairs, on which the Haryana Police are working to ensure modern policing.

Disclosing this, a police spokesperson said that the project had been implemented in Haryana as a central sector scheme. The state police have succeeded in tracing 45 vehicles, 67 proclaimed offenders and bail jumpers, and two most wanted criminals using the ICJS project. Apart from this, four FIRs have also been lodged.

In the first phase of ICJS project, different IT systems have been implemented and managed. These have also been made capable of searching records. Under Phase-II, this system has been prepared on the principle of 'one data-one entry', under which data is entered only once in one

column and then the same is entered in all other columns. This does not require re-entry of data in each column.

Director State Crime Records Bureau, Mr O P Singh said the ICJS system is being made available through a dedicated and secure cloud based infrastructure with high speed connectivity.

The responsibility for implementation of the project in the state rests with the State Crime Records Bureau.

ICJS is a national platform for the integration of core IT systems, which are used to implement criminal justice in the country through five pillars.-Police (Crime and Criminal Tracking Network System), e-Forensic for Forensic Labs, e-Court for Courts, e-Prosecution for Public Prosecutors, e-Jail for Jails.

Through this software, a complete record of the criminals lodged in the state jails is maintained. By entering the name of the criminal and other information in the software, if his status is in any other state, it gets updated immediately.

On the basis of this information, the investigation officer can take further action.

## Rs 21 L for 3D model sculpture of CM

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**I**nspired by Prime Minister Mr Narendra Modi's idea of auctioning the gifts received and using the donations for public welfare, the CM Uphaar Portal created by Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal has received tremendous response. It is for the first time in Haryana that a Chief Minister has taken such an initiative, proving that every Haryanvi is a member of his family.

The donations received from the auction of the gifts received by the Chief Minister will be spent only for the betterment of the society. A total of 51 gifts put up for auction through Uphaar Portal have received a donation of Rs 1 crore 14 lakh 95 thousand.

Additional Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister and Director General, Information, Public Relations, Languages and Culture, Dr Amit Agrawal said that a bid of Rs 21 lakh has been placed for the 3D model sculpture of Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal.

A bid has been placed for Rs 6.41 lakh for the sculpture of Arjun Rath, Rs 5.80 lakh for the sculpture of Kamakhya Devalaya and Rs 1.75 lakh for the sculpture of Ram Janambhoomi temple.

Dr Agrawal said that the

amount received from the auction of gifts would be deposited in the Chief Minister's Relief Fund and would be spent on public welfare works.

He said that Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal had decided to auction the gifts presented by social organizations or individuals as a mark of respect during various programmes and under this initiative, the Chief Minister Uphaar Portal was launched.

“In the first phase, 51 gifts were auctioned till February 28. The base amount of each gift was mentioned on the CM Uphaar portal.

Soon after the completion of the auction process of the first phase, the Chief Minister will present the gifts to the bidders,” said Dr Agrawal, adding that if the bidder so desires, he can also collect the gift by courier.

Notably, Prime Minister Mr Narendra Modi had organized an auction process on the occasion of his 72nd birthday, in which he had e-auctioned about 1,200 gifts received from across the country.

The funds collected through this were used in the Namami Gange Mission. Inspired by this idea, Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal has also started the process of auctioning the gifts received by him.

# Govt doing all to give women their due

## I owe success to my mother, says CM

Haryana Review Bureau

The Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, has said that everyone should take a resolution to prevent violence against women and ensure that they are given a safe and secure atmosphere.

He was addressing a gathering during a state-level function organized on the occasion of International Women's Day in Kamal where cash rewards and honours were given to 500 women for their exemplary work in various fields.

"In Indian tradition women hold high esteem and it is believed that Gods reside in places where a woman is worshipped. Therefore, it becomes our utmost responsibility to ensure the safety and security of women," said Mr Manohar Lal, adding that the government is doing all to give women their due.

The state government has done a lot for women. Haryana

Durga Shakti App, Durga Shakti Vahini and Durga Shakti Rapid Action Force are some of the key steps taken for the prevention of crimes against women. Apart from this, 29 women police stations have been established in Haryana, shared Sh. Manohar Lal.

### Girl child celebrated

The Chief Minister said that Haryana which was once known for female foeticide is now celebrating the birth of every girl child. All this has become possible because of the Prime Minister, Mr Narendra Modi's unique Beti Bachao-Beti Padhao campaign which was started on January 22, 2015, from Panipat.

Highlighting the role of women in everyone's life, the Chief Minister said they say behind every successful man there is a woman. "My mother has been behind my success and the position I have been able to reach today," he said.

When I had passed 10th standard and desired to pursue further studies my father refused permission. But my mother gave me Rs 300 to get admission in a college. I dedicate my success to my mother. If she had not given me



the money to pursue my higher education, I might not have reached this position," said Mr Manohar Lal adding that instead of celebrating International Women's Day, this day should be celebrated as 'Mahila Samman Diwas'.

He said there are 56,434 Self-Help Groups (SGHs) in Haryana and financial assistance of Rs 796 crore has been given to them. The state government has tied up with Flipkart to ensure that the products produced by SGHs can be sold digitally across the country and the globe.

"This step would certainly increase their income, while their products will also get international

recognition. For imparting training to Self-Help Groups, a training centre has been opened at Gharaunda at a cost of Rs. 3.5 crore. More such centres will also be opened in other parts of the state," said Mr Manohar Lal. The SHGs should link all such women who have a family income of less than Rs.1 lakh with their groups so that their economic condition can be improved.

### Women are shining bright

Today women are shining bright in every field, be it education, sports, social service, politics or science, and they are bringing laurels. Women also have played an

instrumental role in the development of Haryana.

"In a bid to empower women, we have ensured 50 percent representation for them in panchayats and civic bodies. Haryana is the first one to introduce such a system. We are also taking numerous steps towards women's empowerment along with ensuring education, safety, and self-respect for every daughter of Haryana," said Mr Manohar Lal.

The Chief Minister further informed that the representation of daughters in the police, which was six percent in 2014, has increased to 10 percent today and a target has been set to increase this to 15 percent in the coming years. Not only this, 33 percent reservation has been given to women in allotment of ration depots.

The Chief Minister said that the state government had paid special attention to women's education. In the last 8 years, a college has been constructed every 20 km, so that girls do not have to travel long distances for their studies.

## SPORTS

### Anupama of PkI is national badminton champion



Haryana Review Bureau

Haryana received yet another feather in its sports cap when Anupama Upadhyaya, a resident of Panchkula, became the national champion at the Senior National Badminton Championship 2023 held in Pune.

A former world junior number one, who turned 18 in last February, Anupama created history for Haryana. It is for the first time that the daughter of the state became national champion in women's singles senior category.

Anupama Upadhyaya won the women's singles title by defeating Aakarshi Kashyap in the final match of the Senior National Badminton Championship 2023 held in Pune recently.

On this achievement, Har-

yana Badminton Association, president, Sh. Devender Singh announced a cash prize of Rs 5 lakh to Anupama Upadhyaya. Currently, she ranks third in all world ranking in this category.

Devender Singh said that Anupama bounced back to beat Aakarshi 20-22, 21-17, 24-22 in a thrilling title match.

Aakarshi started the match strongly and won the first game, before Anupama extended the lead in the second game by 11-6.

She continued to play dropshots and logged a 21-17 win to become the national women's single champion.

Badminton Association of India, vice president and Haryana Badminton Association, general secretary, Ajay Singhania also extended his best wishes and wished Anupama a bright future.

### Blair Foundation to help in health sector

Haryana Review Bureau

The Tony Blair Faith Foundation of the former British Prime Minister will cooperate with Haryana to strengthen the health sector.

This offer was made by Mr Tony Blair, former British Prime Minister, when he called on the Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, at Haryana Bha-wan in New Delhi. The Chief Minister warmly welcomed Mr Blair and discussed with him the scope for mutual cooperation in fields like health and basic facilities.

The Chief Minister apprised him of the tertiary level health facilities being provided by the Haryana Government which has implemented Ayushman Bharat Yojana and CHIRAYU Haryana Yojana to provide health facilities to the needy.

The state government is opening medical colleges and nursing colleges in all districts of the state, which will help in meeting the shortage of doctors and also strengthen health facilities. "With the cooperation of Tony Blair Faith Foundation, the health sector will expand further and health facilities will be strengthened," he added.

Mr Manohar Lal said the state government had linked many of its schemes with information technology which had ensured quick benefits of schemes and services to the citizens. He informed Mr Blair that the Haryana Government had made a new experiment in using IT in government work.

"Considering every family living in the state as a unit, we have made Parivar Pehchan Patra (PPP). In this single document, information of each family member like educational qualification, job, business, self-employment etc. is registered," he added.

The Chief Minister presented Shrimad Bhagavad Gita and a memento to Mr Blair.



## CINEMA

### Satish Kaushik's demise shocks Haryana



By Ajay Bhardwaj

In the untimely demise of veteran film producer, director and actor Satish Kaushik Haryana lost its distinguished son-of-the soil who, besides his big accomplishments in Bollywood, made an outstanding contribution to the Haryanvi cinema.

Born on April 13, 1956, in Danonda village in Mahendra-garh Satish Kaushik was popularly known as a mentor and an elder brother of Haryanvi cine artistes.

Being Chairman of the Haryana Film Promotion Board he made an invaluable contribution to promoting Haryanvi cinema.

In 2019 he produced and directed a film based on the international achievements of woman wrestler Sonali Phogat. The film, Chhoriyan Chhoro Se Kam Nahi, proved to be an inspirational film for women empowerment.

Satish Kaushik was also instrumental in framing the Haryana Film Policy which was notified by the state government last year and following which a blueprint of making Pinjore, a film city, was prepared under the guidance of Satish Kaushik.

Haryana Governor, Sh. Bandaru Dattatraya, in his tribute highlighted how Satish Kaushik rose to prominence in the world of acting through his sheer hard work and dedication, and left an indelible mark on millions of his admirers through his versatile roles.

Chief Minister Sh. Manohar Lal said that Satish Kaushik will always be remembered for his distinguished acting career and direction work.