

# Haryana Review

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## Infra fund, loan extension major gains from Budget

### Two suggestions made by CM at pre-Budget discussion with FM accepted

By Parveen K Modi

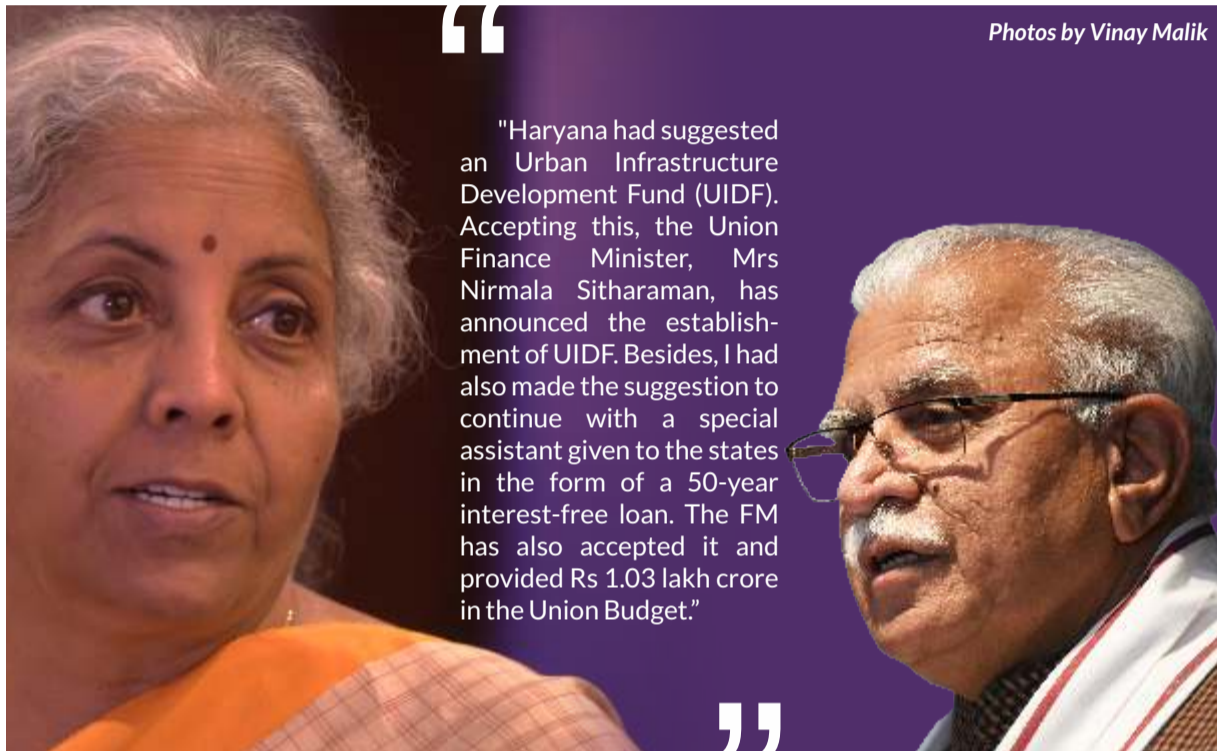
Haryana is no small gainer from the Union Budget for 2023-24 presented by the Finance Minister, Mrs. Nirmala Sitharaman, her fifth in a row since 2019. She has entered the select group of six Finance Ministers in the country to achieve the feat of presenting a fifth consecutive annual statement of accounts.

The state stands to gain a lot from the Urban Infrastructure Development Fund proposed to be set up on the specific suggestion made by the Chief Minister, Mr. Manohar Lal, during the discussions in the run-up to preparation of the Budget. This will help in giving infrastructure a decisive push.

#### Another suggestion

Another suggestion made by the Chief Minister and incorporated in the Budget relates to continuation of special assistance to the states in the form of a 50-year interest-free loan. This will help finance capital projects in the state.

Counting some of the eggs that fall into the Haryana basket from the Union Budget, the Chief Minister thanked the Prime Minister, Mr. Narendra Modi, and the Union Finance Minister for accepting and



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"Haryana had suggested an Urban Infrastructure Development Fund (UIDF). Accepting this, the Union Finance Minister, Mrs. Nirmala Sitharaman, has announced the establishment of UIDF. Besides, I had also made the suggestion to continue with a special assistant given to the states in the form of a 50-year interest-free loan. The FM has also accepted it and provided Rs 1.03 lakh crore in the Union Budget."

incorporating in the proposals some of the suggestions made by him.

"We had made a suggestion for setting up an Urban Infrastructure Development Fund (UIDF) on the lines of the Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF). Accepting this, the Union Finance Minister, Mrs. Nirmala Sitharaman, has announced the establishment of

UIDF. Besides, I had also made the suggestion to continue with the special assistant given to the states in the form of a 50-year interest-free loan. The FM has also accepted it and provided Rs 1.03 lakh crore in the Union Budget."

Under this scheme, Rs 874 crore was approved for the Haryana Orbital Rail Corridor project in the

last financial year. This financial year also, Haryana will get sufficient funds.

Listing some of the other gains, the Chief Minister said the proposed Unity Malls would facilitate marketing of products made by the industrial units set up in Haryana exclusively under the 'One District-One Product' Scheme.

Also, three plants will be set up under the Govardhan Parks scheme.

#### Flow of funds

Continuous flow of funds to the autonomous institutions as well as for some of the ongoing projects being set up in Haryana with Central assistance has also been assured. The Budget has set apart Rs 116.66 crore to support 10 autonomous institutions, including the National Institute of Design, Kurukshetra.

The ongoing projects for which the Budget has kept the tap of funds open include Global Centre for Nuclear Energy Partnership being set up at Jhajjar under the Atomic Energy Department, and AIIMS at Manethi (Rewari), being set up with the support of the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana.

Giving details of the provision for setting up 500 new plants under the Govardhan Scheme, the Chief Minister said construction work was in progress on seven plants in Ambala, Charkhi Dadri, Nuh, Rohtak, Rewari, Sirsa, and Yamunanagar. In the coming financial year, three new plants will be set up at Karnal, Palwal, and Kurukshetra," he added.

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## 12 L new families added to BPL list

By Rajeev Ranjan Roy

Antyodaya the last mile development is at the core of governance in Haryana. The stellar leadership of Chief Minister Mr. Manohar Lal has ensured the State undergoes an all round and all inclusive development where no one is left behind. According to the new income criteria, the names of 12 lakh new families have been added to the Below Poverty Line (BPL) list.

"Since our government assumed the office, while following the ideology of good governance, benefits of all welfare schemes are being extended to the last mile citizen," said Chief Minister Mr. Manohar Lal. The government has increased the annual income limit of BPL families from Rs 1.20 lakh to Rs 1.80 lakh and Haryana is the first state in the country, which has changed the criteria for BPL income.

As a result of these dedicated efforts, the number of BPL families has increased to about 29 lakh in the state. The process of making automatic ration cards is going on

through the Parivar Pehchan Patra (PPP). There are 2,27,000 families whose names have been excluded from the BPL list whose annual electricity bill is more than Rs 9,000.

The data of those who have been excluded from the BPL list includes 1.32 lakh families who file income tax returns, 51,489 government and contractual employees, 2119 government pensioners and 3,44,821 families with income above Rs 1.80 lakh. "If any complaint is received from such families, then a fresh

### Antyodaya at the core of governance

survey of their income verification would be done," said the Chief Minister.

Interacting virtually with new BPL card holders in New Delhi on February 4, Chief Minister Mr. Manohar Lal said the state government is running several welfare schemes for employment, health, education and housing facilities to bring Antyodaya families into the mainstream.

New BPL families have been

added on the basis of the criteria of verified annual income mentioned in the Parivar Pehchan Patra (PPP).

He said that periodic Antyodaya Parivar Utthan Melas are held to provide information about the benefits of this scheme to more and more families so that the identified families are acquainted with various schemes.

Similarly, Mukhyamantri Antyodaya Parivar Utthan Yojana is being run for the

upliftment of Antyodaya families in Haryana. About 30,000 households in the state have availed benefits under his scheme. The annual income of such families has been taken up to at least Rs 1.80 lakh under this scheme. It is the endeavour of the government to develop the skills of the members of the Antyodaya family so that they are able to start their own business.

## CM invites Shanghai nations to invest in Haryana

By Ajay Bhardwaj

Chief Minister Sh. Manohar Lal, during the course of the Surajkund International Handicraft Mela near Faridabad laid down the red carpet for the member countries of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization and invited them to invest.

He said since 2019 Haryana had received an investment of US \$5.22 billion, while the state's export increased to Rs 2.17 lakh crores. He assured the member countries of full cooperation from the state government in setting up their business ventures in Haryana.

The Chief Minister said that the participation of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation in the international Crafts Mela will work to bring the countries onto the global stage and strengthen their economies.

Haryana has been a leader in the manufacturing of many products like cars, two-wheelers,

tractors, scientific instruments, footwear etc. About 50 percent of four-wheelers are made here.

The participation of various countries of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization in the mela has been very pivotal as artists of every country are proudly displaying their unique culture and are showcasing the best of its heritage in the form of handicrafts and performing arts," said the Chief Minister.

The offices of 400 Fortune-500 companies of the world are set up in Gurugram, the economic capital of the state, the Chief Minister said, adding that Haryana has been a leading software exporter of the country. It ranks second in the country and first in North India in terms of providing logistic facilities to industries. More than half of the State's area comes in NCR,

In fact, Haryana has been swiftly taking forward the Prime Minister's vision of making India a \$5 trillion economy by 2024.

# AYUSH to be a separate deptt.

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The Haryana Cabinet has accorded approval to a proposal to carve out the Department of AYUSH from the Department of Health and Department of Medical Education & Research for optimal development and propagation of the AYUSH education & AYUSH systems of healthcare in the State.

In coordination with the Directorate of AYUSH Haryana, the Government of India is setting up a National Institute of Ayurveda at Panchkula and a Post Graduate Institute of Yoga and Naturopathy Education & Research at Devarkhana, Jhajjar.

Further, the Government of India is also supporting Haryana to establish 50 bedded integrated AYUSH Hospital at Mayyer, Hisar, a Govt. Unani College & Hospital at Akera, Nuh and Government Homoeopathic College & Hospital at Chandpura, Ambala Cantt.

Shri Krishna AYUSH University, Kurukshetra is also established by the State Government to strengthen the AYUSH education and research in the state of Haryana.

Therefore to maintain effective synergy and coordination on these important projects and to ensure adequate expertise, the subject of AYUSH education needs to come within the purview and responsibilities of the Directorate of AYUSH.

## Rules amended

The Haryana Cabinet has amended Haryana Wildlife Preservation Department, State Ministerial, Executive and Miscellaneous (Group



-C) Service Rules, 1998.

These rules may be called the Haryana Wildlife Preservation Department, State Ministerial, Executive and Miscellaneous (Group C) Service (Amendment) Rules, 2022.

The minimum physical standards for recruitment of Wildlife Inspectors are not prescribed under these rules. The physical standards are prescribed for recruitment of Wildlife Guards, but the provision of walking test is not mentioned in the Rules and there is also no such provision for female candidates. Therefore, amendments have been made.

As per the amendments, now the minimum physical standard for male is height 168 cms, chest unexpanded 79 cms and chest expanded 84 cms.

For females the height is 155 cm. The walking test of 25 kms for males and 14 kms for females to be completed in four hours.

## Job for martyr's wife

The Haryana Cabinet has accorded approval to a proposal regarding providing compassionate appointment to Smt. Mamta Rawat, wife of Pulwama martyr Koushal Kumar Rawat on Group-D posts under the Martyr Policy dated May 30, 2014 and September 28, 2018 by giving age relaxation, as an exceptional case. Sh. Koushal Kumar Rawat, was martyred on February 14, 2019 in a terrorist attack on a Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) convoy in Lethpora, Awantipora, district Pul-

wama (J&K).

## ROB approved

The Cabinet has accorded approval to a proposal regarding the Change of scope for the work of construction of ROB and the approaches in lieu of existing level crossing No.138-B at Km on NH-21 A (New NH-105) at Pinjore (Pinjore Baddi section).

With the construction of this ROB, heavy traffic from Pinjore, Ambala, and Chandigarh going to the Industrial area of Baddi, Nalagarh etc will get big relief from traffic jams, caused due to the routine closure of level crossing on the National Highway.

Besides this, after the construc-

## Financial power for tenders reallocated

The Haryana Cabinet, under the Chairmanship of Chief Minister, Sh. Manohar Lal has accorded approval to a proposal regarding Amendment in Departmental Financial Rules.

The delegation, as per the table below shall apply to all Government Departments. Urban Local Bodies, Panchayati Raj Institutions and Power Utilities shall have these delegations as per their separate institution.

In the case of Statutory Bodies, Boards and Corporations (except Power Utilities), the Competent Authority for acceptance tenders shall be as per the existing delegation for tenders upto Rs. 10 Crore.

For works having estimated cost of more than Rs. 10 Crore, a Committee consisting of Chief Minister as Chairman, Minister-in-charge, Administrative Secretary and Head (CA, CEO or MD, as the case may be) of concerned Statutory Body, Board or Corporation, shall be the Competent Authority for accepting the tenders.

tion of ROB on viaducts, the local shopkeepers will have enough space to do their commercial works and pedestrians would also be able to approach the other side of the market by crossing the ROB underneath. This would also help the local traffic to move smoothly.

# AYUSH policy to make health services cost-effective

By Ajay Bhardwaj

As the state government has constituted a separate Department of AYUSH, the new policy, "Policy for Certification and Standardization of AYUSH Facilities", to promote AYUSH system and related facilities has also been put in place.

The policy will remain in force till October 31, 2027 and its key objective is to enhance the coverage of the healthcare system through cost-effective AYUSH medical services.

It would focus on the core competency areas of AYUSH through identification and operationalization of a network of AYUSH Dispensaries/ clinics, Panchakarma centres, AYUSH hospitals in private sector to provide services based on holistic wellness model embedded in AYUSH principles and practices.

The policy envisages concerted efforts in the reduction of communicable/ non-communicable diseases through targeted public health programmes under the AYUSH system of medicine and would promote holistic wellbeing of the society by the optimal development and propagation of the AYUSH systems of healthcare.

It would ensure that cost effective and equitable access to the services is provided and would aim at strengthening the Ayush system in the State by integrating it and bringing it to mainstream as an essential component of healthcare and wellbeing systems.

The main aim is to establish Haryana as a competitive and favoured destination for AYUSH and to establish AYUSH systems of medicine as one of the preferred choices of treatment in primary health care.

Efforts would be made to upgrade the existing infrastructure and develop new infrastructure including hospitals, wellness centers and resorts, herbal parks, homestays and stand-alone centers for services under AYUSH.

In addition to this, the policy would supplement the efforts of Ayushman Bharat by delivering a comprehensive range of services.

## AYUSH hospitals

The state government shall endeavour to promote the AYUSH system with widespread acceptance among the public. Adequate recognition to the AYUSH Hospitals, Wellness Centers, etc. shall be provided. There shall be three



categories of AYUSH Facilities/ Institutions recognized/ certified under the Department of AYUSH, Government of Haryana: AYUSH HEERAK, AYUSH SWARN AND AYUSH RAJAT.

The hospitals, wellness centers, etc. which have attained full-fledged accreditation by National Accreditation Board for Hospitals and Healthcare Providers (NABH) shall be recognized by the State Government as AYUSH SWARNA with 5 star rating. The AYUSH entities who have attained Pre-Accreditation Entry Level Standards by NABH in their respective category shall be recognized by the State Government as AYUSH RAJAT with 3 star rating. The AYUSH entities who maintain NABH accreditation for 5 years continuously after having AYUSH Swarn recognition/ certi-

fication in their respective category shall be recognized by the State Government as AYUSH HEERAK with 7 star rating.

A branding and awareness programme shall be launched to spread the knowledge about the potential benefits of AYUSH system of medicine towards a holistic wellbeing.

## AYUSH web portal

A web portal shall be developed by the department and the details of recognized AYUSH Facilities shall be made available on the web portal and the website of AYUSH Department Haryana. A grievance redressal system shall be provided for priority redressal. Symposium/ Conference shall be organized for promotion and branding of facilities

of these institutions. The Government shall endeavour to extend additional benefits to the hospitals, wellness centers, etc. which have been accredited by NABH.

## Infra upgradation

The state government will strive to strengthen the existing infrastructure and deend for approval/ rejection of the cvelop new infrastructure in order to promote Ayush on a large scale. The infrastructure facilities in existing Government Ayurvedic Hospitals/ Dispensaries would be upgraded as per the standards of National Accreditation Board for Hospitals & Healthcare Providers (NABH) to improve the quality of services. The Government of Haryana will augment the infrastructure of health and wellness centers across the State under the Ayushman Bharat Scheme.

The Director General AYUSH being competent authority shall examine/scrutinize the applications, through a committee or otherwise and clearly recommertification. The entity shall not be required to submit any additional document other than specified under the policy herein, unless required for establishing genuineness of the application.

# Highest price is not their only gain

## Cane growers get timely payment; record pay-out made this year

By **Parveen K Modi**

**H**ighest price for their produce is not the only advantage the sugarcane growers have in Haryana. They score over their counterparts in the neighbouring states on several other counts too.

Not only have they been paid the highest State Advisory Price (SAP) for their produce Rs 372 a quintal after the hike of Rs 10 announced by the Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, as a Republic Day gift but they are also getting, besides other things, payment on time without any hassles.

Besides, sugar mills are kept in good health and in full gear to buy and crush their produce. Happy over the hike, grateful farmers have thanked the Chief Minister who has been constantly striving for their uplift.

Whether it is about giving compensation for the crop loss or providing fair prices to them for their produce, his government always stands shoulder to shoulder with them.

Keen on making them aware, officers have been directed to provide information about the facilities available and the SAP of sugarcane to the farmers so that they are neither misled nor cheated by anyone. Managing directors of sugar mills and district agriculture officers have been told to encourage the farmers to bring their produce to the mills at the earliest so that they do not suffer any loss on account of the cane drying up, resulting in loss of recovery.

Come to think of it. In the 2022-23 crushing season, Haryana made a payment of Rs 620 crore to the sugarcane growers against Rs 230 crore paid by the Punjab Government. Quick and smooth payment mechanism put in place by the Manohar Lal Government as compared to the neighbouring states like Punjab and Uttar Pradesh, has landed the growers enormous benefits.

It is a matter of record that



Photo by Vinay Malik

### For comparison sake

	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
<b>All India FRP</b>	255	275	275	285	290
<b>UTTAR PRADESH</b>					
<b>Early Variety</b>	325	315	315	315	350
<b>Mid Variety</b>	315	315	315	315	340
<b>Late Variety</b>	310	310	310	310	335
<b>UTTARAKHAND</b>					
<b>Early Variety</b>	326	327	327	327	-
<b>Mid Variety</b>	316	317	317	317	-
<b>Late Variety</b>	295	310	295	310	295
<b>HARYANA</b>					
<b>Early Variety</b>	330	340	340	350	362
<b>Mid Variety</b>	325	335	335	345	355
<b>Late Variety</b>	320	335	335	345	355
<b>PUNJAB</b>					
<b>Early Variety</b>	310	310	310	310	360
<b>Mid Variety</b>	300	300	300	300	350
<b>Late Variety</b>	295	295	295	295	345

Sources: CACP, state agriculture departments, State Advised Price (Rs/quintal)

Haryana has made complete payment to the sugarcane farmers for their crop up to July 5, 2022 whereas the farmers in the neighbouring

states are yet to receive it for their produce.

That Haryana has always paid the highest price to its cane growers

is a known fact. In 2019-20, the farmers were paid Rs 340 while Punjab paid Rs 310 per quintal; Uttar Pradesh Rs 325, and Uttarakhand Rs 326. In 2020-21, the SAP of sugarcane in Haryana was Rs 350 while in Punjab it was Rs 310, Rs 325 in Uttar Pradesh and Rs 326 in Uttarakhand.

In 2021-22, the price was fixed at Rs 362 in Haryana while it was Rs 360 in Punjab; Rs 350 in Uttar Pradesh; and Rs 355 in Uttarakhand. The price of sugarcane has been increased from Rs 362 per quintal to Rs.372 per quintal for the crushing season 2022-23.

Haryana is also ahead of other states in clearing the dues of sugar mills. In 2020-21, the state cleared the entire payment of sugar mills, while Punjab and Uttar Pradesh are yet to do the same. Similarly, the payment for 2021-22 has also been cleared by Haryana except for the PDC payment of Rs 17.94 crore, while Punjab has a liability of Rs 37.04 crore in the current crushing season.

### Key Points

- In 2020-21, the State Advisory Price (SAP) of sugarcane in Haryana was Rs 350 while in Punjab it was Rs 310, Rs 325 in Uttar Pradesh and Rs 326 in Uttarakhand.
- In 2021-22, the price was fixed at Rs 362 in Haryana while it was 360; Rs 360 in Punjab; Rs 350 in Uttar Pradesh; and Rs 355 in Uttarakhand.
- The price of sugarcane has been increased from Rs. 362 per quintal to Rs.372 per quintal for the crushing season 2022-23.
- Haryana is ahead of other states even in clearing payment for sugarcane. In 2020-21, Haryana cleared the entire payment of sugar mills, while Punjab and Uttar Pradesh are yet to do the same.
- Payment for 2021-22 has also been cleared by Haryana except for the PDC payment of Rs 17.94 crore. Punjab has a liability of Rs 37.04 crore in the current crushing season.

Keeping in view the interest of the sugarcane farmers in Haryana, a loan of Rs 1,005 crore has been given to the cooperative sugar mills while Rs 329 crore has been provided as subsidy to the cooperative and private sugar mills.

Cooperative sugar mills in Haryana crush 4.95 crore quintals of sugarcane every year while private sugar mills crush another 3 lakh quintals, taking the aggregate to 7.45 crore quintals of sugarcane crushed in a year. The sugar mills of the state are in loss of Rs. 5,293 crore.

# Nabard to lend Rs 1.72 L cr to priority sector

By **Rajeev Ranjan Roy**

**T**he National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has assessed a potential of Rs 1.72 lakh crore for priority sector lending in Haryana for the year 2023-24.

This was presented by NABARD, Haryana Regional Office in the State Focus Paper released by Jai Prakash Dalal, Agriculture Minister, Government of Haryana, during the State Credit Seminar 2023-24 held on January 24 at Haryana Niwas, Chandigarh.

The Agriculture Minister briefed about the development

vision and initiatives of the Haryana government. Further, he thanked NABARD for forming fisheries FPOs in two districts-Sirsa and Rohtak on his request and urged that emphasis should be laid on developing a cold chain in this area.

He said that in the next three to four years at least 10,000 farmers should be linked to shrimp farming so that the income of the farmers can be increased by making effective use of saline lands.

At the same time, he expressed concern over the continuous depletion of ground water level in the state and said that the panchayats in the northern parts of Haryana have a



lot of barren land, on which the idea of increasing ground water level and promoting tourism by constructing ponds of 20 to 40 acres should be considered and urged NABARD to support construction of such ponds under RIDF scheme.

Dr Sumita Misra, Additional Chief Secretary, Agriculture, Haryana, emphasized on sustainability of agriculture and suggested that for postharvest management in the state PACS can also play an important role.

Deepa B Guha, Chief General Manager, NABARD, Haryana RO, highlighted the consultative process which has gone into assessing the potential and the need for dovetail-

ing the credit potential worked out for all 22 districts with the District Credit plan prepared by the Lead Banks.

MK Mall, RD, RBI, suggested that post Digitisation of Land Records in the state, access to the land records to Bankers can be explored.

He added that Banks in the state should try to meet the financing needs of the tenant farmers who are the actual tillers of the land. SK Panigrahi, Convener SLBC suggested that SLBC would consider the suggestions made in the State Focus Paper prepared by the NABARD while preparing ACP for the year 2023-24.



# Union Budget budget

## RARE TRINITY: FM cuts Income Tax

By **Rajeev Ranjan Roy**

The Union Budget-2023 Union Finance and Corporate Affairs Minister Mrs Nirmala Sitharaman tabled in Parliament on February 1, is wholesome and holistic, growth-oriented and guided by Saptarishi priorities—inclusive development, reaching the last mile, infrastructure and investment, unleashing the potential, youth power, financial sector and green growth! It builds a bridge to the future which belongs to India.

Every section of society and all stakeholders in building a new and vibrant India have been taken care of in the Union Budget including the salaried class people. The rebate limit in the new tax regime has been increased to Rs 7 lakh, meaning that peons in the new tax regime with income up to Rs 7 lakh will not have to pay any tax. The tax structure in the new personal tax regime has been changed by reducing the number of slabs to five and increasing the tax exemption limit to Rs 3 lakh, thus providing a major relief to all taxpayers in the new regime.

The benefit of standard deduction has been extended to the salaried class and the pensioners including family pensioners under the new tax regime. Salaried individuals will get standard deduction of Rs 50,000 and pensioner Rs 15,000 as per the proposal. Each salaried person with an income of Rs 15.5 lakh or more will thus gain Rs 52,500,

Tax Slab (in lakh)	Tax Rate (in %)
0-3	Nil
3-6	5
6-9	10
9-12	15
12-15	20
Above 15	30

# Haryana to give infra, capex and job creation a decisive push

By **Parveen K Modi**

Drawing inspiration from the Union Budget, the Haryana Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, who also doubles up as the Finance Minister, seems to have firmed up his priorities for the 2023-24 Budget he would be presenting to the state Assembly during the Budget session beginning February 20, 2023.

And if the hints thrown by him are any indication, promotion of exports, products made from millet, continued push to infrastructure, capital expenditure and creation of employment opportunities will constitute the fulcrum of his Budget proposals.

“With the promotion of exports, foreign exchange will come and the economy of the state will be strengthened,” he said while speaking at a pre-budget consultation meeting with the stakeholders related to industry, manufacturing and service sectors in Gurugram.

### Pre-Budget consultation

The Chief Minister is persisting with the practice of holding pre-budget consultation with different stake-holders before stitching the fabric of the Budget.

In view of the International Millet Year-2023, units related to food processing which will prepare products from millet, will also be promoted in the budget.

“Special focus will be made on rapid development of infrastructure in the state. Having good infra-

structure will attract investment, lead to setting up of new industrial units and creation of more jobs for the youth”, he added.

On the suggestions made by representatives of various organizations, the Chief Minister assured them that efforts would be made to incorporate them in the Budget to ensure progress of the state.

He also held out the assurance that their suggestions on clearing the VAT arrears would be given due consideration.

Haryana’s economy is very strong. “At present, there is no burden of any additional debt on the state. Haryana has clocked growth while staying within the limit of 25 percent of total GDP set for loans; while many states of the country have crossed this limit,” he asserted.

Mr Ananad Mohan Sharan, Additional Chief Secretary, Industries and Commerce Department, said that before preparation of the general budget for 2023-24, the Chief Minister has set rolling the process of consulting various stakeholders.

“Under this, a meeting was held with the industry representatives, as industries play an important role in the economy,” he said.

The representatives of industry, manufacturing and service sectors gave their suggestions for the upcoming budget to the Chief Minister and also presented a copy of their presentation.

Representatives of various industrial organizations, including CII, FICCI, NASSCOM, Maruti Su-

- Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana 4.0**
  - On-job training, industry partnership, new age courses like AI, robotics, mechatronics, 3D printing, drones, etc
- Skill India Digital Platform**
  - Expanding digital ecosystem to enable demand-based formal skilling, linking with employers and facilitating access to entrepreneurship schemes
- National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme**
  - To provide stipend support to 47 lakh youth in three years
- Boosting Tourism**
  - 50 destinations to be selected and developed as complete package for domestic & foreign tourists
- Setting Up Of Unity Malls In State Capitals**
  - For promotion and sale of ODOPs (One District, One Product), GI and handicraft products

zuki India Limited, PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry, ASSO-CHAM, GIA Gurugram, IMT Manesar Association, Faridabad Industries Association, Haryana Rice Exporters Association, Bahadurgarh Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and textile association aired their suggestions at the interaction.

### Saving schemes

- Maximum deposit limit for Senior Citizen Savings Scheme enhanced to Rs 30 lakh from Rs 15 lakh.
- Monthly Income Scheme limit doubled to Rs 9 lakh and Rs 15 lakh for joint accounts.
- One-time new saving scheme for women Mahila Samman Saving Certificate to be launched for 2 years up to March 2025.
- It will offer a deposit facility of up to Rs 2 lakh in the name of women or girls for tenure of 2 years at fixed interest rate.

### Rs 2.4 lakh cr for Railways

- An outlay of Rs 2.4 lakh crore provided for Railways.
- It's the highest ever allocation, almost nine times more than allocations made in 2014.
- The allocation for track renewal increased from Rs 15,388.05 crore in RE 2022-23 to Rs 17,296.84 crore this year.
- The Railways is likely to roll out 75 Vande Bharat trains by August 2023.

# Budgets for growth and future

## steps up capital expenditure; lowers fiscal deficit

**SUBSTANTIAL RELIEF IN PERSONAL INCOME TAX**

**BENEFITING OUR HARD-WORKING MIDDLE CLASS**

- No Income tax for persons with income up to **7 lakh** in the new tax regime
- Standard deduction of 50,000 to salaried people and deduction up to 15,000 for pensioners under new tax regime also
- Reduction of the highest surcharge rate from **37% to 25%** under new tax regime
- Tax exemption limit on leave encashment on retirement of non-govt salaried employees increased to 25 lakh

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from the above proposals. The highest surcharge rate in personal income tax has been reduced from 37 per cent to 25 per cent in the new tax regime for income above Rs 2 crore. This would result in the maximum tax rate of personal income tax coming down to 39 per cent, which was earlier 42.74 per cent.

Deduction for expenditure incurred on payments made to MSMEs will be allowed only when payment is actually made in order to support MSMEs in timely receipt of payments. New co-operatives that commence manufacturing activities till 31.3.2024 will get the benefit of a lower tax rate of 15 per cent, as presently available to new manufacturing companies.

Similarly, opportunity has been provided to sugar co-operatives to claim payments made to sugarcane farmers for the period prior to assessment year 2016-17 as expenditure. This is expected to provide them a relief of almost Rs 10,000 crore.

The number of basic customs duty rates on goods, other than textiles and agriculture has been reduced to 13 from 21. Customs duty on specified capital goods and machinery for manufacture of lithiumion cell for use in battery of electrically operated vehicle (EVs) extended to 31.03.2024. Basic customs duty has been reduced on parts of open cells of TV panels to 2.5 per cent. Basic customs duty on electric kitchen chimneys increased to 15 per cent from 7.5 per cent. Basic customs duty on heat coil for manufacture of electric kitchen chimneys reduced to 15 per cent from 20 per cent.

### Reaching the last mile

With a focus on reaching the last mile, Finance Minister Mrs Sitharaman said that to improve socio-economic conditions of the particularly vulnerable tribal groups (PVTGs), Pradhan Mantri PVTG Development Mission will be launched. This will saturate PVTG

families and habitations with basic facilities such as safe housing, clean drinking water and sanitation, improved access to education, health and nutrition, road and telecom connectivity, and sustainable livelihood opportunities. An amount of Rs 15,000 crore will be made available to implement the Mission in the next three years under the Development Action Plan for the Scheduled Tribes.

In sync with the vision of Prime Minister Mr Narendra Modi for LIFE or Lifestyle for Environment to spur a movement of environmentally conscious lifestyle, the Union Budget gives a boost to ongoing efforts for the 'Panchamrit' and net-zero carbon emission to usher in green industrial and economic transition. This Budget builds on the focus on green growth. The Budget has provided Rs 35,000 crore for priority capital investments towards energy transition and net zero objectives, and energy security by the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas.

## 'Amrit Kaal' Budget will benefit all sections of society, says CM

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The Union Budget for 2023-24, presented to Parliament by the Union Finance Minister, Mrs Nirmala Sitharaman, is an 'Amrit Budget' which will benefit every section and will prove to be a milestone in the making of modern India. This is how the Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, described the Budget proposal put together under the leadership of the Prime Minister, Mr Narendra Modi.

"It is an Amrit budget prepared while keeping in mind every section of the society. The seven priorities of the government towards the country and the society mentioned by the finance minister in the budget will benefit every section.

This budget presented in 'Amrit Kaal' will prove to be a milestone in the making of modern India," he said.

It will carry forward the vision of the Prime Minister and will prove fruitful in the direction of making the country a leading economy of the world. "It is not just a budget, but also a vision document of the 'Amrit Kaal' of futuristic India.

### All-inclusive budget

This is an all-encompassing and all-inclusive budget, giving new energy to the countrymen. It will contribute significantly in writing a new chapter of good governance, poverty alleviation, socio-economic transformation and employment generation," the Chief Minister asserted.

The resolve to include all



sections of the society in the mainstream of development is visible in every aspect of this budget. "This budget is inclusive and futuristic, keeping in mind the empowerment of job professionals, youth, women and farmers.

Special focus has been laid on infrastructure development, health, employment generation, housing, social welfare, farmers welfare, higher education, innovation and research; which will also be beneficial for Haryana," he added.

The Chief Minister said that under the leadership of the Prime Minister, the central and state governments are taking important steps for the farmers.

The announcement of Indian Institute of Millet for coarse grains, promotion of fisheries and horticulture sector or connecting 1 crore farmers with natural farming are

many such decisions which will further strengthen our agriculture system.

Several provisions have been made in the Budget to connect New India with technology. Promotion of DIGILocker, systems like e-courts will take the country even further in the era of technology.

The Chief Minister said that decisions like making indigenous mobile cheaper and helping micro, small and medium industries affected during the Covid pandemic will strengthen the MSME sector; which will further strengthen the Indian economy.

"This budget will prove to be a milestone in achieving the goal of Antyodaya. Taking inspiration from this budget, Haryana will also prepare its budget keeping in mind the 2.5 crore Haryana residents," he added.

### Indirect Tax Proposals

- Green Mobility:**
  - To exempt excise duty on GST-paid compressed bio gas
- Electronics:**
  - To provide relief in customs duty on import of certain parts of mobile phones
  - To reduce basic customs duty on parts of open cells of TV panels to 2.5%
- Electricals:**
  - To increase basic customs duty on electric kitchen chimney from 7.5% to 15%
  - To reduce basic customs duty on chimney heat coils from 20% to 15%
- Chemicals and Petrochemicals:**
  - To exempt basic customs duty on chemicals and petrochemicals
  - To reduce basic customs duty on acid grade fluorspar and crude glycerine to 2.5%
- Marine products:**
  - To reduce duty on key inputs for domestic manufacture of shrimp feed
- Lab Grown Diamonds:**
  - To reduce basic customs duty on seeds used in their manufacturing
- Precious Metals:**
  - To increase customs duties on articles made from gold and platinum
  - To increase import duty on silver ware, bars and articles
- Compounded Rubber:**
  - To increase basic customs duty rate on compounded rubber from 10% to 25%
- Cigarettes:**
  - National Calamity Contingent Duty (NCCD) on specified cigarettes to be revised upwards by about 16%

# Some glimpses of Surajkund fair

*Compiled by Vinay Malik*



# Surajkund celebrates confluence of cultures

## Shanghai nations, northeast states steal the show

By Ajay Bhardwaj

Amid splash of colours, rhythm of drum beats and joie devivre the 36th International Surajkund Mela in Faridabad was inaugurated by Vice President of India, Sh. Jagdeep Dhankhar.

This year, the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation is the 'partner nation', which comprises 25 countries, while eight states of the Northeast including Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Sikkim, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, and Tripura, have been made the theme states providing an aesthetic and cultural indulgence for both Indian and foreign tourists

Describing the Surajkund Crafts Mela as a confluence of diverse cultures and arts of the country, the Vice President said that the participation of Shanghai Cooperation Organization countries in this Mela is a historic moment.

Terming the cultural importance of the North-Eastern states of India as glorious for the country, he said that the talented artists and craftsmen of these states who have reached this Mela have become a live example that under the able dynamic leadership of Prime Minister, Sh. Narendra Modi, India has been swiftly moving on the development track.

He said that the craftsmen and artists are getting direct benefits from the Mudra Yojana, Hunar haat, and Hashtshilp Yojana imple-

mented by the Prime Minister. He said that Unity Mall would prove to be a milestone in the promotion of crafts made by artists for the sale of products made under the One District-One Product scheme.

### Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam

Chief Minister Sh Manohar Lal said on the occasion that along with strengthening the ties of unity in the diversity of our country, Surajkund International Crafts Mela also takes forward the concept of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam'.

The Chief Minister said that it is because of the International Surajkund Mela and the International Gita Mahotsav that Haryana's cultural heritage has made its mark internationally. "For the last 35 years, Surajkund Mela has been a great platform for craftsmen and handloom artisans to showcase their skills. This Mela allows every artist to get acquainted with the folk arts, folk cuisine, folk music, folk dances, and costumes of different regions," he added.

### 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat'

The Chief Minister said that the beauty of this handicrafts Mela is that it is equipped with artifacts drenched with the imagination of artists and craftsmen from the country and abroad. "Such fairs provide an opportunity for the craftsmen to exchange their rich culture, traditions, and arts," he said, adding that at Surajkund;

visitors get a glimpse of 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat'.

### CM launches brochure

The Chief Minister launched the International Year of Millets 2023 brochure of the Ministry of Development of North East Region at the Mela.

Notably, the United Nations Council has declared the year 2023 as the Millet Year. Prime Minister, Sh. Narendra Modi has also called for promoting the use of Millet. Haryana too is making tireless efforts to promote millets. Many delicious and healthy millet dishes have been prepared at the Surajkund Mela.

### Vibrant culture on display

Haryana Deputy Chief Minister, Sh. Dushyant Chautala said that Surajkund International Handicraft Mela is the flag bearer of the country's civilization and vibrant culture. Additionally, these fairs considerably contribute to the nation's economic independence.

He said that this fair is a trinity of tradition, heritage and culture, which attracts tourists not only from India but across the globe. Through such a platform, the ordinary craftsman and artisan get the right value and recognition of their skills. For many craftsmen, artisans and weavers, this fair is their main source of income throughout the year.

# India emerging as a leader: Murmu



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President Droupadi Murmu has said that India, while presiding over the G-20, is playing an active role in bringing about social and economic upliftment. With the inclusion of values, India's identity is being established globally. The country is constantly changing and today with economic prosperity, India is becoming a leader with 5th position in the world.

The President was addressing the National Convention organized on the theme 'Women as Foundation of Value Based Society' at Brahma Kumaris Om Shanti Retreat Centre in Gurugram's Bahora Kalan. She inaugurated the seminar by lighting a lamp.

On her arrival here, the President was jointly welcomed by the Haryana Governor, Dr Bandaru Dattatraya, and the Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal. She also visited the Spiritual Art Gallery and 2D Rangoli at the Om

Shanti Retreat Centre premises.

Addressing the seminar, President Murmu said, "While the government is fulfilling its responsibility for women empowerment in the society, every person should admire it and take inspiration from their working style. Today, India is establishing its dominance globally on the strength of its values."

Today women are performing better than men in every field. Be it science, arts, education, engineering or political field, women have raised their flags of success at every level. Mother is the first mentor and teacher for children, who makes them cultured, she said.

Women have an important role to play in establishing and improving moral values in the society. "In our scriptures, it has been said that where women are respected, gods reside there. Sacrifice, penance, restraint and dedication of mothers and sisters in the society is incomparable," she added.

## FORTNIGHT IN RETROSPECT

### Verify PPP data fast, CM tells officers



The Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, has directed the officers concerned to expedite the work related to verification of the Parivar Pehchan Patra data, especially of the elderly persons with disabilities and their children.

He gave these directions while presiding over a review meeting of the Citizen Resources Information Department (CRID) at his residence Sant Kabir Kutir.

Besides considering the needs of senior citizens residing in the state, information should also be gathered on their interests, talent, hobbies, etc. It is the responsibility of the government to take care of every senior citizen. Officers concerned should work to make the system adopted by

CRID more rational, he said.

Officers were also told to compile data related to children, including those going to crèche, Anganwadi, and school.

### MR catch-up campaign begins in Nuh, Palwal

The Home and Health Minister, Mr Anil Vij, has said that in order to stop the transmission of measles, Measles Rubella (MR) catch-up campaign is being carried out in Nuh district and in Hathin and Hodal blocks of Palwal District. In this campaign, an additional dose of MR vaccine will be administered to all eligible children in the age group of 9 months to 15 years.

The MR catch-up campaign which has been launched will cover a total of 4,72,250 children (4,06,493 children in Nuh district and 65,757 children in Palwal district). The beneficiaries will be covered in schools during the first week of the campaign and after that outreach sessions will be conducted for providing an additional dose of MR, he added.

The campaign has been launched by deputy commissioners in both districts. In order to ensure

100 percent coverage, the campaign is being monitored by state nodal officers and officers from partner agencies like WHO/ UNICEF etc.



### 116 held, 573 FIRs lodged under Op Akraman-IV

Under Operation Akraman-IV, a special drive to clean up the crime and criminal elements across the state, the Haryana Police have successfully conducted a series of coordinated raids and arrested 1,116 accused. As many as 573 FIRs were lodged under various sections of IPC, NDPS, Arms and Excise Act.

Disclosing this, the Director General of Police (DGP), Mr P.K. Agrawal, said that the Police Department had been collecting pinpointed intelligence on criminal activities in the state, including

trafficking of illegal arms, narcotic substances and illicit liquor.

As many as 1,327 teams comprising 7,109 police personnel under the command of SSP and DCps, conducted coordinated raids starting early morning on February 5 to nab the criminals. The element of surprise and simultaneous targeting of criminals at multiple locations led to very encouraging results.

A total of 50 illegal firearms and 25 cartridges were seized. Similarly, 301 kg 462 gram ganja, 159.24 gram heroin, over 49 kg poppy husk, 1.155 kg opium, 34.42 gram smack, 83.22 gram sulphur, 3.19 gram charas and 108 prohibited tablets/capsules/injections were also recovered.

During these raids, the raiding teams also managed to nab 12 most wanted/wanted criminals and three other offenders carrying cash rewards. The police have also arrested 188 proclaimed offenders and 15 bail jumpers. Among the arrested POs and bail jumpers, many were reported to be evading arrest for a long time.

In addition, 248 other accused involved in various cases were also nabbed during the special drive. Major recoveries from these accused include two gold chains, 28

mobile phones, Rs 3.59 lakh cash and 38 vehicles.

Cracking down on bootleggers, the teams confiscated 10,620 bottles of Indian Made Foreign Liquor, 1,752 bottles of country-made liquor, 58 bottles of beer, 741 bottles of licit liquor, 191 bottles of illicit liquor and 632 litres of lagan.

The police also recovered Rs 1,91,776 in cash from the accused arrested under the Gambling Act.



It is pertinent to note that this special drive was the 4th in the series of intelligence driven statewide crackdowns under Operation Aakraman to clean up the state of criminal elements. It reaffirms the steadfast commitment of the Haryana Police Department to the citizens of the state to provide a safe and stable environment.

## SPORTS

# With 49 medals, Haryana tops the table in Khelo India Youth Games



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Continuing with its spectacular performance in the ongoing Khelo India Youth Games in Madhya Pradesh, Haryana has topped the table winning 22 gold, 15 silver and 12 bronze medals.

Congratulating the winning players, the Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, said that the players had once again proved that Haryana is the super power of sports in the country.

"It is clear from the results of the competitions that Haryana is full of sports talents. That is why we are constantly working to promote sports in every village,"

he said, adding that the state government will provide all sports facilities to every player in future also and will make Haryana a nursery of sports.

This is the result of Haryana's strong sports policy, due to which gold medals are coming in abundance in the Youth Games. Last time, the state government had also doubled the prize money given to the winners of the Khelo India Youth Games. The player winning gold medal was given Rs 1 lakh, Rs 60,000 to the silver medalist and Rs 40,000 to the bronze medalist.

Not only this, Rs 5,000 was also given as incentive to the sports persons of the state for participating in the games. "It is the effect of the

sports policy that the players of the state are continuously performing brilliantly," he asserted.

The 5th Khelo India Youth Games came to an end on February 11. These were held in eight cities of Madhya Pradesh. About 6,000 players from the country participated in 27 sports.

Haryana won 15 medals, including 8 gold in boxing, and gold, 4 silver, 4 bronze medals in athletics. In shooting, the state won 2 gold, 3 silver, 2 bronze; while 3 gold and one silver in cycling.

Two gold medals in badminton, one gold medal in volleyball and two gold medals in archery have been achieved so far, the Chief Minister added.

## Applications invited for centers

In another initiative to take the Khelo India Youth Games-2021 to other cities in the state, the Haryana Sports Department has invited applications from past champion athletes to set up Khelo India Centres (Small).

Disclosing this, a spokesperson of the Sports Department said that under the scheme of the Central Government and the Sports Authority of India, the Khelo India Centres would be opened in 12 more districts, namely Fatehabad, Gurugram, Hisar, Karnal, Mewat, Mahendragarh, Panchkula, Panipat, Rewari, Rohtak, Sirsa and Sonapat.

Players desirous of opening these centres can apply at the office of the concerned district sports officer by February 15, 2023. Complete details of the scheme are available on the department's website - <http://haryanasports.gov.in>.

## HPSC exam: Kamal 1st, Pragati 2nd

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Kamal Chaudhary has topped the Haryana Public Service Commission (HPSC) exam with 398.75 marks, followed by Pragati Rani with 398 score.

The HPSC has declared the result for 155 posts of HCS (Executive branch) and allied services on the basis of the main written examination followed by personality test. These were held from January 30 to February 5.

The result is available on the HPSC's website post-wise and category-wise.

Among the recommended candidates, 48 are HCS (Executive), seven DSPs, 14 ETOs, five DFSC, four 'A' Class Tehsildars, 46 BDPOs, three traffic managers, two DFSOs and 21 Assistant Employment Officers. As many as 425 candidates were called for the personality test.

In a clarification, the HPSC has said that the results are subject to decision of 11 petitions filed in superior courts.

Also, if any candidate qualified in the result falls under the purview of investigation relating to FIR No. 4 of 2021 dated November 11, 2021, registered by the State Vigilance Bureau, his or her candidature would be purely on a provisional basis and subject to the outcome of the case.

The case pertains to the arrest of the then Deputy Secretary of Haryana Public Service Commission, Anil Nagar, who was caught with crores of rupees.

An amount of Rs 3.5 crore was recovered during the investigations from the accused. Nagar was dismissed and the HCS preliminary exam had to be cancelled along with that of dental surgeons. The examination was later held again.

# CM congratulates Shafali Verma's family

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The Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, met members of the family of Shafali Verma, India U-19 Captain, at her residence in Rohtak.

Congratulating them for their daughter's historic achievement, Mr Manohar Lal said the country and the state are proud of Haryana's daughter and her team for making history by winning the first-ever ICC trophy.

The Chief Minister said the Indian women's cricket team had won the Under-19 World Cup under the leadership of Haryana's daughter,



which is a matter of pride for every Haryanvi. He extended best wishes to the young Indian squad for a bright future.

Shafali's grandfather, Mr Sant Lal Verma, and father, Mr Sanjeev Verma, honoured the Chief Minister with a shawl.

Notably, the Indian Women's Under-19 Cricket team, led by Shafali Verma made history and won the World Cup by defeating England. In the final match played on January 29, the Indian team defeated England by seven wickets. With this India became the first country to win this tournament.

## Tech Edu Deptt signs MOU with CISCO

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The Director General of Haryana Technical Education Department, Mr. Rajiv Rattan signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with CISCO in order to make students of the Polytechnic Institutes, Engineering Colleges and Technical Universities of Haryana job ready for the technological domains.

With this, the CISCO will provide about 35 courses free of cost as the CISCO is an American-based Multinational Digital Communications Technology Conglomerate Corporation. This company operates at national and international level and runs a networking academy.

An official spokesperson further told Haryana Review that the Directorate of Technical Education will further conduct seminars, workshops and courses through the Cisco WebEx platform.

# Registrations open for scholarship till Feb 28

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The Haryana Sports and Youth Affairs Department have been invited application forms of scholarship for the eligible sportspersons by the February 28, 2023 based on the sports accomplishments during April 1st, 2022 to December 31st, 2022 for the medal winners, participants in state, national and international level competitions (other than Scheduled Castes).

An official spokesperson told Haryana Review that the Scheduled Caste (SC) players whose annual income

is less than Rs. 2.50 lakh, can also apply for the scholarship. Although, the annual income of other category sportspersons should be less than Rs. 1.80 lakh, he added.

Furthermore, the players along with their application include attested Caste Certificate, Income Certificate prepared by the Competent Authority, Birth Certificate of the player, Aadhaar Card details, Sports Achievements (certificates), Domicile Certificate, Parivar Pehchan Patra, two passport size photographs are required to be submitted.

The spokesperson further informed that it is mandatory to get an affidavit of

the player not consuming drugs verified and attached with the application form.

Also, the eligible players can submit their application form in the prescribed proforma available on the department's website i.e. [www.haryanasports.gov.in](http://www.haryanasports.gov.in) with complete details in the office of the concerned District Sports and Youth Program Officer.

The SC players who have secured positions at State/ National/International level or participated in State level competitions, College and School players will be eligible for this facility, he added.