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PLOT HOLDERS GET SAY IN REVISED LAY-OUT PLAN

By PARVEEN K MODI

Determined to make the administration responsive and clean up the cobwebs of misdoings and wrongdoings in the real estate sector, the Haryana Government has decided to give the allottees not

only adequate say but also the right to raise objections, should the colonizer decide to get the approved lay-out/ building plan changed and revised.

This has been done to resolve certain conflicts arising out of implementation of the Haryana Development and Regulation of Urban Areas Act, 1975; the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act, 2016; and the Haryana Apartment Ownership Act, 1983 after detailed and deliberate consultations with chairmen of RERA, Panchkula and Gurugram, and the Director, T&CP Department.

The procedure for getting any addition/ alteration in the sanctioned lay-out/building plans vetted and consented by the allottees has been laid down in the letter written by Mr A K Singh, Prin-

pal Secretary, Town and Country Planning Department, on January 25, 2021.

For getting the revised lay-out/building plan approved by the T&CP, the colonizer shall have to invite objections from each existing allottee to the said amendment by issuing an advertisement in at least three national newspapers, including one in Hindi language, within a period of 10 days from

the issuance of approval.

Each allottee shall also be informed about the proposed revision through registered post with a copy endorsed to the senior town planner, circle office. A copy of the both the earlier approved lay-out/building plan and the revised one shall be hosted on the website and site office for information and convenience of all.

The allottees will be given 30 days to file objections in the office of the senior town planner/ circle office. During this period, the revised as well as the original lay-out/ building plan shall be made available in the office of the colonizer as well as senior town planner/ circle office for reference of the allottees.

The objections, if received, shall be examined by the senior town planner/ circle office. They will give a hearing to the colonizer as well as the objector to explain their position regarding the revised plan and shall submit recommendation to the competent authority within 90 days of issuance of advertisement.

The competent authority may decide to make amendments in the layout/ building plan, which shall be binding upon the colonizer, the letter adds.

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Bonanza for sportspersons

By AJAY BHARDWAJ

In a big pat to the outstanding sportspersons Haryana has unveiled a bonanza for them by creating a separate cadre for them in the government jobs. This step is expected to go a long way in promoting sports in the state.

The Haryana Cabinet led by Chief Minister Manohar Lal has approved a proposal with the introduction of new Haryana Outstanding Sportspersons (Group A, B & C) Service Rules-2021 whereby 50 posts of Group-A (Deputy Director), 100 posts of Group-B (Senior Coach), 150 posts of Group-B (Coach) and 250 posts of Group-C (Junior Coach) have been sanctioned.

The Upper age limit for these posts has been reduced from 50 years to 42 years. Beside this, some new tournaments like South Asian Games, National Games, Ranji Trophy, etc. have been included in the new rules broadening the spectrum of players eligible for the posts.

The outstanding sportspersons



will be given provisional appointment in case they do not possess the requisite qualifications for the post at the time of the initial appointment. They will be granted two extra years in addition to the prescribed period required for the attainment of requisite qualification.

They will be eligible to apply for the post within ten years of their sports achievement or upto the age of 42, whichever is earlier.

Besides, a provision has been made for granting monthly stipend to the outstanding sportspersons on the basis of their achievements on international level in tournaments of Paralympics, Asian Para Games, Commonwealth Para Games, World University Games, South Asian Games and four years Blind Cricket World Cup.

In addition, for sportspersons who are not economically well-off, but have qualified for participation in Olympic Games, the Haryana Government has decided to grant preparation money of Rs five lakh to help them have better diet, training and capacity building



The journey of sugarcane
PHOTO FEATURE BY VINAY MALIK



Sugarcane is taken for crushing



The process begins



Gets converted into juice



Process begins to make jaggery



Collecting waste to keep the fire burning



Mixing the material



Ready-to-eat winter dish awaits buyers

FORTNIGHT IN RETROSPECT

CM waives dues of miners

While considering difficulties faced by the mining sector in the state due to COVID-19 pandemic Chief Minister Manohar Lal has announced to waive of the dues on account of contract money / dead rent and Rehabilitation and Restoration (R & R) fund for the period from March 25, 2020 to April 19, 2020 from all such mineral concession holders who were operating mines during the lockdown.

The chief minister told the mining contractors that it will be subject to the condition that the proportionate production for said 26 days is reduced from approved capacity.

The Chief Minister said the interest on non-payment of the pending dues, if any, pending as on March 24, 2020 for the period 26 days would also be waived off, as a one-time relief package.

He said that in case of fresh mines are to be auctioned the condition/ rule for increase of annual dead rent/ contract money after every three year period of lease/ contract would be 10 per cent instead of existing rate of 25 per cent. Apart from this, the rate of interest on delayed payment of government dues would be reduced from 21 per cent per annum to 12 per cent annum, he added.

Gives Rs 11 cr aid to Uttarakhand

Chief Minister Manohar Lal has given Rs. 11 crore as financial relief from Chief Minister's Relief Fund for Uttarakhand State Disaster Response Fund. The Chief Minister said that in this hour of tragedy and crisis, the Haryana Government stands with the Devbhoomi Uttarakhand and every possible help will be given by Haryana to deal with the disaster.

Tributes paid to Deendayal Upadhyay

Chief Minister, Mr. Manohar Lal on Feb 11 paid Floral Tributes to Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay on his death anniversary. On this occasion, the Chief Minister said that Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay was a great Patriot, High-Class Philosopher, Educationist, Speaker and Litterateur. He devoted his entire life for the service of the country and society.

The Chief Minister said that Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay's spirit of integral Humanism and Artyodaya are the guide and inspiration for all of us. Following the same principles, everyone is working towards realizing the Artyodaya vision in Haryana.

Post-Covid, industry turns over a new leaf in Haryana



By AJAY BHARDWAJ

Ever since Haryana adopted the new Enterprises and Employment Policy, 2020, last December to refurbish the industrial scene in the post-Covid times, and tap new opportunities, the Haryana State Industrial Investment Corporation (HSI IDC), the nodal agency entrusted with the task of ensuring industrial growth by beefing up infrastructure in the state, has swung into action.

The new policy which overtakes the Entrepreneurs Promotion Policy, 2015 that had run its course in August, 2020, seeks to provide incentives and create an investment-friendly environment for investors to come and invest in Haryana. It will be only apt to say that the new policy aims at taking a big leap forward from the current mechanism.

The Haryana Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, said post-Covid industry had been facing new challenges which the new policy would address to usher in a new era. The state government is determined to create an ecosystem in which the Ease of Doing Business in the state matches the best global standards, he added.

The Deputy Chief Minister, Mr Dushyant Chautala, said the new policy would open up new vistas for entrepreneurs. The process would be paced up by the HSI IDC which has, with its transparent and efficient work culture, endeavoured to provide vast opportunities to new ventures. The e-auction mode of allotment of plots or land banks has played a vital role in keeping the pace of post-COVID continuity for the ongoing activities of HSI IDC.

The Principal Secretary (Industries), Mr A K Singh, IAS, reaffirmed that the new policy would work diligently to ensure investors' satisfaction through the entire business cycle from investment promo-

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Manohar Lal
Chief Minister

5 crore for R&D units, up to Rs 50 lakh for technology acquisition, up to Rs 25 lakh for patent registration, and up to Rs 10 lakh for quality certification etc

The policy has focus on empowerment of women/SC entrepreneurship through additional interest subsidies.

It offers special schemes, such as 'Haryana Gramin Udyogik Vikas Yojna', aimed at improving the quality of life, especially in the rural areas, by ramping up basic infra and up-gradation of the existing infra, by offering incentives, including capital assistance and interest subsidy.

Besides, incentives such as bio

energy from agricultural residue will be treated as 'Industry' to which incentives, such as capital subsidy @25% up to Rs 2.5 crore shall be provided.

It seeks to promote innovation and ideation through incentives for start-ups, such as seed grant of up to Rs 10 lakh, lease rental support of up to Rs 5 lakh, interest subsidy of up to 8% (5 years) and 100% net SGST reimbursement for a period of 7 years.

BIG-TICKET PROJECTS

Mr Agarwal said some of the big-ticket projects the HSI IDC was eyeing this year include Ampere Technology Limited (ATL), owned by Japan-based TDK Corporation. It has already purchased 180 acre of land in IMT Sohna for setting up a unit for manufacturing rechargeable Lithium Ion Polymer (LIP) cells with an investment of Rs 7,500 crore.

The Corporation has not let the COVID-19 pandemic dampen its unflinching spirit to grow. It has already sold out 144 plots for Rs 943.179 crore through e-auctioning in various industrial estates, including Rai, Kundli, Barhi, Bahadurgarh, Faridabad, Narnaul, Manesar, Kamal, to just name a few.

The proposal for allotment of 140 acres of land to Flipkart in Manesar to set up its largest fulfillment centre in Asia, involving an investment of about Rs.1,500 crore, with a job potential for 15,000 persons, is inching close to the final stage. Maruti Suzuki India Limited is also in touch with the HSI IDC for expansion of its production facilities at IMT Kharkhoda.

The HSI IDC has successfully developed or is in the process of developing 37 Industrial estates sprawling over 27,000 acres, comprising about 21,600 industrial plots. Out of the total plots carved out, about 15,000 have already been allotted.

CHINA PLUS ONE POLICY

Creditably, the HSI IDC has succeeded in capturing a major chunk of the supply chain willing to move out of China for diversification of their production base in the aftermath of the long-drawn COVID-induced lockdown under the China-plus-one policy. A series of interactions followed with agencies like UKIBC, USIBC, USISPF, JETRO to discuss the modalities, Mr Agarwal said.

Haryana, which suffered a slowdown due to the pandemic is all set to emerge as a potential hub, among others, for electronics, pharma, medical devices, agro/ food processing. A mammoth drugs park is proposed to be developed over 2,000 acres of land at Hisar under the Government of India scheme to ease out India's dependence on China for pharma ingredients - the APIs.

On the same lines, a medical devices park has been planned at Panipat and an electronic manufacturing cluster on 400 acres at Sohna, which would posit Haryana as the electronics manufacturing hub of the country.

All these parks would be well-connected and equipped with state-of-the-art facilities. Being alive to the hardships faced by the industry during the previous year rocked by the pandemic, the HSI IDC has allowed an extension of one year to all units without any charges. Efforts are being made to create additional land banks for industry in a cost effective manner.

Haryana has taken adequate measures to generate long-term economic space to ensure sustainable economic growth. "Each measure stems from the initiative taken by the state government's new stimulus package which has been designed to combat the negative economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic", Mr Agarwal added.

Seamless travel for taxis, autos in NCR states

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Motor cabs and auto rickshaws will now be able to have unrestricted and seamless travel in the National Capital Region states and provide better and efficient transport services to the general public in the NCR.

Now, no tax will be charged from such vehicles of other NCR states having Contract Carriage Permits under the NCR Reciprocal Common Transport Agreement while entering and operating in Haryana.

The has been facilitated by the Haryana Government decision to grant exemption in Motor Vehicle Tax to auto-rickshaws and taxis operating within NCR as per the Contract Carriage Permit issued by NCR states other than the state of Haryana under the Reciprocal Common Transport Agreement (Contract Carriage).

A decision to this effect was taken at the meeting of the State Cabinet which met under the chairmanship of the Chief Minister, Mr. Manohar Lal, on February 10, 2021.

At present, auto-rickshaws/taxis registered in Haryana and having Contract Carriage Permits under the NCR Reciprocal Common Transport Agreement are not required to

pay tax while entering and operating in the NCR states other than Haryana that is Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and NCT of Delhi.

The decision aims to grant similar exemption from the Motor Vehicle Tax by Haryana to the auto-rickshaws/taxis operating within NCR as per the contract carriage permits issued by NCR states other than Haryana that is Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and NCT of Delhi.

STATE GUARANTEE FOR RS 113-CR HAFED LOAN

The Haryana Cabinet which met under the chairmanship of the Chief Minister, Mr. Manohar Lal, on February 10, approved a proposal of the Cooperation Department for providing state government guarantee for availing term loan of Rs.113.03 crore by HAFED from the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD).

The loan amount will be used for the construction of 2.72 lakh MT-capacity godowns at 16 locations in eight districts of the state to further strengthen the storage system.

These godowns are being constructed at Bhuna, Uklana and Hobli in district Fatehabad, Barwala in district Hisar, Hisar, Kholawas and Bawani Kheri in district Bhiwani,

Kharia and Panniwala Mota in district Sirsa, Indri, Manchuri and Nissing in district Karnal, Ladwa and Ajrana Kalan in district Kurukshetra, Nasirpur in district Ambala and Sevli in district Palwal.

BUDGET SESSION ON MAR 5

The Budget session of the Haryana Vidhan Sabha will commence on March 5, 2021 at 2 pm. A decision to this effect was taken by the Cabinet.

The Cabinet mourned the demise of Mrs Pawan Kumari Mahajan, wife of Advocate General, Haryana, Mr Baldev Raj Mahajan, who passed away on Feb 10, 2021. Two-minute silence was observed to pay homage to the departed soul.

Approval was also accorded for the withdrawal of 'The Haryana Prohibition of Change of Public Utilities Bill, 2018'. Now after the approval of the Cabinet, the matter will be placed before the State Legislative Assembly to pass a resolution for withdrawal of the said Bill.

HMV ACT AMENDED

The Cabinet approved an amendment in provision of Section-7(2) of Haryana Mechanical Vehicle (Levy of Tolls), Act-1996-Bill, 2021.

As per the amendment, any person who is authorized to demand,

collect and retain tolls under an order made under Section 4, shall cause to maintain the road, road infrastructure including bridges, tunnels, ferries, approach roads or section of new roads or bye-passes in respect of which the order is made, in good traffic worthy condition.

Moreover, the department is of the view that it will be better to come out with a modified version of amendment so that the infrastructure is maintained in proper shape for the convenience of the public.

ATELLI TOLL PLAZA

The Cabinet approved the proposal of the Public Works (B&R) Department for disapproval/un-installation of toll at Ateli to Kheri road in district Mohindergarh.

LAND TRANSFER OKAYED

The Cabinet approved the proposal of the Urban Local Bodies Department for the transfer of land of Municipal Council, Narnaul measuring 48 bighas 1 biswa near police firing range, Narnaul, to the Police Department in the interest of police force and public at current collector rate of Rs 55 lakh per acre plus development charges at the rate of Rs 120 per square yard. The total sale proceeds of this land will be Rs. 18,26,14,025.

Pension for HRDF Board staff

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The Haryana Cabinet which met under the chairmanship of the Chief Minister, Mr. Manohar Lal, approved a proposal for an amendment under Section 6 of the Haryana Rural Development Act, 1986, to provide for pension and other retirement benefits to the employees of Haryana Rural Development Fund Administration Board.

The amendment has been made so that necessary guidelines/rules/instructions can be issued to make the payment of Pension and consequential benefits to the officers and officers of Haryana Rural Development Fund Administration Board in compliance with the directions issued by the Punjab and Haryana High Court.

For this, after sub-section (5) of the Section 6 of the Haryana Rural Development Act, 1986 a new sub-section (5A) will be added stating that "The Fund may also be utilized by the Board for payment of pension and other consequential retirement benefits to the employees of the Board."

The Chief Minister, Mr. Manohar Lal, presiding over the Cabinet meeting held in Chandigarh



Covid vaccination drive picks up

By AJAY BHARDWAJ

The vaccination drive against Covid-19 has gained momentum even as the average number of daily Covid positive cases has come down to below 100 in Haryana. About two lakh healthcare workers have been vaccinated in the state even as the recovery rate hovered around 98.5 per cent.

Additional Chief Secretary Health, Rajeev Arora said that the "influencers" or eminent doctors who have been administered the vaccine dose were doing fine. Elaborating on it further he said that as per the guidelines three enclosures (areas) have been created as waiting area, vaccination room and observation area. Besides this, before

administering the vaccine the information of the beneficiary is updated on the CoWIN portal which assists in maintaining the latest information. He said that after verifying the credentials of the beneficiary his information is updated on the CoWIN portal. Subsequently, the beneficiary is administered the vaccine and is sent to the observation ward. Sharing details of the various steps taken to ensure systematic COVID-19 rollout he said that around 5,000 vaccinators and health workers were imparted training for the task.

As per guidelines given by GOI, the COVID-19 vaccine will be administered sequentially starting from Health Care Workers (HCWs). **Category 1:** Health Care Workers. **Category 2:** Front line workers like Municipal and sanitary workers,

State and Central Police force, Civil Defence, Armed forces, revenue workers. **Category 3:** Population above 50 years of Age and Popula-

tion below 50 years with co-morbidities will be given the vaccine.

While the number of health care workers in Haryana is around two

lakh, frontline workers are around 4.50 lakh. The frontline workers will include employees of urban local bodies, safai karamcharis, police, civil defence personnel, jail staff and revenue department employees. Similarly, about 58 lakh people who are aged above 50 and about 2.25 lakh people below 50 years, who are suffering from other diseases, will be given vaccination shots.

At the plasma banks established at Faridabad, Gurugram, Panchkula, Rohtak and Karnal about 4800 Plasma Units were collected from COVID 19 recovered patients till last week and 3278 COVID 19 patients have been administered Plasma Therapy treatment so far.

Meanwhile, intensive samplings of COVID through Rapid Antigen Testing Kits are being done in all districts.



HARYANA RANKS AMONG STATES OFFERING HIGHEST ACCESS TO BARE NECESSITIES

By PARVEEN K MODI

The tiny state of Haryana continues to score big. It ranks among the peers where the access to bare necessities of life was the highest in 2018. Kerala, Punjab, Haryana, Gujarat, Uttarakhand, Delhi, Goa, Mizoram and Sikkim were the states offering the highest access while it was the lowest in Odisha, Jharkhand, West Bengal and Tripura.

Not only this! According to the Pre-Budget Economic Survey 2021, presented to Parliament by the Union Finance Minister, Mrs Nirmala Sitharaman, Haryana also figures among the states which logged considerable improvement in making potable water supply available to the people in 2018.

It is quite evident (See Figures 1 & 3) that in most states the access to bare necessities for the households in 2018 was significantly better as compared to 2012. States where red in 2012 became yellow or green in 2018 or where yellow in 2012 became green in 2018 are Haryana, Punjab, Uttarakhand, Gujarat, Kerala, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, and North East states except for Tripura, Nagaland and Meghalaya.

BARE NECESSITIES INDEX

The Economic Survey 2020-21 measured the progress made by states in providing access to "the bare necessities" such as water, sanitation, housing, electricity and clean cooking fuel for a healthy living, in addition to highlighting the significance of the healthcare sector amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, calling for an agile healthcare infrastructure in the country.

These essentials are examined based on a construction of the Bare Necessities Index (BNI) at the rural, urban, and all-India level. The BNI comprises 26 indicators on five dimensions such as water, sanitation, housing, micro-environment, and other facilities. The index measures all states for 2012 and 2018 using NSO data from 69th and 76th rounds.



Budget visionary & pro-poor, says CM

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Hailing the Union Budget-2021 as visionary, pro-poor and forward-looking, the Haryana Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, has said that special focus on farming, healthcare, infrastructure, women and senior citizens would help further improve the lives of people of Haryana.

He congratulated the Finance Minister, Mrs Nirmala Sitharaman, for presenting a Budget that would give a massive boost to the economy and further strengthen the 'Sankalp of Aatmanirbhar Bharat'.

The Chief Minister thanked her for making the decision to extend the Swamitva Scheme to all states and Union Territories. Haryana is the pioneer state to start a scheme to make its villages free from Lal Dora and give villagers the right to own their property, purchase and sell land and take loans on it. "This scheme is being appreciated throughout the country and is being run in eight states under the name of Pradhan Mantri Swamitva Yojana", he added.

Significant budgetary allocations and announcements for farmers, healthcare sector, affordable housing, and extension of Ujjwala scheme will have great synergies with the ongoing and planned efforts of the state government in these important areas.

Lauding the major announcement related to the agriculture sector, Mr Manohar Lal said increased outlay for agriculture credit to Rs 16.5 lakh crore, integration of 1,000 more mandis with eNAM, MSP regime, enhancing the allocation to Rural Infrastructure Development Fund from Rs 30,000 crore to Rs 40,000 crore, agriculture infrastructure fund for APMCs for augmenting their infrastructure would help promote sustainable agriculture and realize the vision of the Prime Minister, Mr Narendra Modi, of doubling the farmers income by 2022.

He also hailed the significant increase in allocation to the healthcare sector and said that extension of tax exemption for affordable housing would provide a good multiplier effect on the GDP. Exemption of senior citizens above 75 years of age and who have income only from pension and interest income from income tax filing is a welcome decision, the Chief Minister added.

Figure 1: Improvement in the Bare Necessities across India (Rural + Urban) from 2012 to 2018

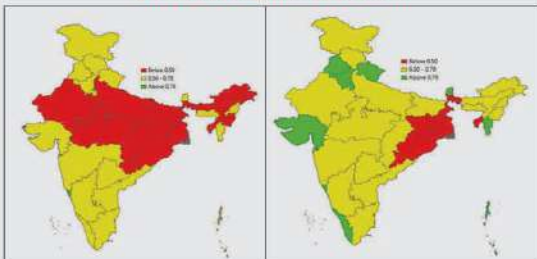
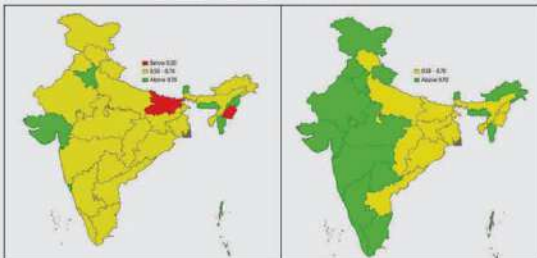


Figure 3: Improvement in the Bare Necessities across India from 2012 to 2018



The vertical distance from the red line indicates the extent of change for a state. The farther a state is located above the red line, the higher are the gains. As reflected in the all-India index, access to bare necessities is high in states such as Kerala, Punjab, Haryana and Gujarat while lowest in Odisha, Jharkhand, West Bengal and Tripura.

Since all states are above the 45° red line, it is evident that access to bare necessities has secularly improved in 2018 compared to 2012. The improvement is significantly higher in the rural areas when compared to the urban areas. However, variation in the access to bare necessities across states and between rural and urban remained large.

Government schemes, such as the Jal Jeevan Mission, SBM-G, PMAY-G, may design appropriate

strategies to address these gaps to enable India achieve the SDG goals of reducing poverty, improving access to drinking water, sanitation and housing by 2030.

MOVES UP IN DRINKING WATER SUPPLY INDEX TOO

Haryana also ranks among the states which logged improvement in providing access to drinking water to households in 2018. States such as Sikkim, Punjab, Haryana and Gujarat are at the top while Odisha, Jharkhand and Andhra Pradesh are at the bottom on the Drinking Water Accessibility Index.

The index is composed of sub-dimensions viz., the principal source of drinking water, distance from source of water, nature of access, and method of taking out water.

The indicators included from these sub-dimensions are in terms of the per cent of households that have piped water into dwelling or piped water to yard/plot, within dwelling or outside dwelling but within premises, have water through tap, and exclusive use of the household or not.

States such as Sikkim, Punjab, Haryana and Gujarat have logged improvements (See Figure 7) in access to drinking water in 2018 vis-a-vis 2012. Most of the states are above the line, suggesting that the access to drinking water to households in most of the states improved in 2018 compared to 2012, in rural as well as in urban areas, (except for Andhra Pradesh in rural and Andhra Pradesh and Himachal Pradesh in urban areas), the Survey adds.

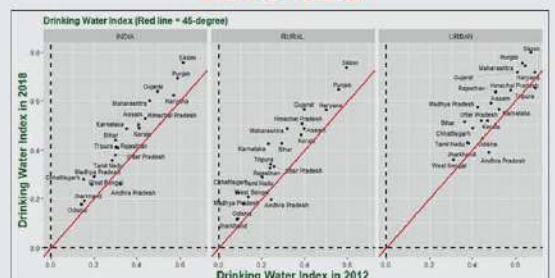
States showing improvement in access to bare necessities are J&K, Punjab, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Chhattisgarh, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Goa, Meghalaya and Arunachal Pradesh.

The Index for selected states in 2012 and 2018 is shown in Figure 4. The red 45° line represents the benchmark for no change between 2012 and 2018 with which we can compare each state. A state located above the red line shows improvement while one below the red 45° line shows deterioration in 2018 from its level in 2012.

Figure 4: Improvement in access to Bare Necessities in 2018 vis-a-vis 2012



Figure 7: Improvement in access to drinking water in 2018 vis-a-vis 2012



'Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao' spirit beats Covid in 2020



Photograph By Vinay Malik

Highlights

- Sex-ratio improved from 871 girls for every 1,000 boys in 2014 to 922 girls in 2020
- 30,000 unborn girl children saved in six years of which 8,000 were saved in 2020
- The target is to achieve sex ratio of 935 plus during 2021
- 100 FIRs were registered in 2020 against 77 in 2019

By RAJEEV RANJAN ROY

Thanks to the overall improvement in governance coupled with visionary policies and good administrative practices adopted by the Manohar Lal Government, Haryana has logged many milestones in the past six years, and remarkably, some in 2020 as well.

Notwithstanding the Covid-19 pandemic, the state witnessed further improvement in sex ratio from 871 girls for every 1,000 boys in 2014 to 922 girls in 2020. Thanks to a well-crafted strategy, Haryana has protected the lives of 30,000 unborn girl children in a span of six years out of which 8,000 were saved in 2020.

This has been possible due to the efforts made by the stakeholder departments, officers and staff of Health, Police, Prosecution, Women and Child Development Departments, Food Drug Administration, Civil Societies and NGOs whose

commitment and dedicated efforts helped the state achieve increase in the sex ratio and setting an example for the other states to follow. The state government has set a target to achieve a sex ratio of 935 plus in 2021.

In the past six years, the state government took numerous steps to curb the menace of female feticide. These included mass awareness programmes, formulating teams to identify centres indulging in illegal sex-determination of fetus and illegal abortions and registering FIRs

against the offenders, other than incentives to those sharing information about violation of the Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (Regulation and Prevention of Misuse) Act and conducting sting operations along with inter-state and intra-state raids.

According to Dr Rakesh Gupta, Nodal Officer for 'Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao' programme, the main objective of the state government is to ensure a visible decline in the incidence of female feticide, which will result in enhancing the sex ratio of the state. A total of 100 FIRs were registered in 2020 as compared to 77 during 2019. Majority of the districts which had a low sex ratio of below 900 for decades are now better placed at a sex ratio of 920 plus. Twenty out of 22 districts are now having 900 or 900 plus as their sex ratio at birth.

He said that Sirsa district with 949 as its sex ratio at birth is close to the figure of 950 being considered as an ideal sex ratio at birth

according to public health experts. A total of 5,37,996 births were registered during 2020 which includes 2,79,869 female births and 2,58,127 male births. The efforts made in the

last six years helped in registering more than 840 FIRs, including 225 in UP, Punjab, Delhi, Rajasthan and Uttarakhand and around 3,000 persons were arrested, he added.

Scheme designed to check fall in CSR

The Central Government has launched the Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao (BBBP) scheme for survival, protection and education of the girl child. It aims to address the issue of declining child sex ratio (CSR) through a mass campaign across the country targeted at changing societal mindsets and creating awareness about the criticality of the issue.

Under the scheme, 87 districts have been selected from 23 States/UTs having CSR below the national average of 918. Eight districts have been selected from 8 States/UTs having CSR above the national average of 918 but showing declining trends. Five districts have been selected from five States/UTs having CSR above the national average of 918 and showing an improving trend so that other parts of the country can learn from them. It is a joint initiative of the Ministry of Women and Child Development, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and Ministry of Human Resource Development.

HARYANA ADOPTS GO GLOBAL APPROACH TO TURN A MAGNET FOR INVESTORS

By RAJEEV RANJAN ROY

Haryana has embraced a multifaceted approach to become the most preferred destination for domestic and foreign investments. From reaching out to potential investors, including Haryanvi diaspora, to establishing close ties with academic institutions, a well-scripted strategy is being pursued by the Foreign Cooperation Department to ensure sustained inflow of foreign investments.

At a recent meeting, the Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, directed officers of the Foreign Cooperation Department to identify potential investors across the world, and establish Haryana as a global brand through 'Go-Global Approach.'

According to Dr Anant Prakash, Director General and Secretary, Foreign Cooperation Department (FCD), serious efforts are being made to promote Haryana as the most preferred destination for investment from abroad, and develop strong ties with academic institutions and Haryanvi diaspora for socio-economic welfare of the region. Attempts are being made to establish the state as a hub for industries, education, skill development and tourism.

Dr Prakash said the FCD is holding active discussions with potential investors from all continents and is also engaged in policy formulation and development of communication strategy for improving the business environment in Haryana. The FCD is also working to collaborate with foreign universities and companies to provide employment to the skilled youth of the state. Emphasis will be laid on boosting agro-based exports and identifying trade partners.

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In 2020-21, the HSIIDC allotted 51 plots attracting an investment of about Rs 7,500 crore. Since 2016, seven business tycoons from India and abroad have invested a whopping amount of Rs 1,759 crore in Haryana. Not only this, taking 2020 and 2021 into account, five more MNCs, including two foreign

companies, are geared up to invest Rs 8,094 crore in the state.

In the last four years, seven companies have invested in Haryana. Can Pack India Private Limited invested Rs 500 crore in Nuh, providing employment opportunities to 160 people. Panasonic India Private Limited has invested Rs 95 crore in Jhajjar, offering jobs to 184 people. Similarly, Kandhari Beverages has invested Rs 350 crore in Ambala and provided employment opportunities to 220 people. Starwire (India) Private Limited invested Rs 235 crore in Ballabhgarh, Faridabad and provided employment opportunities to 1081 people.

Likewise, Atotech Development Center Private Limited has invested Rs 301 crore in Gurugram and provided employment to 108 people. Enrich Agro Food Products has invested Rs 218 crore in IMT, Rohtak, providing jobs to 120 people. KAP Cones has invested Rs 60 crore in Dharuhera, Rewari, in the first phase and provided employment to 60 people.

Significantly, according to the information released by the Government of India, Haryana's score on implementation of reforms is 100 per cent. This is an improvement over the 99.73 per cent score on implementation of reforms in

2017 when Haryana ranked third in the country.

As per the Export Preparedness Index-2020 (EPI-2020) released by NITI Aayog, with a score of 56.03, Haryana is far ahead of Punjab (39.63), Uttar Pradesh (53.63), Madhya Pradesh (49.47), Chhattisgarh (55.95), Uttarakhand (48.11), Himachal Pradesh (38.85) and Chandigarh (26.07). From the standpoint of policy strength, the EPI-2020 puts Haryana with a score of 59.62, far ahead of the neighbouring states of Punjab (51.05), Himachal Pradesh (41.98) and Delhi (9.05).

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According to the Annual Report of Department of Commerce (DoC), Union Ministry of Commerce and Industry, 2018-19, Haryana had 55 export oriented units (EOUs) as on March 31, 2019 out of the total of 1,732 across the country, including 8 in Delhi, 54 in Rajasthan, one in Uttarakhand, 56 in Uttar Pradesh, eight in Punjab, four in Himachal Pradesh, two each in Jammu Kashmir and eight in Madhya Pradesh.

Talking points

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CAMPUS CORNER

J.C. Bose University inks MoU with Royal Enfield



By SHAGUN KAPOOR

With a view to providing training to the students in various categories of two-wheeler maintenance and services, Dr. Sunil Kumar Garg, Registrar, J.C. Bose University of Science and Technology, YMCA Faridabad, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the world's leading two-wheeler manufacturer, Royal Enfield, a unit of Eicher Motors Limited.

An official spokesperson of the university told Haryana Review that Royal Enfield would set up a state-of-the-art 'Royal Enfield Service Training Cell' on the university premises. Expert trainers of the company will be available at the centre to impart training to the students.

Regional trainer of Royal Enfield, Mr. Abhishek Kumar, said the train-

ing centre would impart skill in the fields of mechanical and automobile branch of engineering. Royal Enfield would also conduct certification programmes for students and faculty members in the latest automobile technology by practically demonstrating the most scientific way of how to repair, maintain and overhaul motorcycles. The latest models of Royal Enfield would be demonstrated at the training centre before the launch, he added.

Prof Dinesh Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, said the university was promoting industry-academia partnership to fill the skill gap required for employment by providing the students a holistic and job-centric learning environment. With this industrial tie-up, the students will get industry-specific technical skills which will further enhance their employability, he added.

All set for launch of "e-Adhyayan" project

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"e-Adhyayan, Self-Learning Courseware for Digital Teaching for the Training of Trainers (TOT) in Haryana, has been evolved and would be launched as a pilot project by the Haryana State Higher Education Council (HSHEC) with technical support of Shri Vishwakarma Skill University. It would enable teachers and students to adopt modern teaching methods of self-learning and digital training.

In order to fulfill the requirement of creating a digital classroom environment with the help of ICT, the training will be imparted to all professors of the state under this e-Adhyayan project once pilot-testing is over.

Giving broad outlines of the project, an official spokesperson told Haryana Review that from

February 15, 2021, experts would give online presentations in various sessions on the modules of the project, and the final session would be conducted on February 26, 2021.

Needless to emphasise, online learning has become a regular feature for the students due to the COVID-19 pandemic and teaching is likely to continue in mixed mode even after the situation becomes normal in the near future, he added.

On the other hand, while presiding over the seminar organised at Chaudhary Devi Lal University, Sirsa, HSHEC, Chairman, Prof Brij Kishore Kuthiala said that in order to make students self-reliant, the Higher Education Council is continuously making efforts to realize the concept of Self-Sufficiency.

In this endeavor, about 17 meetings have been held with the students, professors and officers of

Haryana. Moreover, the students who have taken admission in the college after completing XII will have to be contacted thrice by the professors.

The professors will inform the students about the subject in the first meeting, the second round will be followed by awareness given to the students about the advantages of becoming self-sufficient and the professors will hold interaction with successful entrepreneurs in the third meeting so as to ensure the development of the nation by giving the right direction to the youth power.

During the event, the Vice-Chancellor of Chaudhary Devi Lal University, Professor Ajmer Singh Malik, said that from last month, the University has been organizing various workshops so as to prepare syllabus for the students as per the demand of the industry right from the graduation level.



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Prasad lays stress on research to help farmers

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Mr T V S N Prasad, Additional Chief Secretary, Finance and Planning Department, has asked the scientists to conduct research work to increase farmers' income and resolve their problems.

He was speaking at a programme held to mark the 52nd Foundation Day of Chaudhary Charan Singh Haryana Agricultural University, Hisar. The Vice-Chancellor, Prof Samar Singh, presided over the function.

Mr Prasad said the university would formulate a new policy under which research scientists from the best institutions of the country would be invited to the university to inspire the scientist and encour-



age them. Different varieties of crops and latest techniques should be developed in the university. This would not only help farmers of Haryana but also those from other states, Mr Prasad added.

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