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The Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, greets the massive gathering at the state-level function held in Panipat to mark the 400th Prakash Purab of Guru Tegh Bahadur ji.  
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## Religious fervour marks 400th Prakash Purab

By Ajay Bhardwaj

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Beginning this issue, *Haryana Review* is starting a new column "Hard Facts and Cold Figures". Divorced from opinion, it will serve the readers, academicians and students appearing for the competitive examinations, as a ready reckoner on the milestones crossed and peaks scaled by the state of Haryana in different fields. They will no longer have to wade through the mass of text matter to fish them out.

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Religious fervour permeated the atmosphere thick and strong as the Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, led the state to commemorate the 400th Prakash Purab of the ninth Sikh guru, Guru Tegh Bahadur ji, on the sprawling grounds in Panipat.

Lakhs of devotees from across the state congregated to pay their respect to the Sikh guru, who was also known as "Hind Ki Chadar".

Rich tributes were paid to the Guru even as the Prime Minister, Mr Narendra Modi, in his message said India would reach the pinnacle of glory taking inspiration from the values and ideals of the Sikh Gurus.

Donning a Kesari turban, the Chief Minister went to the main 'Pandal' and paid obeisance to Sri Guru Granth Sahib before greeting the Sangat with folded hands.

He took part in "gatka" and partook of the langar underscoring the message of commitment and

sacrifice embodied by Guru Tegh Bahadur ji in his life.

### "Remember the heroes, not villains"

The Chief Minister said that Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji sacrificed himself for religious freedom and humanity. History tells us how a delegation of Kashmiri Pandits called on Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji to seek his help in saving them from forced and ruthless conversions by the Mughals. He pondered over the problem and said that this would need a great sacrifice. Guru Sahib's son Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji, sitting nearby, quickly said "who will be worthier than you to make such a sacrifice". After this, as Guru Sahib Ji challenged Aurangzeb, he was subjected to severe torture before Aurangzeb ordered his beheading. Calling the tyrannical ruler Aurangzeb a villain, the Chief

Minister said that everyone should remember the heroes of the country not the villains.

"Today we are celebrating the 400th Prakash Purab of Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji as a part of the ongoing celebrations of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.

The main purpose of organizing such a grand Samagam is to ensure that the inspiring stories of the supreme sacrifices made by Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji reach every part of the country and our future generations can take inspiration from it," the Chief Minister added.

The Chief Minister said that Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji always shared a special bond with Haryana as during his lifetime he had travelled six times through Haryana and Punjab. Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji visited 32 gurdwaras of Haryana.

He also visited places like

Dhamtan Sahib, Manji Sahib, Garhi Sahib, Karah Sahib etc. The final journey of Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji when he was beheaded also passed through Haryana.

### CM's announcements

The Chief Minister, during his address, announced that the ground where this state-level function was held will be named after Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji. In addition, the road by which the palanquin carrying Guru Granth Sahib ji was brought would be named as Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Marg.

He also announced that a Government Medical College named after Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji would be built in Yamunanagar.

An exhibition of the weapons used by Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji would be conducted across the country, for which the State Government will donate a special vehicle to safely carry the rare relics of Guru Ji.

## Free booster dose for 18 to 59-year-old

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The Haryana Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, has announced free booster dose for adult beneficiaries falling in the age group of 18 years to 59 years.

The eligible beneficiaries can get the booster dose worth Rs 250 free of cost from any government hospital or dispensary. There are about 1.2 crore such beneficiaries falling within the said age group

in Haryana and the total cost of about Rs 300 crore will be borne by the state from the COVID Relief Fund.

In view of the surge in COVID cases, the Chief Minister has appealed to the people to wear masks and ensure strict adherence of COVID appropriate behaviour like washing hands frequently etc. Adhering to COVID guidelines is the biggest tool in the fight against Corona and vaccination is the second weapon.

The Chief Minister said it would be ensured that the eligible beneficiaries in the age group of 18 years to 59 years would be given free booster doses to protect each and every person of the state from the highly contagious COVID.

It is noteworthy that so far more than 2.33 crore first doses of the COVID vaccine and 1.88 crore people have been administered both doses of the vaccine in Haryana. Also, about 3,71,700 booster doses have been

administered till now.

While strictly adhering to the guidelines issued by the Union Health Ministry related to enforcement of 'COVID-19 Appropriate Behaviour' Haryana has again adopted proactive strategies to effectively combat the new surge in the virus.

This was stated by the Chief Secretary, Mr Sanjeev Kaushal, while speaking at a meeting chaired by the Union Home Secretary, Mr Ajay Bhalla, to review the COVID-



19 situation and preparedness in Delhi NCR.

Assuring the Union Home Secretary regarding timely and regular updating of the COVID-19 data on the portal, he said that the district administration had already been issued directions in this regard.

# Governor lauds Haryana Police for improved law and order situation

By Rajeev Ranjan Roy

Haryana Governor Mr Bandaru Dattatraya has lauded the State Police for their commendable work in improving the law and order situation across the state. The Governor was interacting with media persons after the Investiture Ceremony held at Indradhanush Auditorium in Panchkula on April 26 where he bestowed the President's Police Medal and Police Medal on 92 officers and officials of the Haryana Police in recognition of their distinguished and meritorious services rendered during the last four years.

Mr Dattatraya said that the police work in difficult conditions to ensure the safety and security of the people. The state police while upholding the true spirit of their slogan-Service, Security and Cooperation-are working round the clock to reach out to every needy in any emergency situation. It is a matter of great pride that the number of women personnel is now higher and this also highlights the fact that the daughters of Haryana are also ensuring their pivotal participation in the progress of the state, he said.

During the investiture ceremony, the Governor bestowed the President's Police Medal for Distinguished Service on 11 officers/officials and the Police Medal for Meritorious Service on 81 officers/officials of the Haryana Police. Haryana Vidhan Sabha Speaker Mr Gian Chand Gupta, Deputy Chief Minister Mr Dushyant Chautala, Home Minister Mr Anil Vij, Additional Chief Secretary, Home, Mr Rajiv Arora, DGP Haryana Mr PK Agrawal, Managing Director, Haryana Police Housing Corporation Mr RC Mishra, DG State Vigilance Bureau



Haryana Governor Bandaru Dattatraya at the police investiture ceremony in Panchkula along with Vidhan Sabha Speaker Gian Chand Gupta (R) and Home Minister Anil Vij (L).

Mr Shatruijit Singh Kapoor, ADGP CID Mr Alok Mittal, ADGP Crime Mr OP Singh and ADGP Mr Ajay Singhal were among other senior dignitaries present at the ceremony.

According to an official statement, among those who received the President's Police Medal for their distinguished service are DGP (Retd) Dr BK Sinha, ADGP, Admin and IT, Dr AS Chawla, ADGP Navdeep Singh Virk, ADGP (Retd) Anil Kumar Rao, ADGP, Law and Order, Sandeep Khirwar, DIG Dr Arun Singh, Inspector (Retd) Lakhwinder Singh, Inspector (Retd) Gurmeet Singh, Inspectors Ramkumar, Pramod Chand, and Sub-Inspector Subhash Chander.

Those who were decorated with the Police Medal for their meritorious services include IGP Saurabh Singh, IGP (Retd) Bharti Arora, Superintendent of Police Vikas Dhankar, DIGs Krishan Murari, Shiv Charan and Balwan Singh, Superintendent of Police (Retd) Ombir Singh, SPs Manbir Singh, Raj Kumar, Sumer Singh, DCP Mukesh Malhotra, SP (Retd) Krishan Kumar, DCPs Jaibir Singh and Ravinder Kumar, DSPs Rajiv Kumar, Vir Singh, Gurmail Singh, Om Parkash, Ram Kumar, Angrez Singh, Baljit Singh, Naresh Yadav and Narender Kumar.

Among the Inspectors who

were awarded with the Police Medal for meritorious services include Deepak Singh, Shravan Kumar, Vikas, Anil Kumar, Lali Vargish, Ramlal, Arvind Kumar, Jaldheer Singh, Ramesh Kumar (Retd), Nayan Pal, Prakash Chand, Rajpal, Ravinder Singh, Nihal Singh, Ram Kumar and Karan Singh (Retd).

Among the Sub-Inspectors who were awarded with the Police Medal for meritorious services include Satya Dev (Retd), Ram Kishan, Satyawan, Varinder Kumar, Rakesh Mani, Jagdish Prasad, Maha Singh (Retd), Arun Deswal, Suresh Kumar, Harish Kumar, Dr Ashok Kumar, Ravindra Kumar, Ravinder Kumar, Suman Kumar, Ashok Kumar, Ramesh Kumar, Ram Pal, Parveen Kumar, Mahender Singh (ORP/SI) and Kulvinder Kaur. Among E/Sis include Ram Partap, Suresh Kumar, Rakesh Kumar, Satpal, Ramesh Chand, Meena Sharma, Sushila Kaushik, Ranvir Kaur, Anuradha, Hardev Singh (Retd) and Joginder Singh.

The Assistant Sub Inspectors (ASIs) who received the Police Medal included Virender Singh, Karambir Singh, Rajesh Kumar, Manoj Kumar, Parveen Kumar, Joginder Singh, Amit Kumar, Deepak Kumar, Didar Singh, Ramphal (E/ASI) and Shiv Kumar (E/ASI).

# HSDM-Magic Billion deal opens doors for jobs in Germany

By Parveen K Modi

Job-orientation of education continues to inform policies and programmes of the Haryana Government. On April 21, 2022, the state moved a step closer to realizing the dream of the Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, to provide 'job-oriented' rather than 'certificate-oriented' education in the state.

This happened when the Haryana Skill Development Mission (HSDM) signed an agreement with Magic Billion (Unit TGM Services Pvt. Ltd.), a registered India International Skill Centre (IISC) as a National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) partner for international apprenticeship, employment opportunities in Germany for the youth of the state.

According to the terms of the agreement, Magic Billion would provide residential training to about 200 candidates in various sectors, including nursing, hospitality, food retail, restaurant service and construction.

This was stated by Mr Sanjeev Kaushal, Chief Secretary, while chairing the 7th meeting of the Governing Council of HSDM.

## World Skill Centre

A 'World Skill Centre' to provide training to the youth in vocational education and skill development would be set up at GITI, Musaidpur, Gurugram.

The training provider will ensure a minimum of 70 per cent placement to successfully certified candidates with domestic and international brands within India as well as overseas (minimum 15 per cent).

Besides, the provider would also ensure adequate infrastructure development, along with course curriculum development, training

of master trainer, and various recurring and non-recurring activities of the training.

The training provider will also provide training in foreign languages as required besides giving capacity building training to 50 ITI's instructors, trainers through International Master Trainers, free of cost.

The Chief Secretary was apprised of the fact that in the first phase, a target to train 680 candidates in various sectors, including tourism and hospitality, retail, IT and ITES, accounts, banking and finance, logistics, and beauty and wellness has been set.

Under the state-funded SURYA scheme, so far 43,165 trainees have been mobilized and 10,517 are undergoing training. SURYA is an acronym for Skilling, Up-skilling, Re-skilling of Youth and Assessment funded by state. Under this scheme target allocation has been done for short-term training (STT), Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL), Driver Training, and Heavy Motor Vehicle Driver Training (HMV).

## PMKVY 3 target met

With the enrollment of 2,058 people, Haryana has achieved 100 per cent completion targets for short term training (STT), while in recognition of prior learning (RPL) the state has achieved 92 per cent of the target under the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojna (PMKVY 3.0)-Centrally Sponsored State Managed (CSSM component) for FY 2021-22.

The Chief Secretary was apprised that an agreement has been signed between the State Urban Development Authority, Haryana (SUDAH) and HSDM for the implementation of the EST&P component under National Urban Livelihood Mission (NULM) from the financial year 2022-23.

## Wheat procurement gains momentum

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Haryana Deputy Chief Minister Mr Dushyant Chautala has directed the officers that there should be no shortage of gunny bags for the wheat procured from the farmers in grain markets of the state. There should be wide facilities in the market for farmers and labourers so that no one has to face any kind of inconvenience. From April 1, the procurement of wheat has started across the state through various government agencies.

The Deputy Chief Minister was recently presiding over the review meeting regarding procurement and lifting of wheat being done by the government agencies. Senior officers of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Department, Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department and other concerned departments were present in the meeting.

Till April 19, about 35.87 lakh metric tonnes of wheat has been procured. Out of which 23.13 lakh metric tonnes of wheat have been lifted from the grain markets and Rs 3,686.09 crore has been paid to the farmers for their crops at minimum support price./HR/

# Saras fair displays glory of self-help women

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It was a new and much-empowering experience for the self-help women groups who found a direct market for their products through Saras Mela organized from April 9 to April 20 in Gurugram.

The 10-day fair of art and culture provided new opportunities and avenues to rural women to eke out a respectable livelihood for themselves.

Organized by the National Rural Livelihood Mission and Haryana State Rural Livelihood Mission under the Amrit Mahotsav of Azadi, the fair saw a large number of tourists buying various products made by the women of rural areas.

## Window to Mini-India

Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal during his visit to the Saras Mela said that apart from providing a platform for livelihood to the women of Self Help Groups, Saras Mela also gives us the vision of 'Mini India'. During this, the Chief Minister worshiped 'Unnati Self Help Group' of women of three self-



Chief Minister Mr. Manohar Lal honouring self-help women entrepreneurs at the Saras fair in Gurugram.

help groups, Sohana, village Daula, 'Kshiti Self Help Group' of Gurugram, village Chandu, 'Vikas Self Help Group' of village Dhani Shankar. Moreover, vehicles were given to Sunita of 'Group' under 'Aajeevika Gramin Express Yojna'.

## Performance by Russian Artists

As part of the series of cultural programs, women artists from Russia gave a scintillating performance on Haryanvi songs in front of the Chief Minister. The Chief Minister said that the thread of our Haryanvi culture has reached

abroad and the girls of Russia gave such performances on Haryanvi folk songs as our girls do. Earlier, the group of Narendra aka Monty Sharma also gave a great performance of Haryanvi dance on Lakhmichand's ragni.

## Charm of Haryanvi dresses

The head of 'Baba Premnath Self Help Group', Babli Haryanvi, who came from village Naur of district Jhajjar, displayed a variety of Haryanvi dresses and jewelry.

She herself has taught this workmanship to other women of

the group by taking training from Jhajjar, through which all the 11 women of her group are today able to make livelihood for their families, on their own. In the Saras fair, Ranika and Saroj, heads of 'Jhohju First Women's Cluster Organization' and 'Nai Soch Mahila Cluster Organization' from village Jhohju Kalan of Charkhi Dadri, shared that the Haryana State Rural Livelihood Mission has helped a great deal in facilitating their task, and played a significant role in making them self-reliant.

People showed special interest in buying Thalposh, Gudda-doll pair, Bandarwal, Indhi, Basket and Ice-cream spoon and other items made by painting the newspaper displayed in the fair. Pure food products are liked by the people: Neelam, the head of the 'Dev Woman Women Self Help Group' (Dhani Chitrasen), a participant in the fair, told that she earns 12 to 15 thousand rupees every month from the sale of products manufactured by her group. Along with this, other women of the group are also making self-supporting, self-reliant.

By Ajay Bhardwaj

# Haryana cherishes legacy of Guru Tegh Bahadur ji

Haryana has a very fond and proud link with the Sikh Gurus who disseminated the message of peace, harmony, and equality, which continue to inspire the mankind.

The contribution of the ninth Sikh Guru, Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji, popularly known as 'Hind Ki Chadar', however, stands out due to his teachings and sacrifice.

Wherever the Sikh Gurus visited and travelled in Haryana, Gurudwaras were built in their memory. Today, these Gurudwaras remind about the legacy of the Gurus.

Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji, who had refused to bow down before the Mughals and sacrificed his life, visited various places in Haryana where gurudwaras came up in due course. These Gurudwaras are an invaluable heritage for Haryana.

As the nation celebrates 400th Prakash Purab of the ninth Guru, the state government under the guidance of Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal has made special arrangements in Gurudwaras built in the memory of Guru Teg Bahadur ji.

## Gurudwara Patshahi Nauvi (Ninth), Kharak Bhura, Jind

Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji reached Kharak Bhura in 1665. He stayed there for a night and gave religious sermons and advised his disciples to follow the path of truth and oneness of God. A Gurudwara Sahib in village Kharak Bhura, which is 14 kms from Narwana and 25 kms from Jind on Narwana Road is a rich legacy in the region.

Apart from this, Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib reached village Khatkar in Jind and gave religious sermons where also a Gurudwara has been built at this place which 11 kms from Jind.

## Gurudwara Manji Sahib, Jind

When Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib reached Jind from village Khatkar he helped people by constructing many wells and water tanks around the area. Now the majestic Gurudwara Manji Sahib graces the town of Jind. This Gurudwara is a unique memory of his religious and social contribution to the region and is situated close to the railway station, near Rani Talab.

## Gurudwara Manji Sahib, Rohtak

Sri Guru Teg Bahadur Sahib on his missionary visits would halt at village Laakhan Majra in Rohtak to bless the Sangat of this area. Guru Sahib stayed here for many days and delivered discourses. Guru Sahib on seeing the shortage of drinking water got many wells constructed and a clean water pond in this area. Because the feet of Guru Sahib lay here, this place became holy and hence Gurudwara Manji Sahib Patshahi Nauvi was built here. This Gurudwara Sahib is situated on the Jind-Rohtak road.

## Gurudwara Bangla Sahib, Rohtak

When Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib came to Rohtak city during his spirituality preaching mission, he stayed here for three days and held regular sermons for the Sangat. Guru Sahib also helped in constructing wells around this area. As a memoir of his visit,



Gurudwara Bangla Sahib was built at Babar Mohalla in Rohtak.

## Gurudwara Neem Sahib, Kaithal

When Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji reached Kaithal he took rest here under the shade of a neem tree and also delivered sermons. As there were a host of neem trees around the place, so the place came to be popularly known as Gurudwara 'Neem Sahib'. This Gurudwara Sahib is situated on the western outskirts of the Kaithal city.

Guru Sahib stayed at another place in Kaithal where he used to hold regular sermons in the morning and evening. There is a Gurudwara in the memory of Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib and is situated at a distance of about one km from Gurudwara Nim Sahib.

The Gurudwara Garhi Sahib Patshahi Nauvi (Ninth) also cherishes Guru Sahib's memories which is situated in the village Garhi Nazir, Kaithal.

## Gurudwara Sri Tegh Bahadur Sahib, Khanpur, Karnal

Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib had also visited Khanpur while

giving his religious sermons. He had exhorted the Sangat of the area to be ready to face the atrocities being committed by Mughal emperor Aurangzeb. There is an old fort and a well dating back to the times of Guru Sahib. This place is 7 km from the Indri bus stand and 9 km from the Ladwa bus stand. Apart from this, Gurudwara Sis Mahal is also dedicated to Guru Sahib Patshahi Nauvi at village Tarawadi, Karnal.

## Gurudwara Karah Sahib, Kurukshetra

Before Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib, Sri Guru Nanak Ji had laid his feet at this place and Sri Guru Hargobind Sahib had also visited this place. A grand Gurudwara Sahib has been built here in the memory of Guru Sahib. This place is situated at a distance of ½ km from Karah Bus Stand, 12 km from Pehowa.

## Gurudwara Sahib Patshahi Nauvi, Barna, Kurukshetra

Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji paid his sacred visit to this place in the year 1665. Guru Sahib had traveled from Kaithal to Kiratpur

Sahib while preaching Dharma through the route of Barna, Kurukshetra. The beautiful Gurudwara Sahib is dedicated to Guru Sahib in Barna village, 19 km from Kurukshetra.

## Gurudwara Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib, Harnaul, Yamunanagar

Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji had travelled to this place in 1656 on his way to Patna Sahib. There is an old well and a lake from the time of Guru Sahib. Here Gurudwara Sahib is built in memory of Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib. Gurudwara Thara Sahib Patshahi Nauvi, Jhivherheri, Yamunanagar is also a historical Gurudwara that has preserved the memory of Guru Sahib.

Gurudwara Manji Sahib Patshahi Nauvi is also a famous Gurudwara of Yamunanagar. Similarly, Gurudwaras were established where Guru Sahib visited Yamunanagar, including Gurudwara Tegh Bahadur Sahib Buria.

## Gurudwara Sri Manji Sahib, Muniyarpur, Kurukshetra

This Gurudwara is a magnificent structure built in the memory of Patshahi Navi. Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib, while staying here, apprised the Sangat about the teachings of Gurbani and preached to follow three pillars of the Sikh religion namely: 'Naam Japna (Focus of God); Kirat Karni (Honest living); Vand Chakna (sharing with others). At present, a beautiful building of Gurudwara Manji Sahib is adorned at this place. This place is at the distance of 9 km from Ladwa and 12 km from Kurukshetra New bus stand.

## Gurudwara Mardon Sahib, Bhanokheri, Ambala

Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib had reached here with his family while returning from Patna Sahib. This place is situated outside Mardon village. Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib preached Dharma to the Sangat at this place which is at the 13 km distance from Ambala on Jalbera Road and 5 km from

## Muslim artisans set an example in communal harmony

If the Mughal emperor Aurangzeb had ordered the killing of Guru Tegh Bahadur ji, it was a team of 26 Muslims artisans led by Delhi-based Mohammad Gulfam prepared a painting of 'Ek Onkar' to decorate the main pandal.

"Art knows no religion. We work in Temples, Mosques, Gurudwaras everywhere. Some-times we even do decorations in 'Jagran'. Our team has also done a lot of decoration work at various religious events organized on the occasion of Gurburab," said Mohammad Gulfam.

Gulfam's team with reverence worked for 18 to 19 hours to decorate the Pandal, main entrance gate, stage and backdrop set up at the function.

## Centrestage had 24 artisans and 22 quintals of flowers

A grand stage was prepared for the celebration of 400th Prakash Purab of Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur ji by 24 artisans after 50 hours of continuous hard work using 22 quintals of flowers. Sri Guru Granth Sahib was placed on the grand stage and kirtan was organised from morning till evening.



Bhola Ram, an artisan working at grand stage said he came to Panipat from Bulandshahr in Uttar Pradesh, especially for the decoration of flowers. As many as 24 artisans have accompanied him. After making dedicated efforts for 50 hours day and night, the grand stage has been decorated. For this 4 quintal rose flowers, 8 quintal margaret flowers, 5 quintal yellow marigold flowers and 5 quintal orange marigold flowers have been used.

Bholaram said that two and a half quintals of green fenugreek had also been used for decoration. A paste of 50 kg maida was also made, which was applied and pasted on the flowers. He has made a grand stage according to the programme with great reverence.

Matehri village.

The Gurudwara Sis Ganj Sahib Patshahi Nauvi was also built in the memory of Guru Sahib in Ambala. Similarly, Gurudwara Lakhaur Sahib Patshahi Nauvi, Lakhaur, Gurudwara Satsang Sahib, Ambala city, and Gurudwara Patshahi Nauvi, Langar Channi are also holding the memory of Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji in Ambala city.

## When a Haryana farmer offered his head to Guru ji

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The reverence of Haryana towards Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji can be gauged from the fact that Kushal Singh Dahiya, a farmer from Badkhalsa, Sonipat, had offered his head in the service of Guru Ji.

On November 9, 1675, on the orders of Mughal emperor Aurangzeb at Chandni Chowk in Delhi, when Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji was beheaded, Guru's Sikh brother Jeta Ji ran towards Anandpur Sahib with Guruji's head.

The Mughal army was after him and he hid in the village of Badkhalsa in Sonipat. He narrated the entire incident to the people there, thereafter the

villagers formulated a plan to safely take the holy head of Guru Ji to Anandpur Sahib.

To execute this plan, Kushal Singh Dahiya, who used to resemble Guru ji, offered his head in the service of Guru Ji. Later, the Mughal soldiers who reached the village took Kushal Singh's head assuming it to be the head of Guru ji and took it to Delhi and Bhai Jeta, who was hiding, left for Anandpur Sahib with Guru Ji's head.

The Department of Information, Public Relations and Languages highlighted this anecdote from history by way of an exhibition organized in Panipat on the 400th Prakash Purab of Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji.

# Different shades of the surrog



# Je of devotion to great Guru

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# Boost to good governance a *la* CMGGA

By **Rajeev Ranjan Roy**

It is an out of the box initiative aimed at comprehensively realizing the dream of good governance at the grassroots level. Chief Minister's Good Governance Associates (CMGGAs) are not only reaching the last mile but are also helping them improve their ease of life by taking the benefits of various government schemes and services in sync with 'New Haryana' vision of Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal. For the past over five years, CMGGAs have been delivering fruitful results by not only bringing to light the challenges faced by citizens but also by recommending suggestions and measures to address their issues and tweak the processes for tangible outcomes.

During an interaction with them recently, the Chief Minister not only took interest in their recommendations about different flagship schemes of the state government but also provided his guidance to work on structural issues like analysis of different schemes and other priority areas including agriculture, education, and service delivery. He also directed departments to incorporate their suggestions in schemes and

projects to make them more robust so that no stone is left unturned to reach the last mile.

"CMGGA model has emerged as a unique, successful programme in the country, and Haryana has

benefited because of collaborative approach. Our goal is to ensure service to every citizen in Haryana, even down to the last person. It is great to see how we have created, sustained, and institutionalised

programmes to achieve our goal," said Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal.

"The CMGGAs have done a commendable job in understanding the government machinery and

have focused their efforts on how we can reach every citizen of Haryana. I am confident that their insights will bring tangible outcomes on the ground," said Dr Amit Agrawal, Additional Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister and Project Director, CMGGA. It is worth noting that the CMGGA programme is the first experience for young professionals to work with government officers and observe bureaucracy. This programme brings together the state government, academia, and corporate to create a sustainable impact.

The CMGGA programme is a strategic collaboration between Ashoka University and the Government of Haryana since 2016 to leverage the energy, creativity and skill of the youth to work on state priorities and push good governance. Every year, the 24 selected candidates are placed across 22 districts of Haryana and work directly with the Deputy Commissioners and district administration to streamline the system and provide innovative solutions to revamp existing structures for increased productivity and enhanced citizen delivery.



# Haryana set to be first Lal Dora-free state

By **Ajay Bhardwaj**

With the completion of the drone flying target in 6286 Lal Dora villages, Haryana is set to become the first 'Lal Dora' free state in the country.

Under the novel and path-breaking initiative of the Haryana government people are bestowed the actual rights to become the owner of the property by abolishing Lal Dora. The monumental administrative reform was undertaken in order to end the practice of Lal Dora which has been prevalent in the state since 1908 during the British era. It was to separate Lal Dora from agriculture land that the Revenue department used to mark Lal Dora around the village extension land.

Prime Minister Mr Narendra Modi had earlier heaped lavish accolades on Haryana for this initiative and had subsequently directed the Central officials to implement the scheme in the whole country under the name Svamitva Yojana

Under SVAMITVA, so far the Haryana government has made 19 lakh property cards.

Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal, who has been personally monitoring the progress in implementation of the scheme, has directed all deputy commissioners to double their efforts to complete all tasks under the scheme by this month-end.

All deputy commissioners have been told to ensure 50 percent

distribution of property cards in the next 10 days.

"Maximum generation of properties should be ensured for verified undisputed properties," the chief minister said.

Senior officials said that Drone flying, Map-1 and Map-2 (including attribute collection) have been completed in all 6286 target Lal Dora villages and the work of Map-3 would be completed soon.

Besides this, the notification of claims and objections procedure, under section 26 of the Haryana Panchayat Raj Act has been issued for all target villages.

Officials said claims and objections of around 5737 villages have been addressed and the rest

are under process. The figure of final maps of 5038 villages has been submitted to the Survey of India (SoI).

Urgent directions have been issued to Deputy Commissioners to return final ownership data to SoI for 699 villages, where claims and objections have been completed, for the generation of a final map and land parcel map of each property.

## More than 19 lakh property cards prepared

At a recent review meeting chaired by the state chief secretary the officials confirmed that till now more than 19 lakh property cards have been prepared. Besides this, for the smooth issuance of property cards preparation and distribution

by districts, required training was imparted to the technical staff of all the districts on how to generate property cards from the Land Parcel Map data.

Furthermore, the districts have been directed to share updates on the number of property cards prepared and distributed by them. Along with this, the Development and Panchayats department has also been asked to share details of disputes.

The property of a Lal Dora-free village would get special recognition even as provision for loan would be available on immovable property while the villagers would acquire the right to sell or buy their property.

Lal Dora was exempted from building by-laws/construction laws/scheduled areas etc., which led to the growth of these properties. Earlier, there was no registry for house or land in Lal Dora and this led to conflicts between families and societies. Despite owning a property, there were no papers to establish the ownership of the property and there was no proper demarcation of the land used by the villagers and owned by the panchayat. Due to which public places, playgrounds, ponds, drains etc. were encroached upon in the villages.

The abolition of Lal Dora is expected to go a long way to resolve such age-old issues in villages and usher in a new era of development in the rural parts.



## Innovate, upscale skills, Governor tells varsities

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The Haryana Governor, Mr Bandaru Dattatraya, has urged the universities to pay special attention to innovation, incubation, skill development and entrepreneurship. These are the areas where universities should work.

Mr Dattatraya, who is also Chancellor of JC Bose University of Science and Technology, YMCA, Faridabad, was presiding over the 10th meeting of university court held on the university campus in Faridabad. The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. S.K. Tomar, Registrar Dr. S.K. Garg, all deans, chairperson and members of the University Court were present.

The Governor said education should be practical-oriented and universities should focus on emerging technologies and skill development of the youth. Internet of Things (IoT), Blockchain, Artificial Intelligence, Cloud Computing and Cybersecurity are the emerging areas where the focus needs to be given.

He also called upon the universities to promote entrepreneurial skills among the students and said that fresh ideas should emerge from the students. The university should encourage 30 to 40 per cent of students to pursue entrepreneurship as a career instead of employment. He also asked the universities to increase their budgetary allocation in research and innovation activities.

## Hard facts, cold figures

2.49 lakh families identified

In order to financially empower the poorest families in the state, about 2.49 lakh families having an annual income of less than Rs 1 lakh have been identified under the Mukhyamantri Antyodaya Parivar Utthan Yojana. These were identified at 570 Melas organized at 156 places across the state in two phases.

### Property cards given to 4 lakh families

Under the scheme of making the villages 'Lal Dora Mukti', implemented by the Central Government as 'SVAMITVA' Yojana across the country, 6,487 villages in Haryana have been covered and about 4 lakh families of 3,073 villages in the state have been given property cards.

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# Two months to redress grievances of disabled staff

CS directs all departments, boards and corporations to designate Group A officer

By Parveen K Modi

With a view to redressing the grievances of disabled employees in a time-bound manner, the Haryana Government has put in place a mechanism in every department, board and corporation, public sector undertaking (PSU), Registrar of the Punjab and Haryana High Court, and registrars of all universities in the state.

Mr Sanjeev Kaushal, Chief Secretary, has directed all departments, boards and corporations to designate a Group A level officer as Grievance Redressal Officer-cum-Nodal Officer for redressing such grievances of the disabled employees working in their establishment. All such complaints shall be looked into and acted upon in two months.

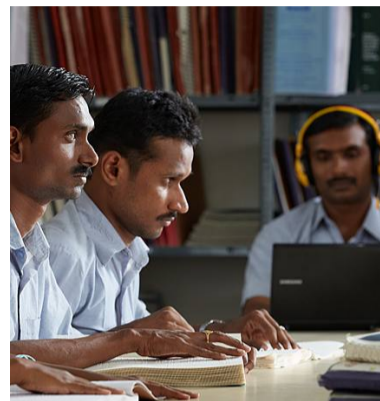
Any employee aggrieved on account of any matter relating to discrimination in promotion, may file a complaint with the designated officer of the respective department. Every such complaint shall be inquired into within two months of its registration, and outcome

thereof or action taken thereon shall be communicated to the complainant/PwD.

This forms a part of the detailed instructions issued by the Chief Secretary regarding grant of reservation in promotion to persons with benchmark disabilities under the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full participation) Act, 1995.

On January 1 of every year, all departments, boards and corporations shall continue to upload data every year on the promotion of PwDs along with data on representation/direct recruitment of PwDs in respect of posts, services under the state government on the URL, which will be informed in near future. Directions have been issued to ensure strict compliance with these instructions in letter and in spirit.

Three per cent horizontal reservation in case of promotion to Group A, B, C and D posts shall be made for persons with benchmark disabilities with effect from January 1, 1996 to April 18, 2017.



Out of this, one per cent each for persons suffering from blindness or low vision, hearing impairment and locomotor disability or cerebral palsy, in the posts identified for each disability. Horizontal vacancy-based reservation at the rate of three per cent shall be computed on the basis of total number of vacancies to be filled by promotion occurring in the identified post/cadre of Group A, B, C and D.

### Vertical reservation

Reservation for SCs and BCs is called vertical reservation and the reservation for categories such as

persons with disabilities and ex-servicemen is called horizontal reservation. Horizontal reservation cuts across vertical reservation (which is called inter-locking reservation) and persons selected against the quota for persons with disabilities have to be placed in the appropriate category viz. SC/BC/unreserved category employees depending upon the category to which they belong in the roster meant for reservation of SCs/BCs.

In case none of the vacancies falls on point reserved for the SCs, the disabled candidate belonging to SC shall be adjusted in future against the next available vacancy reserved for SCs.

Since persons with disabilities have to be placed in the appropriate category viz. SC/BC/unreserved in the roster meant for reservation of SCs/BCs, the application form for the post should require the candidates applying under the quota reserved for persons with disabilities to indicate whether they belong to SC/BC or unreserved category, the instructions maintain.

## FORTNIGHT IN RETROSPECT

### After PM, Nadda lauds Manohar Lal Govt

After the Prime Minister, Mr Narendra Modi, the BJP President, Mr J P Nadda, has taken the turn to laud the good governance and welfare schemes launched by the Haryana Government. These have been designed to translate into action the vision of the Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, to reach out to those at the bottom of the economic pyramid while upholding the spirit of Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya's Antyodaya philosophy.

Showering praise on the state government at a programme held at Gurugram, Mr Nadda said, while respecting the sentiments of



the people, Mr Manohar Lal has ensured holistic development of Haryana while upholding the true spirit of Antyodaya.

The Parivar Pehchan Patra, Mukhyamantri Parivar Samridhi Yojana, Mhara Gaon-Jagmag Gaon Yojana, Har Ghar-Nal Se Jal and many other welfare schemes have certainly ensured the reach of the benefits to those at the bottom of the pyramid, he added.

### 2,500 events mark celebrations



Under the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav', as many as 2,500 programmes have been organized in Haryana and 6,000 more have been lined up. The Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, is of the firm belief that 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' should be enthusiastically celebrated along with maximum public participation. He has called upon everyone to take a pledge to uphold the spirit of this freedom.

"In today's time moving forward with the core mantra of 'Nation First' should be the utmost duty of everyone so as to ensure a new identity of India on the world's map. It becomes our utmost duty to enthusiastically participate in 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' programmes," says the Chief Minister.

### Now, concessional pass up to 20 kms

This has been done for the convenience of the people living around the areas of all toll plazas

falling on the National Highways. "Pass convenience" has now been extended to those living in a radius of about 20 kms of toll plazas from 10 kms. According to the new rule, passes will be made soon for the eligible people so that they can avail themselves of this facility.

Giving this information after a meeting with villagers and NHAI officers regarding the issue of toll on the Gurugram-Sohna Expressway in New Delhi, the Deputy Chief Minister, Mr Dushyant Chautala, said necessary directions had been issued to the NHAI officers.

Under the new rule of NHAI, a pass would be made for Rs 315 for



the local people living within 20 km radius of the toll plaza area on the National Highway. Earlier, this rule used to be for 5-Km but was later extended to 10 km radius. Now the limit has been further increased to 20 km. This facility would be provided to the people of the state by making "passes" for the eligible beneficiaries within a stipulated time.

## Serving people through 1,150 Ayushman Centres

By Rajeev Ranjan Roy

The Health and Wellness Centre (HWC) is a key component of the Central government's flagship Ayushman Bharat programme, under which existing Sub Health Centres and Primary Health Centres in rural and urban areas are being transformed into Ayushman Bharat-Health and Wellness Centres (AB-HWCs) to deliver an expanded range of diagnostic and clinical services for comprehensive primary health care. According to Additional Chief Secretary, Health and Family Welfare Department, Mr Rajeev Arora, apart from existing reproductive child health services, the provision of required medicines, diagnostics and treatment, management of non-communicable diseases like hypertension, diabetes, oral cancer, breast cancer and cervical cancer and wellness activities including Yoga are being extended through Health and Wellness Centres.

Mission Director, National Health Mission (NHM), Mr Prabhjot Singh informed that as on April 16, 2022, a total of 1150 Ayushman Bharat-Health and Wellness Centres are operational in the state, out of which 364 are in rural PHCs, 684 in Sub Centres and 102 in urban PHCs. As many as 200 sub-health centres have also been identified whose buildings are in condemned state, their reconstruction is under process. In Aspirational District Mewat/Nuh, 16 Rural-PHCs and 38 Sub Centres

### Key POINTS

- National Health Authority (NHA) is mandated with the implementation of Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri-Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY), which provides health assurance of up to Rs 5 lakh per family per year, for secondary and tertiary care-related hospitalizations.

existing in government buildings have been transformed into HWCs as on date. E-Sanjeevani tele-consultation services have been initiated in all the districts. A total of 62351 tele-consultations have been made till April 16, 2022.

The government has decided to bear the expenses of 3.50 lakh Antyodaya families of the state under the Ayushman Bharat scheme. Under the Ayushman Bharat scheme, the Central government has approved the benefit of Rs 5 lakh annually to 15 lakh BPL families of Haryana, while the number of families with an annual income of less than one lakh 80 thousand rupees in the state is about 18.50 lakh. Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal led state government has planned to bear the expenses of 3.50 lakh BPL families in sync with his visionary thinking towards Antyodaya families. He believes that no stone was left unturned in order to achieve the dreams of Mahatma Gandhi and Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay for the upliftment of Antyodaya families.



**A peacock spreads  
plumes in sheer joy**  
—Photo by Vinay Malik

## New horizon in sports

**Network of 455 nurseries to map the state**

By **Ajay Bhardwaj**

In order to give a renewed push to sports at the grassroot 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. They will not only identify the sports talent but would also provide training and grooming facilities to enable the sports persons participate in national and international sports events.

The names of 170 government schools, 157 private educational institutions, 81 private sports training centres and 47 Rajiv Gandhi Rural Sports Complexes are included in this list of feasible 455 sports nurseries, the list of which has been forwarded to the Sports and Youth Affairs Officers in all the districts.

For future references a select committee will be constituted in each district which would visit the centres and inspect the sports facilities available in these institutions and the possibilities of adding those fulfilling the criteria set by the department in the final list to be earmarked by the department in due course.

Apart from this, other educational institutions/sports training centres fulfilling the criteria will also be considered for inclusion in the final list by the department, said the senior officials.

The Haryana Sports Nursery Scheme, launched recently, aims at promoting sports and grooming the sports talents at grassroot level in the state. The nurseries are meant to include all events that are part of the Olympic, Asian and Commonwealth games.

### CAMPUS CORNER

#### Diploma courses for special students

By **Shagun Kapoor**

Haryana Technical Education Minister Mr Anil Vij has granted approval to the polytechnic institutions of the state to start various diploma courses for speech and hearing impaired students for the year 2022-23, wherein, courses in Library and Information Science, Computer Engineering and Hotel Management and Catering Technology will be started.

He further informed that about 30 seats each have been reserved for Library and Information Science courses in Government Polytechnics in Ambala City and Sirsa. Similarly, provision has been made for 30 seats each in Government Polytechnics of Jhajjar and Sonapat in Computer Engineering courses. Moreover, 30 seats have also been reserved for Hotel Management and Catering Technology courses in Government Polytechnic in Nilokheri, said Mr Vij.

Mr Anil Vij told Haryana Review that the State Government has further ensured that the youths will be employment oriented. Also, on the lines of Mahagyani Rishi Ashtavakra Institute, Sector 26, Panchkula, various vocational courses will be started in Government Polytechnic, Uttawar and Mandkola, he added.

## Khelo India Games 2021 to be held from June 4 to June 13

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The Khelo India Youth Games 2021 will be organised in Haryana from June 4 to June 13, 2022. These include five sports of Indian origin out of the 25 sports in the Under-18 age group. The games will be held in Shahbad, Ambala, Chandigarh and Delhi apart from Panchkula. About 8,500 players will participate in these games.

Sharing this information with the Union Sports Minister, Mr Anurag Thakur, through a video-conference at the meeting of the Organizing and Co-ordination Committee of Khelo India Youth Games 2021, the Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, gave out details regarding the event. The Minister of State for Sports and Youth Affairs, Mr Sandeep Singh, was also present.

The Chief Minister said that on May 8, a mascot and logo of Khelo India Youth Games would be launched at Indradhanush Auditorium in Panchkula. For this, extensive preparations have been made. Two-three multipurpose halls, synthetic track and athletic track have been constructed for sports.

While the construction work on the auditorium in Badminton Hall, Government Women's College, Sector 14, Panchkula, has been completed, the Hockey Stadiums Panchkula and Shahbad are almost ready. Also, an all-weather swimming pool has been built in Ambala.

The Chief Minister said that a full team of young officers had been deployed for organizing these games and they would closely monitor every competition venue

so that the players did not face any problem. Complete arrangements for cleanliness will be made while taking forward the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan.

The Chief Minister said that cultural programmes depicting Haryanvi culture would be organised at these games being held during the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. The tales of innumerable heroes of the freedom struggle and introduction of excellent players of the state would be displayed through an exhibition so that the young generation could take inspiration from them.



A promotion event programme for the games would be organised in Gurugram on May 13, he added.

The Union Sports Minister lauded the commendable work done in Haryana with regard to saving the girl child. Besides, women players of the state have made India proud in every game held abroad. He said that in order to further increase the interest of the students towards sports we should emphasize on a sports-based theme. Covid-19 protocol should be strictly adhered to in these games and complete arrangements for testing etc. of the players should be made, he added.

### Rohtak girl makes the cut

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Fourteen-year-old Rohtak girl Unnati Hooda has made it to the Indian squads for the Commonwealth Games, Asian Games and Thomas and Uber Cup. She figures among the youngsters in the contingent named by the Badminton Association of India (BAI) for these games.

Hooda, Akarashi Kashyap, Aditi Bhat, Priyanshu Rajawat and Asmita Chaliha are some of the new faces selected after the national trials in New Delhi. Only Kashyap has been selected for all the three tournaments.

"Being the youngest at the trials, I am happy to be selected", said Unnati.

### Fee charged from players waived

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Taking yet another big decision for the sportspersons of the state, the Haryana Government has decided to waive off fees charged from the players coming for practice in the stadiums or sports complexes across the state.

Making this announcement, the Minister of State for Sports and Youth Affairs, Mr Sandeep Singh, said now players would be able to prepare for games free of cost in the stadium or sports complexes. This decision has been taken to further accelerate Haryana's plan of developing the state as a sports hub and for further nurturing the talent of the players.

"Apart from the players, even the sports association or federation registered under the Haryana Olympic Association will also be exempted from paying any fee for organizing any sports event like state or national championships. However, only private organizations will have to pay the prescribed fee for using the sports stadium," said the minister.

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