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## No vertical split of HSVP plots

### Step aimed at checking evasion of stamp, registration duty

By PARVEEN K MODI

The Haryana Government has decided not to allow vertical transfer of any floor while registering different floors as separate dwelling units in case of the residential plots developed by the Haryana Urban Development Authority (HSVP). This has been done to plug leakage of revenue on account of avoidance of stamp and registration duty.

A single floor cannot be registered in the name of two or more separate persons by dividing the same. Hence, only horizontal complete floor will be allowed to be transferred and registered under the Registration Act, 1908 (Central Act 16 of 1908).

This has been made clear in a letter issued by Mr Sanjeev Kaushal, Financial Commissioner, Revenue & Disaster Management and Consolidation Department, in connection with registration of different floors as separate dwelling units in case of residential plots developed by the HSVP. The Letter has been issued to all deputy commissioners, tehsildar-cum-deputy registrars and naib-tehsildar-cum-deputy/joint-registrars in Haryana



The letter makes it crystal clear that there shall be no fragmentation of the plot vertically, and all independent floor owners shall jointly own the full plot of land having independent floors. The apportionment of land cost for the purpose

of stamp duty and registration fees shall be in equal proportion among all independent floors.

It has been clarified that the same shall be 50 per cent each for two floors, 33.33 per cent each for three floors and 25 per cent each

for four floors, as per the collector rates fixed from time to time in the respective districts.

Mr Kaushal has pointed out that in case of residential plots developed by HSVP, different floors (even 2/3/4) have been allowed as separate dwelling units but various instructions/guidelines issued in this case are not being strictly followed. Hence additional guidelines/instructions have been issued. All the decisions taken by the HSVP should be followed in letter and spirit, the letter says.

Prior permission of HSVP shall be mandatory before registration of a specific floor of a plot whether vacant or built up. If a constructed floor is transferred, apportioned cost of plot as well as cost of construction of that floor as per the Collector rate shall be combined for the purpose of levy of stamp duty and registration fees.

For the registration of such independent floors, in addition to the normal Stamp duty, one per cent extra Stamp Duty will be paid by the applicant desirous of registering floor-wise dwelling units. The officers concerned have been directed to enforce these instructions in letter and spirit. Any violation of the same will be viewed seriously, the letter adds.

## Haryana gets Rs 11-cr PDRD grant, totals Rs 44 crore

By RAJEEV RANJAN ROY

Haryana has received Rs 11 crore as 4th instalment of Post Devolution Revenue Deficit (PDRD) grant from the Union Ministry of Finance, totalling Rs 44 crore. According to an official statement, the Ministry of Finance has released Rs 9,871 crore to 17 states as the fourth instalment of PDRD grant.

The cumulative figure released to the states in the current financial year stands at Rs 39,484 crore. The fund is released by the Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance.

The PDRD grant is provided to states under Article 275 of the Constitution. The grants are being released as per recommendations of the 15th Finance Commission in monthly installments to meet the gap in the revenue accounts of states post devolution. The Com-

mission had recommended PDRD grants to 17 states during 2021-22.

The eligibility of states to receive this grant and the quantum of grant was decided by the Finance Commission based on the gap between assessment of revenue and expenditure of the state after taking into account the assessed devolution for the financial year 2021-22.

The 15th Finance Commission has recommended a total PDRD grant of Rs 1,18,452 crore to 17 states in the financial year 2021-22. Out of this, an amount of Rs 39,484 crore (33.33 per cent) has been released so far in four installments.

The states recommended for PDRD grant by the 15th Finance Commission are Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Uttarakhnd and West Bengal.

## Savita: Grateful to govt. for support

By AJAY BHARDWAJ

Arjun awardee Savita Punia, who is goalkeeper of the Indian Women hockey team,



heaped a lot of appreciation on the Haryana Government for its support and encouragement to the players taking part in Tokyo Olympics.

Just before leaving for Tokyo after intense training and practice in Bengaluru Savita spoke to the Haryana Review and said never in the past has the state government been so supportive before the event.

She expressed profuse gratitude to the state government for giving Rs five lakh as preparation money to each player taking part in the Olympics and for announcing cash awards for the winners.

Chief Minister Manohar Lal has announced that a cash amount of Rs 6 crore would be given to every gold winner, Rs four crore to every silver winner and Rs 2.50 crores to every bronze winner.

The chief minister said medal winners at the international events would also be given government jobs to encourage youngsters to take up sports. Thirty players from Haryana are participating in different events in the Tokyo Olympics.

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## FORTNIGHT IN RETROSPECT

## Karnal-Yamunanagar rail link approved

The Haryana Government has given approval for the Karnal-Yamunanagar New Rail Line project. This project will fulfill a long pending demand of the people of the region for direct and fast rail connectivity between these two important cities.

Disclosing this, an official spokesperson said the Karnal-Yamunanagar rail line will strengthen the original transport infrastructure by providing a fast, safe, economical, comfortable and reliable mobility option to the people of Haryana.

The state government has approved the Detailed Project Report (DPR) of the project on July 20, 2021 after incorporating all suggestions made by the Ministry of Railways to the draft report submitted earlier in September 2019, he added.

Haryana has been pursuing this project with the Ministry of Railways at various meetings held by the Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, with the Union Minister of Railways. Haryana Rail Infrastructure Development Corporation (HRIDC- Joint Venture between Ministry of Railways and Govt. of Haryana), has finalized this DPR at an estimated cost of Rs 883.78 crore. The project shall be implemented in a period of about 4 years, he added.

The spokesperson said the proposed Karnal-Yamunanagar new rail line would take off from the existing Karnal railway station on Delhi-Ambala Railway line and connect at the existing Jagadhri-Workshop Railway station on Ambala-Saharanpur Railway line.

The new line will act as a feeder route for Eastern DFC, having an Interchange point with Railways at Kalanaur Station (adjoining to Yamunanagar) by providing direct connectivity to Karnal, Panipat and other parts of Central Haryana.

The existing rail route from Karnal to Yamunanagar, via Ambala Cantt., has a route length of 121 km. The comparative road distance between Karnal and Yamunanagar is 67 km. The proposed new railway line, with a route length of 64.6 km, will provide the shortest link between these two cities and shall greatly reduce the travel time for passengers as well as for freight traffic.



## Now, get certificate of disability closer home

The Haryana Government has decided to allow Disability Certification at the level of sub-divisional hospitals, in addition to the civil hospital.

Disclosing this, the Health Minister, Mr Anil Vij, said that this move would benefit persons with disabilities as they can get themselves assessed and certified by the medical board, under the provisions of the Rights of Persons With Disabilities Act, 2016, at various government health institutions close to their homes.

## Free bus travel facility for Sanskrit scholars

The Haryana Government has decided to provide free travel facility in the Roadways buses to various award winning scholars of Sanskrit language. This proposal has been approved by the Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal.

Director, Haryana Sanskrit Academy, Dr. Dinesh Shastri, said the state government had been making consistent efforts to promote Sanskrit language. Several steps have been taken in this direction. Apart from establishing government Sanskrit colleges and Sanskrit Board, Sanskrit University has also been set up in the state.

Through the Haryana Sanskrit Academy, the Chief Minister has started awarding Guru Virjanand Acharya Samman, Vidyamartand Pandit Sitaram Shastri Acharya Samman, Pandit Yudhishthira Mirmansak Acharya Samman, Swami Dharmadev Sanskrit Samaradhaka Samman to excellent teachers of Sanskrit in Sanskrit colleges and Gurukuls across the state.

Dr. Shastri said that so far 29 Acharyas and Gurukul managers had been awarded Acharya Sammans. Awards for 2017 and 2018 have already been announced by the Academy and these will be presented soon.

## Rs 2L each for victims of building collapse

The Haryana Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, while expressing grief over the unfortunate incident of the collapse of a building at Khawaspur village, in Gurugram that occurred on July 18, 2021, has announced an ex-gratia payment of Rs 2 lakh each to the next of kin who lost their lives in the unfortunate incidence. He also announced a relief of Rs 1 lakh each to the seriously injured.

## New Guv brings along big bag of experience



Mr Bandaru Dattatreya after being sworn in as the 18th Governor of Haryana at Haryana Raj Bhawan, in Chandigarh. The Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, is also seen in the picture

Photograph By Vinay Malik

## HARYANA REVIEW BUREAU

Mr Bandaru Dattatreya was sworn in as the 18th Governor of Haryana on July 15. The Chief Justice of the Punjab and Haryana High Court, Mr Justice Ravi Shankar Jha, administered the oath of office and confidentiality to Mr Dattatreya at an impressive function held at Haryana Raj Bhawan. Soft-spoken and down-to-earth Mr Dattatreya who earlier served as the Governor of Himachal Pradesh, has huge experience in managing public affairs, and is known for his sheer simplicity.

The Governor's wife and First Lady of the State, Mrs Bandaru Vasantha, daughter Bandaru Vijayalakshmi and other members of the family and relatives were also present at the ceremony.

The other dignitaries who graced the occasion were the Governor of Punjab Mr VP Singh Badnore, Haryana Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, Haryana Deputy Chief Minister, Mr Dushyant Chautala, Home and Health Minister, Mr Anil Vij, Education Minister, Kanwar Pal, Transport Minister, Mr Mool

Chand Sharma, Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Minister, Mr JP Dalal, Cooperation Minister, Dr Banwari Lal, Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment, Mr OP Yadav, Minister of State for Women and Child Development, Mr Kamlesh Dhandha, Minister of State for Sports and Youth Affairs, Mr Sandeep Singh, Chief Secretary, Mr Vijai Vardhan, Chief Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister, Mr DS Dhesi, Principal Secretary to Chief Minister, Mr V Umashankar, Additional Principal Secretary to Chief Minister and Director General, Information, Public Relations and Languages Department, Dr Amit Agrawal, Secretary to Governor, Mr Atul Dwivedi, Private Secretary to Governor, Mr Kailash Nagesh, BJP State President Mr OP Dhankhar, Haryana State BJP Organization General Secretary, Mr Ravindra Raju, MLAs and others.

Mr Dattatreya has been a three-time Union Minister and four-time Member of Parliament. Born on June 12, 1947 in Hyderabad, he holds a B Sc degree from the Osmania University, Hyderabad. He was first elected as a member of the 10th Lok Sabha

in 1991. In 1998, he won the election from Secunderabad Lok Sabha seat and became the Union Minister of State for Urban Development.

During the midterm elections held in 1999, he again won the Lok Sabha poll and became the Union Minister of State for Urban Development. From 2002 to 2003, he was the Union Minister of State for Railways and from 2003 to 2004 he held the charge of Union Minister of State for Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation (Independent Charge). Mr Dattatreya became Union Minister of State for Labour and Employment (Independent Charge) in 2014. In 2019, he was appointed Governor of Himachal Pradesh.

Members of his family and close relatives of Mr Dattatreya present at the ceremony included B Jignesh Reddy, B Janardhan Reddy, B Jayavani Reddy, M Satyam Yadav, M Chaitanya, M Ashrita, Ela Swarupa, Ela Adyashree, Sandhya, Ela Sadana, Bandaru Sivashankar, N Santosh Kumar, Nagma, Rohit Reddy (SAI), Ela Sarthi Babu, Ela Jaya Shireyas, Suri Venkataraman, R Mahesh, Bhanu Shankar, Nalini Sujata, Vibhas, Pranav, and others.

## Governor hails grit of Sunil typing with feet

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Mr Sunil Kumar, a typist at Raj Bhawan, has become a 'celebrity' after the Hary-

ana Governor, Mr Bandaru Dattatreya, hailed his grit and determination to move on in life, defying the toughest odds insurmountable for others. The Governor met him when he was being introduced to

the staff working at Raj Bhawan. He was amazed to see Sunil typing on the computer with his toes.

Left in awe, the Governor could not hold himself from acknowledging with humility the remarkable efforts of Sunil in carving a niche for himself by virtue of his sheer hard work and determination. He had lost both hands when he was just four years old due to electrocution. His parents took him to PGIMER, Chandigarh, for treatment. Doctors saved his life but not his hands.

# HARYANA GEARS UP TO NIP COVID THIRD WAVE IN THE BUD

By AJAY BHARDWAJ

Even as the second wave of Covid-19 appears to be tapering off, the health infrastructure in Haryana is being strengthened ahead of the possible expected third wave.

The Haryana Government, while taking this challenge head-on is making dedicated efforts to set up oxygen plants in hospitals which would certainly prove beneficial in tackling the third wave.

Since experts have forewarned that in the third wave, children are likely to be affected more, the government is making all necessary arrangements well in advance keeping that in mind.

The Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, has already announced that oxygen generator plants would be set up in all the 135 Community Health Centres (CHC) and district hospitals of the state to ensure uninterrupted oxygen supply.

Earlier, the state government, while undertaking efforts on a war footing, had made sure that oxygen reached the doorsteps of patients. A provision of 13,949 oxygen beds was made across the state. The Chief Minister has repeatedly underlined the fact that industry made a commendable contribution during the Pandemic period.

Meanwhile, elaborate guidelines have been issued by the Health Department on how to manage Covid-19 among children. Besides sharing details on the type of medi-

cation to be administered, the guidelines also touch on how to detect the cases early on, and what precautions children should be educated to take.

While children below five are not advised to wear mask, those between 6-12 years of age should wear depending on their ability to handle it. But children above 12 must wear mask the way adults are required to do, say the guidelines.

The vaccination drive in the state has been keeping a good pace with almost 30,000 to 40,000 people getting vaccinated every day. More than one crore people in the state have been vaccinated so far.

On the other hand, the recovery rate has been more than 98 per cent.

## CHILDREN'S COUNSELLING

Taking a cue from the fact that children have been staying home during the pandemic times which might have affected their mental health adversely, the Haryana State Council for Child Welfare has started an important project viz. 'Rajya Bal Kalyan Parishad Ka Saath Dosti Ka Haath, Phone Se Baat' under the ambitious project Child Advice and Welfare Centre across the state.

Under the project, any child in the state facing problems regarding social, emotional, personal life, education, the domestic and surrounding environment or have queries in the context of parenting methods can consult experts.

On the mobile number, 094161-08132 children or their parents can seek psychological help while sitting at home over the phone.



Photograph By Vinay Malik

## Taking care of the orphans

By SHAGUN KAPOOR

The work on the implementation of the Mukhyamantri Bal Sewa Yojna to help children below 18 years of age orphaned during the Covid times, has started extensively in Haryana.

Chief Minister Manohar Lal had launched the scheme last month in order to rehabilitate and assist children below 18 years of age who have lost their parents, surviving parents, and legal guardians, adoptive parents due to COVID-19 and are either living in Child Care Institutions or are living with their guardians.

The State Government will give an amount of Rs. 2500 per child per month as financial aid to the families who are taking care of these orphaned children.

### FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

This financial assistance would be given till the children turn 18 years. Further, an amount of Rs. 12,000 annually would also be deposited in the bank accounts of such children as other expenses till they reach 18 years of age and are pursuing education.

The Chief Minister also announced that the State Government will also provide financial assistance of Rs 1500 per orphaned child per

month to the Child Care Institution for the upbringing of such children who are living in these Institutions. At present 59 Child Care Institutions are functional in Haryana.

This amount will be deposited in the bank account as a recurring deposit and the maturity amount will be given on attaining the age of 21 years, while all other expenses will be borne by the Child Care Institutions only, announced the Chief Minister.

### INSTITUTIONAL CARE

The Chief Minister announced that in the case of adolescent girls orphaned due to COVID, free residential education will be provided in Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas to ensure their sensitive care and proper protection

### HELP FOR MARRIAGE

"An amount of Rs 51000 will be credited in accounts of all these girls under Mukhya Mantri Vivah Shagun Yojana and at the time of their marriage this amount along with the interest would be given to them," announced Mr Manohar Lal.

### TABLETS FOR CHILDREN

The Chief Minister also announced that a mobile tablet will be given to such students studying in VIII to XII standard and those enrolled in vocational courses.





# Giving people say in admin and letting them say their woes, too



The Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, launching the 'Gram Darshan' portal, in Chandigarh

By PARVEEN K MODI

Letting people have more say in running their affairs, both in rural and urban areas; giving them a platform to give vent to their feelings, lend lungs to their grievances and make suggestions; and evolving a mechanism to have good and workable suggestions incorporated in policy-making, constitute the cornerstone of the good governance model adopted by the Manohar Lal Government in Haryana.

There are two ways of going about the task of letting people have a say in administration, addressing and redressing their grievances and complaints, and inviting suggestions. One, giving people platforms to log complaints and make suggestions, and second, meeting them face-to-face to do the needful.

Committed to the cause, the Chief Minister has been taking both routes to reach out to them. In a short span of three days—July 21-23, 2021—he launched 'Gram Darshan' portal to enable the villagers to participate in governing their affairs, and also held a Janata Darbar to hear people and resolve their grievances.

With the launch of 'Gram Darshan' portal <https://gramdarshan.haryana.gov.in> the villagers will now be able to directly submit online demands/complaints and suggestions related to development works in the villages.

The Chief Minister says, 'Gram Darshan' portal has been developed to ensure direct participation of villagers in development works. This will be an easy way to register their demands/suggestions and complaints from anywhere. It is on the basis of the suggestions made by the villagers that a blueprint for future development plans would be prepared.

He has directed officers of all departments to fix the priorities of five works of their department so that the complaints and suggestions lodged by the villagers can be redressed on a priority basis.

## LINKED TO CM WINDOW

Since the priority of the government is to redress the grievances of the people, the complaints made

by the villagers on the 'Gram Darshan' portal will be linked with CM Window so that there is no duplication of complaints. The Chief Minister has also directed them to link the portal with 'Jan Sahayak' app.

Any individual will now be able to file a complaint/suggestion on the Gram Darshan Portal only in respect of the village of his permanent residence (which is recorded in the Parivar Pechhan Patra).

The suggestions and demands made by the villagers will be directly visible to the sarpanch/panchayat samiti member/zilla parishad member/MLA and MP. All public representatives will see the suggestions related to their jurisdiction on the dashboard, which will be taken forward with the recommendations of the concerned public representatives.

Once a suggestion/complaint is registered on the portal, an ID will be generated which will be sent to the concerned applicant through SMS. Along with this, the applicant will get updated information about the action taken on the suggestion/complaint from time to time through SMS.

The applicant has to state his point of view in at least 50 characters while registering the complaint/suggestion on the Gram Darshan Portal. Apart from this, applicants

will be able to submit their problems/suggestions to the government by uploading the photo. Only that individual who has been issued Parivar Pechhan Patra will be able to file a complaint on this portal.

## DARBARS A BID DRAW

Having held his first Janata Darbar in Gurugram in October, 2017, the Chief Minister has held many in different districts. These remain a big draw.

On July 21, he held one in Haryana Niwas in Chandigarh, heard the grievances of various delegations and gave necessary directions on the spot to the officers for their redressal. These pertained to varied fields.

A delegation of ITI instructors met him and put forth demands for regular and permanent recruitment, regarding which the Chief Minister immediately gave necessary directions.

The delegation of Namaund Anaj Mandi Association, Hisar, placed its demands before the Chief Minister, urging the officials to compensate for the loss of 50 per cent wheat. Taking strict cognizance of the matter, Mr Manohar Lal ordered the Additional Chief Secretary, Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department, Mr Anurag Rastogi, to make recovery from nine officials with immediate effect. Half of the

loss incurred by the government should be compensated by the guilty officials, he averred.

Under the leadership of President, Urban Estate Welfare Association, Karnal, Mr Ashok Dhingra, many problems related to the estate area were placed before the Chief Minister. He ordered the Chief Administrator, Haryana Shehri Vikas Pradhikaran, to hold a special camp for the people of the area on August 2, 2021 at 11:00 am at Estate Office, Karnal where everyone should be issued OCs on the spot.

This delegation raised the issue of double billing being done by the Municipal Corporation in the construction of roads, about which the Chief Minister ordered an immediate inquiry and asked to submit a report within a month.

The newly elected executive team of Haryana Roadways Employees Union demanded several policy decisions regarding the department, regarding which the Chief Minister asked the department to give its comments in writing within seven days.

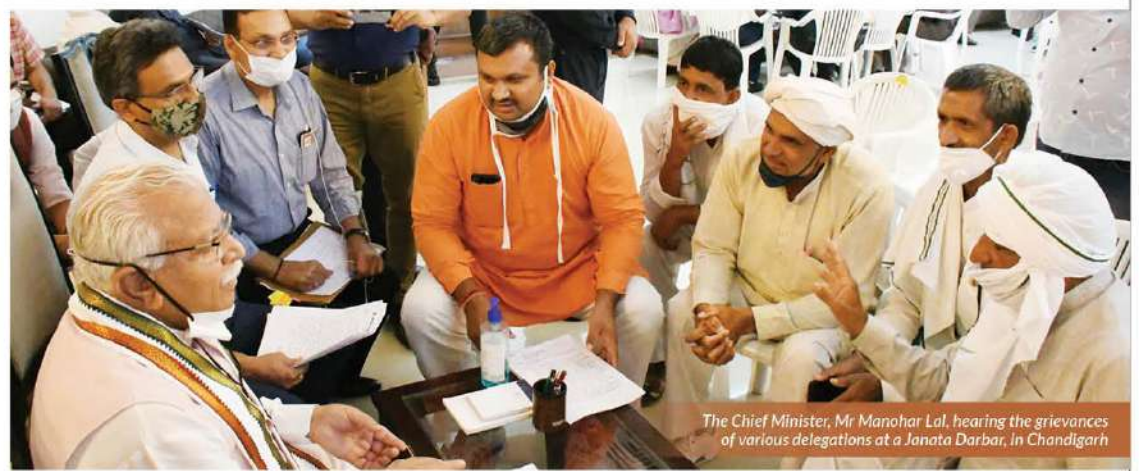
The delegation of Bahadurgarh Footwear apprised the Chief Minister about the problems being faced by the ongoing farmers' movement, in light of which the Chief Minister ordered DGP, Sh. Manoj Yadava to take up the matter in this regard.

Union of Bahadurgarh Modern Industrial Estate apprised the Chief Minister about the slow pace of construction of sewer and roads, in light of which Sh. Manohar Lal directed Managing Director, HSI-IDC, Sh. Anurag Agarwal to start construction immediately.

Several industry associations raised the issue of delay in getting fire NOCs, on which the Chief Minister ordered the officers of the Urban Local Bodies Department to immediately investigate and take strict action against the guilty officials.

The delegation of Ayurvedic Medical Officers also placed their demands before the Chief Minister who ordered to do away with the mandatory CCH test for the NHM personnel in the future and asked the Department to pay an honorarium of Rs 15,000 per month to the existing employees so that they can give the CCH test through Indira Gandhi National Open University so that no employee is fired during the CCH test.

Veterinary and Livestock Development Assistant Association thanked the Chief Minister for fulfilling the demands placed in the last Janata Darbar and demanded to make Science in Class XII mandatory for those opting for Veterinary and Livestock Development Assistant course.



The Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, hearing the grievances of various delegations at a Janata Darbar, in Chandigarh

# Helping farmers double their income

By AJAY BHARDWAJ

In the recent past, Haryana has taken big strides in improving the plight of farmers and help them double their income. Giving protection and respect to farmers have been two cardinal goals of the Haryana government. It is with these goals in mind that the Haryana chief minister Sh Manohar Lal has been spearheading various initiatives to bring a smile to the face of farmers.

Haryana has been the first state in the country to purchase as many as 11 crops on MSP so that farmers received adequate remuneration for their produce.

The rate of purchase of sugarcane was increased to Rs 350 per quintal which is the highest in the country.

During the Kharif season this year, the MSP of 13 crops was enhanced following which a profit of 50 per cent to 85 per cent over the cost of production was ensured for the farmers.

During the rabi season, the state government procured 84.72 lakh metric tonnes of wheat and transferred Rs 16,000 crores directly to the accounts of farmers making sure that the payment was made to farmers within 72 hours of the purchase of their crop in failure of which nine per cent rate of interest was paid.

During 2020-21, accumulatively farmers were paid Rs 29,000 crores which were deposited in their bank accounts.

## MERI FASAL, MERA BYORA

The e-portal, "Meri Fasal, Mera Byora" that provides information about seeds, fertilizer, loans and other things saw in 2020-21 more than nine lakh farmers registering their 62 lakh acres of land.

Haryana has launched the 'Mera Pani Meri Virasat' scheme for the replacement of paddy by maize/cotton/bajra/pulses on two lakh hectares of agricultural land in targeted blocks having water-table more than 40 meters deep.

In addition to this, paddy cultivation will be restricted in gram panchayat agriculture land with groundwater level above 35 meters.

Under the scheme, farmers will be provided Rs. 7,000 per acre to those farmers who go into diversification of more than 50% of their Kharif season paddy area. Also, farmers would not be allowed to cultivate paddy in any new areas where paddy was not grown the preceding year. On the agricultural lands of gram panchayats in various blocks where the groundwater level is 35 meters, the Panchayat would not be permitted to grow paddy.

Additionally, all those farmers who have been operating their tube well with 50 horsepower electric motors would not be allowed to grow paddy. The farmers who diversify more than 50% of their paddy area in the identified blocks will be able to sell all their diversified crops to the government at Minimum Support Price (MSP). It has also been provisioned to install 'Maize Dryer' in related grain markets for reducing the moisture content of maize grain produced by the farmers. Moreover, 85% subsidy will be provided for the installation of a Drip Irrigation System for the alternate diversified crops.

The scheme, in fact, offers a wide

choice to the farmers who produce a variety of crops in a given area.

Haryana has been at the forefront of diversification for a long time. Diversification is happening in a big way in the state not only in farming but also in livestock, forestry and fishery sectors. Crop diversification is taking place due to governmental policies, thrust on some crops, market reforms, infrastructure development, government subsidies, certain other price-related support mechanisms, higher profitability, and stability in production. Crop diversification is practised in dry-land areas to reduce the risk factor of crop failures due to recurring droughts. Crop substitution and crop shift are also taking place in the areas suffering from some

specific soil-related problems.

In a significant move, the Haryana government started a pilot scheme named 'Jal Hi Jeevan' (water is life) in seven districts (Yamunanagar, Ambala, Karnal, Kurukshetra, Kaithal, Jind, and Sonapat) to promote crop diversification and prevent falling groundwater levels. Under this scheme, 53,341 farmers sowed other crops like maize and tur in about 48,119-hectare area instead of paddy.

## FOCUS ON MANDIS

The state government has made special efforts to facilitate and improve the conditions of mandis. Exhibiting an entrepreneurial spirit, the state government has initiated steps for setting up a masala mandi on about 16 acres of

Panchayati land in Sersa village of Sonapat district, besides an international-level flower market on 8 acres of land in Gurugram.

Closer to the state capital, Chandigarh, a Rs 175-crore state-of-the-art new apple, fruit, and vegetable market is coming up in Pinjore for which approval for construction of vacant 78.33 acres of land was granted on 21 March 2020

## ANIMAL HUSBANDRY

Haryana tops the nation making per head 1344 gm of milk available in the state. Under the Pashudhan Credit Card Scheme more than 53,000 engaged in animal husbandry have been given loans worth Rs 733 crores and life insurance of more than five lakh cattle has been

done under the Deendayal Upadhyaya Cattle Protection scheme.

## FISHERIES

Two feed plants set up in Kamal and Charkhi Dadri with the capacity of producing 20 tonnes of seed every day. Twenty new biofloc units and 12 recirculatory aquaculture system plants set up in the state to help farmers double their income.

## HORTICULTURE

A new horticulture vision has been prepared to double the area under horticulture with a target of raising the production at least by three times by 2030.

Under Bhavantar Bharpai Yojna MSP has been fixed for 21 horticulture crops, 14 vegetables & five fruits.

In case of loss of crop of fruits and vegetables due to natural calamity, compensation would be granted under the Mukhyamantri Bagvani Beema yojna at the rate of Rs 40,000 per acre for fruits and Rs 30,000 per acre for vegetables.



Photograph by Vinay Malik

## Monsoon makes its presence felt

PHOTOGRAPH BY VINAY MALIK



### Jind teenager clinches gold in World Cadet Wrestling



**T**eenage wrestler Priya Malik scripted history at the World Cadet Wrestling Championships in Budapest winning a gold medal in 73 kgs title defeating Kseniya Patapovich of Belarus 5-0 in the final.

The 16-year-old class XII student from Nidani village in Haryana's Jind district credited his family for the victory.

"My grandfather (Pitlivi Singh) and then my father (Jai Bhagwan) always encouraged me to learn the sport. I enrolled in the popular Choudhary Bharat Singh Memorial School in Nidani in 2016 after seeing Anshu didi do well for India," said Priya, whose father is a Kargil war veteran.

She has been a consistent winner. In 2019, she won gold at the Khelo India Games in Pune and in the New Delhi National School Games. Last year too she won two titles, at the national cadet championships and the school games.

### CAMPUS CORNER

#### JC Bose University signs MoU with Blood Bank

By SHAGUN KAPOOR

**Y**et another initiative has been taken by the JC Bose University of Science and Technology, YMCA, Faridabad, after successful launch of government programmes like Oxygen Refilling Management System and Jivisha Helpline in the district. In order to help Thalassaemia patients, the university has signed an MoU with the Rotary Blood Bank (RBB) Charitable Trust in Faridabad.

With this, the university along with RBB, Faridabad, would start a registration drive for Thalassaemia patients to meet their blood requirement. Moreover, the team of student volunteers from the university, recognized as 'Team Umeed', will work to help the needy people and provide them timely assistance.

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof Dinesh Kumar, congratulated the student volunteers for making this initiative a success. He encouraged them to engage in the social cause and make best use of technology for the betterment of the society.

### WINDOW ON SPORTS

By AJAY BHARDWAJ

**B**efore leaving for Tokyo Olympics the Indian women hockey team had its tirelessly sweating training sessions in Bengaluru. With renewed vigour and optimism as the team was about to leave for Tokyo the team's vice-captain and the star goalkeeper, Savita Punia spoke to Haryana Review sharing her hopes and aspirations.

In the backdrop of winning the silver medal in the Asian Games in 2017 and 2018, Savita, an Arjun awardee, has high hopes this time. Hailing from Jodhka village in Sirsa district she has been the goalkeeper of the Indian women team for the last 17 years and has played more than 200 matches.

**Q: How well is the Indian women hockey team placed in view of the Tokyo Olympics?**

**A:** The team is fully prepared to take on the challenge. Nobody is nervous about it. The team has eight experienced players. After the Rio Olympics, we have improved quite a lot. In Rio, the team seemed to be lacking in maturity and expertise. Now we have prepared ourselves very well by international standards.

**Q: How close do you think the team is to win a medal?**

**A:** We have done great churning during the last five years and

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have tried to overcome all the weak points that we could figure out. Today, we know the strength and weaknesses of all our rival teams in good measure. This time a trained and experienced team is going to hit the ground, we must get the medal.

**Q: Did Covid hit the training and preparations?**

**A:** During the Covid period we played matches with Argentina in January last and with Germany as well. All the matches were very close. The pandemic period in fact helped us to do a lot of introspection. Hopefully, we shall

grab a medal this time.

**Q: A goalkeeper plays a vital role in winning or losing a game. How well are you trained for it?**

**A:** Every player plays a vital role in the game, but, yes, I share my experiences with the young ones and help them train mentally. We held extra training sessions to boost the morale of the young players.

All these last 17 years, I have not stayed back home for more than ten days. The training camp has been always up on my mind. It is time to deliver the results.

**Q: How much did the Haryana government help the players?**

**A:** Whichever game players come from the state government's role in encouraging and supporting them has been very vital and positive. Perhaps, it is for the first time that the state government is at our back so solidly this time. Olympic players were granted a financial sanction for preparations so that money does not become a hindrance in their training. Thereafter, the government has fixed handsome encouragement money for the winners. It has happened for the first time.

The state minister for Sports Sandeep Singh has been personally taking care of the facilities and support to the players.

**Q: How has been the training in Bengaluru?**

**A:** It has been very intense not only on the ground but off ground as well because of the lessons we were required to take through videos and instructions of the coach and assistant coach. You have to also see and observe what foreign coaches are conveying because the training part also includes trying to understand the weaknesses and strong points of the rivals.

