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CM heralds new era of development

Opens purse-strings for bonanza to staff and others

By Ajay Bhardwaj

Even as the Manohar Lal government completed nine years touching historic milestones in governance ushering in a new era of development and progress in the state, Chief Minister Sh Manohar Lal announced a pre-Diwali bonanza for the state government employees announcing a four per cent increase in their dearness allowance.

Starting from July 1, 2023, nearly 3.5 lakh employees in Haryana will receive an additional 4 percent DA. The Chief Minister also announced a significant increase in honorarium for members of Municipal Corporations, Municipal Councils, and Committees as a Diwali gift which would be applicable with effect from October 1, 2023.

Honorarium up

While the monthly honorarium of Mayors has been increased from Rs. 20,500 to Rs. 30,000, that of Senior Deputy Mayor has been increased from Rs. 16,500 to Rs. 25,000.

At the same time Deputy Mayor's honorarium has been increased from Rs. 13,000 to Rs. 20,000, and an honorarium of councillors has been increased from Rs. 10,500 to Rs. 15,000.



The honorarium of President, Municipal Council has been increased from Rs. 10,500 to Rs. 18,000. Now the Vice-President and Councilors will get an increased honorarium of Rs. 12,000 respectively in place of Rs. 7,500.

The honorarium of President, Municipal Committee has been raised from Rs. 6,500 to Rs. 10,000, while the honorarium of vice-President has increased from Rs. 4,500 to Rs. 8,000 and Councilors from Rs. 4,500 to Rs. 8,000.

Meanwhile, the honorarium for Chairperson, Zila Parishad has

been increased from Rs. 10,000 to Rs. 20,000, Vice-President from Rs. 7,500 to Rs. 15,000, and Members from Rs. 3,000 to Rs. 6,000. Besides this, the honorarium for Chairperson, Panchayat Samiti has

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been increased from Rs. 7,500 to Rs. 15,000, Vice-Chairperson from Rs. 3,500 to Rs. 7,000, and Members from Rs. 1,600 to Rs. 3,000.

The Chief Minister further announced an increase in the pension

for Hindi Movement Satyagrahis and emergency victims from Rs. 10,000 to Rs. 15,000.

He said that the state government is now providing a monthly pension of Rs. 10,000 to those who participated in the Hindi Movement of 1957, emergency victims, and widows. This amount has now been increased to Rs. 15,000. Furthermore, the chief minister shared that 42,431 new PPP verified beneficiaries will start receiving the old age pension benefits with immediate effect. This automated pension system has made it easier for people to

Pension scheme for trees

Chief Minister Sh Manohar Lal launched the Pranavayu Devta Pension Scheme providing pension to 3,810 trees at a rate of Rs 2,750 per annum making Haryana is the first state in the country to implement such a pioneering scheme, aiming to preserve venerable trees aged 75 years and above.

The state residents who have trees in excess of 75 years in their homes' courtyards have been invited to apply for this unique pension scheme by visiting their respective district forest department offices.

Each application will be meticulously reviewed by a committee, ensuring that all criteria are met before the beneficiary receives their pension.

The annual pension of Rs 2,750 for these Pranavayu Devata trees will be deposited into the guardian's account for the tree's maintenance and care. Furthermore, the pension amount will see annual increments, akin to an old-age samman allowance.

availability of government benefits without having to visit government offices.

9 years but first-time-firsts multiply many times over

By Parveen K Modi

Nine years but the first-time-firsts scored by the Manohar Lal Government multiplied many times over!

The nine-year tenure of the present government, spanning two stints, has been historic, marked as it was by many path-breaking first-time decisions and initiatives Haryana logged in several fields, making the state a trendsetter and a talking point at the national forums.

So much so some policies of Haryana have been adopted not only by the Centre but also by some states.

Rapid strides

These, together with the rapid strides logged in many fields, made the Prime Minister, Mr Narendra Modi, bestow on Mr Manohar Lal the sobriquet of a Chief Minister who constantly thinks of the state and betterment of its people.

“ I am of the firm conviction that any reform-induced change, made with an eye on people's convenience and well-being, leaves its mark on the sands of time. Since our government assumed office for the first term in 2014, the horse of reforms has been in full trot. Thinking out of the box, we took many first-time decisions to shed the baggage of the past, pace up delivery of services to the people, and make life of the man in the street easy. ”

-Manohar Lal

He went on record saying on the soil of the state that “Haryana has a Chief Minister who works with dedication and innovation”.

A staunch believer in making governance responsive and participatory, the Chief Minister remains a reformist to the core of his being.

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ple, and make life of the man in the street easy”, said Mr Manohar Lal.

Haryana Review makes an attempt to recall and count some of the first-time decisions, if not all, which are a matter of record.

Haryana is the first state in the country to have taken the decision to fix educational qualification for the candidates wanting to contest

elections for the panchayati raj institutions (PRIs), giving the grassroots level democracy a shot of education.

Stemming from the vision of the Chief Minister, the idea was to have educated panchayats to ensure better development of villages and their surroundings.

Historic decision

Another first-time and historic decision is to make the villages Lal-Dora free, something which was emulated by the Centre as well as other states.

Haryana again is the first state to have Gram Sachivalayas to take the administration to people's doorsteps; first to introduce E-tendering and e-filing of bills; first state to procure 14 crops at MSP and pay the highest price for sugarcane; and first to introduce online teachers transfer policy. Besides, Haryana is

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CM wants SYL hurdles resolved

Offers to hold another round of talks with Punjab CM

By Ajay Bhardwaj

Haryana Chief Minister Sh Manohar Lal Khattar has written to his Punjab counterpart, Sh Bhagwant Mann, expressing willingness to hold another dialogue "to resolve any hurdle or obstacles hindering the construction" of the Sutlej-Yamuna Link canal.

The chief minister, in his communication, recalled that the Supreme Court issued a comprehensive order on October 4, 2023, explicitly stating that "the execution is not related to the allocation of water".

Significantly, in the absence of Haryana receiving its share of river water the irrigation potential created to irrigate 10 lakh acres of area has been lying idle.

"Every resident of Haryana is anxiously anticipating the prompt SYL canal construction within the Punjab region, as per the decree outlined in Original Case No. 6 of 1996. Apart from this, I remain com-



mitted to taking any necessary actions to realise this long-awaited aspiration of my people, particularly those on the dry lands of southern Haryana," he said.

Inconclusive meetings

The last meeting between the two chief ministers was held on October 14, 2022. Subsequently, the Union Jal Shakti minister conducted a second round of discussions on January 4, 2023, during which the chief ministers of both states were present. All meetings over the SYL canal have, however,

remained inconclusive so far.

Despite two Supreme Court rulings, Punjab is yet to conclude the canal construction. Instead of adhering to the court decisions, Punjab attempted to obstruct its implementation by enacting the Agreement Revocation Act in 2004.

According to the provisions of the Punjab Reorganisation Act 1966 and as per the Government of India's order dated 24.3.1976, Haryana was allocated 3.5 million acre-feet (MAF) of water from the surplus waters of the Ravi-Beas

Highlights

Punjab using 1.88 MAF of Haryana's share of river water

Last meeting of two CMs took place on Oct 14, 2022

Haryana's 10 lakh acres deprived of irrigation

rivers. However, due to the non construction of the SYL canal, Haryana is only using 1.62 MAF of water. Punjab, by failing to complete the canal's construction within its jurisdiction, is unlawfully utilising approximately 1.9 MAF of Haryana's share of water.

This obstinate attitude of Punjab has left Haryana unable to access its rightful share of 1.88 MAF of water. The unavailability of this water has led to a significant decline in the groundwater levels in southern Haryana. Due to the non-construction of the SYL canal, farmers in Haryana are forced to rely on expensive diesel for irrigation and run electric tubewells, incurring an additional cost of Rs 100 crore to Rs 150 crore annually.

Procurement picks up pace

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Given the importance of grain procurement—a crucial component of agricultural policy—in ensuring food security, the guidance and visionary leadership of Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal has ensured smooth Kharif crop procurement with prompt payments in the state. According to data from the Food, Civil Supplies, and Consumer Affairs Department, Haryana State Cooperative Supply and Marketing Federation and other agencies have procured a total of 41,73,663.43 metric tonnes of paddy from 2,28,754 farmers till October 23, 2023.

The Kharif crop procurement commenced on September 25 and is proceeding seamlessly across the state. Farmers are experiencing a hassle-free selling process, thanks to the prior directives issued by Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal, ensuring thorough preparations for the procurement procedure.

Crops are being procured at the minimum support price (MSP) and payments are being guaranteed within a 72-hour window. The entire process assumes significance as the procurement of crops not only guarantees a steady income for farmers but also acts as a safety net against market fluctuations, providing them with a sense of financial security. Kurukshetra leads in paddy procurement, acquiring a maximum of 8,56,108.70 metric tonnes. Furthermore, millet procurement is progressing seamlessly in the state, with 3,65,742.35 metric tonnes purchased from 1,23,441 farmers.

Haryana takes the lead in inter-state trade

By Rajeev Ranjan Roy

In a bid to promote inter-state trade, Haryana has taken a befitting lead.

A delegation led by Mr Aditya Devi Lal Chautala, Chairman, Haryana Agricultural Marketing Board (HAMB), including chairpersons and officials from the marketing boards of Goa, Uttarakhand, Rajasthan, and Assam, on October 22 met Punjab Chief Minister Mr Bhagwant Singh Mann at his residence in Chandigarh and ap-

prised him about the Inter-State Trade Conference that held on October 20 in Panchkula.

While presenting his proposal to Punjab Chief Minister Mr Mann, HAMB Chairman Mr Chautala highlighted the potential for inter-state agricultural trade.

Exchange of kinnow

Drawing parallels with the exchange of kinnow between Haryana and Punjab, he suggested that Goa, with its cashew and coconut production, could exchange produce

with other states including kinnow.

He emphasized that such exchanges could facilitate connections between farmers across the country. The Chairman proposed the establishment of special agriculture zones in each state, where two to three acres of land could be allocated to ensure fair prices for crops and address storage and food security issues.

Chief Minister Mr Bhagwant Singh Mann welcomed this proposal and expressed his agreement, indicating that Punjab would host

an inter-state trade conference soon.

Those present in the meeting included Mr Harchand Singh Barsat, Chairman, Punjab Marketing Board; Mr Prakash Shankar Velip, Chairman, Goa Marketing Board; Mr Ashish Bhatgain, an official from the Uttarakhand Marketing Board; Mr Keshar Singh, an official from the Rajasthan Marketing Board; Mr Tej Pratap Bhusal, an official from Assam; and representatives from the HAMB.

Families of police martyrs well taken care of: DGP

Each gets Rs 1.3 cr and job offer

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The Director General of Police (DGP), Mr Shatrueet Kapur, has unequivocally reiterated the state government's unwavering commitment to the welfare of police personnel and the families who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

He lauded the visionary leadership of the Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, and the insightful guidance of the Home Minister, Mr Anil Vij, in ensuring seamless implementation of a range of welfare initiatives.

Job security

In the unfortunate event of an employee's martyrdom, the bereaved family not only receives job security but also pension, in addition to substantial financial assistance amounting to Rs 1.3 crore.

Furthermore, for cases of accidental fatalities involving contract-



based employees in the Police Department, financial aid of Rs 50 lakh is extended to support the dependent family.

He was speaking after paying homage to the immortal police martyrs by laying a wreath at the 'Police Martyr Memorial' on the sol-

emn occasion of the Police Martyrdom Day, held at Police Lines, Panchkula. This day serves as a poignant reminder of the sacrifices made by 188 valiant martyrs of the Indian Police Force. "Today, we gather to honor the courageous martyrs of the Indian Police Service,

who have tirelessly striven to uphold law and order, as well as safeguard the unity and integrity of the country. They have selflessly laid down their lives in the noble pursuit of safeguarding our security, protecting the lives and property of our fellow citizens. Today, we stand in

reverence, honoring the indomitable courage and unwavering devotion to duty exemplified by the valiant sons of Haryana Police and the Indian Police Service, whose sacrifices ensure the safety of every citizen", he added.

83 martyred

He poignantly remarked that since the state's inception, 83 brave individuals from the police force have made the ultimate sacrifice while serving the state and its people. Since October 21, 1959, a staggering number of 36,214 police personnel across the nation have made the supreme sacrifice in the line of duty. Citing statistics, he revealed that the number of martyred police personnel in the 1990s exceeded a thousand.

In 2015, this number stood at 701, which has now remarkably reduced to 188 in 2023.

This significant decline underscores the police force's enhanced effectiveness and unwavering commitment to serving and protecting the nation, he added.

Freezing some first-time-firsts

Compiled by Vinay Malik



CM gives the title deed to a farmer in Lal Dora-free Sirsa district



Mr Manohar Lal at a pre-Budget round with different stakeholders



A tehsil after given a make-over



Villagers at an e-Choupal



A farmer flaunts a V-sign over MSP for 14 crops



Mahila police station

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Some first time firsts

the first state in the country to set up Mahila Police Stations; first to introduce 75 per cent reservation for locals in private jobs; first to pay the highest cash award to the medal winners in global sporting events; and is well on way to becoming the first to set up district-wise helipad facilities.

Also, Haryana is the only state in the country to have 50 percent participation of women in panchayats; has per capita annual income of Rs 2,96,685 which is the highest among big states; pays the highest daily wage of Rs 357 to MGNREGA workers; and provides online services through the Antyodaya Saral Portal under 675 schemes of 54 departments.

Notable among the other path-breaking initiatives include single-window clearance system housed in the Chief Minister's Office; all clearances within two

months; DCs empowered to clear CLU for projects involving investment of up to Rs 1 crore on one acre; and setting up of a Medium Term Expenditure Framework Reserve Fund of about Rs 8,700 crore in 2021-22 to give big long-term projects a big liquidity push.

None thought of it

No chief minister ever thought of it before. Mr Manohar Lal introduced the practice of having interactive sessions with different stakeholders in the run-up to the Budget to make the annual statement of accounts rise to the expectations of the people.

He is the first Chief Minister, doubling up as Finance Minister, to have started this practice, a legacy his successors will find difficult to cast away.

It was for the first time in the history of Haryana that the Budget for 2020-21 was preceded by two-month-long detailed discussions with various stakeholders, including MPs and MLAs from across the political aisle.

The eight-round process elicited as many as 300 suggestions.

The Chief Minister weighed each and every suggestion and was

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able to sew into the fabric of his maiden Budget about 70 per cent of them.

Not that Haryana has stopped adding more feathers to its cap of first-time-firsts.

The process continues. Recently, it is for the first time that engineering courses were started in Hindi language.

Plans are on the drawing board

to start medical courses in Hindi in the next phase.

Also, committed to promoting higher education for women and girls the Haryana Women Development Corporation has implemented the "Education Loan Scheme" aimed at facilitating women and girls in pursuing higher education.

It has been designed keeping in view the fact that limited financial resources, high fee structure and costly educational loans from banks often deter women from pursuing higher education, including professional/technical diplomas, undergraduate, post-graduate, and medical courses.

Interest subsidy

To alleviate this financial burden, the scheme offers a 5 percent interest rate subsidy on education loans.

For example, if a bank offers an education loan with an interest rate of 9.5 percent, the corporation will subsidize it to 5 percent, resulting in beneficiaries paying only 4.5 percent interest.

Under this scheme, eligible beneficiaries include girls and women who are permanent resi-

dents of Haryana and the daughters of government employees working in the state government, who are pursuing education both within the country and abroad.

Education loans will be disbursed through banks following their respective education loan schemes.

To apply for this scheme, applicants are required to submit their application form along with the bank's approval letter, an acceptance letter from the educational institution, proof of permanent residence in Haryana, identification documents for Haryana government employees, Parivar Pehchan Patra, Aadhar card, and bank statements.

Women and girls temporarily residing outside Haryana but employed by the Haryana government can submit their applications. Reformers may initially run into odds stacked up by those across the political aisle, but in the ultimate analysis, they trump the status-quoists, feels Mr Manohar Lal.

It is this conviction which led to Haryana scoring many first-time firsts in the shape of path-breaking decisions.

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source of inspiration, principle, and good governance. In the last nine years, India has been marching forward on progress. This is the reason for the high rate of growth despite adversities.

- Narendra Modi



Haryana at the Forefront

Country with all states, union territories, and Chandigarh	Na kharchi, Na Parchi 1,10,000 Government jobs on the basis of merit; Recruitment for 60,000 posts soon	C.M. Window Transparent redressal of 11 lakh public complaints
Income tax and big states	MNREGA Daily wage of ₹357, highest in the country	First state to purchase maximum 14 crops at M.S.P.
Prasat – of paddy in water	PM Kusum Yojana Maximum 56,263 solar pumps installed in the country and process of installing 70,000 new solar pumps started	Dial 112 – Responded to 20 lakh emergency calls on an average of 8 minutes
and Cyber-Cell district	Auto Appeal Software Right to Service Act implemented in true spirit, Redressal of 9 lakh complaints	Antyodaya Saral Portal – 675 schemes of 54 departments online, Provided more than 10 crore services
and benefits of families	Medical colleges in every district; Number of medical colleges increased from 6 to 15 MBBS seats increased from 700 to 2185	Vivah Shagun Yojana – Shagun of up to ₹71,000 on the marriage of daughters of eligible families
Monthly pension to and of emergency	Remarkable Modern infrastructure New Metro network laid in NCR area. Haryana Orbital Rail Corridor at a cost of ₹5618 crore Construction work of Regional Rapid Transit System (NAMO Bharat Train) started at a cost of ₹70,000 crore	

Governance undergoes a paradigm shift

CM's 'Jan Samvad', 'Vishesh Charcha' turn a new leaf

By Ajay Bhardwaj

The state governance has undergone a paradigm shift with the one-hour-long CM ki Vishesh Charcha programme held on every Saturday through audio conferencing by Chief Minister Sh Manohar Lal.

Coupled with the Jan Samvad programmes being held across the state the chief minister has turned a new leaf in governance that has reached the doorstep of the people for a direct communication with him. It is to share the grievances, the problems and the bottlenecks that various welfare schemes might have run into while getting benefits to the people. In fact, the Chief Minister's innovative initiative has been forging a direct and impactful connection between the administration and the people. With 40 Charcha sessions held over 40 weeks by mid-October the transparency and integrity of the state administration has come to the fore.

Notably, during the one-hour CM ki Vishesh Charcha program held on every Saturday through audio conferencing, the chief minister orchestrates a symphony of governance like never before. Additionally, for 40 consecutive weeks, the Chief Minister has embraced a remarkable spectacle of Samvad sessions conducted through the magic of audio conferencing that has resulted in developing a direct connection with those living at grassroot levels.



The "CM ki Vishesh Charcha" programme has provided beneficiaries from every nook and corner of the block, tehsil, and district with a golden opportunity to directly interact with their Chief Minister. For many, this direct line of communication was initially unbelievable, as they found themselves awestruck when they realized they were talking to the Chief Minister himself.

Key issues addressed

The programme has addressed a wide range of issues through audio conferencing, including discussions with beneficiaries of Rozgar Melas, entrepreneurs running food processing units registered with the MSME department, students in newly established playway schools,

beneficiaries of Ambedkar Awaas Yojana, members of School Management Committees, and parents of students in model Sanskriti primary schools.

Zero tolerance

These audio conferences have not only brought the administration and the common people closer but have also underscored the Chief Minister's unwavering commitment to maintaining high standards of governance. Notable incidents include the suspension of a Horticulture Officer for accepting a bribe and the issuance of an explanation letter to a Horticulture Development Officer for being unaware of departmental schemes during one such Samvad.

The "CM ki Vishesh Charcha" program has provided beneficiaries with memorable moments, as some have even invited the Chief Minister to their homes.

Others have seen their long-standing grievances resolved in mere 5-minute telephonic interactions with the Chief Minister.

This initiative, a first of its kind, has been a game-changer for many residents. Individuals like Ranjit Kumar, who had urged the Chief Minister for financial help, received prompt assistance of Rs. 1 lakh. Numerous other beneficiaries have raised their concerns during the Samvad sessions and seen their issues promptly resolved.

In addition to the "CM ki Vishesh Charcha" programme, the

Chief Minister continues his efforts with ongoing Jan Samvads in various districts, ensuring that the voices at the grassroots level are promptly heard. From immediate action against corrupt practices to on-the-spot distribution of pension certificates and financial aid, Manohar Lal's Samvad initiatives are turning the fortunes of those who never imagined that their Chief Minister would personally address their concerns.

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Transforming lives

The CM ki Vishesh Charcha is a shining example of accessible, transparent, and responsive governance, transforming the lives of the people it serves and bridging the gap between the administration and the common man.

Also, these audio conferences held every Saturday have gradually become a testament to accessible, transparent, and responsive governance. These Samvads have also become a beacon of hope and transformation.

With such public interaction programmes, the Haryana government is not only changing the lives of its citizens but also celebrating a new era of governance that places the common man at its heart, turning dreams into realities.

Development of Nuh our top priority: CM

Committed to fulfill PM's vision to develop Nuh as aspirational district

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Chief Minister Sh. Manohar Lal has asserted his commitment to develop Nuh as an aspirational district as envisioned by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. During his recent day-long visit to Nuh the chief minister took stock of the development works and made an earnest appeal for peace and harmony. He said the Kotla Lake, spanning 108 acres in the Mewat region, will be developed under a special scheme and in addition, a special pipeline will be laid along with the KMP to provide Yamuna water to the Nuh district.

He stated that Prime Minister, Sh. Narendra Modi has taken a commitment to raise Nuh district to the same level as other districts, with a focus on education, health, industry, agriculture, and law, while adhering to high standards. The Chief Minister further said that the Prime Minister's concern for Nuh dis-



trict, highlighting how PM Modi consistently inquires about the progress of Mewat's development during their meetings.

Phirni of 18 villages

The chief minister announced that an approval has been granted for the Phirni of 18 villages for 3 assembly constituencies of the district, which is estimated to cost around Rs.15-16 crore. The district administration has been directed to expedite other development works

at hand.

In view of recent violence in and around Nuh the Chief Minister, at a meeting with the district peace committee, stressed that Nuh district's history reflects a spirit of brotherhood, underscoring the right of every community to conduct religious programmes and the need to prevent any disruption of this harmony.

He made it clear that those involved in the violence would not be spared, regardless of their religion

or caste. The Chief Minister called upon people from all communities to unite and cooperate with the district and police administration in apprehending the culprits.

Regarding the losses incurred during the violence, the Chief Minister mentioned that compensation has been provided to the affected people through the E-kshatipoorti portal, and investigations are ongoing for pending cases.

CM visits Badkali Chowk

The chief minister later visited Badkali Chowk in Nuh district to meet the victims of the violence that occurred on last July 31. He inspected an oil mill that was set on fire by miscreants.

The Chief Minister expressed his strong disapproval of the violent incidents and expressed his appreciation for immediate restoration of peace and amity in the town.

He said it was the responsibility of the district administration and the government to restore law and order promptly in such circumstances. Thanks to the collective efforts of everyone, the situation has returned to normal, he added. He directed

officers to enhance police patrolling in this area to ensure the law and order situation is effectively maintained.

Tribute to police martyrs

At a function in the Nuh Police Lines the chief minister paid tribute to the martyrs in the police force on Police Commemoration Day. He honoured the sacrifice of the security personnel who lost their lives while performing their duty.

The Chief Minister draped a shawl on Sunita Devi, the widow of Martyr constable Satyaveer who lost his life at a checkpoint while trying to stop illegal mining, and offered his respects to Siddharth (Under Training), the son of late DSP Surender, resident of Sarangpur village of Hisar, who lost his life while preventing illegal mining in Tauru.

Chief Minister, Sh. Manohar Lal while addressing the programme expressed his deep gratitude towards the police personnel and their families, acknowledging the challenges and risks they face daily.

Medical infra gets another big shot

CM lays stone of Rs 950-cr medical college in Kaithal

By Rajeev Ranjan Roy

Committed to taking health care closer home to the people and walking the talk to set up a medical college in every district, Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal on October 16, 2023 laid the foundation stone of Rs 950 crore Bhagwan Parshuram Government Medical College in Kaithal district.

This not only exemplifies his unwavering dedication to the betterment of healthcare standards, research, and innovation, underscoring the importance of quality medical education in addressing complex health challenges but also reiterates his conviction that healthcare serves as the bedrock for individual well-being and societal progress.

100 MBBS seats

The Bhagwan Parshuram Government Medical College, which is to be constructed in Sampan Khedi village at an estimated cost of Rs 950 crore on a 20-acre land, will have 100 MBBS seats and a 500-bed hospital. A target has been set to complete the construction work of this project in the next 30 months.

In the words of Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal, the state government is extending healthcare services to every home by establishing medical colleges in each district. In addition, the government is initiating the setup of gymnasiums and wellness centres in every village, promoting preventive healthcare in villages and reducing the need for hospital visits, he said.

He said that preceding regimes had established six medical colleges before 2014, providing a total of 700 MBBS seats. But now in the year 2023, there are 15 medical colleges in the state and 2185 MBBS seats. Plans are underway to establish eight additional medical colleges, including in Fatehabad, Sirsa, Charkhi Dadri and Palwal. Over the next three to four years, the number of MBBS seats is expected to reach 3,500, he added.



The state government is also actively setting up Nursing Colleges and Paramedical Colleges. The Chief Minister said that the govern-

ment's commitment extends beyond infrastructure development. The government is dedicated to promoting public health awareness, with the

construction of gyms and wellness centres in every village, which will not only offer Ayurvedic services but will have dietitians as well to educate the public about healthy lifestyles and dietary choices.

Earlier on September 25, 2023, Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal inaugurated the construction work of Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib Government Medical College in Panjpur village, Yamunanagar. This project, estimated to cost around Rs 1200 crore, aims to be completed in approximately 30 months. It will have a 100-seat Medical College, a 500-bedded hospital, a Nursing College, and Physiotherapy Institute.

CM's vision

The vision of Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal to have a robust healthcare system is guided by the fact that accessible and effective healthcare services are fundamental in promoting social equity, as they bridge the gap between the privileged and marginalized communities, ensuring that everyone has an equal opportunity to lead a healthy life. Healthcare, in fact, has a direct

impact on the vitality and sustainability of individuals and communities.

It is a matter of fact that an all wholesome approach has been adopted to put in place a resilient healthcare system in place, which eluded the state for years.

'Mukhya-mantri Muft Ilaz Yojana' offers seven essential services free of charge, including surgeries, laboratory tests, diagnostic services (such as X-rays, ECG, and ultrasound), outpatient and inpatient services, essential medications, referral transportation, and dental treatments.

Nirogi Haryana Scheme

Similarly, Nirogi Haryana Scheme—inaugurated on November 29, 2022 during the International Gita Mahotsav by President of India Mrs Droupadi Murmu—in its initial phase focuses on examining the health of 30.6 lakh Antyodaya families with annual income up to Rs 1.8 lakh. There are over 1.21 crore members in these families. A comprehensive campaign is currently underway to assess the health of all these individuals.

Considering the hardships faced by economically disadvantaged individuals who could not access healthcare due to financial constraints, Prime Minister Mr Narendra Modi has started Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Ayushman Bharat Yojana for the treatment of poor families.

Building upon this initiative, the Haryana Government introduced the Chirayu Haryana Scheme, extending its reach to further benefit the less privileged.

Under the Chirayu Haryana Scheme, families with annual incomes up to Rs 1.8 lakh receive health coverage of Rs 5 lakh per year. In addition, the scheme has been expanded to families with annual incomes up to Rs 3 lakh.

The scheme aims to cover approximately 29 lakh Antyodaya families of the state. Under this scheme, Ayushman Bharat-Chirayu cards of about 86 lakh people have been made. Indeed, a new dawn has taken place on the state's horizon of healthcare!

IMI 5.0, a grand success!

All three phases of Intensified Mission Indradhanush 5.0 have been successfully completed in Haryana.

National Health Mission, Health Department Haryana has achieved 100 per cent vaccination target. Children and pregnant women who were not vaccinated for any reason have been covered under Campaign IMI 5.0. Under the campaign, 44895 pregnant women and 195268 children were vaccinated by the department.

Rajnarayan Kaushik, Mission Director, National Health Mission, Haryana, while sharing information, said that information about the vaccination to be given at the prescribed time period is sent to the beneficiary through message so that no preg-

nant woman or child is left out of vaccination.

Dr. Kuldeep, Director, National Health Mission, Haryana, said that three rounds of Intensive Mission Indradhanush were conducted under which all the districts have been covered. "Beneficiaries, all children up to 05 years of age and pregnant women who missed any dose, have been targeted," he said.

Dr Virendra Ahlawat, State Immunization Officer, Haryana, said that in the first phase more than 15472 pregnant women were covered in the first phase against the target of 13660.

In the second phase, 15712 pregnant women were covered against the target of 13752 and in the third phase, 13711 pregnant women were covered by vaccination against the target of 13720.

Now, coding-robotics skills for school children

By Parveen K Modi

Drawing inspiration from the vision of the Chief Minister, Mr. Manohar Lal, to make the students across the state future-ready and inculcate in them the spirit of innovation, the Education Department is pulling all stops to enable them to not just thrive but also innovate and become leaders in an ever-evolving, technology-driven world.

Besides other initiatives, the Education Department has launched an innovative programme aimed at equipping school-children in grades 6 to 12 with essential coding and robotics skills.

This pioneering initiative is taking roots in 354 government senior secondary schools across the state, fostering technological proficiency, and nurturing the next generation of innovators and leaders.

Set rolling on September 26, the programme makes a significant stride in nurturing creativity and critical thinking among the students and prepares them for a future where technology plays a pivotal role.

Multifaceted initiative

This endeavor received strong endorsement, securing an allocation of more than Rs 4.6 crore at a recent meeting of the executive committee of Haryana Samagra Siksha, under



the chairmanship of Chief Secretary Mr Sanjeev Kaushal.

This multifaceted initiative goes beyond empowering the students, igniting innovation in education, and ensuring hygiene; it's also about nurturing talents.

All these elements converge towards a greater purpose, preparing the students for an increasingly technologically advanced world. The

core components of this comprehensive plan include: Rani Laxmibai Atma Raksha Prashikshan Programme (self-defense training for girl students); A budget of Rs. 614 lakh has been allocated for this initiative for empowering girls in 4,098 schools with essential self-defense skills.

By equipping them with the knowledge and skills needed to protect themselves, this program places a strong emphasis on the safety and well-being of female students.

Pad vending machines

Sanitary Pad Vending & Incinerator Machines (SPVI): The Education Department has earmarked

over Rs 5.5 crore, equivalent to Rs. 39,500 per school, for the installation of SPVI machines in 1394 schools. These machines will facilitate the distribution and responsible disposal of sanitary pads. The procurement process is already underway, with 350 machines already installed.

The remaining 464 machines will be procured through a fresh tender, ensuring that female students have access to proper sanitary facilities. Interaction sessions with local role models: These have been initiated to promote girls' education. An amount of Rs. 84.92 lakh has been approved for 1,544 elementary schools.

CM felicitates Asian Games winners



Inaugurates ten Khelo India Centres

By Ajay Bhardwaj

Giving a big pat to sportspersons from Haryana who excelled in the recently held Asian Games in China Chief Minister Sh Manohar Lal honoured the gold medal-winning athletes with a cash reward of Rs. 3 crore, the silver medalists with Rs. 1.5 crore, and bronze medalists with Rs. 75 lakh, along with commendation letters and job offer letters, to recognize their accomplishments.

At a state-level function held in Karnal the chief minister along with Union Sports Minister Anurag Thakur congratulated all the athletes for their achievements and wished them success in future sports competitions.

The Chief Minister said that be it the Olympics, Paralympics or Khelo India, Haryanvi sportspersons with

their Dhakad performances have always made the country and state proud.

On this occasion the chief minister announced the setting up of shooting ranges in Nimana village in Jhajjar district and Sector 32 in Panchkula to promote shooting sports in the state, two archery centres to be established in Tejli Stadium in Yamunanagar district and District Sports Complex in Faridabad.

Khelo India Centres

Before the felicitation ceremony, the Chief Minister inaugurated 10 Khelo India Centers in Haryana as part of the Khelo India Scheme. The centres are located in Ambala, Faridabad, Palwal, Yamunanagar, Jind, Jhajjar, Charkhi Dadri, Kurukshetra, Kaithal, and Bhiwani.

"The approval has been granted for 15 Khelo India Centers for Haryana by the Central Ministry of Sports, with 10 centres inaugurated

Highlights

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Two archery centres to be established in Tejli Stadium in Yamunanagar district

Faridabad to have a District Sports Complex

225 players given Govt. jobs

More than Rs 300 crores given as cash award to players

today and 5 more centres scheduled to be established next year in Hisar, Sirsa, Nuh, Sonapat, and Karnal," said the chief minister.

The Chief Minister also urged the Union Minister to approve the establishment of Khelo India Cen-

ters in the remaining 17 districts, ensuring that centres are opened in all 22 districts so that children can be prepared for Khelo India and other major competitions.

Kudos for CM

The Union Minister said under the leadership of Prime Minister, Sh. Narendra Modi sports were being taken to new heights.

He complimented the Manohar Lal government for having given cash rewards totalling more than Rs. 300 crore to athletes and provided jobs to nearly 225 players. "This shows that Haryana has excelled in comparison to other states, and for this, the Chief Minister and his team deserve congratulations", said Sh. Anurag Singh Thakur.

Dhakad pehalwan pride

The Chief Minister said that Dhakad Jawan (Soldier) Dhakad Kisan (Farmer) and Dhakad Pehalwan (Wrestler) are the pride of

Haryana. He said that today's event is not just about honour but also a program of pride and gratitude.

"We take pride in the fact that Haryana has made its mark in the world of sports. In National and International sports, Haryana's participation contributes to about 30-40 percent of the medals. Therefore, we are proud of our players," said Sh. Manohar Lal.

The Chief Minister also expressed gratitude to the parents and coaches of the athletes who have supported them and provided the inspiration to move forward. He mentioned that in the 19th Asian Games, Haryana's nearly 80 athletes participated and won 30 medals, with a total of 44 medalists. The Chief Minister urged the athletes to start their preparations now and get ready for the Olympics. He said that Haryana is at the top in India, but to achieve the top position in the world in terms of medals, more hard work is required.

Haryana outshines in Asian Para Games

Wins 14 medals

Haryana Review Bureau

Displaying their incredible talent and unwavering determination in the 4th Asian Para Games the participants from Haryana have excelled in a big way bringing immense pride to their nation as well as to the state.

Till the last reports came in, India had won , in all, 64 medals of which Haryana captured 14 of them with two gold, three silver and nine bronze medals.

Para athlete Ekta Bhyan from Hisar has won a bronze medal in the Asian Para Games being held in Hangzhou, China. Ekta, 38, secured the medal in the Women's Club Throw-F32/51 event, with a throw of 21.66 meters.

Ekta is a Haryana Civil Services (HCS) officer and presently posted as Employment Officer in the University Employment Information and Guidance Bureau at the Chaudhary Charan Singh Haryana Agriculture University, Hisar.

A bright student since school, Ekta aspired to pursue medical stream.

However, a tragic accident changed



Congratulations to Ekta Bhyan for securing the bronze medal in the Women's Para Club Throw- F32/51 event. India is delighted by this achievement!

— Narendra Modi

the course of her life in 2003 when a truck overturned on their cab near Kundli in Sonapat district on the Delhi-Haryana border. While six other students were crushed to death, she suffered quadriplegic spinal

cord injury and is wheelchair-bound ever since. In a remarkable display of strength and determination, Ashok, hailing from Haryana, secured a well-deserved bronze medal in the 65 kg weight category.

Ashok's incredible performance saw him lifting an impressive 192 kg in his second attempt, solidifying his place on the victory podium.

Ashok attributed his success to the unwavering guidance of JP Singh, the chief coach of Para power lifting, who not only mentored him but also led him to this remarkable achievement.

Ideathon to give youth forum to think big

Haryana Review Bureau

The Haryana Government has launched "Ideathon Haryana," a program inspired by the popular TV show "Shark Tank," with the aim of showcasing technical talents of students of the state. The programme was inaugurated on October 20 Mr Sudhir Rajpal, Additional Chief Secretary, Haryana Youth Empowerment and Entrepreneurship Department.

Addressing officers and principals of ITIs and Polytechnic institutes connected online for the launch, Mr Rajpal emphasized the state government's commitment to empower the youth studying at ITIs and polytechnic institutes. Rather than seeking jobs, they should become job creators.

"Ideathon Haryana," initiated under the Haryana Skill Development Mission, aims to harness innovative ideas from the youth. The winners of this competition will receive monetary prizes and have their ideas presented to potential investors for further development. The competition is accessible in both Hindi and English, catering to the youth of all 22 districts of Haryana, organized into seven zones. Top three winners in each zone will be awarded cash prizes of Rs 31,000, Rs 21,000, and Rs 11,000 for Gold, Silver, and Bronze categories, respectively. Detailed registration instructions are available on the portal, along with instructional videos.