

# Haryana Review

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## E-governance gets 3 shots

By Ajay Bhardwaj

While taking a big step forward towards digitally empowering the people of Haryana Chief Minister Sh Manohar Lal has announced three services which have been brought on the IT platform, which include Pro active Divyang Pension Service, 'Tau se pucho', whatsapp chat bot and online room booking facility at PWD (B&R) rest houses in the state.

Undoubtedly these three IT initiatives would go a long way to become milestones to realise the Manohar Lal Government's vision of paperless and transparent governance.

The Proactive Divyang Pension Service will provide automated pension benefits to Persons With Disabilities (PwDs).

"Now all such beneficiaries will not have to visit the offices to get their benefits," said the Chief Minister. More than 60 percent disability that is available with the Parivar Informatics Data Repository will be

certified by the Haryana Parivar Pehchan Authority every month.

The data of all such PwDs found eligible after verification (as per the eligibility criteria prescribed by the scheme) will be shared with the SEWA Department and the District Officer of the SEWA Department will contact all such beneficiaries and take their consent for getting the pension benefits.

**'Tau Se Pucho' WhatsApp bot**

Making a digital shift, the Haryana Parivar Pehchan Authority has created a WhatsApp bot called 'Tau Se Pucho' along with Web Based Chatbot Solution, which, the chief minister said, would be bilingual chat bot integrated with WhatsApp and is designed to give quick responses to the queries raised by the citizens.

This IT platform will be easily accessible to everyone and the user will be able to communicate easily on this platform while sitting at home. Along with citizens, this

platform will also save the government's time.

Analytical study of the queries received will certainly prove to be helpful in the process of resolving complaints and resolution.

The technologies like artificial intelligence, machine learning and natural language processing have been added to this integrated digital platform as well.

On this chatbot, citizens can raise queries regarding status of various data fields as well as services like income, marriage registration, public distribution system, ration card, caste, pension and grievances.

"The families can interact with the integrated Tau se Pucho WhatsApp bot to seek advice on the application process, documents required, eligibility, government regulations and benefits of various programmes," said the chief minister.

**Portal for rest houses**

While launching the portal for room booking at PWD (B&R) rest houses, the chief minister said, "This platform will be easily accessible to everyone and the user will be able to communicate easily on this platform while sitting at home. Along with citizens, this

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The President, Mrs Droupadi Murmu, being welcomed with a bouquet by the Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, on her arrival in Chandigarh. The Governor, Mr Bandar Dattatreya, is also seen in the picture. See also P-7

## Jan Samvad, an outreach that reached out

Inhabitants of 22 villages in Bhiwani and Palwal districts benefit from programme

By Parveen K Modi

It was an outreach that truly reached out to the inhabitants of back-of-beyond 22 villages of Bhiwani and Palwal Districts in a time-span of two weeks.

Titled Jan Samvad, the outreach was orchestrated by the Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, who keeps itching for new ways to bridge the gap between the people and the powers that be.

With a large number of issues getting addressed; persisting problems of the people hitting a solution; long-pending projects attracting instant execution orders, the Jan Samvad programme took very little time in getting the eyeballs converted into footfalls.

**Mahatma Gandhi's vision**

Aimed at realizing Mahatma Gandhi's vision of Gram Swaraj, the interaction turned out to be an unexpectedly huge draw with the Chief Minister sitting on a charpoy (cot) or a muddha (stool) becoming the centre of attraction.

Buoyed up by the massive instant response and unprecedented success of the first leg of his Jan Samvad programme dotting some nondescript villages in Bhiwani district, the Chief Minister decided

to do an encore in Palwal District.

Riding the crest of the net, the solutions found and quick orders issued by the Chief Minister spread like wildfire and became the talk of the entire state, not only of the villages or towns involved.

It had to be so! For, sitting close to the Chief Minister closer home in a typical rural setting, and having their say too, seemed to give the villagers both a sense of satisfaction, and the kick.

And this satisfaction found a reflection in the glee on their faces when they got a patient hearing from their beloved leader, and also, got what they had long craved for. It will be only apt to say that the villagers never had it so good.

Issues settled and directions given at the sittings in the two districts defy any range or bracket. Their 360-degree arc included renovation of Phirmi in 135 Mahagrams; bringing Bhiwani's Chang village under the Mahagram Yojana; construction of sewerage systems and 66-kva substations in some villages; and donation of Rs 5 lakh for renovation of the 105-foot Shaheed Minar built in Uttarwal village of Palwal District.

It is common knowledge that Mr Manohar Lal has redefined governance and made it a two-way traffic

since he assumed office on October 26, 2014. His intense desire to work for the people and solve their problems made him take a slew of initiatives, including the CM Window. Launched on December 25, 2014, as a part of celebrations of the Good Governance Day, it has attracted 10.92 lakh complaints out of which more than 10.09 lakh have been resolved.

**Second innings**

It was in his second innings as Chief Minister that he launched the Jan Samvad programme translating into reality the concept of 'Sarkar Aapke Dwar' which means listening to the complaints of people while sitting among them. His earthiness, simplicity and earnestness to bring them relief, enchanted one and all, and enhanced his popularity.

Starting from Rohtak district, the Chief Minister took the Jan Samvad programme to the far-flung villages of Sirsa, Sonapat, Karnal, Kurukshetra and Fatehabad districts.

The extent of its popularity can be gauged from the fact that getting the word, people from villages in the surrounding districts also trooped in. May onwards, more villages in other districts are set to be covered.

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# Wholesome approach to skilling youth

By Rajeev Ranjan Roy

As youth constitute the backbone of the state, Haryana government under stellar leadership of Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal has adopted a wholesome approach in skilling them so that they have to face no difficulties either in getting employment or having their own ventures.

By setting up the Department of Youth Empowerment and Entrepreneurship, the government has given a big boost to the entrepreneurial ecosystem in the state.

Recognizing the importance of employable skills in getting gainful employment in the private sector, Haryana has laid a new emphasis on skilling youth for employment through Haryana Skill Development Mission (HSDM), Shri Vishwakarma Skill University and Haryana Kaushal Rozgar Nigam.

HSDM is aimed at imparting skill training in the National Skill Qualification Framework aligned job roles to two lakh unemployed youth through specific training and courses for recognition of prior learning in 2023-24.

## Focus on skill training

Apart from the traditional job roles, a special focus is being laid on skill training in modern industry related job roles and emerging technologies. A special training has also been mooted for youth to take up jobs as caregivers for the aged and infirm. A sum of Rs 250 crore for skill training of two lakh youth in 2023-24 has been earmarked the budget of the current financial year.

Similarly, incubation centres are being set up to promote entrepreneurship and encourage start-ups among the youth along with requisite skills, personality and communication skills with facilitation of access to credit from



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banks, financial institutions and venture capital funds.

The budget has also proposed to establish a Venture Capital Fund in association with banks and financial institutions to provide financial support through loans and equity to start-up entrepreneurs who are women or come from families with an annual income of up to Rs 1.80 lakh or belong to the Scheduled Castes or Backward Classes.

The Venture Capital Fund will assist the youth in becoming entrepreneurs where the project cost is up to Rs 5 crore. It will have a corpus of Rs 200 crore. The selection of beneficiaries under the Venture Capital Fund will be done by a group of experts in industry and entrepreneurship with the involvement of Government officers.

Similarly, Mukhyamantri Kaushal Mitra Fellowship Scheme as a pilot scheme aims at engaging

youth and empowering them with skills that will be leveraged for driving the national objectives. These youth will be trained by the Shri Vishwakarma Skill University to analyse the local skill requirement, dissemination of information regarding schemes 19 on entrepreneurship, skill training and aggregation of skill needs.

## Centre of Skilling

A Centre of Skilling for Emerging Technologies will be set up in SVSU with the support of technology companies for training of around 5000 youth every year to prepare them for jobs in the field of Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, Data Science, Data Analytics and Programming and Electric Vehicle Manufacturing. The training will be imparted in online, offline and hybrid mode. The Centre will also provide internship oppo-

rtunities for the youth with technology companies.

In order to take skilling to every corner of the state, the establishment of Skill Schools using the spare infrastructure of government schools, Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) and Government Polytechnics will be a game changer. Similarly, the planning to implement Skill Education in Classes VI to VIII from the academic session 2023-24 in integration of skill education with school education will herald a new dawn so far as skilling is concerned.

As a landmark initiative, the state government has operationalized the establishment of 20 Haryana Overseas Placement Cells in the Foreign Cooperation Department, Shri Vishwakarma Skill University and Youth Empowerment and Entrepreneurship Department.

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placement requirements and the skill needs and suitably train youth of Haryana for these jobs abroad. The government intends to provide short term foreign language training to youth who wish to look for job opportunities abroad in languages such as German, Japanese and Italian. The Government will also bear the cost of the foreign language certification test to youth coming from families whose annual income is up to Rs 6 lakh.

Haryana Kaushal Rozgar Nigam Limited (HKRN) has become the primary vehicle for deployment of manpower on contract in government. HKRN has over 1.06 lakh contractual manpower on its rolls. HKRN deploys manpower based on defined criteria of which the primary criterion is the income status of the family of the eligible applicant subject to satisfaction of minimum qualifications.

In 2023-24, HKRN will offer its manpower identification, skill training and deployment services for placing manpower in private establishments. This will ensure expansion of employment opportunities for the youth of the State and reduce manpower selection and skill training costs for private industry.

In order to improve admission of girl students in Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs), the government proposes to provide a financial assistance of Rs 2500 to every girl child who takes admission in the government ITIs whose annual family income is up to Rs 3 lakh.

## FORTNIGHT IN RETROSPECT

# Intl Gita Mahotsav goes to Australia

Gita Manishi Swami Gyananand Ji Maharaj has said that the next International Gita Mahotsav will be organized in Australia. The Home Minister, Mr Anil Vij, will represent the state on behalf of the Haryana Government.

Swami Gyananand Ji was speaking to the media at the residence of the Home Minister, Mr Anil Vij, in Ambala where he was accorded warm welcome.

A series of programmes would be organized in Australia, including the Parliament, during the Gita Mahotsav.

These will include a grand seminar which will be organized to contemplate upon the message of Lord Krishna given in Bhagavad Gita.

About 80 organizations of Australia are organizing the Mahotsav together with the collective efforts of the Haryana Government and the Kurukshetra

Development Board.

The Mahotsav was earlier held in Mauritius, England and Canada.

## 1,087 get job offers through HKRNL

Persisting with the efforts to provide contractual manpower to government entities in Haryana in a transparent, robust and equitable manner, the Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, has given digital job offers to as many as 1,087 candidates who will be engaged through the Haryana Kaushal Rozgar Nigam Limited (HKRNL).

Congratulating the candidates for receiving the jobs letters, he said that absolute transparency was being ensured in the jobs given through HKRNL which made the citizens happy.

Divulging the details about the job offers sent, the Chief Minister said that offers had been sent for the post of 382 drivers, 92 Ayush yoga

assistants, 96 data entry operators, 55 firemen/fire drivers and 31 junior engineers etc.

The state government aims to provide employment opportunities to the members of Antyodaya families on a priority basis under HKRNL, so that they can become economically affluent, said Mr Manohar Lal.

He said that so far more than 5,600 candidates had been provided employment through HKRNL. These mainly include TGT, PGT, driver, Ayush yoga assistants and lineman.

## Sukanya Samridhi Yojana Beneficial for girl child

The Sukanya Samridhi Yojana (SSY) being run by the Women and Child Development Department is proving beneficial for the golden future of the daughters in the state. Daughters are the pride of the society and the state government is

consistently making efforts to provide quality education and safe environment to them across the state.

The Sukanya Samridhi Yojana is the part of Beti Bachao-Beti Padhao programme implemented by the Central and state governments. Under this initiative, the account of the girl child can be opened in the post office or bank.

Giving information in this regard today, a spokesperson of the Women and Child Development Department said that SSY aimed at financially securing the future of the girl child.

This scheme provides interest benefit at the rate of 7.6% and tax benefits under 80C of the Income-tax Act, 1961. Parents can open up to two such accounts for their daughters. These accounts are valid for 21 years or until the girl child turns 18 and marries.

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houses, the Chief Minister said that now all rest houses can be booked online by Government officials as well as private people.

The interested one's can get their room bookings done at <http://hryguesthouse.gov.in>.

Through this portal, applicants can now check room availability, book a room, make online payment of booking amount, cancel booking and print booking slip and to avail this service the applicant will have to pay the full amount online at the time of booking only.

While the portal has been linked with IDBI Bank's payment gateway services.

Cancellation of booking within 24 hours of check-in will result in a deduction of 20 percent of the booking amount, no refund will be given for cancellation of booking less than 24 hours after check-in.

# Beefing up infra for growing urban numbers

## Guidelines issued under Divya Nagar Yojna provide the roadmap

By Parveen K Modi

With increased migration from villages to cities piling pressure on the existing infrastructure, cities and towns are in dire need of beefed up basic necessities vital to ensure a decent living, including housing, up-gradation of infrastructure, provision of civic amenities etc. It is exactly with this end in view that the Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, announced Divya Nagar Yojna in his Budget proposals for 2022-23.

The yojna seeks to fill the bill by ensuring improvement in the quality of life in the urban areas. Guidelines issued under the scheme lay down the roadmap for developing social, cultural and environmental aspects of our urban areas. The scheme enjoins upon the urban local bodies (ULBs) to identify infrastructure projects and develop detailed project reports (DPRs) before availing of assistance.

But there is a caveat. Financial assistance will be provided only to such ULBs as agree to part finance these infrastructure projects through own resources. Funds will be made available in two instalments as per requirement.

“With 35 per cent people living in the urban areas, Haryana is one of the highly urbanised states in India. As in any urbanized and industrialized economy, urban centres have become the hubs of industrial and economic growth. The Divya Nagar Yojna aims at beefing up infrastructure in these urban areas to ensure people a decent living”, said the Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal.

### Strategy, components

Implementation framework of each ULB will be prepared with a roadmap of activities covering the three important areas necessary for the programme.

The scheme will focus on the development of the following components:

- Tourist infrastructure.
- Development of sports infrastructure.
- Development of city parks and



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- green spaces.
- City beautification, re-design and beautification of road junction.
- Integrated Control and Command based infrastructure.
- Energy efficient smart street light system with CCMS.
- Development of social and cultural infrastructure such as auditorium, open air theatres.
- Technology based intervention in municipal governance.

The ULBs concerned will submit infrastructure projects as per guidelines of the scheme for appraisal and approval to the competent authority as per the powers delegated by the state government from time to time.

The funds will be contributed by the state government and the municipality concerned in the following ratio: Municipal Corporation 60:40; Municipal Council 75: 25; Municipal Committee 80: 20.

The funds shall only be released to such municipalities (excluding Municipal Corporation, Gurugram and Faridabad) as agree to bear the cost of the project in the given ratio.

Municipalities may augment their share of funding through alternative sources like raising municipal bonds, accessing capital markets, loans/credits.

For availing grants under the scheme, DPRs are required to be prepared with minimum project cost as following: Corporation Rs 5 crore; Municipal Council Rs 2 crore; Municipal Committee Rs 1 crore.

The ULBS will be required to prepare and develop DPRs for identified infrastructure projects before availing assistance under the scheme. Funds under this scheme may be provided to the concerned municipality in two instalments for the infrastructure development projects, as per requirement.

Second instalment shall be released to the municipalities after utilization of 75 percent of the 1st instalment of grant, including their own share and submission of utilization certificate of that amount. The scheme shall be implemented through the municipality concerned as per the guidelines on the HEW portal.

### Monitoring of projects

- The scheme will be monitored by the municipality concerned under the supervision of the commissioner of municipal corporation or the district municipal commissioner concerned.
- The municipal commissioner or the district municipal commissioner will review the progress of the approved projects on a monthly basis and submit progress reports to the Directorate, Urban Local Bodies, Haryana, by the 2nd week of the following month.
- Director, Urban Local Bodies, would also review and monitor the progress of projects sanctioned under the scheme from time to time.
- Quality control and monitoring of development works under this scheme will be monitored as per orders issued by the state government from time to time.
- Administrative Secretary to Government of Haryana, Urban Local Bodies Department, may review/monitor the progress of projects sanctioned under this Yojna.



### Expected outcomes

The followings are the specific outcomes envisaged under the scheme:

- Improved basic urban Infrastructure at existing and emerging tourist destinations and gateways.
- Improved sanitation standards at natural and cultural tourist attractions with convenience and safety for visitors.
- Properly conserved, revitalized and beautified heritage monuments.
- Greater participation by local communities in tourism-related economic and livelihood activities.
- Heritage resources are mainstreamed with city systems and city economies.
- Improvement in the service level benchmarks indicators for urban service delivery
- Increase in the inflow of the tourist to cities and their duration of stay.
- Improvement in social safety and reduction in crime.
- Substantial improvement in local economy and quality of life of its communities.

### Growing urban population

This rapid growth in urban population is attributable mainly to rapid industrialization and proximity of Haryana to the National Capital territory of Delhi. This has put additional pressure on the existing infrastructure in terms of increased demand for housing, improved infrastructure, provision

of civic amenities etc.

Municipalities are important institutions of self-governance to provide physical Infrastructure and civic amenities in urban areas. Haryana's steady transformation into a predominantly urban society is now a demographic and eco-nomic reality.

With 35 per cent people living in the urban areas, Haryana is one of the highly urbanised states in India. As in any urbanized and industrialized economy, urban centres have become the hubs of industrial and economic growth.

With improved connectivity, the growth pattern is a contiguous urban growth along major corridors. The impact of such clustered growth along the corridors puts pressure on the municipalities to respond to the challenge of urban growth and service delivery.

And it will remain a challenge in the years to come. The urban population of Haryana increased from 24.6 percent in 1991 to 28.93 per cent in 2001 and to 34.8 per cent in 2011.

Haryana is a developing state which needs many initiatives for infrastructure development. A number of measures are required to make the environment clean and healthy.

Cities and towns represent the vigour of society. Necessity has arisen to improve the quality of living beyond making the provision for basic infrastructure.



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# Vignettes of Jan Samvad



## CM injects new zeal in Palwal

By **Ajay Bhardwaj**

Beginning from the Bhiwani district, in the second leg of the Jan Samvad programme Chief Minister Sh Manohar Lal took his campaign to Palwal district with an intense interaction with people in 15 villages.

During the three-day programme from April 12 to April 14 the chief minister not only apprised the villagers at the grassroot level of various welfare schemes being run by the Haryana government but got his ears close to the day to day problems encountered by them.

While problems of drinking water and electricity were adequately addressed, the chief minister laid special emphasis on telling the sarpanches that they should send proposals for setting up of parks-cum-vyayamshalas in their villages.

Making an out of the box announcement the chief minister said libraries would be set up in five villages including Bahin, Hathin, Mandkola.

Both these steps are viewed as epochal since they have never been part of the village culture.

In the course of his meetings

with villagers the chief minister emphasised that the work of installing street lights in 750 villages with more than 10,000 population will also be done.

He said that the government is taking meaningful steps to make electricity available in sufficient measure in villages.

Today, 24 hours electricity is being provided in about 5600 villages. Earlier, the line loss was 34 percent, which has now come down to 13 percent," he added.

### Palwal-Chandigarh connect

In a big bonanza to the people the Chief Minister announced that with the completion of the Haryana Orbital Rail Corridor (HORC) project, Palwal will have direct connectivity to Chandigarh.

He told the villagers that Union Home Minister Sh. Amit Shah laid the foundation stone of HORC and the work on this project was being speedily done.

He said under this project, Palwal district will also get the facility of Shatabdi due to the construction of a rail line along with Kundli - Manesar - Palwal (KMP) Expressway.

Villagers were assured that the drinking water problem in Banchari village will be resolved under the Ranney well scheme and an amount of about 200 crore rupees will be spent on this scheme.

Clean drinking water will also be available to the villages of this area under the said scheme.

### New hope for youth

Recounting the achievements of the present government the chief minister informed that till now in Palwal employment to 2866 youths without any parchi-kharchi.

He underlined the state government's transparent policy of recruitment to the government jobs to encourage the youth to develop merit and diligence among them.

On the first day beginning his narrative from Bagpur village the chief minister, giving a big relief to the people, announced to ply Haryana Roadways bus from Bagpur to Palwal, and the service started within the next 20 hours. Palwal MLA Deepak Mangla flagged off the first Roadways bus which brought cheer on the face of the people.

In Hodal town giving relief to

the safai karamcharis of Hodal Municipal Council, the Chief Minister ordered immediate release of 75 percent pending salary of the concerned karamcharis.

The chief minister announced that "the government is now automatically making pension for the elderly people who are above 60 years of age, under which the pension of 44 elderly people in Hodal has been made so far.

The government has increased the annual income limit of the elderly from Rs 2 lakh to Rs 3 lakh.

The Chief Minister also announced Rs 2.5 crore for the development of the Hodal mandi and a grant of Rs 11 lakh for cooperation in Shri Krishna Chaubisi Gaushala.

He said that for the construction of Girls College in Bahin village, the panchayats of Manpur and Bahin villages should send a fresh proposal for land.

### Network of new roads

Besides, tenders will soon be invited for the construction of five roads in the area, including Ali Meo village to Bahin, Bahin to Mandori, Malpur to Aurangabad and Bahin to Malpur. The construction work will

be started as soon as the tender process is completed, said Sh. Manohar Lal.

In Dhatir village the Chief Minister announced to sanction Rs 45 lakh for construction of new road from Dhatir village to Patli village and Rs 10 lakh for repair of Hazari Bungalow Chaupal and Rs 3 crore for construction of 3.30-kilometre-long road from Dhatir to Mandkola.

In Bagpur village, the Chief Minister announced to upgrade the girl's primary school in the village; besides sanctioning Rs 4.15 crore for Solra road and Rs 2.10 crore for the Bagpur road.

He said that the government has now entrusted the task of building and maintaining the bus queue shelters to the Zila Parishad and they will construct the same in the village.

Also, two new buses would be added to ply from Palwal to Ballabgarh via Bagpur; beside a separate bus will be arranged for girls. Along with this, the village phirmi will also be paved and village Chaupal will be renovated, he added.

# Jan Samvad in Bhiwani, Palwal

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## THREE YEARS OF DIGITAL LEARNING

## e-Adhigam, tabs for students milestones

By Parveen K Modi

Haryana has come a long way on the e-education road virtually not travelled until April 15, 2020 when the Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, launched the distance education programme. With the rampaging Pandemic bringing life to a grinding halt and forcing schools to down shutters, the state government swung into action to promote digital education across the state to spare the students academic loss.

During the last three years, the Manohar Lal Government has lined up and executed a slew of well thought-through plans to enable Haryana to make a solid contribution in realising the "Digital India" vision of the Prime Minister, Mr Narendra Modi. With most schools closed, digital education got the wings to fly.

The milestone schemes and mobile apps evolved to promote digital education included the pivotal e-Adhigam (Advance Digital Haryana Initiative with Adaptive Modules) Scheme, tablets for students, Shiksha Setu, Sampark Baithak, and "Prashnavali".

**e-Adhigam scheme**

Haryana is betting big on information technology under the New Education Policy the Manohar Lal Government plans to implement by 2025, five years ahead of the Centre's deadline of 2030. Giving e-learning a big push, the Chief Minister launched the e-Adhigam Scheme, the first-of-its-kind and most ambitious Rs 1,000-crore digital learning programme in the country.

The scheme was launched with the objective of promoting digital education and providing online



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education to the children belonging to poor and needy families. It is proving to be a boon for them. Under the scheme, tablets have been provided to 5.5 lakh students so far. Free 2GB internet data is also being given per day. Haryana made history by providing personalised digital devices free of cost to the students at a massive scale in the country.

Interacting with the children who had received smart tablets and their parents through audio-conferencing, the Chief Minister said that more than 37,370 teachers had also been provided tablets so that they too get the facility of online education. SOP has been issued for the distribution of tablets in the new academic year 2023-24.

“The Pandemic made us realise the need to ensure availability of digital devices to the students so that no one suffers any academic loss. It was then that we decided to provide tablets free of cost to the students. On May 5, 2022, tablets were distributed to the students while inaugurating the e-Adhigam scheme from Rohtak,” said Mr Manohar Lal.

On this occasion, the device was distributed among the students in 119 blocks across the state simultaneously. The government plans to

provide tablets to five lakh students. The device is pre-loaded with content along with personalised and adaptive learning software, and 2GB free data.

Under the 3-S mantra (Stay at Home, Study at Home, School at Home), online classes were started for the students of schools and colleges. Education was also imparted through the NCERT TV, which greatly benefitted about 52 lakh students.

**Students thank CM**

During the interaction, thankful students lauded the Chief Minister for providing them free tablets. “It is only because of the e-Adhigam Scheme launched by the 'Manohar Sarkar' that they got smart tablets which saved them from suffering academic loss during the Pandemic. With these free tablets, not only did we get education but we are able to prepare for competitive exams,” said the students.

The Chief Minister asked all students to make maximum use of

the smart tablets to keep themselves academically updated. A permanent and easily accessible two-way communication between the teacher and the student has been developed through the e-Adhigam scheme. Both students and teachers feel encouraged to make maximum use of the technology.

During the interaction, the Chief Minister encouraged the students to dream big and achieve their goals. Tablet, the digital platform, is fast becoming the need of every student. It came handy when schools and colleges were closed due to the virus.

The government aims to have at least 60 per cent students and teachers use tablets by the end of May, 2023. For this, teachers have been directed to ensure maximum use of tablets daily both in the classroom and at home. Training is being imparted to officers and teachers to promote the use of tablets, said the Chief Minister.

Mr Manohar Lal said that recorded lectures were also made available on cable networks. More than 1.87 lakh students of government schools were given education through Shiksha Setu App. Apart from this, the Sampark Baithak

mobile application was also launched for children studying in primary schools.

Tablets and data are tools for students which will help them acquire skills of the 21st century and open new opportunities. Through e-learning, students of Haryana will become global students. With tablets it would no longer be just classroom teaching, but would help children remain connected with the affairs of the world, he remarked.

The student has access to content in the form of videos, games and practice exercises. Teachers have also been provided internet-enabled tablets to assess student progress and receive feedback. The tablets also have a mobile device management (MDM) system that provides security, prevents misuse and enables remote handling of each tablet.

**Prashnavali**

Quick on the heels of the Central Government launching digital learning portal 'Diksha,' mooted by the Prime Minister, the Haryana Government launched a web application called "Prashnavali" which enables digital creation of assessment questions, question papers and videos for government and private schools.

It also helps create reusable question bank repositories and tags each question to skills and competencies. "Prashnavali" was developed through close collaboration among the Centre, the state government, Sunbird and Samagra Governance.

It enables school systems to move towards practice-based learning and competency-based assessments in classrooms. Haryana is one of the pioneer states in adopting "Prashnavali" for state-wide use.

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# President lauds role of women

## Wants universities to act as labs to develop and spread knowledge

BY **Rajeev Ranjan Roy**

President Mrs Droupadi Murmu, who chaired the convocation ceremonies at National Dairy Research Institute (NDRI) Karnal and CCSHAU, Hisar, on April 24, was all praise for the girls, who won the maximum gold medals, and stressed the fact that universities should act as laboratories from where knowledge spreads and benefits the entire society. "It is a matter of great satisfaction and pride that our daughters are progressing in many fields including agriculture and allied sciences," said the President while speaking at the 25th convocation ceremony held at Chaudhary Charan Singh Haryana Agricultural University, Hisar.

At NDRI, Karnal, she said that India is the largest producer of milk in the world. India accounts for about 22 per cent of the world's milk production. The dairy sector contributes about 5 per cent to the country's GDP and provides livelihood to 8 crore families directly and indirectly from the dairy industry.

Haryana Governor Mr Bandaru Dattatraya while expressing gratitude to the President on behalf of the people of Haryana for her visit to the holy land, said that the NDRI, Karnal has a rich history of excellence in research and education in dairy science, animal



husbandry and allied areas.

In his address at CCSHAU, Governor Mr Dattatraya said: "In the last few years, CCSHAU has established two new colleges of Fisheries Science and Biotechnology on the main campus, working according to the demand of the time." He lauded the role of the university scientists in giving a new dimension to agriculture in Haryana and the country.

### Loans for jobless

Speaking at NDRI, Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal said that the state government will provide loans to unemployed youth who are interested in running the dairy industry. This step will certainly prove to be resourceful in ensuring their contribution in milk supply to

the country apart from giving them self-employment opportunities, he said.

"In the past, a survey was conducted by the government to provide employment to the youth, in which 60 per cent of youth expressed their desire to adopt self-employment in the dairy sector.

In order to give wings to the dreams of such youth, the state government will hold talks with the banking sector and help them establish their dairy industry through the Cooperation Department," added the Chief Minister.

Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal while welcoming the President to Karnal, which is known as the city of 'Daanvir Karnal' and the birthplace of the great space scientist late Kalpana Chawla, said that that

thanks to the National Dairy Research Institute, Karnal has shined bright at the international level.

Describing the farmers of Haryana as 'hardworking', the Chief Minister said that the availability of milk in the country is 444 grams per person, whereas, in Haryana, the availability of milk per person per day is 1127 grams.

### Third in milk production

"Today Haryana is third in milk production in the country, but I am hopeful that due to the hard work of the farmers, the State will soon overtake Punjab and other states to become number one in terms of highest milk production," he said.

Sharing his thoughts and vision at CCSHAU, Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal said that at the time of the establishment of the Agricultural University, food grain production was 26 lakh tonnes, which has now increased to 183 lakh tonnes thanks to research methods and awareness of farmers and production of new seeds. He said that at present, when the world is facing a food crisis, India is in a position to export food grains only on the strength of institutions like this university. At this time when we are facing a water crisis, this institute is also helping us to overcome this crisis by developing high yielding seeds of crops grown on less water, he added.

## V-P hails working of Manohar Lal Govt

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Mr Jagdeep Dhankar, Vice-President of India, has lauded the Haryana Government, led by the Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, saying that the initiatives taken by the state government to remember the saints and great men of the society is praiseworthy.

The initiatives taken by the Chief Minister have created an environment in which all citizens are making important contribution in taking the society and the state forward in the right direction by respecting the ideas and teachings of saints, said Mr Dhankar.

He was addressing a state-level function organized on the occasion of the birth anniversary of Sant Shiromani Shri Dhanna Bhagat ji at Dhanori village in Kaithal. His wife, Mrs Sudesh Dhankar, also accompanied him at the ceremony.

Mr Dhankar showered praise on Mr Manohar Lal for announcing a medical college named after Shri Dhanna Bhagat at Jind and a women's college in Dhanori village.

"My first visit to Haryana was at Deenbandhu Sir Chhotu Ram Ji's place, and now this day would remain etched in my memory. It is the responsibility of every citizen to contribute to the building of society", said Mr Dhankar

# Haryana excels in online payments to farmers

## Procurement in full swing as CM monitors day-to-day progress

By **Ajay Bhardwaj**

As the procurement of wheat and mustard progresses in the state, Haryana has in fact become the first state in the country to make the payment to farmers within 48-72 hours of procurement.

So far, more than 1.27 lakh farmers have received the direct bank payment of their produce which amounts to over Rs 6000 crores.

Similarly, 57,308 farmers, who produced mustards, have been made a payment of Rs 574 crores for their crop.

Online payment is being made directly to the bank account of farmers who have registered for Minimum Support Price on 'Meri Fasal Mera Byora' portal of the state government.

The procurement of wheat was started on April 1, so far 54 lakh metric tonnes has been procured. There is a possibility of buying 20 lakh metric tonnes more in the coming days.

Chief Minister Sh Manohar Lal, while thanking Prime Minister Sh Narendra Modi for relaxing the quality of grain in view of the unscheduled rains and hailstorm, has directed officials that farmers must not face any inconvenience in the mandis while selling their crop.

Special teams of officers have been entrusted with the task of



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ensuring smooth procurement of wheat. The Centre has relaxed the limit of shrivelled and broken grains to 18 percent against the previous limit of 6 percent which has come as a big relief for farmers

### Special girdawari ordered

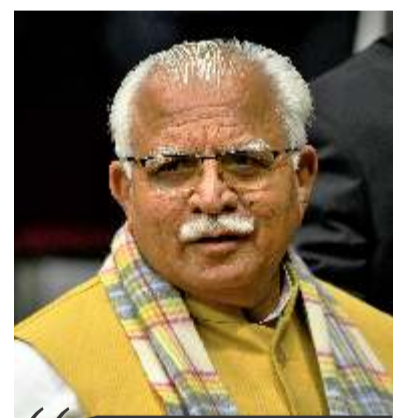
The Manohar Lal government

has set up 408 wheat procurement centres in the state and 102 centres for procuring mustard

The Chief Minister has reiterated that orders have been given for girdawari for crop loss due to unseasonal rains. He said that a girdawari of 13 lakh acres of land has been done and compensation will be given by next month.

While Chief Minister Sh Manohar Lal has been personally monitoring the situation and has even toured some of the pockets where losses have been widespread, specific directions have been given to officials to complete the assessment of crop losses across the state by mid-April.

"The government is standing



"The Haryana Government will protect farmers' interests to the hilt.

Manohar Lal  
Chief Minister, Haryana

with the farmers and every possible help will be extended to the farmer brothers so as to ensure they do not face any trouble. The process of Girdawari has been expedited so as to ensure compensation for the damaged crops can be given in a time-bound manner," said the Chief Minister.

In view of the crop damage caused due to rainfall and hailstorms, the state government wrote to Union Minister of Consumer Affairs, Mr. Piyush Goyal requesting some relaxation in the moisture content of wheat during the procurement following which a team of the Central Government conducted a survey.

## Quenching the thirst on a hot summer day

Photo by Vinay Malik



## Free accident insurance of Rs 50 lakh for employees

Haryana, HDFC Bank ink MOU  
Haryana Review Bureau

The School Education Department of Haryana Government has inked MoU with HDFC bank for a unique and free insurance scheme. Under the scheme, if an employee gets his salary account transferred to HDFC Bank, he will get several benefits, including accident insurance cover of up to Rs 50 lakh free of cost. Death insurance will also be included in this scheme.

The agreement was signed in the presence of the School Education Minister, Mr Kanwar Pal and HDFC Group Head, Mr Arvind Vohra. HDFC Bank has also tied up for setting up smart classrooms in 103 schools of the state under the CSR programme, in which HDFC will make a huge contribution in the ambitious digital financial literacy programme. This is a voluntary scheme in which willing employees can open an account with HDFC Bank. Elaborating on the benefits, Mr Kanwar Pal said that in case any employee becomes partially/completely disabled in an accident, he would get free insurance of Rs 50 lakh which would be helpful to the family in crisis.

Hundred percent claim will be given in case of permanent total disablement, permanent and incurable insanity, permanent total loss of two limbs, permanent total loss of sight in both eyes, permanent

total loss of sight of one eye and one limb, permanent total loss of speech, complete removal of the lower jaw, permanent total loss of mastication and permanent loss of central nervous system.

The Minister said that 75 percent compensation would be issued in case of permanent total loss of hearing in both ears, 50 percent in case of permanent total loss of one limb and permanent total loss of sight of one eye, 15 percent in case of permanent total loss of hearing in one ear, 25 percent in case of permanent total loss of the lens in one eye, 40 percent in case of permanent total loss of use of four fingers and thumb of either hand, 20 percent in case of permanent total loss of use of four fingers of either hand, 20 percent and 10 percent respectively in case of permanent total loss of use of one thumb of either hand i) both joints ii) one joint, permanent total loss of one finger of either hand. In case of death of the account holder, his minor child will get the education benefit of Rs 4 lakh. If the contractual employee becomes a salary account holder in HDFC Bank, he will get Rs 15 lakh in any unforeseen circumstances mentioned above.

The accidental death insurance will be available free of cost. Apart from this, zero balance account and unlimited ATM and other banking benefits are included in this scheme, the Minister added.

## Anita Kundu seeks CM's blessings

Haryana Review Bureau

World-renowned mountaineer Anita Kundu recently called on Chief Minister, Sh. Manohar Lal at his residence Sant Kabir Kutir and sought blessings for her next goal. The Chief Minister extended greetings to Anita Kundu for a successful journey.

Anita Kundu, who hoisted the tricolor three times on the world's highest peak Mount Everest, apprised that now she will climb the 8,481 metres high peak Mount Makalu located in Nepal and will hoist the Indian tricolour.

Notably, in the year 2020, Anita Kundu has also been

honoured by the President with the 'Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award', the biggest adventure award.

In 2008, Kundu joined the police service and expressed her desire to become a mountaineer to her senior officers. She got herself enrolled in advanced mountain climbing courses and underwent rigorous training for it.

"I climbed Mount Everest for the first time in 2013 from the Nepal side. In 2015, I had set out to scale the peak again, but due to an earthquake, had to return midway.

In 2017, I scaled Everest from the China side and in 2019, as the leader of an expedition, I again summited Everest," she said.



### HITTING A DIFFERENT BALL

The Haryana Governor, Mr Bandaru Dattatreya, plays a ball during a cricket match between the legislators of Punjab and Haryana in the Cricket Stadium, Chandigarh

## EDUCATION

### Haryana boy tops NDA

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A resident of Chandeni village in Charkhi Dadri district Anurag Sangwan has brought laurels to Haryana by topping the list of successful candidates in the NDA examination held by the UPSC.

The 17 years old national topper has taken the Plus two examinations and has been awaiting results when this big news broke out for the family and for the state.

Chief Minister Sh Manohar Lal complimented Anurag for his brilliant achievement and offered to extend all assistance that he would need at any stage hereafter.

Anurag said the entire credit for his big achievement goes to his parents and grandparents who have been a big moral and psychological support to him.

Anurag had scored 99 percent marks in the tenth class and this time he improved upon his performance and scored 99.9 percent in the NDA examination.