

Haryana Review

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Chandigarh was, is, and will remain Haryana's Capital

Nobody would be allowed to disturb the balance, says CM

By Ajay Bhardwaj

Within days of Punjab Vidhan Sabha adopting a resolution claiming Chandigarh to be its exclusive capital, Haryana recoiled firmly setting the record straight to assert, as the Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, said, "We will not let Chandigarh go anywhere. Chandigarh was, is, and will remain Haryana's Capital".

In a special one-day Vidhan Sabha session convened to set the narrative right, the entire House unanimously passed a resolution reaffirming Haryana's right on the Union Territory.

The resolution also urged the Centre to intervene in the construction of the Sutlej-Yamuna Link (SYL) Canal, prevail upon Punjab to withdraw its case on the Hansi-Butana Link Canal and ensure that the proportion of officers from Haryana in the state capital is not disturbed.

During the three-hour-long discussion, as many as 25 MLAs spoke on the resolution, underlining emphatically how the Indira Gandhi Agreement, Rajiv-Longowal Accord and Venkatramiah Commission had accepted the claim of Haryana to the Hindi-speaking areas of Punjab.



CM led from the front

While moving the resolution, the Chief Minister set the tone by asserting that Haryana had a full claim on Chandigarh and the Centre must take decisive steps to settle all the issues emanating from the reorganization of Punjab.

The Shah Commission constituted on April 23, 1966, to settle the boundaries had recommended that the Hindi-speaking village of Kharar region and Chandigarh be given to Haryana, but on June 9, 1966, at the meeting of the Union Cabinet,

Chandigarh was declared a Union Territory and was made the capital of both Punjab and Haryana. Later, various agreements were reached but this issue was not resolved conclusively, said the Chief Minister.

Share of SYL waters

The Chief Minister said that Haryana would definitely get its legitimate share of SYL water. A battle is being fought in the Supreme Court regarding this. Soon an execution order will be taken from the Supreme Court so that the responsibility of building

the SYL Canal is fixed and the task is completed soon.

The right of Haryana to waters of the Ravi and Beas rivers by the construction of the SYL Canal is historically, legally, judicially and constitutionally established. The Haryana Assembly had on at least seven occasions unanimously passed resolutions urging early completion of the canal. In 2002, the Supreme Court had ruled that Haryana should get SYL water and now the execution of the judgment is awaited.

Hindi-speaking areas

The Indira Gandhi Agreement, the Rajiv Longowal Accord and the Venkatramiah Commission had accepted the claim of Haryana to Hindi-speaking areas that fall within the territory of Punjab. The transfer of Hindi speaking villages from Punjab to Haryana has not been done. The Chief Minister demanded that the issues regarding places like Kandukhera should be immediately resolved.

Expressing concern over the reducing share of officers being sent on deputation from Haryana to the UT Administration over the years, the Chief Minister said the proportion earmarked for officers from the state should be maintained.

He ups the ante, gets support from one and all

By Parveen K Modi

The intensity of the urge to counter Punjab on the Chandigarh issue has been as intense in the Haryana Assembly as it was outside. Upping the ante, the Manohar Lal Government, co-joined by MLAs and MPs from both sides of the political aisle, has ratcheted up campaign to buttress the state's claim on City Beautiful.

Leading the charge is the Chief Minister whose forceful assertion that "Chandigarh is and will remain the joint capital of Haryana" has not only found a resounding echo in Delhi but also made the Opposition leaders do the backing and bucking up act.

A flurry of meetings, that too in quick succession, followed the Punjab Assembly resolution seeking immediate transfer of Chandigarh. After repeated rounds of meetings, including dinner gatherings, in Chandigarh, MPs, MLAs and office-bearers of BJP rushed to Delhi to impress upon the Central Government not to let Punjab cause ripples in the hitherto placid waters of the pond of inter-state relations, and roil the status quo.

Besides asserting right on Chandigarh as the joint capital of Punjab and Haryana, Mr Manohar Lal has also raked up other issues between the two states, including implementation of the Supreme Court's verdict on SYL Canal, and transfer of Hindi-speaking areas.

"The BJP strongly condemns Punjab's unilateral resolution on the transfer of Chandigarh to Punjab. In fact, we demand our rightful share of the SYL canal water from Punjab," state BJP President, Mr Om Prakash Dhankar, said. Noticeable is the way the opposition rallied behind the Chief Minister who led from the front in asserting Haryana's claim.



INSIDE STORIES

400th Parkash Purab of Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji
All set to celebrate event in style

Haryana is all set for a grand celebration to commemorate 400th Parkash Purab of Hind-Di-Chadar Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji.....

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Anti-evasion steps spell boom in tax collections

By Rajeev Ranjan Roy

Transparency and enforcement of anti-evasion steps and compliance with norms have led to a boom in tax collection in Haryana. The Excise and Taxation Department has collected Rs 8,455 crore more for the treasury during the financial year 2021-22 as compared to last year, registering an increase of 18.32 per cent.

According to Deputy Chief Minister, Mr Dushyant Chautala, there is a massive increase of 27.53 per cent in value added tax (VAT) and Central sales tax collection while there has been an increase of 16 per cent in the state GST and 17 per cent in the excise tax collection.

According to the Union Ministry of Finance, Haryana collected Rs 6,654 crore in March 2022 as compared to Rs 5,710 in the last corresponding month, logging an increase of 17 per cent. Haryana's GST revenue in March this year has been much higher than that of Punjab (Rs 1,572 crore), Himachal Pradesh (Rs 684 crore), Jammu and Kashmir (Rs 368 crore), Chandigarh (Rs 184 crore), Uttarakhand (Rs 1,255 crore), Delhi (Rs 4,112 crore), Rajasthan Rs 3,587 crore) and Uttar Pradesh (Rs 6,620 crore.)

While congratulating officers for bringing in efficiency and transparency in tax collection, Mr Chautala said that despite corona restrictions, the Excise and Taxation Department registered a historic increase in tax collection, thereby displaying its efficiency.

As per official data, the total collection of the Department Excise

and Taxation has increased from Rs 46,151 crore in 2020-21 to Rs 54,606 crore in 2021-22, an increase of 18.32 per cent. Likewise, VAT and CST collection has increased to Rs 11,289 crore from Rs 8,852 crore in the year 2020-21, logging a massive increase of 27.53 per cent.

Total collection of SGST has increased from Rs 30,507 crore to Rs 35,385 crore this year as compared to the previous financial year, which is about 16 per cent higher. There has also been a massive increase of 17 per cent in the excise tax collection and it has increased from Rs 6,792 crore to Rs 7,931 crore. It is worth mentioning that emphasis on digitization and maintaining online records has given a big boost to tax collection.



| Haryana forging ahead: Gadkari

The Union Minister for Road, Transport and Highways, Mr Nitin Gadkari, has said that under the leadership of the Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, Haryana is continuously moving ahead on the path of development. There is good development in agriculture and industry and many roads will be built and eventually Haryana will become number 1 from the standpoint of roads network, he added.

Water, electricity, transport and communication are very important for the development of any state. Wherever these four things develop, industry would come up and employment opportunities are bound to be created, Mr Gadkari said while speaking at the inauguration of five road projects completed at the cost of Rs. 2,872 crore during a programme organized, in Sonapat

He promised that not a single black spot will be allowed to remain in Haryana. The Haryana Government will figure out all the black spots and accident-prone areas where improvement is required.

He inaugurated Jind-Gohana NH-352A road built at the cost of Rs. 132 crore, Bhiwani-Mundhal-Jind NH-709A road built at the cost of Rs. 183 crore, Jhajjar-Loharu NH-334B built at the cost of Rs. 136.25 crore, UP/Haryana border to Gohana NH-334B built at the cost of Rs. 1,020 crore; and Mukarba Chowk to Panipat NH-44 constructed at the cost of Rs. 1,400 crore.

| 26 craftsmen honoured at Surajkund Mela



The 35th International Surajkund Handicrafts Mela, which was inaugurated by Haryana Governor Mr Bandaru Dattatraya, concluded on April 4 in a traditional manner. This time, Jammu and Kashmir was the 'Theme State' of the Mela, while Uzbekistan was participating as the 'Partner Nation.'

The Mela, which is organized every year since 1987, saw the participation of a large number of craftsmen, weavers, artists and tourists from the country and abroad. It last lasted for 15 days. According to the Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, this Mela is the 'Triveni' of tradition, heritage and culture, which attracts tourists not only from India but from all over the world.

Union Tourism Minister G Kishan Reddy was the Chief Guest at the closing ceremony. He also gave away awards to 26 craftsmen under categories of Kala Mani, Kala Nidhi and Kalashri.

| Global horti market to beat deadline

The Chief Secretary, Mr Sanjeev Kaushal, has said that India International Horticulture Market, Ganaur, Sonapat will soon be the largest vegetable and fruit market not only of Haryana but in the country and Asia. Work on the market will be completed six months before the stipulated time of 30 months fixed by the Technical Committee.

Sh. Kaushal said this while presiding over a meeting of the Board of Directors of Haryana International Horticultural Marketing Corporation Limited (HIHML) in Chandigarh. He directed the officers to ensure that sufficient space was made available for farmers and FPOs in the market. Quality of pre-engineering, steel structure etc. should be as per the norms set by NITI Aayog, Union Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, he added.

Ambulance service a big draw; 3.86 lakh take benefit

By Rajeev Ranjan Roy

Over 3.86 lakh patients have benefited from ambulance services in the state in the past 11 months—from April 2021 to February 2022 - thereby ensuring focus on emergency services and mobilizing ambulance services.

According to Health Minister Mr Anil Vij, Hisar district tops the list where 27,550 calls were attended during the period under review followed by Ambala with 24691 calls and Sirsa 23137 calls. In case of providing services to pregnant women, Palwal has excelled by transporting 14151 pregnant women to centres of health services, followed by Kurukshetra where 11327 pregnant women were provided with transport facility, while in Jind, the figure stands at 8770.



The state is presently plying 635 ambulances including 161 advanced life support ambulances, 170 basic life support ambulances, 268 patient transport ambulances, 30 Kilkari ambulances and six neonatal care ambulances. These ambulances are managed by decentralized control rooms operational in almost all districts. Free transportation services are being provided in case of emergencies, from home or incident site to the nearest government health facility to pregnant women for antenatal check-ups and delivery.

Ambulance services are also provided to drop back home after delivery to victims of road side accident, for postnatal cases up to six weeks after delivery, to sick infants and children up to five years of age, for psychiatric emergencies, for freedom fighters, for ex-servicemen and their dependent to military hospital or the nearest government health facility within the district and for inter-facility transport or tertiary care health facilities.

It is worth mentioning that the state has recently deployed 188 patient transport ambulances under

Key POINTS

- Pre-hospital care and quick transportation in the first golden hour of accident or medical emergencies can save lives to a large extent.
- Trained emergency medical technicians have been deployed with the ambulances as they play a vital role to provide pre-hospital care services during transportation through ambulances.
- The state government is laying special focus on improving health outcomes by streamlining maternal and child health care.

'Atal Janani Vahini Sewa' for transporting pregnant women to district hospitals, sub-divisional hospitals, community health centres and primary health centres where heavy delivery load has been identified. The state has also procured and deployed 47 mobile medical units (MMUs) in districts to provide better health care services in rural areas.

Relief to buses of educational institutions in NCR states

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Haryana Cabinet which met under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal here on April 5 approved the proposal regarding exemption from paying motor vehicle tax to educational institution buses of National Capital Region (NCR) states other than Haryana including Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and NCT of Delhi while entering and operating in Haryana as per the Reciprocal Common Transport Agreement. This will facilitate the seamless operation of educational institution buses of other NCR states in Haryana.

The Cabinet also accorded its approval to a proposal regarding shifting of administrative control of Haryana

(Establishment and Regulation) Guidelines, 2016 and will be applicable in the entire state. The proposal regarding authorizing hospitals approved by the Health Department, Haryana, for providing certificates regarding first aid training for conductor's license was also approved by the Cabinet.

The Cabinet also approved the Implementation of Pension Scheme in Haryana Rural Development Fund Administration Board Employees and General Provident Fund Rules, 2022 in order to



Chowkidara (Watchman) Rules, 2011 from Home Department to Development and Panchayats Department, Haryana. The Cabinet also granted approval for introducing three State Police Awards, namely, CM's Medal for Bravery, HM's Medal for Excellence in Investigation and Haryana Police Uttam Seva Padak.

The proposal regarding framing of 'The Haryana Private Security Agencies Rules, 2022' also got the Cabinet nod. These Rules will come into force on the date of their publication in the official gazette. The Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, had notified the Private Security Agencies Central Model Rules, 2020 under section 24 of the Private Security Agencies (Regulation) Act, 2005.

The Cabinet approval was also given to the proposal regarding formulation of Haryana Wood Based Industries (Establishment and Regulation) Rules, 2022. These rules will come into effect from the date of notification of the Wood Based Industries

regulate the payment of pension and other consequential retiral benefits to the employees of the Haryana Rural Development Fund Administration Board. It has also approved the framing of 'The Haryana Jail (Group-C) Services Rules, 2022' by repealing 'The Punjab Jails Department State Services (Class III Executive) Rules, 1963, which is existing with the same title.

The Cabinet also approved the amendment in Haryana Civil Services (Allowances to Government Employees) Rules, 2016. The amended proposal states that no conveyance allowance shall be admissible during the leave of any kind (except casual leave)

Other cabinet decisions

- Sanctioning of term loan and State Government Guarantee for Rs 34 crore for Housing Board Haryana Panchkula for purchase and development of land and construction of flats for defence personnel and ex-serviceman at Sector 6, Jhajjar and Sector 56, 56A Faridabad.

- Nod to a proposal regarding amendment in the Haryana Mines and Geology (Group B) Service Rules, 1998 and the Haryana Mines and Geology (Group-C), Headquarters, 1998.

- To address anomalies in the existing provisions of promotions in different cadres in Service Rules, the Cabinet also approved amendments in the Haryana Mines and Geology Department Field (Group C) Service Rules, 1998 as Haryana Mines and Geology Department Field (Group C) (Amendment) Service Rules, 2021.

- The Cabinet also gave its nod to the Haryana Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Rules, 2022 to put in place the system of assigning of preferential marks to non-transport vehicles through e-auction.

availed during a month and during vacation except for the days when a Government employee during vacation or winter holidays is engaged on duty or to participate in training, seminar or in any other activity in public interest. -RRR

Just size up how things have changed for you since April 1

With the new financial year beginning April 1, 2022, some changes have been effected regarding and Aadhaar-PAN linkage, taxation, deductions, investments, pricing of essential drugs etc. Haryana Review brings in brief some of the key changes to enable you to size up how these will affect you.



Penalty, if Aadhaar-PAN not linked

If you have not linked your PAN with Aadhaar, you face a fine of up to ₹1,000, according to the Central Board of Direct Taxes. Besides, providing an invalid PAN will attract fines up to ₹10,000.



Tax on PF interest Beyond a point

Interest credited to the Provident Fund account of an employee shall be tax-free only for contributions up to Rs 2.5 lakh every year. And any interest on the contribution exceeding Rs 2.5 lakh shall be taxed in the hands of the employee year after year. Which means that PF interest earned on investment beyond ₹2.5 lakh per annum is taxable, including employee's and employer's contribution.

Long-term capital gains capped at 15 pc

From April 1, the surcharge on long-term capital gains on all types of assets has been capped at 15 per cent.

Housing loan benefit for fist-time buyers

Buying a home may become more expensive for you now. From April 1 2022, the government has stopped income tax benefit under Section 80 EEA. However, Section 80 EEA is available for the first-time home buyers with stamp duty value of the property up to ₹45 lakh for an additional deduction of ₹1.5 lakh. Besides, 1% Metro Cess will be applicable if you buy a house in Mumbai.



Tax on virtual digital assets

Finally, tax has been slapped on virtual digital assets (VDA) or crypto currencies, including non-fungible tokens (NFT). According to the new rule, profits made on crypto assets will attract 30% tax and 1% tax will be deducted at source (TDS). This will apply even if your taxable income is below ₹2.5 lakh.

Filing of revised tax returns

If you have failed to file your revised income tax return by March 31, 2022, you will have to cough up a penalty. Taxpayers with an annual income of more than ₹5 lakh shall pay a fine of ₹5,000 (on taxable income) if they do not file belated tax returns. For those whose income is less than ₹5 lakh, the fine will be ₹1,000 (on taxable income).

Medicines turn costlier

The prices of more than 800 essential medicines, including pain killers, antibiotics and anti-virus, have been revised upwards by more than 10 per cent.



Rules for investing in mutual funds



According to the new rule, payment for investing in mutual funds will be done only in digital mode, not through cheques. Also, transactions in mutual funds will not be done through the pool account of brokers or distributors. Every mutual fund will have to appoint a Chief Risk Officer.

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Facts speak louder than Punjab rhetoric

Not just Chandigarh, Shah Commission had recommended merging entire Kharar tehsil with Haryana

By Ajay Bhardwaj

If Punjab is indulging in pure rhetoric to lay its claim on Chandigarh, Haryana has a much cogent and grounded claim on the city.

It was in no uncertain words that the Punjab Boundary Commission headed by JC Shah in its report in May 1966, had unequivocally recommended that the "Chandigarh capital project be merged with the Hindi-speaking state (Haryana)".

The three-member commission which had S. Dutt and MM Philip as its members had clearly laid down that Chandigarh should be merged with the Hindi-speaking state that had to acquire Haryana as its name later.

As Chandigarh had been carved out of the Kharar tehsil of Ambala district the commission focused its study on the language of the people in view of the lingual division that it was given as a brief.

The commission, in its 150-page report, had cogently argued that the Kharar tehsil, of which the Chandigarh Capital project was a part, comprised an overwhelming majority of Hindi-speaking people so it would be in the fitness of administrative and economic prudence that the capital project was merged with Haryana.

On page 46 of the report, the commission delves deep on the

subject on the basis of the 1961 census figures. It says that while 43 per cent of the population was Punjabi-speaking in Kharar, 55.2 per cent was Hindi-speaking.

As for the Chandigarh Capital project it had 73.3 per cent Hindi-speaking population whereas Punjabi-speaking people formed 25.1 per cent..



The report says that though it is "true that in the rural population of Kharar tehsil the Punjabi-speaking people have a marginal superiority in number, yet the whole tehsil has ordinarily to be taken as a unit"

"Having regard to the special position of Chandigarh which occupies together its controlled area, a large part of the tehsil, superiority of the Punjabi-speaking rural population cannot be given

undue importance" (page 45)

To buttress its argument further the report says that there was "no reason to see Kalka town separate from Kharar tehsil", as had been contended by a few.

Language of Students

The commission also took notice of the language students in the region have been using and concluded that a large percentage of students, who at the examination from Chandigarh and Kharar tehsil had opted to answer question papers in Hindi medium in 1965 and 1966 examinations, which broadly supported the inference that the language of the region is predominantly Hindi-speaking.

The report also says that "there is no ground of administrative convenience on which the claim for inclusion of Chandigarh in the Punjabi-speaking region may be accepted".

"The Kharar tehsil has a Hindi-speaking majority, we, therefore, recommend that the Kharar tehsil, including the Chandigarh capital project, be merged with the Hindi-speaking state", concluded the report explicitly.

Niti Aayog gives big pat to Haryana

Ranks the state 1st under landlocked category in Export Preparedness Index

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Marching ahead on the path of development with the strengthening of industrial infrastructure in the state, Haryana has proved its mettle once again by securing the top position in the country under the Landlocked Category in the Niti Aayog's Export Preparedness Index (EPI) 2021.

Haryana's position, this time, is up by two places from 3rd to 1st in the Landlocked Category as compared to 2020, and is a reflection of Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal's vision of radically transforming the industrial and entrepreneurial ecosystem in the state.

The State's robust performance is reflected in improved scores in all sub pillars of the business ecosystem laid down by the Niti Aayog.

Apart from acquiring the first position under the landlocked category, Haryana has been ranked overall 5th among all the States of the country with 58.20 points in the EPI chart which was 7th in the previous report released by the Niti Aayog in 2020.

Haryana leads this chart by leaving behind industrially developed States like Delhi, Punjab, Telangana and Andhra Pradesh.

Led by the vision of the chief minister Mr Manohar Lal, Haryana has taken big strides in ensuring institutional framework, business



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National Institution For Transforming India environment, transport connectivity, export diversification, and infrastructure development.

Haryana has excelled in all the yardsticks of the EPI set by the Niti Aayog which includes four pillars -Policy, Business Ecosystem,

Export Ecosystem and Export Performance and 11 sub-pillars including Export Promotion Policy, Institutional Frame-work, Business Environment, Infrastructure, Transport Connectivity, Access to Finance, Export Infra-structure, Trade Support, R&D Infrastructure, Export Diversification and Growth Orientation.

The Niti Aayog's rating of Haryana as a top state in the landlocked category demonstrates amply how the state is dedicated to ensuring state-of-the-art technology and strengthening infrastructure in the state.

It has been the chief minister's vision to make all the 22 districts of the state better in exports and specialize in exporting at least one unique product. His vision also includes building common facilities such as design, training, testing, and certification centres to increase the cost competitiveness of exporting units.

Economy set to cross pre-Covi

Industry growing at 11.5 pc and Services 10.1 pc lead the charge

By Parveen K Modi

The economy of Haryana is on the cusp of a steep recovery from the gaping abyss it had gazed down due to the impact of the rampaging Pandemic. If the indications given by the pre-Budget Economic Survey 2021-22, tabled on the floor of the state Assembly, are any indication, it is well on way to surpassing the pre-Covid level and log a growth rate of 18.1 per cent in 2021-22 against the negative growth of 0.5 per cent recorded in 2020-21.

According to the Advance Estimate of Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) for 2021-22 given in the Survey, prepared by the Department of Economic & Statistical Analysis, Haryana, the GSDP of the state at current prices has been estimated as Rs 8,95,671.25 crore, which works out to an excellent growth rate of 18.1%.

The GSDP at constant (2011-12) prices is estimated to be Rs 5,88,771.21 crore, showing a growth of 9.8% in 2021-22 as compared to the negative growth of 5.3% recorded in 2020-21. This implies that the level of real GSDP in 2021-22 will surpass the pre-Covid level of Rs 5,66,033.74 crore recorded in 2019-20 (Fig.1.1).

The GSDP of the state at current and constant (2011-12) prices is given in Table 1.1 and the year over year (YoY) growth rates of GSDP in real terms are given in (Fig. 1.2).

Fig.1.1 Pre-Pandemic Level of GSDP and GSDP at Constant (2011-12) Prices

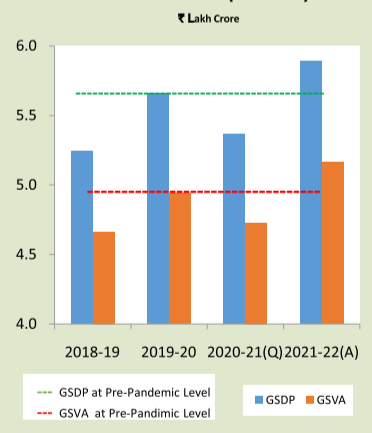


Fig. 1.2 - Growth of GSDP of Haryana and India at Constant (2011-12) Prices

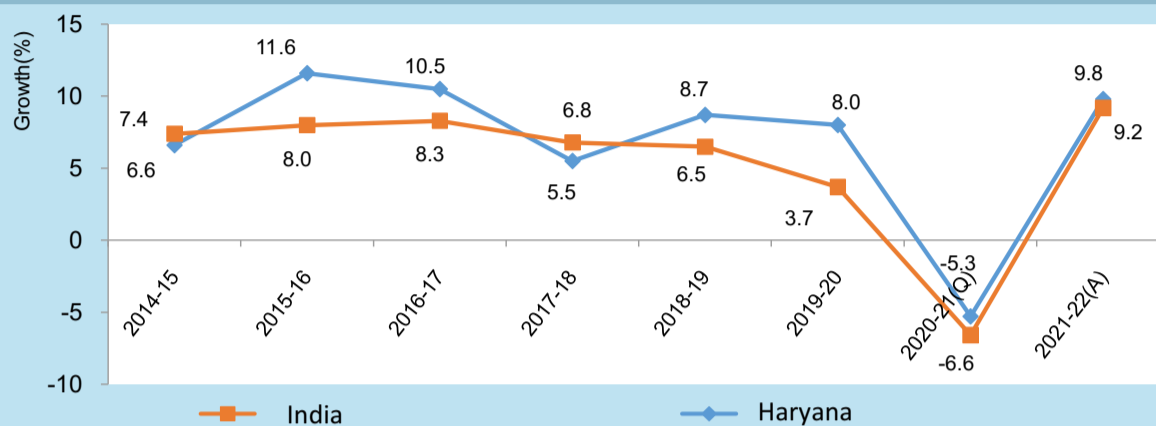
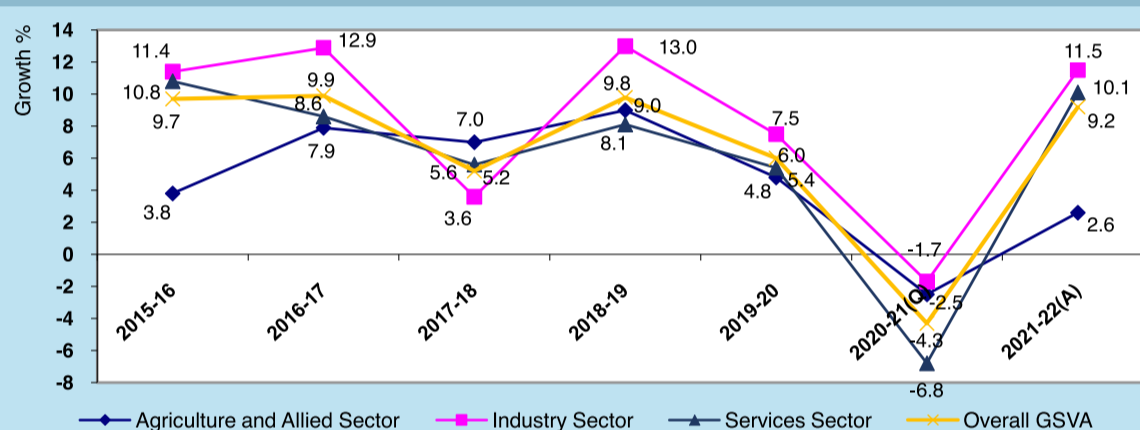


Fig. 1.3 - Growth of GSVA of Haryana at Constant (2011-12) Prices



GSVA SET TO REBOUND

The Gross State Value Added (GSVA) of the state at constant (2011-12) prices contracted by 4.3% in 2020-21. The growth of GSVA in 2021-22 has been estimated as 9.2% making a V-shaped recovery in the state economy. The excellent growth of 11.5% in the industry sector and 10.1% in the services sector led to the overall growth of 9.2% in 2021-22. See Table 1.2 and Fig. 1.3 for year-over-year (YoY) growth in GSVA in real terms.

GROSS FIXED CAPITAL FORMATION

The Department of Economic and Statistical Analysis, Haryana compiles the estimates of Gross Fixed Capital Formation (GFCF) for the state at current and constant (2004-05) prices by industry of use, by type of institutions, and also by type of assets.

The productive capacity of the

Table 1.1-Gross State Domestic Product of Haryana (₹ in Crore)

Year	Gross State Domestic Product	
	At Current Prices	At Constant (2011-12) Prices
2011-12	297538.52	297538.52
2012-13	347032.01	320911.91
2013-14	399268.12	347506.61
2014-15	437144.71	370534.51
2015-16	495504.11	413404.79
2016-17	561424.17	456709.11
2017-18	638832.08	482036.15
2018-19	698188.88	524170.88
2019-20	762043.60	566033.74
2020-21(Q)	758506.53	536225.60
2021-22(A)	895671.25	588771.21

Q: Quick Estimates A: Advance Estimates
Source: Department of Economic and Statistical Analysis, Haryana

economy depends to a large extent on capital formation i.e. more the capital accumulation, higher would be the productive capacity of the economy. At current prices, the GFCF of the state has been estimated at Rs 98,953 crore during 2019-20 as against Rs 94,130 crore during 2018-19, representing an increase of 5.1 pc.

Similarly, at constant (2004-05) prices GFCF has been

estimated to Rs 47,922 crore during 2019-20 as against Rs 46,101 crore during 2018-19 recording an increase of 3.9 pc.

The contribution of GFCF in the Primary Sector at constant (2004-05) prices remained unchanged during 2019-20 i.e. 16% in 2018-19 and also 16% in 2019-20. In the Secondary Sector, the contribution of GFCF at constant (2004-05) prices was

Haryana home to auto majors

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Though Haryana accounts for only 1.3% area of the country, the contribution of the state to the National Gross Domestic Product at constant (2011-12) prices has been estimated as 3.95% as per Quick Estimates of 2020-21. The economy of the state was badly bruised due to the Pandemic related disruptions in 2020-21.

Haryana has made rapid strides in development of the industrial sector. Major industries in Haryana are automotive, IT, agriculture and petrochemicals. Being a preferred destination for auto majors and auto-component manufacturers, the state is the largest automobile hub in the country.

The Panipat Refinery (IOCL), situated at Panipat, is the second largest refinery in South Asia. The state government is committed to the creation of a progressive business environment. With Haryana's structural transformation from an agrarian to industrial state and the services sector recording robust growth, the state has shown progressive development towards achieving sustainable development goals.

Haryana contributes a significant amount of wheat and rice to the Central Pool i.e. a national repository system of surplus food grain. Haryana is India's 4th largest producer of cotton.

50.9% in 2018-19. It increased to 51.3% in 2019-20. In Tertiary Sector the contribution of GFCF at constant (2004-05) prices was 33.1% in 2018-19. Thereafter, it decreased to 32.7% in 2019-20.



At level, grow by 18.1 per cent Services sector forges ahead

By Parveen K Modi

With the three key sectors—industry, services and agriculture—positioning for spots based on their performance year after year, the economy of Haryana is undergoing structural transformation with the first two forging ahead and leaving the once-dominant third behind.

At the time of the formation of Haryana in 1966, the state was predominantly an agrarian economy. At the beginning of 1969-70 of the 4th Five-Year Plan, the contribution of Agriculture and Allied sectors (crops, livestock, forestry and fishing) to the GSDP at constant prices was the largest (60.7%) followed by Services (21.7%) and Industry (17.6%) sectors.

During the 37 years (1969-70 to 2006-07) intervening the 4th and 10th Five-Year Plans, Industry and Services sectors registered higher average annual growth than the Agriculture and Allied sectors which resulted in the increased share of Industry and Services and decreased share of Agriculture and Allied sectors in the GSDP.

The share of Agriculture and Allied sectors in GSDP declined from 60.7% in 1969-70 to 21.3% in 2006-07 while the share of Industry sector increased from 17.6% in 1969-70 to 32.1% in 2006-07. The share of Services sector increased from 21.7% to 46.6% during this period. Since the 11th Five-Year Plan, the pace of structural transformation of the state's economy has kept pace.

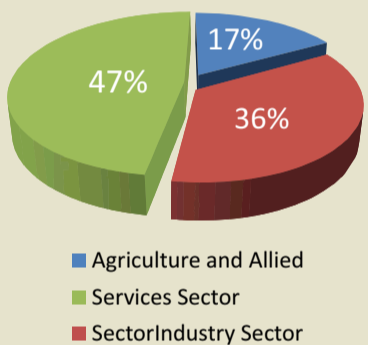
In 2019-20, the share of Agriculture and Allied sectors in GSDP was recorded as 17.6% whereas, the share of Industry and Services sectors was estimated at 34.0% and 48.4%, respectively. In spite of the robust growth recorded in the Services sector during the past era, the spread of Covid-19 pandemic has largely affected the economic activities in 2020-21.

The Services sector has been the hardest hit by the Pandemic, especially such segments as

involve human contact. As a consequence, the share of this sector in GSDP has decreased to 47.1% resulting in the increase of share in Agriculture and Allied (18.0%) and Industry (34.9%) sectors.

With the excellent growth recorded in Industry (11.5%) and Services (10.1%) sectors in 2021-22, the share of these two sectors improved to 35.6% and 47.5%, respectively, resulting in the decreased share of Agriculture and Allied sectors (16.9%). The share of different sectors in the State's economy is presented in Fig.1.4.

Fig. 1.4 Sector wise Composition of State's Economy at Constant (2011-12) Prices in 2021-22



PER CAPITA INCOME UP

The Per Capita Net State Domestic Product (NSDP), popularly called Per Capita Income (PCI), is the average income earned per person. At the time of formation of Haryana, the PCI of the state at current prices was only Rs 608. Since then, it has increased multifold. The PCI of the state and the growth rates are presented in Table 1.3 and Fig. 1.5 respectively.

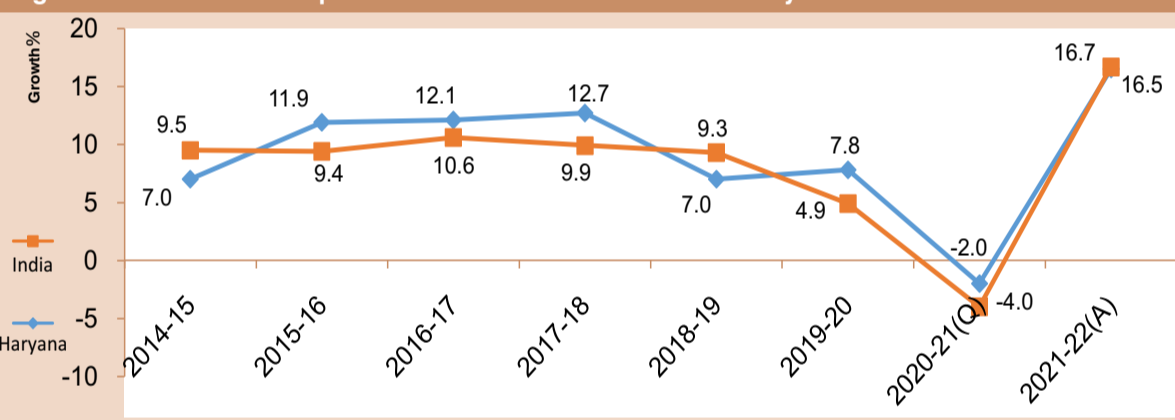
The PCI at constant (2011-12) prices is estimated to be Rs 1,79,367 during 2021-22 with a growth of 8.3% as compared to the negative growth of 6.7% recorded in 2020-21. At current prices, it is likely to be Rs 2,74,635 during 2021-22 showing growth of 16.5% as compared to the negative growth of 2% recorded in 2020-21.

Table 1.3- Per Capita Net State Domestic Product

Year	Haryana (₹)		All India (₹)	
	At Current Prices	At Constant (2011-12) Prices	At Current Prices	At Constant (2011-12) Prices
2011-12	106085	106085	63462	63462
2012-13	121269	111780	70983	65538
2013-14	137770	119791	79118	68572
2014-15	147382	125032	86647	72805
2015-16	164963	137833	94797	77659
2016-17	184982	150259	104880	83003
2017-18	208437	156200	115224	87586
2018-19	223015	166747	125946	92133
2019-20	240507	177507	132115	94270
2020-21 (Q)	235707	165617	126855	85110
2021-22 (A)	274635	179367	150326	93973

Q: Quick Estimates A: Advance Estimates
*Source: Press Release of NSO, New Delhi dated 7th January, 2022.
Source: Department of Economic and Statistical Analysis, Haryana

Fig. 1.5- Growth of Per Capita Net State Domestic Product of Haryana and India at Current Prices

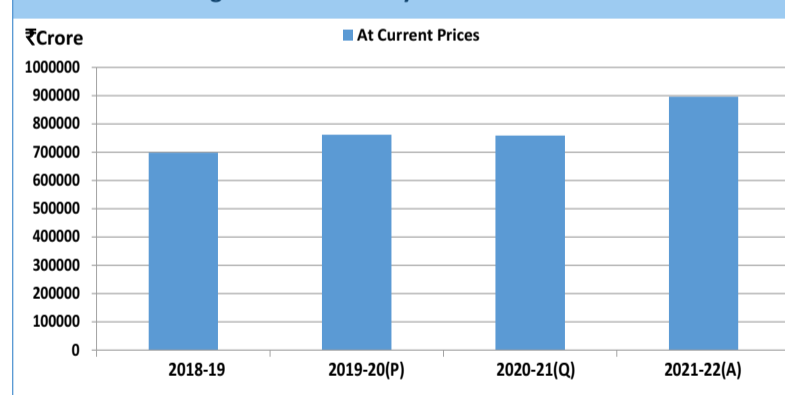


The state is maintaining PCI at a level higher than the national PCI of Rs 1,50,326 and Rs 93,973 at current and constant prices respectively, during 2021-22 also. See Table 1.3 and Fig. 1.5.

The onslaught of the Pandemic had left its impact across various sectors in the state economy. Disruption of supply chains, burdened healthcare system, demand slump and muted business activity were some of the key challenges the government had to deal with in fire-fighting mode in order to bring respite to the private sector and the masses.

With the help of High Frequency Indicators, it has been observed that even though the restrictions imposed by the much needed lockdowns had hampered

Fig.1.11- GSDP of Haryana at Current Prices



economic activity and brought the economy to a sluggish pace, the economy was still able to regain its pre-pandemic growth momentum on almost all fronts.

Use of HFIs opens the door to

forecasting/nor casting the state economy. It is a pioneer attempt for Haryana, where the HFIs were observed and compared with the GSDP and were found to be in sync with each other (Fig. 1.11).



MMPSY – a big push to inclusive development

By **Rajeev Ranjan Roy**

Ever alive to the idea of inclusive development, Haryana government constantly keeps on coming up with schemes for economically weaker sections of society so that those from underprivileged classes have access to better facilities and undergo a holistic transformation. Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal strongly believes and ensures the people of the state in general and the last person standing in the queue gets the benefits of government schemes.

Mukhyamantri Parivar Samridhi Yojana (MMPSY) is another commendable step towards fulfilling his vision to create a prosperous environment in the state. This ambitious scheme aims at helping financially people of weaker sections in the state and securing their future. It is, in fact, a step towards universal social security by ensuring life and accidental insurance for all those hailing from economically weaker sections (EWS) along with assured

pension and family provident fund for farmers and unorganized workers of the state.

MMPSY was started by the Haryana government in 2021 given the situation arising out of Covid-19 pandemic. The scheme covers all EWS families with an annual income of up to Rs 1.80 lakh and with land holdings up to two hectares along with small businessmen with an annual turnover of up to Rs 1.5 crore. Each family covered under the scheme becomes eligible for benefits of Rs 6000 per year, which gets utilized for payment of the beneficiary share of the centrally sponsored schemes for pension and insurance.

The amount left unspent in the family account is then invested into a family provident fund, the account statement of which will be available online along with details of the interest thereon. The centrally sponsored schemes under the MMSY are Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana; Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana; Pradhan Mantri Kisan Maandhan



Anganwadi worker watching live Haryana Budget Sessions on the social media on the occasion of "International Women's Day - 2022" in Haryana.
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Yojana; Pradhan Mantri Laghu Vyapaari Mandhan Yojana; and Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maandhan Yojana.

To take advantage of MMPSY, beneficiaries have to go to a Common Service Centre near their home. They need to fill out an application form. The applicant for the scheme is selected at the Common Service Centre only following which he has to

complete the application process. The applicant must be a resident of Haryana. Income certificate, copy of Aadhaar card, Ration Card, bank account details and Voter ID card, etc., are also required at the time of filling up the form.

MMPSY forms an important pillar for providing a social safety net for the poorest of the poor. 48 lakh beneficiaries have been covered under PMSBY and 17.53

Key POINTS

- Families with an income of up to Rs 15,000 per month or Rs 1, 80,000 per annum and total land holding of up to 5 acres, that is, two hectares are covered under MMPSY.
- Small businessmen with an annual turnover of up to Rs 1.5 crore are also entitled for benefits under MMPSY.
- Over 48 lakh beneficiaries have been covered under PMSBY in the state.
- 17.53 lakh beneficiaries have been covered under the Prime Minister's Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana.

lakh beneficiaries have been covered under Prime Minister's Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY). Affordable credit of Rs 2078 crore has been provided under the Mudra scheme to small entrepreneurs and under the StandUp India scheme for women and scheduled caste beneficiaries.

Vij woos global investors

By **Ajay Bhardwaj**

Haryana is one of the most progressive states of India and it is considered an Industrial Powerhouse with more than 250 Fortune companies having their base in the state.

The Haryana Home and Health Minister, Mr Anil Vij, made this observation at the "Global Investors' Growth Summit" held under the guidance of Sheikh Majid Rashid Al Mualla, Majestic Investments, Champions Group, a member of the UAE Royal Family, in Dubai.

Business leaders, business tycoons, top investors and partners from across the globe participated in the summit which became a great platform to connect with top investors and business partners.

Mr Vij invited industry leaders and entrepreneurs to come to Haryana to set up units.

He said that Haryana had developed 37 state-of-the-art Industrial Model Townships (IMT) and Industrial Estates (IE) across the state. Likewise, the two Km stretch on both sides of the KMP expressway shall be declared an investment zone.

Haryana Leads the Way

Among the other initiatives Haryana has taken to promote industrial ecosystem, the minister mentioned setting up of an Export Promotion Industrial Park (EPIP) on 108 acres of land for export-oriented units and to address trade-related issues. The Haryana Government recently launched "Haryana Enterprises & Employment Policy-2020" (HEEP).

Mr Vij pointed out that



Haryana's strategic location is an inherent advantage and nearly 60% of the state falls under the National Capital Region and it has strong connectivity. Haryana has five domestic airports namely, Hisar, Bhiwani, Karnal, Narnaul and Pinjore, and has proximity to two international airports- Chandigarh and New Delhi.

Haryana has been ranked as the second-best state in the country in terms of ease of doing business (LEADS Survey 2021) and first amongst landlocked states in export preparedness (Export Preparedness Index 2021). The state is a leading manufacturer of cranes, excavators, cars, two-wheelers, footwear and scientific instruments etc.

10th largest FDI investor

He said that growing India-UAE economic and commercial relations contribute to the stability and strength of a rapidly diversifying and deepening bilateral relationship

between the two countries. India-UAE trade is valued at around USD 60 billion and it is the 10th biggest FDI investor for India, he added.

Mr. Vij said that India is fast moving in the field of industry and investment sector and under the leadership of the Prime Minister, Mr Narendra Modi, work is being done to promote industrialization in India through flagship programmes like Digital India, Startup India, Make in India and Skills India.

In order to provide a stable and sustainable environment for the growth of foreign trade in merchandise and services and the creation of employment, a foreign trade policy has been implemented. The Government of India is working with the slogan of "Sabka Saath- Sabka Vikas-Sabka Vishwas-Sabka Prayas"

Organic farming to get booster dose

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Amid a large number of schemes to help the farmers in state, the Haryana Government has decided to promote organic farming in a big way to enhance the income of farmers.

In order to make a focused effort in this direction, the government has decided to create a separate wing in the Agriculture Department.

This wing will pay special attention to the quality and increase productivity of food grains in the state.

Besides, a training programme would be chalked out to motivate and guide the farmers in organic farming.

The state has 5,303 hectares under certified organic farming with 4,903 hectares under National Programme for Organic Production (NPOP) and 400 hectares under Participatory Guarantee System

(PGS) certification.

More than 4,500 farmers are engaged in growing organic cereals and millets, medicinal plants, wheat, basmati rice, fodder, fruits and vegetables, oilseeds, processed food, pulses, spices, condiments, sugar, tea and tuber products.

The state exported 38,986 MT of organic farm products worth Rs 348.77 crore in 2020-21 even as Haryana has decided to cover more area under organic farming.

Meanwhile, the state government has launched the "Mukhyamantri Bagwani Bima Yojana" (MBBY) portal to help farmers make online use of the scheme.

The state government is committed to implementing farmer-friendly schemes and policies. In this direction, the IT team is being strengthened so that along with monitoring various farmers' issues, solutions can be found at the earliest.



Haryana beats 'Har Ghar Nal Se Jal' deadline by 2 years

Ranks among top 3 best performing states

Haryana Review Bureau

Haryana has successfully completed the target of 'Har Ghar Nal Se Jal' mission. Although the Central Government had set the deadline of 2024 to achieve this goal, the Haryana Government pressed all levers and has successfully achieved the goal of connecting 100 per cent households with 'Nal Se Jal' in 2022 across the state.

Disclosing this, the Additional Chief Secretary, Haryana Public Health Engineering Department, Mr A K Singh, said with this achievement, Haryana ranks among the top three best

performing states in the country under the 'Har Ghar Nal Se Jal' mission.

After holding a review meeting with Superintendent Engineers of the Public Health Engineering Department, Mr Singh said the Prime Minister, Mr Narendra Modi, had announced the Jal Jeevan Mission in August, 2019 in order to improve the lives of the people by ensuring clean water from taps in every household in the rural areas of the country.

Through this mission, continuous effort was made to liberate women from the arduous task of bringing fresh water from far-off places by keeping them on

their heads.

Jal Jeevan Mission was started in Haryana in 2019. Then, 17.66 lakh connections out of the total of 30.96 lakh connections had already been provided in the state. Haryana had achieved 100% coverage of tap connections on November 1, 2021 in 18 districts apart from Mahendragarh, Palwal, Nuh and Jind.

Now, a record of providing tap connections to 100% households has been achieved by providing 1.41 lakh tap connections in the remaining four districts of Mahendragarh, Palwal, Nuh and Jind.

CM walks the talk

By Parveen K Modi

Haryana has beaten the clock and the Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, has walked the talk. As promised by him recently, Haryana has achieved the goal of 'Har Ghar Nal Se Jal' mission a clean two years ahead of the target date of 2024 set by the Central Government.

The penchant for doing-before-others-do and setting new benchmarks sign off the work culture of Manohar Lal Government, something which has been duly acknowledged and lauded by no less a person than the Prime Minister, Mr Narendra Modi.

Drawing inspiration from the vision of the Prime Minister, the Chief Minister pulled all stops to make potable tap water reach every household. And to make the requisite quantity of water available for the purpose, his government implemented several schemes to conserve every drop.

"We cannot keep people waiting for a basic service like clean tap water. It is a great moment for the PHED as they have ensured that 'no one is left out' in the state. The Mission will truly change people's lives," remarked the Chief Minister.

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Haryana is all set for a grand celebration to commemorate 400th Parkash Purab of Hind-Di-Chadar Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji. A devotional song composed by the Department of Information and Public Relations for the state-level function scheduled to be organized by the state government on April 24 at Panipat was recently launched by Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal.

He also launched creative works in Hindi and Punjabi languages designed by the Department of Information and Public Relations. As a part of the celebrations of 400th Parkash

400th Parkash Purab of Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji

All set to celebrate event in style

Purab of Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji, various religious and cultural programmes have already been started in some parts of the country but due to the pandemic, most of the programmes in Haryana were postponed. Now the state government has decided to organize a state-level function on April 24, 2022 at Panipat.

"Adequate arrangements are being made for the grand celebrations. An Event Management Committee has been constituted under the chairmanship

of Minister of State for Sports and Youth Affairs Mr Sandeep Singh for smooth organization of the state-level programme," said the Chief Minister, adding that the teachings of Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji are not only a rare heritage for us but are also one of the most significant foundations to build a strong and morally enlightened society.

The state-level day-long function at Panipat is likely to draw devotees from across Haryana, Punjab, Jammu and

Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh. The function aims at spreading the message of communal harmony and brother-hood as preached by Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji. It is worth mentioning that Haryana shares a special bond not only with Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji but with all ten Sikh Gurus as most of them have travelled to almost every corner of the state. The state's youth have a lot to learn from the life of Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji, the greatest humanitarian the world has ever seen, he added.- RRR

Key POINTS

- Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji not only protected Hindus from forced conversions but also greatly helped Kashmiri Pandits who were living under life-threatening pressure from Mughal Emperor Aurangzeb.
- The function aims at spreading the message of communal harmony and brotherhood as preached by Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji.




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Scripting a new chapter in sports 'Padak Lao-Pad Pao' policy to continue : CM

By Ajay Bhardwaj

Close on the heels of Haryana being conferred the 'Best State Award for Promotion of Sports' the State Government has decided to restore a three per cent quota for sportspersons in "group C" government jobs while the 10 per cent reservation given in group D jobs is already in place.

The Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal assured sportspersons excelling at international and national levels that under the 'Padak Lao, Pad Pao' programme they would be provided government jobs in future as well.

With the restoration of the 3 per cent job quota in Group -C posts, around 400-450 players are expected to be benefitted.

"Not only this, but now the government will also give a chance to the players to choose the department of their interest before recruiting them for the Group-C jobs," said the chief minister.

Outstanding Sports Policy

He said that many complaints regarding irregularities in the graduation certificates have been reported and to redress all such complaints a special portal has been developed by the state government.

"On this portal, the information of the winning players and players participating in sports events organized by the sports

organizations affiliated to the sports department will be uploaded and will be available in the public domain. After verification of this data, a graduation certificate will be issued", he added.

The Chief Minister said that during this entire exercise an automatic, audit will also be done and this would also help in identifying if someone's name is wrongly entered on the portal.

Portal for Sportspersons

Haryana has a long-standing commitment to sports and its efforts in grooming Olympians have been outstanding.

The state government has been making continuous efforts to promote sports, particularly during the last seven years.

The display of sportsmanship by the players of Haryana in several national and international sports competitions and the awards received in large numbers have proved the effectiveness of the Sports Policy being implemented in the State.

The government has been taking concrete steps to promote sports which included allocating extra budget for Sports, ensuring the best infrastructure, imparting quality training to sportspersons, giving a huge amount of cash prizes, providing government jobs on a merit basis and encouraging youth

to perform better in sports of their interest.

Policy amended to benefit more sports persons

While reaffirming its commitment to give various benefits to the state players the Haryana government has amended the sports policy to extend these benefits to the sportspersons playing in various sports like boxing, wrestling, weight lifting etc, irrespective of their weight category.

The amendment in the 2019 sports policy of grant of cash awards to players, which was brought about in the recent Cabinet meeting, says that 'Event' may be defined as 'Several disciplines of one sport not limited to weight category'.

So far, the departmental policies and rules governing these incentives dictated that to become eligible to avail of these benefits, the 'Event' played by the sportsperson must be included in Olympic Games or Asian Games or Commonwealth Games.

A sportsperson is not at fault if his weight category is not included in the Olympics, Asian or Commonwealth Games. It is technically also very difficult (and in some instances almost impossible for a player to change his weight category and start afresh. Therefore the said amendment has been made.



President Ram Nath Kovind conferring Padma Shri award on Neeraj Chopra

On the cards: Free education up to P-G for girls of poor families

Haryana Review Bureau

The Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, has said that daughters of families earning up to Rs 1.80 lakh per annum will be given free education till post-graduation. Daughters of such families can either take education from private educational institutions or from government institutions.

While making this announcement at inauguration of the dream project of Indradhanush Auditorium of GVM Mahila College, he said the government had set up one college within a radius of 20 kms so that girl students do not have to go far to pursue higher education.

So far 150 colleges have been established and where there is no facility, free bus passes up to 150 kms have been given to the girl students. As many as 150 special women buses have been made operational. No hindrance will be allowed in the education of girl students, he added.

The Chief Minister said that the daughters of Haryana have gained international fame. Mrs Sushma Swaraj is a great example in whose name the State Government has announced Best Woman Award carrying a cash prize of Rs. 5 lakh.

Giving the example of Kalpana Chawla, he said that the daughters of Haryana had set new records in every field. The sex ratio in the state which was earlier 871 per 1000 has now touched 924. Target has been set to take the sex ratio to 950. During the programme he announced a contribution of Rs. 21 lakh for the auditorium.

Incentive for teachers opting for Morni, Nuh

With a view to protecting the academic interest of the students of Morni Education Block and Nuh District, the Haryana Cabinet which met on April 5 under the Chairmanship of Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, has accorded approval to a proposal regarding amendment in the Teacher Transfer Policy-2016 amended in 2017 for the Department of School Education.

According to the amendment, if a teacher is willing to be posted in a school located in Morni Education Block or Nuh District against a vacancy, he/she will be paid an additional 10 per cent of the Basic Pay plus DA during the said posting.

The benefit of 10 per cent extra pay will not be available to teachers having home district as Nuh, Panchkula or those who have completed education in these districts

Use skills to build nation, CM tells youth

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The Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, has called upon the youth to use their skills and training acquired in the field of management for the development of society and nation-building besides the units they choose to work for.

He said this while addressing the 11th annual convocation of the Indian Institute of Management, held in Rohtak. He conferred about 300 degrees to the students of Indian Institute of Management and laid the foundation stone of the Indian Institute of Management, Gurugram extension campus.

While working in team spirit, the teachers should do research on the schemes being run for the welfare of the people and upliftment of the poor along with management training.

The government has been working for the upliftment of the society through the Parivar Pehchan Patra (PPP) Scheme. Emphasis has been laid on ensuring that benefits of education, health and social security schemes are given to every needy person, he said.

In all the schemes being formulated by the state government till now, those at the top of the pyramid would get the benefits but with PPP, benefits of all schemes would now be firstly ensured to those at the bottom, said Mr Manohar Lal.



go towards the goal and should decide the direction of the management, he added.

Congratulating the students, Mr Manohar Lal said that after pursuing education, they would become successful managers. For this, their teachers deserve appreciation for their dedicated efforts to help them take a step forward in life.

He urged the students to always remain connected with the institute and cherish the memories they had created here.

Notably, in 2021 only 7 girls had passed out of this Indian Institute of Management, but out of the total students who have passed this year, 71 per cent are girls. This makes the government's 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' campaign more meaningful.

Alumni must give 'guru dakshina'

The Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, said that alumni must ensure their contribution as 'Guru-Dakshina' to their institutions because any institute can grow better with the contributions made by its alumni. He was overwhelmed to witness 100 percent attendance at the function organized in the university auditorium.

He said that whenever old students revisit their institutes, they reminisce about that glorious phase of their lives they had spent there. Going down the memory lane of his college days, the Chief Minister said that he still remembers each corner of his Pandit Neki Ram Sharma College, in Rohtak.

Describing the importance of alumni meet, the

Chief Minister said that from the 273-year-old University of America, Princeton-University to Harvard University, Alumni-Meets are organized in almost every University across the globe. Alumni of these Universities have made a special contribution in the progress of their universities.

It is the responsibility of all of you to support the younger brothers and sisters studying in this university either by guiding them, paying their fees, or in any other way, he added.

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