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Monsoon session brings out the best in CM

Batting on front foot, he hits some oppn. googlies over the fence

By Parveen K Modi

The three-day monsoon session of the Haryana Assembly which concluded on August 29, 2023, brought out the combative best in an otherwise suave and soft-spoken Chief Minister. Holding his ground firmly on issues made contentious by the opposition, Mr Manohar Lal never allowed his political rivals to have the better of him.

His sobering and calming influence intact, he harnessed to the full his argumentative faculties, ducking, parrying and fielding the questions raised by the Opposition, and, more often than not, taking the battle to the camp across the political aisle.

Soothing ruffled nerves

His uncanny ability to soothe ruffled nerves was on full display on day one of the session. Not a single eye missed the Chief Minister hurriedly scribbling a note and sending it off to the Chair as soon as the Home and Health Minister, Mr Anil Vij, walked out of the House in a huff. The calming influence the Leader of the House enjoys was discernible even to the disinclined



when Mr Vij trekked back to the Assembly.

In cricketing parlance, he donned the hat of a seasoned batsman. The way he deftly played the number of political googlies bowled by the Leader of the Opposition and other legislators—hitting some of them out of the fence—left the Opposition googly-eyed. Not even for once the rivals succeeded in having

him on the back foot.

Be it the issue of violence in Nuh on which he silenced his critics virtually taking the battle to the Opposition camp; rectification of anomalies in the Parivar Pehchan Patra (PPP) data—while assuring the House of an early resolution he reminded the rivals of the norms being tossed in the wind under the Congress government while com-

piling the Below Poverty Line (BPL) list—or the issue of Sandeep Singh, Minister for Stationery and Printing, whose scalp the Opposition kept demanding unsuccessfully, he had the upper hand.

Two key announcements the Chief Minister made brought cheers. One, with a view to enhancing the opportunities of promotions for all reserved categories in higher-level

government positions, he announced the decision to implement 20% reservation policy for Group A and B posts to Scheduled Caste category. Presently, reservation is limited to Group C and D.

Two, after panchayats, now BC (A) will be given the benefit of reservation in civic elections also, said Mr Manohar Lal while speaking during the discussion on the Haryana Municipal Corporation Amendment Bill on the second day of the session.

Debating skills

Besides the debating skills and political acies the Chief Minister exhibited, the monsoon session walked into history with the never-before-since-1966 move to select and reward three distinguished MLAs for their singular contribution to the legislative proceedings by raising pertinent public issues.

The "Best Legislator Award" was initiated by the Speaker, Mr. Gian Chand Gupta, and the Chief Minister. Hitherto, only two MLAs were awarded. But this session onwards, a new practice of awarding three MLAs has been started. It bodes well for the legislature and the people of Haryana.

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Manohar Govt. growth saga steals limelight

Three-day G20 Sherpa meet ends

By Ajay Bhardwaj

The 4th Sherpa meeting of G-20 countries, which took place at ITC Grand Bharat resort in Nuh district emerged as an international platform where Haryana showcased its rich cultural heritage and traditions before the foreign delegates through a variety of cultural programmes.

It offered a glimpse to the foreign delegates of how Haryana, on its path to progress, has become a driving force behind the country's economic development. At an exhibition organised by the Information and Public Relations department foreign delegates were captivated by the depiction of Haryana's progress, culture, and civilization.

The exhibition also showcased how Haryana is excelling in various fields, adhering to the fundamental principle of "Haryana Ek-Haryanvi Ek." Slogans such as "Haryana leads in per capita income in the country," "Haryana provides the most sports facilities," "Haryana manufactures 50 percent of vehicles," "Educated Gram Panchayats," and "Lal Dora free Haryana"



narrate the state's progress.

The Haryanavi 'Pagri' (head gear) was tied on the heads of delegates as a mark of respect. Pagri is like a crown; a symbol of 'shan' (pride) of Haryana, which is tied on the head of a person whom utmost honour is to be given.

Robot distributes folders

Folders highlighting strengths of Haryana state were also distributed among the delegates. The model of 'Virat Swaroop' of Lord Krishna, who have a believed to have shown his viraat Swaroop (huge form) to Arjuna while giving celestial message of holy Gita in Kurukshetra of Haryana, was also placed adjoining to

the exhibition stall.

The service robot also plays a pivotal role in conveying Haryana's development story to foreign delegates at the stall set up by the Department. This service robot in distributing folders to visiting guests caught the visitors' attention as it roamed within a 50-metre radius, making it a unique attraction while providing essential services to the delegates.

Through 150 captivating cultural programs and the involvement of over 7,000 artists, it revitalised tourism, promoted cross-cultural understanding and extended beyond traditional G20 boundaries. embodied its guiding theme of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' or One Earth, One Family, One Future

All set for export of rice, sugar to UAE

By Rajeev Ranjan Roy

In what will give a big boost to exporters of Haryana, the state government under visionary leadership of Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal is all set to ink an agreement with the government of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) for the export of rice and sugar to one of the Middle East's important economic centres.

Chairman of Haryana State Cooperative Supply and Marketing Federation Limited (HAFED) Mr Kailash Bhagat on September 8 revealed that soon there will be an agreement between the UAE and the Haryana government for the export of rice and sugar to the UAE.

This development came following Mr Bhagat's meeting with several key figures in the UAE's basmati rice export industry. The HAFED chairman, accompanied by a delegation which included Dr J Ganesan, Managing Director, HAFED, and Mr Rajneesh Sharma, General Manager, Marketing, visited the UAE to explore export opportunities. During the visit, Mr Bhagat engaged with prominent basmati rice traders in the UAE. A meeting was held with a leading company of basmati rice based in Dubai, following which an export deal of 1000 MT was finalised. The HAFED chairman said that the deal has paved the way for increasing exports from the country on a large scale.

Vignettes of the monsoon session

-Compiled by Vinay Malik



There is a bit of Haryana on the Moon

Youths, components from 5 districts played a role; CM leads House in greeting ISRO

By Parveen K Modi

There is a bit of Haryana on the Moon. The young state of Haryana has made a significant contribution and played an integral role in the success of the Chandrayaan-3 mission which made history by landing on the never-before-explored South Pole of the Moon.

While some of the components-nuts, bolts and wires-used in putting together the spacecraft were sourced from Rohtak and Rewari, youths from various districts, including Ambala, Bhiwani and Hisar, formed an essential part of the team involved in sending the mission to the Moon.

They played a great role in the success of the venture which made history, the Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, said while speaking on the inaugural day of the monsoon session of the Vidhan Sabha. He commended the participation of the youth from Haryana.

The Chief Minister extended his heartiest congratulations to the nation on the momentous achievement of successfully landing Chandrayaan-3 on the lunar surface. This landmark accomplishment has made India the first nation to reach the Moon's enigmatic South Pole.

Atmosphere of jubilation

Radiating an atmosphere of jubilation, the Chief Minister expressed the collective pride that envelops the nation, as well as the Assembly, on this groundbreaking feat. He attributed this triumph to the exceptional dedication and relentless efforts of the brilliant minds at the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).

Referring to the visionary approach of the Prime Minister, Mr Narendra Modi, he also hailed his unwavering support and encouragement that bolstered the morale of the country's scientists at every juncture. Under Mr Modi's leadership, India has etched a distinct identity on the global stage and made significant strides in various domains, he added. The Chief Minister again congratulated ISRO for the triumphant



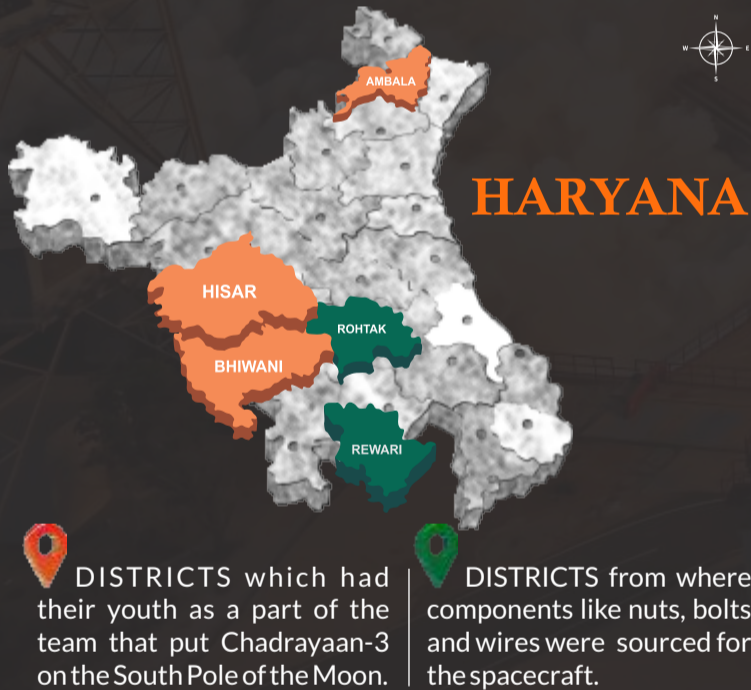
landing of Chandrayaan-3 and wished it success in future endeavours.

On August 27, ISRO released a graph of the temperature variation on the lunar surface and a senior scientist of the space agency expressed surprise over the high temperature recorded on the Moon. Chandra's Surface Thermophysical Experiment (ChaSTE) payload onboard Chandrayaan-3's Vikram lander measured the temperature profile of the lunar topsoil around the pole to understand the thermal behaviour of the Moon's surface.

Surface temperature

ISRO scientist B H M Daruksha said, "We all believed that the temperature could be somewhere around 20 degree Centigrade to 30 degree Centigrade on the surface but it is 70 degree centigrade. This is surprisingly higher than what we had expected," he added

On August 30, Chandrayaan-3 mission had spent close to a week on the Moon after it landed in the south polar region. The mission, launched by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), has made India the fourth country in the world to achieve a soft lunar landing and the first to reach the southern polar region of the Moon. The Chandrayaan-3 which began its lunar orbit early August has been conducting a series of experiments since its successful landing. The Pragyan rover, released on the surface by the Vikram lander, will carry out experiments over a period equivalent to one lunar day, or 14 earth days.



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Rs 500 cr to be spent on regularised colonies

By Ajay Bhardwaj

In a significant step Chief Minister Sh Manohar Lal announced in the Vidhan Sabha the Haryana Shahari Vikas Yojana for the development of basic amenities in unauthorized colonies.

The announcement came after the state government had decided to regularize such colonies. In this scheme, an initial fund of Rs 500 crore will be kept from the Haryana Urban Development Fund.

The state government had recently regularized 449 unauthorized colonies even as the process of regularization of 1000 more colonies has been in progress. The chief minister said the above fund would be in addition



to the development charges levied on the residents of regularized colonies and will be fully used for infrastructure development in the colony. The chief minister said the issue of sand in small rivers like Markanda, Ghaggar, and Tangri etc. became a serious concern during

floods. The rivers do not remain filled with sand as the irrigation department nor the mining department found any solution of delisting the rivers.

Now a 5-member committee has been formed to solve this problem. Additional Chief Secretary, Reve-

nu, Advisor to Chief Minister (Irrigation), Additional Chief Secretary, Environment, Forest and Wildlife Department, Additional Chief Secretary, Mining and Geology Department and Commissioner and Secretary, Irrigation and Water Resources Department will be the committee members.

Economic growth

In his address the chief minister said that in 2014-15, when he took over, the GSDP of the state was around Rs four lakh crores, and now it has increased to Rs nine lakh crores which indicates the progress and economic development of the state.

He said that internal debt is not added to the liabilities. In the budget of 2014-15 also, the internal debt was 2.58 percent, which is 2.3 percent today. He said that pensions were being given to the employees before 2006.

Apart from this, 10 percent of the pension of post-2006 employees is being deposited in the trust of the Government of India and the Haryana government is distributing its share of 14 percent simultaneously. According to this the burden is doubled on the government. Whereas, in terms of Capita collection on GST collection, Haryana is at number one among big states, at number one, said Sh. Manohar Lal.

PPP an epoch-making initiative: CM

Welfare schemes delivered at the doorsteps

By **Ajay Bhardwaj**

Chief Minister, Mr. Manohar Lal said that the Parivar Pehchan Patra (PPP) is a unique initiative which has not only eliminated many hurdles but has also empowered eligible beneficiaries to effortlessly avail themselves of various state welfare schemes and programmes.

Replying to a calling attention motion moved by opposition in the recently held Vidhan Sabha session the chief minister highlighted the government's commitment to streamline processes for the betterment of the public through PPP.

He informed that the PPP initiative was undertaken to ensure that poor and eligible ones are no longer subjected to the unnecessary rigmarole of office visits and documentation submission.

Remarkable progress

He shared remarkable progress achieved through the Parivar Pehchan Patra initiative. Through the issuance of over 12.30 lakh new ration cards in January 2023, the government has achieved the commendable feat of identifying eligible beneficiaries and granting them access to essential services.

In a show of transparency and commitment, the Chief Minister assured that discrepancies brought to light in the Parivar Pehchan Patra records are being promptly rectified.

He said that PPP draws from the digital infrastructure and principles created by Aadhar. However, the PPP goes far beyond to maintain



socio-economic information besides unique identity information in the form of Aadhar.

The PPP verifies every information through specific procedures which enables PPP to pro-actively identify beneficiaries.

He said that the primary objective of PPP is to provide benefits to the beneficiary at the doorstep proactively without undergoing a separate inspection or verification process by each Government agency or having to submit documents as proof or visit any government office. In the last year, many schemes and services have been linked to PPP for pro-active delivery.

"PPP has a compilation of the data elements of all individuals in a family which are required by different government agencies for the purpose of determining eligibility for schemes and services. Each data field is verified through customized

and defined procedures. The data for each family is collected on the basis of a signed self-declaration made by an adult member of the family and then separately verified., said the Chief Minister.

"Over 6.96 lakh certificates have been issued till 25th August, 2023 after the launch of the scheme. Similarly, over 4.69 lakh BC(A) and BC(B) certificates have been issued pro-actively since the launch of the service in July 2022.

During admissions to State Government educational institutions, the applicant student only needs to provide his or her PPN whereafter the SC, BC (A) and BC(B) status is verified automatically.

Admissions to all colleges were introduced in July 2022 and the facility has been extended to admissions to all schools, universities, ITIs and polytechnics from the current academic year." said the Chief

Minister.

9.67 lakh ration cards

The Chief Minister informed that more than 9.67 lakh ration cards have been added since January 2022 benefitting a large section of the deserving population that was earlier being denied the benefits of PDS besides the elimination of a large number of ineligible beneficiaries.

He said that PPP also has procedures for dynamic corrections of data to smoothen any discrepancies that come to notice thereby ensuring that those deserving are able to access the benefits and those ineligible are identified, and benefits discontinued.

Old Age Pension for 1.03L

The Chief Minister said that the Old Age Samman Allowance bene-

fits have been linked pro-actively to PPP. The verification process of all those in the age group of 59 to 70 are being identified including those who were left out in the earlier process and their consent is being sought for the start of the Allowance.

This process is likely to be completed by September 2023. However, as and when a beneficiary is identified, the data is pushed to the Social Justice, Empowerment and Welfare of SCs, BCs and Antyodaya (SEWA) Department for seeking the consent of the beneficiary and starting pension benefits.

Till August 25, 2023, 1,03,828 beneficiaries have received Old Age Samman Allowance via the proactive mode and data of another 90,000 has recently been pushed by PPP to SEWA recently for seeking consent of beneficiaries.

He said that PPP attempts to place multiple and regular checks in the implementation of the scheme so that even if any beneficiary is wrongly identified, then the same can be identified at any time including at the time of obtaining consent.

The Chief Minister said that in the current academic year 2023-24, 3.52 lakh fresh admissions have been made in private and government schools based on PPP data. Similarly, 1.28 lakh admissions have been made in colleges through the Online Admission Portal of the Department of Higher Education using PPP data.

Admissions to Industrial Training Institutes (ITI) is still underway and till date 1.01 lakh registrations using PPP for admission to ITIs has been received on the Online Admission Portal of the Department of Skill Development and Industrial Training, of which 61,405 admissions have been made.

Farmer's share in PMFBY premium low: Dalal

By **Rajeev Ranjan Roy**

Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Mr JP Dalal has said that Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMF-BY) is being implemented in the state from Kharif 2016.

Paddy, Bajra, Maize, Cotton, Moong in Kharif season and Wheat, Mustard, Gram, Barley and Sunflower crops are being insured in Rabi season. The scheme is being implemented by dividing the state into three clusters.

The clusters I and II comprise seven districts each, whereas the Cluster III consists of eight districts. Mr Dalal said this while replying to a Calling Attention Motion during the Monsoon Session of the Haryana Vidhan Sabha.

He said that under this scheme, the farmers' share of premium is two per cent of sum insured for Kharif, 1.5 per cent of sum insured for Rabi and 5 per cent of sum insured for horticulture and commercial crops.

At present, Sirsa is in the first

cluster and Agriculture Insurance Company is working in the districts. During Kharif 2022, an objection was raised by the Agriculture Insurance Company on the process of crop cutting experiments of the Department. In Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana, there is a legal agreement between the insurance company and the department.

Operational Guidelines

He said that according to the Clause No. 30 of the Operational Guidelines issued by the Government of India, the grievance mechanism system of the scheme has been made in which District Level Monitoring Committee at District level, State Level Monitoring Committee/State Technical Advisory Committee at state level and Technical Advisory Committee at National level, etc., constituted for redressal of grievances.

The Agriculture Minister informed that the farmers of Sirsa district submitted their applications before the Deputy Commissioner, Sirsa. After which the Department, issues of farmers were placed along



with the facts before the State Technical Advisory Committee at the state level.

The State Technical Advisory Committee decided the matter in favour of farmers and directed the insurance company to release the claims.

But under the legal provisions, the Insurance Company disagreed with the decision of the State Technical Advisory Committee and appealed to the Technical Advisory Committee, Government of India.

After which the matter was placed before the Technical Advi-

sory Committee, Government of India. He stated that the Agriculture Department firmly presented the farmers' side with all the facts before the Technical Advisory Committee.

The Technical Advisory Committee of the Government of India passed its decision on August 21, 2023 in which the farmers won. The Department and the government are sensitive towards the farmers.

The Technical Advisory Committee accepted the earlier decision passed by the State Technical Advisory Committee in its decision and ordered the agriculture insurance company to release Rs 623 crore expected claim or compensation immediately.

Claim to be paid soon

It is expected that the claim will be disbursed to the farmers by the insurance company soon. The Agriculture Minister said that meetings were held by the department at state level in which the officials from the Government of India and head office of the insurance company were also present.

According to the decision of the meeting, two committees were constituted by the department to inquire the matter.

Technical faults were examined by the first inquiry committee and the receipts of crop cutting experiments were examined by the second inquiry committee and according to the investigation report, action is being taken by the Department against the guilty officers or officials.

After investigation by both committees, the matter was placed before the State Technical Advisory Committee. The State Technical Advisory Committee directed the insurance company to pay the claim keeping in view all the points.

The insurance company disagreed with the decision and appealed to the Technical Advisory Committee, Government of India.

The Government of India has directed the Insurance Company to pay the claim considering the decision earlier passed by the State Technical Advisory Committee on this appeal.

Flood losses to be made good: Chautala

1,35,541 farmers in 4,475 villages upload claims for loss on 6,61,644 acres up to Aug 22

By Rajeev Ranjan Roy

Haryana Deputy Chief Minister Mr Dushyant Chautala has said that damage caused by recent floods to life, property, agriculture and businesses of any citizen will be compensated completely as per the guidelines of National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) guidelines.

He said the state government was quite prompt in taking all necessary steps and precautions to prevent and reduce the impact of the flood.

In all, 7,868 persons were evacuated, 60 relief camps were organized where 2,031 people were shifted.

Mr Chautala, while replying to a Calling Attention Motion on the first day of the Monsoon Session of the Haryana Vidhan Sabha on August 25, said that during 8th July to 12th July, the state's cumulative rainfall was 110 mm against the normal rainfall of 28.4 mm. Yamunanagar, Kurukshetra, Panchkula and Ambala received 842 per cent, 814 per cent, 699 per cent and 514 per cent excess rainfall respectively.

For the first time in the history of Haryana, the government declared 1,469 villages and 4 MC areas in 12 districts as flood affected in the state, he added.

Process eased

To ease the process of submission of claims for affected persons and families, for damage and loss in respect of their house, livestock, crops and commercial moveable property and to ensure transparency in damage verification and disbursement of compensation to the



affected people through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) in a time bound manner, the state government launched a dedicated portal-<https://eskhatipurti.haryana.gov.in> for the public to upload their claims.

He said that the total crop loss area uploaded at e-kshatipurti portal, by 1,35,541 farmers, in 4,475 villages of the state as on August 22, 2023 is 6,61,644 acres. 47 human lives have been lost.

333 claims against the animal loss have been reported in the portal and a total number of 5,380 houses are claimed to have been

damaged due to flood besides the damage of 109 commercial units in the state.

He apprised the house that Rs 1,60,00,000 at Rs 4 lakh per deceased has been sanctioned to 40 bereaved families and Rs 1,36,00,000 has been disbursed to 34 families.

24-hour power supply

Mr Chautala said that the Energy Department provided relief in siphoning the accumulated water by providing 24 hour power and arranged immediate electricity connections to Gram Panchayats and Ir-

rigation & Water Resources Department (I& WRD) for their short term requirements for dewatering purposes.

Discoms also provided temporary connections wherever required by I& WRD, Haryana and Gram Panchayats, without any charge. The Department of Animal Husbandry constituted special teams in each district for the protection of animal health.

During the floods, on July 15, 2023, supplementary guidelines were also issued by the department, vide which, advisory issued by the

Loss to rural infra put at Rs 44.30 cr

The Department of Development and Pancha-yats has reported a loss of around Rs 44.30 crore due to damage to rural infrastructure.

The Department of Urban Local Bodies (ULBD) had done desilting of 1,068.62 km in various drains and rivers in the state before the recent floods.

Deputy Chief Minister Mr Chautala apprised the House that the ULBD is compensating the affected persons whose commercial and industrial properties have been damaged due to recent floods in the urban areas in the state, as per its policy.

He informed that the policy provides for compensation of moveable properties up to Rs 50 lakh and up to Rs 25 lakh for compensating the loss of commercial buildings.

Government of India regarding safety and management of livestock during floods and the guidelines for the farmers, in a language that animal keepers could easily understand, regarding health and management of animals before, during, and after the floods were also circulated.

The arrangement of fodder for animals was done by the Local Administration/Revenue, and Disaster Management Department through HAFED and the Department of Animal Husbandry Department assisted in its distribution, he said.

No illegal mining in Yamuna

The Deputy Chief Minister apprised the House that there is no illegal mining in the Yamuna river. For ensuring the same, inspection is being carried out regularly. Since the bed level of river Yamuna has been considerably lowered after the floods in 2010, no work of desilting/cleaning of bed was required to be undertaken.

The government has identified certain points in various rivers of Haryana where there is urgent need of mining, due to which the free flow of water is being obstructed.

There are around 74 sites in districts of Yamuna Nagar, Ambala, Panchkula, Karnal, Sirsa, Kurukshetra and Panipat where mining is required.

Regarding the drainage problem due to non-construction of culverts, the department has identified around 149 vulnerable points in various districts where there is a drainage problem due to non-provision of culverts by NHAI, PWD (B&R), HSAMB, etc.

In the works: Panel on flood control scheme

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The Irrigation and Water Resources Department is preparing a proposal to constitute a Departmental Technical Committee (DTC) on floods jointly chaired by all Engineer in Chiefs (EICs) for technical examination of various drainage and flood control schemes submitted by the field officers so that there is a clear understanding of the holistic problems of flood and drainages issues in the state.

This was stated by Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala, while replying to a Calling Attention Motion on the first day of the Monsoon Session of the Haryana Vidhan Sabha on August 25.

He added that the Irrigation and Water Resources Department had taken up the work of clearance of 657 drains out of 853 drains in the state before the onset of monsoon as a precautionary measure to prevent floods in the state.

He informed the House that the issue of Ghaggar river flooding has been under active discus-

The experts committee suggested various alternatives like provision of embankments on both banks, remodelling of cross-drainage works, possibility of construction of dams and reservoirs, etc. However, during the 28th meeting of GSC, it was decided to conduct a purpose driven Mathematical model study for the entire basin for managing floods in river Ghaggar and the study was decided to be entrusted to CWPRS, Pune.

sion since the last three decades. The Ghaggar Standing Committee was constituted on February 26, 1990 with a Member (RM, CWC) as the Chairman of the committee.

The GSC constituted the team of experts comprising representatives from co-basin states and CWC for suggesting the remedial measures to mitigate the flooding problem in Ghaggar basin after visiting the vulnerable spots.

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Final report

He further stated that CWPRS, Pune has given its final report on Mathematical Model Studies wherein Short Term and Long Term measures for flood mitigation in river Ghaggar were recommended.

The short term measure—widening and deepening of river Ghaggar up to deepest existing level and construction of embankments, and the long term measure—the construction of storage-cum-flood control reservoirs in the upstream catchments and major tributaries so that the downstream reaches could be protected from flooding, and raising of road slab with no change in existing waterway.

Accordingly, a DPR amounting

to Rs 94.07 crores was submitted to the CWC on July 14, 2023 on which observations were raised by it on May 14, 2023.

He informed the House that the DPR is under examination/consideration of approval with the CWC.

After finalization/approval of Haryana DPR by the CWC, further time bound action will be taken for its implementation to mitigate floods in river Ghaggar.

Regarding the matter of capacity of siphons, he informed the House that five existing siphons in Ghaggar are of adequate capacity for smooth passage of flood water and further MMS report of CWPRS also envisages that no changes to the waterway of the structures are necessary.

However, the capacity of these siphons will be reviewed in view of the unprecedented floods received during July 2023.

Since the interstate issues are involved, the matter regarding revision of capacity as per feasibility will be put up before GSC for approval of further decision in the matter.

Hiring fast-paced; quota extended

Group C & D cadre to check delays in recruitment: CM

By Ajay Bhardwaj

The Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, told the state Assembly during the monsoon session that the recruitment policy for Group C and D government posts has rightfully addressed the issue of prolonged delays in government recruitment procedures. In the past, the number of posts were also high and the categories of posts were also numerous. Therefore, to speed up this process, the government has made a new policy for Group C and D recruitment.

He said that under the new policy, a separate cadre will be established specifically for Group D posts.

This will be accompanied by the implementation of a comprehensive examination. Additionally, the policy allows candidates who are selected and later wish to change their posting to different departments can do so based on seniority considerations."

The Chief Minister informed the House that the Group C recruitment has been challenging due to the presence of different service rules within different government departments.

This diversity in rules has made it impractical to conduct a singular, unified examination for all Group C positions. To overcome this hurdle, the government has moved forward with advertising around 35,000 Group C vacancies under a newly designed Common Eligibility Test (CET) exam. Sh. Manohar Lal informed that the total number of candidates who applied for

CET examination were 11,22,232. Out of these, 3,59,146 had qualified for the CET Phase-1.

In line with this policy, an expansive framework of 64 categories has been established according to the same qualification. Separate examinations have been



structured for each of these categories.

The Chief Minister informed that the age relaxation was granted to candidates who had applied for certain advertisements issued by the Haryana Staff Selection Commission which were subsequently withdrawn for administrative reasons.

Quota for BC (A) in ULBs; 20 pc A,B posts for SCs

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Chief Minister Sh. Manohar Lal informed the Vidhan Sabha during the last session that the work of "Wardbandi" in local bodies is being done as per the recommendations of the Haryana State Backward Commission.

Authority Act.

According to the recommendations made regarding population, 50 percent of the percentage of BC (A) population will be given reservation in civic bodies.

If there are 20 seats, then one seat will be reserved for BC (A) according to 5 percent of the population. Even if the BC (A) population is 2 percent, the government has made sure to reserve at least one seat there also.

The chief minister said the aim of giving reservation to BC (A) is to increase the political participation of this class in the political scenario.

Making yet another significant announcement in the House, the chief minister said the State Government will be implementing a 20% reservation policy for Group A and B posts to Scheduled Caste category.

This decision aims at enhancing opportunities of promotions for all reserved categories in higher-level government positions. Previously, the reservation was limited to Group C and D, leaving Group A and B positions without any reservation provisions.

The State Government's decision to introduce reservation in Group A and B posts reflects its dedication to fostering a more equitable and diverse administrative framework.

This move will provide a positive impact on the representation of various communities within the government workforce.

808 medical officers have already joined, says Vij

Specialists cadre on the cards

By Rajeev Ranjan Roy

In all, 808 Medical Officers have been appointed in the state, Health and Family Welfare Minister Mr Anil Vij said while replying to a question during the Vidhan Sabha Session on August 28, adding that appointment letters were issued to 941 candidates, out of which 808 have joined as Medical Officers.

The recruitment process was started in January 2022 and the appointment letters were issued in August 2022 after completing all formalities and procedures, said Mr Vij and added that this is the first time that such a large number of doctors have been appointed in Haryana.

Paramedical college

Apart from this, appointment letters have been given to 25 doctors, who will join the department soon. He informed that currently 3073 medical officers are working in the Health Department of the state while there are 3903 sanctioned posts. In addition, 167 doctors have been recruited by the National Health Mission.



Haryana Medical Education and Research Minister Mr Anil Vij, while responding to a question during the Vidhan Sabha Session, said the state government has decided to establish a paramedical college within the premises of the under-construction Sant Shiromani Dhanna Bhagat Ji Government Medical College in Jind.

He explained that due to the limited availability of land on the Medical College campus in Jind, the Haryana Shahari Vikas Pradhikaran (HSVP) has been approached to identify suitable land for this endeavor.

Medical Education and Research Minister Mr Anil Vij said that during the Haryana Budget Ses-

sion 2022-23 Mr Chief Minister Manohar Lal announced the establishment of a Government Medical College in Charkhi Dadri district.

The Department is presently engaged in the process of identifying a suitable land for this project. Once the land is finalized, steps will be taken to commence the project.

Mr Vij shared this information in response to a question asked during the Vidhan Sabha session here today.

Solid waste management

Forest and Environment Minister Mr Kanwar Pal, while responding to a member's question on August 28, informed the House that a solid waste management plant operated by Municipal Council Bhiwani is operational on Dadri Road in Bhiwani city.

As per the test reports of ground water samples collected from near the area, the pollution levels are within the prescribed limits.

He said the Haryana State Pollution Control Board monitors ambient air quality at Bhiwani through a Continuous Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Station (CAAQMS) installed at HB Colony Bhiwani.

As per the data generated from January 2023 to July 2023 most of

772 posts of judges sanctioned

Haryana has 246 sanctioned posts of Judicial Service officers (Sessions Court) and 526 posts of Civil Judge (Junior Division) in lower courts.

Haryana Civil Services (Judicial Branch) recruitment of 129 officers is pending before the Supreme Court.

This information was given in the House by Deputy Chief Minister Mr Dushyant Chautala on behalf of the Chief Minister in response to a question asked by MLA Mr Rakesh Daultabad during the Question Hour.

He informed the House that the matter of recruitment of 129 positions of Civil Judges (Junior Division) are vacant in the cadre of Haryana Civil Services (Judicial Branch) officers is pending before the Supreme Court due to

the writ petition filed as title Malik Mazhar Sultan Vs. UPPSC and others.

Presently the Higher Judiciary requires 68 officers out of which 39 posts are being filled by promotion and remaining to be filled by direct recruitment.

Palwal distributary

Mr Chautala also informed the House that the work of lining Palwal distributary is in progress. The work is being executed by the Irrigation and Water Resources Department, he added. The Deputy CM said this in response to a question raised by a member during the Monsoon Session of Vidhan Sabha. He said that this distributary crosses through Palwal-Sohna road (NH -919) and Delhi-Agra road (NH-44).

Dr Gupta gave this information during the Question Hour in Vidhan Sabha.

He informed the House that some people had gone to court for personal interests regarding construction work of the roads of this colony. Efforts are being made to resolve this issue.

the time ambient air quality is in moderate or better range, he added.

Urban Local Bodies Minister Dr Kamal Gupta said that the government will develop the Green Field Colony adjacent to Sector-41, 42 and 43 of Faridabad as per the announcement of Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal.

Taking 'Go Global Approach' to transform Haryana

CM hosts dinner for ambassadors, officials of 18 African countries

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Adopting the go-global approach, the Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, is keen on positing Haryana on the global canvas, and its products and services on the global commercial radar.

With a view to fostering economic cooperation and promoting cultural exchanges with East and South African nations, the Chief Minister hosted a dinner for the ambassadors, high commissioners and embassy officials of 18 countries in New Delhi.

Also present were representatives from the Ministry of External Affairs and senior officers of the Haryana Government.

Ambassadors and high commissioners from 18 East and South African countries, namely Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi, Democratic Republic of the Congo, South Sudan, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Malawi, Seychelles, Mauritius, Zambia, Botswana, Namibia, Madagascar, Zimbabwe, attended the dinner gathering.

Women tie rakhi

Women ambassadors and high commissioners tied rakhi on the wrist of Mr Manohar Lal who mentioned the significance of the Raksha Bandhan festival and remarked that this is perhaps for the first time that any chief minister of Indian state has connected with foreign ambassadors with the sacred thread of rakhi. It was indeed a touching rakhi-tying festival of sorts.



Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister reiterated Haryana's commitment to strengthen diplomatic ties, foster economic cooperation, and promote cultural exchanges between Haryana and the East and South African nations.

He emphasized the need to establish not just diplomatic connections, but heart-to-heart connections.

"As when we view each other not just as partners, but as friends, the possibilities of collaboration become boundless", he said.

Her Excellency, Mrs Rosette MossiNyamale, Dean of African Ambassadors, underlined the importance of collaboration with Haryana in such sectors as trade, education, technology and culture, and said this would be beneficial for Haryana and African nations.

"Through open dialogue and col-

laborative problem-solving, we can address issues related to infrastructure, policy frameworks, and regulatory environments.

By working hand in hand, we can create an environment that nurtures growth and prosperity" she added.

Haryana showcased

Haryana also showcased a symbol of its cultural and industrial prowess – the metal utensils cluster of Jagadhari, Yamunanagar.

As a gesture of appreciation, Haryana presented each of the Ambassadors with a metal bottle crafted by the skilled artisans of Jagadhari.

The event served as a platform for meaningful discussions and laid the foundation for enhanced cooperation between Haryana and the participating African nations.

FCD keeps doing it

The Foreign Cooperation Department (FCD), actively engages with other countries in the African region for exploring potential areas to further build and promote the vision of the Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, of "Transforming Haryana through a "Go Global Approach".

The FCD, with support of the Ministry of External Affairs, organized the Haryana Africa Conclave Series 1 in Chandigarh, on October 28-29, 2021 bringing together envoys from 12 African nations, including Eritrea, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique, Nigeria, Senegal, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zimbabwe.

This marked a notable effort to engage with African countries. In the years following the conclave, the FCD continued its endeavors, deepening connections with Africa.

challenges faced by African nations have much to teach us about resilience, innovation, and community-building.

By strengthening our connections, we gain the opportunity to exchange not just commodities, but knowledge and best practices that can shape our policies, industries, and societies" he said.

Haryana has taken significant strides in establishing its global presence through the dedicated Foreign Cooperation Department (FCD). The FCD is entrusted with fostering international relationships, bolstering bilateral ties, and supporting the Haryanvi diaspora.

FORTNIGHT IN RETROSPECT

Some Acts, laws to be decriminalized



The Haryana Government has taken steps to decriminalize certain laws and Acts. The objective of this exercise is to improve the ease of doing business and ease of living for citizens by reducing burdensome compliances prescribed in the Acts/rules. The exercise aims to simplify, digitize, decriminalize, and rationalize compliances.

While presiding over the meeting regarding decriminalization of laws/Acts, the Chief Secretary, Mr Sanjeev Kaushal, directed all administrative secretaries to submit a report on the decriminalization of laws and Acts in their respective depart-

ments within a fortnight. Additionally, the departments have been tasked with reviewing 319 Acts to identify provisions that could be decriminalized.

The primary goal is to avoid registering FIRs, imprisoning people, or putting them on trial for minor violations of these laws, which are not serious in nature. Instead of treating them as criminal acts, they may be treated as civil offenses or regulated through administrative measures, fines, or other non-criminal penalties.

"The goal is to foster a business and industry-friendly environment within the state, recognizing that certain minor transgressions may

occur as part of regular work and should not be categorized as criminal offenses. Various departments of the state government have taken this initiative enthusiastically and so far, 28 Acts have been successfully decriminalized", Mr Kaushal added.

Research initiative in tune with NEP 2020

The Haryana Government has approved a proposal to encourage research for Atmanirbhar Bharat in keeping with the spirit of National Education Policy 2020.

The Haryana State Higher Education Council has written a letter to the Vice-Chancellor of the state-funded and private universities in the state asking them to follow the proposed guidelines. The proposal includes CM's fellowships in Science, Technology, Social Science, Humanities and Problem-solving researches.

Sharing this information, an official spokesperson said that it would serve four objectives. First, finding

solutions to the contemporary problems faced by various systems, including agriculture, industry, social system, economy and technology etc.

Second, create an authentic database to facilitate policy formulation and implementation. Third, explore areas of growth for creating more livelihood options for the youth of Haryana; and lastly, research in the emerging areas of science, technology and applications of science and technology.

Village watchman to get more

On the auspicious day of Rakshabandhan, the Chief Minister made several significant announcements while giving unique presents to rural watchmen. Now watchmen will get a monthly honorarium of Rs. 11,000 and uniform allowance of Rs. 4,000 per annum along with a bicycle after every five years. Apart from this, the watchmen will get Rs. 1,000 annually for stick and torch batteries.

This announcement was made when Mr Manohar Lal met representatives of village chowkidars from across the state, including Kaithal, Kurukshetra, Panipat, Charkhi Dadri, Hisar, Fatehabad, Sirsa and Karnal in Chandigarh.

He said the government had worked to transform the system and has ensured that all sanitation workers and other workers get honorarium on time every month. Works like making BPL ration cards, old age pension, Ayushman Bharat Yojana cards are also being done through PPP. This scheme is directly benefiting the villagers and there is a pleasant atmosphere among the people.

The rural watchman is an important link in the rural areas. Apart from birth and death registration, complete cooperation is taken from village watchmen in marriage registration work as well. Now the watchman will get Rs. 400 every month instead of Rs 300 for extending cooperation in death registration work of the village, the Chief Minister said.

Neeraj Chopra scripts history again

Governor, CM hail his feat

By Rajeev Ranjan Roy

Neeraj Chopra—the first Indian athlete to win a track and field medal at the Olympics—has now added one more feather to his glowing cap.

He has become the first Indian to win a gold medal in the World Athletics Championships with a big throw of 88.17m in the men's javelin final at Budapest, Hungary.

Haryana Governor Mr Bandaru Dattatraya and Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal hailed his feat while his village Khandra, 14-km from Panipat, erupted in celebration after the news of him winning the gold medal broke out.

“His 88.17m throw at Budapest to clinch India's first-ever World Athletics Championships gold medal is so inspiring,” said Mr Dattatraya, adding that he has brought rare laurels to India and Haryana, which is fast emerging as the country's sports hub.

Haryana Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal, while addressing the Haryana Vidhan Sabha during its



Monsoon Session, on August 28, Neeraj's historic victory marks him as the first athlete in India to secure a gold medal at the World Athletics Championship.

He expressed his hope that Neeraj's continued efforts would

lead to more triumphs for Haryana and the country on the global stage, and affirmed his government's unwavering commitment to fostering sports and nurturing sporting talents in the state.

Known for his exceptional tech-

nique, power, and precision, Neeraj's journey to success has been marked by consistent dedication and hard work. His victory not only exemplifies his own prowess but also represents a source of inspiration for aspiring athletes

across India and beyond.

The 25-year-old Neeraj achieved his best throw at Budapest in his second attempt.

He had a foul to start with but then got 88.17m, 86.32m, 84.64m, 87.73m and 83.98m. He has now become only the second Indian—after ace shooter Abhinav Bindra—to simultaneously hold the Olympics and World Championships title.

Chopra, who had become the first Indian Olympic track and field gold medallist in Tokyo Games in 2021, had won silver in the 2022 edition of World Championships.

Before him, legendary long jumper Anju Bobby George had won a bronze in the 2003 World Championships.

With his Budapest feat, Neeraj has won every title his sport has to offer. He has won gold in the Asian Games (2018) and Commonwealth Games (2018), besides four individual Diamond League Meeting titles (two each in 2022 and 2023) and Diamond League champion's trophy last year.

He also became junior world champion in 2016 and won the Asian Championships title in 2017.

69 awarded on Teacher's Day

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September 5 belongs to the teachers. And to mark the Teacher's Day, the Haryana Governor, Mr Bandaru Dattatraya, honoured 69 teachers from across Haryana for their exceptional contribution in the field of education. The awardees were given Rs 1 lakh, a silver medal, a shawl, and two advance increments each.

The state-level event was orga-

nized by the School Education Department at the Indradhanush Auditorium, in Panchkula. The Governor also unveiled the brochure for the Passport to Earning (P2E) program, a School Learning Literacy initiative launched in collaboration with UNICEF, initiated by the School Education Department.



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The Vidhan Sabha Speaker, Mr Gian Chand Gupta, and the School Education Minister, Mr Kanwar Pal, were also present on this occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr Dattatraya highlighted the significance of the day, emphasizing that

the entire nation commemorates the renowned diplomat, scholar, and former President of India Bharat Ratna, Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, who dedicated 40 years of his life to teaching.

He stressed the pivotal role of education in nurturing and utilizing the human brain, noting that Dr Radhakrishnan's teachings continue to inspire millions of youth. Laying stress on introspection on Teacher's Day, he urged a collective effort to overcome the obstacles hindering the goal of providing education to all.

Recalling his student days, Mr Dattatraya fondly remembered his

physics teacher, Mr Ramaiah Garu. They were ideal teachers whose words have left an indelible mark on the hearts and minds of their students.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr Gian Chand Gupta, Vidhan Sabha Speaker, stressed the role of competent teachers in shaping the students for contributing to the nation's growth. He highlighted the contributions of historical figures like Raja Ram Mohan Roy, Pandit

Madan Mohan Malviya, Mahatma Gandhi, and philosopher Shri Aurobindo in education, saying that these great personalities made a distinctive contribution to raising the standard of education in the country.

The School Education Minister, Mr Kanwar Pal, congratulated the teachers and emphasized the pivotal role they played in nation-building.

Values cannot be found in a syllabus but can only be imparted by teachers. He underscored the role teachers played in inspiring the students to follow the right path and inculcate both skills and values.

CM launches Drug-Free Haryana cyclothon



By Ajay Bhardwaj

Chief Minister Sh Manohar Lal flagged off the Drug Free Haryana Cyclothon in Karnal on September 1. The visionary endeavour taken by the Chief Minister showcases the government's determination to not only combat the malaise of drug addiction but also to spread a wave of awareness and wellness across the state.

Prior to commencing the Cyclothon rally, he administered an oath to the young participants, urging them to stay away from drug addiction. Under the banner of the Haryana Uday campaign in the Aazadi ka Amrit Mahotsav period, the Drug Free Haryana Cyclothon rally saw thousands of youth taking part in it.

The campaign against drug addiction will traverse through various districts of the state and would culminate in a grand youth rally in Karnal on September 25. Addressing the gathering the Chief Minister highlighted the need to protect Haryana's youth from drugs.

He said that under the Beti Bachao-Beti Padhao campaign, the Haryana government has played an

active role in saving and educating the girl child, now we will save the lives of the youth by keeping them away from the evil of drugs under the Drug Free Haryana campaign.

The Cyclothon rally would serve the dual purpose of promoting not only a drug-free lifestyle but also physical well-being through cycling.

Karnal to be car-free on Tuesdays

In a significant move to bring about awareness about drug-free living and promote environmental sustainability, Haryana Chief Minister Sh Manohar Lal announced that every Tuesday will be designated as a car-free day in Karnal.

As part of this initiative, all government officials will be required to travel by bicycle on Tuesdays. Furthermore, the Chief Minister also pledged that if he visits Karnal, he will personally lead by example and travel by bicycle on Tuesdays.