

# Haryana Review

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## 8 yrs that changed Haryana and the perception Manohar Lal Govt makes the difference people feel and talk about

By Parven K Modi

Visible changes do count but a change of perception the way someone or something is regarded, understood, or interpreted counts for a lot more. More impressive and potent with possibilities than the systemic changes Haryana has witnessed during the eight year reign of the Manohar Lal Government, spanning two stints, is the ubiquity of the change of perception: the way people talk about, look up to, and at the government of the day. The state government completes eight years in office on October 27, 2022.

But how does one explain and put a gauge to capture this change of perception. It is best explained by the myriad ways in which the life of the man in the street is impacted by the acts and doings of the government of the day. Putting a measure to it, if life is made easy and hassle-free by the policies pursued by the government, and one feels so, the perception changes. In Haryana, just step out, sniff the air, and you can not only smell the change but also see the people talking about it at street corners and in village chaupals.

### Feeling the change

When benefits of welfare policies reach one's doorsteps;

when merit, not sifarish, lands one a job; when one need not bribe one's way to get work done in a government office; when a poor man gets treatment in a government hospital free of cost, and free ration too; when pension gets deposited directly into the bank account of the elderly; when a farmer doesn't have to wait to get payment for the crops procured, one feels the change.

Also, when promises are not treated by the ruling party/combine like eggs to be broken; when administration is made a two-way traffic and people's views and suggestions are factored in while stitching the sinews of a policy; when roads are silky smooth; when tap does not run out of water and power supply plays a facilitator, not a disruptor; when orderliness replaces disorder, one feels the change.

And yet, if one, raving and ranting over a grudge or a grouse he nurses, can knock at the doors of no less than the Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, courtesy CM Window in the last 8 years, more than 10 lakh complaints have been received out of which 90 percent have been resolved and get a response too, the perception changes. The answer to the where of all these whens lies in Haryana.

"When I took oath as Chief Minister in 2014, many said I have no experience of how a chief

minister works, but we certainly had the experience of serving the people and developing a citizen-friendly system.

We have succeeded in changing people's perception by giving them good governance through a transparent and people-friendly administration. We took many new initiatives like the CM Win

pronged strategy to make people feel satisfied, content and happy.

The three prongs were: one, extending people the hand that helps; two, bringing delivery of the citizen-centric services right at their doorsteps to spare them hassles, time, energy and money; and three, enabling the aggrieved to reach the administration and seek

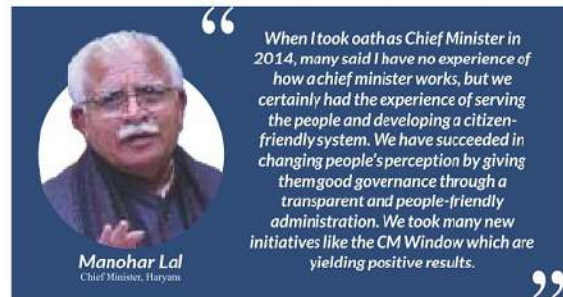
long distance in the last eight years, a distance that separates a trendsetter from a trailblazer, and a path breaker from a path chaser.

Life is comparatively easy; there are not too many hassles. With a view to making delivery of services to the citizens time-bound, the ambit of the Haryana Right to Services Act has been widened to bring in ten more services to take the aggregate to 556.

Today, 576 services offered by 42 departments are available online and, using the IT stick against graft, more than one lakh ineligible beneficiaries of social security pensions have been weeded out. Unemployment allowance has been increased and minimum wages have been almost doubled since 2014.

Industry is booming and exports are soaring. Haryana ranked third in the country and first in north India in the Ease of Doing Business in 2021-22 against 14th in 2013-14. Exports have soared from Rs 68,032 crore in 2013-14 to Rs 2,17,222 crore in 2021-22. More than 150 industrial and business related services of about 25 departments are now provided through Invest Haryana Single Window Portal.

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dow which are yielding positive results," said Mr Manohar Lal.

### Three-pronged strategy

Drawing inspiration from the vision of the Prime Minister, Mr Narendra Modi, and placing the poor and the vulnerable at the core of the growth agenda, the Chief Minister and his government worked hard to create an ecosystem to ensure ease of living to make people happy. "We adopted a three

pronged strategy to make people feel satisfied, content and happy, and solution to their problems", the Chief Minister said.

Things worked to the script. Despair made way for hope and people, who until 2014 felt the lack of governance, began to savour the fruits of good governance and leading a life of fulfilment.

Sweeping systemic reforms lending pace to the change in perception, Haryana has traversed a

## Mission Dubai: Rs 1L cr, jobs

By Rajeev Ranjan Roy

Not only to attract investment but also to explore skill based employment opportunities for the state's youth was at the core of Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal's recent three-day long visit to Dubai. "The Dubai tour was a 'Mission Tour' not only to attract foreign investment but to explore skill-based employment opportunities for the state youth," said the Chief Minister.

Reiterating his resolve to make Haryana a leading destination for investors and create a seamless business environment, Chief Minister Mr Lal told a news conference here that talks were held with eight placement companies to provide employment opportunities to the state youth. Talks were also held with the companies to hire skilled and semi-skilled manpower from Haryana for which we are ready to even impart necessary

training, he said.

The Chief Minister revealed that within 14 hours of the visit one of the companies has contacted us for providing manpower for housekeeping jobs. "For these jobs, priority will be given to Antyodaya families who are registered on the PPP portal," he said. It is worth mentioning that empowerment of through is one of the key hallmarks of the state government led by Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal.

He said that detailed discussions on key investment opportunities in the state were held with the Abu Dhabi Investment Authority, one of the world's largest sovereign wealth funds. Discussions were also held on the Global City Project with Aldar Group in Abu Dhabi. An important meeting was also held with Sultan Ahmed Bin Sulayem, Chairman and CEO of DP World, in Dubai.

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The Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, receives the President, Mrs Droupadi Murmu, in Chandigarh

## State bags 116 medals in National Games

By Ajay Bhardwaj

Haryana once again demonstrated its excellence in sports and took away a major chunk of cake in the 36th National Games held in Gujarat.

After having excelled in the medal tally share in the Commonwealth and the Olympic games it was another moment of pride for the state when Haryana pocketed 38 gold medals, 38 silver medals and 40 bronze to add yet another feather to the cap of the state. The total tally at 116 medals was the third highest in the country.

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# PRI polls in 10 districts in Phase 1 on Oct 30

## Sarpanches and panches of gram panchayats will be elected on Nov 2

Haryana Review Bureau

Haryana has set a date with elections to the panchayati raj institutions in Haryana. The Haryana State Election Commission has announced the first phase of the polls to all the three tiers of PRIs in 10 out of the 22 districts of the state.

In the first phase, zila parishad and panchayat samiti elections will be held on October 30 and panches and sarpanches of gram panchayats will be elected on November 2, 2022.

The ten districts where the first phase would be held are Bhiwani, Fatchabad, Jhajjar, Jind, Kaithal, Mahendargarh, Nuh, Panchkula, Panipat and Yamunanagar. Filing of nomination papers for the first phase will be from October 14 to 19 and polling will be conducted from 7am to 6pm.

Announcing this, the State Election Commissioner, Mr Dhanpat Singh, said that the poll schedule for the remaining 12 districts would be announced later. With this, the model code of conduct has come into force in the 10 districts going to the polls in the first phase. "No official connected with election work shall be transferred from his/her present



Mr Dhanpat Singh, Haryana State Election Commissioner, announces dates for the PRI polls, in Chandigarh. Also seen in the photograph is Mr Sanjeev Kaushal, Chief Secretary.

place of posting till the completion of the poll process," he added.

Further, the state government cannot announce any new schemes, new projects etc. in the rural areas of these districts. In the districts where the model code of conduct is in force, the government cannot inaugurate or lay the foundation stone for any building, project, etc.

Mr Singh said that elaborate arrangements were being made by the police for the conduct of elections in a fair, transparent and peaceful manner. Adequate police force shall be deployed to maintain law and order at the polling stations and extra police force will be provided in sensitive and hyper-

sensitive areas. The additional police force would be deployed at such booths.

Further immediate action should be taken if someone is found posing with an unlicensed weapon. During the election, some candidates try to lure voters with freebies, hence necessary action should be taken against such people. The police will also be responsible for ensuring the safety of EVMs. Police patrols should be increased in villages.

Mr Singh directed the Power Department to ensure uninterrupted electricity supply at the polling booths. In the polling booths where there is any problem related to

electricity, the department should visit these booths in advance and ensure better arrangements.

He directed the Chief Engineer, Public Health Engineering Department, to make adequate arrangements for clean drinking water and cleanliness in toilets at all polling booths. The Additional Chief Secretary, Health and Family Welfare Department, was directed to ensure that COVID-19 related protocol should be meticulously followed during the elections.

Besides, complete arrangements for first aid in the nearest dispensary, primary health centre, community health centre or general hospital should also be ensured in case of any injury during the elections.

Mr Singh said the police and the Excise and Taxation Department should keep a close watch on the sale of illicit liquor during elections. Regular raids and patrolling should be done continuously in those areas where any suspicious activities are reported.

A complete ban on the purchase and sale of liquor in these areas should be ensured a day before the polling and on the day of polling and counting of votes. There will be

a complete ban on the sale of liquor within one kilometre of the polling area.

"Departments including Police, Health, Power, Excise and Taxation and others should work amicably to ensure peaceful, free and fair poll," said Mr Singh while chairing a state-level meeting with top officials regarding the conduct of general elections to three tiers of PRI in the state held in Panchkula.

### See process on 'Mhari Panchayat' portal

Mr Dhanpat Singh, SEC, has said that this time all activities related to panchayat elections can be seen on the 'Mhari Panchayat' portal developed by NIC. In this, the nominations of the candidates, the final lists of the contesting candidates will be uploaded.

Besides, an e-dashboard has been prepared for the day of polling and counting so that anyone can see the poll trends, voting percentage and final results sitting at home.

## CM gets Champion of Change Award

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The Haryana Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, with his visionary approach towards good governance, has evolved as an epitome of change. His efforts to bring about a change in power and politics while ensuring transparency at various levels, have established him as a great leader, said Mr Bandaru Dattatreya, Governor, while speaking at a function in Chandigarh. The Governor addressed him as the real champion of change in Haryana.

The Champion of Change selection committee, headed by former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and former Chairman of the Human Rights Commission, Mr Justice (Retd) K.G. Balakrishnan, presented the first 'Champion of Change Haryana 2021 Award' to the Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal. Mr Dattatreya was the Chief Guest and Mr Manohar Lal was a special guest at the programme.

Mr Manohar Lal has dedicated his entire life to the service of society and in the last eight years, he has worked with transparency. He has been a pioneer in establishing good



The Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, receiving the award from the Governor, Mr Bandaru Dattatreya.

governance in the state. A new era has been ushered in. Revolutionary step to curb corruption and ensure benefits of government schemes to the last person standing in a queue in a transparent manner is highly commendable, the Governor said. The Chief Minister has fulfilled the dream of Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya. In Haryana, unprecedented work has been done in sports, education, agriculture, health, products, social justice and empowerment, and infrastructural development.

The credit for this goes to Mr Manohar Lal, his team as well as to the people of Haryana who have always supported him, the Governor added.

## Haryana embraces 'Swachhata'

Ranks second nationally in Swachh Survekshan Rural-2022 ranking and figures among top 5 States Swachh Survekshan Survey Ranking-2022

By Rajeev Ranjan Roy

Swachhata in totality is not only a prerequisite to health but also contributes to livelihoods, school attendance and dignity and helps to create resilient communities living in healthy environments. It is heartening indeed that Haryana continues to set a new paradigm of progress under the visionary leadership of Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal.

On the basis of Swachh Survekshan Grameen-2022, ODF Sustainability for Total Sanitation, and excellent implementation of various components of ODF Plus, Haryana has secured the second position in the country under the category of States having a population of more than 30 lakh.

The Chief Minister firmly believes that spreading mass awareness about ensuring cleanliness of cities and villages is of utmost priority to the state government. Every citizen should consider cleanliness as a fundamental responsibility and make their contributions in keeping their surroundings clean and hygienic to realize the goal of Swachh Bharat Mission and Swachh Haryana, he said.

Haryana Development and Panchayats Minister Mr Devender Singh Babli recently received the



prestigious award from President Mrs Droupadi Murmu in a programme organized at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. "Every department of the state is committed to taking the state to the highest progress by adopting innovative working procedures and implementing schemes," said Mr Babli.

He said that the fact that Bhiwani district ranking top in the nation's overall rural cleanliness survey indicates that both the government and the rural people are very concerned about maintaining cleanliness. He informed that in 22 villages of Bhiwani district, rain and dirty

water have been managed by making special structures. As many as 24 ponds are being renovated and beautified under the Mission Amrit Sarovar project in different villages of the district.

Similarly, Haryana has joined the league of top five states of the country in the overall progress in 'Swachh Survekshan Survey Ranking-2022' released under the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav recently at Talkatora Stadium, New Delhi. As compared to last year, the state's performance has drastically improved-from 8th to 5th position.

In the survey ranking, Gurgaon, Rohtak, Karnal, Panchkula and Ambala are among the top 100 cities, while Dharuhera with a population size of 25,000-50,000, and Bawani Khera with a population of 15,000-25,000 have bagged the awards for being the 'Fast Moving City.' Ambala Cantonment has bagged 25th rank in the Cantonment Board-based ranking.

Notably, several awareness programmes are being run by the Haryana government and from time to time monitoring is being done regarding cleanliness in various government offices, Municipal Corporations and municipal areas. As a result of this sustained monitoring, the cleanliness of the state is continuously improving.

# Industry finds a new address in Haryana

In eight years, the state has jumped to third rank in Ease of Doing Business from 14<sup>th</sup> in 2013-14

By Parveen K Modi

Industry has found a new address in Haryana. The credit for this goes to the industry-friendly policies pursued by the Manohar Lal Government and the structured and systemic reforms undertaken to give the ease of doing business a decisive push. More importantly, the pro-industry image the Chief Minister has consciously cultivated for his dispensation by hand-holding nascent units, has served the state well.

The progress made in the last eight years tells the tale. From among other parameters, it can be gauged from the ranking Haryana secured in the Ease of Doing Business. The state ranked third in the country and first in northern India in 2021-22 against 14th in 2013-14 and entered the 'Top Achievers' club in the fifth edition of State Ease of Doing Business. The economy of the state is on the uptick and exports are booming. Exports soared from Rs 68,032 crore in 2013-14 to Rs 2,17,222 crore in 2021-22.

The ranking on the ease of doing business ladder is settled on the basis of the score logged by a state on account of implementation of the State Business Reform Action Plan (State BRAP). At the

forefront of effecting the changes directed by the Central Government, Haryana has executed all the 301 points of reform mandated under the BRAP 2020-21.

This explains why the 'who is who' of big business is queuing up to set up shop in the state. Besides making available factors of production—land, power, infrastructure, qualified and skilled labour at competitive costs, Haryana breathes a friendly ecosystem created by an indulgent government that plays a true facilitator, and a true friend of industry.

## 299 large projects

Small wonder Haryana today is home to 299 large-scale industrial units involving an investment of Rs 97,516 crore and providing jobs to 2.73 lakh people. Though ranking 21st in the country in terms of area and 18th in terms of population, the state contributes 3.87 per cent to the GDP, and accounts for 4 per cent of its exports.

The state has emerged as an economic powerhouse, a hub of manufacturing activity, and a cynosure of all investing eyes, both domestic and foreign. From being a mere dot, the state has come to occupy notable space on the industrial map of India.

Significantly, Haryana is the 7th largest merchandise exporter in the country, 2nd among the landlocked states, and 3rd in Export Preparedness Index, 2020 in the landlocked states category. The state exports such items as basmati rice, auto and auto components, manmade fibers, carpets, electric machinery etc. The per capita income is Rs 2,26,409 as compared to India's Rs. 1,25,883.

The feat of Haryana entering

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Location in Ease of Doing Business	
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Exports	
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the 'Top Achievers' club in the fifth edition of 'State Ease of Doing Business' can best be attributed to the transformative systemic reforms executed at the grass-roots level by the Manohar Lal Government. The state government has carried out systemic changes to further ease up the ease of doing business, and attract investors.

Some of the key areas where reforms have been executed include land registration, electricity and water connections, contract enforcement, single-window desks, strengthening investment facilitation helpdesk, issuance of licenses and other approvals. In addition, Haryana has implemented all the 45 reforms related to the District Reform Action Plan-2019.

The other major reforms carried out relate to land acquisition, approval of building plans and central inspection system. In addition, Haryana has passed the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement (Haryana Amendment) Bill, 2021, which helps in speeding up development projects by simplifying the land acquisition process.

## Single window portal

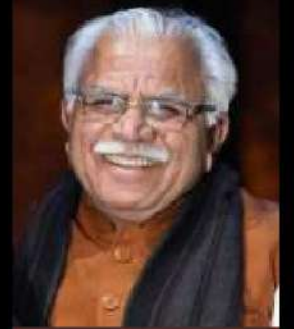
More than 150 industrial and business related services of about 25 departments are now provided through Invest Haryana Single Window Portal which provides more than three lakh services

Realising full well the role industry plays in economic growth, the present government came up with an overarching industrial policy that works as a catalyst, revving up the engines of growth. The Haryana Enterprise and Employment Policy, 2020, continues to work wonders, drawing in hordes of investors, giving industrialization and job-creation a shot of adrenalin.

Stitched with the warp and woof of first-time incentives and concessions, our new industrial policy has been fully aligned with the vision of the Prime Minister, Mr Narendra Modi, of building an Atmanirbhar Bharat, and has focused on MSMEs. It would not just attract investments but also help generate jobs," says the Chief Minister.

Haryana beckons entrepreneurs and investors for, the state has a government that not only hand-holds industry but also sprinkles the industrial soil with the fertiliser of fiscal and financial incentives and care, to ensure that the seeds of industry germinate and blossom.

"Haryana is not limited to business-to-business or government-to-business or government-to-government relationship. Ours is the land of hospitality and the birthplace of Gita. We believe in



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Manohar Lal  
Chief Minister, Haryana



having a heart-to-heart connection," says the Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal.

He has lived up to what he keeps telling glitzy and glittering gatherings of business tycoons, Indian diaspora and political heavy hitters that should they decide to come and invest in Haryana, they will find his government waiting, not wanting.

Straws indicate the direction in which the investment wind is blowing. While Maruti Udyog Limited has set up its plant on 900 acres at Kharkhoda in Sonapat district, Grasim Industries has firmed up plans to set up a unit in Panipat on 70 acres

The Maruti Udyog Ltd plant, stone of which was laid by the Prime Minister, Mr Narendra Modi, on August 28, 2022 marks another cog in the wheel of investment which has been kept rolling by the concerted and conscious efforts made by the Manohar Lal Government in the last eight years.

Also, IKEA has lined up plans to pump in Rs 3,500 crore, Rohtak may soon house a facility to manufacture railway parts. These and other offers will surely give industrialization a shot in the arm and job generation in the state, a big push.



Photo by Vinay Malik

# Path-breaking initiatives to boost farmers' income

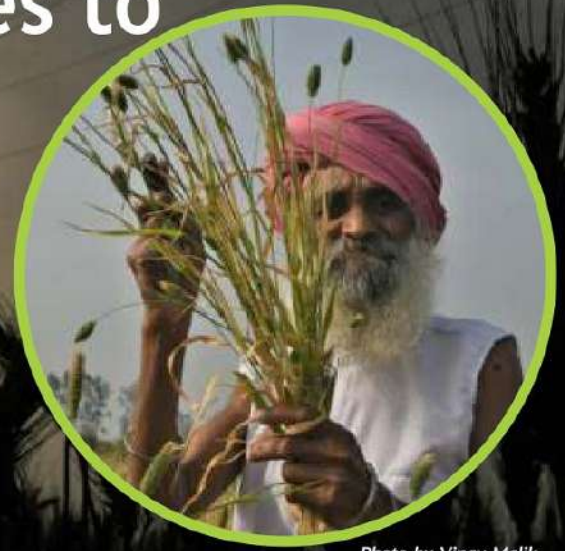


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By Ajay Bhardwaj

Farmers' welfare has been one of the top priorities of Chief Minister Sh Manohar Lal ever since he assumed the responsibility of running Haryana in 2014. The Haryana government has been making concerted efforts to realise his vision and has been undertaking various initiatives from time to time to uplift the farmers plight.

Giving protection and respect to farmers have been two cardinal goals of the Haryana government. It is with these goals in mind that the Haryana chief minister has initiated implementation of a seven-point programme to usher in a new era in agriculture in the state.

In December 2018 Haryana launched the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojna to assist the small and marginal farmers. Under the scheme Rs 6000 is deposited in the bank accounts of farmers in three installments. About 19 lakh farmers have been benefited under the scheme in Haryana so far while an amount of Rs 1916 crores has been disbursed to them.

Running in tandem has been the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojna which was launched in 2016. It gained support of farmers on a large scale and by 2019-20 about 59 lakh farmers had registered themselves to it. By then 13.27 lakh farmers stood benefited while the government provided assistance to the tune of Rs 2980.74 crores.

The Haryana government with the intention for easing the life of farmers and labourers in the mandis, launched the 'Atal Kisan Mazdoor Canteen' on 29 December, 2019, under which subsidised food is provided at the rate of Rs. 10 per plate to them.

## Meri Fasal, Mera Byora

The state government launched this novel scheme in 2019 with the purpose of having a record of land on which crops have been cultivated by farmers. And for this purpose a portal was started on which farmers could register their land and crop details. In 2220-21

more than 9.49 lakh farmers registered themselves on the portal giving details of rabi crops they had sown, similarly for the Kharif crop 8.10 lakh farmers registered themselves on the portal in the same year.

Last month, in the interest of farmers, the government decided to re-open Meri Fasal-Mera Byora Portal for three days so that farmers could register for Kharif crops and upload their details on the portal.

## Mera Pani-Meri Virasat

Mera Pani, Meri Virasat, has been a flagship programme of the Haryana government in many ways as it aims at bringing about a new era in diversification of crops to rid the farmers of wheat-paddy cycle by promoting crops like maize, cotton, millet, pulses, vegetables, and horticulture crops.

Under this, a provision has been made to give an incentive of Rs 7000 per acre for sowing other crops like maize, cotton, millet, pulses, vegetables, etc. The incentive is being deposited in two

## Key POINTS

- MSP for 14 crops including wheat, mustard, barley, gram, paddy, maize, bajra, cotton, sunflower, moong, groundnut, tur, urad and sesame.
- Rs 437 cr disbursed under the Bhavantar Bharpai Yojna.
- DSR scheme launched.
- Beekeeping policy launched.
- Mukhyamantri Bagwani Yojna for 21 crops launched.

installments directly to the bank accounts of the farmers. Under this scheme, registration has been done on the 'Mera Pani-Meri Virasat' portal to grow other crops instead of paddy crops in an area of one lakh 26 thousand 927 hectares.

Farmers are being persuaded to replace the water-gulping paddy with an alternative crop. It has been

the state government's endeavour to reduce the area covered under paddy cultivation as much as possible for water conservation. This year almost two lakh acres of land has been taken away from paddy and dedicated to alternative crops.

## Bhavantar Bharpai Scheme

The Chief Minister launched the Bhavantar Bharpai scheme in order to give optimum remuneration to farmers for their crops like potatoes, onions, tomatoes and cabbage. The scheme is meant to provide support to farmers in case the market value does not keep up to the expected profits. More than Rs 437 crores have been disbursed among farmers under the scheme so far while the number of farmers benefiting from it has touched 2.4 lakh.

Exhibiting an entrepreneurial spirit, the state government proposes to set up a masala mandi on about 16 acres of Panchayati land in Sersa village of Sonapat district, besides a flower market on 8 acres of land in Gurugram. Closer to the state capital, Chandigarh, a Rs 100 crore state-of-the-art new apple, fruit, and vegetable market is coming up under HMIT, at Pinjore for which approval for construction of vacant 78.33 acres of land was granted on 21 March 2020. The process of making DPR for making it is in progress.

## Boosting Agro-Economy

To help boost the economy of sales and attract the private sector to agriculture, the Haryana Government has taken many steps to streamline the regulations, which will remove the possibility of excessive regulatory interventions by private investors while conducting their business and ensure freedom of product, product range, movement, distribution and supply.

The agro-economy is another field in which Haryana has been touching big strides as the state government spent Rs 403.09 crore on the development and upgrading of new grain and vegetable

markets, construction of new roads, and special repair of existing roads.

## Kisan Samman Yojna

The state government has launched the Mukhyamantri Pragatesheel Kisa Samman" programme to encourage and encourage farmers who have been breaking new grounds in agriculture going beyond the traditional course. Under the scheme farmers would be awarded an amount ranging between Rs five lakh to Rs 50,000 per person on the state and district levels. The scheme has been evolved to make farmers more innovative in their profession keeping all the factors like soil quality, underground water etc in mind.

Under the national beekeeping scheme an amount of Rs 41.16 crore has been allocated for promoting beekeeping while a quality control laboratory is being set up for Rs 20 crore.

Addressing another vexing issue is stubble management for which the state government is providing subsidies for equipment to farmers, besides helping in extending the straw to industrial units.

To boost the irrigation facilities in the state a target has been set to install 215 rainwater harvesting structures out of which a total of 83 of them were installed in the year 2020-21. Also, in fiscal 2020-2021, the State Drought Relief and Flood Control Board proved the plan for 212 new drainage works worth Rs 195 crores. During Covid-19, an insurance cover of Rs 10 lakh was given to the farmers and workers in the mandis, besides fruits and vegetables was made available directly to the common man/consumer through farmer producer groups in all districts.

This helped the farmers to sell their products and their income increased by more than 20 percent.

The Haryana Government is determined to build a strong agri sector in the state with farmer-centric initiatives and the green shoots of change and prosperity are visible on the fertile soil of the industrious state.

## THEN AND NOW

Category/Schemes	Year (2014)	Year (2022)
Kisan Samman Nidhi (Rs.) (per annum)	-	6000
Minimum Support Price of Wheat (Rs. per quintal)	1400	2015
Minimum Support Price of Gram (Rs. per quintal)	3100	5230
Mustard MSP (Rs. per quintal)	3050	5050
Minimum Support Price of Paddy (Grade-A) (Rs. per quintal)	1400	2060
Minimum Support Price of Paddy Common (Rs. per quintal)	1360	2040
Minimum Support Price of Maize (Rs. per quintal)	1310	1962
Minimum Support Price of Bajra (Rs. per quintal)	1250	2350
Jowar MSP (Rs. per quintal)	1530	2970
Minimum Support Price of Barley (Rs. per quintal)	1100	1635
Minimum Support Price of Sugarcane (Rs. per quintal)	362	362
Minimum Support Price of Cotton (Rs. per quintal)	4050	6025
Minimum Support Price of Moong (Rs. per quintal)	4600	7755
Minimum Support Price of Groundnut (Rs. per quintal)	4000	5850
Minimum Support Price of Sunflower (Rs. per quintal)	3750	6400
Compensation amount per acre for de-struction of crops due to natural calamity (Rs.)	upto (Rs. 10,000)	upto (Rs. 15,000)
Stamp fee on transactions of farmers with banks	2000	100
Milk availability per capita (grams per day)	747	1142

# Good governance knocks at every door

CM's initiative has rid the state of governance tangles and brought welfare schemes for common man on a platter

By Ajay Bhardwaj

Over the years since 2014 Haryana has witnessed a series of measures taken to improve the governance and make life easy for the people. There has been a consistent effort to get the common man out of the traditional rignarole of political and bureaucratic tangles. Consequently, benefits of the government schemes have started passing on to people without hassle, without middlemen.

## No Parchi, No Kharchi

No Parchi, No Kharchi". Ever since the Manohar Lal government has been in power the practice of "parchi and kharchi" has come to a complete halt. There are no middlemen anymore, no so-called facilitators who would hoodwink the gullible crowd hoping to get the state government's favour or help. Gone are the days when there would long queues at the chief minister's office or residence. The abolition of the 'kharchi-parchi' system has gone a long way in streamlining the government recruitments in the State.

Whereas in the past children of poor families could only dream of getting into government jobs. At that time, to get a job, one had to resort to the parchi-kharchi system, so the dreams of the youth always remained unfulfilled. But the Manohar Lal government ended this system as soon as it came to power. After that the officers who used to recommend jobs



according to their wish, were also abolished.

## E-governance takes over

The state government made sure that e-governance was the word in the administrative system to remove the ongoing corruption in the system. To pave the way for good governance through e-governance, the government not only focused on developmental projects but also did many system transformation works. The state government made sure to provide the schemes and services of every department through an online medium.

Today, the financial benefits given to the beneficiaries under various schemes and services of the central and state governments are being deposited directly to their bank accounts.

This not only brought transparency in the system but also eliminated middlemen. As a result the state government has saved Rs.

1,200 crore by curbing corruption.

## Saral Haryana

It is a Simple, All Inclusive, Real Time, Action Oriented, Long lasting portal, a novel and distinguished initiative of the Manohar Lal government.

SARAL facilitates in aligning with Digital India's vision of faceless, paperless and cashless service delivery model. SARAL has been developed on Service Plus Framework and aims to transform citizen service delivery in Haryana through complete digitization of over 545 services and schemes of 44 departments/boards/corporations of the state.

The vision for SARAL is a unified platform to deliver and track Government-to-Citizen (G2C) services across the state.

Citizens can apply for 545 Schemes and Services pertaining to 44 departments on a single platform.

- Citizens can apply for 342 services pertaining to 40 departments on a single platform.
- Citizens can apply for availing benefits for 203 Schemes pertaining to 28 departments on a single platform.
- Facility to track status of the application on web portal
- Facility to track status of the application through SMS.

## 'Jan sahayak-aapka sahayak' launched

The Manohar Lal government launched 'Jan Sahayak-Aapka Sahayak', a mobile platform ensuring 'anywhere-anytime-anybody' delivery of Government to Citizen (G2C) and Business to Citizen (B2C) services through one access point. It has become a single digital platform having necessary information about various government services, emergency helpline and other information.

Through this app, any citizen can avail all the emergency services (direct dialing) including 112 emergency calls, 100 police, 108 ambulances, 101 fire, 104 health, 1091 women's helpline, 1098 children's helpline number, 1075 COVID-19 helpline.

Besides this, other Government to Citizen Services (G2C) namely Saral Services, Department Wise Services, User Wise Services, Public Grievances and RTI have also been made available on this mobile platform.

The State Government is already providing more than 551 Government services and schemes

of 42 departments to the people of the State through Saral portal.

He added information about other services including tenders, bill payment, travel, jobs, sports infrastructure, skill development can also be obtained easily through this new mobile application. This mobile platform has been set up in Hindi and English for the convenience of the users. Through this, all types of Government to Citizen (G2C) services will be available on Android and Apple platforms.

## 'Nagar darshan' portal

Taking a step forward towards updating the complete records of Urban Local Bodies in Haryana on a digital platform, the Chief Minister launched the 'Nagar Darshan' portal. On this portal, citizens will be able to put up their demands, complaints and suggestions according to the development projects being carried out in their area.

People will be able to put any demand related to development works in their ward on the 'Nagar Darshan' portal. Apart from this, they can also file online complaints and suggestions on this portal, which will automatically be sent to the concerned Department for further action.

The aim has been to make all government services accessible to citizens through the websites of Urban Local Bodies which would ensure efficiency, transparency and reliability of all services provided to citizens.

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## From path-chaser to path-breaker in 8 yrs

Healthcare has been made accessible, equitable and affordable. The number of hospitals has gone up to 70 from 56 in 2014; primary health centres to 640 from 470; medical colleges to 12 from eight; and the number of seats in medical colleges from 850 to 1,735. Also, poor families with annual income of less than Rs 1.8 lakh are being provided with free health check-up facility twice a year under Ayushman Bharat Yojana.

The farmers never had it so good. The state government has taken all possible measures to safeguard their interests and boost their income. While as many as 14 crops are now procured on MSP; Mukhyamantri Bagwani Yojna has been launched for 21 crops; the state pays the highest price for sugarcane and Rs 437 cr has been disbursed to the farmers under the Bhavantar Bhardpai

Yojna. The MSP for wheat has been increased from Rs 1,400 in 2014 to Rs 2015 per quintal; Gram from Rs 3100 to Rs 5230; mustard from Rs 3,050 to Rs 5,050 and of paddy (Grade-A) from Rs 1,400 to 2,060.

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Connectivity has got a booster dose. While six corridors have been developed in the last eight years, five national highway projects in Sonapat region have been completed and opened to traffic.

Today, Haryana now has 37 national highways with aggregate length of about 3,014.214 kms. Metro service has been extended to more areas and air taxi service has been started from Chandigarh to Hisar under UDAN Yojana. Not to be left behind on social indices, Haryana has flipped a high male-female IMR of 41:48 in 2011 to 29:27 now.

All this not before the Manohar Lal Government faced multiple challenges, including putting in place systems where there were none; weeding out graft which was eating into the vitals of the administration; and restoring people's faith in the government they were losing at a fast clip.

A tall task made taller still by the inertia and sloth that had come to freeze the administration into doing nothing. Perpetually restless and immeasurably hungry to serve the people and fired by the zeal to bring about a change, the Chief Minister hit the ground running, crafting people-centric and development-oriented policies and programmes.

As days, months and a year rolled by, people began to feel the change. The synchronicity with



which these problems people faced were addressed and solved made Haryana a talking point at the national fora. The resultant change of perception made an interesting tale to be told and retold to the students of public administration.

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Besides launching never-thought-before projects, some bad practices of the past were given a decent burial and IT was made to play a seminal role in making the ease of living and ease of doing business easier still. While the monster of graft has been shown the door, DBT has been used to mark delete on touts and middlemen. And the journey on the road to reforms and good governance continues.

# Milestones that made t



The Prime Minister, Mr Narendra Modi, launches the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao yojana



Mr Manohar Lal launches e-disha centre



The Chief Minister honours an elderly person under the Old Age Samman Allowance yojana



CM inaugurates Dial 112 Control Room at the State Emergency Response Centre, Panchkula



CM presents trophy to a winning team at the Khelo India Youth Games



CM distributes Parivar Pehchan Patras

# The journey momentous

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Mr Manohar Lal gives LPG connections to the beneficiaries under the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana



CM wields a broom to launch Swachh Haryana Abhiyan on the pattern of Clean India campaign



CM launches Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Aarogya Yojana



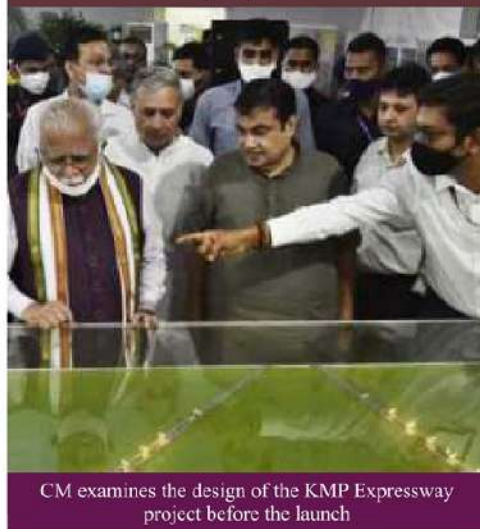
Mr Manohar Lal inaugurates Meri Fasal Mera Byora portal



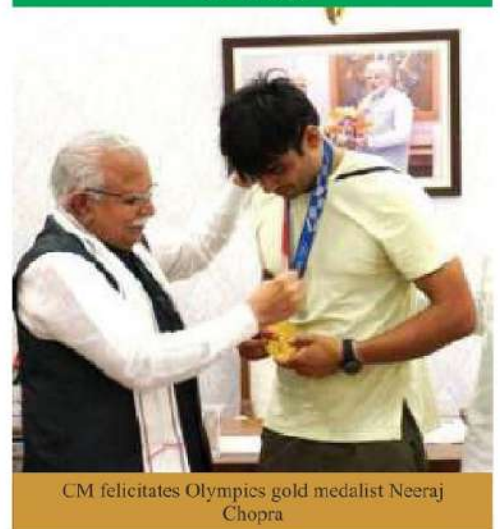
An elderly person lodges his complaint at CM Window



A view of the Grameen Sachivalaya opened to take the administration to the villages



CM examines the design of the KMP Expressway project before the launch



CM felicitates Olympics gold medalist Neeraj Chopra

# Empowering youth @ education

## Middle schools and girls colleges more than doubled since 2014; boys' colleges up 70 pc

By **Rajeev Rajan Roy**

There is perhaps no room for any doubt about the fact that education is the basic building block of every society. It is the single best investment a state or a country can make to build a prosperous, healthy and equitable society. For the last eight years, the Government of Haryana under able leadership of Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal has been steadfast in its resolve and endeavour to ensure that no one is deprived of quality school and higher education. The state today boasts of having 177 government colleges as compared to 105 in 2014 and 63 government women colleges against 29. Similarly, the state which had only 2,397 Middle Schools in 2014 has 5,912 Middle Schools now.

A huge network of government institutions and schools, spread across the state, guarantees the ease in accessing education by all, an encouraging situation given the fact that education is not only a right of the people but also a passport to their holistic development that opens newer doors and



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### THEN AND NOW

In 2014	In 2022
<b>Colleges</b>	
105	177
<b>Govt women colleges</b>	
29	63
<b>Middle Schools</b>	
2397	5912
<b>Online transfer</b>	
No provision	Policy implemented
<b>Maternity leave to married girl students</b>	
No provision	45 days

expands opportunities. The vision of Chief Minister Mr Lal to make Haryana a knowledge-based state in accordance with the principles and mandate of the new National Education Policy-2020 (NEP-2020) is also in sync with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal-4 (SDG-4), which stipulates the need for "ensuring inclusive, equitable, and quality education and the promotion of lifelong learning opportunities for all."

Sustainable and shared economic development depends on the capacity building of human resources. It is one of the reasons that the Haryana government is laying emphasis on providing greater opportunities of access to higher education and ensuring inclusion of vulnerable groups like the poor, females and minorities. There is a focus on establishing educational institutions focused on academics, research, vocational

training and encouraging institutions to engage in stretching the frontiers of knowledge. Today, Haryana has 186 government Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) as compared to 142 in 2014, while the number of ITIs in the private sector has gone up to 225 as against 95 in 2014.

Sharing his vision for education, Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal said: "Our approach is wholesome. We want our children in schools and colleges to be empowered with knowledge, skills and values to increase their employability. We are committed to enhancing accessibility of quality education, ensuring equity and inclusion, encouraging the highest standards in teaching and learning with accountability, and promoting best practices in research and innovation."

In the last eight years, Haryana has witnessed an ecosystem firming up which encourages institutional autonomy and academic freedom; best and honest practices in research, publication and all aspects of educational processes; reducing undue pressure on professionals; and teachers to align their teaching and research interests leading to quality output along with understanding the importance of bench marking and adopting a balanced and evolved approach towards inculcating suitable changes for a holistic development of the education landscape in general and the higher education in

particular.

Given the importance of skill development and industrial training, Shri Vishwakarma

Skill University (SVSU) has been granted powers to affiliate private institutions for skill certification. Affiliated institutes will run 'National Skill Qualification Framework' (NSQF) aligned courses with accreditation, examination and certification being the responsibility of SVSU, which

is in sync with the new NEP-2020. It provides a framework for the national objectives and goals in the education sector leading up to 2030 but the state has set its implementation target of 2025.

Pursuant to NEP-2020, the government has decided that all government colleges and universities should be accredited by 2023. In order to promote 21st century skills, STEM Labs, on the lines of Atal Tinkering Labs (ATL),

will ensure exposure and training to students in 3D Printing, drone technologies, Artificial Intelligence, Augmented Reality, Virtual Reality, Block Chain management and so on. Students and schools are being equipped with facilities and gadgets to enable them to be digitally literate and have access to knowledge in the digital world. Digitally vibrant ambience has now become an impart feature of the state's educational road map.

Educated and healthy children are our future. Haryana Governor Mr Bandaru Dattatreya on September 5, 2022 launched the 'School Education Haryana's Health and Treatment' (SEHAT) scheme for school children. As a part of the scheme, 25 lakh school children will be getting health check-ups twice a year. Similarly, a target has been set to open 500 new Model Sanskriti Schools to provide quality education.

Similarly, the Super-100 programme started with the vision of Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal for meritorious students to realize their dreams. This year, 41 students of the 'Super 100 programme' achieved success in the JEE Advanced-2022 exam. The Super-100 programme is being run for the bright students studying in government schools. Needless to say, education is being taken care of with a whole government approach in the state under the visionary leadership of Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal.

### Key POINTS

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# Rich infra holds a mirror to growth

Web of roads criss-crosses Haryana; Six corridors built in eight years; Chandigarh-Hisar air taxi service takes off

By Parveen K Modi

Well-laid infrastructure not only holds the mirror to any state's development but also plays a key role in attracting investors, both domestic and foreign. Haryana has witnessed unprecedented development in infrastructure in the last eight years.

While the road, rail and metro network have been beefed up to facilitate and pace up hassle-free movement of the people, under UDAN Yojana, air taxi service has been started from Chandigarh to Hisar. Similar service is on the cards from Hisar to Dehradun, and later, to Dharamshala.

If liquidity is the lifeblood of industry, roads are the arteries through which the economy of any state or country pulses. Facilitating farm produce to markets, workers to jobs, students to school, and the sick to hospitals, roads are vital for the development of any state. Road transport also helps in delivering consignments at people's doorsteps, saving them money, time and energy.

"Rich infra, especially roads, paves the way for development and growth. In the last eight years, highways, both national and state, flyovers, bypasses, underpasses and elevated roads have been constructed to pace up connectivity, boost development and ease traffic congestion on the roads," says the

Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal.

Realising full well the seminal role these arteries of economy play in development, the Chief Minister has, during the last eight years, pulled all stops to weave a web of roads crisscrossing the state, including national and state highways, underpasses and bypasses. Small wonder, Haryana has achieved the distinction of having road access to each of its 7,356 villages. The Chief Minister has been instrumental in getting Haryana sanctioned many new national highways.

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

Under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana, 83 roads of 218.94-km length and 120 roads of 116.95-km length have been sanctioned.

## Six corridors built

Giving connectivity a booster dose, six corridors have been developed in the last eight years. These are: Yamunanagar-Panchkula (four-lane); Ambala-Kaithal-Hisar-Siwani-up to Rajasthan border (four-lane);



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Delhi-Rohtak-Hisar (four-lane); Delhi-Panipat-Ambala (four to six lane); Sonapat-Jhajjar-Charkhi

Dadri-Loharu, (2 LPS and four lane); 227 kms of trans Haryana (NH-152D) access controlled highway (six-lane).

The NHAI has its hands full in Haryana. While it delivered five national highway projects in Sonapat region which were inaugurated by the Union Minister for Roads, Transport and Highways, Mr Nitin Gadkari, in April this year, work is in progress on 25 other such projects out of which some stretches have already been constructed and thrown open to traffic.

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

## Rapid expansion

The prime objective of the expansion of metro services is to enhance the speed of work, save time, to make travel hassle-free, and to increase the quality of transport services. New metro services launched in the state include YMCA Chowk, Faridabad to Ballabgarh (3.205 km); 11.18 km Bahadurgarh-Mundka (Delhi);

## Key POINTS

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13.87 km. Badarpur-Mujesar (YMCA Chowk); and 6.5 km Sikanderpur station to Sector-56 in Gurugram.

Under UDAN Yojana, air taxi service has been started from Chandigarh to Hisar. In the second phase, similar service is proposed to be started from Hisar to Dehradun, and in the third phase, to Dharamshala. Development of the Integrated Aviation Hub at Maharaja Agrasen Airport in Hisar is a major project of the Haryana Government. It is being set up to ensure all-weather operations.

# Antyodaya is the Mission

State govt. working to afford benefit to the last person in the queue

By Ajay Bhardwaj

In the social welfare sector the Manohar Lal government has been trying to realise the dream of Pt Dendayal Upadhyay who envisioned 'Antyodaya' as the basic tenet of governance.

The benefit of any welfare scheme must reach the man standing last in the queue. This has been the motto of the Manohar Lal government and it has seen dividends being delivered to the right quarters for



various social welfare schemes.

Haryana has in fact become the first state in the country where the social security pension was being directly deposited to the accounts of the beneficiaries under the PFMS (Public Finance Management Scheme).

The state government has since 2020 given identity cards to more than 27 lakh beneficiaries

## Old Age Pension

In order to make people beyond 60 years of age self-reliant the Manohar Lal government has undertaken Vridhawastha Samman Bhatta scheme under which a monthly allowance of Rs 2500 is given. The chief minister has made sure to enhance the amount periodically. If initially it was Rs 2000 per month, it was hiked to Rs 2,250 per month in 2021, and now it stands at Rs 2,500 per month.

## Women Empowerment

Right from day one, it has been an earnest endeavour of the Manohar Lal government to ensure that women in the state felt not only

safe and protected but were afforded adequate opportunities to fulfill their dreams and ambitions.

The Mahila and Kishori Samman scheme was launched for adolescent girls and women in the age group of 10-45 years coming from BPL families. Under the scheme six-piece packets of sanitary napkins are given every month. About 22.50 lakh women and girls have been benefiting from the scheme.

Similarly, the Mukhya Mantri Doodh Uphaar Scheme has been operating in the state under which fortified flavoured skimmed milk powder is provided to pregnant and lactating mothers at about 26,000 Anganwadi centres.

For their safety in public places Durga App has been launched, besides the formation of Durga Shakti Vahini, a force that is dedicated to the protection of women. The strength of women in the state police has been hiked from 10 per cent to 15 per cent. In addition, round-the-clock helpline number 1091 has been functional to provide emergency assistance to

girls and women.

In order to expedite disposal of cases of crime against women, the government has set up 16 fast track courts so that such incidents did not become examples of "justice delayed is justice denied".

As many as 31 new women police stations have been set up in the state raising the total number of women police stations to 33. The government has also decided to increase the strength of women police personnel from 10 per cent to 15 per cent in the state.

The empowerment of women in Haryana has been extensively covered in schemes like "Beti-Bachao, Beti-Padhao" which was launched by Hon'ble prime minister in 2015 and other schemes like "Aapki Beti-Humari Beti" and "Ladli". Under the Sukanya Smridhi Khata plan more than six lakh girls under the age of ten have opened their post-office accounts.

## Parivar Utthan scheme

Under the Mukhya Mantri Antyodaya Parivar Utthan scheme,

the Manohar Lal government has ensured that every family in the state has at least Rs 1.80 lakh as its annual income; and for this, the state government has already identified 50,000 families.

Under the Mukhya Mantri Parivar Samridhhi scheme about 27 lakh poor families have been given Rs 5 lakh annually as medical assistance. During the Covid times, the state government made a concerted effort to provide free of cost treatment.

The Mukhya Mantri Bal Seva scheme for children has been a big success. In the state, there is a facility of free of cost 228 operations and 70 types of the medical test even as 500 medicines are provided free to the patients in various government hospitals. The social security pension has been enhanced to Rs 2500 whereas under the Mukhya Mantri Vivah Shagun scheme Rs 71,000 is offered as a shagun by the government.

# Healthcare now more inclusive, accessible

By **Rajeev Ranjan Roy**

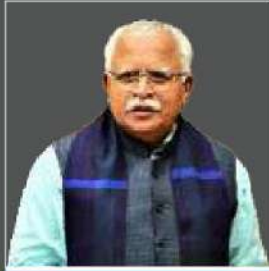
**H**ealth is precious. It is nonnegotiable. It is the need for all to have a better future. Thanks to the wholesome efforts taken in the past eight years under able leadership of Chief Minister Manohar Lal, Haryana today has a fine-tuned, expanded and accessible healthcare system to give everyone and everywhere an equal chance to live a healthy and happy life. It is amply reflected in the way the state's healthcare infrastructure has broadened in the past eight years. Figures speak for themselves. The number of hospitals has gone up from 56 to 70, giving a boost to healthcare at primary and secondary levels.

Given the role of primary healthcare in ensuring complete physical, mental and social well being of the masses, the primary health sector has an important role to play. Haryana is today blessed with 121 Community Health Centres (CHCs), up from 112 in 2014 and 640 primary health centres (PHCs), which were only 470 in 2014. The expansion of primary healthcare infrastructure assumes significance in view of the fact that the majority of the state population lives in rural and semi-urban areas. There is a huge network of Sub Health Centres (SHCs) - 2,674 - spread across the state.

The Government of Haryana's commitment to provide quality health care to all its citizens reflects from constant upgradation in terms of infrastructure, human resource, responding to health needs of all categories of population including infants, children, adolescents, mothers, eligible couples and the elderly in addition to the sick and trauma victims. There is also a constant endeavor to keep communicable and non-communicable diseases in check and to have strong systems of recording, reporting, evaluating and planning.

**"Health is a focus and priority area for us. Every possible effort is being made to upgrade and expand healthcare infrastructure across the state so that no one is deprived of quality healthcare. In the past eight years, there has been a remarkable improvement in the quality of our people's health. The idea is to ensure that all people have access to preventive, curative and rehabilitative health services without suffering from financial hardship,"** says Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal.

Committed to providing adequate, accessible, equitable, quality healthcare services to all leading to the reduction of out-of-pocket expenditure on health of a common man and improving the quality of life of people by providing better health services, Haryana government has been able to create a wholesome ecosystem in the healthcare sector by establishing long-term relationships with groups and individuals and enabling them to continue to



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work to achieve optimal health by delivering cost-competitive health promotion services with patient's satisfaction and accountability at its core.

Since medical education and diversification to other modes of treatment such as Ayurveda, Homeopathy and Unani, a big boost has been given to medical education. The number of medical colleges has gone up to 12 from eight with a simultaneous shoot up in the number of seats in medical

colleges from 850 to 1735 in medical colleges. Similarly, Haryana has seen a significant increase in the number of Ayurveda, Homeopathy and Unani institutes in the past eight years- from 683 in 2014 to 810 in 2022.

A major take away from Covid-19 pandemic was the upgradation of basic health infrastructure so that no one has to face any hardships in accessing medical help in the hour of crisis. Accordingly, all the District Hospitals (DHs) are being upgraded to achieve the National Standards of Healthcare, that is, National Quality Assurance Standards (NQAS). All CHCs and selected PHCs are being upgraded as per the Indian Public Health Standard (IPHS) norms in a phased manner. PHCs will be re-imagined as Wellness Centres, providing all health and wellness activities under one roof including AYUSH facilities, nutrition and diet guidance.

The Ayushman Bharat scheme is a big hit in the State. As of now against 3,29,044 applications, Rs 365.45

crore has been reimbursed. As on February 10, 2022, 28,09,349 Ayushman cards have been made. In all, 607 hospitals including 164 in the public sector and 443 in the private sector are offering treatment to patients under the Ayushman Bharat scheme. Poor families with less than annual income of Rs 1.80 lakh are being provided with free health check-up facility twice a year under Ayushman Yojana.

As per the norms of the Central government, 1.5 lakh families were covered under the Ayushman Bharat Yojana but the state government has expanded the scope thanks to which now 22 lakh families of the state have come under the purview of this scheme. A cancer care facility was recently started in Ambala at a cost of Rs 72 crore. Mammography units have been set up at District Hospitals of Bhiwani, Gurugram, Hisar and Rohtak. Thus, in the last eight years Haryana has crossed multiple milestones in its pursuits to make quality healthcare available to the people of the state.



## Key POINTS

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## THEN AND NOW

In 2014	In 2022
Doctors' retirement age	
58	65
Total Hospitals	
56	70
Total PHCs	
470	640
Total CHCs	
112	121
Total Medical Colleges	
8	12
Total seats in medical colleges	
850	1735
Total Ayurveda, Homeopathy and Unani Institutes	
683	810

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# Tourism made engine of growth

Haryana Govt diversifies, okays home stay policy and bets big on adventure and pilgrim tourism



Photo by Vinay Malik

By Parven K Modi

With the effects of the rampaging pandemic wreaking havoc on tourism—paring the footfalls and staunching the cash flow beginning to wear off, the Haryana Government, led by the Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, has doubled up its efforts and taken proactive measures to reboot tourism industry.

Determined to convert tourism into the engine of economic growth, job creation and earnings, the state government has made policy interventions, betting big on adventure and pilgrim tourism to make Haryana emerge as a hot favourite with tourists and visitors. Diversification constitutes the fulcrum of its approach.

In the last eight years, persistent efforts have been made to not only do up the existing sites and enrich them with new facilities, but also to tap new sites potent with tourism potential, and explore new avenues to draw tourists and visitors. All tourist destinations in the state are a big draw with Dharmshetra-Kurukshetra constituting the epicentre, and making a global appeal.

Having cemented its credentials as a pioneer in highway tourism, Haryana has now diversified and 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.

"Our holistic approach rests on the edifice of the excellent and rich reservoir Haryana has for tapping tourism which is becoming a big source of employment. The state is proud to have heritage sites at Panipat, Kurukshetra, Surajkund, Pinjore and other places. Besides, we have eco tourism sites at Morni and Kalesar and excellent resorts for holidaying," the Chief Minister says.

Only recently, the Haryana Government approved the home-stay policy to enable the tourists to



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closely observe the rural life, enjoy food and savour culture at affordable cost. This policy will give thrust to employment at the local level.

In order to promote adventure sports in Morni Hills, more than 30 licenses have been issued under the home-stay policy. The Chief Minister has also announced the grant of license under the home-stay policy in Rakhigarhi of Hisar district, which is the site of the Indus Valley Civilization.

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 and diversified tourism by encouraging a constructive and mutually beneficial partnership between the public and the private sector to boost economic development and generate employment.

## Focus on Kurukshetra

Kurukshetra being the confluence of faith and tourism, the

Haryana Government is constantly engaged in developing new projects here, some of which are nearing completion. In order to develop Kurukshetra, the birth place of Shrimad Bhagwat Gita, as a major tourist destination, the Union Ministry of Tourism has released an amount of Rs 97.34 crore for various construction works.

Recently, the 'Virat Swaroop' statue of Lord Krishna was unveiled in the holy pilgrimage Jyotisar. It weighs 35 tons and is made with 85 per cent copper.

A 3D projection mapping show will soon be set up here. It will show episodes related to Mahabharata and Shrimad Bhagavad Gita for which cutting-edge technology like Augmented Reality, Holographic Images, Robotics and Drones etc. will be used, says the Chief Minister.

Besides the light-and-sound show being shown at Jyotisar since 2019, the government has also built

a Parikrama path of Jyotisar pilgrimage. Lighting work has also been done on the shrine and a wall has also been constructed to protect the ancient banyan tree. Brahma Sarovar, located in Kurukshetra, is one of the fascinating places offering tourists a panoramic view of the sunset.

## Adventure tourism

Panchkula is the gateway of Himachal and Haryana. With a view to tapping the great potential the district holds for adventure tourism, efforts are being made to convert it into an engine of economic progress and employment generation.

Various adventure sports such as parasailing, paramotor and jet scooter in Tikkartal (Morni Hills) region are being introduced to not only boost tourism but also to generate ample employment opportunities.

Besides, on the Panchkula-Morni road, Nakshatra Vatika,

Sugandh Vatika and Rashivan have been set up in about 20 acres. Other destinations, including Tikkartal, Morni Hills and Damdama Lake, have also been identified where adventure sports will be started soon.

Countless number of devotees from all corners of the country visit Mata Mansa Devi Temple and Nada Sahib Gurdwara in Panchkula. An amount of Rs 49.51 crore has been approved by the Union Ministry of Tourism for various developmental works at these spiritual places.

Besides, Haryana has several sites of cultural, heritage and historic import like the Yadavendra Gardens to make the bouquet for the tourists profusely rich and wholesome.

Gita Jayanti festival held every year in Kurukshetra is a great platform depicting grandeur, diversity and different cultures of the state and the country. This globally renowned festival lightens up a new hope in the life of the people.

The Surajkund International Crafts Mela, held every year at Surajkund in Faridabad, is a big draw. The state government now plans to organize an additional fair there for which discussions have already been held with the Union Ministry of Culture.

## Adi Badri Dham

Adi Badri, the origin of Saraswati river, is being developed as a religious place. Provision has been made to set up the Saraswati Development Board with a special budget for renovation of the pilgrimages located here.

Adi Badri Dham is situated in the lap of hills in Kathgarh village of Yamunanagar district. Its charismatic view catches everyone's eye. Surrounded by greenery and religious places, it is believed to be the origin of the mythical Saraswati river. Plans have been drawn to celebrate Saraswati Mahotsav at Adi Badri like the Gita Jayanti Mahotsav every year.

## On the cards: Largest safari outside Africa

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The Haryana Government plans to develop the largest jungle safari park outside Africa. The 10,000-acre curated safari park will come up in the Aravalli range and cover parts of Gurugram and Nuh districts. "This project will be the largest such project in the world," an official spokesman said.

Now, Sharjah is home to the largest curated safari park outside Africa. Opened in February 2022, the Sharjah Safari covers an area of about 2,000 acres.

"The proposed Aravalli park would be five times more this

size and it would include a large herpetarium (a zoological exhibition space for reptiles and amphibians), aviary/bird park, four zones for big cats, a large area for herbivores, an area for exotic animal birds, an underwater world, nature trails, visitors, tourism zones, botanical gardens, biomes, equatorial, tropical, coastal, desert, etc.," the spokesman said.

The Union Minister for Forest, Environment and Climate Change, Mr Bhupender Yadav, and the Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, visited Sharjah Safari. The NCR region of Haryana had immense potential for the development of a jungle safari.



# Roaring in the sky on IAF anniversary

## Jaw-dropping sight

It was a sight to watch. A spectacular and dazzling aerial show by a fleet of military aircraft over the Sukhna Lake in Chandigarh held the people in thrall. Their breathtaking manoeuvres in the sky to mark the Indian Air Force 90th anniversary made many a jaw drop. This was IAF's first annual Air Force Day parade and fly-past outside the Delhi-National Capital Region.

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The most significant fact has been that out of 38 gold medals, Haryana has won 37 gold medals in sports events played in Olympic Games, which is more than twice that of any other state.

Chief Minister, Sh. Manohar Lal congratulated all the medal winning players on their victory and wished them luck in future competitions. He said that the winning players will be given prizes and jobs as per the sports policy of the state government.

Minister of State for Sports and Youth Affairs Sandeep Singh also congratulated the players for their achievement. He said that the State Government under the leadership of the Chief Minister was committed to promoting sports continuously and providing all kinds of assistance to the sportspersons.

More than 600 players from Haryana showed their enthusiasm in these national games

## Maiden Gold In Yogasana

The state won its maiden gold in Yogasana after the duo of Rahul and Rishabh from Gurugram demonstrated their acumen and talent in this traditional sport. Besides this, another state sports person Praveen Pathak also won a bronze medal in the Artistic Yogasana (Singles).

## Gold, silver and bronze in Judo

The players of Haryana made a clean sweep in Judo as in the 73 kg weight category, the proud sons of the State Vishal, Jatin and Vikas Dalal bagged gold, silver and bronze respectively.

## Won 4 gold medals in boxing events

The players of Haryana made



the state proud by winning 4 gold, 5 silver and 1 bronze medals in the boxing matches held on the last day of National Games. Vineet and Ankit won gold medals in the 80 kg weight category. In boxing, girls also did not lag behind. Meenakshi and Poonam both won gold medals.

Apart from these, Sachin has won silver medal in 57 kg weight category, Naveen has won silver medal in 92 kg weight category, Sagar has won silver medal in 67 kg weight category and Jasmine and Sweety have also won silver medals. Mohit won the bronze medal.

## Champion in Netball

Archery team won the title of champion by performing outstanding in their event. The team collectively outperformed by securing 5 gold medals. Not only this, Haryana has also become the overall champion in the netball game.

The new sports policy, being pursued so avidly by the state, has not just provided new avenues for sportspersons but has opened new vistas for them to demonstrate their excellence, both, in the national and international arenas.

The path-breaking decisions taken by the state government in the recent past include: creating state-of-the-art sports infrastructure in the state and a huge hike in the prize money of the players among others. As a result of these cutting-edge initiatives, sports culture got a gigantic boost in Haryana and enormous zeal and enthusiasm was infused among the sportspersons.

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## Mission Dubai: Rs 1L cr and jobs

The Government of Dubai, the governing authority of the Emirate of Dubai, has finalized a Memorandum of Understanding with the state government for cooperation in various economic activities like investment promotion and land development including real estate development, industrial parks, IT parks, multi-purpose towers, mix use townships, innovation centres and projects related to logistics in Haryana.

In an attempt to promote Haryana as a leading investment destination, the Invest Haryana Road show was organized in Dubai which drew an overwhelmingly enthusiastic response from the business community of the UAE. During the road show, key state projects such as Global City, Gurugram; Integrated Multi-Modal Logistics Hub, Nangal Chaudhary; Integrated Aviation Hub and the Integrated Manufacturing Cluster Hisar; and Electronics Manufacturing Cluster, at Sohna were promoted among potential investors. A round table conference was also held to especially discuss the Global City project.

The Global City, a mixed land use township being developed over 1080 acres of land in Gurugram, will redefine

the concept of urban development and what cities of the future shall look like through its sustainability-focused future-oriented infrastructure planning and design. In the first phase, a target has been set to auction 250 acres of land of the proposed Global city by November 2022. Similarly, the auction of other areas will also be done in a phased manner, informed Chief Minister Manohar Lal.

Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal said that a single window system would be adopted to execute all the works related to the Global City project. All the companies with whom talks have been held regarding this project have demanded that the work that is to be done through the government should be completed at the earliest, he said.

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