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# Haryana intensifies war against Covid-19

By AJAY BHARDWAJ

The fortitude and determination of Haryana to fight Covid-19 have been unflinching even as the state, while extending the lockdown till May 17, has launched the "Mahamari Alert, Surakshit Haryana" campaign with stringent measures to contain the pandemic.

Continuing the earlier restrictions on commercial establishments and movement of people, the state government has now banned the gathering of more than 11 persons, be it a wedding or funeral.

In order to intensify the war against pandemic the state government has undertaken a novel "Test, Track and Treat" campaign to curb the swiftly spreading wave of COVID-19 in villages. Under the campaign, "Test, Track and Treat", the government has decided to launch a special door-to-door screening drive in villages by constituting 8000 multidisciplinary teams. Health screening camps to cover each household would be organised on a war footing to identify

the silent carriers of the virus and put them to treatment much before they spread it unwittingly.

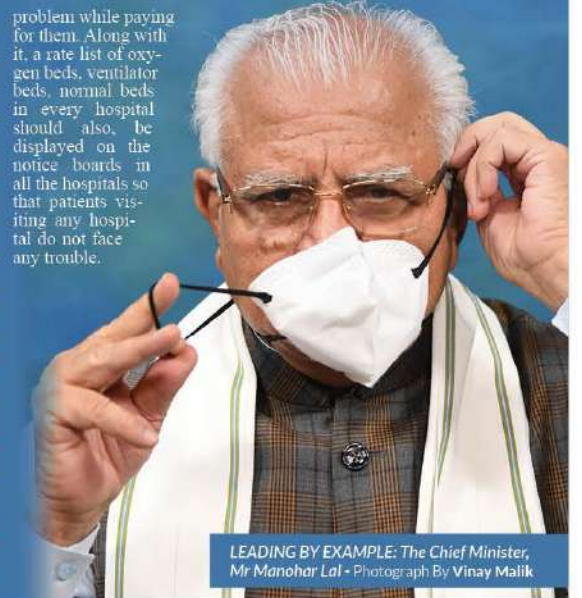
All efforts are being made not to let the oxygen problem crop up in the state. Soon five oxygen plants will start operating in Karnal, Panchkula, Hisar, Sirsa and Faridabad as equipment and machinery required for setting up these plants have been received by the government. Officials said as many as 60 oxygen plants would be set up in due course.

While corona vaccination of people aged between 18 and 45 years has already been underway in all districts, the state government has announced that an amount of Rs 5,000 will be given as medical aid to Covid patients below the poverty line on home isolation.

The vaccination drive has been going on vigorously as about 45 lakh people has been vaccinated at about 200 centres across the state.

In order to curb the malpractices of private health institutions, the state government has directed that a rate list of charges by ambulances should be displayed in every hospital so that people do not face any

problem while paying for them. Along with it, a rate list of oxygen beds, ventilator beds, normal beds in every hospital should also, be displayed on the notice boards in all the hospitals so that patients visiting any hospital do not face any trouble.



LEADING BY EXAMPLE: The Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal - Photograph By Vinay Malik

# LAND BANK TO KILL TWO BIRDS WITH ONE STONE

By PARVEEN K MODI

Out to kill two birds with one stone—saving the farmers from the scourge of distress sale of land and facilitating the land-strapped government to offer land to departments for setting projects of public interest—the Haryana Government plans to set up a land bank under an integrated policy.

Titled "Policy for Purchase of Land Voluntarily Offered to Government For Development Projects, Creating Land Bank for Government Department, including Boards and Corporations and Disposal Thereof," it would aim to create a land bank for government departments as well as for boards and corporations.

The proposed bank will comprise and consolidate such chunks of surplus land as had been once acquired by various departments under the Land Acquisition Act, 1894 (Central Act 1 of 1894) but do not need them now. It would



also clear the hurdles dogging the path of the state government in making land available to the departments that need them most for setting up public utilities.

Giving out details, Mr Sanjeev Kaushal, FCR and ACS, Revenue and Disaster Management Department, told Haryana Review, "The proposed bank will offer a win-win situation both for the surplus land holders, including departments and farmers, and the state government. While the former will be able to sell land at a competitive price, the

latter would not have to look the other way when any department knocks at its door for land for setting up any public utility."

Land will be offered to departments for setting up essential services, including water works, power sub-stations, colleges and other specialized institutions of higher learning, including universities, medical colleges, hospitals and polytechnics etc.

The unutilized land of various government departments, boards and corporations is proposed to

be clubbed together at one place under the Revenue and Disaster Management Department which will serve as nodal department. All departments, including boards and corporations, shall explore such lands and put these chunks in the proposed bank to ensure optimum utilization. Mr Kaushal said.

In the event of the bank having surplus land after meeting the present and future requirements of departments, boards and corporations, especially such land as has been purchased from a landowner by the government to minimize distress sale, the state government shall be able to dispose it off in a transparent manner by e-auction, he added.

Wanting to sell land to the government, farmers can apply on the online portal to be created by the Director, Land Records, to make an offer by giving complete details of land, including negotiable price of the same. He must enclose relevant land records and quote their expected rate while submitting an online application.



## The journey of the golden grain

PHOTO FEATURE BY VINAY MALIK



Making sure water reaches the field



Leveling of the field and sprinkling of seeds go side by side



The crop being loaded on a truck by a machine



## Wheat mop-up beats Covid and the target

By AJAY BHARDWAJ

After touching the target of 80 lakh tonnes of wheat procurement, the Haryana Government has suspended the exercise in the face of the Covid surge that has gripped the society. The suspension of procurement has coincided with the complete lockdown imposed in the state.

During the lockdown no procurement of wheat will be undertaken and no gate passes shall be issued for the same.

The state government has advised farmers to stay back home and do not step out until it is necessary.

According to officials, till now 9,15,049 J-forms of 4,99,377 farmers have been issued and an amount of Rs. 9,270 crore has been transferred directly into the accounts of farmers whose crops have been procured.

The state government had made elaborate arrangements to ensure smooth and targeted wheat procurement. A special team of officers was put in place to make sure that farmers did not face harassment in mandis and they were made payments expeditiously.

Taking a significant step in the interest of Arthiyas, the Haryana Government decided to pay 9 per cent interest on the payment made after 15 days of the end of the crop procurement season. With this, about Rs 1.18 crore will be paid as interest to 9,828 arthiyas in the state.

The state government also decided that those who were paid 15 days after the end of the Kharif Marketing Season 2020-21, i.e after January 1, 2021, will be paid interest @ 9 per cent on the principal amount for the period the payment is delayed.

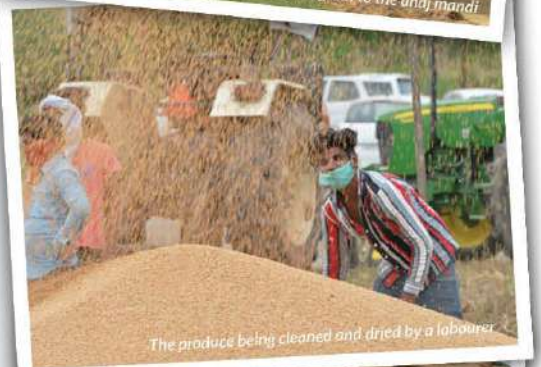
Fertilizer is sprayed on the soil



A farmer checks if the crop is ready for harvesting



All set for taking the grain to the anaj mandi



The produce being cleaned and dried by a labourer



A harvester combine does the act



And finally, the procured grain lands in FCI godown



**FORTNIGHT IN RETROSPECT**

**CM announces 1-month extension of service**

The Haryana Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, has said that given the current COVID 19 situation in the state, a one-month extension of service has been given to the employees of BDPO, Tehsildar and Health Department, who were to retire on April 30, 2021.

He disclosed this while reviewing the present situation of COVID-19 in Haryana with top officers and deputy commissioners of all districts to monitor the preparations related to COVID-19 through video-conference in Chandigarh. The Health Minister, Mr Anil Vij, also attended the meeting through video-conferencing.

**'Vita Pay' launched for digital payments**

The Haryana Dairy Development Co-operative Federation (HDDCF) has taken a major initiative to reduce the fall-out of the Coronavirus pandemic, and launched "VITA PAY", a dedicated digital payments wallet for HDDCF dairy farmers and Vita booths.

Disclosing this, Managing Director, HDDCF, Mr A. Sreenivas, said that in the present COVID crisis physical cash handling as a daily routine, is a major cause of concern for risk of infection. Thus, a dedicated wallet from HDDCF "VITA PAY" for dairy farmers, Vita booths and other associates will not only boost our functioning, services, market presence but will also help booth owners to earn additional income.

**Gram Sachiv to register deeds**

The Haryana Government has decided that Gram Sachiv of the panchayat concerned will carry out execution and registration of title certificates in Lal Dora (Abadi Deh) under the Svamitva Scheme, till the formation of new gram panchayats in the state.

Stating this, Financial Commissioner, Revenue, and Additional Chief Secretary, Revenue and Disaster Management, Mr Sanjeev Kaushal, said that instructions to this effect had been issued to all deputy commissioners in the state.

Directions have been issued that title certificates pertaining to public utility lands, that is, panchayat ghar, school, dispensary, water works, Johar, patwar khana, anganwadi and public streets, duly registered, are issued in favour of 'Panchayat Deh'.

# COMING, AADHAAR-TYPE NUMBER FOR EVERY PLOT

## Pilot project launched in Manesar and Sirsi village of Karnal set to be extended to entire state

By PARVEEN K MODI

Sooner than later, every plot in Haryana shall be known by an Aadhaar-type Unique Land Parcel Identification Number (ULPIN). Besides facilitating identification of the plot in a unique and unambiguous manner, the GIS-based Unified Land Information System (ULIS) will not only help create an online land information system, but will also enable other stakeholders to use it to generate more value.

A pilot project to mark every plot with a number has already been kicked off in Manesar tehsil of Gurgaon and Sirsi village of Karnal to take forward the Digital India Land Record Modernization Programme. After successful implementation of the pilot project, the Haryana Government plans to approach the NIC team and other agencies to roll out the system all over the state.

Giving broad outlines of the programme and the benefits flowing from it, Mr Sanjeev Kaushal, Haryana Financial Commissioner, Revenue, told Haryana Review that the unique number would make available comprehensive information on land and properties, consisting of textual and spatial data besides maintaining consistency of the core data across all departments and agencies of the government.

The project would spell many advantages. Single source of truth on land will stand out as an authoritative reference to authenticate ownership and other parameters of the record. Unique categorization of government lands would benefit instant identification and prevention of transfer of such lands to individuals during transactions such as registration.

It will also help cross-validate land records related data across various departments. Besides, standardisation at data and application level would bring about effective integration and interoperability across departments and other stakeholders/service providers, he added.

More importantly, a unified ID

### VISION & MISSION

The Unique Land Parcel Identification Number (ULPIN) shall be a single, authoritative source of truth of information on any parcel of land or property to provide integrated land services to the citizens as well as all stake holders. It will identify such departments as provide land related services; identify services of these land departments; assign a unique ID to each parcel; and set up a federated land information system which works in collaborative manner.

#### What is property identifier unit

- It is a globally unique identifier
- Derived from the characteristics of the property, without relying on a third party such as a central property registry, to mint and manage IDs.
- Latitude and longitude coordinate and the floor of the outer surface of an entryway to a unit space is used to describe a unit space
- Created through the application of a reversible algorithm to the position and elevation of the midpoint of the plane representing the primary point of entry to a legally delineated unit space within a building.

#### How ULPIN will help

- Provide an open and transparent distribution of electronic commerce codes on the internet.
- Each geo-referenced parcel/property is uniquely identified.
- Its geometry characteristics are captured in the identifier.
- A link to all property transactions gets established
- Sharing of land records data across departments, financial institutions and all stakeholders
- Facilitates cross-validation of land records related data across departments
- Standardization at data and application level would result in effective integration and interoperability across departments

(viz., uniformity in assignment like Aadhaar number) would lead to certificate-less governance and offer a unified system to all stakeholders.

Under the proposed approach/methodology to build ULIS, the Department of Land Resources (DoLR), in collaboration with NIC, will take a pilot project in such states/UTs as are in advanced stages of digitization of

land records with cadastral maps to generate Unique ID. After successful implementation of pilot, state/UTs as per their preparedness level may approach local NIC teams/other agencies to roll out the system in their respective states/UTs.

For implementation of ULPIN, administrative and financial support shall be extended by DoLR accord-

ing to the guidelines of DILRMP and technical support for rolling out the system will be facilitated by NIC, Survey of India, Department of Science and Technology and National Remote sensing centre.

This Unique ID of parcel, being very precise and accurate, should not be shared in the public domain due to their strategic and accurate locational and security values. It may be mapped with another unique random number with prefix state code, which can be shared with the owner and in public domain for all practical purposes, Mr Kaushal added.

However, sharing of the unique ID with the land owners or keeping it in public domain before mapping it to another unique random number with prefix state code is in the purview of the respective state revenue department as ownership of the land records data is vested in the respective revenue departments of the states/UTs.

#### FINER GOALS & OBJECTIVES

1. The ULIS would seek to identify departments dealing with land regulation and rendering land related services to the citizens (ex: revenue, municipal, panchayat, forest, registration, survey etc).
2. It would identify the services of such departments, including those which are multi-departmental in nature. (Ex: mutation of land, land use conversion from agricultural to non-agricultural, etc)
3. Work out a strategy and develop a system to assign Unique ID to each land parcel by respective states/UTs.
4. Create an online land information system with open standards APIs (Application Programming Interface) that is based on GIS and is OGC-compliant so that other stakeholders could use them online to generate further value.
5. Provide comprehensive information on land and properties, consisting of textual and spatial data.
6. Maintain consistency of the core data across all departments and agencies of the government.





# TAKING COVID FIGHT TO ANOTHER LEVEL

## CM pulls all stops to ensure lives are not lost

### 'Test, Track, Treat' for every rural household



**COVID PLACES TO OVERSEE ARRANGEMENTS:** The Haryana Chief Minister Anil Kumar (left) is seen with the District Hospital, Yamuna, to review the arrangements to take after Covid patients of the Covid-19 treatment of Medical Sciences and Research Institute, Faridkot where 100000 people would be treated at an ICMV hospital in an open tent being set up at the Medical College, Gurgaon. Screenshot taken at a vaccination camp held at Faridkot - ICMV. Anil Kumar



By PARVEEN K MODI

**S**pirit in his feet and abiding concern for the Covid victims at heart, he is constantly on the move. Flitting in and out of the worst affected districts across Haryana, the Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, has been addressing issues, allaying anxieties and fixing things while keeping the state in the no-holds-barred fight to squelch the deadly virus that has spread the state.

Constituting the pivot the strategy to fight the deadly virus revolves around, he remains the umbony of the all-out offensive launched by Haryana to contain and beat the virus.

While the indulgence of the Chief Minister remains a perennial source of inspiration to the frontline warriors vigorously engaged in taking on the menace, his interventions have brought faster care, greater care, consolation and succour to the Corona victims.

They rightly say when the going gets tough, the tough get going. Determined to ensure that every Covid patient gets appropriate treatment, Mr Manohar Lal has been hopping from one place to another to oversee the arrangements, including setting up of new hospitals, arranging more beds, and managing uninterrupted flow of such vital supplies as oxygen and ventilators, all this with the embedded intent to save every life.

Mr Manohar Lal made a whirlwind tour of as many as five districts, issuing directions to the administrative officers of Karnal, Sonapat, Sirsa, Bhiwani and Gurgaon. He reviewed various health facilities, including the supply of oxygen and other facilities being provided to the patients in these districts, and directed the officers concerned to beef up arrangements to tackle the situation and contain the spread of the virus.

It was during his visit to Sirsa that he announced the decision to extend the weekend lockdown to the entire state up to May 9, 2021. He directed the officers that the rate list of changes of ambulances be displayed in every hospital so that people did not face any problem while paying for them. Along with this, the rate list of oxygen beds, ventilator beds and neural beds should also be displayed in all the hospitals. His first post of call was to Karnal and Gurgaon.

What's more, he has been instrumental in making many companies come forward and open their plants to contribute their might in the state's relentless fight against the Coronavirus. The other day, he had a video-conference with representatives of many giant companies and appealed for cooperation in this war.

His call attracted active and instant response from the names that make the buzz word in the world of

business. The video meet witnessed outpourings of ready help both in cash and kind. Industry representatives promised financial assistance as well as medical equipment.

While some companies readily offered to build COVID hospitals, provide oxygen, oxygen concentrators and oxygen generators for the treatment of the Covid patients, others offered to provide oximeters, masks, sanitizers and other medical equipment.

Representatives of companies, including Hero-MotoCorp, DLF Limited, Power Finance Corporation, Honda Motorcycle, Minda-Temp, IFFCO, Taty General Insurance Company Limited, Wipro, Anand Aranya Kendra from Gurgaon, Delhi and other parts of the country came forward to assist with the Chief Minister. While thanking them for their active help, he sought suggestions on how to pack more punch in the fight against Corona.



By AJAY BHARDWAJ

**H**aryana has recorded a 13 per cent increase in the lowest in the country, there has been no room for complacency in vaccinating and testing the Covid patient.

Along with the state-wide health survey of every person in rural areas, there has been no let-up in the vaccination drive. More than 41 lakh people in the state have been vaccinated while the drive to vaccinate people in the age group of 18-65, which started on May 2, is steadily picking up.

In order to beef up the preventive drive, on an average, about 50,000 tests are being done daily in the state. For this 21 government and 18 private laboratories have been functional for the

last few months.

As the pandemic seems to be making inroads in the rural areas, the state government has evolved a preventive strategy under which a special awareness campaign can counselling of rural inhabitants would be done.

Under the 'Test, Track and Treat' strategy to curb the virally spreading waves of COVID-19 in villages, a special door-to-door screening drive in villages would be undertaken by constituting 8,000 multidisciplinary teams.

Chief Minister Manohar Lal, while laying the blueprint of the new strategy, underlined that for this, officers of the health department along with ASHA workers, former and present public representatives in each village have to play key roles in encouraging people to get themselves

tested in the screening camps.

He said apart from this, dedicated efforts should be made to raise awareness about safety practices and the precautionary measures to contain the spread of COVID-19 infection in rural areas.

"Further strengthening of medical infrastructure along with ensuring up COVID-19 management protocols, with aggressive surveillance, stringent containment focused clinical management should also be done in every village on a priority basis," said the Chief Minister.

Under the new campaign, 3000 multidisciplinary teams led by trained doctors including health department officials, ASHA and Anganwadi workers would be constituted across the state so that door-to-door health screening of households can be done in every village. He said that proper screening

of every family should be done along with the recording of their oxygen and temperature levels.

In case, during the screening camps any person is found having COVID-like symptoms of fever, cold and cough, he would be advised to stay in home isolation immediately so as to prevent the possibility of infection spread.

An effort would be to catch the patients at an early stage and get them to treatment. Approximately one team per 500 households would be deployed for conducting the health screening.

Patients with severe symptoms would be right away hospitalized for the required treatment.

The government has been meanwhile, exploring the possibility of converting charabhaals and government schools into isolation centres in case the rash of patients is

not met by the Covid care centres.

Haryana Health Minister Anil Vij recently announced a Home Isolation Kit for corona patients under treatment in Home Isolation. This will benefit around 90,000 patients undergoing treatment in their respective homes.

Prepared by the Ayush department the kit will be given to every patient who is in home isolation. The kit contains 15 items along with allopathic and ayurvedic medicines including an oximeter, digital thermometer, stethoscope, three-layer mask, Ayush kit, Gilet, Gloves, Amul ORS, and a booklet with complete information related to Covid.

At present, there are about 90,000 patients undergoing treatment in home isolation. The Health Department will visit door to door in case the rash of patients is

## Stellar efforts, beefed-up infra make it decisive

By RAJEEV RAHMAN ROY

**S**tellar efforts, beefed-up healthcare infrastructure, consistent monitoring and swift-on-the-spot have enabled Haryana to put up a decisive fight in which the deadly coronavirus is deemed to be decimated.

Gathering human resources and infrastructure was the first key and visionary initiative taken under the leadership of the Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, which positioned Haryana on the path of taming the virus.

What added verve to the state's war against Covid-19 was the consistency with which the government has been working since the first wave hit the state last year. It was a clear achievement to put in place dedicated Covid-19 hospi-

tals across the state, ensuring availability of necessary pharmaceutical, nursing facilities and mitigating critical gaps. All this that was done effectively was needed to cope with the challenges and stresses caused by the Coronavirus.

Equally challenging was the task to fight against Corona by ensuring minimum hardships to the people of the state, a responsibility which the government has been able to discharge so effectively.

"From day one, we have adopted a multi-pronged approach in dealing with the menace of Covid-19. We are taking care of people's sense of living against all odds that cropped up during these trying times. The procurement of what is going on seamlessly so that farmers don't suffer," says the Chief Minister.

The fight against pandemic gets

residual if the government has to create a state-level portal in which information related to oxygen, bed status, etc., in all districts will be updated. Rates of beds and ambulances in all private hospitals have also been capped.

"Rates of certain medicines and daily use items have also been fixed. Municipal Councils are also representatives. If they get any complaint regarding overcrowding, they should immediately bring them to the notice of the government and strict action will be taken against those found guilty," said the Chief Minister.

- Minus for 'Doctor on Call service' for families
- Seamless supply of essential medicines
- Constant monitoring of oxygen supply
- Displayed rate list for treatment in each private hospital
- Quick test of those having symptoms of Covid-19
- Call centres for disseminating information

The spirit of involving all in the fight against the second wave of pandemic has defined the spirit of corona at the grassroots level. Similarly, even a small humane gesture towards the Corona warriors makes the going easier for them. Hence, the state government should be applauded for the decision to provide free of cost lodging and food facilities to doctors, paramedical staff and others who are involved in providing essential services during the pandemic in the Rest Houses of the Public Works Department across the state.

## Holding the Covid bull by the horns

By AJAY BHARDWAJ

**H**aryana has kept its chin up in spite of the unprecedented Covid challenges and has expanded health-related services on a war footing for the patients.

In view of the increasing number of patients of COVID-19, the number of oxygen beds and neural beds is also being increased for the patients.

The state government had initially allocated 10,000 MT of medical oxygen to the state at the beginning of the first wave, which had to be topped quickly by 241 MT per week. However, the state government has now reached out to the Centre with the demand for 400 MT of 36-hour gas to meet the

ever-increasing demand. In all, about 1220 Covid patients have been on oxygen support in the state in various government and private hospitals and about 270 patients have been in a government ICU.

The Centre has allocated a total of 15 oxygen concentrators of which 15 concentrators, coming from Faridkot, would reach in Gurgaon soon.

The other five oxygen concentrators marked for Haryana will come from the government-owned from Faridkot, Gurgaon and they will start delivering the medical equipment in different hospitals in order of priority once they receive it.

A state official said Haryana has also been allocated 113 Pulse oximeters which will be dispatched to 13 India Institute of Technical Sci-

ences (AIITs) in Rajasthan.

The state government has booked up quarantine facility for patients and later, to make a provision of 1,107 quarantine beds in the dedicated Covid care centres. His statement, Manohar Lal Khosla has been returning oxygen availability, states with various districts.

The state government has also formed district-level teams of officials to coordinate and ensure an uninterrupted supply of oxygen in all districts, private and public.

Meanwhile, state health minister Anil Vij has made a mammoth list of all hospitals in the state with 50 or more beds to keep their own oxygen reservation plan. He said the decision was taken after forming from the Covid-19 experience,

of Rameshwar injection. The atmosphere had sold 850 injections as the black market. Later, two more sessions were added from Punjab on the charges of black-marketing of Rameshwar injection. These vials were found from their bags.

In Faridkot, one person was arrested and 50 oxygen cylinders recovered in Jind district. 125 cylinders were seized during 22 raids. About 260 oxygen cylinders were seized from Gurgaon.

The Haryana Police have searched 1600-1800-1211 where citizens can register their complaints on black marketing of injectors and oxygen cylinders.





# Caring for the less cared for

By RAJEEV RANJAN ROY

Caring for the less cared for has been the guiding principle of the Manohar Lal-led government in Haryana from day one. Alive to the hardships being faced by different vulnerable social groups and other poor, the state government has made a number of affirmative interventions to mitigate their woes and improve the ease of their lives.

From old age pension to financial support to poorer social sections, the intent gets explicitly reflected in the government's humane approach towards those whose holistic empowerment is the need of the hour to build a resilient, inclusive social order in the State.

A case in point is the recent announcement of a bonanza of welfare schemes for sanitation workers. Now the monthly salary of sanitation workers working in rural areas has been increased from Rs 12,000 to Rs 14,000 per month and monthly salary of sanitation workers working in urban areas has been increased from Rs 15,000 to Rs 16,000 per month, a major financial boost to those on the margins.

Similarly, sewerage men, who put a lot at stake while carrying out their responsibilities, will now get Rs 12,000 per month instead of

monthly salary of Rs 10,000. Haryana is perhaps the only state in the country, which has created a mechanism to ensure their salaries are not delayed. In case of any delay, the salary of sanitary workers will be paid from the amount of Rs 1 crore that has been provided to the Deputy Commissioner.

Even if there is a delay in the payment of salaries due to some reasons, they will get an additional compensation of Rs 500 along with the salary of next month. Besides, there will be no diversion of budget allocated by the Finance Department for the salaries of sanitary workers. Similarly, high risk conditions are involved in sewage cleaning works. For the protection of sanitary workers, a new technology has been introduced in Rewari and Gurgaon.

Under the new arrangements, all sewage manholes will be connected to sensors. In case of overflow in the sewage manhole, there will be an alert in the concerned office and cleaning will be done by machines. At the same time, an insurance compensation of Rs 10 lakh is being provided to the family of the workers engaged in sewage cleaning.

Upon the death of the workers engaged in works other than sewage cleaning, a benefit of Rs 5 lakh will be provided to the family under the Pradhan Mantri Jeevan

Suraksha Bima Yojana while Rs 2 lakh will be provided after natural death of the worker.

As per rules, the benefit of ex-gratia is provided to regular employees. In future, it will be provided to all on-roll sanitary workers. Sanitary workers having annual income of up to Rs 1.80 lakh will be able to take a collateral-free loan for education of their children and if a person is not able to pay such loan, then it will be compensated by the State government. Training will be provided for the job of sewer man and only those who have obtained a certificate for the same will be allowed for sewage cleaning works.

The Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes Welfare Minister, Dr Banwari Lal, said the Chief Minister takes special care of the vulnerable sections of society. All types of facilities are being made available online by the government. The Haryana State Commission for Safai Karamchari has been constituted for raising the living standard of sanitation workers.

The Chief Minister has also increased the legal aid amount being given to the people belonging to Scheduled Castes from Rs 11,000 to Rs 21,000. Financial assistance given under Dr B R Ambedkar Awas Navinikam Yojana has been increased from Rs 51,000 to Rs 80,000, he added.






## Do Not Panic During Covid-19

### Boost Your Immunity With Ayurveda

**Immunity Boosters**





**Ayush kit**  
is being provided in  
home isolation kit



**Ayush Decoction**






**For Physical And Mental Strength**





**S** Sanitization

**M** Mask

**S** Social Distancing

## Combat Corona with Yoga and Ayurveda

**Natural Vitamin-C**




**Asymptomatic & Mild Covid-19 Patients**

**Anulom-Vilom (Pranayama)**

**Steaming**



**Gargle**



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# ROADS PAVE THE WAY FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT!

By RAJEEV RANJAN ROY

**R**ural road connectivity and its sustained availability is a key component of rural development as it assures continuing access to economic and social services and, thereby, generates sustained increase in agricultural incomes and productive employment opportunities.

It is also, as a result, a vital ingredient in ensuring sustainable poverty reduction which demands permanent rural connectivity, encompassing a high level of quality of construction followed by continuous post-construction maintenance of the road asset and in fact of the entire network.

Haryana, which rightly boasts of having one of the best road infrastructures in the country, is making efforts to further strengthen the road network across the state and ease increasing traffic congestion for the convenience of commuters.

The state government is spending Rs 383.58 crore on the up-gradation of 83 roads with a cumulative length of 688.94 km under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana – III (PMGSY-III). Out of 688 km, 200 kms of road length has been completed, and the remaining length will be completed by the end of the financial year 2021-22.

- Rural roads influence the process of growth by facilitating dispersal of knowledge and reduction of inequalities.
- Act as infrastructure multiplier and poverty reducer
- The PMGSY aims at providing all-weather access to eligible unconnected habitations with population up to 500 in plain area and 250 and above in special category states
- Rs 383.58 crore being spent for up-grading 83 roads with a cumulative length of 688.94 km PMGSY-III.
- Out of 688.94 km, 200 kms of road length have been completed and the remaining length will be completed by the end of the financial year 2021-22.

The PMGSY-III scheme was announced in July 2019 and was formally inaugurated by the Union Minister of Rural Development, Mr

## Work on Haryana Orbital Rail Corridor set to begin

The Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal's strong initiatives aimed at building a robust connectivity across the state have led to sustained improvement and strengthening of the road and rail system.

In what comes as a soothing development, the Haryana Rail Infrastructure Development Corporation (HRIDC), a joint venture of Haryana government and the Railways Ministry, has entered into an agreement with the RITES for the construction of the corridor for providing railway infrastructure technology and economic services.

On behalf of HRIDC, the agreement was signed by Mr Narinder D Chumber, Director, Projects & Planning, AND Piyush Kansal, Executive Director, RITES. HRIDC has been constituted with an aim to provide eco-friendly and seamless connectivity as a cost-effective and sustainable mode of transport which will enable polycentric growth in Haryana.

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) on September 15 last year had approved 121.742 km long dual electrified broad gauge line of Haryana Orbital Rail Corridor from Palwal to Sonapat with an estimated cost of Rs 5,617.69 crore.

Once the corridor is completed, the economic development in the state will get a new boost. It will attract multinational companies to set up their manufacturing units, which will further add verve to the 'Make in India' mission.

Over 76 lakh employment opportunities will also be created through this project. This corridor from Palwal to Sonapat will be dual electrified broad gauge from Sohna, Manesar, and Kharkhoda and will provide seamless connectivity to Prithla Dedicated Freight Corridor from Palwal, Patli, Sultanpur, Asaudha, and Harsana Kalan stations of Indian Railways. The project is being funded by Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) and shall be completed in five years.

Narendra Singh Tomar, on December 17, 2019. For Haryana, an indicative allocation of the length of 2,500 km has been made by the Ministry for a five-year period up to 2019-2024.

According to an official spokesperson, while acknowledging Haryana's swiftness towards completing their target set under the PMGSY, the Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India, will be received by June 30, 2021. A three-tier quality management system is being followed as per guidelines of PMGSY. Besides, from time to time inspections of

Rs.328.43 crore and state share Rs.221.08 crore – under Batch-II. Tenders for all the works in Batch II have been floated.

For the remaining 600 km, scrutiny of proposals is under process and it is expected that approval for these proposals from the Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India, will be received by June 30, 2021.

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roads are being conducted by the Executive Engineer, Sub Divisional Engineers and Junior Engineers under Tire-I. In Tire-II, State Quality Monitors are appointed by the State.

For all the works in the past and present, regular inspection of roads is being conducted. If the condition of the road is found not satisfactory, or, if any improvement is required, the state government seeks the Action Taken Report from the concerned PIU/Division. As on date there is no pending Action Taken Report.

## Boost to rural empowerment

The PMGSY is premised on the idea of improving connectivity with Gramin Agricultural Markets (GRAMs), higher secondary schools and hospitals, which reflects Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of inclusive development, also the guiding principle of good governance in Haryana under the leadership of the Chief Minister.

The government is keen to facilitate easy and faster movement to and from the food processing centres, agricultural markets and other farmer related enterprises. This will not only help the farm production, but will also yield many direct and indirect benefits such as minimizing the spoilage of perishable goods like fresh fruits and vegetables and ensuring adequate remunerative prices for them. Such a facility ultimately leads to increased agrarian economy and helps the development of the region, creating multiple opportunities in wage and self employment.

According to experts, affordable and easy access to high schools and higher secondary schools is the need of the hour in the present technological improvements in all sectors. Education leads to multiple opportunities. Improved access to education centres helps in better school attendance and higher levels of education. It is worth mentioning that Haryana's higher education has got robust over six years as is being reflected in the performance of students in final board examinations.

Similarly, providing affordable and easily accessible health facilities is the prime focus of the government for which road connectivity plays an important role. All weather roads have shown a very positive correlation to improve in health indicators. The programme will focus on upgradation of existing routes and major rural links based on priority giving importance to critical facilities like the rural markets and education and health facilities.



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**The king of fruits is here!**

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**WINDOW ON SPORTS**

# SPORTS AS A CATALYST FOR EMPOWERMENT

HARYANA REVIEW BUREAU

Sports have a huge potential to accelerate the pace of over all sports infrastructure across the State with a special emphasis on training players, identifying and developing talented sports persons from an early age, creating employment opportunities for sportspersons and implementing various youth development programmes.

Under the dynamic leadership of the Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, the state government has

announced a sum of Rs 5 lakh as an advance cash award for players who are selected for the Olympic Games for enabling them to get better diet, latest training facilities and sports equipment. The State has also enhanced diet money for the players from Rs 150 per day to Rs 250 per day.

As announced by the Government of India, the 'Khelo India Youth Games-2021' will be hosted by Haryana. There will be 25 sports events including five indigenous games and more than 10,000 sportspersons and officials are expected to participate

from all over the country.

An international level swimming pool and a football ground are under construction at War Heroes Memorial Stadium, Ambala Cantonment. New grounds of hockey, football, basketball and volleyball have been proposed to be constructed at Tau Devi Lal Sports Complex, Panchkula in view of the coming Khelo India Youth Games-2021.

As many as 297 sports nurseries are running in government and private schools in the state. The process of establishing four Rehabilitation Centres in the State for

the purpose of scientific training, sports injury treatment and speedy recovery, has been initiated.

One State level Rehabilitation Centre will be established at Panchkula, while four divisional level centres are proposed at Rohtak, Gurugram, Kamal and Hisar. These centres will be equipped with the latest world class sports-medicine apparatus and will be manned by well qualified staff, psychologists and physiotherapists. In order to ensure that there is no crunch of funds, Rs 394 crore has been allocated for sports for the current fiscal.



Sh. Manohar Lal  
Chief Minister, Haryana

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