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No compromise on SYL waters : CM

By Ajay Bhardwaj

Pressure seems to be mounting on Punjab to abide by the Supreme Court directive on the SYL construction as concerted efforts made by Chief Minister Sh. Manohar Lal for resolving the contentious issue to get Haryana its rightful share of river waters have started yielding positive results.

At a recent hearing, as the Central Government informed the Supreme Court that the Punjab Government has been evading and ducking its responsibility to construct the SYL, the Central Government informed the Court that a letter was written to Punjab's new Chief Minister but he did not give any response.

Incidentally, earlier the Haryana chief minister had written three

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demi-official letters to the Punjab Chief Minister for this meeting, but no response came forth.

The Chief Minister through a demi-official letter on May 6, 2022 had requested the Union Minister of Jal Shakti to convene the second-round meeting of the Chief Ministers of both the states at the

earliest to discuss this issue.

Besides this, he had also written a demi-official letter to Home Minister, Sh. Amit Shah, requesting him to organize a meeting of the Chief Ministers of both the states over the same issue.

Now, the Supreme Court has directed the Central Government to

organise a meeting of the Chief Ministers of both States and try to amicably resolve the issue.

Meanwhile, the chief minister reaffirmed Haryana people's right on the SYL waters and said that they would claim it at any cost.

"SYL water is very important for Haryana. On one hand, we are not getting this water, while on the other Delhi is demanding more water from us. Now fixing a deadline to resolve this issue at the earliest has become very essential," he said.

The Chief Minister said that the completion of the construction work of the Sutlej-Yamuna Link canal is long pending and an issue of great concern between Haryana and Punjab. Due to the non-completion of the SYL Canal, surplus, unchanneled water of Ravi, Sutlej and Beas is going to Pakistan.

Ordinance on reservation for BC-A in PRIs

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Haryana Governor Mr Bandaru Dattatraya has given his assent to the ordinance, which has amended Sections 9, 59 and 120 of the Haryana Panchayati Raj Act 1994 to empower and uplift more disadvantaged persons among Backward Classes-A (BCA). The state Cabinet, which met under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal on September 1, had approved the draft ordinance.

As per the amendment, seats of Panches in every Gram Panchayat shall be reserved for BC-A in proportion of one-half of the percentage of their population to the total population of the Sabha area and shall be rounded off to the next higher integer in case the decimal value is 0.5 or more. Minimum one seat of Panch shall be reserved for the Backward Classes (A) if their population is two percent or more of the total population of the Sabha area. Such seats shall be allotted by rotation and by draw of lots among the wards other than that reserved for the Scheduled Castes.

Eight per cent of the total number of offices of Sarpanch in a Block shall be reserved for the Backward Classes (A) and shall be rounded off to the next higher integer in case the decimal value is 0.5 or more and shall be allotted by rotation and by draw of lots among the three times of the number of the Gram Panchayats proposed for reservation of Backward Classes (A) which are having the largest percentage of

population of Backward Classes (A) excluding Gram Panchayats that are reserved for the Scheduled Castes.

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Reservation of seats for Backward Classes (A) shall be up to the same proportion as one-half of the percentage of their population in the respective Gram Panchayat, Panchayat Samiti and Zila Parishad but subject to the outer limit of 50 percent aggregate in favour of the Scheduled Castes and the Backward Classes (A) taken together.

Taking fight against drugs to schools, colleges

By Parveen K Modi

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Cabinet okays reservation for BC-A in PRIs



By **Rajeev Ranjan Roy**

In a significant development to ensure adequate representations to all sections of society in Panchayat bodies, the Cabinet, which met on August 31 under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal, accepted the recommendation of Haryana Backward Classes Commission (HBCC) to give reservation to Backward Classes-A communities in Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs).

The HBCCI, headed by former Judge of Punjab and Haryana High Court, Justices (Retd) Darshan Singh had conducted the dedicated empirical assessment of the political backwardness of the state's people belonging to backward classes and found that Backward Classes of Citizens, Block-A (BC-A) are not adequately represented in the political setup. So, they require political reservation in the PRIs.

For the first time

"The reservation will be given to BC-A for the first time in the PRI election itself. Now if there is even two per cent of the Backward Class-A population in a village, then at least one Panchayat member will definitely be elected from them," said Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal, adding that the Supreme Court recently gave directions regarding political reservation in PRIs to BC-A people.

It is worth mentioning that the Haryana government had constituted the Backward Classes Commission to give political reservation to BC-A. The commission submitted its report based upon a sample survey. The Cabinet approved the report and amended the Haryana Panchayati Raj Act, 1994 by bringing in the Haryana Panchayati Raj (Amendment) Ordinance, 2022.

According to an official

statement, seats of Panch in every Gram Panchayat shall be reserved for the BC-A in the same proportion of the total seats as one-half of the percentage of population of BC-A to the total population in that Gram Sabha Area. In case the decimal value is 0.5 or more, it shall be rounded off to the next higher integer.

Provided that every Gram Panchayat shall have at least one Panch belonging to the BC-A, if its population is two per cent or more of the total population of the Sabha area! Eight per cent of the total number of offices of Sarpanch in a block and rounded off to the next higher integer in case the decimal value is 0.5 or more shall be reserved for BC-A.

Similarly, seats of members shall be reserved for the BC-A in every Panchayat Samiti in the same proportion of total seats as one-half of the percentage of population of BC-A to the total population in that block. In case the decimal value is 0.5 or more, it shall be rounded off to the next higher integer.

Similarly, seats of members shall be reserved for the BC-A in every Zila Parishad in the same proportion of total seats as one-half of the percentage of population of BC-A to the total population in that Zila Parishad area. The reservation shall not exceed aggregate of 50 per cent of the total seats reserved in favour of Scheduled Castes and BC-A taken together in a particular Panchayati Raj Institution

It has been further clarified that where the number of seats so reserved for BC-A under the foregoing classes added to the numbers of the seats reserved for Scheduled Castes exceeds 50 per cent of the total numbers of seats in the given Panchayati Raj Institutions, then the numbers of seats reserved for BC-A shall be restricted to such largest number that will lead to the total seats

Nod for cash credit limit to HSIIDC

Haryana Cabinet which met under Chairmanship of Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal on September 1, accorded approval regarding the sanction of cash credit or working capital limit of Rs 500 crore of the Haryana State Industrial & Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd (HSIIDC) for acquisition of land, making payment of enhanced compensation to the ex-land owners and developing infrastructure facilities for the development of Industrial Estates in the state against the security of guarantee of the state government of Haryana.

The Finance Department agrees for the State Government Guarantees for availing credit limit/working capital limit of Rs 500 crore at 6 per cent per annum from the SBI for acquisition of land, development of infrastructure facilities and making the payment of enhanced land compensation to ex-land owners by charging two per cent government guarantee fee for a period of 10 years.

The Cabinet also approved the laying of annual accounts of Haryana Khadi and Village Industries Board for the year 2017-18 before the Legislative Assembly of the state. The annual audited accounts of the Haryana Khadi and Village Industries Board are required to

be placed before the State Legislature as per the provisions contained in section 19A (3) of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (Duties, Powers and conditions of the service) Act, 1971. The Cabinet also decided to authorise an Empowered Cabinet Sub Committee to approve such statements of accounts of statutory bodies that need to be placed before the Haryana Legislative Assembly.

Group-B posts is being conducted by the HPSC.

Nod to amendment

The Cabinet also accorded approval to the amendment in the Haryana Enterprises Promotion Rules, 2016. In order to induct the Administrative Secretary of Excise & Taxation Department as a member of the Empowered Executive



Ex-post approval

The Cabinet accorded ex-post approval for amendment in the Haryana Public Service Commission (Limitation of Functions) Regulations, 1973. According to the amendment, HPSC has been mandated to conduct the recruitment process for various posts of Post Graduate Teacher Group-B, instead of the Haryana Staff Selection Commission especially since the recruitment process for all other

Committee (EEC) the amendment in Rule 4 (1) of the Haryana Enterprises Promotion Rules, 2016 was required.

The key role of the EEC is to examine the cases for incentives or special packages under the various schemes and policies of the Government and recommend the same to the Haryana Enterprise Promotion Board. EEC further approves and recommends cases for a special package which also includes reimbursement of GST./HR/

reserved for BC-A and Scheduled Castes taken together not exceeding 50 per cent of the total seats of the Panch in the Gram Panchayat, Member of Panchayat Samiti and Member of Zila Parishad respectively.

In order to clarify the interpretation of the aforesaid recommendations, the following examples have been cited by the Commission. Say for example in village A the population of the BC-A is 25 per cent of the total population of the Gram Sabha, then

12.5 per cent seats shall be reserved for BC-A citizens, subject to the other conditions mentioned above. Where in a given village the population of the Scheduled Castes is 50 per cent or more the BC-A will not get any reservation irrespective of the percentage of its population.

Lending a big push to e-Education

By Ajay Bhardwaj

While Prime Minister Narendra Modi's transformative National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 has set an ambitious vision for Haryana, Chief Minister Manohar Lal has reaffirmed his commitment to chasing the NEP goals in a mission mode and implement the policy in letter and spirit by 2025, five years before the target set by the Central Government.

Translating the prime minister's vision into practice Haryana has already taken the first decisive steps in this direction through the NIPUN Haryana mission, focused on ensuring children below 8 years of age attain foundational literacy and numeracy (FLN) skills.

The state government has also designed a program where universities in the state will provide education from KG to PG level in the same campus, and the government will bear the fee of students from families having income of less than Rs 1.8 lakh per annum.

E-Adhigam scheme

Under the new education policy, Haryana has been laying a lot of emphasis on IT (Information Technology).

In a big leap forward to give a push to e-learning, Chief Minister Manohar Lal recently launched the E-Adhigam



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scheme, one of the most ambitious digital learning programme in the country

Under the Advance Digital Haryana Initiative of Government with Adaptive Modules (Adhigam) scheme nearly three lakh tablets would be distributed among school students of Classes 10 and 12. The devices come with preloaded content along with personalised and adaptive learning software, and 2GB free data.

The devices were distributed among students in 119 blocks across the state simultaneously.

The government proposes to provide the gadget to five lakh students in the segment of Classes 10-12. However, Class 11 students would get them after they clear the

Class 10 board examinations and qualify for the succeeding year. From next year, all classes from 9-12 are slated to be covered.

This is for the first time that personalised digital devices have been provided free of cost to students at this scale in the country with a mission that children learn at their own pace at their own level.

Tablet is a new classroom

As the chief minister takes forward the vision of the prime minister he underlined that the tablet is the new classroom and "through e-books, it has become a full-fledged classroom".

"Tablets and data are tools for students which will help them acquire skills of the 21st century and open new opportunities. Through e-learning, students of Haryana will become global students," he said.

With these tablets, as the chief minister envisioned, it would no longer be just classroom teaching, but would help children remain connected with the affairs of the world.

In order to ward off the digital divide among government school students, the state government undertook a novel initiative and came up with a sustainable strategy that could enable personalised learning for students at home even after schools reopened.

The tablets to students have pre-loaded PAL (Personalised Adaptive Learning) software. The essence of the tablet model has



been that each student should have a separate tablet, for learning at his or her own pace, and the tablet can be used at home or at school in the presence of the teacher. The student has access to content in the form of videos, games and practice exercises. Teachers have been also provided internet-enabled tablets to assess student progress and receive feedback. The tablets also have a mobile device management (MDM) system that provides security, prevents misuse and enables remote handling of each tablet.

Prashnavali

Following digital learning portal, Diksha, mooted by the Prime Minister, the Haryana government was quick to follow it and launch a web application

called "Prashnavali" which enables digital creation of assessment questions, question papers and videos for government and private schools. It also allows creation of a reusable question bank repository and tags each question to skills and competencies. Prashnavali was developed through close collaboration among the Centre, the state government, Sunbird and Samagra Governance.

Prashnavali solves the challenge of building reusable question bank repository but also enables school systems to move towards practice-based learning and competency-based assessments in classrooms. Haryana, in fact, has been one of the pioneer states in adopting Prashnavali for state-wide use.

CM bats for more drug de-addiction centres

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Amid the war against drug abuse, Haryana Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal has directed the officials of Health Department to conduct a survey for opening drug de-addiction centres in the state so as to know the exact situation of how many de-addiction centres are required to be opened and in which districts. He also stressed the need for gathering information about drug de-addiction centres being run by the Red Cross Society or other social organizations and bringing them on a single platform.

The Chief Minister gave these directions during the meeting of the Managing Committee of the Indian Red Cross Society Haryana State Branch chaired by Governor Mr Bandaru Dattatraya, who is also the President of Indian Red Cross Society Haryana State Branch at Haryana Raj Bhavan. The meeting was held on September 8.

"There is a need to mobilize stakeholders to create awareness at a mass level against the problem of



drug addiction," said Governor Mr Dattatraya, while stressing the need for expanding the volunteer base of India Red Cross Society in the state so that more and more needy people are served. "I strongly recommend expanding the base of volunteers. Universities of the state should also be involved in this regard," he said.

The Chief Minister said that today drug addiction has become a serious problem for society, which needs to be curbed immediately. The state government is making continuous efforts to prevent drug abuse. There should not be any

laxity in this work. All officers concerned should seriously perform their duties in this regard, he added.

"Youth is prone to drug addiction, so all the stakeholders like Health Department, Education Department and Red Cross Society, etc., should emphasize making students aware of the ill effects of drugs and for this, a mass awareness camp should be organized in schools, colleges and universities," he said.

For monitoring the functioning of the de-addiction centres set up in the districts, necessary directions

have been given to the SDMs to visit the de-addiction centres in their respective districts at least once a month and take stock of the facilities and functioning there, informed Mr Manohar Lal. He said that the Red Cross Society should serve society and humanity with the motto of 'Jaha Kam, Waha Hum.'

He further directed that a portal should be developed on which the information of ambulances operated by government hospitals, private hospitals and the Red Cross or various organizations of the district should be uploaded so that people can also have the access to a single platform instead of seeking information regarding the same from different mediums.

Speaking about the opening of Pradhan Mantri Jan Aushadhi Kendra to provide medicines at affordable prices to the people in the state, the Chief Minister said that the Deputy Commissioners should issue directions to the CMOs to conduct a study in their respective districts and identify the places where Pradhan Mantri Janaushadhi Kendras are required

to be opened. After conducting this study, Pradhan Mantri Jan Aushadhi Kendras will be opened as per the requirement.

Such Kendras should be opened especially at such places where the number of patient footfall is high so that quality medicines at affordable prices can be made available to the masses, he said, adding that a dedicated portal should be developed to have real-time data about blood donation camps being organized by Red Cross Society or other social organizations across the state.

Chief Secretary Mr Sanjeev Kaushal, Chief Principal Secretary to Chief Minister, Mr DS Dhesi, Additional Chief Secretary and Financial Commissioner, Revenue and Disaster Management Department, Mr VS Kundu, Principal Secretary, Urban Local Bodies Department, Mr Arun Gupta, Secretary to Governor, Mr Atul Dwivedi, Deputy Commissioners, Director General, Health Services, Dr Veena Singh and office bearers of Red Cross Society, Haryana Branch were also present on the occasion.

Haryana weaves

A web of roads criss-crosses the state; every village has flyovers, bypasses, underpasses and elevated roads const

By Parveen K. Modi

If liquidity is the lifeblood of industry, roads are the arteries through which the economy of any state or country pulses. Facilitating farm produce to markets, workers to jobs, students to school, and the sick to hospitals, roads play a vital role in the development of any state. Road transport also helps in delivering consignments at people's doorsteps, saving them money, time and energy. A well-laid-out road network is a sure passport to a strong economy.

Translating the vision of the Prime Minister, Mr Narendra Modi, who says that good roads are vital for taking the country to greater heights, the Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, has, during the last eight years, pulled all stops to crisscross the state with a web of roads, including national and state highways, underpasses and bypasses. Small wonder, Haryana has achieved the distinction of having road access to each of its 7,356 villages.

"Roads pave the way for development and growth. In the last eight years, highways, both national and state, flyovers, bypasses, underpasses and elevated roads have been constructed to pace up connectivity, boost development and ease traffic congestion on the roads. While hundreds of km-length of new roads have been constructed, many others are being laid to boost connectivity," says the Chief Minister.

Realising full well the seminal role these arteries of economy play in development, and in making the economy strong, the state government has pressed all the levers to lay new roads and recarpet the existing ones. The Chief Minister has been instrumental in getting Haryana sanctioned many new national highways.

Facts speak louder than words. From only five national highways (NH) with a total length of 655.261 kms in 1966 when Haryana was carved out as a separate entity of federal India, the state has now 37 NHs with aggregate length of about 3,014.214 kms, facilitating travel and transportation of goods and making the wheels of economy move.

Out of these, the responsibility for upkeep, maintenance and upgradation of 330.032 kms of three national highways has been entrusted to the Haryana State Public Works (B&R) Department. The responsibility for the remaining, measuring 2,684.182 kms, rests with the National Highway Authority of India (NHAI).

Furthermore, some roads have been approved in principle for



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declaration as new national highways in Haryana, subject to the preparation of DPRs. The PWD has been asked to prepare the DPR of these roads. While the work of preparing DPRs for some roads has been awarded, bid estimates for others have been sent for approval.

Besides the national highways, Haryana now has 27,608 km of metalled roads against 5,100 kms in 1966-67. All its 7,356 villages are now road-linked while in 1966-67, only 1,386 villages had the access. The Chief Minister has issued directions that roads in the rural areas adjoining cities should be upgraded to four-lane to make traffic movement smoother and faster.

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Six corridors in 8 yrs

From day one, the Manohar Lal Government has laid great stress on giving connectivity a booster dose. The results are there for all to see: as many as six corridors have been developed during this period.

These are: Yamunanagar-Panchkula (four-lane); Ambala-Kaithal-Hisar-Siwani-up to

Rajasthan Border (four-lane); Delhi-Rohtak-Hisar (four-lane); Delhi-Panipat-Ambala (four to six lane); Sonapat-Jhajjar-Charkhi Dadri-Loharu, (2 LPS and four lane); 227 kms of trans Haryana (NH-152D) access controlled highway (six-lane).

Determined to pace up development, the state government has laid great stress on timely completion of projects. The Chief Minister has set up a committee of administrative secretaries led by the Chief Secretary, Mr Sanjeev Kaushal, to periodically review and expedite execution of projects worth more than Rs 100 crore each. At its last meeting, Mr Kaushal announced that Hisar Airport will be functional by March, 2023.

Five NH projects

The NHAI has its hands full in Haryana. While it delivered five national highway projects in Sonapat region which were inaugurated by the Union Minister for Roads, Transport and Highways, Mr Nitin Gadkari, in April

this year, work is in progress on 25 other such projects out of which some stretches have already been constructed and thrown open to traffic.

The five NH projects thrown open to traffic are: Eight-laning of Sonapat (km 37.5) to Panipat (km 84) section of NH-44 (old NH-1) at the cost of 2,128.72 crore; Four-laning of road from UP-Haryana border to Rohna section of NH-334 B (Rs 1,020 cr); Jind-Gohana NH-352 A 50.51 kms (Rs 133 cr); Bhiwani-Mundhal-Jind, NH-709 A 62 kms (Rs 183 cr); and Jhajjar-Loharu, NH-334 B 98 kms (Rs 136 cr).



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Relief given in toll tax

Presently, 27 toll points are in operation on different national highways built by NHAI where toll is collected on cars, jeeps, vans, buses, trucks and heavy commercial vehicles. On account of different toll rules, the rates of toll charged in sections under Toll Rules 1997 are less than being tolled under Toll Rules 2008. This difference resulted in protests at some toll plazas, especially covered by Toll Rules 2008.

Five toll plazas at Dighal, GangaychaJat on NH-71 and Makrauli Kalan, Dahar on NH-71-A and Palwal on NH-2 were the ones where toll charges were heavy for local vehicles. As such, the Haryana Government introduced toll relief policy to give benefit to the following types of vehicles:

I. 50% subsidy on monthly passes for toll points under Toll Rules, 2008 of NH in the districts of Panipat, Rohtak, Jhajjar and Rewari for LCVs, buses and JCBs owned by residents within a radius of 30 km. of each of the toll plaza.

II. Subsidization of monthly passes to the extent of 75% of all car/jeep owners (whether registered within Haryana or not) residing in a radial distance of 35 kms of any of the four toll plazas at Makrauli Kalan, Dahar, GangaychaJat and Dighal. For the toll plaza at Palwal, the facility will be available for the car/jeep owners residing within a radial distance of 20 kms of the toll plaza by way of subsidizing monthly pass charges to the extent of 75%.

III. This assistance from the state government will be applicable for a period of one year in the first place. Later, the policy will be reconsidered for its continuation.



Work in full swing on 25 NHAI projects

By Parveen K. Modi

While a lot of work has been done in the state, a lot more is being done to take the roads infrastructure in Haryana to a new level. As many as 25 National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) projects are under different stages of implementation in the state; some have been completed, work is in full swing on others. These include

Trans-Haryana Corridor (Greenfield Corridor)

Project length 227.20 km / six-lane access controlled expressway project cost-Rs 9,247.07 cr status-completed (50.2 km)/ opened for traffic in June, 2022.

This stretch passes through eight districts of Kurukshetra, Kaithal, Karnal, Jind, Rohtak, Bhiwani, Charkhi Dadri & Mahendragarh in Haryana. This corridor reduces the existing distance between Ambala and Kotputli by about 50 km. Five world-class way side amenities are being developed.

Delhi-Katra Expressway (Greenfield Corridor)

Project length-157.92 km / four-lane access controlled expressway project cost-Rs 6,669.60 cr status-under implementation. This stretch has been proposed under the Bharatmala Pariyojana between its start point near Kheri Jasore village in Jhajjar district on KMP

Expressway. It passes through some villages of Jhajjar, Rohtak, Sonapat, Jind, Karnal and Kaithal in Haryana, enters Punjab at Patran (Khanauri Border) and is connected with Trans Haryana Greenfield project of NH 152D (Part of Ambala-Kotputli economic corridor) in Jind district. Seven wayside amenities are being developed.

Delhi-Vadodara-Mumbai Expressway

The NHAI is developing Delhi-Vadodara-Mumbai Expressway the total length of which falls in Haryana is 130 km. Total project cost is Rs. 9,200 cr in the state.

Likely date of completion of the stretch falling in Haryana is May, 2023.

IGI Airport-Jewar Airport connectivity

This will connect Delhi International Airport with Delhi-Mumbai Expressway. Six-lane green field road involving 32 km length and Rs 2,900 crore cost, will be constructed connecting DND Faridabad bypass in Delhi to Jewar Airport. Work started in June, 2022.

Mandi-Dabwali to Panipat Greenfield road

Six-lane green field road is being constructed connecting Mandi Dabwali and Panipat involving 239 km length, and cost of Rs 5,975 cr.



The work will be awarded by September, 2022.

DND to Delhi-Mumbai Expressway

Six-lane road from DND-Faridabad-Ballabgarh to Delhi-Mumbai Expressway involving 60 km. length and cost of Rs 4,463 crore will be constructed. The work is likely to be completed by August, 2023.

Dwarka Expressway

The work of eight-lane access-controlled Dwarka Expressway involving 30 km. length and Rs. 8,662 crore will be completed by December 2022. This will provide better connectivity to IGI Airport for the people of Haryana and West Delhi.

Eight-laning of Panipat-Delhi stretch

The project starts from Mukarba Chowk (Delhi) (at NH-44) and ends in Panipat (Haryana). Total project length is 70.50 km. involving a cost of Rs. 2,128.72

crore. A portion of this project runs from Sonapat (km. 37.5) to Panipat (km. 84) involving 46.5 km. length and cost of Rs 1,400 crore was inaugurated 04.04.2022. The remaining stretch from Panipat to Mukarba Chowk (Delhi) is under implementation and will be completed by 30.09.2022.

Four-laning of Gohana-Sonipat stretch

Four-laning of the Gohana-Sonepat stretch involving cost of Rs 899 crore by NHAI is nearing completion. Besides, bypasses are being either built or four-laned to pace up flow of traffic in Hisar, Karnal, Kurukshetra and Jind. The stress on roads is beginning to pay dividends in terms of the economy of the state which is now firing on all cylinders.

Ambala-Chandigarh Greenfield road

Six-lane green field road is being constructed connecting Ambala and Chandigarh involving 42 km length at the cost of Rs 1,050 cr.

Crack down on organized crime: CM

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Stressing the need for creating a safe environment for people, Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal has stressed the need for effectively dealing with organized crimes. The Chief Minister, who on September 8 along with Home Minister Mr Anil Vij held a meeting with senior police officers at the Haryana Police Headquarters here, instructing them to take "stricter actions against organized crime and tighten the noose on criminals"

"Creating a safe environment for people in Haryana is the key priority for the state government. Ensuring a good law and order situation is an important part of this process. Control on crime and excellent law and order situation also give an impetus to the development of the state, as it encourages the public to invest their capital and energies in the state," he said. Director General of Police (DGP), Haryana, Mr PK Agrawal and senior police were also present on the occasion.

Highlighting the government policy of zero tolerance of crime, the Chief Minister said that the



police officers posted in the field should focus on preparing and implementing effective strategies against the gangsters, miscreants and drug peddlers. "Police should scrupulously perform their duty without any pressure, only guided by law and public interest so as to instill a fear of law among the criminals and a sense of security

among the law-abiding citizens," he added.

While taking stock of the prevailing cyber-crime situation, the Chief Minister said that with the passage of time, the modus operandi of various crimes has also changed. There have been a number of complaints related to cybercrime. Regarding this, he

directed the DGP Haryana to strengthen the cyber infrastructure in order to curb increasing cyber offences. He further asked the police to also organise special awareness programs in this regard.

The Chief Minister said that all field police units and the State Narcotics Control Bureau are working together to effectively deal

with drug peddlers in the state. He also directed all the officers to maintain a special vigil on the security of women and take stern action against offenders in this regard. Other crime prevention areas such as gangsters, terrorism, most wanted criminals, cyber offences, traffic and road safety were also discussed.

Appreciating the novel initiatives of the state police, the Chief Minister said that the Haryana Police's continuous action against criminals and antisocial elements have increased the public confidence. Carrying this forward, maximum police presence in the field should be ensured to deter criminal elements.

Special operations should also be launched for the arrest of most wanted criminals, proclaimed offenders and bail jumpers as well as for recovery of illegal weapons so that the crime rate can be further reduced in the state, added the Chief Minister.

Speaking on the occasion, Home Minister Anil Vij asked the police officers to ensure that the directives given in the meeting are followed so that the law and order situation improves even further.

Ward-wise survey to spot hollow trees

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The Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, has directed officers of the Forest Department to immediately carry out a ward-wise survey in urban and rural areas to identify such old trees as have become hollow and are likely to pose a danger to human life and property.

"Trimming of such trees after taking required approvals should be done at the earliest to avoid any untoward incident as in the past many incidents of such trees falling has been reported," said the Chief Minister while presiding over a department-wise review meeting on the budget announcements.

While reviewing the announcements related to the Sports Department, he issued directions that the attendance record of coaches and players in sports nurseries should be made available online and should be regularly updated on the portal. It would be linked with the CM's Dashboard.

The Chief Minister directed the Sports Department to set up its own engineering wing for the repair of sports stadiums so that their maintenance can be ensured in a better way.

"Alike Panchkula, the Sports Department should also plan to set up a National Level Scientific Training and Rehabilitation Centre in Gurugram at the earliest," he

added.

Mr Manohar Lal directed the Urban Local Bodies Department to separately prepare a district-wise and state-wise list of works to be completed on a priority basis on the Nagar Darshan Portal.

Works should be completed on the basis of this list. We have given the right to the public to put forward their demand regarding the development works of their area on the Nagar Darshan portal and the list shared by the citizens should be given priority. We have to make Nagar Darshan Portal a reality, said the Chief Minister.

The Chief Minister directed the Animal Husbandry Department to provide loans to Antyodaya families for animal husbandry at the earliest. Talks should be held with the bank concerned for

providing loans and to ensure early disbursal. Along with this, extensive mass awareness should be done regarding the benefits of the Kisan Credit Card for the fish farmers so that the maximum number of fishermen can take advantage of it, he added.

The Chief Minister directed the officers concerned to run a special awareness camp for the same. Land should be bought for executing the works under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana. For this, the department should raise its demand on the e-Bhoomi portal and complete the land purchase process at the earliest.

He also directed the officers to start the project of setting up an aquarium in Gurugram.



Stone laid of Harappan culture museum at Kunal

By Ajay Bhardwaj

Haryana will soon have its seventh archaeological museum in Kunal village in Fatchabad district for which Chief Minister Sh Manohar Lal has laid the foundation stone.

The museum intends to display selected collections of the Harappan age to inculcate a sense of awareness and belongingness of youth towards the heritage of Haryana.

Officials said the core area of ancient settlement in Kunal village expands to around nine acres.

Excavations since the 1990s have provided significant traits of pre-Harappan culture at Kunal. Pit dwellings along with hearth marks indicate the early stages before the existence of Harappans. Objects recovered from the site included silver objects called tiaras, gold

ornaments, beads of semi-precious stones etc.

The museum will showcase ceramics, seals, beads, copper objects and other related material along with images of objects recovered during the excavations.

The pottery of Kunal is notable for its variety of shapes and designs such as vases of different sizes, jars, basins and troughs, dishes, dish-on-stand etc.

The paintings are monochrome and bichrome and some of them depict pipal leaf motifs. Decorative motifs are mainly geometrical, however, a few pot-shreds with animal and bird motifs were also found at the site.

The six museums of the Archaeology department have been running in Hisar, Jind, Yamuna Nagar, Panchkula, Rohtak and Panipat districts.

Now, CLU for setting up starred hotels in high and hyper-potential zones also

By Parveen K Modi

The Haryana government has come up with a new policy for grant of change of land use for setting up starred hotels, restaurants and allied activities in the residential and commercial sectors in high and hyper-potential zones.

Under the existing policy dated April 12, 2012, CLU permission for setting up starred hotels and restaurants can be granted only in residential and commercial sectors of low and medium potential zones of various development plans.

This policy was not extended to high and hyper-potential zones mainly on account of the reason that these projects are generally catered to by shopping malls, retail shopping, and corporate office complexes under commercial licences and there was no demand for commercial licences in low and medium potential zones.

Explaining the need for the new policy, an official spokesman said starred hotels by their very nature do not come under the category of commercial licences as no sub-division of space is involved. These projects are conforming activity as per published development plans in commercial and residential zones of high and hyper potential zones also.

"Moreover, as per the Haryana Building Code, 2017 parameters for starred hotels have been fixed. These parameters are uniformly applicable in the whole state. The



code also differentiates between starred hotels in commercial colonies and as a separate entity. Therefore on this account also, starred hotels as independent projects need to be allowed in high and hyper potential zones also. Hence, this policy for the entire state is being introduced," says the policy issued by ACS, Town and Country Planning.

Under the policy, released by the Town and Country Planning Department, a minimum of two acres and maximum of four-acre area would be required for setting up a starred hotel.

The maximum ground coverage in this category would be 40 per cent of the total area. Similarly, for restaurant-cum-recreational places, a minimum of one acre, and a maximum of four acres, would be

required. A maximum of 40 pc ground coverage is allowed.

For a restaurant, a minimum of 1,000 square metres and maximum of 4,000 square metres would be needed, in which 60 pc maximum ground coverage would be permissible.

Approach to site

The site should be approachable from a minimum 24-mtr wide existing road or service road proposed along the sector dividing roads. However, in case of grant of CLU permission for additional land or change of category (within above said three categories only), the existing approach shall be considered adequate.

Maximum 2 nos. of each facility shall be allowed in a residential sector in addition to the

already existing units. Further, these facilities shall be allowed beyond the permissible limit of 3.5 % for grant of commercial licences in residential sectors. All other planning parameters shall be in accordance with the approved zoning plan or HBC-2017.

The state government is competent to grant relaxation in respect of any of the above said parameters.

Access permission would be required from the National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) if the site is on a national highway. If it is located on a scheduled road, permission will be required from XEN, PWD (B&R). External development charges shall be recovered as applicable for commercial purposes against the 1.75-floor area ratio (FAR).

Fee and charges

(i) The conversion charges will be recovered on commercial rates as specified for such facilities in Schedule IV appended to the Rules, 1965. Further, licence fees and SIDC as applicable for commercial licences will also be recovered in the form of additional conversion charges.

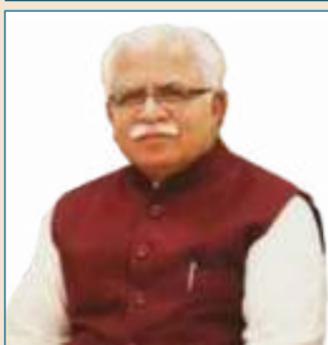
(ii) Access permission will be required from the NHAI, if the site is located on a national highway, whereas if the site is located on scheduled road, the permission is required from XEN, PWD (B&R).

(iii) External Development Charges shall be recovered as applicable for commercial purpose against the 1.75 FAR.

In case, any of the above said existing unit wants to change its category, it should be allowed subject to fulfillment of minimum area norms and payment of fee and charges applicable for such new category for the entire area including already CLU/OC granted area, the policy says.

FORTNIGHT IN RETROSPECT

Quality control authority to ensure transparency



Reiterating the state government's commitment towards zero tolerance against corruption, the Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, has announced the constitution of Quality Control Authority to ensure transparency and fix accountability in government projects.

This authority will do a regular review of all developmental projects and will also ensure to take required action against the officers concerned if any lapse is found on their part, said the Chief Minister while addressing the

people after virtually inaugurating and laying foundation stones of various projects worth Rs 2,000 crore at the programme organized at Dr. Mangal Sen Auditorium, in Karnal.

The Chief Minister said the termite named corruption has been hollowing the entire system for the past many years, though many revolutionary changes have been brought by the present state government to get rid of it. With these revolutionary systemic changes, the age-long corruption going in the transfer drive, nexus in the work of engineering construction, and connivance of contractors and government employees has been curbed to a great extent.

The Engineering Works Portal started by the state government has increased transparency in the allocation of government projects and now tenders for construction works are floated online. Through this, the contractors will be able to fill their quotations and they will not have to make frequent rounds to meet the officers concerned to get their work done, asserted the Chief Minister.

Smart policing award for haryana police

The Haryana Police have been conferred with the National Award for Smart Policing instituted by the Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) in the category of 'Road Safety and Traffic Management' for its IT-based initiative 'Centralised Vehicle Towing Management System'.

On behalf of Haryana Police, Superintendent of Police, Sonipat, Mr Himanshu Garg, who had introduced the robust system while being posted as DCP Traffic in Gurugram, received the award at a function held in New Delhi.

While appreciating Mr Himanshu Garg for this remarkable achievement, the Director General of Police (DGP), Mr P.K. Agrawal, said that it is a proud moment for the entire police force as it has once again got recognition at the national level.

Mr Garg said this system was evolved to provide a robust and transparent towing system that minimizes discretion of traffic police and other stakeholders and facilitates evidence-based towing

which can be monitored from a centralized location.

In addition, officers can check while sitting in offices whether towing operations are being undertaken on the designated roads or not. Crane-wise performances can also be monitored.

SOPs to prevent illegal mining

Taking yet another step towards tightening the noose around illegal miners, Haryana has prepared Standard Operating Procedure (SOPs) to prevent illegal mining and to strictly deal with the cases related to it.

The SOPs prepared by the Department of Mines and Geology aims to guide all the stakeholders working with the State Government to prevent illegal mining and to deal strictly in cases related to it in Haryana.

This information was shared during the review meeting regarding illegal mining held under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Mr Sanjeev Kaushal, with all deputy commissioners and superintendents of police held

through video-conferencing.

PM's Gati Shakti to help pace up works

The Chief Minister has said that the Pradhan Mantri Gati Shakti National Master Plan is such a digital platform through which infrastructure development works in the country and the state will be further accelerated.

He directed Haryana, Industries and Commerce Department, to immediately upload the data layer related to all the departments from Geographical Information System (GIS) for Gati Shakti Mission.

The Chief Minister was speaking at a meeting on Gati Shakti Mission organized by the Industries and Commerce Department at the Haryana Secretariat in Chandigarh. The Deputy Chief Minister, Mr Dushyant Chautala, was also present.

The Industries and Commerce Department shared information about the Prime Minister's Gati Shakti National Master Plan through a presentation.

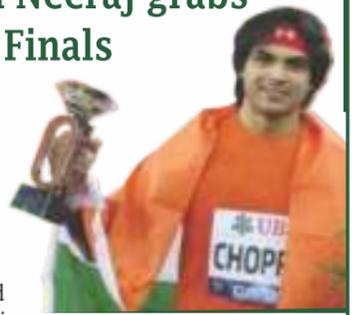
Sunset shows early signs of winter

Photo by Vinay Malik



Olympian Neeraj grabs Diamond Finals in Zurich

Olympic gold medalist javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra achieved yet another historic feat as he became the first Indian to win the prestigious Diamond League Finals title, the Diamond Trophy, in Zurich.



Chopra began with a foul but jumped to the top spot with a throw of 88.44m-his fourth career best-in his second attempt, and that turned out to be his winning effort.

The 24-year-old Indian superstar is now the Olympic champion, World Championships silver medallist and Diamond League champion. All these he had achieved in just 13 months.

Chief Minister, Sh. Manohar Lal has congratulated Olympic Gold Medalist Neeraj Chopra on winning the Gold Medal in the Diamond League Finals title.

“Neeraj Chopra, the son of Haryana had become the first Asian athlete to win gold in athletics at the Olympics. After his historic win at Olympics, Neeraj Chopra has constantly been achieving several achievements in many international sports,” said the chief minister.

The Chief Minister said because of the outstanding performances of the players like Neeraj Chopra, Haryana has made a distinctive mark in sports which the state Government had been constantly striving to promote.

Chief Minister Sh Manohar Lal had earlier given him a cash award of Rs six crores after his Olympic victory and had later announced plans to build a stadium at his native place in Panipat.

EDUCATION

CM felicitates Tanishka for topping in NEET exam



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Haryana once again created history as Tanishka Yadav from Narnaul topped the country in NEET 2022 examination scoring 715 marks out of 720.

More than 18 lakh students had taken the examination across the country.

Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal extended warm congratulations to Tanishka and her parents for this outstanding feat and wished Tanishka more success in her life.

The chief minister said that Tanishka had proved that in Haryana girls are not only excelling in sports but are making a distinguished contribution in studies as well.

Hailing from Mirzapur village in Narnaul district Tanishka had her schooling in Narnaul itself but for her later studies she went to Kota.

Both, her father, Krishna Kumar and her mother Sarita, are teachers in government schools in the district.

Governor honours 93 teachers, launches SEHAT scheme

Haryana Review Bureau

As many as 93 teachers were honoured by Haryana Governor Mr Bandaru Dattatraya at an impressive function held here at Indradhanush Auditorium on the occasion of Teacher's Day in recognition of their outstanding works in the field of education. The Governor also launched the 'School Education Haryana's Health and Treatment' (SEHAT) scheme.

Education Minister Mr Kanwar Pal, Ambala Lok Sabha MP Mr Ratanlal Kataria, Additional Chief Secretary, School Education Department, Dr Mahavir Singh, Director, Elementary and Secondary Education Dr Anshaj Singh, Deputy Commissioner of Police Mr Surendra Pal Singh, and other esteemed guests were present on the occasion.

The Governor said that educated and healthy children are the future of the country. In order to ensure their good health, a new school health scheme-SEHAT-has been launched under the Ayushman Bharat program. Under this



scheme, health check-ups of 25 lakh school children will be done twice a year from the coming academic session. The data collected in the test will be linked to the e-Upchar portal, which will make a child's digital health record available at any location.

Education Minister Mr Kanwar Pal said that the Haryana government under the leadership of Chief Minister Shri Manohar Lal has taken several steps for qualitative improvement in education. Haryana is probably the first state

not only in the country but in the world where five lakh tabs were provided free of cost to the students and teachers of Class 10th and 12th.

Additional Chief Secretary, School Education Department, Dr Mahavir Singh said that the State Teacher Award Ceremony could not be organized in the last two years due to Covid-19. He congratulated the teachers that despite Covid-19 pandemic, they ensured through online classes that the teaching of children is not affected.

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