

# Haryana Review

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## Nine years of service, welfare and reforms Govt. has delivered on most promises and ensured ease of living, says CM

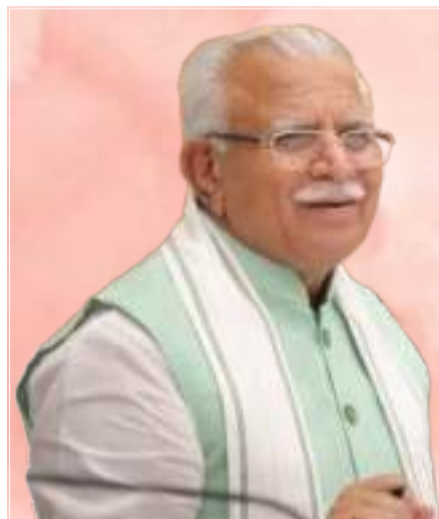
By Parveen K Modi

The nine-year-tenure of the Manohar Lal Government, spanning two stints, will go down in the annals of Haryana as a saga of dedicated service to the people; welfare and wellbeing of all sections of society; and IT-laden reforms facilitating good governance and the resultant ease of living. The present government completes nine years in office on October 27, 2023.

There can't be two opinions about it. Even cynics and critics concede that during this period, some old bad practices distancing people from the government were given a quiet burial; doors were slammed shut on graft; despair made way for hope, man in the street was assured of a better and secured future; and living was made easy.

### Jobs on merit

Systemic changes and fast-tracked reforms, an off-shoot of out-of-the-box thinking, helped in delivering services to the people at their doorsteps; youths armed with no "parchi" (read approach) landed jobs purely on the basis of merit; and Haryana ascended every social ladder and came to occupy a seat on the high bench of advanced states in the country.



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Chief Minister, Haryana

Quick on its feet, the dispensation ensured that the gains of growth percolated down to the last man in the queue. The driving force behind all this was the unflinching resolve of the first-time MLA and first-time Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, to usher in a change and build bridges with the people by reaching out to them with the hand that helps.

Not given to talking out of both sides of the mouth, Mr Manohar Lal has his vision clear and task cut out. Armed with self-belief, he sticks to the right path despite the Opposition piling Pelion upon Ossa. He is of the firm conviction

that policy-making should better address grey areas, not black and white.

More importantly, people now lead a life of fulfillment and feel proud that their state has emerged

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as a trendsetter; some of the policies and schemes of the Manohar Government have not only been commended by the Central Government but have also been emulated by other states.

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Come to think of it, there is not a field which has not tasted the

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### Data crunching bears it out

Haryana Review did a bit of data-crunching which underscored the fact that the pace of progress in most fields in Haryana has been phenomenal and faster since 2014 when Mr Manohar Lal, assumed the office of the Chief Minister for his first tenure.

The comparison of figures capturing the uptick under different heads, selected randomly, has been made between 2014 and 2023.

**Administrative structure:** One new district (from 21 in 2014 to 22 in 2023) and 12 new tehsils (from 83 to 95) were created since 2014 to lend the administration verticality, which means making it more accessible to the people and closer still.

**Social security arc widened:** Strings of state coffers were opened in the last nine years to increase the amount given under a number of social welfare schemes like old age pension.

Not only has the amount of

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### Among top 5 in GST mop-up

By Rajeev Ranjan Roy

Blessed with a foolproof tax system, the revenue collection in Haryana under the visionary guidance of Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal continues to be robust, exemplifying the well functioning of the government and the state's economic vibrancy and sustainability.

Haryana is among the top five states in the country to collect the maximum amount of Goods and Services Tax (GST) in the first six months of the ongoing fiscal, which underscores the state's steady economic growth and financial stability.

As per an official statement, in the first six months of the current financial year (April-September), Haryana's total tax collection has been pegged at Rs 32,076 crore as compared to Rs 27,155 crore during the corresponding period in the previous year, marking an impressive increase of 18.3 per cent.

## Haryana tops with 22 medals in Asiad

### VP, CM felicitate the winners

By Ajay Bhardwaj

Adding yet another leaf of glory to the sports, Haryana stole the limelight at the recently held 19th Asian Games in China winning 22 medals in individual and team events which is the largest number of medals won by any state in the country.

Javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra created yet another history by clinching the gold medal with his season's best throw of 88.8 metres. With the contingent of 86 sport persons from the state, Haryana incidentally cut the largest cake in the national team of 665 sports persons.

While the Vice President Jagdeep Dhankar conveyed his special word of appreciation for the Haryana sports persons, at the same time complimenting the state sports persons for their outstanding achievement Chief Minister Sh Manohar Lal said that in order to encourage the morale of the players



who have brought laurels to the state at international and national stages, the prize money for medal-winning athletes at the Asian Games has been increased.

The Chief Minister emphasized that his government has raised the prize money across all categories, surpassing the efforts of previous administrations. He said that the government will provide comprehensive support and facilities to foster Haryana's emergence as the country's premier sports hub.

Rohtak's Shafali Verma, a member of the Indian women's cricket team, helped secure a gold medal. Yamunanagar's Parminder Singh won a bronze medal in rowing quadruple sculls Aryan Pal Singh Ghuman from Panchkula claimed a bronze medal in men's 3000-meter speed skating relay.

Sonipat's Seema Punia secured a bronze medal in the discus throw, while Faridabad's Priti Lamba won silver in the 3000-meter steeplechase for women.

In the boxing arena, Rohtak's Preeti Pawar clinched a bronze in the 54kg weight category, and Jhajjar's Parveen Hooda secured a bronze in the 57kg category. Hisar's Narender Berwal also brought home a bronze in the 92-plus kg weight category.

Sarabjot Singh, son of a farmer in ambala, won gold in men's 10 m air pistol team event along with Shiva Narwal and Arjun Cheema.

Anish Bhanwala from Karnal won bronze in 25 m rapid fire pistol team event. Palak Gulia of Jhajjar won the gold medal in the 10 metres air pistol event.

Haryana Home and Health Minister, Sh. Anil Vij, on India crossing the century of winning medals in the Asian Games, said that this is the impact of the inspiration of Prime Minister, Sh. Narendra Modi because he respects and encourages the players and India is moving further in the medal tally. He said that this time also the players of Haryana have done wonders, that is why Haryana is called the land of sports.

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# Sowing new seeds of farmers' welfare

By Ajay Bhardwaj

Being an agrarian state that Haryana is, it has been an earnest endeavour of the Manohar Lal Government to improve the plight of farmers and help them enhance their income manifold. Not just that new schemes have become operative to ensure protection of farmers against the vagaries of weather.

It is indicated clearly by the fact that the productivity in the state is very high at Rs 1 lakh 57 thousand per hectare. The labour productivity of the state is close to Rs 3 lakh 3 thousand with a growth rate of about 8.7 percent; while the country's labour productivity growth rate is 3.3 percent. It demonstrates adequately that the income of farmers has been increasing in the state.

Significantly the Manohar Lal government has increased the compensation amount given to farmers for crops damaged due to natural disaster from Rs 10 thousand to Rs 15 thousand per acre. Till now, a compensation amount of Rs 9790 crore has been given to the farmers.

## Mera Pani, Meri Virasat

Farming and crop diversification are being promoted with new technologies in the state. Under the scheme 'Mera Pani Meri Virasat' farmers are given an incentive of Rs.17500/- per ha. for sowing crops that grow with less water. Under this scheme the benefit is given to the farmers even on fallow land in place of paddy (Khet Khali Phir Bhi Khushhali). The scheme has diversified an area of 28253.2 ha. and benefitted 1,08,372 farmers with an amount of Rs. 117.22 crore during the last three years.

Under promotion of oilseed and pulses scheme incentive of Rs 10,000/- per ha. is being given to the farmers for promotion of oil seeds and pulses. An incentive of Rs.10,000/- per ha. is also given on

## Honour SC directive on SYL, CM tells Punjab

Chief Minister, Sh. Manohar Lal, in response to the controversy raked up by Punjab regarding the construction of the Sutlej Yamuna Link (SYL) canal, recently said in Delhi that the Supreme Court's decision regarding the SYL Canal is clear. He urged the Punjab government to honour the Supreme Court directive on the completion of the SYL canal. He said it was the responsibility of the Punjab government to respect the Supreme Court's ruling and complete the canal construction. Regarding the share of river waters, he said, the water dispute was a separate matter.

The Chief Minister took ex-



ception to the manner the Aam Aadmi Party has been reacting to the situation and said that the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) is politicising this issue, and when Sh. Arvind Kejriwal visits Haryana, he should clarify his stance on the SYL Canal.

direct seeding of rice (DSR), which will eventually save water from 25 to 30 percent. Horticulture is also an excellent method for crop diversification. In Haryana, a special scheme has been started to promote the cultivation of tissue culture, date palm and pomegranate. In this, a total subsidy of Rs 3.5

lakh and 1.075 lakh per hectare is being provided respectively. Meanwhile, to save the farmers from risk at the time of a fall in the wholesale prices of fruits and vegetables, Haryana has been running the Bhavantar Bharpai Yojana, in which millet (Bajra) is also included.

## Bagwani Bima Yojana

The Manohar Lal government took a new initiative and started Bhavantar Bharpai Yojana (BBY), in which millet (Bajra) is also included. Under the scheme, protected prices were fixed for 21 horticulture crops and an amount of Rs. 14 crore 12 lakh was given to 5,403

farmers. Also, to make the horticulture farmers free from the risk of weather uncertainties, 'Mukhya mantri Bagwani Bima Yojana' is being run. For further research in horticulture Maharana Pratap Horticulture University is being established in district Karnal.

One of the outstanding features of the Manohar Lal government has

2014	THEN & NOW	2023
<b>MSP for wheat</b>		
Rs 1,400		Rs 2,125
<b>Compensation to farmers for loss of crops</b>		
Rs 10,000/ acre		Rs 15,000
<b>Kisan Samman Nidhi</b>		
NIL		Rs 6,000 per annum
<b>Grant to farmers for setting up biogas plant</b>		
Rs 9,000		Rs 22,750

been to use digital at every step in the agriculture sector. In this series, the government has started 'Meri Fasal, Mera Byora Portal' to allow the farmers to sell their crops and to provide financial assistance for fertilizers, seeds, agricultural equipment etc. The crop payment is made within 72 hours of its procurement using digital technology. Haryana is the first state in the country, where a number of 14 crops are being purchased on MSP. The payment of the purchased crops is being debited directly in bank accounts of the farmers.

## Uttam Seed Portal

To prevent the arbitrariness of seed producers Uttam Seed Portal has been created. Subsidy on tractors is given through e-RUPI vouchers. Use of drones is also be-

ing promoted in the agriculture sector. A number of 108 Grain markets have been linked with e-NAM portal to provide online Platforms to the farmers.

A natural farming scheme has been implemented in the state to avoid deterioration in soil health and to discourage the use of hazardous pesticides. For this, a natural farming portal has been started. The state has set up two training centres at Gurukul, Kurukshetra and Gharanda, Karnal. Two training centres at HAMETI, Jind and Mangiyana, Sirsa have started imparting training to officers and progressive farmers about natural farming.

Being an agrarian state, Haryana has a total of 4.42 million hectares of the geographical area which is 1.4% of the geographical area of the country.



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# Taking the education & skillin

By Rajeev Ranjan Roy

Education is the cornerstone of human capital development, playing an important role in shaping individuals into skilled, knowledgeable, and productive members of society. It equips them with essential skills, knowledge, and critical thinking abilities necessary for personal growth and success in the workforce.

In the past nine years, Haryana's educational ecosystem has undergone a total transformation under the stellar leadership of Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal.

From primary, technical to higher education, every facet of academic learning has acquired resilience to further accelerate the pace of creating an educated

population with ability to create, innovate and solve problems.

Since school education serves as the foundation of a person's academic and personal development and imparts social values to students along with building a foundation to cope with future challenges, Haryana today boasts of having one of the best school education systems in the country, in terms of quality and inclusivity.

Five lakh and fifty thousand tablets with 2 GB free data have been given to teachers, who teach students of Class X and XII under e-Adhigam Yojana.

As many as 137 new CBSE affiliated Government Model Senior Secondary Sanskriti Schools have been opened across the state while 1,418 Sanskriti Primary Schools have been started at block level.

Financial support from Rs 700 to Rs 1100 is being provided to children with less than Rs 1.80 lakh annual parental income if they wish to study in private schools.

Under the Super-100 program, bright students from government schools are being prepared for engineering and medical entrance examinations while Super-NDA offers high end coaching and training to the students to clear SSB tests.

## In sync with NEP

In sync with the dynamics of new National Education Policy-2020 (NEP-2020), professional courses are being imparted to Class VI to VIII students in 1074 schools across the state.

The wholesome approach of Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal towards school education in particular assumes significance as school

education not only covers subjects like mathematics, science, and literature but also promotes critical thinking, teamwork, and character-building.

It plays a pivotal role in shaping the future of individuals and serves as a springboard for higher education and lifelong learning.

Today Haryana has emerged as a hub of higher education with 56 universities and 182 colleges in the government sector, out of which 63 are dedicated to women education.

There is a complete tuition fee waiver for girl students till graduation in government and government aided colleges, while for girls with less than Rs 1.80 lakh annual income, there is no tuition fee till their Post-Graduation.

The state government is making concerted efforts to implement all recommendations of new NEP-



# A manufacturing hub in the making

## Industry-friendly policies tell

By Parveen K Modi

Haryana is fast emerging as a hub of manufacturing and a cynosure of all investing eyes. Besides making available factors of production—land, power, infrastructure, qualified and skilled labour at competitive costs, the state breathes a friendly eco-system created by an indulgent Manohar Lal Government which, during its nine-year-stint, has played a true facilitator, and a true friend of industry.

Firing on all cylinders, the economy of the state is on the uptick; GDP is upscale; GST collections are hogging the headlines; and exports are booming. Exports soared from Rs 68,032 crore in 2013-14 to about Rs 2,45,633 crore in 2022-23.

The items being exported by the state include basmati rice, auto and auto components, manmade fibers, carpets, electric machinery etc. The per capita income is Rs 2,26,409 as compared to India's Rs.1,25,883.

Though ranking 21st in the country in terms of area and 18th in terms of population, the state contributes 3.87 per cent to the GDP, and accounts for 4 per cent of its exports. From being a tiny dot, the state has come to occupy notable space on the industrial map of India.

Haryana ranked third in the country and first in northern India in 2021-22 in the Ease of Doing Business against 14th in 2013-14 and entered the 'Top Achievers' club in the fifth edition of State Ease of Doing Business.

### Ease of doing business

This explains why the 'who is who' of big business is queuing up to set up shop in the state. Small wonder Haryana today is home to 299 large-scale industrial units involving an investment of Rs 97,516



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Chief Minister, Haryana

crore and providing jobs to 2.73 lakh people.

The credit for this goes to the industry-friendly policies persistently pursued by the state government and the structured and systemic reforms executed to give the ease of doing business a decisive push.

More importantly, the pro-industry image the Chief Minister has consciously cultivated for his dispensation by hand-holding nascent units, has served the state well.

### 7th largest exporter

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With a view to fast-tracking investment and clearances, the state government set up Haryana Enterprise Promotion Center (HEPC) and implemented a single-roof clearance system for enterprises. All clearances are now made within 45 days through an online portal.

Both investment and industry are pouring in. A Logistics Policy has been launched to transform Haryana into a global logistics, warehousing and retail hub.

An Integrated Multi Modal Logistics Hub is being developed in Narnaul on 886 acres.

Costing USD 700 million, it is being developed in collaboration with the Delhi-Mumbai Industrial

Corridor Project.

A warehousing and transport hub is being set up by Flipkart on 285 acres. A regional distribution center, to be built on 140 acres at an investment of Rs 1,389 crore, will be the largest distribution center in Asia. This is likely to provide direct and indirect employment to about 10,000 people.

Besides, about 2,000 direct and indirect employment opportunities will be created through Flipkart's new grocery fulfillment center in Sonapat. Maruti Suzuki is setting up a plant in IMT Kharkhoda, Sonapat, on 800 acres at an estimated investment of Rs 18,000 crore and proposed employment for 10,000 persons. Suzuki Motorcycle has been

2014	THEN & NOW	2023
<b>Ranking in Ease of Doing Business</b>		
14th		3rd in the country and 1st in Northern India
<b>Exports</b>		
68,032 cr (2013-14)		2,45,633 crore (2022-23)
<b>Per capita Income</b>		
Rs 1,37,770 (2013-14)		Rs 2,26,409 (2022-23)

allotted 100 acres of land at IMT Kharkhoda.

This is likely to lead to a proposed investment of Rs 2,000 crore and employment to 2,000 persons.

### Paint facility

Industrial contract has been given setting up a paint manufacturing facility to the Aditya Birla Group at Panipat. Seventy acres of land has been allotted. The project is proposed to involve an investment of Rs 1,140 crore and provide employment to 550 persons.

As many as 178 acres of land in IMT Sohna has been allotted to Amperex Technologies Limited. The project will bring investment of Rs 7,083 crore to the state and

employment to 7,000 people.

Under the PM Gati Shakti Yojana, six projects have been sent to the Government of India, out of which three have been approved.

What facilitated all this is the transformative systemic reforms executed at the grass-roots level by the Manohar Lal Government. It made systemic changes to further ease up the ease of doing business, and attract investors.

Some of the key areas where reforms have been executed include land registration, electricity and water connections, contract enforcement, single-window desks, strengthening investment facilitation help desk, issuance of licenses and other approvals.



# ing route to empowering people

2014	THEN & NOW	2023
<b>Government Colleges</b>		
105		182
<b>Govt Women Colleges</b>		
31		63
<b>Universities</b>		
43		56
<b>Middle School</b>		
2397		5,577
<b>ITIs</b>		
142		192
<b>Pvt ITIs</b>		
95		225

2020 by 2025 though the national deadline is 2030.

The vibrancy in the state's higher education is in alignment with the pressing needs to equip youngsters with specialized knowl-

edge, critical thinking and skills that are essential for both individual growth and the progress of society as a whole.

Given the fact that universities and colleges are hubs of innovation

and research, driving technological advancements, scientific discoveries, and cultural enrichment, a lot of emphasis is being put on developing entrepreneurial spirit among students and exposing them to the best of incubation and research practices.

So far, free passports have been made for 26,895 UG and PG students. An NCC Academy is being built at Gharaunda in Karnal with an investment of Rs 74 crore.

Understanding the growing role of skill and entrepreneurship, Haryana Government guided by the vision of Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal launched India's first skill university—Shri Vishwa karma Skill University (SVSU)—in 2016, with a focus on meeting skill demands of the state in the current and emerging areas of various sectors such as manufacturing, automobile, IT, health care, construction, bank-

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ing and finance, hospitality, agriculture, and so on. The university aims to address the complete value chain of skill education with a multi-pronged approach.

In conclusion, 'Manohar Government' has left nothing unturned to ensure that education must be used as an effective tool for societal development and preparing individuals to tackle the challenges of the future—a cherished goal which is being achieved by cultivating a strong and capable human capital.



# SCORECARD : Nine years of

Description	February 2005	October 2014	August 2023
<b>Administrative structure</b>			
Circle	4	4	6
Districts	20	21	22
Tehsil	67	83	95
Per Capita Income (Rs.)	37.972	1,37,770	2,96,685
<b>Agriculture and farmers welfare</b>			
Kisan Samman Nidhi (Rs. Annual)	No provision	No provision	6,000
Contribution of wheat and paddy to the central pool (lakh tonnes)	67.77	88.80	Wheat-63.17 (2023-24) Paddy-59.37 (2022-23)
Distribution of certified seeds (thousand quintal)	593	1570	1817
Grant given to farmers for setting up biogas plants (Rs.)	Gen.-2,700 SC-3,500	Gen.-9,000 SC-11,000	Gen.-22,750 SC-29,250
<b>Food, civil supplies and consumer affairs</b>			
Minimum Support Price (MSP) of wheat	640	1400	2125
MSP of barley	540	1100	1735
MSP of gram	1425	3100	5335
MSP of mustard	1700	3050	5450
MSP of paddy (Grade-A)	590	1400	2203
MSP of Paddy Common	560	1360	2183
MSP of maize	540	1310	2090
MSP of bajra	525	1250	2500
MSP of jowar	515	1530	3225
MSP of sugarcane	117	310	372
MSP of sunflower (Rs. per quintal)	1340	3750	6760
<b>Health services</b>			
Number of hospitals	49	56	72
Primary health centers	408	466	530
Community health centers	72	109	122
Ayurveda, Homeopathy and Unani institutions	510	683	813
Medical colleges	3	6	15
Seats in medical colleges	350	700	2185

Description	February 2005	October 2014	August 2023
<b>Revenue and disaster management</b>			
Compensation amount per acre in case crops are destroyed due to natural disaster (Rs.)	up to 2000	up to 10000	up to 15000
Relief amount given on human death due to natural disaster (Rs.)	50000	2 lakh	4 lakh
Amount given on the death of live-stock due to natural disaster (Rs.)	up to 4000	up to 16400	up to 37500
Honorarium of nambardars (Rs. monthly)	0	1500	3000
Mobile phones to people	no provision	no provision	up to Rs 9000 smart mobile phone
<b>Monthly honorarium of Zila Parishad members (Rs.)</b>			
Chairman	3000	7500	10000
Vice president	2500	6000	7500
Member	0	2500	3000
<b>Monthly honorarium of Panchayat Samiti members (Rs.)</b>			
Chairman	2000	6000	7500
Vice president	0	2500	3500
Member	0	1250	1600
<b>Monthly honorarium of Gram Panchayat members (Rs.)</b>			
Head	0	2000	5000
Punch	0	600	1600
<b>Sports and Youth Affairs</b>			
<b>Award amount to Olympic medal winning players (Rs.)</b>			
Gold	1 Crore	5 Crore	6 Crore
Silver	50 Lakh	3 Crore	4 Crore
Bronze	25 Lakh	2 Crore	2.50 Crore
Participant	—	11 Lakh	15 Lakh
<b>Award amount to Asian medal winning players (Rs.)</b>			
Gold	10 lakh	2 crore	3 crore
Silver	7 lakh	1 crore	1.50 crore
Bronze	5 lakh	50 lakh	75 lakh
Participant	----	5 lakh	7.50 lakh

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Gold	7 lakh
Silver	5 lakh
Bronze	3 lakh
Participant	----
<b>Award amount to world winning pla</b>	
Gold	3 lakh
Silver	2 lakh
Bronze	1 lakh
Participant	—
<b>Award amount to Asian winning pla</b>	
Gold	1 lakh
Silver	75000
Bronze	50000
<b>Award amount to National winning pla</b>	
Gold	31000
Silver	21000
Bronze	11000
Diet amount of players (Rs.per day)	50
<b>Military and para</b>	
Martyr soldier ex-gratia grant amount	2.50 lakh
Ex-gratia amount for injured soldiers on the basis of disability	upto 1 lak
Financial assistance to ex-servicemen and widows of World War II (monthly rupees)	800
Financial assistance to war widows of 1962, 1965 and 1971 (Rs. monthly)	500
Financial assistance to disabled, blind, paraplegic, tetraplegic and hemiplegic ex-servicemen (Rs monthly)	800
Number of dependents of martyred soldiers given jobs on compassionate grounds	—

# Manohar Govt. vs 48 of others

January 2005	October 2014	August 2023
<b>Commonwealth medal players (Rs.)</b>		
1 crore	1 crore	1.50 crore
50 lakh	50 lakh	75 lakh
25 lakh	25 lakh	50 lakh
5 lakh	5 lakh	7.50 lakh
<b>World Championship medal players (Rs.)</b>		
10 lakh	10 lakh	20 lakh
8 lakh	8 lakh	15 lakh
6 lakh	6 lakh	10 lakh
—	—	3 lakh
<b>Asian Championship medal players (Rs.)</b>		
4 lakh	4 lakh	5 lakh
3 lakh	3 lakh	4 lakh
2 lakh	2 lakh	3 lakh
<b>National Championship medal players (Rs.)</b>		
2 lakh	2 lakh	3 lakh
1 lakh	1 lakh	2 lakh
50000	50000	1 lakh
250	250	400
<b>Paramilitary welfare</b>		
20 lakh	20 lakh	50 lakh
Up to Rs 15 lakh (Paramilitary) Up to Rs 1 lakh (Military)	Up to Rs 15 lakh (Paramilitary) Up to Rs 1 lakh (Military)	up to Rs 35 lakh
3000	3000	10000
2000	2000	Rs 5,400 (increase by Rs 400 in November every year)
1500	1500	Rs 5,400 (increase by Rs 400 in November every year)
6	6	367

Description	February 2005	October 2014	August 2023
<b>Scheduled Caste and Backward Classes welfare</b>			
Chief minister marriage shagun Rashi (Rs.)	15000	upto 31000	upto 71000
Incentive amount given under inter-caste marriage scheme (Rs.)	25000	50000	250000
Amount of legal financial assistance for litigation in court for scheduled caste persons (Rs.)	500	5500	22000
Amount given for house repair to poor families of all sections of the state with annual income up to Rs 1.8 lakh (Rs)	10000	25000	80000
<b>State transport</b>			
Special bus service for girl students	No provision	No provision	242 special buses
Free travel facility for girl students	up to 60 km	up to 60 km	up to 150 km
Travel facility in ordinary buses of Haryana transport along with one assistant for a widow/widower, an emergency victim	No provision	No provision	free tour
Travel facility in Volvo-AC buses of Haryana transport along with one assistant for a widow/widower, an emergency victim.	No provision	No provision	75 percent discount
<b>Employment</b>			
Unemployment allowance for 12th and equivalent pass (Rs. monthly)	100	500 (normal) 750 (Science subject) 900 (female)	900 (Additional Rs 6000 per week to work 100 hours in a year)
Unemployment allowance and honorarium for graduate and equivalent pass (Rs. monthly)	200	750 (normal) 1000 (Science subject) 1500 (female)	1500 (Additional Rs 6000 per week to work 100 hours in a year)
Unemployment allowance and honorarium for postgraduate and equivalent pass (Rs. monthly)	200	750 (normal) 1000 (Science subject) 1500 (female)	3000 (Additional Rs 6000 after working 100 hours a week)

Description	February 2005	October 2014	August 2023
<b>Labour welfare</b>			
Minimum wage for unskilled worker (Rs. monthly)	2343.37	5639.50	10661.28
Minimum wage for semi-skilled (A) worker (Rs monthly)	2453.37	5769.50	11194.30
Minimum wage for semi-skilled (B) worker (Rs. monthly)	2453.37	5899.50	11754
Skilled worker (A) minimum wage (Rs. monthly)	2603.37	6029.50	12341.71
Skilled worker (B) minimum wage (Rs. monthly)	2603.37	6159.50	12958.81
Minimum wage for highly skilled workers (Rs. monthly)	2903.37	6289.50	13606.75
Amount to be given on the marriage of the son of a registered worker (Rs.)	—	11000	21000
Amount to be given on the marriage of the daughter of a registered worker (Rs.)	—	51000	101000
Financial assistance to widow/dependent of a deceased worker (Rs. )	50000	1 lakh	2 lakh
Financial assistance in case a worker becomes disabled due to accident or other reason during his service period.	upto 15000	upto 1 lakh	upto 1.50 lakh
Chief minister labour award	upto 1 lakh	upto 1 lakh	upto 2 lakh
Maternity assistance amount to women workers and wives of male workers (Rs. )	5000	7000	10000
Amount of assistance for the cremation of workers (Rs. )	5000	5000	15000
Uniform allowance to children of workers from Class 1 to 12 (Rs.)	—	2000	5000

# Historic initiatives that



# marked 9-year journey

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9<sup>th</sup> anniversary of  
Manohar Govt.

# Taking healthcare to next level

## Infrastructure beefed up to make it accessible to all

By **Rajeev Ranjan Roy**

Guided by the fact that health is a state of complete physical, mental and social well being and not merely an absence of disease or infirmity, Haryana government under dynamic leadership of Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal has been steadfast in its resolve to provide quality health care to all its citizens.

In the past nine years, the state's healthcare in the public sector has witnessed constant upgradation and expansion in terms of infrastructure, human resource, drugs, equipment, etc, responding well and effectively to the health needs of all categories of population including infants, children, adolescents, mothers, eligible couples and the elderly in addition to the sick and trauma victims.

In sync with the vision of Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal, a wholesome approach has been adopted to keep communicable and non-communicable diseases in check and to have strong systems of recording, reporting, evaluating and planning, thereby improving the quality of life of people by providing better health services.

Today Haryana boasts of 72 government hospitals, 53p Primary Health Centres (PHCs), 122 Community Health Centres (CHCs), 813 Ayurveda, Unani and Homeopathy entities, 15 medical colleges with 2185 seats

and 851 PG seats, which reflect the resolve of 'Manohar Government' to ensuring that all people have access to promotive, preventive, curative and rehabilitative health services, leading to the reduction of out-of-pocket expenditure on health of a common man.

A number of schemes are taking care of people's varied health needs. For example, NIROGI Yojana offers comprehensive health check up of the families having annual income less than Rs 1.80 lakh. Various cases of anaemia, low birth weight, tuberculosis, carcinoma, diabetes, hypertension, cardiac diseases and stroke have been detected and treated in the population screened.

Under Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (ABPMJAY), an amount of Rs 613.66 crore was released to public and private hospitals till 24.01.2023.

The Comprehensive Health Insurance of Antyodaya Units (CHIR-

AYU) Yojana aims at expanding the benefits of Ayushman Bharat to Antyodaya families.

Similarly, under Mukhya Mantri Muft Ilaj Yojana (MMIY), seven types of services - surgeries, laboratory tests, diagnostics such as x-rays, ECG, and ultrasound services, OPD, indoor services, essential medicines, referral transport and dental treatment are being provided free of cost. The National Health Mission (NHM), which encompasses National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) and National Urban Health Mission (NUHM), aims to provide universal access to health care by strengthening the health system, institute and human resource capabilities.

2014	THEN & NOW	2023
<b>Hospital</b>		
56		72
<b>PHCs</b>		
466		530
<b>CHCs</b>		
109		122
<b>Aysh</b>		
683		813
<b>Medical Colleges</b>		
6		15
<b>Seats in Medical College</b>		
700		2185
<b>PG seats in Medical Colleges</b>		
289		851

In conclusion, providing quality and affordable healthcare to the masses has been a top priority of 'Manohar Government' from day one as access to healthcare is a fundamental human right, and ensuring that healthcare services are both of high quality and within financial reach for all citizens is crucial for upholding this right.

Affordable healthcare is significantly mitigating the financial strain on individuals and families, preventing them from falling into debt trap due to medical expenses. Today, people from diverse socio-economic backgrounds have equal opportunities for a healthy life in Haryana, thanks to Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal's inclusive vision and commitment to the welfare and dignity of the people of the state.

# Making power available 24 x 7

Haryana Review Bureau

Since electricity quality of life in numerous ways like providing essential lighting, heating, and cooling, making daily tasks more convenient and comfortable and allowing us to communicate, work, and access information with unprecedented ease, 'Manohar Government' in Haryana has been able to achieve a rare milestone thanks to persistent efforts and perseverance. From just 538 villages

getting 24 x 7 power supply, today there are 5,791 villages which get electricity round the clock.

This feat is an extraordinary one, for electricity enables the efficient operation of a wide range of appliances and machines, from refrigerators to transportation, streamlining our chores and transportation systems. The availability of electricity is not just a convenience. It is a fundamental pillar of modern society that significantly contributes to our overall ease of living by improving our productivity,

2014	THEN & NOW	2023
<b>Villages with 24 x 7 power supply</b>		
538		5,791
<b>24x7 power supply districts</b>		
0		10
<b>Bill recovery (Rural)</b>		
50pc		84.26 pc
<b>Electricity Line Loss</b>		
60 to 80 pc		28.29 pc

safety, and overall well-being.

The recovery of electricity bills in rural areas has also seen a significant improvement from 50 per cent in 2014 to 84.26 per cent in August 2023, showing people's support to the government efforts in improving their ease of living.

The transmission loss in rural areas has also come down to 28.29 per cent as compared to 60 to 80 per cent in October 2014, pointing to the fact that the power sector has been strengthened over the years in the state.

Haryana has become the first

state in the country to bear the merchant discount rate charges for online payment of electricity bills. Thanks to this initiative taken to promote digital transactions, more than 80 per cent of the revenue of the distribution companies is being collected through digital modes.

To meet the irrigation requirements of farmers and to reduce input cost, the Government is implementing a scheme for installation of solar pumps of 3 HP to 10 HP capacity with total 75 per cent subsidy including 30 per cent central financial assistance under the

Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha Evam Utthan Mahabhiyaan (PM-KUSUM).

Considering the popularity of the scheme, the state government has fixed a target for the installation of 70,000 solar pump sets in 2023-24. The state has also achieved significant milestones in the installation of 63,733 off-grid solar pumps under the PMKUSUM scheme.

To date, farmers have received a subsidy of Rs 1,602.84 crore. This initiative has led to an additional 445 MW of solar capacity, expected to save 441 million units of electricity annually, result in financial savings of Rs 294 crore yearly in renewable energy subsidies for agriculture pumps, and reduce CO2 emissions by 3.5 lakh tonne annually. Haryana is making progress in the development of MW-scale ground-mounted solar power generation projects, guided by the Haryana Solar Policy 2016 and HERC regulations.

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## Sarkar Aapke Dwaar

# Jan Samvad brings CM to people's doorsteps

By Ajay Bhardwaj

Haryana Chief Minister, Sh. Manohar Lal who has always positioned himself as a 'Jan Sevak' and has earned immense popularity for his integrity and hard work undertook a unique initiative of Jan Samvad to reach the door-steps of people to redress their grievances.

Beginning from last April 2, It has been a top priority of the Manohar government to urgently address the concerns and demands of 2.80 crore people in the state. While schemes like the Chief Minister Antyodaya Parivar Utthan Yojana and the Parivar Pehchan Patra (PPP) have proved to be milestones, the Jan Samvad programme launched by Chief Minister Sh Manohar Lal has become a new chapter in good governance.

Significantly, the Jan Samvad programmes are also helping the chief minister to take stock of the implementation of welfare schemes like Ayushman Bharat, Chirayu Haryana Yojana, Parivar Pehchan Patra, e-Fard, automatic generation of ration card and pension etc.

The Jan Samvad Programmes have been not only playing a key role in bridging the gap between 'Janta and Sarkar' but are also proving to be a big hit among the villagers as this platform facilitates the villagers to directly interact with the Chief Minister and share their demands and grievances.

In fact, through these Samvad programmes, the chief minister has not only taken upon his shoulders the responsibility for linking the villagers directly to the gov-



### Over 100 portals delivering benefits of schemes

During the course of the last nine years the Manohar Sarkar has executed a range of development projects and public welfare programmes that have directly contributed to the betterment of the citizens.

The government's initiatives included issuance of online BPL ration cards to approximately 12.5 lakh individuals through Parivar Pehchan Patra. In addition, the Ayushman Card has helped extend crucial healthcare benefits to nearly 37 lakh families across the state.

In another initiative, the state government has raised the annual income limit for BPL beneficiaries from Rs. 1.20 lakh to Rs. 1.80 lakh, thus ensuring a

wider reach of government welfare schemes to the beneficiaries.

Significantly, the state government has introduced over 100 online portals to offer online services and streamline the distribution of government scheme benefits directly to the public. This initiative has garnered national acclaim.

In fact, the Chief Minister has time and again reaffirmed his commitment to serve 2.8 crore residents of the state impartially, transcending regionalism, nepotism, and corruption.

The state administration has offered government jobs to deserving, qualified unemployed youth transparently, whereas the jobs were sold in the regime of the previous government.

ernment but also to understand the nature and extent of the grievances faced by his citizens, which he con-

siders as his own family.

In Sirsa the Chief Minister made a big announcement of set-

ting up of 1,000 e-libraries in big villages of the state next year. He said that e-libraries will also be set up in villages with a population of 5,000 to 6,000 people.

In a nearby Abubshahar village before starting the Jan Samvad programme the chief minister extended birthday greetings to two daughters, Pratigya and Priyanka with "shagun". The gesture was widely applauded by the villagers.

The Chief Minister said that the data of 1.35 crore people of the state is available with the state government through the Parivar Pehchan Patra, and said that a message of best wishes will be sent to all the citizens of the state on their birthdays as a mark of respect from the government.

During the Jan Samvad programme in Panchkula the Chief Minister highlighted that in the past five years, around Rs 260 crores had been allocated to the small-scale development projects, while substantial funding has been allo-

### Jan Samvad portal to monitor complaints

In June last on the Chief Minister's direction the state government launched the Jan Samvad portal so that no complaint goes unnoticed. Recently during a meeting with the administrative secretaries, emphasized regular checks of the Jan Samvad portal to monitor the resolution status of complaints within their respective departments.

Dr. Amit Agrawal, Additional Principal Secretary to Chief Minister and Director General of Information, Public Relations, Language, and Culture Department, informed the Chief Minister that till September last the portal had received 21,000 complaints/ demands to date. Of these, various departments have sent 14,543 reports to field officers for further action.

"Every officer should ensure that a complainant does not have to run from pillar to post to get the solution of their problem and to achieve this objective.

cated to national-level initiatives such as the National Fashion Technology Institute and AYUSH AIIMS. The Chief Minister underscored that his government has accomplished more than double the development works in the last nine years compared to the ten-year tenure of the previous Congress government, all within a tighter budget.

# Sports touch dizzy heights in nine years

## Manohar Govt's policy yields good results

Haryana Review Bureau

The Sports policy implemented by the Mahonar Lal government has radically transformed the sports scene in the state and has catapulted Haryana to the position of 'one of the leading states in the country.

As a result the sports persons from Haryana have been bringing laurels to the country as well as to the state by winning medals in various national and international sports competitions. One of the main emphasis under the sports policy has been building infrastructure for sports persons. While a sports university would soon be on stream at Rai in Sonapat district, the state has set up an Academy of Adventure Sports as well in Panchkula.

At present, three State Level Sports Complexes, 21 District Level Sports Stadia, 25 Sub Divisional Stadia and 163 Rajiv Gandhi Gramin Khel Parisars have been prepared in the State. Besides, there

are 245 Mini/Rural Stadia, 9 Swimming Pools, 9 Multi-Purpose Halls, 11 Synthetic Athletic Tracks, 14

Hockey Astro Turfs and two Football Synthetic surfaces in the State. For the eligible players in the recruitment of various posts, 3 percent reservation is also given in Class-II and Class-III posts and 10 percent in Class-IV posts.

In fact, ever since the Manohar Lal government took over in 2014 special attention has been paid to promote sports with initiatives like allocating extra budget for Sports, ensuring the best possible infrastructure, imparting quality training to sportspersons, giving a huge amount of cash prizes, providing government jobs on a merit basis.

### Outstanding Sports Policy

A new sports policy was ushered in that embarked on creating state-of-the-art sports infrastructure in the state and earmarked a huge hike in the prize money of the players, among others. As a result of these cutting-edge initiatives, sports culture got a gigantic boost in Haryana and enormous zeal and

enthusiasm was infused among the sportspersons. The Chief Minister reiterates that there is a lot of sports talent in Haryana, it just needs to be refined and in that path this sports infrastructure will play an important role and the government's objective to provide international

### Highlights

- Haryana Sports University at Rai

- Haryana Academy of Adventure Sports set up

- Special incentive for Olympic aspirants

- More than 130 sports persons given Govt. jobs

level facilities to the players of Haryana and continuous work is being done in this direction.

In order to give a renewed push to sports at the grassroots level the Sports Department has prepared a list of sports nurseries to be allotted to government and private educational institutions and private

sports training centres which will not only identify the sports talent but would also groom the sports persons for participating in national and international sports events.

About 170 government schools, 157 private educational institutions, 81 private sports training centres and 47 Rajiv Gandhi Rural Sports Complexes are included among the 455 sports nurseries to be developed soon.

### Padak Lao-Pad Pao

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

In view of many complaints regarding irregularities in the graduation certificates a special portal has been developed by the state govern-

ment. On it, information of the winning players and players participating in sports events organised by the sports organisations affiliated to the sports department will be uploaded.

A provision of automatic audit will also be done and this would also help in identifying if someone's name is wrongly entered on the portal.

Haryana's sports policy is the best in the country due to the highest cash rewards and reservation in jobs etc. It has the provision of Rs.6 crore cash award to the gold medalist, Rs. 4 crore to the silver medalist and Rs. 2.5 crore to a bronze medalist in Olympic Games. The same prize amounts are also for Paralympic medal winners.

In order to provide government jobs to outstanding sports persons in a transparent manner, 'Haryana Utkrisht Khiladi Sewa Niyam-2021' has been made.

So far, 130 players have been given government jobs under this. Also, 550 new posts from Class-I to Class-III have been created in the Sports Department for the players.

# How the dragon of graft was tamed

Manohar Govt makes a deadly combo of punitive and preventive measures

By **Parveen K Modi**

While many success stories have gone to make the pyramid of the present-day Haryana, one of the most fascinating tales relates to how the present state government, led by the visionary Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, tamed the demon of corruption which had begun to spread its tentacles across the state.

Walking the zero-tolerance-to-corruption path shown by the Prime Minister, Mr Narendra Modi, the state government combined preventive and punitive measures into a deadly combo to stem the rot of graft which was sucking hollow different layers of the administration, denying the deserving their due.

It will not be inept to say that the monster of graft had begun to eat into the vitals of society.

Interestingly, the thoughtful government went beyond. Conscious of the reality that most people, when denied their due and also not given a platform to air their grievances and seek redress, tend to take the graft route, the Manohar Lal Government decided to put in place CM Window, a mechanism to enable people to lodge their grievances and get time-bound response and redress.

That CM Window has caught the fancy of people is an open secret.

## Online transfers

All recruitments and transfers are now made online. The state government has given government jobs to more than 1.1 lakh youth purely

## CM Window a big draw



It has been observed that not getting their due, and their grievances also not addressed make most people take the graft route to get the work done by greasing the palms of the officers concerned. This underscores the need for a mechanism to redress people's grievances.

Realising full well that the combo of preventive and punitive measures may not be enough to provide a graft-free administration, the Manohar Lal Government launched CM Window, a

mechanism to ensure quick redress of people's grievances. The response bears evidence that this redress-cum-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 were found inconsistent, and an action taken report has been received on 23,011 complaints.

on the basis of merit. Haryana Kaushal Rozgar Nigam' has been formed to put a stop to the practice of outsourcing hiring to contractors who would exploit the applicants.

Having made good use of the facility of direct benefit transfer (DBT), Haryana now transfers social security pensions, stipends, subsidies, help for the marriage of the daughters of the poor and benefits of

various schemes directly into the bank accounts of the beneficiaries.

It has helped in eliminating hundreds of bogus beneficiaries and saved the exchequer crores of rupees.

## Door slammed shut

A number of conscious measures were taken to slam the door shut on graft. Apart from going af-

ter the corrupt, the state government took the reforms route to convert good governance into e-governance. Systemic changes were made to reduce the interface between the people and the administration which admits of room for graft. The door was slammed shut on the rent-seekers through a well thought-through strategy which had many prongs.

In fact, the battle was fought on many fronts; bringing more citizen-centric services online; minimising the need for visits by seekers of services to offices; delegation of centralized powers; and giving people avenues to get their grievances redressed and lodge complains against corrupt.

This could not have been possible without the liberal use of the IT stick. The government used the IT stick like never before to beat graft with.

More than 100 apps and portals were launched to facilitate delivery of services at people's doorstep and take feedback from the people.

With a view to making the delivery of citizen-centric services hassle-free, more than 570 services of 30 departments have been brought online.

Similarly, many services have been brought under the purview of the Right to Service Act to make the delivery time-bound.

Powers have been decentralized and delegated down the line to bring about systemic changes aimed at stamping out graft.

Leading by example, the Chief Minister long back delegated the

power to sanction change of land use to the department.

## Cracking the whip

Drawing inspiration from the Prime Minister who says the corrupt should not be allowed to escape at any cost, the Manohar Lal Government let loose the cat of the Anti-Corruption Bureau among the pigeons of corruption.

In all, 891 complaints of corruption have been registered by the Anti-Corruption Bureau since October, 2014, out of which investigation into 714 complaints has been completed.

On the basis of the investigations, 119 criminal cases were registered against 128 gazetted officers, 175 non-gazetted officers and 199 other persons. Besides, departmental action was initiated against the culprits in 240 cases.

In 35 cases, criminal prosecution and departmental action were suggested. Since October, 2014, 858 criminal cases have been registered against officers and employees. Action has been taken against 1,035 officers/employees of various departments for recovery of Rs 52 crore in 546 cases.

With a view to facilitating people to register complaints and give information about corrupt employees/activities, toll-free helpline numbers 1064 and 1800-180-2022 have been set up in the control room in Panchkula. The general public can also send complaints on WhatsApp number 9417891064 and on e-mail IDs svb@hry.nic.in and dgsvbhry@nic.in

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## 9 years of servies

fruits of growth, and not a segment of society which has not benefited from the welfare policies of the present government. Those living on the margins have been brought into the mainstream, and, those in the mainstream have moved up further on the socio-economic ladder. The arc of social welfare has been widened to include such needy persons as needed state help to come up in life. While the amount of pension to the elderly was increased to Rs 2,750 from Rs 1,000 in 2014, social security cover has been extended to eunuchs, dwarfs and the widowers.

Firing on all cylinders, the economy is on the uptick; GDP is upscale (Rs 11.2 lakh crore in 2023-24 from Rs 2,93,950 in 2014-15); GST collections are hogging the headlines; and exports have soared from Rs 68,032 crore in 2013-14 to about Rs 2,45,633 crore in 2022-23. The per capita income is Rs 2,96,685 as compared to 1,37,770 in 2013-14.

## Four key markers

Four key markers make the nine-year tenure of Manohar Lal Government stand out in comparison with the preceding 48 years under different regimes. Significantly, these were more rewarding for the people as compared to the ten years preceding 2104.

One, during this period good governance resting on the twin bedrock of innovative thinking and people-centricity marked all policies and schemes. Details of every plan were not only thought through but also fine-tuned

to ensure that there were no hiccups, and that the benefit reached the targeted audience in the given time-frame.

Two, IT-laden first-time reforms were introduced to reduce the interface between the people and the administration which left room for graft, and living was made easy. More 100 portals were launched to deliver services to the people in a graft and hassle-free manner, and that too, at their doorsteps.

Three, the spirit of Antyodaya permeated all social welfare schemes to make the gains reach the last man standing in queue. Uplifting the downtrodden and bringing those living on the margins into the mainstream constituted the nub of all plans.

Four, a firm believer in the principle 'first practice then profess,' the Chief Minister led by example in every field. Also, he personally reached out to the people to feel their pulse and got plans stitched with the thread of what people wanted.

It is an open secret that Mr Manohar Lal has been instrumental in redefining governance by taking the administration to the people and making it a two-way traffic. His government adopted a system in which merit, not sifarish, lands one a job; and people need not bribe their way to getting work done in a government office. Also, a poor man gets free ration and treatment in a government hospital free of cost; pension gets deposited directly into the bank account of the elderly; and a farmer doesn't have to wait to get payment for the crops procured. And this helped change people's perception about the government of the day.

## Data crunching bears it out

pension been increased from Rs 1,000 to Rs 2,750, the benefit has been extended to the such sections of society as were not covered, but were badly in need of state help.

These include dwarfs, eunuchs and widowers. The Chief Minister has hinted that the pension would soon be increased to Rs 3,000 per month..

**Taking care of SCs, BCs:** The incentive amount given for inter-caste marriage has been raised from Rs 50,000 to Rs 2,50,000; CM's marriage shagun rashi too increased from Rs 31,000 to Rs 71,000.

**Labour welfare:** Minimum wage for unskilled worker increased from Rs 5,639 to Rs 10,661; and that of semi-skilled worker from Rs 5,769 to Rs 11,194.

The amount to be given on the marriage of the daughter of a registered worker increased from Rs 51,000 to Rs 1.1 lakh.

**Honorarium for PRI members:** The honorarium of chairman of zila parishad, panchayat samiti and head of gram panchayat has been increased from Rs 7,500 (2014) to Rs 10,000 (2023); Rs 6,000 to Rs 7,500, and Rs 2,000 to Rs 5,000, respectively.

**Farmers never had it so good:** The farmers never had it so good. MSP is now given for a record number of 14 crops, the highest in any state in the country.

MSP for wheat and paddy has been increased from Rs 1,400/ quintal (2014) to Rs 2,203; and compensation paid to farmers for the loss of crops has been hiked to Rs 15,000/ acre from Rs 10,000 in 2014.

**Healthcare made accessible:** With a view to widening the sweep and spread of healthcare, the number of hospitals were increased from 56 to 72; medical colleges from 6 to 15; and seats in medical colleges from 700 to 2,185.

Besides the launch of several innovative schemes like Bhavantar Bharpai Yojana, Mukhya Mantri Bagbani Yojana and Mera Pani, Meri Virasat to extend benefits to the farmers, Kisan Samman Nidhi has been introduced to give each farmer Rs 6,000 per annum (nil in 2014); and grant given to them for setting up biogas plants has been increased from Rs 9,000 to Rs 22,750.

**State of economy:** The economy is on the uptick; GSDP is upscale (Rs 11.2 lakh crore in 2023-24 from Rs 2,93,950 in 2014-15).

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# Festival bonanza for property owners

## CM announces benefits worth Rs 8,000 crore

Haryana Review Bureau

Giving a major relief to the people of the state, Haryana Chief Minister, Sh. Manohar Lal has announced a complete waiver of taxes and penalties on outstanding property tax, providing a substantial direct benefit to property owners around Rs 8000 crore. Interacting with media persons recently the Chief Minister also announced a 15 percent rebate on the principal outstanding property tax, giving property owners an extra benefit of approximately Rs 1200 crore.

Taking a significant decision aimed at safeguarding its residents from the hazards posed by high-voltage power lines, the Chief Minister said that Haryana Government has decided to shift 33,000 volts (KV) and 11,000 volts (KV) power lines passing over colonies, houses, phirnis, parks, ponds, schools etc.

In this regard, Uttar Haryana

Bijli Vitran Nigam, (UHBVNL) and Dakshin Haryana Bijli Vitran Nigam (DHBVNL) have prepared a proposal to shift all such lines, which has been approved.

The Chief Minister said that in view of public interest, the present state government had launched a campaign of laying power lines over houses in the year 2016, on which an expenditure of more than Rs 112.17 crore was incurred, which was borne by the government. In this sequence, the Haryana government has once again decided to start a similar campaign, for which a provision of Rs 151 crore has been made.

### Shifting high tension lines

The Chief Minister said to shift the high tension lines in the state, a proposal worth about Rs 96 crore has been prepared for shifting the lines at 2707 places in 10 circles of UHBVNL.

Under this, the estimated cost will be Rs 78.35 crore on 11000-volt lines and Rs 17.30 crore on 33 KV lines.



UHBVNL includes Panchkula, Ambala, Yamunanagar, Kurukshetra, Kaithal, Karnal, Panipat, Sonapat, Rohtak and Jhajjar circles. Similarly, shifting of lines in 11 circles of DHBVNL is estimated to cost more than Rs 55 crore. This area includes Sirsa, Fatehabad, Hisar, Jind, Bhiwani, Narnaul, Rewari, Gurugram-II, Gurugram-II, Faridabad and Palwal.

In a significant decision benefit-

ing the rural community the chief minister announced to provide electricity connections to deras-dhanis situated within a 3-kilometer radius of village Phirmi.

Earlier in 2016, the present government had made provisions to offer connections to even 10 households within a 1-kilometer radius of Phirmi.

If any households still remain without electricity, they could opt

for solar connections. The government will offer a 50 percent capital subsidy on solar connection. The state government is committed to ensuring that every household has access to electricity, he added.

### Power connection

He also announced that even 'Bechirag' villages, which are not in proximity to Phirmi, would also be given electricity connection. The government has reserved connections for such 200-300 villages.

He said henceforth there would be no service connection charges for distances up to 300 meters.

Beyond 300 meters, only 50 percent of the cost of the length of HT, LT line will be taken from the consumers, and the remaining cost will be borne by the Power corporation.

After the first 150 meters, the entire connection cost was charged from the consumer.

This is a significant departure from the previous practice where the entire connection cost was charged from consumers after the first 150 meters.

# Residential plots for commercial use

## Cabinet nod for proposals

By Rajeev Ranjan Roy

In a landmark decision, the Haryana Cabinet, which met here on October 11 under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal, has approved 'Haryana Municipal Urban Built-Plan Reform Policy, 2023' which aims to permit the conversion of residential plots into commercial use within planned schemes that have been in existence for at least 50 years. It addresses the evolving needs and demands within the urban development landscape.

The Chief Minister said that over the years, various planned schemes, including Model Town Schemes, Rehabilitation Schemes, Town Planning Schemes, and Improvement Trust Schemes, have been implemented in municipal areas to facilitate systematic urban development.

These schemes were subsequently handed over to the respective municipalities for management and maintenance.

The policy will apply to planned schemes within core areas of municipal limits excluding areas and sectors developed by Haryana Shahri Vikas Pradhikaran (HSVP), Housing Board (Haryana), Haryana State Industrial Infrastructure Development Corporation, and the areas governed by Town and Country Planning Department (Haryana). It will also apply to plots allowed to be subdivided under other government policies and rules.

### Unauthorized colonies

The Cabinet also approved a comprehensive policy aimed at regularizing unauthorized constructions and granting fresh permis-



sions for constructing the first floor or basement or both on single-level booths, shops, and service booths allotted by municipalities or Town Improvement Trusts within municipal limits. Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal said that this policy extends its reach to encompass all municipalities across the state of Haryana. It specifically applies to single-level booths, shops, and service booths allocated by municipalities or Town Improvement Trusts.

### Sub-district

While introducing a significant administrative reform, which involves the consolidation of administrative functions at the sub-divisional and district levels, the Haryana Cabinet has approved a proposal regarding the formation of each Sub-Division as a Sub-District for the purpose of registration of instruments of transfer of properties under sections 17 and 18 of the Registration Act, 1908.

### Policy amended

Aimed at streamlining the process for fixing the market rates of land across the state and to address the challenges faced by various government Departments, Boards, Cor-

porations, Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs), and Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) in transferring land to private entities, Haryana government had decided to amend policy for Fixation of Market Rate of land in the State for all the Government Departments, Boards, Corporations, and PRIs and ULBs. The Haryana Cabinet has approved the amendment in Policy, earlier notified on November 25, 2021.

### Big relief for dependents

In a significant and compassionate move, the Haryana government has announced substantial relief measures aimed at supporting the dependents of deceased police personnel.

The State Cabinet gave ex-post facto approval for the appointment of 50 dependents of the deceased police personnel to the rank of clerk under the Haryana Civil Services (Compassionate Financial Assistance of Appointment) Rules of 2019.

### Pension hiked

The Haryana government is committed to the welfare of media persons who form the fourth pillar of the state. In line with this com-

mitment, the government has amended the existing Pension Scheme for accredited media persons above the age of 60 years.

The amendment entails a substantial increase in the pension amount to provide better financial security to the Journalists.

The State Cabinet accorded its approval to a proposal to increase the monthly pension amount being given to the media persons from Rs 10,000 to Rs 15,000.

### Rounding off bus fares

In a move aimed at enhancing convenience for travellers across Haryana, the Cabinet approved the rounding-off of bus fares to the nearest Rs 5 for the state carriage buses in the state.

Haryana Roadways, boasting a fleet of 3,756 buses, stands as one of the most efficiently managed State Road Transport Undertakings in the country.

### Digital media policy

The Haryana Cabinet approved the Haryana Digital Media Advertisement Policy, 2023. The policy will also accommodate the Social media news channels and social media influencers for the purpose of

highlighting the government developmental policies and programmes. The existing policies of 2007 and 2020 were restricted only for print media, electronic media and websites.

The Haryana government has taken a pivotal step to encourage faster development by amending Clause 2 (I) of the Deen Dayal Jan Awas Yojana (DDJAY) Policy-Affordable Plotted Housing Policy, 2016 for Medium and Low Potential Towns. The State Cabinet gave approval for this amendment.

### Managing stubble

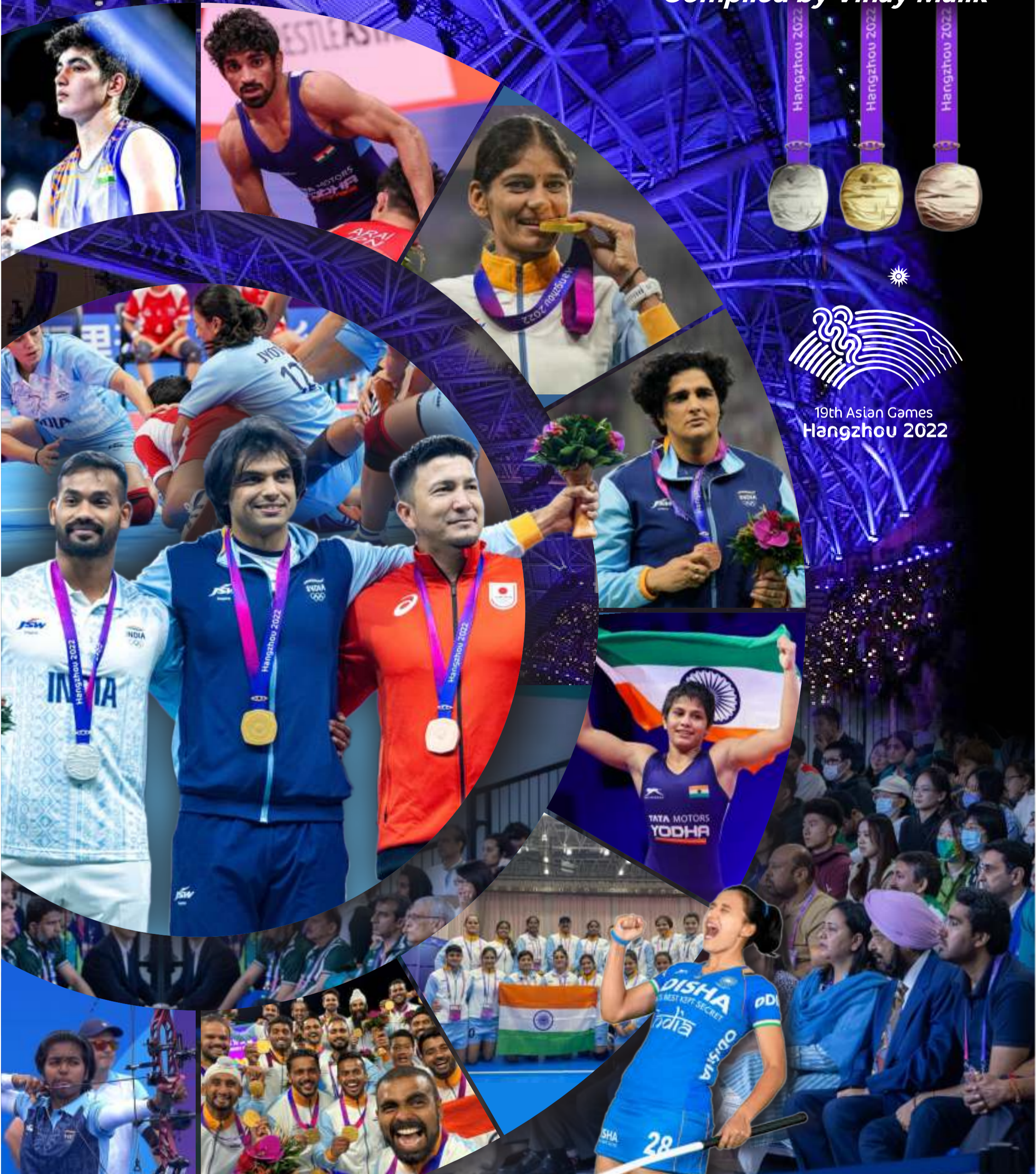
The Cabinet also approved Haryana Ex-Situ Management of Paddy Straw Policy 2023, aiming to harness paddy straw for sustainable energy and eliminate crop residue burning by 2027.

Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal said that this policy marks a significant stride in promoting efficient paddy straw utilization while discouraging harmful residue burning.

Aligned with the government's commitment to harness energy from paddy straw and reduce its environmental impact, this comprehensive policy establishes an end-to-end ecosystem for paddy straw use.

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