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ACTIVE CASES - 2,441 | SAMPLES TESTED - 48,42,407 | PATIENTS DISCHARGED - 2,59,986 | RECOVERY RATE - 97.96% | POSITIVITY RATE - 5.49% | FATALITY RATE - 1.12%

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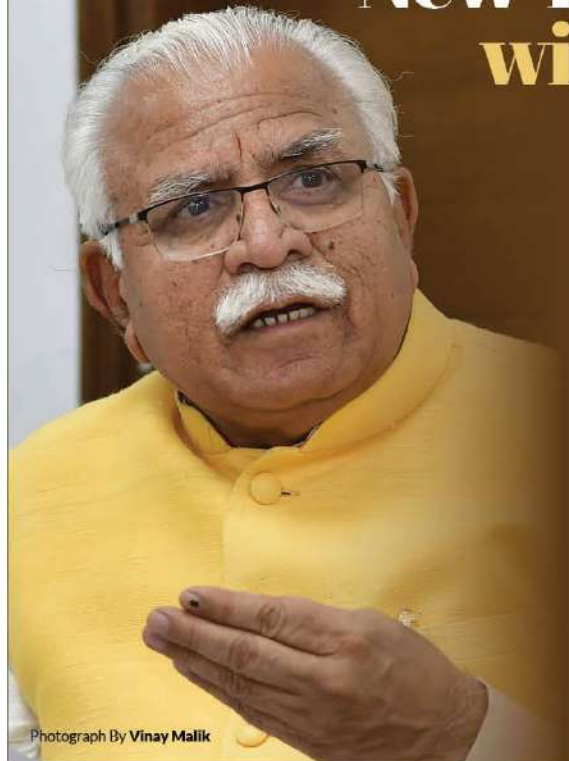
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New Year ushered in with good tidings

By PARVEEN K MODI



Photograph By Vinay Malik

New Year could not have dawned on a better note for the people of Haryana. The beginning was as bright and cheery as the sun was, though for a few hours, on day one of 2021 after a prolonged spell of bone-chilling cold, the severity of which had shattered many records. Hopefulness tore through the fog of despair. Optimism inspired by some eve-of-the-year and early-New-Year decisions taken by the Manohar Lal Government, and fuelled by flattening of the Corona curve, filled the air as hours rolled into days, and days rolled into weeks.

While Corona and intense cold combined to make the closing days of the outgoing year dusky, these decisions seemed to lift the mood and pack the beginning of 2021 with what people have begun to see as good tidings. Having the trappings of the resolute resolve of the state government to further ease the ease of living, these doubtlessly serve as broad pointers to the path the dispensation tends to toe in the days and months to follow. It bodes well for the people

of the state.

Seen through the prism of making life easy for the man in the street, the thoughtful measures make one say with reasonable satisfaction 'well begun is half done.' Needless to emphasise, the steps taken reflect keenness, concern and people-centricity of the dispensation, sit squarely with the vision of making a new Haryana, and seek to create an ecosystem conducive to growth and welfare.

Good tidings are many. And most of these will surely see the administration reach out to the people with the hand that helps, go a long way in bettering the lot of the people, and pace up delivery of citizen-centric services. These include domestic power connection in 30 days; no need to go to court to get a fraudulent land deal cancelled; 30 days only to obtain permission for change of land use (CLU); Special campaign to reach out to the poor from March 31; and launch of DGP's Twitter account to connect with more people.

Haryana Review makes an attempt to cobble together some such good tidings and explain how these will help and benefit people. (See Page 3)

Haryana ready for Covid vaccination campaign

By AJAY BHARDWAJ

The Haryana Health Department has conducted a dry run of the COVID-19 vaccine roll out in all the 22 districts in which 3,300 beneficiaries were included and 132 sessions were held.

Additional Chief Secretary, Health, Rajeev Arora said that the dry

run was closely monitored and at one of the sites in rural areas in district Gurugram, World Health Organization (WHO) Country Head (India), Dr. Roderico H Ofriin was present.

Listing out the steps taken by the Department to ensure flawless dry run of the COVID-19 vaccine, Arora said that various activities like the identification of vaccinators and supervisors, identification of session

sites with PIN code tagging, identification of adverse events following immunization (AEFI) management sites and revamping of AEFI Committees, registering vaccination digitally on vaccinator module, session site management were conducted.

He said the dry run was being conducted as a part of preparations for successful roll-out of the vaccination campaign and to

identify any bottlenecks or glitches in operational and technical aspects of implementation.

Earlier, hands-on training on operationalization and use of the CoWIN platform for vaccine and beneficiary management was also given to all district immunization officers with the support of the World Health Organization (WHO) and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).



World Health Organisation (WHO) Country Head (India), Dr. Roderico H Ofriin with team of Haryana Health Department officers during the dry run of COVID-19 vaccine roll out in Gurugram



ON GUARDS AGAINST AVIAN FLU

The Haryana Government has declared the area within the radius of one-kilometre from the two poultry farms, whose poultry birds have tested 'Avian Influenza' (H5N8) positive as 'Infected Zone' and the area from 1 km to 10 km as 'Surveillance Zone'.

The state government has restricted the movement of poultry goods from these areas. Adhering to the guidelines, the 1,66,128 birds of five poultry farms which fall within the periphery of 1-km radius of the two infected farms will be culled under the supervision of experts to prevent further spread of the disease and the poultry farm owners will be given compensation for the same.

Animal Husbandry and Dairying Minister J.P. Dalal said that the State Government is concerned towards the poultry business in the state. Elaborating on it further he said that immediate action was taken and clinical investigations were carried out as soon as the State Government was apprised about the unusual death of birds in the poultry farms of Panchkula district. During the investigations conducted by the Department it came to light that around 4 lakh birds have died in these poultry farms in the last one month.



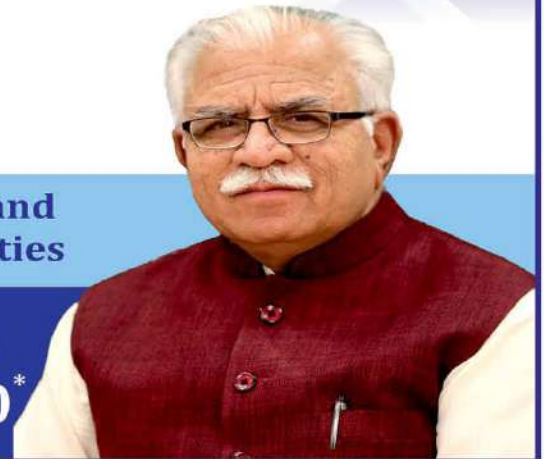
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NEW YEAR - 2021

Heartiest Greetings to THE PEOPLE OF HARYANA

To Spur Economic Development and
Generate Employment Opportunities

Haryana Enterprises and Employment Policy-2020*



Focus - Building a strong economy on the basis of Inclusive Industrial Development

Objective - To generate 5 lakh jobs, attract investments over RS. 1 lakh crore and double the exports to Rs.2 lakh crore

“ Heartiest congratulations to the people of Haryana on the occasion of New Year. My best wishes for your happiness and prosperity. On the arrival of New Year, I am hopeful that the 'Haryana Enterprises and Employment Policy-2020' will set new dimensions for progress and growth of the State. During the corona pandemic, this policy will encourage entrepreneurs & investors and will also create new opportunities of employment for the youth. ”

- **Dushyant Chautala**
Deputy Chief Minister, Haryana



Other Innovative Steps

For balanced regional growth, the entire State has been classified into A, B, C and D categories of blocks with provision of different scale of incentives.

The Policy has identified 08 thrust Sectors for which enhanced incentives have been offered.

New Initiatives to promote enterprises engaged in import substitution, essential goods, entrepreneurship development, research & innovation and start-up ecosystem development and rural industrial growth.

* Refer to the policy document at <https://haryanaindustries.gov.in/> for detailed provisions

“ My heartiest greetings to the people of Haryana on the occasion of New Year. I wish you all a brighter future and good health. With the new resolution in this new year, the Government has launched the 'Haryana Enterprises and Employment Policy -2020'. We are fully optimistic that this policy will boost the opportunities of employment with balanced regional development and will establish Haryana as a competitive and most preferred investment sector. ”

- **Manohar Lal**
Chief Minister, Haryana

Major Regulatory And Procedural Reforms

- **Mega and Ultra-mega projects** shall be exempted from the purview of all labour laws except Minimum Wages Act for a period of 3 years, subject to the fulfillment of certain conditions
- Enhanced FAR from **75% to up to 200%**
- **Auto provision for transfer** of HSIIDC plots
- **Increased FAR up to 250%** for Flatted Factories
- **Increased FAR up to 250%** for Industrial plots for Labour Housing
- HSIIDC will offer **Land on Lease basis**
- Authority for estate management to **industrial park developer**
- Provisions of **Auto CLU for land area** up to 1 acre
- All business **clearances for MSMEs within 15 days** and thereafter deemed clearance on HEPC portal

Major Fiscal Incentives For MSMEs, Large & Mega Enterprises

- Investment Subsidy in lieu of **Net SGST upto 100%** for 8-10 years with cap up to 150% of FCI
- Investment Subsidy up to 5% of FCI for 8 years, maximum Rs. 5 Crore per year for mega projects in case of inverted duties and if Net SGST deposited is less than 5% of FCI in a year
- **Employment Generation Subsidy** up to Rs. 48,000/- per employee per year for up to 10 years
- **Stamp duty refund** up to 100%
- Electricity duty **exemption up to 20 years**
- Provision of Special Package of Incentives for **Mega and Ultra-Mega Enterprises**

Micro & Small Enterprises Specific Incentives

- **Interest Subsidy for Micro & Small Enterprises** 5-7% on term loan with a cap of Rs. 20 lakh per year for 7 years
- **Subsidy for Environment Compliance** up to 75%, up to Rs. 1 crore
- Under **Haryana Gramin Udyogik Vikas Yojna** 15% capital Subsidy with maximum of Rs. 20 lakh, 7% Interest subsidy with maximum of Rs. 8.00 lakh per year for 7 years and 50% subsidy on DG Set cost
- 50% subsidy up to Rs. 20 Lakh per year for the **purchase of testing equipments**
- **Energy & water conservation subsidy** @50%, maximum up to Rs. 20 Lakh
- **Collateral free credit guarantee scheme** for bank loan for the period of 5 years
- Special provisions for **Start-Ups-Interest subsidy** of 8%, maximum up to Rs. 20 lakh per year for 5 years, Seed Grant up to Rs.10 lakh per start-up, 100% Net SGST Reimbursement for 7 years with cap of 150% FCI

Special Provision For Import Substitution, R&D, Bio Energy And Waste Management

- **Concession for Import Substitution Enterprises** in HSIIDC Industrial plots up to 25% in 'B' blocks and up to 50% in 'C' and 'D' blocks for Mega and Ultra Mega units
- Provision for **subsidy of up to Rs. 5 crore** for Research & Development
- **Bio energy from agricultural residue** will be treated as "Industry" and provision of capital subsidy up to Rs. 2.5 Crore
- Subsidy @50% of total project cost maximum up to Rs. 50 crore for setting up of **Electronic Waste Management Projects**

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GOOD GOVERNANCE TO THE FORE

By PARVEEN K MODI

The Manohar Lal Government has, in the last few days, taken several measures to pace up delivery of citizen-centric services and make living easy. Haryana Review makes an attempt to go into and behind some of these to bring out their import, and assess for the benefit of our readers, how these will, one way or the other, have a positive impact on the lives of the people:

Domestic power connection in 30 days

In the New Year, seekers of domestic power connections in Haryana have a reason to cheer. They will now get domestic power connection in 30 days. The Power Department is all geared up to rise to the call and release connections. Besides, the department has already issued 7,500 tube-well connections and another 3,500 such connections will be released by February, 2021.

Disclosing this, the Power Minister, Mr Ranjit Singh, said the department had received 17,500 applications for connections. Now, the farmers can purchase 3 Star Motor from the market connections for which will be issued soon.

Not only this! Power supply is set to improve further. For, by March 31, 2021, all damaged electricity poles will be repaired or replaced. All poles of the department will be marked so that they can be monitored from the headquarters and record of all such poles will be maintained to prevent their misuse. Officers have been instructed to either repair

or replace all the damaged poles by March 31, 2021.

Also, the facility of 24-hour power supply is being extended to more villages. Sharing details about successful implementation of the "Mhara Gaon, Jagmag Gaon" Scheme, Mr Singh said that now 24-hour uninterrupted power supply was being given to 5,080 villages of the state.

While 72 per cent of the villages have been covered under the scheme, soon 24-hour

power supply will be made available in the remaining villages also. Presently 24-hour electricity is being supplied in Panchkula, Ambala, Kurukshetra, Yamunanagar, Karnal, Gurugram, Faridabad, Sirsa, Rewari and Fatehabad districts.

The Power Minister said that line losses had been reduced from 30 per cent to 17 per cent and affirmative steps had been taken to decrease it further. "I am sure the line losses will be further reduced by 3 to 4 per cent in the near future", he added.

With a view to enhancing working of the department, 200 SDOs will soon be recruited. Taking steps to ensure better power supply, Mr Ranjit Singh said that a pilot project regarding installation of smart meters was being conducted in Gurugram, Faridabad, Panchkula and Karnal districts. It would be implemented in other cities later. The state government has placed order for 10 lakh smart meters and 20 lakh more meters will be ordered after the installation of these meters.



No need to go to court to get fraud deal undone

Are you a victim of fraudulent land deal? Don't worry! You need not knock at the doors of courts to get the deal undone. Approach the registration authority and get the fraudulent deal cancelled.

In what has been billed as a major decision to protect the rights of property owners against any fraudulent transfers, such as sales, the Haryana Government issued a notification on December 23, amending the Haryana Registration Manual.

Giving details of the amendment, Mr Sanjeev Kaushal, Additional Chief Secretary and Financial Commissioner, Revenue and Disaster Management Department, said the amendment had been made to ensure that persons with valid titles would not have to seek legal recourse to get the deed of the fraudulent sale cancelled, and may continue to have the liberty to enjoy their property.

The amendment empowers the

registering officers to accept and register cancellation deeds, cancelling the sale deeds earlier registered fraudulently by a person who is not entitled to transfer such property. If a person has a right in the property and someone else transfers it without his consent, the right in that property still continues to subsist in true owner, and the transfer has no effect on such title.

According to the amendment, if a document is registered at the instance of a person not duly empowered to present the same, any person claiming under the document, may, within four months from the date of knowledge that such document is invalid, present such document in such event. The registering officer, after following the same procedure contemplated under the Registration Act, 1908, can re-register the document, that is, cancellation deed, as if it has not been registered previously.



30 days at max for getting CLU done

Now, you will not have to make repeated rounds of offices and wait for more than 30 days for getting permission for change of land use (CLU). With the launch of online service on the New Year Day by the Haryana Town and Country Planning Department, the applicants will get permission within 30 days. In case the department takes longer without raising any objection, the CLU is deemed to be granted. It is a New Year gift for those wanting to get CLU permission for individual or institutional purposes.

The applicants would be required to visit headquarters of the department for signing a bilateral agreement only after the letter of intent is issued. So far, the applicants applying for CLU had to submit documents for physical verification and other purposes which led to interference between people and the administration leaving room for interference.

Exemption to small traders in market fees

Small traders have a reason to cheer. Giving a major relief to small traders, the state government has decided to provide one per cent exemption on market fee to such traders as have a turnover of up to Rs 5 lakh per annum.

The Chief Minister has approved a proposal in this regard and to facilitate this, necessary amendments would be made in the Haryana Agricultural Produce Markets (General) Rules, 1962, an official spokesman said.

Any small trader who would submit final annual return in the Market Committee on the closure of financial year showing that his total annual turnover from sale purchase of agricultural produce in Haryana is less than Rs 5 lakh in the previous year, would be entitled to claim refund up to 1 per cent on mar-

ket fees on the said turnover if he has deposited any market fees in any market committee of the state on such sale purchase.

The spokesman said that Mr Manohar Lal had also approved to amend Rule 17 of the Haryana Agricultural Produce Markets (General) Rules, 1962 providing for the criteria for issue of category (iii) licence. According to the amendment, the requirement for getting this category (iii) licence would be exceeding Rs 5 lakh and not exceeding Rs 12 lakh.

With this, the small traders with annual turnover of less than Rs 5 lakh would not have to get the license required under section 10 and Rule-17. Besides, they would not have to maintain and submit the required record to the concerned market committee and no market fee would also be leviable from such small traders.

DGP's Twitter account to connect with people



The people can look forward to better access to the police force. Out to connect with various sections of the society, share important information about daily activities, and create awareness about the crime prevention strategies under the social media initiative of Haryana Police, Mr Manoj Yadava, Director General of Police, launched on New Year Day the official Twitter account of DGP Haryana.

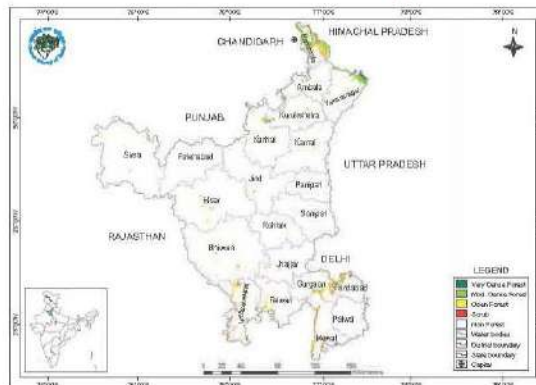
Information shared on his official Twitter account will be related to topics like cybercrime, economic offences, road safety, and crime against women and children, etc. People can follow @dgharyana to receive the latest updates and information.

Forest cover in Haryana up 14.44 sq km

By PARVEEN K MODI

The concerted and continuous plantation and conservation efforts made by the Haryana Government, led by the Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, have borne fruit. According to the India State of Forest Report (ISFR) 2019, the forest cover in the state has increased by 14.44 sq km as compared to the previous assessment reported in ISFR 2017. The ISFR report has been released by the Union Ministry for Environment, Forests and Climate Change.

Based on interpretation of the satellite data for the period October to December 2017, the forest cover in the state aggregates 1,602.44 sq km which works out to 3.62 per cent of the state's geographical area. In terms of the forest canopy density classes, Haryana has 28 sq km under Very Dense Forest (VDF), 450.90 sq km under Moderately



Dense Forest (MDF) and 1,123.54 sq km under Open Forest (OF).

The Recorded Forest Area (RFA) in the state is 1,559 sq km of which 249 sq km is Reserved

Forests, 1,158 sq km is Protected Forests and 152 sq km is Un-classified Forests. The RFA amounts to 3.53% of its geographical area. The reserved, protected and unclassified forests are 15.97%, 74.28% and 9.75% of the recorded forest area in the state, respectively.

The state government has placed special emphasis on soil and moisture conservation works in the hills to conserve water and deliver it to the adjacent farmlands for increasing their productivity and enhancing incomes. Besides, herbal parks have been developed in every district to bring people closer to the natural ecosystem.

The report points out that between January 1, 2015 and February 5, 2019, a total of 1,529 hectares of forest land was diverted for non-forestry purposes under the Forest Conservation Act, 1980. Two national parks, eight wildlife sanctuaries and two conservation reserves constitute the protected area network of the state, covering 0.75% of its geographical area.

Haryana is primarily an agricultural state and 80% of the total geographical area is under agriculture. According to the Champion & Seth Classification of Forest Types

ISFR and role defined

- ISFR is a biennial publication of Forest Survey of India (FSI), an organization under the Ministry of Environment Forest & Climate Change.
- It assesses forest and tree cover, bamboo resources, carbon stock and forest fires.
- The 2019 report has for the first time assessed the qualitative nature of the forest cover, including listing its biodiversity and the type of plants and trees found.
- It also created a national forest inventory for the first time on produce from forests.

(1968), the forests in Haryana belong to three Forest Type Groups i.e. Tropical Dry Deciduous Forest, Tropical Thorn Forest and Subtropical Pine Forests which are divided into 10 Forest Types.

Looking at the performance of districts, the report says that while Mahendragarh and Rewari recorded an increase in the forest area of 4.29 per cent and 3.45 per cent respectively, it shrunk by 0.03 per cent in Palwal. (See Chart)

Over 500 bird species have been recorded in the state which is almost 40% of total bird species in the

country. Although, the maximum portion of the geographical area consists of agricultural fields, over a time, the state has achieved a unique status in the field of agro-forestry which has enabled the forest deficient state to support a large number of wood-based industries based on farm-grown timber.

DOMINANT TREE SPECIES

Top five species in numbers in Trees Outside Forests in Haryana in rural and urban areas are given in the charts 11.9.19 and 11.9.20, respectively.

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Table 11.9.2: Forest Cover of Haryana (in sq km)

Class	Area	% of GA
VDF	28.00	0.06
MDF	450.90	1.02
OF	1,123.54	2.54
Total	1,602.44	3.62
Scrub	154.29	0.35

Table 11.9.19: Top five tree species in TOF (Rural) in Haryana

S. No.	Species	Relative Abundance (%)
1.	Eucalyptus species	22.02
2.	Dalbergia sissoo	12.06
3.	Prosopis cineraria	9.26
4.	Azadirachta indica	8.19
5.	Populus species	6.56

Table 11.9.20: Top five tree species in TOF (Urban) in Haryana

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2.	Dalbergia sissoo	12.06
3.	Prosopis cineraria	9.26
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Table 11.9.4: District-wise Forest Cover in Haryana

District	Geographical Area (GA)	2019 Assessment				% of GA	Change wrt 2017 assessment	Scrub
		Very Dense Forest	Mod. Dense Forest	Open Forest	Total			
Ambala	1,574	0.00	18.00	33.35	51.35	3.26	-0.65	1.00
Bhiwani	4,778	0.00	8.00	105.81	113.81	2.38	1.81	11.00
Faridabad	741	0.00	26.05	53.89	79.94	10.79	-0.06	17.76
Fatehabad	2,538	0.00	3.00	15.00	18.00	0.71	0.00	0.00
Gurgaon	1,258	0.00	33.69	82.49	116.18	9.24	-0.82	17.00
Hisar	3,983	0.00	11.86	45.78	57.64	1.45	0.64	4.32
Jhajjar	1,834	0.00	0.00	25.93	25.93	1.41	1.93	4.00
Jind	2,702	0.00	4.98	16.02	21.00	0.78	0.00	0.00
Kaithal	2,317	0.00	23.92	33.15	57.07	2.46	0.07	0.00
Karnal	2,520	0.00	4.00	28.24	32.24	1.28	0.24	0.76
Kurukshetra	1,530	0.00	17.60	22.15	39.75	2.60	0.75	2.50
Mahendragarh	1,899	0.00	22.00	81.29	103.29	5.44	4.29	35.00
Mewat	1,507	0.00	14.00	97.18	111.18	7.38	1.18	25.38
Palwal	1,359	0.00	1.97	12.00	13.97	1.03	-0.03	0.00
Panchkula	898	6.00	150.90	233.80	390.70	43.51	-0.30	23.84
Panipat	1,268	0.00	2.95	12.93	15.88	1.25	-0.12	1.00
Rewari	1,594	0.00	10.00	52.45	62.45	3.92	3.45	8.44
Rohtak	1,745	0.00	2.97	18.16	21.13	1.21	2.13	0.39
Sirsa	4,277	0.00	3.01	53.59	56.60	1.32	-0.40	0.00
Sonapat	2,122	0.00	3.00	17.97	20.97	0.99	0.97	0.97
Yamunanagar	1,768	22.00	89.00	82.36	193.36	10.94	-0.64	0.93
Grand Total	44,212	28.00	450.90	1,123.54	1,602.44	3.62	14.44	154.29

KEY FINDINGS

Forest Cover

- Forest Cover (percentage): Mizoram (85.4%); Arunachal Pradesh (79.63%); Meghalaya (76.33%)

Increase in Forest Cover

- The forest cover in Haryana aggregates 1,602.44 sq km which works out to 3.62 per cent of the state's geographical area.
- The top five states which recorded an increase in the forest cover include Karnataka (1,025 sq km); Andhra Pradesh (990 sq km); Kerala (823 sq km); J&K (371 sq km); Himachal Pradesh (334 sq km).
- The country's forest cover includes all patches of land with a tree canopy density of more than 10% and more than 1 hectare in area, irrespective of land use, ownership and species of trees.
- The total forest cover of the country is 7,12,249 sq kms which works out to 21.67% of the geographical area of the country.



Empowering the poor, a boost to Antyodaya

By RAJEEV RANJAN ROY

He embarked upon his journey on the Antyodaya road six years ago and his juggernaut, dispensing social justice and welfare, equality of opportunity and DBT benefits, rolls on, gathering pace and reach by the day. Imbued by the spirit to reach the last man standing, the Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, has been instrumental in making the officials weave a web of a number of schemes to empower and enrich people through programmes tailor-made to suit the needs of different segments of the society.

The decision to launch a special campaign to provide skill training, employment and financial assistance to uplift economic status of around one lakh families having least or no income source is not only a boost to the spirit of Antyodaya but is also in tune with the vision and commitment of the Chief Minister to strengthen the economic status of poor families.

The campaign, which is to be launched from March 31, 2021, will identify as many as one lakh families through 'Parivar Pehchan Patra' portal. After their identification, efforts will be made to increase the income of those who are having least or no income source.

The state government will emphasize on the skill development of members of such families, providing employment opportunities to the unemployed members and also providing financial assistance. Besides, employment avenues will also be explored to generate employment.

If any family needs help to promote their ancestral business, efforts will be made in that direction as well. The government is working really hard to ensure further all

TAP CONNECTIONS TO ALL RURAL HOUSEHOLDS

Haryana is geared to provide tap water connection to all rural households by December, 2022. The state provided 1.05 lakh tap connections during 2019-20 under the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM). Now the State Government is planning 100 per cent coverage by December, 2022, ahead of the national goal by 2024-25.

By doing so, Haryana will be among the leading states to accomplish the ambitious target of providing tap connection to each rural household. There are 28.94 lakh households, out of which 18.83 lakh have already been provided with the Functional Household Tap Connection (FHTCs). Out of the remaining 10.11 lakh households, Haryana plans to provide tap connections in seven lakh households by 2020-21.

More emphasis has been laid on covering rural households in drought prone areas and aspirational districts. The Government of India is implementing the 'Jal Jeevan Mission' (JJM) in partnership with states to ensure every rural household in the country has FHTC for drinking water in adequate quantity of prescribed quality on regular and long-term basis at affordable service delivery charges leading to improvement in their living standards.

round development and progress of the state and its people.

The 'Haryana Vision 2030' envisages creating 18 lakh job opportunities for the youth, raising the strength of skilled manpower by five lakh, zero malnutrition among children, housing for all, bringing down the maternal mortality rate (MMR) to 70 per lakh live births, neonatal mortality rate to 12 per 1,000 live births, and under five mortality rate to 25 per 1,000 live births.

Haryana has become one of the leading states in India to ensure transparency in disbursement of pension by transferring social security pensions directly into the bank account of over 24 lakh beneficiaries. The state government's remarkable scheme 'Thani Pension Thare Pass' is a unique effort whereby over ten lakh beneficiaries living in 81 towns and 6,755 villages of the State get pensions through

banks and Post Offices directly.

Dovetailing its own plans with the National Mission on providing affordable housing to all, the Haryana government has also launched a mission - 'Sabhi Ke Liye Ghar - 2022' to provide roof and shelter to every urban poor family in the State. These families are being provided a concession of 6.5 per cent in interest rates of housing loans.

The Haryana Government also provides post-Matric scholarship to students belonging to Scheduled Castes whereby they are given monthly scholarships of ranging from Rs 230 to Rs 1,200. Apart from this, all non-refundable fees are also reimbursed to students belonging to families having an income of not more than Rs 2.5 lakh.

Other beneficial schemes for the welfare of people belonging to SCs and OBCs include Dr BR Ambedkar Awaas Yojana, Dr Ambedkar

Key points

- Under the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) scheme, Rs 32,135 crore has been deposited directly in the accounts of beneficiaries of 130 schemes of 23 state government departments, Rs 619 crore benefit was extended to poor people during the corona-induced lockdown period.
- EPDS portal has been launched to ensure transparency in the distribution of ration among the poor. They get alert messages once the ration reaches PDS outlets.

Medhavi Chhatra Yojana, Upgradation of Merit of Scheduled Caste students, Legal Aid and Babu Jagjivan Ram Chhatrawas Yojana.

In a bid to ensure delivery of public welfare schemes being run by the government at the doorstep of the people, as many as 30 portals and various digital programmes have been started. People are taking advantage of all the public welfare schemes through Atal Seva Kendras, Antyodaya Saral Kendras and e-Disha Kendras.

Taking the lead in the country in rendering efficient public service delivery for all Government to Citizen (G2C) services and schemes, President Ram Nath Kovind on December 30, 2020 conferred 'Platinum Award' under the category 'Excellence in Digital Governance - State/UT' for 'Antyodaya Saral

Portal' to the state government.

The state government has taken various e-governance initiatives for making delivery of citizen-centric services to the people in a time-bound and hassle-free manner for ensuring no delays in the work and fixing accountability.

Furthermore, even during the tough times of ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, almost every department meticulously incorporated information technology in their day to day functioning so as to ensure delivery of health, food, education, financial assistance till the grass root level, said the Chief Minister.

'e-Sanjeevani', online medical services and counselling services were launched by the state government. The facility for registration of property documents in any tehsil within the district will commence from April 1, 2021. With this facility, any owner would be able to get an option to get their properties registered in any other tehsil located within the district.

In order to curb discrepancies in the registry of the land, an e-registration portal has been launched. Furthermore, through the Integrated Haryana Land Records Information System (WEB HALRIS), land records are being completely digitized.

"For the last six years, the state government has been steadfast in its efforts to improve the people's ease of life in general and that of the poor in particular. There are no two opinions about the fact that a lot more is being done for the poor sections of the society. The state government's emphasis on holistic empowerment of lesser mortals is really laudable," said a senior state government functionary, requesting anonymity. "Overall results of the government's positive initiatives will be visible in due course of time," he added.

FORTNIGHT IN RETROSPECT

Haryana adopts Go-Global Approach for industries

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

The Department has been working towards promoting Haryana as a most preferred destination for investment from abroad as well as developing strong ties with academic institutions and Haryanvi diaspora for the socio-economic welfare of the region.

Round-the-clock power supply to 5048 villages

Haryana Chief Minister, Mr. Manohar Lal said that as many as 5048 villages of the state are getting 24x7 power supply. Though, previously some may have promised about the same, but we have provided this facility without preaching about it.

Presiding over the meeting of the District Public Relations and Grievances Committee in Gurugram the Chief Minister directed the Power Utilities officers to organize Janata Darbar in every area within a period of two months so that the problems related to power of that area can be solved. He said that during the tenure of the present State Government, excellent work has been done in the field of electricity. When our government was formed in 2014, the line loss was 34 percent, which has now come down to 17 percent.

Free tabs for Haryana school students

Haryana Government has started the process to distribute free tablets to all the students from classes 8th to 12th studying in government schools of the State before the start of next academic session. As many as 8.20 lakh tablets preloaded with learning material and textbooks would be distributed to enhance learning of students and help them to study online in and outside the classroom as well as at home.

The Haryana Chief Minister, Mr. Manohar Lal held a meeting last week to review the preparedness for the distribution of tablets.

It was decided that Tabs would be issued to the students on the pattern of library books and students would return back the same after the 10th and 12th exams.

Industrial growth in Haryana takes to new trajectory

By AJAY BHARDWAJ

Haryana has turned a new leaf by ushering in the new enterprises and employment policy aimed at restructuring the industrial horizon in the state for the post-COVID times in which adaptability and competitiveness would be the two new mantras.

The Haryana Enterprises and Employment Policy, 2020, adopted in December last, would target providing incentives and an investment-friendly environment for industries in the state going a big leap forward from the current mechanism. The new policy in fact, overtakes the Entrepreneurs Promotion Policy, 2015 which ran its course in August last. Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal said the onslaught of Covid-19 has exposed the industry to new challenges which the new policy would address decidedly. He said the Government of Haryana was determined to create an ecosystem in which the Ease of Doing Business in the State matches the best global standards. The new policy, he said, would work towards that end.

Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala said the new policy would open new vistas for entrepreneurs and start a new era of industrialisation in Haryana. He said the new policy envisioned Haryana as a competitive and favoured investment destination, achieving regional development, diversifying exports and augment livelihood opportunities through resilient economic development.

The major objectives of the policy would be generating almost five lakh jobs and attracting investments worth over Rs 1 lakh crores. It would also entail doubling the State exports to Rs 2 lakh crores.

As various new ideas advocated by various stake-

holders, including captains of industry, have been woven into the new policy its credo would be minimum inspection and maximum facilitation. The policy would put in place various regulatory and pro-

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Manohar Lal
Chief Minister

cedural reforms pertaining to land, labour and power.

Principal Secretary (Industries) AK Singh, IAS, reaffirmed that the policy, in fact, envisages to increase investors' satisfaction through the entire business cycle from investment promotion to after-care and underlines emphasis on district level investment promotion and facilitation for which three-tier grievances redressal committees have been put in place to address industrial disputes and grievances.

He said the new policy would ensure that a hassle-free regulatory environment is accorded the highest priority for which the State Government has implemented an effective clearance and facilitation system, which will continue to improve and strengthen the existing enablers of ease-of-doing-business.

A major highlight of the policy would be concession on land price for mega or ultra-mega projects fulfilling the agenda of import substitution and for export development the policy has provisions for establishing an Export Promotion Council in collaboration with industry which will act as the sounding board to the State Government on various export-related issues and strategies.

The Export Promotion Bureau shall also be set up to identify potential markets, undertake commodity analysis, assist exporters, provide export consultancy services etc.

Shedding more light on the new policy, Saket Kumar, Director, Industries and Commerce, said it lays great emphasis on job creation. Aligned with the 'Make in India', 'Digital India' and 'Skilling India' campaigns of the Central Government, the policy aims to posit Haryana as a pre-eminent investment destination by taking the manufacturing route. Its aims would be to generate five lakh jobs by shifting focus on employment generation through promotion of green field and brown field investments in the state.

He said since labour cost is a major cost incurred by any industry, the policy incentivizes industry through employment generation subsidy up to Rs 48,000 for up to 10 years for employing persons belonging to Haryana.

The Director said for promoting geological dispersal of industry, the State has been divided into four cate-

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Dushyant Chautala
Deputy Chief Minister

gories of Development Blocks viz. A, B, C and D. The category of incentives, namely, SGST reimbursement, interest subsidy, electricity duty exemption, stamp duty refund etc. will be provided in the A, B, C & D category blocks along with the additional incentives for providing infrastructure support.

In order to promote rural entrepreneurship and balanced regional growth, the Policy has provision of a new scheme, Haryana Gramin Udyogik Vikas Yojana which offers an array of attractive incentives i.e. Capital subsidy, Interest subsidy.

To promote start-ups in the State, financial assistance in the form of seed grant up to INR 10 lakh, lease rental subsidy up to Rs

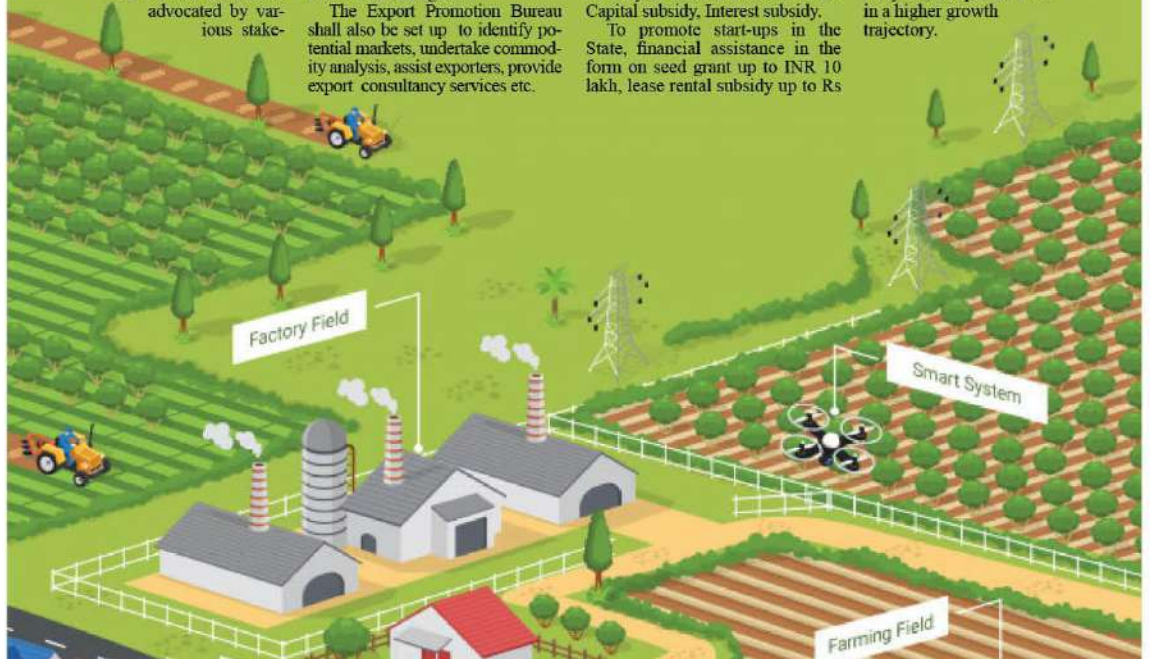
5 lakh, interest subsidy up to 8% for 5 years, 100% Net SGST reimbursement for 7 years, support for attending national and international incubation programmes and mentorship support, amongst others, have been provisioned in the Policy. For start-up ecosystem development, provision of financial support for setting up of incubation centres in universities, Start-Up warehouses and Mobile Apps Development Centres have been incorporated in the Policy.

The Policy has identified eight thrust sectors that include Auto, Auto Components & Light Engineering, Agro-based, Food Processing & Allied Industry, Textile and Apparel, Electronics System Design & Manufacturing (ESDM), Defense and Aerospace Manufacturing, Pharmaceutical & Medical Devices, Chemical and Petrochemicals and Large Scale Energy and Data Storage as Thrust Sectors.

New drivers of growth such as agro-marketing reforms, establishment of Mega & Mini food parks, special support to Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) is provisioned along with higher incentives have been formulated to support Agri businesses.

In order to reduce the cost of doing business and enhance industry competitiveness, the policy offers an array of attractive fiscal incentives to MSMEs, large, mega and ultra-mega enterprises, exporting units, thrust sector enterprises, large service sector enterprises including but not limited to investment subsidy, interest subsidy, stamp duty refund, electricity duty refund, employment subsidy and technology acquisition support, amongst others.

Given the cut and thrust of the policy, it is bound to build brand Haryana, and put the state in a higher growth trajectory.



DEDICATED FREIGHT CORRIDOR BOOST TO HARYANA



By RAJEEV RANJAN ROY

As a New Year gift which will go a long way in ensuring a sustainable economic and industrial progress of the state, the 306-km long section of the Western Dedicated Freight Corridor (DFC) from Rewari to Madar is also fraught with possibilities to open up a phalanx of greener pastures and opportunities for the people of Haryana. The hassle-free movement of goods will prove a blessing in disguise for the state's farmers and food processing industries to take their products to the far flung remunerative markets so cost effectively.

Prime Minister Mr Narendra Modi on January 7 inaugurated 306-km section of DFC from Rewari to Madar through video conferencing. The Western DFC covers a distance of 1504-km of double line electric track from Dadri in Uttar Pradesh to Mumbai via Rewari-Ajmer-Ahmedabad-Vadodara, out of which about 177-km length passes through Haryana.

The Prime Minister said that with the inauguration of the 306-km section of Western DFC a new chapter has been added into the Central government's drive to develop modern infrastructure in the country. He said that apart from this, inauguration and laying of a large number of infrastructure projects in the last few days is a clear indication that the coming period of 2021 is going to be more prosperous for the country.

The PM also flagged off the world's first double-stack long haul

- High-speed and high-capacity seamless connectivity to Western and Eastern ports of India
- Boost to encourage exports by reducing travel time and costs
- HRIDC has been set up to increase rail infrastructure and rail connectivity in the state

(1.5-km) goods trains from New Ateli Station in Haryana and New Kishangarh station in Rajasthan. Haryana Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal and Deputy Chief Minister Mr Dushyant Chautala simultaneously flagged off the train at New Ateli Station through video conferencing. Union Railway Minister Mr Piyush Goyal, Rajasthan Governor Mr Kalraj Mishra, Rajasthan Chief Minister Mr Ashok Gehlot, other Union Ministers and Ambassador of Japan to India Mr Satoshi Suzuki also joined the programme through video conference.

The PM said the Western DFC project is being seen as a game changer for the country. He said that after five to six years of hard work, this project has finally become a reality today. Earlier the speed of goods trains on various routes in the country was just 25-km per hour but now these trains have started running three times faster as compared to earlier. He said that India too needs this speed of progress.

The Prime Minister said the corridor would create new opportuni-

ties for all sections of the society including the farmers, entrepreneurs, traders of Haryana and Rajasthan. He said that this corridor would not only make agriculture and allied businesses in both the states easier but would also give a major boost to the industrial sector as it would provide them with direct access to the national and international market.

Industrial, agricultural products to have direct access to port

Haryana Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal, while thanking Prime Minister Mr Modi for dedicating Western DFC from Rewari to Madar to the nation, said that this day of the first week of the New Year is very important not only for Haryana but for the whole country as one section of the dream project of Railways giving speed to the economy of the country has started.

He said that the Western DFC is 1,504-km long, of which 177-km passes through Haryana. "When this DFC, which passes through Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Gujarat and Maharashtra and goes up to Mumbai, is completed, the industrial and agricultural products of Haryana would have direct access to the port. Thus, this corridor will create new export potential from Haryana and will prove to be a milestone in the economic development of the state," he said.

The Chief Minister said the W DFC will benefit automobile, IT, textile, engineering, electronics, chemical and pharmaceutical industries of Gurugram and Faridabad. It will also open up new areas of export for footwear and cement industries of Jhajar, auto mobile parts of Sonapat, agro and food processing industries and textile of Panipat, plywood of Yamunanagar, scientific equipment of Ambala, agro and food of Sirsa, iron and steel industries of Hisar, paddy producers, footwear and agricultural equipment industries of Karnal.

He said that during the last six years, the Prime Minister has given several gifts to the people of Haryana. These included Rail Coach Repair Factory, Kundli-Manesar-Palwal (KMP) Expressway, Kundli- Ghaziabad-Palwal (KGP) Expressway, Ballabgarh-Mujesar, Mundka-Bahadurgarh, Gurugram-Sikanderpur, Faridabad-Ballabgarh Metro Link, the country's first elevated railway track in Rohtak and Rohtak-Meham-Hansi railway line.



He said the DFC project would give further momentum to the growth engine of the country and also create ample employment opportunities.

Railway Minister Mr Piyush

Goyal said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Mr Modi, Railways have made tremendous progress in the country. He said that the inauguration of the 306-km section

of Western DFC from Rewari to Madar and flagging off of two long haul 1.5-km goods trains would prove to be a milestone in the growth story of the country.



CHILLING WINTER... AND A BONFIRE

PHOTOGRAPH BY VINAY MALIK

WINDOW ON SPORTS

Sportspersons get hike in honorarium

By SHAGUN KAPOOR

As a major boost to sports, the state government has decided to increase honorarium given to the winners under the State Sports and Adventure Sports awards and such schemes will continue to be implemented in the future as well.

This was revealed by Haryana Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal while congratulating the world's ace ranking boxer Mr Amit Panghal for the Boxing World Cup victory.

Mr Panghal said he along with his personal coach Mr Anil Dhankhar will go to Bengaluru and work on the specifics of boxing till the proposed Tokyo Olympics.

The Chief Minister also said that the youths of Haryana should take inspiration from Mr Amit Panghal and work hard for achieving a bright future.

CAMPUS CORNER

SUPVA gets Rs 37 cr residential campus

By SHAGUN KAPOOR

In what will improve the ease of life for students and faculty members, Haryana Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal recently dedicated the residential campus built at the cost of Rs 37 crore to Pandit Lakhmi Chand State University of Performing and Visual Arts (PLC-SUPVA), Rohtak through video conferencing in Gurugram.

The university Vice Chancellor Prof Rajbir Singh said that PLC-SUPVA is the only university in

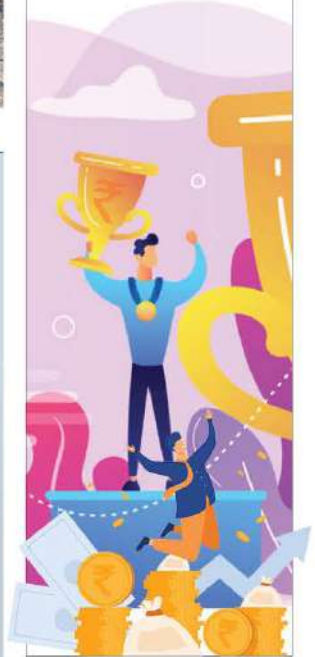
the country to offer creative programmes like film and TV, visual arts and architecture, etc., and is ably competing with eminent institutes like FTII, Pune and the National Institute of Design.

"The whole campus has been modeled on modern urban landscaping and infrastructure. In order to provide an eco-friendly environment to

students, the campus includes a rain harvesting system and solar water heating facilities," added Prof Singh.

Prof Singh further informed that at the moment, the residential campus comprises faculty residence, Vice Chancellor's residence and a hostel for girls, covering a total area of 9.77 acre. The first phase offers two types of houses- 1900 sq ft and 950 sq ft

with a total of 48 flats, he added. He said that a separate electric sub-station with transformers and generator facilities has been constructed for uninterrupted electric supply to the residential campus. The Vice Chancellor said that various other components will be constructed in the second phase which includes 72 more flats for the staff, a Faculty Club and another girl hostel, with a projected cost of around Rs 32 crore. With this, the faculty and staff of the university can now avail the residential facility, he added.



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