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Happy New Year

Haryana Review wishes its readers a happy New Year

Antyodaya Melas may make 2022 a watershed year for 1L families

By PARVEEN K MODI

2022 may turn out to be a watershed year in the lives of at least one lakh families which have been identified in Haryana for having annual income of less than Rs 1 lakh. Under the Antyodaya Parivar Utthan Yojana, a target has been set to extend to them, if not getting already, benefits of the countless number of social welfare schemes of the state government. And also, increase their income to Rs 1.8 lakh in the first phase by exploring such options as suit their tastes and interests.

That the process has been set rolling and the project has been put in mission mode reflects the resolve and drive of the Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, to make a difference in the lives of those at the bottom of the economic pyramid. They have not only been briefed on the benefits flowing from various government schemes but also counselled on the options available for them to increase their incomes, courtesy

Antyodaya Gram Utthan Melas.

These were fairs but a tad different in nature, content and purpose from their traditional variants. While the latter are held in a field where people pay to ride on machines for amusement; play and win prizes in games; savour their favourite dishes; and make purchases of home-made goods, the former were organized to serve a different objective.

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These registered families were apprised of the 54 schemes run by 18 different departments to promote employment, self-employment and skills of the youth to uplift those on the margins of the society. Stalls

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of these departments and 20 banks which give loans to those keen on launching their own ventures, had been set up at these melas.

Once interests of an identified family were evaluated, members were guided to the counter concerned for counselling, where officers and employees gave them detailed information regarding the employment schemes in keeping with their faculties and interests. Effort was made to zero down to the option to increase their income. Small wonder that footfall at the fairs kept increasing by the day.

The deputy commissioner concerned and administrative officers posted at the state level inspected the 11 counters set up in Antyodaya Melas. "According to the feedback received from the DCs and other officers, the melas yielded positive results. We have to work on mission mode to increase the annual income of each eligible family up to Rs.1.8 lakh", said Mr Manohar Lal.

The Chief Minister had issued directions that only eligible families should get the benefits of public welfare schemes and employment opportunities by minutely verifying their income details. Data of single-family Ids and split family Ids has been maintained. In case of split families, income verification was considered as one, and staggering of the data was done properly.

Not only this, data of manual and online pro forma was also matched to ensure accuracy. This will help the state government in realising the objective of lifting the standards of living of the families living on the margins.

Gupta, Babli sworn in as Cabinet ministers

HARYANA REVIEW BUREAU

The Haryana Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, has expanded his Cabinet with the induction of two new ministers. BJP's Kamal Gupta and JJP's Devender Babli, were sworn in as Cabinet Ministers by the Governor, Mr Bandaru Dattatreya, at a ceremony held at the Haryana Raj Bhavan in Chandigarh, on December 28, 2021.

With the induction of two ministers, the strength of the Haryana Council of Ministers has gone up to 14, including the Chief Minister, which is the upper limit. Earlier, 10 MLAs had been inducted into the Cabinet in November 2019, days after the Chief Minister and his deputy were sworn in on October 27.

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CM sticks to path, carries the day

By AJAY BHARDWAJ

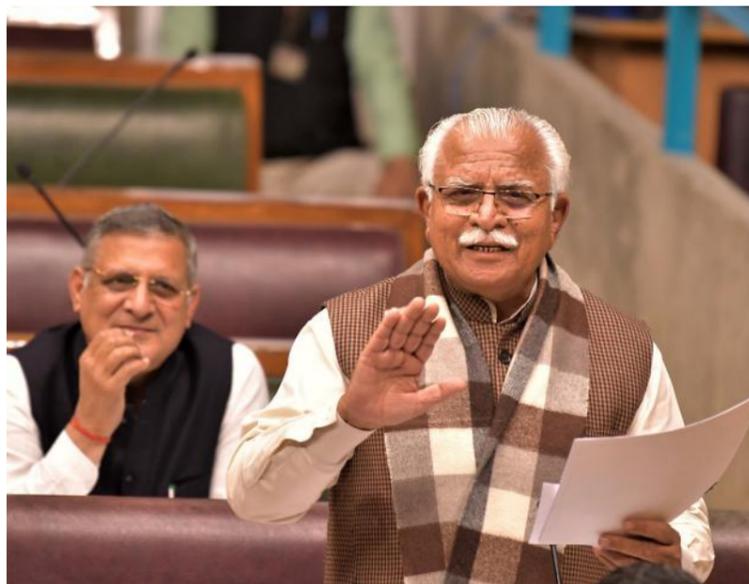
The three-day Vidhan Sabha session saw Chief Minister Manohar Lal's stature going a notch higher as he not only took the wind out of the sails of the Opposition but also reaffirmed commitment to transparent and committed governance in which people's welfare stood uppermost, and corruption has no place, whatsoever.

The stamp of a large number of initiatives taken by his government in good governance was more than visible during the session. He brought home to the opposition the fact that the path-breaking initiatives taken by the state government have won accolades from Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The Chief Minister practically stole the thunder from the Opposition camp when he underlined the fact that the Prime Minister had even suggested to other states to emulate Haryana's welfare schemes even as the Central Government is working to implement some across the country.

RS 600-CR COVID RELIEF

The state government's alertness and diligence in dealing with the pandemic during the last more



than 20 months was greeted with laudatory thumping of desks by the House. Asserting that the state government is aware of the threat of the next wave, the Chief Minister assured the House that his government was geared up to meet the challenge. "More than Rs. 600 crore has been spent during Pandemic on providing direct relief to the beneficiaries even as preparations are afoot to meet the

next wave, if it hits the state", he said.

The Chief Minister's announcement putting in place a system under which all questions raised by MLAs, cutting across party lines, would be answered in writing by the ministers concerned within a period of one month was hailed by one and all. This would not only streamline prompt delivery of replies to the MLAs but would

also help disseminate information in a speedy manner.

Agrarian reforms have not only ensured a healthy growth rate of agriculture in Haryana but have also helped improve the plight of the farmers in the state. Sticking to the path, Mr Manohar Lal assured the House that micro-irrigation would be promoted in a big way keeping in view water scarcity and the future of the coming generations. He also hinted at new plans to promote micro-irrigation and crop diversification for which the state government gives incentive to the farmers at the rate of Rs. 7,000 per acre.

DA HIKED FROM 28 TO 31 PC

The state government's care and concern for its employees was more than reflected in its decision to increase the rate of dearness allowance for its employees and dearness relief for pensioners and family pensioners from 28 per cent of basic pay and pension to 31 per cent with effect from July 1, 2021.

Besides, the government has also decided to increase the share of the NPS scheme implemented for new employees from 10 per cent to 14 per cent on the lines of the Central Government which will be implemented from January 1, 2022.

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New Ateli Train



The Prime Minister, Mr Narendra Modi, flags off the 306-km Rewari-Madar section of the dedicated freight corridor.



The Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, with Manika Sheekhand, VLCC Femina Miss Grand India 2020.



Showing the tab of Budget for 2021-22 which contained first-time proposal for Rs 8,585-cr MMTE Fund.



Going around the Corona ward at Guru Teg Bahadur Sanjeevni Hospital in Panipat.



The Chief Minister at the launch of the Mukhya Mantri Parivar Utthan Abhiyan.



Flagging off the Dial 112 facility.



Mr Manohar Lal distributing Parivar Pehchan Patra.



With Olympics Gold Medalist Neeraj Chopra.



Going around a Har Hi Store after the launch.

New Year may bring in its fold...

By PARVEEN K MODI

Out-of-the-box thinking and innovation stemming from reforms constitute the hallmark of the functioning of the Manohar Lal Government. It keeps the anvil busy hammering into shape policies and programmes aimed at people's wellbeing and welfare. The Year 2022 will change lives in more than one way. Haryana Review brings you a glimpse of what the people of the state can look forward to in the New Year.

PDS RATION ON PARIVAR PECHHAN PATRA

In 2022, ration under PDS will be given only on the Parivar Pechhan Patra (PPP), and the name of the beneficiary will be automatically added and removed on the birth or death of a member of the family.

Also, the process of issuing arms licenses will be made online under a pilot project in the districts of Rohtak and Panchkula. Besides, the emergency response system Dial-112 will be made accessible to deaf and mute persons.

START-UP POLICY WITH NEW FEATURES

In the works is an innovative start-up policy which may prove to be a game-changer for the talented youth of villages, wanting to showcase their talent and script a story of financial success. It may soon see the light of day.

The trend goes that more than 99 per cent of the start-ups are based on IT, but Haryana tends to look and plan beyond. Haryana Review learns that in the proposed policy, youth

will be encouraged to start start-ups in the fields of education, health, dairy, agriculture and horticulture. If a person wants to launch a new start-up, the state government will help him financially based on the idea he brings to the table.

Officers have been directed to make such a provision in the new start-up policy so that the youth of rural areas and small towns can get an opportunity to display their technology at the national and international level.

There is a feeling in government circles that young boys and girls in colleges and universities should be encouraged to move forward by providing financial assistance in the field of new research and patents. Provision is likely to be made for subsidizing such ventures.

75 PC RESERVATION IN JOBS FOR LOCALS

The year 2022 may give the jobless locals a reason to cheer. Come January 15 and the provision of 75 per cent reservation in jobs for locals starts kicking in. The Employment of Local Candidates

of Haryana State Act, 2020 will be implemented from that day in the entire state of Haryana.

Notified on March 2, 2021, the Act provides for 75 per cent reservation for a period of 10 years to local candidates domiciled in Haryana whose gross monthly income does not exceed Rs. 30,000, irrespective of caste.

This applies to the private sector, including companies, societies, trusts, limited liability, partnership firms, partnership firms, etc. The Act will prove beneficial for skill development, improve employment of local residents, and help in socio-economic development of the state.

FIRST PETROL-CUM-CNG PUMP IN A JAIL

In what is being billed as a new beginning, the first petrol-cum-CNG pump is slated to be installed in Kurukshetra Jail under a pilot project. Should the experiment succeed, such pumps would also be set up in other jails of the state, and the process would be expedited.

The Jail Superintendent, Kurukshetra, Mr Somnath Jagat,

told Haryana Review that about Rs 3 crore would be spent on this petrol-cum-CNG pump to be set up by the Indian Oil Corporation (IOC). For the pump, IOC will pay a monthly rent of Rs 51,000 to the Kurukshetra Jail Administration.

A small general store will also be set up at this pump in keeping with the norms of IOC. Confectionery as well as other items will be made available at this general store.

The revenue earned from this pump would be spent on the welfare and rehabilitation of jail inmates. This pilot project is being started on the lines of Telangana, Punjab, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra. It would prove to be a pivotal tool in the rehabilitation of jail inmates, Mr Jagat added.

MUSICAL FOUNTAINS AT BRAHMA SAROVAR

Tourists and devotees visiting Brahma Sarovar Purushotampura Bagh in Kurukshetra may be greeted by colorful fountains possibly before the close of the opening month of the New Year. A sum of Rs 1.45 crore will be spent on this

project by the Ministry of Culture and Tourism, Government of India.

The work of installing a large LED wall at Brahma Sarovar Purushotampura Bagh has already been completed. A video clip made for the International Gita Mahotsav is being played on this LED wall.

The work of installing the fountain in front of the aarti site would be completed. It is likely that by the end of the opening month of the New Year, colourful fountains will start running near the aarti site.

800 NEW BUSES TO ENTER THE FLEET

The New Year may see 800 new buses included in the transport fleet of Haryana Roadways out of which 300 may start doing the rounds by April. Plans have also been lined up for the purchase of 20 Volvo buses.

It is learnt that in order to increase the income of the Transport Department, directions have been given to all officers and employees that except for the long-distance services, buses on all other routes will henceforth run under the flyovers, and pick up the passengers.

From e-Governance to good governance



By RAJEEV RANJAN ROY

Haryana is diligently pursuing the mission of good governance, which is aimed at improving the people's ease of life in a wholesome manner. It is easier said than done but the Haryana government has proved that where there is a will, there is a way! Under the visionary leadership of Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal, Haryana is today marching ahead on the path of transparent governance, a crucial ingredient of good governance. Multiple e-interventions have helped

people access facilities and services in a hassle-free manner. And there is no compromise either with effort or intent. The Chief Minister has announced to celebrate 2022 as the Year of Good Governance, which means further strengthening of good governance mechanisms in the state!

The state government while using information technology is constantly working towards implementing Prime Minister Mr Narendra Modi's vision of transforming India through

e-governance, which has bridged the gap between people and welfare schemes like anything. In fact, the gap is nil. Everything is just a click away. "Good governance reforms brought in by the state government allow people to reap benefits of all schemes by visiting the nearest Community Service Centre (CSC) or online," said the Chief Minister, adding that Parivar Pechhan Patra (PPP) will be a turning point in realizing the goal of good governance in a wholesome manner. Thanks to PPPs, benefits of welfare schemes

will be delivered to the people in an auto mode. For example, elderly people now don't need to apply for a pension, which they will start getting once they are 60. It is all because of PPPs.

Similarly, property cards under Svamitva Yojana are being generated by abolishing the old system of Lal Dora. So far, over 13.47 lakh people have Svamitva cards in the state. Benefits are being credited directly into the accounts of beneficiaries under the DBT scheme. The Dial 112 scheme guarantees police

Haryana tops in Citizen Centric Governance Index

Haryana has secured top spot in the Citizen Centric Governance Sector Ranking-2021. It has secured a collective score of 0.914 in the Citizen Centric Governance segment and four other indicators. The Citizen Centric Governance indicators are focussed on outcomes like Right to Service Act, grievance redress mechanism and the progress made by the governments in providing services online. Union Home Minister Mr Amit Shah released the Good Governance Index-2021 on the occasion of Good Governance Day at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. This index has been prepared by the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG), Government of India.

assistance in just 15 minutes. As a pilot project, the process of arms license is being completed online in Rohtak and Panchkula. From January 2022, the distribution of ration under the PDS scheme will be made more transparent and hassle-free. "Development plans are being prepared keeping in view the Vision 2047," said Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal.

HARYANA OUT TO

Manohar Lal Government bets big on adventure sports; perks up facilities

By **PARVEEN K MODI**

With the effects of the rampaging pandemic wreaking havoc on tourism for more than 18 months--paring the footfalls and staunching the cash flow--beginning to wear off, the Haryana Government, led by the Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, has swung into action and taken pro-active measures to reboot tourism industry.

Determined to convert it into an engine of earnings, economic

the Manohar Lal Government to draw tourists, has made Haryana occupy a significant place on the tourist map of India, and the world.

Offering a profusely rich bouquet of mesmerising sites, captivating locales and places of religious and heritage import, the state beckons tourists from within the country as well as from abroad.

Surrounding the national capital on three sides, this fascinating land has all that it takes to satiate the hunger of the tourist that drives him out of his habitat. Besides captivating lakes and Aravalli Hills, nature reserves and bewitching

tourism, and is now venturing into adventure and heritage tourism.

Packed with thrill and excitement, adventure holds great potential in the tourism industry and remains a big draw, especially among the youth. In adventure tourism, people

including parasailing, para-motor and jet scooter at Tikkar Taal in Morni Hills, the only hill spot in the state, have been made operational.

From para-motor, para-sailing to thrilling jet scooter, there are umpteen ways of getting the blood

called Surajkund International Crafts Mela at Faridabad every year. The Mela occupies a place of pride on the international tourist calendar. It showcases the richness and diversity of the handicrafts, handlooms and cultural fabric of India in especially created ethnic ambience.

It is a mosaic of India's diversity and a kaleidoscopic celebration of crafts, music and rhythm, art and culture from across the world. One can indulge in shopping for authentic traditional crafts, handicrafts and handlooms, witness folk performances and delve into culinary treats from far corners of the globe.

One of the avowed objectives of Haryana's tourism policy is to increase the earnings from tourist inflow at an annual rate of 10 per cent. This is sought to be achieved through sustainable tourism by encouraging a constructive and mutually beneficial partnership between the public and the private sector to boost economic development and generate employment.

Having established its credentials as a pioneer in highway tourism, Haryana has made forays into different segments to cater to different tastes and age groups to place itself as an inevitable destination on the itinerary of any tourist from within the country, and those headed for India.



The Chief Minister, Mr. Manohar Lal, riding Jet Scooter at Tikkar Taal, Morni Hills

growth and job creation, the state government has taken quick concrete measures by betting big on adventure and pilgrim tourism to make Haryana emerge as an irresistible destination on the itinerary of tourists and visitors.

Haryana, which means the land of God, is home to many culturally, architecturally and aesthetically rich places and monuments of religious and historical importance. Located on the outskirts of Delhi and known as the land where Lord Krishna gave Arjuna the celestial message of Bhagvad Gita, the state has varied topography and ecology.

The magnetic pull of this enviable amalgam, capitalised by

locales, Haryana cradles fascinating remains of the Indus Valley civilization in Rakhigarhi, a paradise for the diggers of the past and archeologists. This land of Mahabharata is truly a place to explore the unexplored.

ADVENTURE TOURISM

Realising full well the huge potential tourism industry holds, the Manohar Lal Government keeps tapping into its rich reservoir of cultural, religious and scenic spots to open for tourists new vistas for fun and thrill. After pioneering highway tourism in the country, Haryana took to promoting religious, heritage and farm

engage in adventurous activities, including aero sports and water sports, which are extremely popular across the world.

Besides other scenic spots, Tikkar Taal, nestled in the scenic lap of Morni Hills in Panchkula District, is being promoted as a hub of adventure tourism. Given the off-the-sketch-board plans, Morni Hills is set to emerge as a centre of tourist attraction, giving the local economy a shot of adrenalin. This forms a part of Haryana's wholesome approach to make the tourism sector a propeller of growth.

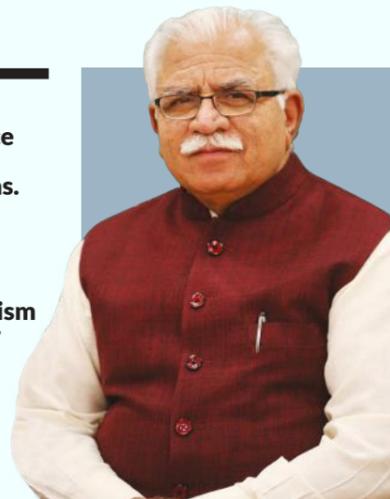
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rushing amidst scenic surroundings. These fun-filled facilities will not only generate ample job opportunities but would also make Panchkula a tourism hub.

SURAJKUND MELA

When it comes to fairs and festivals, Haryana hosts one of the biggest crafts fairs in India



Visitors at the Surajkund International Crafts Mela in Faridabad



An aerial view of Tikkar Taal, Morni Hills

REBOOT TOURISM

to make the state an irresistible destination on the itinerary of every tourist

Tapping religious and heritage sites to make them a big draw



Majestic view of Brahma Sarovar, Kurukshetra.

By PARVEEN K MODI

When it comes to having a close look at heritage or seeking spiritual satisfaction through religious tourism, there is no looking beyond Haryana. Factoring in the increased footfalls, the Manohar Lal Government has come up with a grand plan to take religious tourism to a new high and do up heritage sites.

The Haryana Tourism Corporation, the apex body managing tourist complexes in Haryana, proposes to build a new world class Experience Center at Jyotisar to highlight its importance in the context of the Mahabharata and Bhagavad Gita.

It is believed that Jyotisar is the place where Lord Krishna delivered the eternal message of "Bhagavad Gita" to Arjuna, and also showed his "Vishwa Roop (Universal Form)" before the commencement of the Mahabharata war.

All places related to Mahabharata in Kurukshetra are being done up under a master plan which envisages construction of seven theme buildings, each with a distinct but interrelated theme on various aspects of the Mahabharata and Bhagavad Gita. Different versions of Bhagavad Gita housed in a library and a short history of the Mahabharata through audio visual and innovative mediums are a great draw.

HERITAGE TOURISM

And for those bitten by the history bug, heritage tourism offers unexplored sites. Haryana bears the

footprints of kings and warriors, saints and sages, sufis and savants. Pinjore's foremost attraction is undoubtedly its majestic Mughal Gardens built in the 17th century on the lines of the Mughal Gardens in Kashmir.

The Mughal Gardens set a grand setting for many annual events like Baisakhi Mela, Mango Mela (June-July) and Pinjore Heritage Festival (November-December). Raja

and external and internal areas of Rani Mahal. These sites and forts open a broad window on the true history of the region.

HARYANVI CUISINES

Want to experience Haryana in its true and raw form? Better go to the countryside. Culturally, Haryana has a robust, rural flavour stemming out of its deep ethnic roots. The clean air and rich dishes



The serene Yadavindra Gardens, Pinjore

Nahar Singh Fort at Ballabgarh which dates back to the 18th century has been converted into a heritage property. Maintained by Haryana Tourism, it offers accommodation and other facilities to visitors.

Another important Heritage Circuit called Rewari Mahendergarh-Madhogarh Narnaul is being developed to restore the glory of this ancient site.

Efforts are also being made to develop the Mahendergarh Fort

prepared with ghee and milk mesmerise one and all.

Haryanvi culture and cuisines draw tourists in hordes. With a view to bringing these on the table, the Haryana Government has launched Home Stay Policy, which seeks to give tourists an excellent alternative to hotels.

Home owners residing locally can now offer their homes to tourists on a commercial basis at reasonable prices. In Home Stay,

Tourism corporation runs 44 complexes

Haryana Tourism Corporation was constituted as a public limited company under the Companies Act, 1956 on May 1, 1974. As an agent of the Haryana Government, the Corporation runs and maintains 44 tourist complexes spanning the length and breadth of the state.

The HTC complexes are named after local birds to bring them in close harmony with nature. Offering visitors lodging, dining, recreational activities and equipped with such facilities as restaurants, bars, liquor vends, tourist taxis, petrol pumps, swimming pools, health clubs, golf clubs, lakes, boating, etc, these complexes are a big draw.

Haryana Tourism Corporation also organises and hosts Surajkund International Crafts Mela which is held in Faridabad 20 km away from Delhi every year in the first fortnight of February.

KEY OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the corporation include promoting Haryana as a leading tourist destination; to identify key tourist destinations within Haryana and promote them outside; to provide auxiliary support in developing key tourist destinations; and to provide highest quality hospitality services to tourists

The Corporation also seeks to broaden and diversify the concept of tourism from highway tourism to eco tourism, adventure tourism, pilgrim tourism, farm tourism, golf tourism, medical tourism and heritage tourism etc. in order to meet new market requirements. And, to ensure higher returns to government, through financial and social viable projects, and thereby provide employment.

one can get an opportunity to live with local families in their homes, experience native culture, and enjoy local cuisine.

Out to tap the state's tourism potential, the state government

has put in place a revamped Farm Tourism Policy. Tourists can choose from a range of farm houses to enjoy weekends and holidays with friends and families.

A wholesome boost to farmers



By **RAJEEV RANJAN ROY**

Haryana's colossal contribution to the central pool, adding resilience and sustainability to our food security is an open fact. Its commitment to play a critical role in achieving the goal of zero hunger by 2030 is laudable as the state is on the forefront to ensure India's food security and nutritional status of all in general, and the most vulnerable population groups in particular. Making sure that people have regular access to enough high-quality food to lead active and healthy lives is not an easy task. It requires constant hand holding of farmers with the right kind of help and interventions which the Haryana government under the dynamic leadership of Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal has been doing for the past seven years.

Only recently Rs 428.07 crore has been successfully transferred

under the Bhavantar Bharpayee Yojana to the accounts of 2.38.245 lakh millet growing farmers. In the last three years – from 2019 to 2021-22 – payments of a total of Rs 43,307 crore during Rabi season and Rs 34,732 crore during Kharif season for procurements at minimum support price (MSP) were made through Meri Fasal Mera Byora (MFMB) portal. Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Minister Mr JP Dalal, while replying to a calling attention motion moved during the just concluded Winter Session of Vidhan Sabha, said that farmers are being helped in a hassle-free manner in the state.

MFMB is a flagship scheme of the state government in which farmers register themselves to sell their crops at MSP and get other benefits of agriculture and other allied departments. This portal has now become an umbrella platform for almost all benefits including Mera Pani, Meri Virasat, Direct

Seed Rice, Bajra Replacement and Bhavantar Bharpayee Yojana, and Uttam Beej. This portal has brought farmers and other stakeholders including the government on an online platform where farmers and government can come together and farmers can get timely subsidy or financial assistance or other benefits. The subsidy or financial assistance is directly deposited in their bank

accounts.

In order to take advantage of government schemes, all types of farmers – land owners, small farmers, contract farmers, shared farmers, lease farmers, farmers and mixed farmers in relation to land owners – can upload their personal details, land records, crop to be registered on MFMB portal by giving bank accounts. According to the Minister, the portal takes care of all existing problems of farmers, especially related to procurement. Farmers can now select the nearest grain market through this portal at the time of procurement at MSP and schedule their arrival. MSP is paid for the sale of their produce. The portal is farmer user friendly and the language of the portal is Hindi so that the process registration can be done easily and properly. One can register himself on the portal from the service centre itself.

Giving details of the registration of the last few seasons, Agriculture Minister Mr Dalal said that 50,60,758 acres of land by 9,28,031 farmers were registered during Kharif 2020 season and 51,50,943 acres by 8,61,672 farmers during Kharif 2021 season and 10,05,383 61,51,992 acres of land have been registered by the farmers during Rabi 2020-21. For the Rabi 2021-22 Season, the registration of crops is on. So far 17,63,721 acres of land have been registered by 2,64,345 farmers. Registered crops and area are verified with three data sets. Crop verification is done by the Agriculture Department, e-Girdawari by Revenue Department and satellite imagery by HARSAC and accordingly the yield is calculated for procurement at MSP.

Complaints are redressed on a regular basis. No complaint was



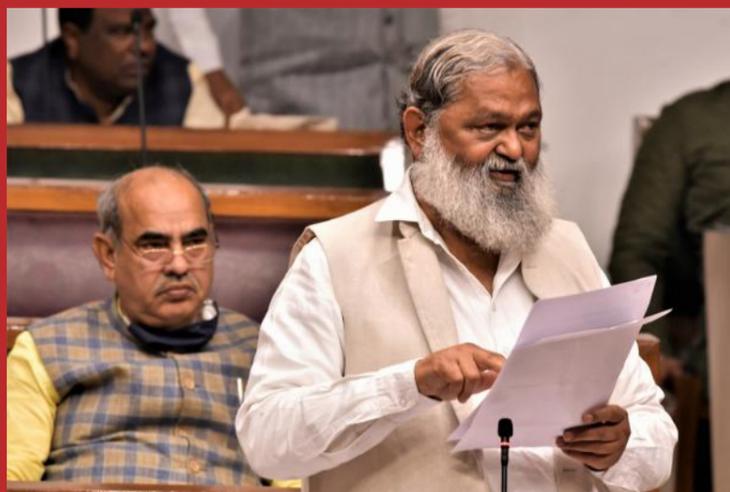
Key POINTS

- MFMB portal allows registration of the land only in Haryana state. Portal is integrated with revenue records of farmers of Haryana and verification with three layers is done.
- For farmers having land in Haryana but residing outside the state for their livelihood or other family reasons and if they do not have Parivar Pehchan Patra card, they will have to register on MFMB portal against their 'Aadhaar' number.
- Farmers who have not got a PPP card, can contact the Service Centre of the village or the nearest Saral Kendra to procure their PPP cards. Haryana government employees can get their PPP cards made through HRMS.
- Grievance redressal mechanism exists at the district and state levels. The District Level Grievance Redressal Committee is headed by the Deputy Commissioner and senior officers of the concerned departments are its members.
- The State Level Grievance Redressal Committee is headed by the Director General of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Department and directors of the concerned departments are its members.

received during the Kharif Season 2020. In Kharif season 2021, 1,56,018 complaints were received, out of which 1,32,282 complaints were accepted and 20,752 complaints were rejected. Similarly, in the Rabi Season 2021-22, 87,729 complaints were received out of which 70,164 complaints were accepted and 13,991 complaints were rejected. Till December 19 during the Rabi Season 2021-22, 21,039 complaints were received and 3,560 complaints were accepted out of which 3,548 complaints have been rejected.

No laxity in fight against Covid-19

There is going to be no laxity in Haryana's fight against Covid-19! Haryana Health Minister Mr Anil Vij has said that from January 1, 2022, people who have not got the second dose of Covid-19 vaccine will not be permitted to go to areas like restaurants, malls, banks, offices, and so on. At the same time, efforts are afoot to make Haryana self-reliant in terms of availability of oxygen in the country, said he in response to a question related to the Calling Attention motion moved in the just concluded Winter Session of the Vidhan Sabha. The Health Minister said that the new variant of Covid-19 – Omicron – is a public concern. The whole world



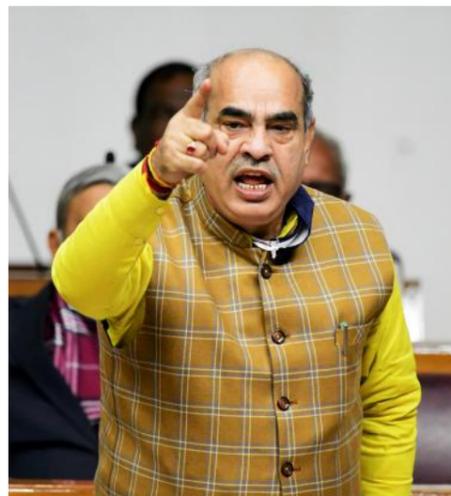
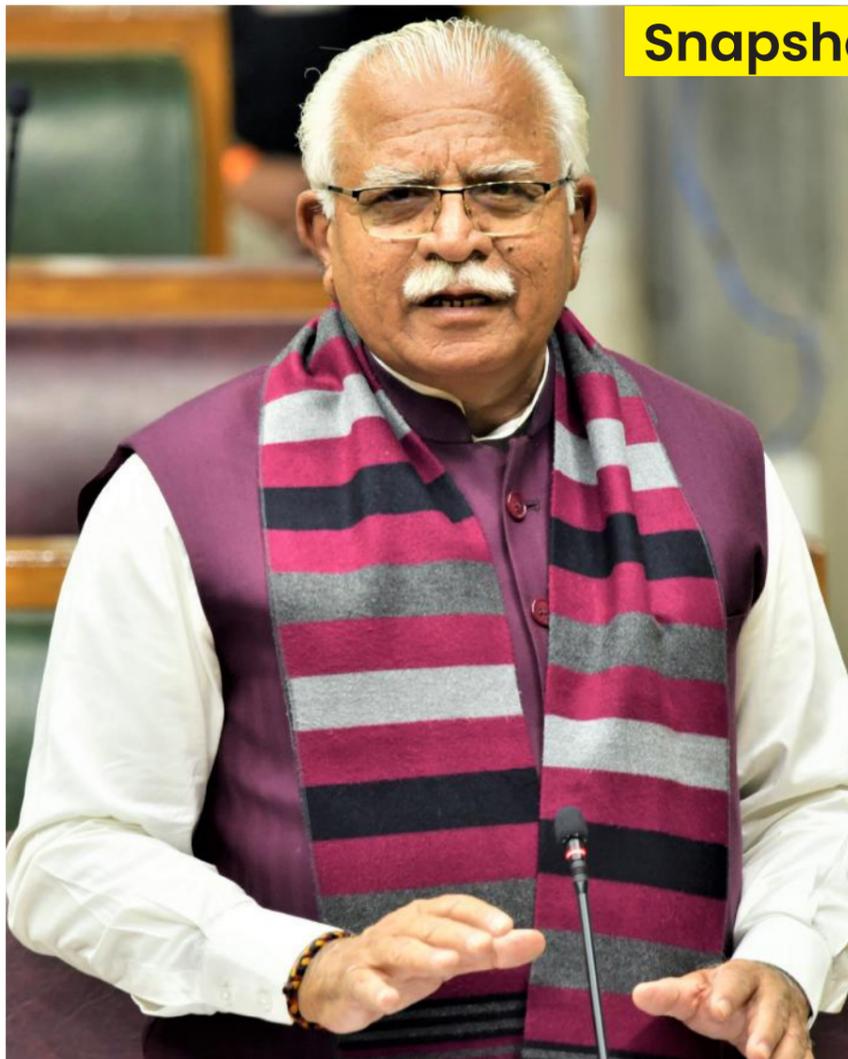
is worried, including the World Health Organization (WHO).

Talking about those who lost their lives while serving the people, Mr Vij said: "We remember officers and employees including doctors, paramedical staff, nurses, ambulance drivers, who have died while rendering their services during Covid-19. A Wall of Memory has been built at the headquarters of the Health Department, which I myself inaugurated." He said that so far 28 people of the Health Department have lost their lives, out of which dependents of 27 have been given compensation of Rs 50 lakh and the exercise is on to give one more compensation soon to them.

Talking about the possible third wave of Covid-19, the Health Minister said: "We have the experience of handling two waves. During the second wave, 15,000 infected people were coming to health centres for treatment on a daily basis but thanks to successful vaccination drives in the country, we expect that the third wave may not hit us. However, we are identifying hospitals which can be utilized in any such situations. Apart from this, the work is also being done to take cooperation from private institutions. The services of medical students will also be taken as we did during the previous waves. In the coming days 980 doctors will also be recruited.

Snapshots from Assembly

by Vinay Malik



A big leap forward to improve civic amenities

By **AJAY BHARDWAJ**

In a landmark step towards improving the provision of civic amenities, the Haryana Vidhan Sabha has passed the Haryana Management of Civic Amenities and Infrastructure Deficient Areas outside Municipal Area (Special Provisions) Bill, 2021.

The new bill, which was hailed by all members in the House cutting across the party lines, stipulates special provisions for providing essential services in civic amenities and infrastructure deficient areas outside municipal area in the State of Haryana and for matters connected therewith and incidental thereto.

The object of the bill was stated to be to improve the living conditions of the inhabitants of the State. It has been observed that the colonies with deficient infrastructure are not only situated within the Municipal Areas but such colonies with deficient infrastructure are also situated

outside municipal areas in various towns of the State. It is the primary objective of the state government to provide minimum infrastructure to ensure healthy living in such areas.

The Haryana Agriculture Produce Markets (Amendment) Bill, 2021

The Vidhan Sabha also passed another important bill, the Haryana Agriculture Produce Markets (Amendment) Bill, 2021, which intends to achieve the object of “ease of doing business” mission in a big way and would also provide remunerative prices to farmers due to healthy competition amongst the dealers.

The bill would regulate the sale, purchase, processing etc. of the agricultural produce, as well as the processed product of agricultural produce.

However, in certain processing, such processed products are used as raw material and they primarily purchase it from the traders and not from the farmers. Therefore, to achieve the object of the “ease

of doing business” mission of the Government, it is proposed that an enabling provision should be made to levy a market fee on such processing units on a lump-sum basis in lieu of an ad-valorem basis.

Similarly, the purchase of fruits and vegetables is substantially made in Small quantities in mandis and therefore an enabling provision to levy lump-sum fees on the dealers of fruits and vegetables is proposed to achieve the object of “ease of doing business” mission and to minimize the process of enforcement.

Other bills passed in the last Assembly session are;

- i) The Haryana Excise (Amendment) Bill, 2021
- ii) The Panchkula Metropolitan Development Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2021
- iii) Haryana Pond and Waste Water Management Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2021
- IV) The Haryana Private Universities (Amendment) Bill, 2021

Vidhayak Adarsh Gram Yojana revived

An MLA of an urban assembly constituency can choose the nearest village in the rural assembly constituency for development under the Vidhayak Adarsh Gram Yojana (VAGY).

Haryana Deputy Chief Minister, Mr Dushyant Chautala said while replying to a question raised during the Haryana Vidhan Sabha session

The Deputy Chief Minister informed that it was decided by the State Government on December 26, 2018 that for the development works of each assembly constituency, an amount of up to Rs 2 crore will be provided annually according to the population of the village.

He said that an MLA can recommend development works worth Rs 50 lakh for a village with a population of up to 5,000. Rs 1 crore for a village with a population of 5,000 to 10,000 and Rs 2 crore for a village with a population of more than 10,000.

He said that it was decided in the all-party meeting on April 8, 2020 that the Vidhayak Adarsh Gram Yojana should be kept pending for some time. Even though, according to the decision of the Chief Minister

on August 21, 2020, funds for development works, selected by the MLAs in the year 2019-20 are being approved from the budget of the financial year 2020-21.

He said that on September 20, 2021, permission had been given to release the pending amount for the year 2019-20.

POLLUTION UNDER CONTROL

Haryana Deputy Chief Minister, Sh. Dushyant Chautala informed that the Supreme Court and the Central Government are continuously monitoring the entire NCR region in the matter of air quality around the refinery in Panipat district. Survey has already been done in this matter, if the MLAs of the area will ask, then on behalf of the State Government, they will request the Central Government to conduct the survey again in the matter of air quality.

The Deputy Chief Minister said this in response to a question asked by a member of the House during the Winter Session of the Haryana Vidhan Sabha regarding the pollution caused by IOCL Refinery Plant at Panipat.

SUN SETS ON 2021

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3 Haryana boys make it to Under-19 squad

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ABEESHWAR GAUTAM	RAVIKUMAR
DINESH BANA	GARV SANGWAN
AARADHYA YADAV	

Three cricketers from Haryana have made it to the Indian squad selected for the Under-19 World Cup. Nishant Sindhu, Garv Sangwan and Dinesh Bana have been named in the 17-member squad.

Delhi batsman Yash Dhull will lead India at the event scheduled to be held in the West Indies from January 14 to February 5.

Four-time winners India are clubbed with South Africa, Ireland and Uganda in Group B. India will begin their campaign against South Africa on January 15. The 14th edition of the tournament will have 16 teams competing for the trophy in 48 matches. India won the title four times in 2000, 2008, 2012 and 2018.

WINDOWS ON SPORTS

Sports, youth affairs can't be delinked : Sandeep

By PARVEEN K MODI

Sports and youth affairs are interlinked. Hence, we have the Sports and Youth Affairs Department. If they are separated, their importance will end. Even at the Centre, these two make one department, and are together.

This was stated by the Minister of State for Sports and Youth Affairs, Mr Sandeep Singh, during the winter session of the Vidhan Sabha while responding to a question asked by Mr Varun Chaudhary, MLA, about the separation of the Sports and Youth Affairs Department.

With a view to promoting youth activities in Haryana, Milkha Singh Adventure Club has been set up so that along with sports, youth can excel in other activities as well. Under this club, the youth would be provided with an opportunity to participate in adventure sports like trekking, mountaineering, rock-climbing, skiing, river rafting, water sports and paragliding. Haryana is geared up for the National Youth Festival to be held in Puducherry from January 12 to 16, 2022.

He told the House that through 5,000 youth clubs, various competitions, including essay writing, poetry, short story, drama and dance are being organized in the state. Our youth is already leading in sports



and now they are also shining in youth festivals at the national level as well. So far 53 youth have received National Youth Award. Youth clubs are given prize money ranging from Rs 20,000 to 75,000 for various competitions like divisional, district and state

Cash award of Rs. 20,000 is given to the best district youth every year, Rs 30,000 to the best district

youth club, Rs. 40,000 to the best state youth, and likewise, a cash prize of Rs 75,000 is given to the best state youth club. It is given for outstanding social work done during the last three years, Mr Singh said.

Besides, the National Youth Award is given every year by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India, to young men and women for their outstanding work in the field of national development and social service. Its main objective is to motivate the youth to participate in such competitions.

In order to create a generation of young Indians ready to face the challenges of the future and achieve their full potential, the youth must be in good health and choose a healthy and balanced lifestyle. Hence, the Sports and Youth Affairs Department, Haryana has established 4,977 youth clubs in 6,560 villages of the state, added Mr Singh.

The Department of Sports and Youth Affairs, Haryana has participated in every National Youth Festival organized by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India. Haryana secured first position 5 times and second place seven times out of the 24 National Youth Festivals organized so far. The state also secured second position in the 21st National Youth Festival organized by Haryana from January 12 to 16, 2017 at Rohtak, added Mr Singh.

CAMPUS CORNER

Now, course on cleanliness

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Technology is evolving in all fields. In such a changing environment, Shri Vishwakarma Skill University will soon start a course on how to ensure cleanliness through technology. This was announced by the Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, while speaking after the inaugural ceremony of the newly constructed hall of Bhagwan Valmiki Bhawan, in Karnal.

The Chief Minister said that Lord Valmiki was the torchbearer of human society, who composed the great Granth of Shri Ramayana which always had and will continue to inspire the society for the coming centuries. He called upon those who are financially stable to come forward to help the deprived classes of the society, so that such people can also grow.

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