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Budget: CM walks the interactive path

By PARVEEN K MODI

His cap dons feathers of many firsts. A staunch believer in making governance responsive and participatory, he is a reformist to the core of his being. The Haryana Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, nurses the conviction that any reform-induced change, effected with an eye on people's convenience and well-being, leaves its mark on the sands of time, and that, reformers may initially run into odds stacked up by their opponents, but in the ultimate analysis, they trump status quoists.

Since Mr Manohar Lal assumed office, the horse of reforms has been in full trot. Ranking high in the order of reforms is the practice he introduced last year, 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 last year, a legacy his successors will find it difficult to cast away.

Well into his second budget-making exercise, he has set the ball of pre-Budget consultative process rolling. The Chief Minister had a pre-Budget round with MPs at the residence of Ambala MP and Union Minister of State for Jal Shakti and Social Justice and Empowerment, Mr. Rattan Lal Kataria, in New Delhi, the other day.

"Like last year, this year too, the Budget for 2021-22 would

be prepared and presented after holding discussions and seeking suggestions from MPs, MLAs and other stakeholders. Their valuable suggestions, especially of MPs and MLAs, and expectations regarding development of their areas would be incorporated in the Budget," said the Chief Minister.

It is a matter of record. It was for the first time in the history of Haryana that the Budget last year 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 able to sew into the fabric of his maiden Budget about 70 per cent of them.

This time round, rounds with other stakeholders are to follow. Resource constraints stacked up by Covid-induced lockdown permitting, the CM-cum-FM is confident of doing an encore when he presents his second budget.



Pipli set to be an iconic tourist hub

By RAJEEV RANJAN ROY

Taking tourism to a new level, the Haryana Government, led by the Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, has decided to develop Pipli which falls in the historic district of Kurukshetra, as an iconic tourist hub in the state.

If the plans on the drawing board are any indication, Pipli will constitute a milestone in promoting tourism. It will be a new experiment potent with lots of new possibilities, and give the economy of the surrounding areas a leg-up.

Giving broad outlines of the project, Tourism Minister Kanwar Pal told Haryana Review that the possibilities of boating and rafting on the Tajewala and Hathni Kund barrage on the lines of Kerala, would also be explored.

In order to introduce such new facilities, more areas will be developed in the state as tourist destinations so as to enhance employment opportunities and boost the economy of the state.

The decision to develop Pipli as a world class tourist hub on the Saraswati Setu comes as a futuristic initiative. Attracting tourists from across the globe, Pipli will not only place Haryana on the international tourist map but will also herald a new dawn in the local economy.

The surrounding villages, including Bahri, Bhawani Khara, Kheri Markanda, Sirsana, Mathana, Munyarpur, Bir Mathana, Bazidpur and Baholi, to name a few, will get a major financial boost. The development of wayside amenities will further generate direct and indirect jobs for the locals.

P6: Pipli to offer wide range of facilities

Rs 800-cr Saraswati project gets go-ahead

By AJAY BHARDWAJ

Haryana has approved Rs 800-crore project for revival of the Saraswati river, under which Saraswati Dam, Saraswati Barrage and Saraswati Reservoir will be constructed at Adi Badri. Besides, interlinking of Markanda and Saraswati rivers through the Kainthla supply channel will also be undertaken.

On completion of this project, about 894 hectare metres of flood water will be diverted to Saraswati reservoir. The dam is being designed by the Central Water Commission.

The Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, while addressing the International Saraswati Seminar, said the project would not only revive

the age-old culture of the land but would also help improve the ecosystem of the region.

At present, more than 70 organisations, including ISRO, GSI, SOI, ASI, ONGC, NIH Roorkee, BARC and Saraswati River Research Institute are engaged in research work of Saraswati river heritage. It has been proved on the basis of the research work, documents, reports and scientific facts that Saraswati River is still flowing underground from Adi Badri to Kutch in Gujarat.

The chief Minister said the Saraswati River Scheme had been finalised according to old maps of the Survey of India. Palaeochannel mapping of Saraswati river has been prepared by ISRO, HARSAC, CGWB and other scientific organizations. Haryana Saraswati Heritage

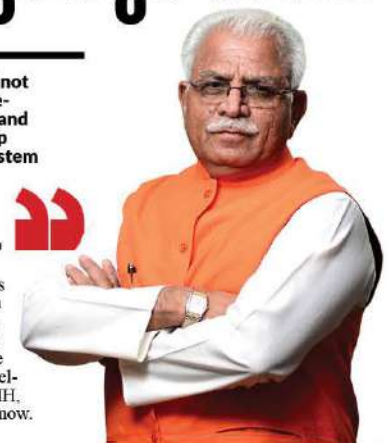


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Development Board has signed five MoUs with various Central Government organizations for research activities. These include ONGC, New Delhi, ISRO, Hyderabad, NIH, Roorkee, and GSI, Lucknow.





Mustard: From farm to kitchen

PHOTO FEATURE BY VINAY MALIK

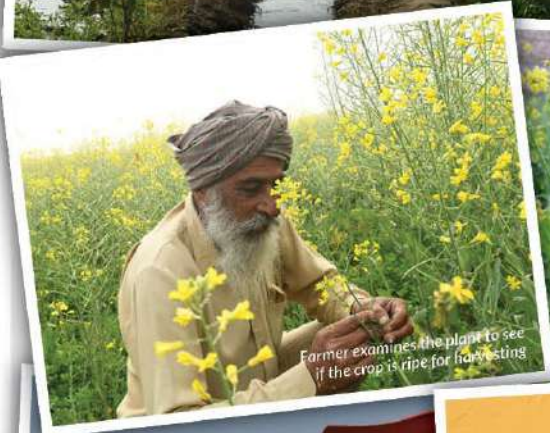
Levelling the field for sowing mustard



Watering the field.



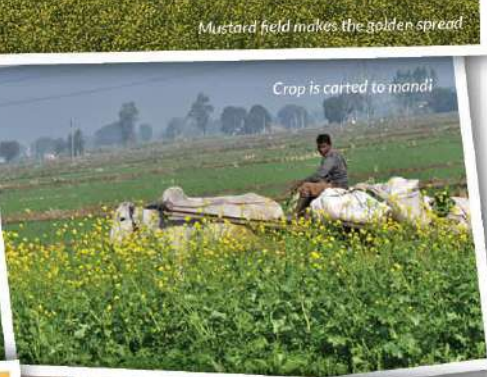
Mustard field makes the golden spread



Farmer examines the plant to see if the crop is ripe for harvesting



And the harvesting begins



Crop is carted to mandi



Winnowing and drying the crop



Black mustard seeds ready to enter the kitchen

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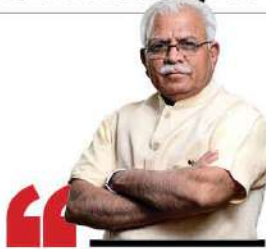
With a percentage of 18.2 each, Haryana and Punjab share the second place with the highest number of women judges in the high court among the 18 large and mid-sized states, each with a population of over one crore. While Andhra Pradesh tops the list with a percentage of 19, Tamil Nadu takes the third spot with 16.7.

In subordinate courts, Haryana has 34.6 per cent women judges. In 27 states and Union Territories, the share of women judges in subordinate courts has improved. However, in high courts, the increase is seen less, and the glass ceiling remains.

Eleven out of the 18 large and mid-sized states, including Haryana, have more than 33 per cent women in the subordinate judiciary as judges. Illustratively, among the 25 ranked states, overall women representation has improved in 22 states in police, 18 states in prisons and 20 states for subordinate court judges over 2019.

And from the standpoint of women's representation across the four pillars of police, prisons, judiciary and legal aid, Haryana has scored green—which stands for improvement—in six out of the seven parameters. The state has logged more than 33 per cent representation for women in two segments: panel lawyers (34.6 pc) and para legal volunteers (41.4 pc). (See Figure 3)

Besides, logging a score of 4.2 out of ten, the tiny state has improved its ranking from 14 in 2019 to 11 in 2020 among the 18 large and mid-sized states. The score is taken on 13 different indicators encompassing the pillars of police, prisons, judiciary and legal aid etc. While Karnataka tops



The participation of women in the Haryana police force has increased from six per cent to nine per cent. A target has been fixed to further increase it to 20 per cent.

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Chief Minister

number one position among the 18 large and mid-sized states followed by Tamil Nadu, which improved its ranking from third position in 2019. Among the small states (where the population is less than one crore each), Tripura has topped the list followed by Sikkim and Goa.

The IJR tracks the rise and fall in each state's structural and financial capacity to deliver justice using the latest available government figures from budgets, human resources, infrastructure, workload, and diversity across police, judiciary, prisons and legal aid in 25 states.

The second edition of the IJR is based on publicly available data of different government entities on the four pillars of justice delivery—police, judiciary, prisons and legal aid. The ranking is an initiative of Tata Trust in collaboration with Centre for Social Justice, Common

Cause, Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative, DAKSH, TISS-Prayas, Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy, and How India Lives.

The report tracks the progress states have made in capacitating their structures to effectively deliver justice to all. It takes account of the latest statistics and situations as they existed in pre-COVID times. It records the changes in budgets, vacancy levels, diversity, workload, and infrastructure within four sub-systems of the justice system—police, judiciary, legal aid and prisons—and determines the new positions of 25 states in the ranking.

IJR adds ten new indicators in addition to the earlier 78. These include: spend on training per police personnel, the number of police personnel per training institute, the share of prison staff trained, and the share of panel lawyers trained.

With a score of 7.07 UP comes at the bottom of the pyramid with a tally of 2.88. (See Map 7)

All this a lot more has been brought to focus by the second edition of the India Justice Report (IJR) 2020 which ranks states on delivery of justice to the people. "In 27 states and Union Territories, the share of women judges in subordinate courts has improved. However, in the high courts, the increase is seen less, and the glass ceiling remains," says the report.

Women comprise only 29 per cent of judges in India and, on average, the share of women judges in high courts has increased marginally from 11 per cent to 13 per cent, while in subordinate courts, it has increased from 28 per cent to 30 per cent.

The report states that from the standpoint of delivery of justice, encompassing four pillars of justice delivery—police, judiciary, prisons and legal aid—Maharashtra retains



History made with 30 pc share in panchayats

Determined to promote women's welfare, the Haryana Government, led by the Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, has, not only implemented a number of Central schemes but also launched a plethora of state schemes and initiatives to reach out to women in all brackets and age-groups, right from the girl child to lactating mothers and the elderly.

On November 6, 2020, the state government made history. The Haryana Vidhan Sabha wrote a new chapter and voted a proposal to amend the Haryana Panchayati Raj Act, giving women 50 per cent share in the panchayat elections in the state. Seats will be reserved for women and men on the basis of even-odd numbers. The village where a woman sarpanch is elected, in the next scheme, that village will have a male sarpanch.

This rule has also been made applicable in elections to Panchayati Raj Institutions i.e. Zilla Parishad, Block Panchayat Samiti and Gram Panchayats. For the first time, sarpanch will be a woman in even-numbered villages, and next time, woman sarpanch will be elected in odd-number village.

Same process will be maintained in respect of Panches of Gram Panchayat and 50 per cent of posts of Panches will be for women. It will also be applicable in Zilla Parishads and Block Panchayat Samitis. The odd-even formula will also be adopted for the posts of district council and block committee members and chairman.

Figure 3: How do states fare on women representation?

Between IJR 2019 and IJR 2020, there has been an improvement in women representation across pillars. However, this increase is concentrated in the lower ranks.

Share of women %	2019				2020				Change over IJR 2019					
	Police	Prisons	Judiciary	Legal aid	Police	Prisons	Judiciary	Legal aid						
	Overall	Officers	Overall	High Court judges	Subordinate court judges	Panel lawyers	Para legal volunteers	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Large and mid-sized states														
Andhra Pradesh	5.8	5.2	7.8	19.0	43.9	16.4	39.1	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑
Bihar	25.3	8.1	19.0	0.0	16.5	19.6	23.8	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑
Chhattisgarh	7.1	9.0	10.8	14.3	37.4	14.0	26.1	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑
Gujarat	11.7	9.0	6.2	14.8	16.8	21.9	37.3	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑
Haryana	8.3	9.9	6.1	18.2	34.6	19.7	41.4	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑
Jharkhand	7.1	3.4	10.5	5.9	12.1	13.0	26.5	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑
Karnataka	8.3	6.9	26.2	10.9	30.7	28.3	48.4	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑
Kerala	7.2	2.4	15.0	13.5	27.9	40.4	55.7	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑
Madhya Pradesh	6.6	10.6	18.7	9.7	27.2	8.9	41.0	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑
Maharashtra	12.5	5.1	15.0	13.4	28.4	27.0	47.5	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑
Odisha	10.0	11.2	12.3	6.3	40.2	13.7	46.9	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑
Punjab	8.5	5.6	6.8	18.2	40.9	15.6	31.0	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑
Rajasthan	9.8	13.9	19.8	8.0	34.5	8.1	22.5	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑
Tamil Nadu	18.5	24.8	12.5	16.7	36.8	14.6	28.5	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑
Telangana	5.1	3.8	6.6	7.1	46.2	19.4	24.6	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑
Uttar Pradesh	9.6	3.8	8.0	5.1	25.2	7.2	22.1	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑
Uttarakhand	12.2	18.4	1.3	0.0	37.3	16.4	42.9	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑
West Bengal	9.7	4.8	8.6	15.2	36.4	18.8	18.0	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑
Small states														
Arunachal Pradesh	8.7	5.6	17.8	4.8	NA	18.9	42.5	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑



Ranking diversity*

* How do the police, prisons, judiciary and legal aid score on 13 indicators? Indicators listed on Page 27.

Map 7: Large and mid-sized states

State	Score (out of 10)
Karnataka	7.07
Kerala	6.13
Odisha	6.02
Andhra Pradesh	5.83
Chhattisgarh	5.75
Gujarat	5.41
Tamil Nadu	5.15
Maharashtra	5.07
Telangana	4.50
Bihar	4.42
Haryana	4.28
Punjab	4.03
Jharkhand	3.97
Uttarakhand	3.86
Rajasthan	3.83
West Bengal	3.53
Madhya Pradesh	3.07
Uttar Pradesh	2.88

FORTNIGHT IN
RETROSPECTAscertain usage of
24 lakh acres: CM

The Haryana Chief Minister, Mr. Manohar Lal, has directed the officials concerned to ascertain usage of the 24 lakh acres of land in the state. Presently, 92 lakh acres of land is verified out of which about 68 lakh acres are under cultivation. He also directed them to deposit the entire amount of crop purchase in the account of farmers.

He issued these directions at the meeting of the Haryana Kisan Kalyan Pradhikaran which was also attended by the Power and New and Renewable Energy Minister, Mr. Ranjit Singh, Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Minister, Mr. J.P. Dalal, and the Cooperation Minister, Mr. Banwari Lal.

Details of the crop sown in every acre should be registered by the farmers on the 'Meri Fasal - Mera Byora' portal. Besides, details of the patches of land lying vacant should also be updated. This will help strengthen the mechanism of crop verification under the 'Meri Fasal - Mera Byora' Scheme.

Master plan for
Karna Lake approved

The Chief Minister has said that an amount of Rs 7 crore would be spent on developing the Karna Lake as a tourist hub. Work on beautification of the lake will be completed in the next one year.

He disclosed this while holding a review meeting regarding work on beautification of the lake with Smart City Project officers, in Karnal. He approved a master plan prepared by the officers of Smart City for the beautification of the lake. The officers were directed to work in a planned manner to ensure that the maximum number of tourists visit Karna Lake.

Step up work to
rejuvenate ponds

The Chief Minister has directed the officials concerned to expedite the rejuvenation work of 1,890 ponds of the state and complete it in a time-bound manner for public use.

He issued these directions while chairing a review meeting of the Haryana Pond and Waste Water Management Authority (HPWVMA). He is chairperson of the Authority.

The officials were directed to treat the contaminated water of the drains in the state and use it for fisheries and irrigation purposes. While giving directions to set up a team of youth at the local level to look after the renovated ponds, the Chief Minister said that it was not only necessary to focus on construction of ponds but also to maintain them.

SYL Canal: Haryana asks Centre to intervene



The Chief Minister, Mr. Manohar Lal, speaking at the meeting of the Governing Council of NITI Aayog, chaired by the Prime Minister, Mr. Narendra Modi, through video conferencing

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The Haryana Chief Minister, Mr. Manohar Lal, has asked the Central Government to intervene and help resolve the long-pending issue of Sutlej Yamuna Link Canal; bring a formula to incentivize states logging maximum GST collection; and listed the steps taken by his government to make Haryana play a pivotal role in role in visualizing the Prime Minister's Atmanirbhar Bharat dream.

He was speaking at the sixth Governing Council meeting of NITI Aayog held under the chairmanship of the Prime Minister, Mr. Narendra Modi, through video-conferencing.

Making use of the opportunity, the Chief Minister asked the Central Government to intervene and help resolve the long-pending issue of Sutlej Yamuna Link (SYL) and Hansi-Butana Link Canal so that the state could get its legitimate share of the river water.

"To overcome the problem of water shortage in the state, the government will soon be signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Kishau dam. Besides, MoUs have already been signed with the Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh Governments for the Lakhwar and Renuka dams," the Chief Minister said.

Apprising the Prime Minister about the steps taken by the state government for promoting water conservation, Mr. Manohar Lal said the maximum area of the state was getting converted into a dark zone. It is only after the SYL and Hansi-Butana Link Canal issue is resolved that the problem of water scarcity in Haryana would be addressed.

Referring to the GST collections, he said though Haryana is at the forefront in GST collection, the state got by way of Input Tax Credit only 20 per cent GST and urged the Prime Minister to formulate a plan for incentivizing the states having maximum GST collection.

While assuring the Prime Minister that Haryana will play a pivotal role in visualizing the Prime Minister's Atmanirbhar Bharat dream, the Chief Minister said the state government was moving swiftly with the spirit of Antyodaya. Efforts are being made for successful implemen-

tation of the first-of-its-kind ambitious Parivar Pehchan Patra scheme to ensure that the last man standing in the queue gets the benefit of government schemes.

PLAYING PIVOTAL ROLE

Divulging details of the steps being taken by the state government for 'Making India a Global Manufacturing Hub', the Chief Minister said that in order to reduce the burden of compliance at the state level, and promote the Ease of Doing Business, the Haryana Enterprise and Employment Policy 2020 had been launched.

Besides, 100 per cent implementation of the district-level action plan has been achieved and the compliance burden has been reduced by eliminating the requirement of renewal of licences under various Acts.

The Chief Minister said for minimizing the cost of doing business by improving logistics and transportation, Logistics and Warehousing Policy, 2019 had been launched. Integrated multi-modal logistics hub at Namaul has been developed. Apart from this, an international horticulture market is being developed at an approximate cost of Rs 7,000 crore in Ganaur.

Also, a flower market is being established in Gurugram. To facilitate trade in apples, an apple market is being set up in Panchkula. Besides, a masala market is also being set up in Sirsa. Drone corporation was being set up for multiple applications and Haryana Orbital Rail Corridor is being constructed from Palwal to Sonapat.

The Chief Minister said in order to promote exports through district level competition, various steps have been taken by the state government, including giving freight subsidy to MSMEs, to encourage exports, constituting District Level Export Promotion Committees, and focusing on export of skilled manpower.

At present, Rs 85,000-crore export business is being done which includes basmati and automobile parts and efforts are being made to increase exports. As many as 32 products have been identified under the One District One Product (ODOP) scheme.

Laying emphasis on the creation of jobs, the state has recently passed the Haryana State Employment of

- Asks Centre to intervene on the SYL Canal issue for an early solution
- Urges Centre to formulate plan for incentivizing states collecting maximum GST
- Successful implementation of the Parivar Pehchan Patra scheme top priority of the state government

Local Candidates Bill and digitalization of the workforce database has been done. In the last five years as many as five lakh youth have been given employment opportunities and 105 online job fairs/ placement drives have been organized, Mr. Manohar Lal said.

BEEFING UP INFRA

The Chief Minister said for the expansion and improvement of infrastructure in the state, continuous efforts were being made to uplift the KMP Expressway and secure extension of the Delhi Metro in Haryana. Besides, implementation of Haryana Rail Orbital project around KMP is being done along with integration of the Aviation Hub at Hisar.

AGRICULTURAL REFORMS

For promoting agriculture, the cropping system is being aligned to agro-climatic conditions at district level for optimum resource use. Apart from this 'Mera Pani Meri Virasat' scheme has been launched to encourage the farmers to diversify from paddy to alternative crops like maize, cotton, bajra, pulses, vegetables, and fruits. Resultantly, sowing of other crops in place of paddy is being done on 97,000 acres of land. An amount of Rs 7,000 is given as an incentive to the farmers for adopting crop diversification, said the Chief Minister.

Micro-irrigation and Command Area Development Authority has been constituted for promoting Micro-irrigation in the State. Realigning of the irrigation system to optimally use monsoon/rainwater and rejuvenation of rivers has also been done.

Haryana is giving the highest price

of Rs 350 per quintal to sugarcane farmers. Apart from this, various crops such as Gram, Mustard, sunflower, bajra and maize are being procured on MSP by the state government.

He said that an area of 17,216 hectares had been brought under fish culture which has produced 1.91 lakh MT fish in the State. Producing white shrimp in the Saline affected areas and getting good results.

Various schemes for the expansion of the agriculture sector have been launched. These include Mukhyamantri Bagwani Bima Yojana covering 20 fruits and vegetables and Bhavantar Bharpai Yojana for the benefit of farmers growing vegetables. Meri Fasal Mera Bayora (MFMB) portal has been developed for digitizing the farm lifecycle from crop cultivation information to sale of the crops under e-Kharid.

He said that dedicated efforts were being made to ensure food processing, promotion of agro-based industry, and exports. Besides, two Mega Food Parks have been set up at Barhi and Rohtak.

With a view to further strengthening the storage system after harvesting, warehouses will be set up under the Warehousing Scheme, which will be notified as deemed Mandis, so that the produce can be sold at these mandis.

EDUCATIONAL REFORMS

Education remains top priority of the state government and various reforms have been brought in this sector. The state government plans to open 4,000 new playway schools for the children in the age group of 3 to 4 years. Apart from this, under the Super 100 programme students of government schools are given free residential coaching in Rewari and Panchkula for JEE and NEET. Free tablet facility is being provided for enabling the students with digital learning, the Chief Minister said.

With a view to strengthening institutions for skilling/reskilling/upskilling of the workforce, the country's first state-run Skill University has been set up at Palwal. Skill training to 15,301 Saksham Yuva is being imparted through Haryana Skill Development Mission (HSDM) and soon Skill Gap Study in all districts of Haryana will be commissioned, asserted the Chief Minister.

SUGAR MILLS CRUSHING TO CAPACITY

By RAJEEV RANJAN ROY

The sugar mills in Haryana are at their crushing best. They are working at almost 90 per cent of their capacity. As per the official details, the co-operative sugar mills in the state had crushed 140.85 lakh quintals of cane and produced 12.36 lakh quintals of sugar at an average recovery rate of 9.13 per cent on January 10, 2021.

The capacity utilization of all co-operative sugar mills for the crushing season 2020-21 has been pegged at 89.32 quintals as compared to 84.09 lakh quintals in 2019-20.

For the crushing season 2020-21 till January 10, 2021, the co-operative sugar mill at Panipat reported 95.31 per cent capacity utilization;

Rohtak mill 87.59 per cent; Kamal 88.15 per cent; Sonipat 80.17 per cent; Shahbad 89.70 per cent; Jind 86.31 per cent; Palwal 88.35 per cent; Meham 90.48 per cent; Kaithal 94.65 per cent; Gohana 92.59 per cent, and Assandh 91.03 per cent.

The sugar recovery for the period under review from different mills averaged 9.13 per cent – Panipat 9.11 per cent; Rohtak 8.88 per cent; Kamal 9.15 per cent; Sonipat 8.80 per cent; Shahbad 9.95 per cent; Jind 8.77 per cent; Palwal 8.76 per cent; Meham 8.75 per cent; Kaithal 9.18 per cent; Gohana 8.52 per cent and Assandh 8.82 per cent.

According to official details, 10 co-operative sugar mills affiliated to Sugarfed purchased 140.95 lakh quintals of cane worth Rs 493.24

crore during the on-going crushing season of 2020-21. In all, Rs 174.06 crore has been paid. The outstanding payment stood at Rs 319.18 crore on January 10, 2021, out of which Rs 194.34 crore is outstanding for more than 14 days.

During this period, Panipat co-operative sugar mill purchased 11.84 lakh quintals of cane; Rohtak 19.94 lakh quintals; Kamal 12.02 lakh quintals; Sonipat 9.98 lakh quintals; Shahbad 26.95 lakh quintals; Jind 9.37 lakh quintals; Palwal 11.78 lakh quintals; Meham 11.99 lakh quintals; Kaithal 14.20 quintals, and Gohana 12.97 lakh quintals.

The stock of sugar has never been an issue in Haryana. As on January 10 this year, co-operative sugar mills had sugar stock of 23.06



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Co-operation Minister

lakh quintals, out of which 10 lakh quintals of sugar was produced this year, and the remaining 13.06 lakh quintals of stock pertains to the previous two crushing seasons. The sugar is sold by co-operative sugar mills on a monthly quota basis released by the Union Ministry of Consumers Affairs, Food and Public Distribution.

The Haryana Co-operation Minister, Dr Banwari Lal, said the state government is paying the highest sugarcane prices in the country. "Sugarcane farmers have always been an important contributor to the development of cooperative sugar mills. Farmers should take to sugarcane production and avail themselves of all the schemes implemented by the Haryana Government."

Positive steps are being taken by the Prime Minister, Mr Narendra Modi, to make every citizen of the country self-reliant. The Haryana Government is also providing a loan of Rs 3 lakh to the people starting animal husbandry business so as to make them self-sufficient on the lines of the Centre, he added.

Necessary arrangements have been made to ensure that farmers who bring sugarcane to cooperative sugar mills do not face any problem. Clear directions have been given to the officers of the sugar mills to ensure that the payment for the sugarcane is made without delay to the farmers.

The inclination of farmers towards sugarcane production is increasing as is the area under sugarcane cultivation. If required, the crushing capacity of sugar mills will also be increased, Dr Banwari Lal added.

Key points

- Ten cooperative sugar mills cater to about 40,000 families of sugarcane growers out of the six lakh-odd farming families in the state
- Cooperative sugar mills have a crushing capacity of 2.54,000 quintals of sugarcane per day
- Mills can crush up to four crore quintals of cane per season



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EoI invited for bio-fertilizer, bio-CNG plant

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In a significant development towards promoting the use of clean and green energy, Haryana Sugarfed has invited Expression of Interest (EoI) and proposal from experienced and reputed manufacturers and organizations for setting up bio-fertilizer or bio-gas (BIO-CNG) plant.

The bio-CNG plant will be set up as an independent private entity on the land to be provided by the co-operative sugar mills on lease rental basis along with long term agreement for the sale of press mud and fly ash as raw materi-

al or bio-CNG plant as a joint venture (JV) venture entity with co-operative sugar mills under the public private partnership (PPP) model.

As per official details, the co-operative sugar mills of Panipat and Shahabad generate 200 estimated tonnes of press mud every day, Rohtak and Kamal mills 140 tonne, Meham, Kaithal and Gohana 100 tonne, and Jind, Palwal and Sonapat co-operative sugar mills generate 88 tonnes of press mud per day.

According to the proposal, there is a provision for supplying bio-fertilizer to the mill farmers up to 50 per cent of total fertilizer produced at the manufacturing cost.



PIPLI TO OFFER WIDE RANGE OF FACILITIES

By RAJEEV RANJAN ROY

The tourist hub of Pipli would be developed by the Haryana Saraswati Heritage Development Board (HSHDB). Apart from boating, it would also offer a wide range of facilities like restaurants, parks, museums, etc., to the visitors. The state government is already developing Adi Badri in Yamunanagar as a tourist destination.

The idea of developing Pipli is woven into the matrix of building an Atmanirbhar Haryana by making people financially self-sufficient. A part of the Kuru region in north India, a large area of Haryana lies in the National Capital Region. It encompasses the Indus Valley and Vedic civilizations, and has a very rich cultural heritage, which goes back to the Vedic times.

Highlights

- A growth engine for employment generation
- Multi-sectoral activity which requires effective linkages and close coordination
- Haryana has potential to take advantage of global travel trade
- Highway tourism to eco tourism, adventure tourism, pilgrim tourism, farm tourism, golf tourism, medical tourism and heritage tourism are the key areas which hold great potential

What has been billed as a path-breaking initiative, five to six water bodies would also be developed in Yamunanagar and Kurukshetra districts for the storage of excess water during the rainy season so that the same can be utilized for irrigation and related purposes.

These water bodies may draw avian visitors and tourists. This would not only significantly boost tourism activities in the area but also help improve the underground

water level in Kurukshetra, Pehowa, Ladwa and Radaur.

It is worth mentioning that Saraswati River project is a prestigious project of the state government as the water flowing in the river would not only help in overcoming the problem of dark zones in Yamunanagar, Karnal and Kaithal districts but also the un-channelized water which adversely affects the crops in the fields can be effectively utilized for irrigating fields and beautification of rural ponds.

It is common knowledge that Haryana offers a wide array of interesting and unique tourism offerings, including highway tourism, farm tourism, golf tourism, pilgrim tourism, heritage tourism and adventure

tourism. The state is also well known for its music and folk dance.

Put together, these make the state a perfect vacation destination for the travellers, from within the country and abroad. The most visited tourist places are Kurukshetra, Gurgaon, and Faridabad and Chandigarh.

Tourism, a major engine of economic growth and a catalyst for employment generation, is projected to grow faster in the 21st century. Haryana has immense possibilities of growth in the tourism sector with its varied attractions.

Direct and multiplier effects of tourism can be harnessed in employment generation, poverty alleviation and women empowerment in an environmentally sustainable manner.



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Interesting facts

- Haryana has over 1,000 archaeological sites, depicting the culture of the state.
- Folk dances of Haryana are Ghagor, Jhoomar, and Chhati
- The state has more than 20 museums.
- An important aspect of Haryanvis socializing is community involvement, respectful, wearing pakhdi, sitting in chaupal and enjoying Hookahs.
- Cuisine and delicacies are a draw. According to season, one can enjoy various delicacies like Churma, Methi Ka Saag, Kakkari, Baingan Bharta, Rabri Sattu, Aam Tapka, Ghee Bura and much more.

Reviving the cradle of Vedic culture

By AJAY BHARDWAJ

The three-day International Saraswati Festival organised at Adi Badri in Yamunanagar district turned a new leaf as Haryana chief Minister Manohar Lal addressing a seminar organised on the theme 'Saraswati River-New Perspectives and Heritage Development' said restoration of Vedic period values and ethos would be Haryana's best contribution to the country.

The seminar organised by Vidya Dharti Sanskriti Sansthan and Haryana Saraswati Heritage Development Board saw participation of more than a dozen international scholars who suggested that the Saraswati culture should become a reality for the people in the region.

He said that the credit of the progress which is being made in the work related to the discovery of river Saraswati today, goes to Late Darshan Lal Jain, who sitting in Yamunanagar, played a pioneer role in reviving the Saraswati heritage.

"Though he is not with us today, his thoughts are still with us and reviving Saraswati River while following the path shown by him will be a true tribute to him," said the Chief Minister.

The chief minister said that all the doubts regarding existence of Saraswati river have been resolved and scientific evidence has been found for its flow. He said that Haryana is globally known as the cradle of Vedic culture.

On the sacred bank of Saraswati, our saints and sages had written Vedas and other religious texts, said the Chief Minister. He said that the historic war of Mahabharata, also took place in Dharmakshetra-Kurukshetra, which is situated on the banks of Saraswati River. Lord Krishna also gave immortal message of Srimad Bhagavad Gita comprising of knowledge, devotion and deed on this holy land.

He said that according to the description found in Mahabharata, Saraswati originated from a place called Adi badri, which is just

above Yamunanagar in Haryana and just below the Shivalik hills. Even today people consider this place to be a place of pilgrimage.

The Chief Minister said that Saraswati, despite being extinct as a river, has always been worshipped as the goddess of learning. Perhaps this is the reason that on the holy banks of Saraswati, saints and sages shared their knowledge by writing Vedas and Upanishads.

He said that to understand the rise and fall of Indus civilization, it is very important to find the origin and extinction of Saraswati River.

He said that this project would also be beneficial to develop all such places where there is evidence of Saraswati River and its heritage. The perennial flow of water in the Saraswati River will recharge the groundwater level, as most of the areas in Haryana have turned into a dark zone. Besides this, the work of interlinking both Som and Ghaggar rivers with the Saraswati river is underway, which will result in flood control, improved irrigation and groundwater recharging.

Haryana bags 'Best State in Health' award

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In what comes as a befitting reply to those who were questioning the state's health facilities, Haryana has been awarded the SKOCH Award for the 'Best State in Health.' Besides this, Mr Anil Vij has been honoured with the title of the 'Best Health Minister' in the country. This Award has been given for several outstanding initiatives taken in the field of health at the state and district levels.

Additional Chief Secretary, Health, Mr Rajeev Arora, Director of AYUSH Department, Mr Prabhjot Singh and Director General of Health Mr Suraj Bhan Kamboj handed over the SKOCH Awards to the Health Minister. He said that private institution SKOCH had conducted a thorough research and assessment in the health sector across the country according to which the state of Haryana has performed outstandingly in the field of health in the country. Also, the state of Karnataka was ranked second among them.

According to SKOCH, all departments of the state had worked in co-operation under the leadership of Mr Vij resulting in rendering excellent health services to the people of the state even during the pandemic.

It is worth mentioning that even last year Haryana's Health Department had won the SKOCH Gold Award for outstanding performance during the COVID-19 crisis. The Health Department had submitted its project titled 'COVID-19 Status in Haryana' for the Awards and was adjudged as the best COVID-19 module by the panelists.

The state government had participated in the esteemed 67th SKOCH



awards, which were organised through the digital mode, by the SKOCH Group today. There were a number of organisations from different states who had submitted their projects on COVID-19 crisis.

The Union Health and Family Welfare Ministry on February 24 said in a statement that 19 States including Haryana and other UTs have not reported any Covid-19 deaths in the last 24 hours. The other States and UTs are Gujarat, Rajasthan, Odisha, Jharkhand, Chandigarh, Assam, Lakshadweep, Himachal Pradesh, Ladakh, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura, Meghalaya, A&N Islands, Sikkim, Nagaland, Arunachal Pradesh, D&D and D&N.

As on February 24, the vaccination coverage was 1,21,65,598 through 2,54,356 sessions as per the provisional report till 7 am. These include 64,98,300 HCWs (first dose), 13,98,400 HCWs (second dose) and 42,68,898 FLWs (1st dose). In Haryana, 2,68,853 doses have been given so far.



Sprouting green shoots in Haryana agriculture



Photograph By Vinay Malik

By AJAY BHARDWAJ

Farmers' welfare has been one of the top priorities of the Haryana Government and concerted efforts have been made in the recent past to help farmers double their income. Chief Minister Manohar Lal's message has been simple and clear, "Let there be a smile on the face of every farmer".

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 has initiated implementation of a seven-point programme to usher in a new era in agriculture in the state.

In December 2018 Haryana launched the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojna to assist the small and marginal farmers. Under the scheme Rs 6000 is deposited in the bank accounts of farmers in three instalments. About 19 lakh farmers have been benefited under the scheme in Haryana so far while an amount of Rs 1916 crores has been disbursed to them.

Running in tandem has been the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojna which was launched in 2016. It gained support of farmers on a large scale and by 2019-20 about 59 lakh farmers had registered themselves to it. By then 13.27 lakh farmers stood benefited while the government provided assistance to the tune

of Rs 2980.74 crores.

The Haryana government with the intention for easing the life of farmers and labourers in the mandis, launched the 'Atal Kisan Mazdoor Canteen' on 29 December, 2019, under which subsidised food is provided at the rate of Rs. 10 per plate to them.

"Mera Pani-Meri Virasat" (My Water My Legacy) scheme has been a flagship programme of the Haryana government in many ways as it aims at bringing about a new era in diversification of crops to rid the farmers of wheat-paddy cycle by promoting crops like maize, cotton, millet, pulses, vegetables, and horticulture crops.

Under this, a provision has been made to give an incentive of Rs 7000 per acre for sowing other crops like maize, cotton, millet, pulses, vegetables, etc. The incentive is being deposited in two instalments directly to the bank accounts of the farmers. Under this scheme, registration has been done on the 'Mera Pani-Meri Virasat' portal to grow other crops instead of paddy crops in an area of one lakh 26 thousand 927 hectares.

An added facility to the farmers has been using the digital platform through which registration is being done for the crops of Kharif season 2020-21 on the "My Crop, My Details" portal. For the bajra crop, 2.90 lakh farmers have registered about 11 lakh hectares of land.

Initiatives in the pipeline

- Reclamation of one lakh acre saline land in coming financial year.
- Agri mechanization for handling crop residues: Rs 1000- will be given per acre through DBT to a farmer as incentive for making bales of crop residues.
- Soil Testing Labs in Mandir - 100 new labs will be established.
- Kisan Awards to progressive farmers who adopt innovative techniques for saving water, crop residue management, sustainable and organic farming.

Exhibiting an entrepreneurial spirit, the state government proposes to set up a masala mandi on about 16 acres of Panchayati land in Sersa village of Sonapat district, besides a flower market on 8 acres of land in Gurugram. Closer to the state capital, Chandigarh, a Rs 100 crore state-of-the-art new apple, fruit, and vegetable market is coming up under HMIT, at Pinjore for

which approval for construction of vacant 78.33 acres of land was granted on 21 March 2020. The process of making DPR for making it is in progress.

To help boost the economy of sales and attract the private sector to agriculture, the Haryana Government has taken many steps to streamline the regulations, which will remove the possibility of excessive regulatory interventions by private investors while conducting their business and ensure freedom of product, product range, movement, distribution and supply.

The agro-economy is another field in which Haryana has been touching big strides as the state government spent Rs 403.09 crore on the development and upgrading of new grain and vegetable markets, construction of new roads, and special repair of existing roads.

Under the national beekeeping scheme an amount of Rs 41.16 crore has been allocated for promoting beekeeping while a quality control laboratory is being set up for Rs 20 crore.

The State Government has been providing a 40 percent grant for mushroom cultivation and 208 units have been approved.

In order to promote agricultural diversification and double the income of farmers, the budget of the department was almost tripled in the last 5 years.

Addressing another vexing issue

is stubble management for which the state government is providing subsidy for equipment to farmers, besides helping in extending the straw to industrial units.

The Haryana government is committed to providing better deals for the farmers and the right price for their crops. The Farmers' Agreement on Price Assurance and Agricultural Services Ordinance - 2020 allows farmers to enter into a written agreement for the supply of agricultural produce at a pre-determined price.

To boost the irrigation facilities in the state a target has been set to install 215 rainwater harvesting structures out of which a total of 83 of them were installed in the year 2020-21. Also, in fiscal 2020-2021, the State Drought Relief and Flood Control Board proved the plan for 212 new drainage works worth Rs 195 crores. During Covid-19, an insurance cover of Rs 10 lakh was given to the farmers and workers in the mandis, besides fruits and vegetables was made available directly to the common man/consumer through farmer producer groups in all districts. This helped the farmers to sell their products and their income increased by more than 20 percent.

The Haryana Government is determined to build a strong agri sector in the state with farmer-centric initiatives and the green shoots of change and prosperity are visible on the fertile soil of the industrious state.

'MERA PANI-MERI VIRASAT' SCHEME

Manika set to become brand ambassador

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It is in the pipeline. VLCC Femina Miss Grand India 2020, Ms Manika Sheokand, is set to become the brand Ambassador of Haryana's much-touted 'Mera Pani-Meri Virasat' scheme. The announcement is likely to be made soon. Manika, a chemical engineer, who won the title, hails from Jind district of Haryana.

Given the inclination to work for protecting the environment she gave vent to at her meeting with the Chief Minister, the other day, Mr Manohar Lal asked her to become the brand ambassador of the scheme to which she her family readily consented.

When Ms Shokhand, along with members of her family, met the Chief Minister at his residence the other day, she expressed the desire to work on protecting the environment. Besides saving, water, air and soil it is also necessary to dispose of the used products properly to save the environment, she said.

Referring to the sanitary napkins, Ms Sheokhand said instead of using plastic in making such napkins, biodegradable materials like cotton, bamboo, banana, jute etc, should be used. On this, the Chief Minister directed the officers present to take effective steps after consulting the entrepreneurs in this regard.

While congratulating her and her family, Mr Manohar Lal said the entire state is proud of her achievement. He expressed the hope that Ms Manika would go to win the world beauty contest also, and presented her with a copy of Shrimad Bhagvad Gita along with a shawl.

Referring to the scheme, the

Chief Minister said in view of the declining groundwater level in Haryana, there is a great need to save water. It is the lifeline of farmers and agriculture in the state. "It is for this purpose that we have implemented 'Mera Pani-Meri Virasat Yojana' under which an incentive amount of Rs 7,000 per acre is given to the farmers who have been sowing less water-consuming crops for replacing paddy," he said.

Expressing pride over the achievements made by the girls of Haryana, the Chief Minister said "Our daughters have not only brought laurels to the state but also to the nation from across the world. Besides sports, they have also excelled in education, management, agriculture, industry, films and beauty contests."

Referring to the achievements of the daughters of the state, the Chief Minister said Ms. Manika is the third daughter of the state in the last six years to have brought laurels to the state in beauty con-

tests. Earlier, Ms. Manushi Chhillar and Ms. Meenakshi performed well in similar beauty contests. Ms Manushi Chhillar became Miss World in 2017 while Ms Meenakshi was the runner-up in 2018.

By winning medals in the field of sports, the daughters of the state have proved their mettle. A camp is currently underway to prepare for the Tokyo Olympics. Out of 37 women boxers selected in the country, 22 women boxers are from Haryana.

Ms Manika said since the launch of 'Beti Bachao-Beti Padhao' campaign in the state, parents are giving special attention to support their daughters. The Chief Minister said this campaign is not limited to saving and educating the daughters, but had gone further to support them in every field. Resultantly, the sex ratio in the state has increased from 871 to 922.



CAMPUS CORNER

ARYABHATTA VIGYAN KENDRA TO BE SET UP IN AMBALA

By SHAGUN KAPOOR

The Haryana Technical Education and Science Minister, Mr Anil Vij, has decided to set up a science centre 'Aryabhata Vigyan Kendra' in Ambala. It will impart information related to science, Aryabhata and other scientists.

Disclosing this while presiding over a meeting organised by the Technical Education Department, Mr Vij said that the building of the centre would have four floors, in which different disciplines of science will be displayed on different floors. The ground floor will have a reception hall, space science exhibition, digital adventure gallery, planetarium, 3D auditorium, and other facilities for visitors. Apart from this, information on earth, rockets, types of satellites, Indian satellite and space technologies will be made available in the space science exhibition.

Giving more information about the centre, the Education Minister told Haryana Review that the Fun Science Gallery, VR Theater, Innovation Hub, Science Sphere and other information will be available on the first floor. Along with this, a sports gallery will be constructed on the second floor, in which the state's environment, wildlife and ecosystem, forest, agriculture and plant biotechnology, open theater and human development will be displayed, he added.

On the third floor, information on instruments and equipment, Himalayas and Aravallis, and an open roof to see the sky will be available. Moreover, the visitors will have information about nanotechnology, its size and properties of objects, technology, utility of nanotechnology in nature, information about ancient practices and information related to nanotechnology being present everywhere. The centre will be fully air-conditioned, Mr Vij added.

Special schools for special kids

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The Haryana Government has decided to open separate special schools for spe-



cially-abled children in Haryana. Besides studies, these schools will also provide various opportunities to the children, in order to make them self-reliant in life.

Disclosing this, the Education Minister, Mr Kanwar Pal, said Haryana has a large number of specially-abled children who are unable to complete their studies, due to various reasons. With a view to making them self-sufficient, these institutions will provide them suitable employment opportunities. For this, the help of NGOs will also be taken by the state government, he added.

Essay competition on RTI

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The Higher Education Department of Haryana is set to organise an essay writing competition on 'Right to Information' (RTI) in 11 government colleges and 11 government-aided

colleges of the state.

An official spokesperson of the Higher Education Department told Haryana Review that contestants securing first, second and third positions would be awarded cash prizes of Rs 2,000, Rs 1,500 and Rs 1,000, respectively in the competition.

WINDOW ON SPORTS

Haryana players steal limelight in TT event

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Out of the total medals won by the players from across the country in the 82nd National Table Tennis Championships-2020 at Tau Devi Lal Sports Stadium in Panchkula, more than 50 per cent have been won by the players from Haryana.

The Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, said that in order to make the children develop interest in sports since childhood, the state government had initiated 'Catch Them Young programme' so that they can hone their talent early and grow to bring laurels to the state and the country.

Inaugurated by the Chief Minister, on February 15, the 82nd National Table Tennis Championships-2020, concluded on February 23, 2021. The event generated great interest among the people in table tennis.

Tau Devi Lal Sports Stadium is a national level sports ground and has all the facilities required to organize such big tournaments. Besides, sports nurseries are also being set up at various places in the state where players are imparted training in keeping with their interests.

This year, Haryana will organise Khelo India Games-2021, in which about 12,000 players from different states of the country will participate, the Chief Minister added.

The Deputy Chief Minister, Mr Dushyant Chautala, who is also President of Table Tennis Federation of India and Haryana Table Tennis Association, announced that in the last four years, the work of every single employee, coach and player of the Federation had resulted in the promotion of table tennis in the state.

In order to encourage national and international level table tennis players, UTT League is organised on the lines of IPL. India won eight medals in the Table Tennis category in Commonwealth-2018, which is a historic achievement, Mr Chautala added.



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