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Manohar Lal Govt's eight-year journey

Good governance @ systemic reforms

Manohar Lal

Under parliamentary democracy India opted for, a new government is formed every five years. However, in times of political instability, this change can and has happened even earlier. In such cases, it is only the face of the government that changes, not the governance model. Resultantly, despite the change of government, the expected 'Vyava-stha Parivartan Se Sushasan' (good governance) which means bringing changes in the life of the common man, remains a pipe dream. But in Haryana we have ensured that this dream comes true.

Today, when my government completes eight years in office, I, as the first servant of Haryana, feel satisfied that our journey on the road to 'Vyavastha Parivartan' we had embarked upon in 2014, continues. During the last eight years, my government has made radical changes in the age-old system while following the 'Vyavastha Parivartan Se Sushasan' mantra. Besides materialistic development, efforts have been made to ensure overall develop-

ment of the people and the state.

In line with the clean political culture BJP is known for, we, after assuming power in 2014, succeeded in making systemic changes and in changing the style of governance to shore up the image of Haryana. Mocking at others is not our political culture, but the truth remains that vote bank-centric thinking and the work-style of previous governments had dented Haryana's image. They used power not to serve the people but to service their own vested political interests which made development a causality in Haryana, a state that has a glorious background and enjoys the unique geographical distinction of surrounding Delhi on three sides.

In 2014, the Centre also saw a drastic change. After three decades the NDA Government, under the leadership of Mr Narendra Bhai Modi, assumed office after the BJP got a clear majority in the Lok Sabha. Inspired by the Prime Minister's vision of 'Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat', and guided by the thinking 'Haryana Ek-Haryanvi Ek,' my government in Haryana



started work to change the system and redefine governance.

Changing a system plagued by the status quoist mentality for decades, is never an easy task. And our journey too has not been easy either. Vested selfish elements hurt by any change in the system created hurdles in our path at every turn. But undeterred and fired by the resolve to serve the people, we persisted

with our efforts to make changes to place Haryana in high-growth trajectory. With our faith firmly rooted in the conviction "Satyamev Jayate," my government set upon the journey of 'Vyava-stha Parivartan Se Su-shasan' in 2014. And today, after eight years, the winds of change can be felt by any person who has an open mind, and harbours no prejudice.

Badly divided along the caste and regional lines until 2014, Haryana today has become an inspiration for other states. Some of the revolutionary changes made by my government are being adopted not only by sister states but also by the Central Government. We consigned dynastic politics and regional bias to the bin. Since the day I was sworn in as the Chief Minister, I have always considered the entire state as my family. Except for the political opponents and vested interests, every Haryanvi today feels that my government has not only lived up to expectations but has also ensured holistic development of the state while rising above the considerations of region and caste.

Until 2014, the face of Haryana bore the scars of nepotism, regionalism and corruption, but taking "An Ideal society is based on Liberty, Equality and Fraternity" as the guiding principle, my government has not only ensured equitable development of every region and every section of society but is also committed to public service through good governance.

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Amit Shah heaps accolades on CM

By Ajay Bhardwaj

Union Home Minister Amit Shah heaped lavish accolades on Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal for completing eight years in his office and felicitated him for bringing about holistic development of the state.

"The Haryana Government under the leadership of Chief Minister, Sh. Manohar Lal has done commendable work of transforming Haryana in these 8 years. After a long time, since independence, Haryana has got such an honest and dedicated Chief Minister," said the Union Home Minister addressing a gathering in Faridabad.

The tenure of our government, he said, in these eight years will always have an upper hand over the 50-year rule of previous governments. Counting the achievements of the Manohar Lal government, he said, Haryana is the first state which has become smoke-free.

Amit Shah offers Rs 6,600-cr projects to Haryana-P3

Horse of reforms in full trot

By Parveen K Modi

The horse unleashed from the stable of reforms by the Manohar Lal Government in 2015, and whipped for pace by the Chintan Shivir held in 2017 against the picturesque backdrop of Parwanoo hills, has covered a lot of ground in Haryana.

With most departments and wings of the state government having been swept by its sweep, it will be only apt to say that the horse of reforms in Haryana has been, and, is in full trot. Such departments and wings as have public dealing which involves interface between the administration and the people, and admits of graft and favouritism, were obviously the first where reforms were introduced.

The collective objective was to make systemic changes to bend the administration to the needs of the people; pace up delivery of citizen-centric services and make these available in a hassle-free manner, making the life of the man in the street easy. All this defines the goal the Chief Minister had red-lettered

in the list of to-do things after assuming the reins of office in 2014.

Decidedly, the net gainer of the reformist measures is the man in the street and the losers are graft, nepotism, favouritism and self appointed middle men who would double up as touts and act as agents

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of the powers that be, for making a fast buck.

Having brought meaningful and tangible changes in their lives in the last eight years-the likes of which were never seen or talked about in the preceding five decades relentless reforms have made people breathe easy. They now get services right at their doorsteps and are no

longer required to bribe their way through to get work done in government offices.

But reforms need a vehicle/platform to be conceptualized and conceptualisation takes the shape of policy action, a scheme, or a portal. A number of signature measures have been taken and portals launched by the Manohar Lal Government since 2014 so as to give reforms a meaningful and lasting platform, and the beneficiary the feel.

New initiatives have been taken to roll out financial and social security cover to families of farmers, workers and state government employees, inject greater accountability in the management of finances, and ensure utilization of idle funds. These have touched almost every life, be it a farmer, farm labourer, trader, industrialist or a service provider.

Tehsils have been given a corporate make-over; one can buy ration from any part of the state; get land registered from any tehsil; more than 540 services have been brought under the Right to Service

Act; farmers are now paid for the crop procured within 72 hours; and portals have been launched to ensure online delivery of citizen-centric services.

Besides, the facility of Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) has been extended to many departments to ensure that help and compensation reach the account of the beneficiary without pilferage: it has resulted in annual saving of Rs 1,000 crore. CM Smridhi Kisan Pariwar Khata and CM Smridhi Shramik Pariwar Khata have been opened to provide financial and social security cover to families of farmers of farmers with land holding of 1-5 acres, and those of workers. The list is endless.

The changes have made despair make way for hope, rekindled aspirations and changed the mindset of the people. Facilitating all this, Citizen Resource Information Department has been set up to provide benefits of services and schemes to the people through digital means.

Living and feeling reforms in day-to-day life-PP 4 and 5

125-yr-old Punjab Jail Manual to be replaced

By Ajay Bhardwaj

The Haryana Cabinet which met under the Chairmanship of Chief Minister, Sh. Manohar Lal recently accorded approval to a proposal regarding replacing more than 125 years old Punjab Jail Manual- 1894 with the Haryana Prison Rules, 2022, as applicable in the state of Haryana in the Prisons Department.

These rules shall come into force on the date of their publication in the official Gazette.

These rules will apply to all prisons in the State with regard to their administration and management, staff members, convicts, undertrial prisoners, civil prisoners, female prisoners, young offenders, and detainees under preventive detention laws.

Based on the Model Prison Manual, 2016, approved by the Union Ministry of Home Affairs the new rules envisage classification of Prisoners for segregation, special provisions for gangsters and hardcore prisoners. Besides this, the rights and duties of prisoners have also been included. Provisions for prison diet, its preparation and distribution management have been provided in the new rules.

Special provisions have also been made for female, old age and terminally ill prisoners. As on date, the Punjab Jail Manual-1894 notified during the British Rule is applicable in the State.



PADMA scheme launched

The Cabinet gave nod to the draft of the Program to Accelerate Development of MSME Advancement (PADMA) scheme aimed at designing and implementing developmental interventions focused on micro and small enterprises at the block level to give a thrust to sustainable employment and entrepreneurship opportunities as well as to promote balanced regional growth.

The scheme aims at setting up 143 new clusters (one in each block) of MSMEs over about 4000 acres of land, enable the setting up of 10,000 plus new enterprises, attract new investments of Rs.

25,000-30,000 crores, creation of 3,00,000 new employment (direct and indirect), designing and implementing developmental interventions focused on micro and small enterprises at block level by leveraging cluster approach.

It is also targeted to give a thrust to sustainable employment and entrepreneurship opportunities, encouraging holistic socio-economic development and a robust industrial ecosystem at the block level, empowering the state's youth to set up new enterprises.

Rs. 500-crore loan cleared

The state Cabinet accorded Ex-

post facto approval to a proposal for providing State Government Guarantee of Rs. 500 crore in favour of State Bank of India, against the sanctioned Capex loan of Rs. 500 to Uttar Haryana Bijli Vitran Nigam Ltd. (UHBVNL) for meeting the Capital expenditure and power purchase payments.

The Nigam manages its day-to-day operations by using fund-based and non-fund-based working capital limits sanctioned by various banks. The Capex loan has been necessitated due to the increase in power purchase payments, and to meet the capital expenditure requirement and provide a Letter of

Credit in favour of power suppliers as per Ministry of Power guidelines, UHBVNL requires fresh working capital loans and Capex loans.

Inquiry Commission to submit report by Oct 31. The Cabinet accorded ex-post facto approval to a proposal regarding Mr. Justice L.N. Mittal (Retired) of Punjab and Haryana High Court, to head the Commission of Inquiry to inquire into the circumstances leading to the assault and unfortunate death of Sh. Surender Singh, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Taoru, District Nuh, while conducting a raid on illegal mining activities. The term of the commission has been extended upto October 31, 2022.

Money circulation schemes rules get the nod

By Rajeev Ranjan Roy

In a bid to ensure a complete ban on the promotion or conduct of prize chits and money circulation schemes, Haryana government has formulated the Money Circulation Schemes (Banning) Rules-2022 which will come into force from the date of their publication in the official gazette. A decision in this regard was taken in the state Cabinet meeting, which met under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal here on October 19.

The provisions of the 'Prize Chits and Money Circulation Schemes (Banning), Act, 1978' were made applicable to the State as per Section 13 of the Act and under this, the Money Circulation Schemes (Banning) Rules-2022 have been formulated now, which stipulate that "no individual or company or firm or business association, in any form will promote, run or participate in money circulation scheme including a disguised money circulation scheme."

According to an official

Ordinance approved

The Haryana Cabinet, which met on October 19 under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal, has accorded its approval to bring The Haryana Sikh Gurdwaras (Management) Amendment Ordinance-2022 till the elections are held for a panel to manage affairs of gurdwaras in the state.

The Supreme Court had recently upheld the constitutional validity of the Haryana Sikh Gurdwara (Management) Act, 2014 under which there is a provision for a 41-member ad hoc panel to look after affairs of

gurdwaras till a committee is constituted for it through elections. The Chief Minister said that as the state Legislature is not in session, circumstances necessitated the formulation of the ad hoc panel.

The Haryana Sikh Gurdwaras (Management) Act, 2004 was enacted by the State of Haryana vide notification dated July 14, 2014 with the objective to provide better autonomous management and effective supervision of Sikh Gurdwaras and Gurdwara properties in the State.

DPR for Metro extension cleared

In a major boost to provide better connectivity between Rezangla Chowk, Gurugram and Dwarka Sector 21, the final Detailed Project Report (DPR) of the Metro Rail Connectivity project was also approved in the meeting Council of Ministers held here under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal.

According to the DPR, the spur or metro extension connecting Rezangla Chowk in Palam Vihar and Dwarka Sector 21 station will be 8.40 km long, of which 4-km will be from Palam Vihar to Sector 111 in Gurugram and the remaining 4.40 km will be from Sector 111 to Sector 21 Dwarka. This entire route will have seven stations.

During the meeting, Chief

Minister Manohar Lal also accorded approval of the gross project cost along with the state government's share of Rs 1,541 crore. Approval was also given to nominate the Administrative Secretary, Town and Country Planning Department, as nodal officer for the signing of agreements and other related documents for the implementation of the said project.

This Mass Rapid Transport System (MRTS) project will give connectivity to the maximum part of Gurugram city with Delhi and other surroundings.

It will interchange with Palam Vihar station of Gurugram Metro Corridor, interchange with IECC station of Airport Express Metro Corridor and interchange with Sector 21 Dwarka station of DMRC

blue line and Airport Express Metro Corridor. This MRTS will also have an interchange with Dwarka Expressway at Sector 110-A.

According to an official statement, these linkages will enhance the efficiency of the transportation system in the National Capital Region (NCR).

The introduction of MRTS will result in the reduction in the number of buses, Intermediate Public Transport (IPT), usage of private vehicles, air pollution and an increase in the speed of road-based vehicles.

This, in turn, will result in significant social benefits due to reduction in fuel consumption, vehicle operating cost and travel time of passengers. /HR/

statement, the nodal police authority will be responsible for coordinating with other state governments, the Central government and agencies concerned under such governments and the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and will also be responsible for furnishing the information to the RBI in the

format and periodicity as decided by the state government in consultation with the RBI.

On the conclusion of the investigation, if adequate evidence exists that a money circulation scheme is being run by a company or firm or business association in any form, the investigating officer,

apart from prosecuting the case under the Prize Chit and Money Circulation Schemes (Banning) Act, 1978 (Central Act 43 of 1978), shall forward a report to the competent authority, under intimation to the nodal police authority, to take action for winding up such businesses, said the statement.

Amit Shah offers Rs 6,600-crore projects

Calls it PM's Diwali gift to state; Modi-Manohar combo working wonders

By Ajay Bhardwaj

Union Home Minister Amit Shah, while complimenting Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal for the achievements of his government in the last eight years, inaugurated and laid the foundation stones of four projects costing more than Rs.6,600 crore in a programme held in Faridabad.

Besides this, he also laid the foundation stone of the Haryana Orbital Rail Corridor Project costing about Rs 5,618 crore and inaugurated Rail Coach Refurbishment Factory at Barhi in Sonapat district costing Rs 590 crore.

The Union Home Minister also inaugurated the country's first longest elevated railway track built at Rohtak at a cost of Rs 315.40 crore.

Along with this, the Haryana Police residence complex at Bhondsi built at the cost of Rs 106 crore was also inaugurated by the union minister. About 576 police families will be able to live in the police residential complex.

After inaugurating various schemes and laying the foundation stone, the Home Minister said that all these development projects are Deepawali gifts from the Prime Minister Narendra Modi to the people of Haryana.

Glorious achievements

Addressing the gathering, the union minister was all praise for the work of the Haryana Government and the Chief Minister. He congratulated the people of Haryana on the



success-ful completion of 8 years of the Haryana Government led by Sh Manohar Lal.

Unlike the past, when the State used to get a Chief Minister either from Sirsa or Rohtak, our Manohar Lal had today become the Chief Minister of the entire Haryana, he said.

"If we recall the previous regime, corruption and lawlessness used to be the main issues but since the time Manohar Lal led government has taken the charge, not only did the corruption and lawlessness has ended but the state has also progressed swiftly on the path of development to bring Haryana to the top," said the Union Home Minister.

He said that the chief minister has taken care of all sections. While comparing the working style of the Manohar Lal government with the previous governments, Sh. Shah said that the tenure of our government in these eight years will always have an upper hand over the 50-year rule of previous governments.

During this, the Union Home Minister also mentioned the achievements of the Haryana government achieved in the last 8 years and congratulated his entire team including the Chief Minister.

He said that 10 years ago Haryana had no identity in software exports, but today Haryana has become the second state in software export. Every other vehicle on the road is made in Haryana, said Sh. Amit Shah.

Sh. Amit Shah said that a big change has come in Haryana in the last 8 years. About 400 Fortune companies of the world are working in Haryana. The state government has worked to make Gurugram an industrial hub, said the Union Home Minister.

Modi-Manohar combo

He said that eight years ago, Haryana was ranked 16th in exports, but now it is at number seven in terms of exports. Haryana has secured the second position in the country under the 'landlocked category' in the Niti Aayog's Export

Preparedness Index.

"The Haryana government has done the commendable work of giving government jobs to 98000 people in the last 8 years. There has also been a significant improvement in the sex ratio in the state. The present government did the work of eliminating all the illegal nexus. I can happily say that Modi-Manohar has worked to make Haryana number one," said Sh. Amit Shah.

Earlier speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister said that Haryana is a leading state of the country.

"Our government has worked to change the system in the last 8 years, on one hand, the people are being given the benefits of all welfare schemes online, while on the other, a network of national highways and rail lines have been laid in the entire state. We have brought radical changes in all other areas including education, and health," said the chief minister.

He said that the state government has done the work of

providing 24 hours of uninterrupted power supplies in the villages.

"If you compare the working of governments of the last 48 years, then 8 years of this government will always have the upper hand as the kind of visible developmental work we have done was never even seen during the tenure of previous governments. I assure the Union Home Minister that Haryana would give its full contribution to the progress of the country," said Sh. Manohar Lal.

World-class rail network

On this occasion, the Union Minister of Railways and Information Technology, Sh. Ashwini Vaishnav said that today is a special day as the double-engine government is completing its successful eight years.

"Today the Home Minister has given a big gift to Haryana. This will change the future of Haryana. A huge eco-system will be created from the Rail Coach Refurbishment Factory, said Sh. Ashwini Vaishnav.

He said that during the time of the previous government, only Rs 315 crore was allocated for the development of railways in Haryana, but Prime Minister, Sh. Narendra Modi's tenure, an annual allocation of 1400 crores is allocated for the development of railways in Haryana.

Sh. Ashwini Vaishnav said that work on railway projects is going on at a fast pace in Haryana. Railways have sanctioned a complete redevelopment project of seven stations in Haryana.

Three 'C', five 'S' strategy to translate PM's vision : CM

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The Haryana government has been avidly pursuing the three 'C' strategy to uproot Corruption, Caste and Crime in the state accompanied with it has been the strategy of promoting five "S"-Shiksha, Swasthya, Suraksha, Swabhiman and Swavlamban to ensure holistic development.

Chief Minister Sh Manohar Lal presented his report card to the media persons as he completed eight years in office and said that the blueprint of development as envisioned by the Prime Minister had greatly inspired him to continuously work to bring radical changes in the working of the government and make the life of the citizens easier.

PPP a pilot scheme

He said though in the last eight years dozens of radical changes have been brought in Haryana but the introduction of Parivar Pehchan

Patra scheme was on the top.

"Through this one of its kind umbrella scheme, while considering the family as a unit, benefits of all the welfare schemes, programmes and services being run by the State Government are being given on a single platform. Today all the welfare schemes are being linked to PPP," said the Chief Minister.

Automatic disbursement of pension benefits is being ensured through PPP. Besides this, the work of making yellow ration cards is also being done through PPP.

Under the 'Mukhyamantri Antyodaya Parivar Utthan Abhiyan', a target has been set to identify about 2 lakh poor families with a target to increase their family annual income upto Rs 1 lakh.

In a bid to give maximum benefit to such families, the annual income slab of BPL families has been increased from Rs 1.20 lakh to Rs 1.80 lakh. In the three phases of Antyodaya Gram Utthan Melas, loan sanction letters have been



given to more than 33,000 poor families for self-employment.

Antyodaya Saral Portal

Under the Maximum Governance and Minimum Government programme, 572 services and schemes of 42 departments have been made available online on Antyodaya Saral Portal. This step has not only reduced human

intervention in providing government benefits but also ensured that the benefits reach the grassroots level.

As many as 12 lakh complaints were received on the CM window alone, out of which 90 per cent were resolved. Not only this but with the successful implementation of the Teachers Transfer Policy, the age-old system of 'pick and choose' was completely eliminated. The online

transfer policy has been implemented in 214 cadres having more than 80 posts in 43 departments.

Mhara Gaon-Jagmag Gaon

The Chief Minister said that a round-the-clock power supply is being ensured under Mhara Gaon-Jagmag Gaon Yojana. At present, 5681 which is 84 per cent of villages of the state are being provided 24 hours electricity, whereas in October 2014 only 538 villages were being provided 24 hours of electricity.

The Chief Minister said that in order to put an end to disputes related to ownership rights in villages, the scheme to make villages Lal Dora free was launched on January 26, 2020, which was later implemented in the entire country under the name of Pradhan Mantri SWAMITVA Yojana. Under this scheme, all the villages of the state have been made Lal Dora free.

Living and feeling refo

Determined to make life of the man in the street easy and delivery of citizen-centric board during the last eight years to promote the ease of living, usher in a new era

Online services, DBT show touts the gate

By Parveen K Modi

Reforms in Haryana have been so executed as to make a man in the street live and feel them in the course of the day-to-day life. Whether it is depositing a bill; obtaining a certificate; seeking a transfer; drawing ration from a PDS depot; taking benefit of the plethora of government's social welfare schemes; or seeking redress of a grievance, one finds the going easy. The effort involved does not cost time, money and energy as it would until 2014.

Besides the embedded urge of the Chief Minister to bring about a change, the reforms spanning almost every layer of the administration and governance, find their genesis in the out-of-the-box thinking, modern outlook of the administration and people-centricity of the policies and programmes.

Big-ticket reforms

Notable among the big-ticket reforms include one can buy ration from any PDS shop in any district; get land registered in any tehsil; single-window clearance system housed in CMO; all clearances within two months; qualifications fixed for those contesting polls to Panchayati Raj Institutions giving the grass-roots level democracy a shot of education; setting up of all-woman police stations--Haryana never had these before---and Gram Sachivalaya launched to take administration to the doorsteps of ruralites.

Information technology has been harnessed like never before to reduce the interface between the people and the administration which would leave the doors ajar for graft. While 589 online services and schemes of 42 departments are now available online, 528 services are now provided through Antyodaya Saral Portal.

Efforts are being made to bring the remaining services online at the earliest. Auto Appeal Software "AAS" has been launched to make governance more responsive. Technology interface has been so designed to make them user-friendly and accessible 24 X7. These can be easily navigated.

Several schemes providing assistance to citizens from the government treasury have been connected with the facility of Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT). Resultantly, the beneficiaries, including farmers, get the money directly transferred into their bank accounts.



The Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, then Chief Secretary, Mr. D.S. Dhesi, and former Governor of Mizoram, Mr. A.R. Kohli, releasing a book entitled 'Haryana Sudhar- Story So Far' at the three-day Chintan Shivir organized at Timber Trail in Parwanoo -A file Photo

Chintan Shivir lent push and pace

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Even though the Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, immeasurably hungry for changing the system and itching to work things up, hit the ground running after assuming office for the first term in 2014, the process of big-ticket systemic reforms was fast-tracked at the three-day Chintan Shivir in December 2017. It was with the specific intent of giving the reforms juggernaut push and pace that this Shivir was organised by the state government at Timber Trail, Parwanoo, in Himachal Pradesh.

The brain-storming against the backdrop of salubrious

surroundings of pine trees had the government serve a three-course menu on reforms: those undertaken until then, those in the works; and others lined up for the future. Besides, the Chief Minister unfolded Vision 2030 after bringing officers and politicians on the same platform and exhorting them to work and walk together the path of reforms to make Haryana an educated, healthy and prosperous state. A booklet titled 'Haryana Sudhar-Story So Far' was also released on the occasion.

Participation of political personalities, officers, media persons and youth who had logged achievements in their respective fields, was ensured at the Shivir to lend weight to the resolve to move

forward to bring about the change in the system and make Haryana scale higher peaks of growth. The Chief Minister successfully converted the Shivir into an anvil for hammering to shape the future course of action.

"The Shivir was indeed an unprecedented success and unleashed new energies for building a new Haryana. All senior officers of Haryana were told to work together as a team to ensure that the benefits of development reached the last person in the line in the true spirit of Atyodaya". This is how the Chief Minister summed up the outcome of the Shivir while speaking at the closing ceremony.

Haryana Review has a close look at some key reformist initiatives that have touched and changed people's lives.

PPP a passport

Earlier, people had to apply to different departments to get the benefit of different social welfare schemes. It would cost time, money and energy. Now, the flagship scheme of Parivar Pehchan Patra (PPP), launched in 2015 for identification of the needy families in the state, has emerged as a sure passport to the benefits of various social welfare schemes of the state government.

It virtually serves as a one-stop window. Today, benefits of about 450 schemes and services are being given through PPP and more than 2.57 crore members of 65 lakh families have been registered with

it. About 90 per cent families of Haryana have PPP IDs.

Significantly, more than 1 lakh pensioners who were taking social security pension by wrong means have been identified and their names have been weeded out. "This has led to the identification of as many as 37 lakh 'Ghost Transactions,' thereby saving the state treasury about Rs 1,200 crore," said the Chief Minister.

Marriage registration has been linked with PPP besides birth and death data to ensure that real time data is collected. Ration cards, old age pension, caste certificates, birth certificate and income certificate are also made through PPP. The aim of the state government is to ensure the reach of the benefits of welfare schemes to eligible persons.

The government has also revised the income limit of BPL

from Rs 1.2 lakh to Rs 1.8 lakh to ensure that a maximum number of families get the benefits of schemes.

32k MMAPUY jobs

Under PPP, families having an income of less than Rs 1 lakh, were identified and Mukhyamantri Antyodaya Parivar Utthan Yojana (MMAPUY) was launched to economically uplift them. Under this scheme, these families were guided about various schemes by organizing Antyodaya Gram Utthan Melas and more than 32,000 persons were provided employment.

Similarly, the Mukhyamantri Parivar Samridhi Yojana is also being run by the state government, under which an annual financial aid of Rs 6,000 is given to such families having income of less than Rs. 1.8 lakh. Out of this amount, premiums

for various schemes run by the Central Government are being paid. The state government is paying a premium of about 27-28 lakh families, said the Chief Minister.

Ration from any PDS shop

This comes as a huge relief to the migratory labourers who work away from their homes. PDS data having been computerised, now they can draw monthly ration from any shop in the city they work. Launched initially as a pilot project in seven districts it is being extended to all districts of the state.

Antyodaya Saral Portal

Reach the portal and you will find all information about government schemes. Antyodaya Saral Portal, launched in 2017, provides information about all the schemes and services on one platform. The process of making applications on the portal has been made paperless.

More than 100 centers have been set up at district, sub-division and tehsil level to provide benefits of services and schemes through a high-tech system. As many as 589 online services and schemes of 42 departments are now available on the single window Saral Portal. More than 5.5 lakh applications are received every month on this portal.

Beneficiaries are no longer required to make frequent visits to government offices; they are facilitated to get work done in government offices with ease. The first-come-first-serve token facility ensures that citizens don't have to stand in long queues. More than 1 lakh calls were received at the call centre.

Aadhaar with birth record

Haryana is the first state in the country to introduce an Aadhaar-linked birth registration system apart from several IT initiatives taken by the state government. This saves people a lot of time in procuring birth certificates of the newly-born.

Online transfer policy

Transfers had become a roaring business. The Education Department has implemented an online transfer policy under which one seeking a transfer can apply online stating preference of stations. This has not only helped teachers get posting at a station of their choice but also enabled the department to correct the student-teacher ratio in the state. The teacher-student ratio in most schools in the state has been corrected.

Reforms in day-to-day life

services hassle-free, the Manohar Lal Government has effected reforms across the state to ensure transparent and graft-free governance, and make people feel their impact in the day-to-day life

Tehsils undergo corporate make-over

By Parveen K Modi

Take time out and visit a tehsil in Haryana, even if you do not have to get land registered or procure a certificate. This will give you a hang of the transformation these once-infamous-for-graft offices have been through. Their spick-and-span look may make you wonder if you have come to the office you wanted to reach.

Having undergone IT-enabled corporate make-over, the tehsils no longer look like locked-in-time-warped offices to get property transferred or registered, courtesy the steps taken by the state government to translate the vision of the Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, to make the life of the man in the street easy, and delivery of citizen-centric services hassle-free, into reality.

If you have been visiting tehsils earlier than 2014, you will surely miss out on what you have been used to. There is no traditional clap-trap of ramshackle typewriters; harried people holding a sheaf of



papers no more hurry and scurry into one another; and the noise no more makes it difficult for you to get yourself heard. Touts are out, middlemen have been marginalized, and graft is being engraved in a stone with the help of I-T.

Disorder has given way to order; system has displaced the lack of it; and the uneasiness on the

faces of anxious but not-knowing-what-to-do and where-to-go visitors has been replaced by the ease of I-know-my-way, resulting in ease and a sense of satisfaction. There is no more jostling, no hassles and no tortuous waiting in unending serpentine queues.

Just reach the Help Desk and it will serve you both as a friend and

guide. Once the documents are ready, take them to the Help Desk to obtain an appointment with sub-registrar (SR). If these are in order, the applicant's photograph is taken and appointment, date and time, with SR fixed.

One must carry photo I-card for getting an appointment. The applicant can choose the mode of

delivery of registered deeds i.e. by hand or by post and deposit the cost of Speed Post delivery. Touch-screens, computers, LCDs flashing names of appointees and waiting halls with adequate seating arrangements have come to define the present-day tehsil.

The tehsils have leapfrogged from e-registry to registry anywhere in the state. Now, one can get land deals registered at any tehsil in Haryana. This has made people feel convenient and saved them a lot of time, travel and cost. In order to make the information of the registry of land and Intkal available for the public, the Revenue Department uploads a copy of e-Jamabandi and a copy of the registry-deed as a sample on its website so that both the buyer and the seller can study these before making a deal.

Decidedly, the people-friendly measure of e-registration has helped in curbing the fleecing of people to a great extent, made the lives of the people easy, and saved them precious time, money and energy.

Budget stitched with views of stakeholders

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It has never happened before. The reformist process of democratizing the budget-making exercise, involving engaging and exhaustive rounds with different stakeholders, was never witnessed in any state, much less Haryana, until 2020.

Billed as a first-of-its-kind initiative aimed at involving representatives of different segments of the economy and the society before stitching together an all-inclusive Budget, it was taken by the Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, who also holds the Finance portfolio, in 2020 before presenting his maiden Budget.

And the practice continues. The Chief Minister had rounds of discussion with different stakeholders before presenting the Budget for 2022-23.

While presenting the Budget for 2021-22, the Chief Minister said he was happy that he had succeeded in fulfilling his resolve to make the proposals only after holding compre-

hensive discussions with representatives of all sections of the society.

These included representatives of organizations of the economic sector, MPs and MLAs having different political ideologies, and experts from various sectors, including service sector, real estate, industry, and agriculture. He also met farmers, women and entrepreneurs.

“For two consecutive months, I held eight pre-budget consultation sessions. It will be apt to say that some of the suggestions were similar and others were related to the general working of the government. Overall, more than 300 different suggestions were directly related to the budget”, he added.

Ostensibly, the exercise was aimed at keeping the tabs on the

pulse of the people, and converting the Budget into a tool to answer people's expectations. At his pre-Budget meeting with MLAs, he sought their suggestions on various subjects, including agriculture and education, to incorporate them in the Budget.

His three-day pre-budget meeting with MLAs in Panchkula was aimed at getting feedback and

suggestions from them. Legislators across the political divide come out with ideas to be incorporated in the budget for 2020-21.

Allotted five minutes each to proffer their views and make suggestions, most legislators made most of the opportunity to say what they wanted to say. The quiver of suggestions, both on projects and possible sources of revenue, and incisive deliberations, threw up several arrows of new thoughts which would surely help in stitching up a futuristic budget.

Earlier, he had met MPs from the state, besides experts from various sectors, including service sector, real estate, industry, and agriculture.

The Chief Minister described the pre-budget consultations with different stakeholders “as a historical step in the democratic system of the country. Haryana is probably the first state in the country where the Budget is being finalized with participation of all”, he added.



Chief Minister Shri Manohar Lal a pre-budget meeting with the Health Department officials through video conferencing at CM residence, Chandigarh on 22 February 2022.

Best-governed among 18 big states

By **Rajeev Ranjan Roy**

Haryana has added one more scintillating feather in its cap under the dynamic leadership of Chief Minister Manohar Lal. It has been adjudged as the best governed state among 18 big States of the country by Bengaluru-based not-for-profit think tank Public Affairs Centre (PAC). A whole government approach with which Haryana is being governed for the last eight years has borne multiple positive results, paving the way for the state's all round sustainable progress.

In the Public Affairs Index-2022, Haryana has been at the forefront in social justice, economic justice and political justice themes. It has topped among the major states with a score of 0.6948, followed by Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Chhattisgarh, Punjab and Karnataka among many other states. In the 7th edition of PAI-2022 released on October 14, economic justice has been measured on indicators such as

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Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal said: "It is only because of the guidance of Prime Minister Mr Narendra Modi, the state has been able to achieve this feat." "Under the leadership of the Prime Minister, a comprehensive and positive change has taken place in every field in the country and the

state," added Chief Minister Mr Lal, while asserting his resolve not to sit on laurels and continue working hard to take Haryana to greater heights of glory.

Notably, under the able leadership of Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal, the state government is constantly making plans for the upliftment of the last mile citizen while upholding the spirit of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya's Antyodaya philosophy and following the basic mantra of Haryana Ek, Haryanvi

Ek. The Chief Minister firmly believes the government is making dedicated efforts to bring those at the bottom of the pyramid into the mainstream. Through Mukhyamantri Antyodaya Utthan Yojana, benefits are being ensured to every Antyodaya family.

Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal has congratulated everyone for achieving one more milestone in their collective pursuits to make Haryana a robust, resilient and inclusive state. He has complimented officers and employees for ensuring proper implementation of the welfare schemes of the government. The double-engine government at the Center and in the state is vigorously moving and fulfilling the dreams of every common man with the spirit of Antyodaya, he said.

Director, PAC, G Gurucharan said the report has been prepared transparently and fairly where the States have been divided into two categories – large and small, and the assessment was done based on the Central government data. He

said that in PAI-2022 the analysis of governance experiences a shift from the framework of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to a constitutionally enshrined principle of justice.

In PAI-2022, economic justice was measured on indicators such as labour productivity, assurance of standard of living to wage workers, public expenditure on development, coverage of social safety net, and employment opportunities.

Political justice was measured on indicators such as functional devolution to rural and urban local bodies, commitment to independent financial devolution to local bodies, incidence of crime efficiency of police in mobilising case related evidence, and redress for undertrial population.

Similarly, social justice was measured on indicators such as learning outcomes for school-goers, safe drinking water and sanitation coverage, early childhood development outcomes, ease of logistics and trade, regularity and reliability of power supply.

FORTNIGHT IN RETROSPECT

Rs 2,455 crore for NHM for 2022-24

The Central Government has approved Rs 110 crore under the Pradhan Mantri Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission for 2022-23.

It has accorded administrative approval for Rs 1,443.27 crore against the resource envelope of Rs 1,445.13 crore for 2022-23, and Rs 1,012.12 crore for 2023-24 against the resource envelope of Rs 1,284.14 crore. Hence, a total amount of Rs 2,455.39 crore has been approved for the financial years 2022-24.

This was disclosed by the Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, while presiding over the 8th general body meeting of the State Health Society, NHM Haryana.

He said a special campaign should be launched to make people aware of the divine deed of eye donation. Health check-ups should be organized for school children at least once a year. Besides, wide publicity should be done to make information about the activities and programmes implemented by the National Health Mission.

The Chief Minister directed the officers to hold meetings of the governing and general body of NHM constituted at the district level at least once a year.

HAFED earns record profit of Rs 207 cr

HAFED has earned Rs 207-crore profit during the financial year 2021-22 which is a record in its history of more than 55 years. The business turnover of



approximately Rs 17,700 crore achieved by HAFED during this period is also the highest ever.

Mr Kailash Bhagat, Chairman, said Hafed had recently taken numerous bold initiatives to expand the domain of HAFED business. It has diversified into exports, commercial purchase of different



commodities like paddy, wheat and mustard seed etc. and a special emphasis has been laid on exports activities. As a result, HAFED has got an export order of 20,000 MT basmati rice valuing 21.85 million USD from Saudi Arabia.

HAFED is also exploring business opportunities in other countries to expand its export business and focus has been

enhanced on marketing of its products in the domestic market by adding new products like multi-grain atta, namkeen, biscuits, jaggery, poha etc. in its product range.

Managing Director, Mr A. Sreenivas, IAS, said that infrastructure was also being augmented in Hafed by setting up new units like oil mill at Rampura, cattle feed plant at Rohtak, flour mill at Jatusana, fortified rice kernels unit at Taraori, modern rice mills at Ding, Rania & Baroda, turmeric plant at Radaur etc.

Special subsidy for units making defence items

The Deputy Chief Minister, Mr Dushyant Chautala, has said that a special subsidy will be given by the Haryana Government to the companies engaged in the field of defence sector for setting up units in Haryana.

He gave this information during the "DefExpo-22" organized in Gandhinagar, Gujarat, while interacting with representatives of various companies in the 'Haryana

Pavilion'. Mr Chautala also visited the exhibition of modern weapons manufactured by Indian companies there.

"Our defence exports have grown 8 times in recent years. We are exporting defence material and equipment to more than 75 countries of the world. In 2021-22, defence exports from India reached 1.59 billion dollars i.e around Rs. 13,000 crore. The Government of



India has set a target of taking it to 5 billion dollar (Rs. 40,000 crore), he added.

Coming up, 6 automated vehicle testing stations

The Haryana Government will set up six automated vehicle testing stations in the state for fitness testing of vehicles through Automated Testing Stations (ATS). These will be set up at Ambala, Faridabad, Hisar, Karnal, Gurugram and Rewari at an estimated cost of Rs 116 crore.

Disclosing this while presiding over a meeting of the Committee of Secretaries, the Chief Secretary, Mr Sanjeev Kaushal, directed the officials of Transport Department to finalize the draft of testing stations within a month, so that the process of setting them up could begin at the earliest.

The technical and commercial aspects at such centres operating in Delhi should be studied carefully, he added. The stations will be built on PPP mode.

CM firms up stance on SYL Canal

Plans to update Union Jal Shakti Minister ; Punjab plays truant again

By Ajay Bhardwaj

After no consensus was arrived on the construction of the SYL canal during the talks between Haryana Chief Minister Sh Manohar Lal and his Punjab counterpart Bhagwant Mann, Haryana has firmed up its stance and has decided to apprise Union Minister of Jal Shakti Sh Gajendra Singh Shekhawat of the outcome of the meeting.

The meeting was called at the instance of the Supreme Court directive urging the two states to amicably resolve the age-old dispute on the construction of the SYL.

Haryana has in fact repeatedly demanded execution of the Supreme Court decree asking Punjab to complete the construction of SYL at the earliest, but Punjab has been constantly playing truant on one pretext or the other.

The construction of SYL is the lifeline for Haryana, said the chief minister adding that now he will be holding a meeting with the Union Minister of Jal Shakti, Sh. Gajendra Singh Shekhawat to brief him about this meeting.

Punjab's obstructive role

It is well known that despite two Supreme Court judgments, Punjab has not completed the construction of SYL. Instead of implementing the decisions of the Supreme Court, Punjab tried to obstruct their implementation by enacting the Cancellation of Agreements Act in 2004.

It is worth mentioning that under the provision of Punjab Reorganization Act, 1966, according to the order of the Government of India dated March 24, 1976, 3.5 MAF of water was allocated to



Haryana out of the surplus water of Ravi-Beas. Due to non-completion of SYL canal, Haryana is using only 1.62 MAF of water. Punjab is illegally using about 1.9 MAF of water from Haryana's share by not completing the SYL canal in its region.

Due to this attitude of Punjab, Haryana is not able to take its 1.88 MAF share of water. Punjab and Rajasthan are using about 2600 cusecs of water from Haryana every year. If this water had reached Haryana, it would have been used to irrigate 10.08 lakh acres of land, quench the state's thirst, and help thousands of farmers.

Due to non-availability of this water, the groundwater level in South-Haryana is also going down considerably. Due to non-construction of SYL, farmers of Haryana irrigate by using expensive diesel and running tubewells with electricity, which incurs an additional burden of Rs.

100 crore to Rs. 150 crore every year.

Due to non-formation of SYL in Punjab region, the irrigation potential created to irrigate 10 lakh acres in Haryana is lying idle. Additionally, the state also bears the loss of 42 lakh tonnes of food grains every year. Haryana would have generated an additional 130 lakh tonnes of food grains and other crops had SYL been established in



1983 in accordance with the 1981 agreement. The total value of this agricultural produce at the rate of 15,000 per tonne is Rs. 19,500 crore.

The Central Government had earlier informed the Supreme Court that the Punjab Government has been evading and ducking its responsibility to construct the SYL. It informed the Court that a letter was written to Punjab's new Chief

Minister but he did not give any response.

Incidentally, earlier the Haryana chief minister had written three demi-official letters to the Punjab Chief Minister for this meeting, but no response came forth.

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

Letter to Amit Shah

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

Now, the Supreme Court has directed the Central Government to organise a meeting of the Chief Ministers of both States and try to amicably resolve the issue.

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

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

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

QCA to make working on projects accountable

By Rajeev Ranjan Roy

Accountability is the backbone of good and transparent governance! The establishment of the Quality Control Authority (QCA) will be a watershed moment created by the persistent efforts of Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal to ensure transparency and accountability in the government projects.

It is a reiteration of the undiluted resolve of the current dispensation to maintain zero tolerance against corruption, and further increase the benchmarks of responsible governance.

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

Minister Mr Manohar Lal while addressing the people after virtually inaugurating and laying foundation stones of various projects worth Rs 2000 crore at the programme organized at Dr Mangal Sen Auditorium in Karnal on September 4.

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

He said that the Engineering Works Portal started by the state

Key POINTS

- Transparency is the focus area of the government.
- Engineering Works Portal has increased transparency in the allocation of government projects.
- Tender for the construction work is floated online.
- 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas' is ensuring equitable development across the state.

government has increased transparency in the allocation of government projects and now the tender for the construction works is floated online. Through this, the contractors will be able to fill their quotations and they will not have to make frequent rounds to meet the officers concerned to get their work

done, said the Chief Minister.

The Chief Minister also called upon the people of the state to cooperate in the zero tolerance against corruption campaign being run by the state government. "We will develop a single portal system in which the public will share information about the quality, corruption, mixing, or sub-standard construction of the projects with the government," he said. "After receiving such information, a preliminary examination will be done and strict action as per government rules will be ensured against those found guilty. Also if needed, then, reconstruction of such a project will also be considered," said Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal.

Following the principle of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas' in totality to ensure equitable development in the state, the present

government has been steadfast and determined in its resolve from day one to make the entire state undergo holistic development.

Given the fact that infrastructure plays a catalytic role in the overall growth and development of the country and the state, Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal has always laid emphasis on expanding investment in infrastructure to not only further strengthen the state's economy but also to attract more investment and provide ample employment opportunities to the state youth.

The state government has continuously increased the budget allocated for infrastructure and as compared to previous years, this time a record allocation of 34.4 per cent has been allocated for strengthening the infrastructure.



Pilgrims bathing at Brahma Sarovar in Kurukshetra during the solar eclipse.
Photos by Vinay Malik



Education

JC Bose Uni gets re-accreditation by NAAC with 'A+' Grade

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The JC Bose University of Science and Technology, Faridabad has been re-accredited by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) with an 'A+' Grade and a CGPA of 3.32 in the Second Cycle of Accreditation. The result of the assessment was declared in the 127th Meeting of the Standing Committee of NAAC held recently.

The accreditation would be valid for five years. The National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) is an autonomous body funded by the University Grants Commission that assesses and accredits Higher Education Institutions in India. In 2016, the University was awarded an 'A' grade by the NAAC in the First Cycle of Accreditation.

Vice-Chancellor, Prof. S.K. Tomar said the University has been making strenuous efforts to realise the dream of Haryana Chief Minister, Sh. Manohar Lal to make Haryana a global leader in education.

Vice Chancellor, Prof. S.K. Tomar said that JC Bose



University has positioned itself among India's elite and prestigious higher education institutions. He said that the University has made its presence on various prominent national platforms which reflects the quality parameters adopted by the University to further improve the quality of Education.

Registrar, Dr. SK Garg said that the re-accreditation of the University by NAAC with an 'A+' grade is a befitting award for the outstanding contribution of all stakeholders of the University. It is a distinguished achievement by the University on the quality parameters.

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Manohar Govt's eight-year journey

How the names of 'some dear ones' were included in the lists while making recruitment and transfers during the tenures of previous governments is an open secret. There were known names in the 'corridors of power' who would undertake the responsibility of getting the work done for a consideration. My greatest satisfaction is that our government has been successful in restoring the confidence and self-respect of every Haryanvi by putting an end to the infamous 'Parchi Kharchi' system.

Today every family, including those living in the far-flung areas, has come to believe that be it getting a child into a school or getting a job, everything is done purely on merit by the present dispensation. The decade-long dreams of youth belonging to poor and underprivileged families getting a government job have been realized during the last eight years as my government has worked on the 'Bina Parchi, Bina Kharchi' principle. Besides, paperless and

transparent systems have been adopted to eradicate corruption in transfers, and in government offices.

Local leaders used to influence voters by promising them jobs and transfers. But with the help of e-Governance, several new systems have been introduced by my government to reduce human interference, curb corruption and make the delivery of centric-services hassle-free. Doing such a hurricane task was certainly not easy for me as right from the local area councillors to MLAs and MPs, people would come to me with recommendations for transfers.

Sometimes it is not easy to say 'no' to them, but it is always better to say 'no' rather than spawn a wrong culture. That is why despite inviting severe criticism from the opposition, my government implemented the online transfer policy. And, I am happy that my dedicated efforts to remove corruption have yielded good results. Time-bound online services have been ensured to the people. This is yielding encouraging results.

Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas and Sabka Vishwas is the 'mool mantra' of BJP. That is why my government, through schemes like Antyodaya, Parivar Pehchan Patra and Ayushman Bharat, has made dedicated efforts to bring the much needed radical changes in the lives of those living at the bottom of the

socio-economic pyramid.

Be it old age pension or Vivah Shagun Yojana or any other scheme, an unprecedented increase has been made in the amount given to the beneficiaries. COVID-19 certainly posed a big challenge. It was a tough test for the governments around the world. But I am satisfied that Haryana not only put up a tough fight against the Pandemic but also achieved great success in taming the monster.

State-of-the-art health facilities are being ensured not only for the people of the state but also for the patients coming from the neighbouring states. Work is being done on a war footing to further expand the health facilities all over the state.

Haryana is the first state in the country to procure a maximum of 14 crops at MSP. Schemes like Bhavantar Bharpai Yojana, Meri Fasal Mera Byora and Mera Pani Meri Virasat have been implemented to make agriculture profitable. Until 2014, not only villages but also the cities of Haryana faced power crisis, but our government has not only ensured power supply in the rural areas but also taken concrete measures to spare the power corporations huge losses. Now, 80 percent of the villages are getting uninterrupted 24-hour power supply. In the private sector, provision has been

made for 75 percent reservation in jobs for the local youth. Our government is also making dedicated efforts to provide job opportunities to them in foreign countries as well.

If Haryana today has become the first choice of foreign investors, the credit goes mainly to the investment-friendly policies pursued by my government. Positive efforts, they rightly say, yield positive results. Not only in the fields of education and jobs, but also in every other sphere of life, Haryanvis are proving their mettle and ability. This became possible not because we are in power but because of the radical changes we brought about through good governance reforms.

In the sports world, the sky-high success of our players is incredible and has become a talking point. Undoubtedly, the strength of Haryanvis and the well-planned policies of our government joined hands to script these success stories. The medal-winning players of Haryana not only get the highest cash award in the country but are also offered government jobs. Haryana has also taken the initiative of giving advance money to the players for making preparations for the games.

Since sports constitute an integral part of the state's culture, we have laid special emphasis on

implementation of player-friendly policies to nurture the budding talent at the grass-roots level. Seeing the exemplary performance of our players at the national and international events, I can proudly say that our policies have started yielding positive results.

Geographically, Haryana may be a small state, but today it has become a role model for others in terms of the all-round development, and for taking several first-of-its-kind initiatives. This could not have been possible but for the trust each Haryanvi reposed in us, and in our good governance. I assure you that with the support of the people of the state, this journey of 'Vyavastha Parivartan Se Sushasan' will continue in the years to come.

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