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Prez pats CM for women empowerment

Lauds Beti-Bachao, Beto-Padhaio campaign and excellence of women sportspersons

By **Ajay Bhardwaj**

President Smt. Droupadi Murmu has been all praise for the daughters of Haryana for becoming the best examples of women empowerment in the country.

At a function organised in the Haryana Raj Bhawan in Chandigarh, the President had an interaction with doctors, ASHA workers, and ANMs associated with the state's Beti Bachao-Beti Padhaio campaign.

In her laudatory message the President underlined that daughters are an embodiment of power.

Every family should cooperate in taking daughters forward in every field so that they become empowered and contribute mightily in every field.

The way the daughters of Haryana have raised the pride of their families and state on the global stage in the sports field is one of the best examples of women empowerment. "We know women face more challenges in their life than men, so it is the responsibility of the family, society and government to nurture and empower the girl



child," said the President.

She praised the Governor and the Chief Minister for remarkable implementation of the Beti Bachao-Beti Padhaio campaign and hoped that Haryana will continue to boost the morale of the State's daughters by taking such path-breaking steps.

Commendable fight

While appreciating Haryana Chief Minister Sh Manohar Lal for making Beti-Bachao Beti-Padhaio a big success in the state, the President lauded in particular the State Government's "commend-

able job" in saving the lives of girls by spreading awareness about female feticide at the grassroot level. She hoped that the Manohar Lal government would continue taking such pioneering steps to give love and affection to its daughters.

It was in the year 2015 that Prime Minister Narendra Modi had started this campaign from Panipat. Later the Chief Minister Shri Manohar Lal formed a separate cell for the successful implementation of this campaign at the grassroot level.

The government took stringent steps to check incidents of female feticide even as strict action was

taken on the ultrasound centres which conducted gender determination tests. Similarly, abortions done through mid-wives in the villages were also stopped after strict action was also ensured against them.

Brand ambassadors

The President also interacted with women sportspersons of the State during the programme and learned about their life experiences.

Mountaineer Anita Kundu from Hisar district, who hoisted the tricolour three times on Mount Everest and the highest peaks of the seven continents, shared her life experiences. Similarly, Pooja Sihag and Suchika also shared their success stories.

The President suggested the Chief Minister to ensure that whenever the team of Beti Bachao, Beti Padhaio campaign visits to make a family aware then it should also be ensured that such families should meet eminent women sports persons so that they can be made to believe that daughters are pride, not a burden.

Vehicle Scrappage Policy gets nod

By **Rajeev Ranjan Roy**

Haryana is all set to introduce a five-year Vehicle Scrappage Policy. Formulated in sync with the Voluntary Vehicle Fleet Modernization Programme of the Central Government to encourage the scrapping of the vehicles which have attained the critical age that is 10 years in case of diesel vehicles and 15 years in case of petrol vehicles, the policy is also very much aligned with Prime Minister Mr Narendra Modi's vision of circular economy.

The State Cabinet which met here on December 1 under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal, approved this policy draft inspired by the idea of a circular economy that depends on the reuse, sharing and repair, refurbishment, remanufacturing, and recycling of resources to create a closed-loop system by minimizing the use of resources, the generation of waste, the pollution and carbon emissions.

End-of-life vehicles

The new policy will be applicable to all end-of-life vehicles, Registered Vehicle Scrapping Facilities (RVSFs), Registering Authorities and departments, which are supposed to issue a No Objection Certificate (NOC) for the registration of RVSFs. Under this policy, an incentives based system will also be introduced to facilitate phasing out the unfit vehicles. Furthermore, disincentives will be utilized to make the use of old unfit vehicles a costly affair.

The features as mentioned in the policy draft are unique. The policy objectifies an increase in the state exchequer by promoting the purchase of vehicles in replacement by motor vehicle owners.

The exemption in the Motor Vehicles Tax will be available to the extent of 10 per cent of the Motor Vehicle Tax chargeable or 50 per cent of the scrapped value as mentioned in the certificate of deposit, whichever is lower.

The registration fee rebate will be given to the extent of 25 per cent on the registration of a new vehicle purchased on the basis of the certificate of deposit.

CM makes the pitch for special package

By **Parveen K Modi**

Haryana has sought a special economic package from the Centre for the construction and maintenance of infrastructure in the 14 districts (accounting for 25,327 square km area and a population of 164.3 lakh) that fall in the National Capital Region (NCR); for part-financing such key projects as Rail Orbital Corridor; opening of medical college seach such project costs Rs 700 crore and demanded continuation of the special Central assistance for capital investment.

The Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, who also holds the Finance portfolio, convincingly made the pitch for the package at the pre-budget meeting with the Union Finance Minister, Mrs Nirmala Sitharaman, in New Delhi.

Resonating presentation

He prefaced his well argued case with a resonating presentation show casing how the economy of Haryana is on the uptick and how his government is walking the fiscal path while taking the state forward on the road to holistic growth and

development. Making NCR the main plank of his special-package pitch, the Chief Minister said lot of resources had to be spent on the construction and maintenance of infrastructure in these areas.

The 25,327 square kilometres that make the 14 districts consume lot of resources for beefing up



infrastructure, health care, water, sanitation, urban development and connectivity.

Besides, Haryana is spending money on the development of the KMP Expressway, the Rail Orbital Project, five cities of 2.5 lakh hectares along the KMP Corridor as a part of the Panchgram Vision,

Integrated Multi Modal Logistics Hub at Narnaul, International Horticulture Market at Gannaur, and other big projects.

This more than justifies the demand for a special package from the Central Government, Mr Manohar Lal contended.

He thanked the Central

Government, the Prime Minister, Mr Narendra Modi, and the Finance Minister, Mrs Nirmala Sitharaman, for continuously giving special assistance under the Capital Investment Scheme to states in the form of a 50-year interest-free loan.

Haryana has received Rs 874

crore in 2022-23 for implementation of the Haryana Orbital Rail Corridor Project. He laced his thanks with a specific request that the scheme be continued.

Tremendous work

The Chief Minister said Haryana had done tremendous work to strengthen the health infrastructure while doing a commendable job in medical education. Medical colleges have either been opened in each district of Haryana or are in the process of being opened.

"The number of undergraduate seats in medical colleges in Haryana was 700 in 2015 and we aim to increase this up to 3,035 by 2025," said the Chief Minister.

Since the construction and operation of one medical college requires capital investment of over Rs 700 crore, a demand has been made to the Central Government to provide special financial assistance, he said. The Chief Minister prefaced his demand for a special package with an overview of the economy of Haryana which has begun to fire on all cylinders.

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New textile policy aims big and bold

Seeks to attract Rs 4,000 cr investment, generate 20,000 jobs

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It aims big and bold. In perfect sync with the Prime Minister's 5F vision of India Farm to Fiber to Factory to Fashion to Foreign the "Haryana Aatma Nirbhar Textile Policy 2022-25" has self-reliance, innovation and incentives as its cornerstones. The policy was approved at a Cabinet meeting chaired by the Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, on Nov 30.

Superseding the previous Haryana Textile Policy 2019, it seeks to promote value-added textile activities with suitable policy interventions to harness full potential of the textile value chain, foster an ecosystem to give further impetus to the growth of the robust textile sector to grow, innovate and enhance employment opportunities for the youth of the state.

The estimated budget for the policy is Rs 1,500 crore with capping for capital incentive cases. Aiming to attract investment of Rs, 4,000 crore and generate 20,000



new jobs across the value chain, the policy lays stress on innovation, backward integration and adoption of clean and green technologies. It and the related schemes will come into operation from the date of notification and shall remain in

force for a period of three years.

The new policy seeks to offer a robust incentive framework for backward integration and enhanced production of manmade fibres. It seeks to promote a circular economy and attract investments in

weaving, knitting, processing, ready made garments, apparel making, technical textiles, integrated units, textile parks, textile clusters, etc. with special emphasis on value addition, employment generation and productivity enhancement.

It also seeks to provide impetus for diversification of Haryana's textile industry to the 'B', 'C' and 'D' category blocks, and, for the promotion of the sunrise sector within textiles i.e., technical textiles, circular economy, open end spinning etc. and support setting up of textile parks in the state.

It also targets to support the industry, adopt world-class state-of-the-art technology in conformity with the environment and social standards, encourage the industry to innovate, develop new designs, diversify and enhance value addition and facilitate and promote sunrise sectors like Technical Textiles in the critical areas such as defence, automobiles, construction, etc.

The new policy further aims to support the industry with a skilled workforce and create additional employment opportunities and promote the export of all types of textiles with a special thrust on products such as garments, made-ups, technical textiles etc

Land Partnership Policy-2022 gets the nod

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In a bid to support landowners who are in need of immediate liquidity and cannot wait for their share in case of land pooling project, Haryana is set to introduce Haryana Land Partnership Policy-2022. A decision to this regard was taken in the meeting of the Council of Ministers held under the Chairmanship of Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal here on December 1.

While, e-Bhoomi and Land Pooling Policy has become preferred land aggregation tools of the state government, the said Policy has been approved by the Council of Ministers.

It provides for any state department or development agency to publish expressions of interest in newspapers in response to which land owner, land owners or aggregators can offer their lands. The development agency will pay the collector rate of lands to the land owner or aggregator.

During the course of development of the project the land owners are offered 50 per cent profits out of the running revenue. These payments will be made every six months.

The time period for projects is kept as three years for projects up to 500 acres and five years for projects beyond 500 acres. The projects will be handled by a special purpose vehicle or company formed by the development agency involved.

Law on damages

The Cabinet also accorded approval to a proposal regarding the finalization of Haryana Recovery of Damages to Property

Recruitment of 1500, ERV drivers

In a bid to ensure seamless and effective round-the-clock operations and availability of the Emergency Response Vehicles (ERV) across the state, the government will soon be recruiting 1500 drivers, as envisaged in Section 21 of the Haryana Police Act, 2007 through the Haryana Kaushal Rozgar Nigam Limited (HKRNL) for a period of one year. The State Cabinet on December 1 accorded its approval to a proposal regarding the same.

Any candidate having a minimum educational qualification of Class XII from recognized boards for all categories with a valid driving license will be eligible to apply for the said post. Representation to all the categories as per Nigam policy and the reservation policy of the state shall be ensured. Each ERV is operated in two shifts with three police personnel being posted in one shift, that is, one in-charge, one supporting staff and one driver.

During Disturbance to Public Order Rules, 2022. They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

The Cabinet approved the proposal regarding framing of Haryana State Subordinate Accounts Service (Group-C) Rules, 2022. It also accorded approval to a proposal regarding the Amendment of Haryana Printing and Stationery Department Industrial (Group C) Service Rules, 1998. These rules may be called the Haryana Printing and Stationery Department Industrial (Group-C) Service (Amendment) Rules, 2022.

Unlawful conversions

Haryana Cabinet which met under the Chairmanship of Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal accorded approval to the draft of the Haryana Prevention of Unlawful Conversion of Religion Rules, 2022.

Recruitment of doctors

While moving a step ahead

towards realizing Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal's dream of Swasth Haryana, the state will soon recruit as many as 205 Ayush doctors through the Haryana Public Service Commission (HPSC). A decision in this regard was taken in the meeting of the Council of Ministers.

After the approval, 175 posts of Ayurvedic Medical Officer, 4 posts of Resident Physician, Unani Physician, Ayurvedic Physician, 8 posts of Unani Medical Officer and 18 posts of Homeopathic Medical Officer will be filled.

AIIMS in Rewari

The Cabinet also gave its nod to the proposal of Administrative Department to grant approval of lease out 210 acre 3 Kanal 5 Marla land to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare for 99 years at rupee one per acre per year for the establishment of AIIMS at Majra Mustil Bhalkhi in District Rewari of Haryana.

Four Acts repealed

The Cabinet approved a proposal regarding repealing four Acts which have lost their relevance pertaining to the Urban Local Bodies Department.

The said Acts have been repealed on the recommendations of the Haryana Statute Review Committee, which had recommended repealing of The Punjab Small Town (Tax Validating) Act, 1934, The Punjab Municipal (Tax Validating) Act, 1934, The Punjab Urban Immovable Property Tax (Validation of Lists) Act, 1943 and The Punjab Municipal (Tax Validating) Act, 1956.

Amendment in Act

The Cabinet accorded approval to a proposal regarding an Amendment in the Faridabad Metropolitan Development Authority Act, 2018 (Haryana Act No. 9 of 2019). The amended Act may be called the Faridabad Metropolitan

Development Authority (Amendment) Act, 2022.

The Cabinet also accorded approval for amendment in the Policy for Regularization of Illegal Sub-division of plots or fresh sub-division of plots in Town Planning Schemes, Rehabilitation Schemes and Improvement Trust Schemes, situated in the Municipal Areas of Haryana.

Plot for kargil martyr's mother

Haryana Cabinet which met under the Chairmanship of Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal approved a proposal of the year 2020 of Gram Panchayat Mohna, Block Ballabgarh, Faridabad, to grant permission to gift of a plot measuring 200 square yards to Leela Devi, mother of martyr Late Virender Kumar, Constable. Resident of village Mohna, Block Ballabgarh, Faridabad, Kumar was martyred in Kargil War-1999.

Motor Vehicles Rules amended

Taking a pioneering step, Haryana Transport Department is all set to introduce the system of e-auction of preferential registration marks aimed to facilitate the motor vehicle owners and to ensure transparency in the process.

The State Cabinet which met under the chairmanship of Mr Manohar Lal here on December 1, was apprised about the e-auction of preferential registration marks by amending rule 33 of the Haryana Motor Vehicles

Rules, 1993 to that extent and to substitute rule 33A of the said rules along with insertion of sub-rule 33B to 33G has been made.

The introduction of this system has put in place the system of assigning of preferential marks to non-transport vehicles through e-auction and to transport vehicles on a first come first serve basis and assigning of ordinary registration marks by random generation using a computer system.

Decoding special economic package

CM pleads for additional funds to beef up infra in NCR and finance big projects; wants pending dues released; suggests a new fund to provide loans at low rates of interest

By Parveen K Modi

Taking full advantage of the pre-Budget round of consultations with the Union Finance Minister, Mrs. Nirjala Sitharaman, the Chief Minister, Mr. Manohar Lal, convincingly argued for an economic package to give the efforts of his government to provide the people what they need to lead a life of fulfilment, a decisive push.

Displaying his deft hand at facts and financials, he delved deep into some key fields, listing what all his government has done and outlining what it plans to do while building a sure-fire case for more funds. He also made some valuable suggestions and pleaded for the release of the much awaited dues of the state.



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pattern, an Urban Infrastructure Development Fund (UIDF) may be established by the National Capital Region Planning Board (NCRPB) to help finance the creation of urban infrastructure through loans at low rates of interest. This will enable Haryana to develop core infrastructure in the NCR area, the Chief Minister suggested.

Special assistance

The Chief Minister thanked the Union Government for continuation of the special assistance under the Capital Investment Scheme under which 50-year interest-free loans are given to states, in 2022-23 also. Haryana received Rs 874 crore under the scheme in 2022-23 for implementation of the Haryana Orbital Rail Corridor project. “I request the Union Government that this scheme may also be continued in future”, the Chief Minister demanded.

Release grants

As recommended by the Fifteenth Central Finance Commission, in addition to the local bodies and State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) grants, other grants and state-specific grant have also been recommended for 2022-23 to 2025-26. Under this scheme, Haryana has been allocated grants of Rs 4,972 crore under head of Other Grants and Rs 2,003 crore under State Specific grants.

However, in the current year, no grant has been received from the Ministry of Finance so far. “I request the Ministry of Finance to release the grants to the state”, Mr. Manohar Lal said.

Haryana is successfully making continuous efforts to procure food on behalf of the Food Corporation of India (FCI). However, the administration charges of 2.5 per cent for the procurement operation payable to the state is yet to be released by the FCI for 2021-22 and 2022-23.

Also, these charges have been decreased from 2.5% to 1% in FY 2022-23. Since huge government machinery is involved in the food procurement operation, the Union Government is requested to make suitable arrangements for reimbursement of the administrative charges of the state government on this account, and administration charges may be paid at the rate of 2.5% of the MSP cost, he said.



Haryana Review makes an attempt to decode the demand for the package by sifting through different layers of the issues he touched upon.

Meeting NCR needs

Haryana constitutes an integral part of the National Capital Region (NCR) as it covers 14 districts having an area of 25,327 square kilometers and population of 164.3 lakh as per Census 2011. Since about 57% of the state's landmass falls in the NCR, the state has to spend a considerable amount of resources to meet the special infrastructure, water, sanitation, urban development, and connectivity needs of the region.

Besides, the state has to allocate additional resources to address such negative externalities as increase in the pollution level and decrease in the water table, etc. caused by uncontrolled and rapid urbanization of the region. Hence the need for grant-in-aid for the NCR belt from the Centre.

Given this scenario, Haryana's demand is justified. If the state is provided additional resources for building and maintaining infra-

structure in the NCR region, it can utilize the freed-up fiscal space for development of other underdeveloped districts.

The state government is implementing a number of flagship programmes in the NCR such as the Haryana Rail Orbital Project around the KMP Expressway.

Besides, it is developing five cities on approximately 2.5 lakh hectares along the KMP corridor as a part of the “Panchgram” vision; an Integrated Multi Modal Logistics Hub in Namaul over 1,000 acres in collaboration with Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor Project; a state-of-the-art industrial & commercial township in Sonapat, an Industrial Model Township at Sohna; India International Horticulture Market at Ganaur, Sonapat; and Delhi-Panipat Fast Rail Corridor as a Regional Rapid Transport System.

All these projects will unlock immense economic potential to boost the state's economy and generate significant employment opportunities. Given this backdrop, the Centre should consider the case for a special grant-in-aid for

Haryana to facilitate implementation of these projects in the NCR, the Chief Minister said.

Health, medical education

Haryana has made major strides in the development of health infrastructure and medical education. In keeping with the vision of the Prime Minister, Mr. Narendra Modi, to open a medical college in every district of the country, the state government is sincerely working to set up one in each district of the state. This is being done to expand the availability of healthcare professionals, especially doctors, and providing quality medical education and health facilities.

The government is establishing new medical colleges in Mahendragarh, Bhiwani, Jind, and Gurugram districts and a dental college in Shahid Hasan Khan Mewati Government Medical College, Nuh. The Atal Bihari Vajpayee Government Medical College in Faridabad district is also likely to be made functional soon.

A proposal has been approved to open new medical colleges in

Kaithal, Sirsa and Yamunanagar districts. Expansion of the capacity of Kalpana Chawla Government Medical College, Karnal, due to increase in the patient-load is being undertaken. The government has announced the decision to open medical colleges in Palwal, Charkhi Dadri, Panchkula and Fatehabad districts which do not have a medical college. By 2025, the number of graduate seats in medical colleges in Haryana would increase to 3,035 from 700 in 2015.

Setting up of a medical college involves capital investment of Rs 700 crore. In view of this, the Union Government should provide special financial assistance to give a fillip to the state government's efforts to beef up health infrastructure and augment facilities, post-Covid 19 pandemic, the Chief Minister said.

Urban infrastructure

NABARD is providing loan to states under the Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) for development of rural infrastructure at a low rate of interest of 4.65 per cent. On this

Centre asked to share burden of social security pension

In June 2022, there were 28.44 lakh beneficiaries getting social security pension in Haryana. The rate of social security pension is Rs 2,500 per month with effect from 1st April 2021, while the Government of India is providing a maximum pension of Rs 500 per month only. In 2021-22, the state government incurred an expenditure of Rs 8,303 crore on this account.

However, no grant has been received from the Government of India on this account for the last two years. “I request the Government of India to either enhance the rates of social

security pension provided by the Government of India or to share the state burden on this account. Further, the share of the Government of India for the last two years may also be released to the state,” the Chief Minister pleaded.

“I thank the Union Finance Minister for giving me an opportunity to share my views and suggestions for the forthcoming Union Budget 2023-24. I assure that the Government of Haryana will make all efforts to achieve the Hon'ble Prime Minister's vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat”, Mr. Manohar Lal concluded.

Gift from Prez: three pivotal projects

By Ajay Bhardwaj

International Gita Mahotsav-2022 became momentous and far too memorable event for Haryana as President Smt. Droupadi Murmu gifted three pivotal projects to the State which included launching of 'Nirogi Haryana', a health check-up scheme, covering Antyodaya families, laying foundation stone of Sirsa Medical College and starting the e-ticketing system for Haryana Roadways.

The President virtually launched the above mentioned projects in the presence of Governor, Sh. Bandaru Dattatraya and Chief Minister, Sh. Manohar Lal and other dignitaries.

Nirogi Haryana Yojana

It was in March this year only when the Chief Minister, who is also the Finance Minister while presenting the budget for the year 2022-23 had shared his vision of providing free-of-cost comprehensive health check-ups to the people of the State.

Within just nine months, the Manohar Lal government's devoted efforts to realize the dream of 'Swasth Haryana' turned into a reality after the President launched Nirogi Haryana Yojana.

Under this scheme, comprehensive health check-ups of Antyodaya families will be done free of cost. In the first phase, families having an income of less than Rs. 1.80 lakh will be covered, while the rest of the population will be covered in subsequent phases.

As per the official data of Antyodaya families released by the Citizen Resource Information Department, the total number of households is 26.64



lakhs covering the total population of about 1.06 crores in the state.

In order to the process of staggering the population size, age-wise classification has been done. As per the classification, there will be five age groups, 0-6 months, 06-59 months, 5-18 years, 18-40 years and above 40 years.

The state government has prepared a detailed plan under which a door-to-door campaign will be launched for the extensive reach of the scheme. Under this, ASHA and Anganwadi workers will visit each household of the eligible population and guide them to the nearest health facility for check-ups. A general physical examination of the beneficiary will also be done. Apart from this, other laboratory tests will also be done.

Besides this, an in-house application will be developed to record the data during health check-ups, which can be used for the improvement of existing health programmes.

Nirogi Haryana scheme launched

Haryana first state in country to introduce open-loop system in transport

Medical college in each district gets impetus with Sirsa college

Sirsa gets medical college

Adding yet another feather to the health achievement cap of Haryana, the President gifted a medical college to Sirsa to be built on 21 acres of land at the cost about Rs 950 crore.

The foundation laying of it by the President yet again highlighted the commitment of the Manohar Lal-led government to further strengthen the health infrastructure

in the State.

The state has already set a target of establishing a medical college and hospital in every district in order to provide better medical facilities, medical education and research in the state.

In the upcoming medical college in Sirsa 100 MBBS students will be enrolled annually and a 539-bed hospital with state-of-the-art technologies will also be come up alongwith.

Presently there are 1835 MBBS seats, of which 708 are MD/MS and 155 are DNB diploma seats in 13 functional medical colleges. Out of these, 6 are state-run, one is state-aided and six are being privately run.

The Sirsa medical college will have various student-friendly facilities including separate hostel facilities for boys (intern), girls (interns) and junior-senior resident doctors. Besides this, the college premises will also include a campus teaching hospital with a service

block, a medical college with an examination block, an autopsy facility, and a sports arena.

The college will also have separate nursing paramedics and physiotherapy college and other facilities like a nursing girls' hostel.

E-ticketing facility

While ending the hassle of commuters buying physical tickets for multiple destinations, the President launched the e-ticketing system for lakhs of Haryana Roadways commuters.

On this occasion, the President was also presented with a replica of the National e-Mobility Card as the first ticket.

Initially, in the first phase, this system will be implemented in six depots namely Chandigarh, Karnal, Faridabad, Sonapat, Bhiwani and Sirsa. However, by the end of January 2023, this project will be implemented in the remaining 18 depots of State Roadways.

Haryana has become the first state in the country to implement an open-loop ticketing system as per the guidelines issued by the Government of India.

Apart from ensuring seamless and smooth transport facilities for commuters, this digital system also aims to close revenue leakage, identification of concessionaires, elimination of bogus passes and paper savings for concessionaire passengers.

This new revolutionary ticketing system also aims to promote the use of open-loop ticketing, which can then be used for other modes of travel across India.

Nepal felicitates CM as Gita Mahotsav concludes

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Amid chanting of Gita verses and a yajna the International Gita Mahotsav-2022 concluded in Kurukshetra where 5,159 years ago, Lord Krishna had delivered sermons about the importance of 'Karma'.

Haryana Chief Minister Sh Manohar Lal, who was the chief guest at the function, said that in the last 6 years, the message of the essence of Gita for the welfare of humanity has not only been spread in Haryana but it has also reached every corner of the world. Many countries of the world have been participating in the International Gita Mahotsav every year and he announced that the next Gita Mahotsava would be held in Australia.

The Mahotsav was formally inaugurated by President Smt. Droupadi Murmu by offering prayers amidst chanting of mantras at Brahma Sarovar as she formally inaugurated the International Gita Mahotsav (IGM)-2022 organized

18,000 children take part, next IGM in Australia

on the banks of Brahma Sarovar in Kurukshetra. Latet, the President offered flowers on the holy religious scripture Gita as she performed the yajna near Lord Shri Krishna's huge chariot idol located at Purushottampura Bagh.

The President also inaugurated the Gita Shilp Udyan built in Purushottam Bagh, Kurukshetra, dedicated to the ongoing celebrations of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav.

Beautiful sculptures

At the Gita Shilp Udyan, an attempt has been made to give a glimpse of ongoing celebrations of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav along with many other significant aspects of Indian culture. As many as 21 craftsmen from the various states including Haryana, Odisha, Telangana, Rajasthan and Assam, with their hard work and dedication have contributed beautiful sculptures.

The sculptures made of black marble, weighing 5 to 12 tons have been prepared by the artists by

carving pieces of the same rock. All the sculptures have been prepared on subjects related to Mahabharata.

As the message of Nepal Prime Minister, Sh. Sher Bahadur Deuba to the Chief Minister regarding the International Gita Mahotsav-2022 was read out by Counsellor (Cultural) Nepal, Sh. Yadu Nath Paudel lauding the Haryana chief minister for spreading the message of Gita, he said the knowledge of the Gita should reach the masses.

Nepal and India have unbreakable relations. About 82 percent of the people in Nepal are Sanatani Hindus, he added.

On this occasion the chief minister launched the Tirth Mitra Portal at the 48 Kos Tirth Sammelan and called upon the people of the state that they should come forward for the development and preservation of our pilgrim places.

"Whether it is a village or a city, where pilgrimages are established, a committee of local people should

be formed and a plan for the development of pilgrimages should also be prepared," said the Chief Minister.

Sh. Manohar Lal said that the Haryana government is leaving no stone unturned to ensure the development of pilgrim spots but along with this, the local people should also contribute to this endeavour of the State government.

Next IGM for 8 days

The Chief Minister said that from next year the duration of IGM will be of 8 days instead of 6 days. This holy festival will start on Sunday and end on Sunday itself.

He also suggested that all pilgrim centres should be given one stall each in the IGM so that they can display the information and story related to their pilgrimages through these stalls.

Pilgrim spots of 48 Kos are being continuously developed. In 2017-18, an amount of Rs 36 crore was announced for the execution of

27 works in these areas. Besides this, so far, an amount of Rs. 23 crores has been spent on development.

"Out of 27 works, 15 works have been completed, work on 6 is still going on, and work on 6 is yet to be done. The government has planned to work on 80 pilgrimages. Along with this, Rs 10 crore has been announced for the development of Pehowa Tirth," said the chief minister.

A museum is being built in Jyotisar at a cost of Rs 200 crore. Earlier this festival was celebrated only at the district level, but since 2016, this festival has been given the status of International Geeta Mahotsav. Gita Vaishvik Path is a unique programme of this festival.

Efforts are being made continuously to preach the teachings of Bhagavad Gita to the entire world through this programme. Similarly, this year also the Gita Vaishvik Path was organized from Kurukshetra and people across the world virtually joined the programme sitting at their homes.

Glimpses of Prez's maiden visit

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NITI Aayog lauds Haryana policies

By **Rajeev Ranjan Roy**

Accolades and recognition continue to pour in for Haryana's well-crafted policies, meticulous planning and their effective implementation and execution, which are playing an important role in the state's multifaceted development under the stellar leadership of Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal.

Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal said that NITI Aayog guides the country and all the states to move forward. "Apart from assigning responsibility to the states by the commission, the policies and programs being implemented in the state are analysed," he said.

NITI Aayog Vice Chairman Suman Bery, during a meeting with Chief Minister Mr Lal at Haryana Bhawan in New Delhi on December 7, praised the policies and programs of the state government.

Haryana has achieved multiple milestones in various fields of development including social sector. It is also the only state in the country to have readied the roadmap to implement the new National Education Policy-2020 by 2025 against the

official deadline of 2030.

In the high-level meeting, which also attended by Principal Secretary to Haryana Chief Minister, Mr V Umashankar and Additional Chief Secretary, Finance, Mr Anurag Rastogi, besides a team of senior officials of NITI Aayog, Mr Berry said that Prime Minister Mr Narendra Modi

added Mr Bery. He said that Haryana has made a lot of progress and is above the country's national level standards. He further said that if India becomes a developed country, then Haryana will also go higher in terms of development.

Stating that Haryana can take



while addressing the nation on August 15 this year, has given the target of making India a developed nation by 2047.

He said that if India has to develop, then every state will have to prepare a plan to move forward. "In this regard today after analysing the policies and programs of Haryana, it has been found that the state is far ahead in this direction,"

inspiration from the developed countries and NITI Aayog will fully assist the state in this journey, Mr Bery said that like other states of India, Haryana will also face the challenges of climate change, availability of water, etc. A discussion was held in the meeting regarding Haryana's action plan on all these subjects.

CHIRAYU takes wings

By **Ajay Bhardwaj**

The state government is committed to deliver CHIRAYU (Comprehensive Health insurance of Antyodaya Units) cards to each eligible person by December 31.

Chief Minister Sh Manohar Lal who conceived the vision of 'Swasth Haryana' and launched the scheme on November 21 last, has set a deadline for officials saying that every eligible person should get the card by December 31.

The scheme is aimed at extending the Ayushman Bharat benefits to around 29 lakh beneficiaries having an annual income limit of Rs.1.80 lakh. Notably, within less than a month of launching of the scheme as many as 1888 people have already availed the scheme benefit.

CHIRAYU Haryana is expected to give a new lease of life to about 28 lakh Antyodaya families, meaning that 1.25 crore Haryanvis will be availing of the scheme benefit. Sh. Manohar Lal firmly believes every needy and unprivileged should get those basic facilities along with health facilities and this welfare scheme is proving to be a 'game changer'.

Meanwhile, the Chief Minister will virtually distribute new

CHIRAYU cards to 10 lakh beneficiaries on December 10. These cards will be distributed through camps organized in 1600 villages and all urban areas of the state. During this, he will also interact with the beneficiaries.

Sh. Manohar Lal said that under this scheme health benefits of Rs 5 lakh would be provided to each family having an annual income of less than Rs 1.80 lakh who will get good treatment facilities.

Our government is committed to provide the best health benefits to these beneficiaries at the earliest, he added. Directing the officers, the Chief Minister said that the work of making CHIRAYU Haryana cards should be expedited so that people start getting the benefits of the scheme at the earliest.

He said that CHIRAYU health cards are being made free of cost by Ayushman Mitra working in empanelled private or government civil hospitals and the nearest CSC centre.

Sh. Manohar Lal said that after making the card, free of cost cashless treatment of up to Rs. 5 lakh will be given for more than 1500 listed diseases in 729 empanelled hospitals. Immediately after registering the card, the beneficiary will be given a free (black and white) card and a PVC card within 15 days.

Loans below limit, economy in good shape: CM

By Parveen K Modi

The economic condition of Haryana is good and better than many other states. The borrowings are well within the prescribed limit—at present it is 3.52 percent of the Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) against the permissible limit of 5 percent—the fiscal situation is well under control and in terms of the per capita income, Haryana ranks number one among the big states of the country.

This is how the Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, summed up the economic situation of the state while addressing the legislators at a discussion programme held on state finance management and budget organized by the Haryana Vidhan Sabha, in Panchkula. This will provide the legislators an excellent opportunity to understand the nitty-gritty of the budget, he said.

The borrowing limits of the states are fixed by the Union Finance Ministry. "States cannot borrow more than 25 percent of the GSDP. Due to the Pandemic, the receipts of the state



government decreased and faced economic hardship, but we have taken loans within this limit despite the Pandemic crisis. At present, our loan is 3.52 percent of GSDP but we are trying to bring it down to 3 percent," said the Chief Minister.

Due to COVID-19, the Central Government had given the states the facility to take loans up to 5 percent of the GSDP. But Haryana's debt burden has remained within the range of 3 to 3.5 percent of GSDP.

"While other states availed of the entire 5 percent loan limit,

Haryana did not. Our financial management is good, due to which we have been able to manage the state's budget deficit," said the Chief Minister.

Suggestions invited

He asked the legislators to forward their suggestions and ideas for the forthcoming state budget. The legislators should share lists of the works to be done in their respective areas and share their suggestions and demands which can be included in the budget.

He said in the last eight years he got an opportunity to understand all the activities related to the budget. However, in the last 3 years as Finance Minister also, he also gets a chance to know many untouched aspects of the budget. Such training programmes will provide an opportunity to the MLAs to understand detailed information on the budget. This also helps in preparing the state budget well.

If the MLAs want to make any demands, the state government will try to include them in the budget.

The budget is prepared keeping in mind the income and expenditure. It is not possible to make changes in the budget after it is presented to the House.

It is often seen that when the budget is presented, MLAs place their demands for development works in their respective areas, but then the demands cannot be met. Three months later the budget would be presented.

"Therefore in these three months, all MLAs can send a list of the development works to be done in their respective areas to the Finance Department or to the concerned minister or even directly to me, so that these can be included. I will try my best to fulfill the demands raised by every MLA," said Mr Manohar Lal.

The budget for 2023-24 will be for the welfare of every section of the society. The main focus will be on promoting key areas, including education, health, rural development, environment, etc.

"We will bring a good and balanced budget after holding consultation meetings with all the stakeholders," said Mr Manohar Lal.

Work like families, CM tells panchayat bodies

6,200 sarpanches, 60,133 panches, 3,081 Block Samiti members and 411 Zila Parishad members take oath

By Ajay Bhardwaj

Chief Minister Sh Manohar Lal has called upon the newly-elected panches, sarpanches, block samiti members and zilla parishad members to undertake development works in their respective areas for five years without any discrimination.

Speaking at their swearing-in ceremony the chief minister said "Consider the entire area as your family and develop the area by fulfilling your responsibility with the spirit of service."

In all 6,200 sarpanches, 60,133 panches, 3,081 Block Samiti members and 411 Zila Parishad members took oath as the chief minister joined the ceremony virtually and addressed the representatives, after which the officers present on the occasion administered them oath.

The elections were held for a total of 71,696 seats for Panches, Sarpanches, Block Samiti and Zila Parishad members while a total of 40,500 representatives were elected unanimously, which is about 60 percent.

The chief minister announced to give Rs 11 lakh to the unanimously elected panchayats, Rs 5 lakh to a sarpanch, Rs 50,000 to a panch and Rs 2 lakh each to the unanimously elected block samiti member and Zila Parishad member. In this way, the Haryana government is giving



Rs 300 crore for the development of the rural areas.

Describing the panchayat as the government of the village, the Chief Minister said that on the lines of Vidhan Sabha and Lok Sabha sessions; one or two days session of Zila Parishad and Panchayat Samiti should be called; so that the public issues can be raised and development can be done.

Village secretariats to come up

The chief minister said the government had envisioned village secretariats, which have been set up at few places. Along with this Zila Parishad offices are being built and the work of Panchayat Samiti offices will also be completed. "Like the Lok Sabha and Vidhan Sabha, there should be a session of

mittee of youth and NGOs should be formed in the villages, so that it can improve the village and keep a watch on corruption and other related things.

Empowering Panchayats

The Chief Minister said that Prime Minister, Sh. Narendra Modi and the Haryana government are fully committed to rural development. "The work of the central and the state government reaches the villages only through the elected panchayats," he added.

In 2015, the Haryana government had decided to make an educated panchayat by amending the Panchayati Raj Act and for this, the government fought till the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court legalized it and advised other

states to follow this path.

The Haryana government gave 50 percent reservation to women in panchayats. After this reservation was also given to Backward Class-A. Now, the money of Central Finance Commission and State Finance Commission is coming directly to the Panchayats. The panchayats are being given 2 percent of stamp duty and 2 percent cess on electricity bill.

Congratulating the newly elected sarpanches, panches, block samiti and zila parishad members, Haryana Development and Panchayat Minister, Sh. Devender Singh Babli said they should fulfill their responsibilities effectively. He said that instead of keeping the development of the village limited to electricity, water and roads, they will take forward the all-round development of the villages.

He said that to promote women empowerment, the women have been given 50 percent representation. "This will speed up the efforts of women empowerment. The backward classes are being given 8 percent representation.

I have full faith that our educated and capable Panchayati Raj Institutions will ensure full participation in achieving the goal of strong development while implementing the schemes of the central and state government," he added.



Photo by Vinay Malik

Total Gram Panchayats	Elections held	No. of Sarpanches elected unopposed/unanimously	Total number of Panchs	Post of Panch where no nominations were received	No. of Panchs elected unopposed/unanimously	Total members of Panchayat Samitis	Members elected unopposed/unanimously
6,221	6,220	284	61,985	1,755	40,092	3,081	117

Holistic growth of woman and child

By **Rajeev Ranjan Roy**

Every woman and child matters! Hence, their well-being is at the heart of development in Haryana, which is being spear headed by Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal. Coordinated efforts are ensuring that all women and children not only thrive but also contribute to the transformation of the state, creating a sustainable future for all.

A slew of enabling measures taken in the past eight years have brought in a palpable change in the life of women and children of the state. Fortified milk is being given to children, pregnant and lactating mothers under the Mukhyamantri 'Doodh Uphaar Yojana' along with free sanitary pad under 'Mahila Avam Kishori Samman Yojana.'

Benefitting millions of children and women, these welfare measures have brought in a remarkable change in their health and life. Similarly, Rs 5000 is being given to pregnant women as financial assistance under the 'Pradhanmantri Matri Vandana Yojana.' New hospitals for children and women have been set up at Panchkula, Panipat, Nalhar, Faridabad, Sonipat and Palwal.

Key POINTS

- Fortified milk is being given to children, pregnant and lactating mothers.
- Financial assistance to pregnant woman under 'Pradhanmantri Matri Vandana Yojana'.
- A dedicated 24 x 7 helpline number – 1091.
- Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) for women.
- In PRIs, women have been given 50 per cent reservation.
- Fifty per cent of ration depots have been allocated to women.

Similarly, providing a safe environment is among top priorities of the state government. A dedicated 24 x 7 helpline number-1091 has been initiated to reach out to them in distress at the earliest. Durga Shakti App, Durga Shakti Vahini and Durga Shakti Rapid Action Force have been established for the safety and security of women. Out of 213 routes, dedicated buses for women are being plied on 181 routes.

Given the important role of education in holistic empowerment, the state government under

visionary and able leadership of Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal has set up 29 Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) for women. Every girl studying in an ITI is getting a monthly scholarship of Rs 500, while orphaned children are being provided with Rs 2,500 as monthly financial help under the Mukhyamantri Baal Sewa Yojana.

Political empowerment and their participation in decision making processes at the grassroots level is an important offshoot of good governance. In the Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs), women have 50 per cent reservation. Fifty per cent of ration depots have been allocated to women. Under the Sukanya Samridhi Khata Yojana, six lakh accounts have been opened in different Post Offices across the state. Thus, none is being left behind!

Haryana is perhaps one of a few states in the country, which has a thoroughly fine-tuned Women and Child Development Department, which formulates plans, policies and programs and coordinates the efforts of both government and non-governmental organizations working in the field of women and child development. Its constituent organizations work in close cooperation with the social organizations and international agencies like UNICEF, World Bank, UNFPA

and so on to achieve the goals of development of women and children. It is implementing various schemes for overall development of women and children under state, central and with assistance of international agencies.

At the core of the functioning of Women and Child Development Department is to facilitate women become economically and socially empowered so that they contribute as healthy and equal partners in an environment free from violence and discrimination. It lays the foundation for development of children below six years with focus on nutrition, health and non formal pre-school education and awareness and capacity building for mothers about nutritional and health needs of the child.

Wholesome efforts are made to empower adolescent girls (11-18 years)

through nutrition, health care and life skill education and provide a safe and secure environment for overall development of children who are in need of care and protection and those in conflict with the law. The different wings of the Women and Child Development Department in collaboration with other stake-holders also create awareness to make women aware of domestic violence, dowry, and child marriage.

Photo by Vinay Malik



FORTNIGHT IN RETROSPECT

GST tribunal to be set up by March

The Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, has said that for the convenience of taxpayers and lawyers, a GST tribunal will be set up in the state by March 2023.

For this, a recommendation has been made to the GST Council. Besides, two Joint ETC Range Appeal Offices would be opened at Hisar and Gurugram to resolve GST related problems.

He was speaking as chief guest at the one-day 'Kar Samvad' programme organized for the first time in the state by the Excise and Taxation Department, Haryana, in collaboration with Haryana Tax Bar Associations in Gurugram.

The Deputy Chief Minister, Mr Dushyant Chautala, also participated in the programme as a special guest. Tax-related topics were discussed in detail with representatives of the Haryana Tax Bar Associations.

Presidents of the Haryana State Tax Bar Association and Karnal Tax Bar Association along with lawyers also attended the programme.

They shared tax related problems with the Chief Minister. 'GST Aamne Samne' forum will be started at the divisional level, providing a common platform to taxpayers, lawyers and officers of the Excise and Taxation Department



to solve GST related problems in the state, the Chief Minister said.

Another concession for Antyodaya families

Moving ahead with the aim to uplift them, the Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, has taken another initiative under which the Antyodaya families in the state whose annual income is less than Rs 1 lakh, will get 50 marks in the merit of 150 marks in the recruitment of PGT and TGT through the Haryana Kaushal Rozgar Nigam (HKRN). Similarly, Antyodaya families with annual income of up to Rs 1.8 lakh will be given 40 marks in merit.

With this initiative, trained teachers will also get rid of the discrimination in salary given arbitrarily by private schools. In private schools, such teachers get a monthly salary of Rs 8,000 to 10,000, while TGT teachers

engaged through HKRN will get Rs 25,000 and PGT teachers will get Rs 29,000.

The candidates were astonished when the Chief Minister offered deployment letters through the corporation and by phone calls inquired about the SMS received on their mobiles. Some teachers who received job offers on contractual basis expressed their gratitude to the Chief Minister and appreciated the completion of the recruitment process twice in just 26 days.

A spokesperson of the Haryana Kaushal Rozgar Nigam said that on November 23, 'Deployment Letters' were offered to 2,075 PGTs and TGTs. Thereafter, on December 2, 'Deployment Letters' were offered to 2,069 PGTs and TGTs.

Special incentives for EV buyers

The Deputy Chief Minister, Mr Dushyant Chautala, has said that the state government will give

special incentives to the buyers of electric and hybrid electric vehicles in the state so that the upfront cost of their vehicles can be reduced. The "Haryana Electric Vehicle Policy-2022" has been notified and people can take advantage of it.

The Deputy Chief Minister, who also holds the portfolio of Industries and Commerce Department, said the objective of the policy is to promote manufacturing of electric vehicles and their components in the state and promote research and development in the field of electric vehicles sector



Some of the key benefits for EV manufacturers are capital subsidy, employment generation subsidy, patent fee reimbursement, electricity duty exemption, stamp duty reimbursement, seed and conversion fund incentive, SGST reimbursement, and water treatment incentive.

The policy also focuses on developing infrastructure across the state to reduce the range anxiety of buyers, and provide conducive

infrastructure to boost e-mobility. A lot of benefits are being provided in this policy for the infrastructure providers of charging/swapping stations for electric vehicles, he added.

Camps planned to update Aadhaar Card

The Chief Secretary, Mr Sanjeev Kaushal, has directed the Additional Deputy Commissioners to hold special Aadhaar updation camps in the state. He issued these directions while presiding over a meeting of the UID Implementation Committee meeting which was virtually attended by additional deputy commissioners and other officers concerned.

The CS directed the officers to expedite the process of Aadhaar revalidation. Citizens having an Aadhaar generated more than 10 years ago need to revalidate details in their Aadhaar by updating the proof of identity (POI) and proof of address (POA) documents to steadily avail the benefits of government services.

He directed the IT Department to ensure implementation of the in-house model in accordance with the instructions issued by the Unique Identification Authority of India. In order to strengthen the Aadhaar ecosystem, it has been decided to restrict the facility of new enrolment of adult residents at select Aadhaar centers only.

SPORTS



Six players get Arjuna Award

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Six players and one coach from Haryana have been honoured with the National Sports Award 2022. Athlete Seema Punia (Sonipat), boxer Amit Panghal (Rohtak), Kabaddi player Sakshi (Sonipat), wrestlers Anshu Malik (Jind) and Sarita Mor (Sonipat) and badminton para-player Tarun Dhillon (Hisar) were awarded the Arjuna Award, while wrestling coach Raj Singh (Sonipat) was honoured with the Dronacharya Award in the Lifetime category.

The Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, has congratulated the sportspersons for being honoured with the awards. He said that the players of the sports capital Haryana have performed brilliantly and brought laurels in various national and international level competitions, resulting to win maximum medals for the state.

Mr Manohar Lal said Haryana had consistently remained at number one spot in sports. "Haryana is the first state in the country which gives maximum cash prize money to medal winning sportspersons. The government has made a



Anshu Malik
Wrestler



Amit Panghal
Boxer



Tarun Dhillon
Para Badminton



Seema Punia
Athlete



Sarita Mor
Wrestler



Sakshi
Kabaddi

provision of Rs 6 crore for gold medalist, Rs 4 crore for silver medalist and Rs 2.5 crore for bronze medalist in Olympic Games," he said

Haryana is ahead of many countries in terms of giving reward to the medal winners. Haryana's sports policy has been appreciated not only in the country but also

abroad for giving maximum prize money to the players. So much so, some states have visited the state to follow the sports policy of Haryana.

Notably, Haryana's role is important in all sports tournaments held in the past years, be it Asian Games, Commonwealth or Olympics. Under the able



Raj Singh, Wrestling coach

leadership of the Chief Minister, the Haryana Government is also providing excellent facilities to the sportspersons.

Haryana is the first state in the country to give an advance amount

of Rs 5 lakh to the players for preparation as soon as they qualify for the Olympic and Paralympic Games as the government is committed to promoting sports, the Chief Minister added.

Education

Community radio station goes on air



By Shagun Kapoor

The Union Minister of Information and Broadcasting and Youth Affairs and Sports, Mr. Anurag Singh Thakur along with the Urban Local Bodies Minister of Haryana, Dr. Kamal Gupta while attending the first Convocation Ceremony of the Om Sterling Global University in Hisar, conferred 815 students with the degrees and diplomas and congratulated them for their bright future.

During the ceremony, the Union Minister further awarded the gold medals and merit certificates to the students for their excellent performance in academics. Wherein, Savita (Physics, batch 2019), Kavita (Zoology, 2020), Nanduri Priya

Venela (Forensic Science, 2019) and Ranade Shilpa Jayant (Master of Agriculture, 2019) were being awarded with the gold medals.

Furthermore, Mr. Thakur inaugurated a Community Radio Station 90.0 'Bhavayavani' in the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication of the university. "This institution is one of the emerging premier prestigious educational institutions of India which has given a new direction to the nation by educating thousands of young people and providing them with career opportunities", he added.

On the occasion, the Vice Chancellor of OSGU, Dr N. P. Kaushik presented the university's progress report and outlined the numerous accomplishments.

HSBTE and Tech Mahindra sign MoU

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The Haryana Government is making continuous efforts to realise the vision of the Prime Minister, Mr Narendra Modi, of a self-reliant India. Under the guidance of the Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, a favourable environment is being established for imparting skill training to the youth of the state.

To strengthen the 'Swawlambi Yuva - Atmanirbhar Bharat' initiative of the Haryana State Board of Technical Education (HSBTE) envisioning holistic development of polytechnic students across the state, the HSBTE has signed an MoU with Tech Mahindra Foundation.

The MoU was signed by Secretary HSBTE, Dr. Rajesh Goyal, and Chief Operating Officer, Tech Mahindra Foundation, Mr Sajid Ali, in the office of HSBTE.

Under the MoU, Tech Mahindra Foundation will impart training in four identified areas viz Training of Adolescent Girls on Menstrual Hygiene, Training of Youth on First aid & CPR, Training of Teachers on Facilitation Skills & Classroom Management Practices and Training of Students on Entrepreneurship Skills.

Unnati Hooda makes history, wins silver

Haryana Review Bureau

Unnati Hooda has added one more feather in her cap. Odisha Open champion Unnati is the first Indian girl to reach the U-17 final of continental championship.

She along with Anish Thoppani signed off with silver medals at Badminton Asia U-17 and U-15 Junior Championships 2022 at Nonthaburi, Thailand, recently.

After losing the first game, Unnati dominated the next game. The decider was neck-to-neck till 14-14 before the Thai raced to victory. Anish was little off-beat at the start and his opponent from Chinese Taipei took full advantage of that to win the first game without much ado.

The Indian regrouped in the second game to force a decider. Anish was seen calming himself despite tense situations and that yielded results as he pocketed the tougher second game 24-22.

The decider was a close affair but errors on crucial points hurt the Indian's chances as he went down in a closely contested final game.

Earlier, Gnana Dattu in boys' singles and doubles pair of Bjorn Jaison and Aathish Sreenivas P V had secured bronze medals in U-15 category.

Unnati, whose journey began at Chhotu Ram Stadium in



Rohtak, made history after clinching the Odisha Open 2022, making her the youngest Indian badminton player to win a Super 100 BWF World Tour title.

Unnati Hooda was born on September 20, 2007, in Chamaria village. Her father Upakar was passionate about badminton. He enrolled his child in the academy when Unnati was seven years old. She won an U-11 junior event and then kept winning district and state meets.

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