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## **New Excise Policy targets** Rs 10,000 cr révenue

### Beer cheaper; liquor costlier; fewer vends

By **Ajay Bhardwaj** 

fter doubling the excise revenue in the last five years, the Manohar Lal government floated the new excise policy for 2023-24 which targets to cross a benchmark of Rs.10,000

The Haryana Cabinet, presided over by Chief Minister Sh Manohar Lal, approved the new excise policy reaffirming the state government's resolve to achieve and strengthen the long-term objectives of breaking the cartels, broad basing the trade by facilitating the entry of new players with modest means, establishing a transparent system of allotment of retail outlets, plugging the leakages.

The new excise policy also features to generate resources that can be utilized to finance developmental projects for environment protection and welfare of cows.

The retail permit fee has been imposed in the new policy with a targeted collection of Rs. 400 crore which would be utilized for Environment and Animal Welfare.

In order to promote the MSME sector, the licence fees for small

### **Key Points**

- No liquor vend near Shri Mata Mansa Devi Temple in Panchkula and Gurukuls in
- Excise duty on Ready to Drink Beverages and Beer slashed.
- Licence fees for small (craft) breweries reduced.
- Supervisory fee for wineries reduced to promote wineries.

(craft) breweries have been reduced even as the supervisory fee for wineries has been reduced as well to promote wineries in the State.

### Retail liquor vends reduced

The limit of the maximum number of retail liquor vends in the State would be reduced from 2500 to 2400 in 2023-24.

The government has decided that liquor vends shall not be opened in holy areas notified around Shri Mata Mansa Devi Temple in Panchkula and in villages in which Gurukuls are functioning.

In the current policy, the retail

liquor vend zone size has also been decreased from four to two in a bid to allow more participants to apply for liquor shop licence through e-

In the new Policy, there has been an increase in the basic quota of Country Liquor, Indian Made Foreign Liquor and Imported Foreign Liquor (BIO).

With this, there has also been a nominal increase in rates of excise duty on country liquor and IMFL. The increase aims to give a major push to the excise revenue.

In order to promote low alcohol content beverages, the excise duty on Ready to Drink Beverages and Beer under the mild and super mild categories has been slashed.

Further, the licence fee for the Pub category (L-10E) i.e. for the consumption of Beer and Wine only, has been reduced further.

To curb pilferage of liquor by wholesale licensees, the penalty provisions have been made stringent and there will be a complete ban on liquor promotion advertisements on various plat forms by the licensee, including on social media as well.

Other decisions on P2

### **April GST collection** zooms to Rs 10k cr

By **Rajeev Ranjan Roy** 

aryana continues to excel in Goods and Services Tax (GST) mop up with April month collection zooming to Rs 10,035 crore, a growth of 22 per cent as compared to the last corresponding month's collection.

It was Rs 8,197 crore in April last year. According to the Union Ministry of Finance, which recently released the data for GST collection during April-2023, Haryana is much ahead of Punjab, Delhi and Himachal Pradesh in collecting GST revenue.

### **Process simplified**

"Entrepreneurs are benefitting thanks to the simplification of the GST process and ease of doing business," said Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal while expressing happiness over the boom in GST collection.

"Haryana has made remarkable progress in GST collection, which shows that the state is progressing," he said.

The Chief Minister said that Haryana is one of the leading states on the parameters of economic development. The state government is giving all required facilities to big industries as well as Micro, Small and Medium

brated his birthday in own style.

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First thing first, he performed

Enterprises (MSMEs).

The state government has also improved power availability and connectivity to promote industries. A strong network of roads and railways is spread across the state, he said.

The Chief Minister said that the GST system implemented in the country on the concept of One Nation-One Tax is very effective. Simplification of the GST process has not only benefited the entrepreneurs, but the revenue of the government is also increasing.

He said that more than 50 per cent of Haryana falls in the National Capital Region and the state government is developing this area as a logistics hub.

This will increase immense possibilities of investment in the state.

Besides this, emphasis is also being laid on creating quality infrastructure, ensuring ease of doing business and offering an industry-friendly environment in Haryana, said Chief Minister Manohar Lal.

As compared to Haryana's GST collection in the month of April-2023, Punjab has registered an increase of 16 per cent, Himachal Pradesh 17 per cent, Delhi 8 per cent, Rajasthan 5 per cent, Uttar Pradesh 21 per cent and Uttarakhand 14 per cent.

## B'day is a day for thanks-giving, introspection: CM

By Parveen K Modi

t's not the day for cake-cutting and celebrations! Birthday is a day for thanks giving, introspection, doing a down-to-earth and critical self appraisal, and making fresh resolutions. On this day, I ponder and look over my shoulders to find out what I have not been able to do for the people, and take a vow to do the same sooner than the soonest".

Thus opined the Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, who spent his 70th birthday on May 5, 2023, thanking God for what all He has given, and praying for strength to serve the people of Haryana with added verve and zeal. Besides accepting wishes from an endless number of admirers and opponents alike, he spent the day meeting orphans and saints and making a gesture or two to the handicapped, elderly and the jobless.

Noble and sublime thoughts and good deeds indeed from Mr Manohar Lal who, even his avowed critics concede, is a gentleman-

politician. Let alone admirers, cynics and skeptics also agree that the amenable, affable, straightforward and soft spoken Chief Minister knows no vendetta.

### Source of strength

"What's more, he never allows himself to fly off the handle. None has seen him using foul language despite power hungry political opponents, infamous for playing not-so-gentlemanly games and giving the gravest of provocations. His endearing persona and disarming honesty are a source of strength for his colleagues and associates", remarked one of the leaders who had come to say 'Happy Birthday' to him.

That he never aims to tap and convert the misfortune of his rivals into a political opportunity has made him earn the epithet of a gentleman par excellence who finds ready acceptance and his views resonate even across the political

Some also attribute this to his

faculties of head and heart; endearing mannerism; having malice towards none; playing politics with out bias; and putting Haryana in the high growth orbit by ensuring development of the entire state.



Expectedly, birthday wishes started pouring in as soon as the day dawned. A large number of people gathered at his residence to extend their wishes. Simplicity personified, the Chief Minister cele-

liness. He prayed for the happiness and prosperity of the residents of Haryana. "The entire state is my family and my life is dedicated to every Haryanvi. I will always work with the spirit of public welfare,"

he remarked.

Dedicating his birthday to social welfare, Mr Manohar Lal appealed to saints to help the government in curbing and containing the spread of social evils. The saints who had come to wish him a happy birthday appreciated the campaign run by his government for water conservation and deaddiction, and assured him full cooperation.

He visited Shishu Greh of the Haryana State Council for Child Welfare, Sector 15, Panchkula, met the orphans there and advised them to pursue their studies earnestly. After presenting the children with gifts, the Chief Minister inquired about the facilities provided to them, and the activities they indulged in.

He also inquired about the virtual classroom being run for the children from Class 6 to Class 10. Presently, 50 children are studying through a virtual classroom. He

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## Honing The Administration

# Six new sub-divisions to come up

By **Ajay Bhardwaj** 

ith the aim of enhancing accessibility to citizencentric services and improving their delivery at the grassroot level the Haryana Cabinet, under the Chairmanship of Chief Minister Sh. Manohar Lal, has accorded approval to a proposal regarding creation of six new administrative Sub-Divisions namely Manesar (Gurugram), Nilokheri (Karnal), Israna (Panipat), Chhachhrauli (Yamunanagar), Nangal Chaudhary (Mahendergarh at Narnaul), and Julana (Jind).

The decision has been taken on the basis of a recommendation made by a committee under the Chairmanship of Revenue Minister for re-organization of Sub-tehsils, Tehsils, Sub-divisions and Districts.

After detailed deliberations, based on the criteria for formulation of administrative units decided by the Committee earlier and taking into consideration other factors like area of influence, natural flow of traffic/transport, social homogeneity availability of infrastructure and scope for future expansion, the committee has recommended crea-



tion of the said six sub-divisions to which the Cabinet put its stamp.

### Policy amended

The Haryana Cabinet has accorded approval regarding amendments in Haryana Agri-Business and Food Processing Policy-2018 and its incentives schemes. The amendment includes additional 25 and 15 projects to be allowed for support under the 'Backward and Forward Linkage Scheme' and the 'The Integrated Cold Chain and Value Addition Scheme' respectively.

The total approved policy

budget of Rs. 433 crores will remain unchanged.

A budget of Rs. 160 crores would be diverted from Scheme of Creation, Expansion and Diversification of individual Agro and Food Processing Units to other two mentioned schemes till March 31, 2024 or till the notification of New Agri business and food processing policy whichever is earlier.

The Haryana Agri Business and Food Processing Policy was notified with the objective to attract investments worth Rs 3,500 crore, employment creation for 20,000 people in food processing through-

out the value chain of Food Processing Sector and to increase the level of processing in perishables by 10% (fruits, vegetables, dairy, fisheries etc.) by 2023.

The objectives of the policy was to make Haryana a clear destination of choice for investments in the Food Processing sector, to promote value addition in Agriculture and allied sectors such as Dairy, Horticulture, Livestock, Fishery and Poultry etc.

#### Pension rules amended

The Haryana Government has

amended the word 'pension disbursing authority' as 'pension sanctioning authority' in Rule 54 of Haryana Civil Services (Pension) Rules 2016 for sanction of family pension.

This amendment made at the Cabinet meeting states that in the event of death of a pensioner, the family pension to his/her widow/widower shall be made under the same pension payment order under which the pensioner was drawing his pension.

The pension disbursing authority shall start payment of family pension to the widow/widower on receipt of the death certificate of the pensioner along with a simple request for the grant of family pension.

If the widow/widower is not alive or eligible then the family pension shall be payable to the other eligible family member(s), who shall apply to the concerned pension sanctioning authority by surrendering the pension payment order of the pensioner along with two copies of self-photograph and the other necessary documents as required by the pension sanctioning authority.

# Directorate of State Audit to ensure transparency

By **Rajeev Ranjan Roy** 

In a significant move aimed at ensuring transparency and enhancing accountability in public expenditures, Haryana Government has decided to establish a new department called Directorate of State Audit under the administrative control of the Finance Department.

The decision was taken in the Haryana Cabinet which met under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal here on May 9.

The Directorate of State Audit will conduct internal audit of all auditable entities such as all Departments, Boards, Corporations, Co-operative Societies, Universities, Local Authorities, Statutory Bodies, Public Institutions and other Authorities established, controlled or financed by the state government, non-government organizations which receive grant-in-aid or contribution from the state government.

It will also audit all those entities that receive public monies from the state government in any form including organizations which receive funds from the consolidated fund of the state.

The decision assumes importance in view of the fact that internal audit is an important management tool to review the effectiveness of internal controls and identify weaknesses for correction.

Internal audit among other things is a tool for examining, evaluating and monitoring the adequacy and effectiveness of internal controls.

The Cabinet also accorded approval to a proposal regarding the creation of six new Subdivisions-Manesar (Gurugram), Nilokheri (Karnal), Israna (Panipat), Chhachhrauli (Yamunanagar), Nangal Chaudhary (Mahendergarh at Narnaul), and Julana (Jind). The Cabinet also approved amendments in the Haryana Agri-Business and Food Processing Policy-2018 and its incentives schemes.

The Cabinet also accorded approval regarding the allotment of land of Municipal Corporation, Rohtak on lease basis to Gaur Brahman Vidya Pracharini Sabha, Rohtak for a period of 33 years.

An agreement will be executed between Municipal Corporation, Rohtak and Gaur Brahman Vidya Pracharini Sabha, for abiding by the detailed terms and conditions before handing over the possession to the Sabha.

The Cabinet also granted its nod to the ordinances for amendment in Haryana Municipal Corporation Act, 1994 and Haryana Municipal Act, 1973.

These ordinances may be called

the Haryana Municipal Corporation (Amendment) Ordinance, 2023.

As per the amendment, the seats will be reserved for the Backward Class-es 'A' in every municipality and the number of seats so reserved shall bear, as nearly as may be, the same proportion to the total number of seats in that municipality as one-half of the proportion of Backward Classes 'A' population to the total population in that municipality and rounded off to the next higher integer in case the decimal value is 0.5 or more.

Such seats will be allotted by draw of lots among the highest three times of the number of seats proposed for reservation of Backward Classes 'A' which are having the largest percentage population of Backward Classes 'A' after excluding those seats already reserved for Scheduled Castes and also by rotation in the subsequent elections.

The Council of Ministers had approved the proposal regarding the acceptance of the recommendations of the Haryana Backward Classes Commission for pro-visioning of the proportion of reservation to the Backward Classes-A in contesting the elections of municipalities.

# Now, reservation for BC-A in ULBs

Haryana Review Bureau

he Haryana Government has accepted the report of the Backward Classes Commission to ensure political reservation rights of Backward Classes (A) in urban local bodies. This decision was taken at a Cabinet meeting held the Chairmanship of the Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal. Headed by former Judge, Punjab and Haryana High Court, Justice (Retd), Mr Darshan Singh, the Commission had conducted a dedicated inquiry to assess the extent of political backwardness of the Backward Classes A citizens.

It found that the Backward Classes, Block-A (BC-A) were not adequately represented in the political set-up. Hence, they required the support of reservation in the election to local bodies/municipalities.

The percentage of seats reserved for the BC-A in a municipality shall be one-half of the percentage of the population of Backward Classes Block-A to the total population in that urban local area. In case the decimal value is 0.5 or more, it shall be rounded off to the next higher integer. Besides, eight per cent of the number of offices of mayors or presidents shall be reserved for the Backward Classes Block-A in municipal corporations, municipal councils and municipal committees. It

shall be rounded off to the next higher integer in case the decimal value is 0.5 or more. The commission stated that as per directions of the apex court, the reservation shall not exceed the aggregate of 50 per cent of the total seats reserved in favour of Scheduled Castes and BC (A) taken together in a particular urban local body.

In case the reservation

In case the reservation exceeds 50 per cent of the total number of seats in the local body, the number of seats reserved for Backward Classes (A) shall be restricted to such largest number as not to exceed the total reservation beyond 50 per cent. The commission has cited examples for clarification. In an urban local area, if the population of the Backward Classes Block A is 25 per cent of the total population of that urban local area, 12.5 percent of seats shall be reserved for them.

Where in an urban local area the population of the Scheduled Castes is 50 per cent or more, the Backward Classes Block-A will not get any reservation, irrespective of the percentage of their population. Where the population of the Scheduled Castes is 40 per cent of the population of the urban local body and there are 10 seats in the urban local area, four seats will be reserved for the Scheduled Castes, while the remaining one seat shall be available for reservation to the Backward Classes Block-A.

# Gita Mahotsava touches Australian shores



### By **Ajay Bhardwaj**

he International Gita Mahotsav organised recently in Australia has reaffirmed the endeavour of Chief Minister, Sh. Manohar Lal to take the message of Shrimad Bhagwad Gita across the globe.

At a time when the entire world is facing war, terrorism, violence and tension, the message of world peace, love and brotherhood given in the Gita is a beacon for every human being, said the chief minister in his message. The chief minister said he was proud to be from the state, where Lord Krishna had given the immortal message 5160 years

"As Prime Minister, Sh. Narendra Modi says that Shrimad Bhagwad Gita is meaningful for various aspects of life; under his guidance, the Haryana government is making efforts to take the knowledge of Gita to

### Gita is a beacon for every human being, says CM



every nook and corner of the world," said the chief minister.

The International Gita Mahotsav was organized in Australia with the joint efforts of voluntary organisations of Australia and the Kurukshetra Development Board.

A 60-member delegation led by Haryana Home and Health Minister, Sh. Anil Vij which included Gita Manishi Swami Sh. Gyananand Maharaj and Panipat MLA Mahipal

Dhanda, took part in the Mahotsav.

The Mahotsava was inaugurated at the Federal Parliament in Canberra on April 28. In his inaugural address Haryana Home Minister, Sh. Anil Vij said that "The Gita preached by Shri Krishna is not for any religion, caste, region and language, it is for the entire humanity."

### **Book released**

He said that it is a very good thing that we have started this and we will take the promotion of Gita to every corner of the world. Every time the Haryana government chooses a country for its promotion and dissemination. He said that we have previously organized International Geeta Mahotsav in Canada, UK and Mauritius and now Geeta Mahotsav is being celebrated in Australia and will gradually take

this message to all the countries of the world so that this whole world is full of happiness.

On this occasion, he released the book, "Geeta Prerna".

Next day, in Sydney a Sadbhavana Yatra was carried out beginning from Shri Swaminarayan Mandir which concluded at Parramatta River foreshore. Saints and Swami Maharaj and other dignitaries present on the foreshore of the river accompanied by Home Minister Sh. Anil Vij took part in the aarti of 'Om Jai Jagdish'.

### Vij led delegation

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## Business tycoons offer to set up sports university, hospital

By **Parveen K Modi** 

he International Gita Mahotsav held in Austraila, the fourth country to do so after Canada, UK and Maurtius, has not only helped in spreading the message of Bhagavad Gita but also brought in offers for investment in Haryana.

The offer comes from some entrepreneurs of Australia. They have offered to set up a sports university in Haryana under mutual cooperation arrangement.

Besides, another entrepreneur has offered to open a 1,500-bedded hospital. These offers came during the Australia tour of the Home Minister, Mr Anil Vij, who had led a delegation from the state for the Gita Jayanti Samaroh.

Disclosing this on his return from Australia, Mr Vij said that officers concerned to send letters on behalf of the state government for setting up a sports university and a 1,500-bedded hospital so that both these projects could be completed at the earliest.

He said that during his meeting with Mr Christopher James Steel, Minister of Transport and City Services of Australia, mutual cooperation between Haryana and Australia in various fields was discussed.

### **Transport minister coming**

"I invited the Transport Minister to visit Haryana and he has accepted the invitation. Further action is being taken to work with the Government of Australia in various areas", Mr Vij added.

In response to a question regarding the Gita Mahotsav organized

directions had been issued to the in Australia, he said that the divine teachings of Bhagavad Gita, given on the land of Kurukshetra, offer a solution for every difficulty mankind faces today.

These teachings are not for the residents of Haryana or for the residents of Kurukshetra, or any particular region, caste or religion, but for the entire humanity. These can help one lead a successful life.

The Haryana Government is making efforts to spread the teachings of Bhagavad Gita. Earlier Gita Mahotsavs were organized in Canada, UK and Mauritius.

Now the Kurukshetra Development Board has organized Gita Mahotsav in Australia.

It got full cooperation of the people in organizing the Mahotsav and the hall where it was organized was completely packed, he added.





# Helping MSMEs to move

# Buy technology and get up to 75 pc cost as assistance under revised scheme

By **Parveen K Modi** 

he assistance on offer here amply qualifies for an enabling mechanism. With a view to enabling the manufacturing enterprises in the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) sector to identify and acquire, including purchase, new technology, the Haryana Government has notified the "Revised Assistance for Technology Acquisition Scheme" for the units located anywhere in the state.

The assistance shall be admissible on acquisition of technology /machinery with latest technology on or after 01.01.2021 and before 31.12.2025 under the scheme.

The notification supersedes earlier notification dated 08.06. 2021 regarding pursuance to the provision under Chapter 14 of the Haryana Enterprises & Employment Policy-2020.

"Under the revised scheme, assistance amounting to 75 percent of the cost of acquisition of technology/machinery with latest technology will be given to the units in the MSME sector," the Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, said.

But there is a caveat. The knowhow should be acquired from a premier national institute ranking among the top 100 on the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) across categories.

Or, it should be acquired from international institutes (institutes from the top 150 ranks on the US News and World Report rankings) / patented technology from domestic (patented within last 10 years of the date of technology acquisition)/ foreign companies (patented within last five years of the date of technology acquisition), subject to a maximum of Rs 50 lakh.

### **Applicability conditions**

Not all MSME units qualify for the facility under the scheme. It can be availed by a unit whose investment in plant and machinery or equipment does not exceed Rs 50 crore, and the turnover does not exceed Rs 250 crore as amended by GoI under the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development Act, 2006 from time to time.

An aspiring small enterprise should have investment in plant and machinery or equipment not exceeding Rs 10 crore, and its turnover should not exceed Rs 50 crore, or, as amended by GoI under the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development Act, 2006 from time to time.

A micro enterprise wanting to avail itself of the facility should have investment in plant and machinery or equipment not exceeding Rs 1 crore, and the turnover not exceeding Rs 5 crore, or as amended

by GoI under the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development Act, 2006 from time to time.

The technology/machinery these units want to acquire/ purchase should have been patented within the last 10 years of the date of technology acquisition in case of domestically filed patents and within the last 5 years of the date of technology acquisition in case of internationally filed patents.

### **Process explained**

An applicant will have to apply on the prescribed form (See Annexure-I) for taking reimbursement of the cost of acquisition of technology/machinery, along with listed documents, to the Director General, Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, on the web portal of the department.

The application would be processed and examined by the joint director/ deputy director,



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months will be given for installation and commissioning of technology/machinery with latest technology from the last date of the month of issuance of purchase Invoice.

- A maximum period of three months will be given for monitoring improvement in performance due to acquisition of technology/machinery with latest technology after installation & commissioning of the same.
- A maximum period of three months will be given for applying the case online on the web portal after improvement in performance.

The Director/Director General, Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises shall be competent authority for sanctioning the subsidy.

The Administrative Secretary, Industries and Commerce, shall be competent to make interpretation/ Small and Medium Enterprises, Haryana, shall be competent to condone the delay in submission of online application upto a period of three months after the prescribed time limit.

The Administrative Secretary, Industries & Commerce, Haryana shall be competent to condone the delay in submission of online application and appeal up to a period of 06 months after the prescribed time limit, provided that the competent authority is satisfied with the reasons of late submission of the application on the basis of the substantial evidence/ documents/ arguments presented by the applicant.

At any time if it is found that assistance from the Government has been availed on the basis of any false information, the applicant shall, besides refunding assistance with compound rate of interest @ 12% per annum and facing legal action, will be debarred from grant



District MSME Centre. He will be responsible for scrutiny and shall clearly recommend for approval/rejection of the claim after conducting inspection of the unit.

The deficiencies, if any, would be communicated to the applicant online within a period of 7 days and the applicant would be given a time period of 10 days to rectify the deficiencies so pointed out.

In case the deficiencies are not removed within the prescribed period, the claim shall be filed by the competent authority, under intimation to the party through an email. The enterprise shall not be required to submit any additional document other than specified under Annexure-I unless required for establishing genuineness of the claim.

### Time limit

An enterprise shall forfeit its entitlement for the reimbursement of the cost of acquisition of technology/machinery with latest technology, if it does not submit its claim, complete in all respects within a maximum period of nine months as per the following timelines:

• A maximum period of three

clarification of provisions of this scheme.

Only an online appeal against an order passed by the Competent Authority shall lie with the Administrative Secretary, Industries & Commerce, Haryana with in a period of 30 days from the date of communication of orders appealed against.

The orders passed by the Administrative Secretary, Industries & Commerce, Haryana, in appeal shall be final.

### Power to condone delay

The Director General, Micro,

of any incentives/assistance from the State Government.

If the applicant fails to refund the subsidy amount with interest, then the amount shall be recovered as an arrear of land revenue.

The applicant shall be debarred from public procurement as a result of mismatch in facts and figures.

Sr. No	Tasks	Time limit (working days)
1	Letter of Approval	30 days
2	Letter of Sanction	07 days
3	Disbursement	07 days

# up the know-how ladder

# Mere purchase won't do, give data-backed proof it has helped improve working

By Parveen K Modi

ere purchase or acquisition of machinery/tech-Lnology by any Medium, Small and Micro Enterprises unit wanting to avail itself of assistance under the "Revised Assistance for Technology Acquisition Scheme" is not enough. The unit concerned will have to prove that the acquisition or purchase of latest technology or machinery has resulted in demonstrable improvement in its performance.

The improvement in performance will be backed by data in terms of production and sales duly verified by a chartered engineer. This is among the terms and conditions laid down in the scheme as safeguards against fraudsters units wanting to avail themselves of assistance. Any MSME unit will have comply with the following conditions before applying for assistance:

The unit shall file Udyam Registration Certificate (URC) and Haryana Udhayam Memorandum (HUM) on the portal for statistical purposes, at any stage.

The acquisition of technology can be in any form, including purchase of drawing and design and technology development through engaging experts/ R&D institutions and/or technical consultancy firms or acquisition of machinery with latest technology.

The applicant should clearly demonstrate improvement in performance due to technology acquisition. Mere purchase of machinery and technology will not be considered as acquisition of technology.

The improvement in performance due to technology acquisition can be demonstrated as follows:

- An increase of at least 10% in production rate (number of units produced/total time taken).
- A decrease of at least 5% in cycle time (net production time/number of units produced).
- A decrease of at least 2.5% in the rejection rate (number of units rejected ÷ total number of units produced)  $\times$  100].



- Note: Improvement in performance to be certified by a chartered engineer.
- The average values of the above mentioned indicators calculated three months prior to technology acquisition will be compared with the average values calculated three months post the month of installation and com-

missioning of technology/ machinery with latest technology to demonstrate the performance improvement.

- The machinery manufacturers can also avail themselves of the benefit for technology collaboration from abroad.
- The item of manufacture should not fall in the restrictive list as

- notified by the state government from time to time.
- The units should have obtained NOC/CLU from a competent authority, if applicable.
- The units should be in commercial production.
- The units should be in regular production at the time of disbursement and the assistance shall not be released to the closed unit.
- The unit shall present patent certificate mentioning the proof of validity of patent from the country in which patent had been filed (in case of acquisition of patented technology).
- The acquisition of multiple machines of similar nature will not be entertained under the scheme. Only one machine will be eligible in such cases.
- The unit should be ZED certified (silver level or above).
- The unit can avail oneself of the benefits of the scheme only once in the three year period of operation of the scheme.

### Application format for claiming assistance for technology acquisition

Sr.no.	Particulars	Details
1	Name of the applicant (Authorized person of the unit)	
2	Name & Address of the unit with telephone No. and E-mail	
3	Registered office address	
4	Category of unit (Micro/ Small/ Medium)	
5	Date of commencement of commercial production (As per first sale bill)	
6	Udyam Registration Certificate (URC) and Haryana Udhyam Memorandum (HUM) with date.	
7	Item of manufacture/processing	
8	Constitution of the Unit [Proprietary, Partnership, Pvt. Ltd., Public Ltd., LLP (Limited Liability Partnership) and Co-operative Society]	
9	Purpose of Technology Acquisition	
10	Brief of New Technology, with manufacturing process & details thereof	
11	Name & Address of the entity from which Technology is acquired, along with copy of Arrangement/MoU/ other relevant documents for proof of technology acquisition.	
12	Details of cost of Technology Acquisition/Up-gradation	Rs. Lakhs
13	Purchase of design & Drawings  Technology Development Fees to Experts  R & D Institutions/Technical Consultancy Firm:  Machinery with latest Technology  Others:  Total	
14	Means of Finance Promoter's Contribution Term Loan (Name of Financial Institutions) Internal Resources Others Total	
	Amount of subsidy claimed @75% of the total cost of Technology acquisition (Maximum Rs.50.00 lakh)	
15	Amount of assistance obtained from Government of India, if any	

Signature of the applicant (with seal) Annexure-I

### Self-attested copies of latest documents to be attached with the application:

- Copy of Udyam Registration Certificate (URC) and Haryana Udhayam Memorandum (HU-
- Certificate of Incorporation/ Partnership deed/ Partnership Registration with Form 'A' & Cooperative Society Registration.
- Board Resolution/ Power of Attorney to be signed by majority of the Directors /Partners.
- Copy of MoU/ other relevant documents for acquisition of technology/ machinery with latest technology.
- Change of Land Use (CLU)/ Chartered Engineers' (Mech-NOC from competent authority, if applicable.
- Copy of GoI sanction letter of assistance of technology acquisition (if any).
- Undertaking/ Declaration on non-judicial stamp paper; CA certificate for details of expenditure incurred (in INR) in acquisition of technology in original.
- Justification for technology acquired/up-grade.
- Copies of the purchase invoices of technology/machinery with latest technology, on which subsidy has been claimed and proof of payment

- made to the supplier (Bills of Entry/ Bankers' Certificate mentioning Exchange Rate and suppliers details in case of payments to foreign suppliers.)
- Copy of GST return and Audited Balance Sheet for last financial year.
- Patent Certificate mentioning the validity of a patent from the country in which the patent has been filed (in case of acquisition of patented technology).
- Copy of ZED Certification (Silver Level or above).
- anical) Certificate for demonstrating improvement in performance.
- Land Proof i.e. Letter of Allotment, Sale Deed/Transfer Deed/Conveyance Deed/Occupation Certificate. Registered Lease Deed/ Registered Rent Deed from the concerned competent authority covering 05 years period from date of invoice for purchase of Technology, in case the unit is running on lease/rent.
- List of Existing P&M with its original value.
- Any other document to prove the genuineness of claim.

# 'Mann Ki Baat @ 100' does Haryana proud

### PM refers to Sunil Jaglan of 'selfie with daughter' fame and ecologist Pradeep Sangwan

By Parveen K Modi

aryana, its innovative people, sportspersons of Lglobal fame and milestone achievements of the state government, keep finding a mention in the famed 'Mann Ki Baat', reckoned by far as the biggest outreach programme of the Prime Minister, Mr Narendra Modi.

Launched in October, 2014, the much-awaited programme hits the air at 11 am every last Sunday of the month. It reminds one of the "Fireside Chat" launched by then US President, Mr Franklin D Roosevelt, in 1933 and continued up to 1944, the years that saw the US encounter the Great Depression and the run-up to the Second World War.

### PM speaks to them

On April 30, 2023 it was the 100th episode of "Mann Ki Baat" during which Mr Modi interacted with two persons Sunil Jaglan and Pradeep Sangwan from Haryana who have made a mark by taking up social issues.

Sunil Jaglan of Jind district hit a wave of popularity with his 'Selfie with Daughter' campaign. His efforts brought a positive impact on the society regarding daughters and helped in changing the attitude of people towards the girl child.

Referring to him, the Prime Minister said, "the 'Selfie with



Daughter' campaign impressed me a lot and I mentioned it in my episode. Soon, the 'Selfie with Daughter' campaign went global.

The purpose of this campaign was to make people understand the importance of daughters in life." As a result of such efforts, the gender ratio in Haryana has improved, he added.

Mr Pradeep Sangwan of Charkhi Dadri is associated with the cleanliness campaign in the mountains. He has taken this initiative to inspire the society to realize the

importance of cleanliness.

Mr Sangwan and his team clean up the trash thrown at various altitudes of the Himalayas through his 'Healing Himalaya' campaign. The Prime Minister said that due to this campaign, mountaineers are also posting photos related to

### **Constructive change**

Mr Sangwan informed the Prime Minister that after 2020 when he referred to his campaign in 'Mann Ki Baat', it brought about a constructive change in him. Earlier, he could complete 6-7 cleaning drives in a year, but today he collects five tonnes of garbage every day from various places.

Resultantly, awareness about cleanliness has increased among the people who are coming forward and joining this campaign, added Mr Sanwan.

It is noteworthy that even before this, in the 'Mann Ki Baat' programme, the Prime Minister had applauded the achievements of Haryana sportspersons, progressive farmers and personalities for doing outstanding work in the society. Every episode of the Prime Minister's 'Mann Ki Baat' programme has inspired society.

The vision of 'Mann Ki Baat'

Programme is to create awareness about Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, Love for Khadi or Nature, Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav', or Mission Amrit Sarovar etc.

The 100th episode which has

**Meet Pradeep Sangwan** 

Sunil Jaglan started his

become a fine example of 'Unity in Diversity' became truly special for entire Haryana when the Prime Minister especially mentioned the efforts of two Haryanvis. The Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, along with the general public, listened to the 100th episode in Panchkula.

### Making use of tech

Speaking after attending the programme, the Chief Minister said that the Mann Ki Baat programme embodies the concept of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat. "Making best use of technology, the Prime Minister has done the work of uniting the countrymen in the thread of unity by addressing the citizens of entire India from one place. He has also given a new direction to the people.

Since October 3, 2014, the Prime Minister has been addressing the citizens of India on national issues through "Mann Ki Baat". "When this programme started, no one imagined it would become so popular. The way citizens of India are participating in this programme since its launch has become a world record," added Mr Manohar Lal.

career as a teacher but left his job to become the sarpanch of Biblipur village in Haryana. He emerged as an advocate for girls' rights in 2012, two years after he became sarpanch, when nurses refused to accept sweets on the birth of his daughter. He also noticed how pregnant women were being made to abort in his village after a suspected sex determination test showed she was carrying the fetus of a girl

Apart from 'Selfie With Daughter', Jaglan also initiated Mahila Gram Sabha in 2012 and took up the issue of female foeticide in Maha Khap Panchayat. He introduced the idea of having women participate in Maha Khap Panchayats and organized these panchayats with zoom after Covid struck his

He also organized a race for girls where he awarded a kilo of ghee as prize, bringing focus on women's nutrition. Jaglan also advocated with grandmothers of the houses with campaigns like Dadi Agar Chahegi toh Poti Zaroor Ayegi. Some of these other initiatives include Laado Swabhiman under which the nameplate outside the house carries the name of the daughter, and Pad Mitra which revolves around menstrual hygiene.

### **Meet Sunil Jaglan** Pradeep Sangwan, an avid

trekker, environmentalist and founder of 'Healing Himalayas,' has taken on the monumental challenge of cleaning up the mountain and reversing the impact of the refuse thrown there. A meeting with some shepherds who live close to nature during one of his treks in Lahaul and Spiti of Himachal Pradesh transformed Pradeep's life.

He made it his goal to clean out the trash from the Himalayas and create a circular economy by building a waste collection cen-



tre, further recycling, and reusing. Since 2016, he along with hundreds of volunteers, have trekked over 10,000 km and collected 700 tons of nonbiodegradable waste from the Himalayas.

## CM hails SHGs for efforts to promote self-reliance

By **Rajeev Ranjan Roy** 

elf-Help Groups (SGHs) are playing a critical role in adding resilience to the grassroots level economy. In a befitting tribute to their perseverance and hard work, Haryana Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal chose to interact with them at Barna village in Kurukshetra and lauded their contributions towards realizing the goal of Atmanirbhar Bharat.

They have done a commendable job not only in generating ample employment opportunities but also empowering themselves financially, thus paving the way for improved ease of life for them selves and family members.

Given the importance of building social capital among the poor, especially women, the most important function of SHGs is to encourage the members to save their earnings, persuade them to make a collective plan for generating additional income, and to act as a conduit for formal banking services to reach them.

Presently there are about 30 SGHs working in the village who have commendably managed to save Rs 20 lakh from the self-generated

employment opportunities.

Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal, who specially met them during a Jan Samvad programme, held in the village, said that SHG members are doing an excellent job in providing employment opportunities to the families along with taking care of their own families. "Your efforts are pivotal in improving the needy families' financial condition," he

Suman, who runs a Self-Help Group in Barna village, apprised the Chief Minister that SHGs in the village are not only taking care of their families by providing them

with self-employment but are also playing a significant role in improving their economic status.

In today's time, SHGs are upholding the spirit of community and sociality. With their funds, the SHGs also start rural-based micro or small industries, which create new employment opportunities for the needy and deserving, said

She also expressed gratitude to the Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal for the state government's present plan of giving an incentive of Rs 20,000 for the formation of SHGs.

Suman further shared that the

leadership is given to one member of the SHG, who does all the management work and these groups are funded by banks, which facilitate financial transactions.

She shared that initially the SHG started selling milk, which made them earn a lot of profit. Later, with her hard-earned money, she was also able to buy a goods vehicle for her husband.

The members of SHGs and their family members are engaged in various works including beauty parlour, boutique, clothes, dairy, utensil shops and so on.

# Pulling all stops to save every drop Govt exploring all possible options, says CM

By **Rajeev Ranjan Roy** 

he Haryana government under the visionary leadership of Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal has adopted a wholesome approach towards water conservation. The two day long water conclave organized by the Haryana Water Resources Authority under the aegis of Amrit Jal Kranti on April 26-27 at Panchkula witnessed policy makers and experts touching upon multiple aspects of water conservation and ongoing efforts in this regard in the state and way forward.

In Haryana, the area under direct seeding of paddy has been increased by 275 per cent from 73,000 acres to nearly 2 lakh acres, which will save 218 million cubic meters (MCM) of water. More than 9500 water sources would be renovated in the next two years which include 5308 ponds, 63 check dams, 81 shallow tube wells and 4000 recharge bore wells.

### **Natural farming**

Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal, while speaking at the concluding session of the two day 'Water Conclave' on April 27, said the area under natural farming will be increased by more than 300 percent that is from 6,000 acres to 25,000 acres. This effort will not only save water but also improve soil health,



he said.

The state government has set a target of reclamation of one lakh acres of saline land in brackish water areas. "To expedite the work and achieve the target, the Agriculture Department will work closely with the Central Soil Salinity Research Institute and finalize its action plan in the next three months. Machines will also be made available for this work and if provision of subsidy has to be made, that too will be done," said the Chief

Minister.

According to him, the World Bank has given in principle approval for expansion of Atal Bhujal Yojana to 14 districts of the state. In the first phase, a budget of 700 crores was received under the five-year plan. In the second phase also, a budget of about Rs 700 crore will be made available by the World Bank. This will cover 90 percent of the waterlogged area of the state, he added.

The Chief Minister said that in the next two years, 50 per cent of the demand of water in the agriculture sector would be met by the treated waste water of STPs. In addition, water of 75 STPs will be used for agricultural needs; besides 100 percent of the treated waste water will be reused in 18 out of 31 HSIIDC estates in the next two years.

Given the fact that there is a major use of water in the industry sector as well, the state government has made a special plan under which Zero Liquid Discharge (ZLD) will be implemented in IMT Sohna, IMT Kharkhoda and Global City Gurugram. The area under

fisheries will also be increased. Presently fish farming is being done in 2500 acres, which has been targeted to be increased. Similarly, more than 250 urban ponds would be renovated in the next two years under various schemes.

### **Focus on conservation**

Focus on conservation, treating and optimum utilization of water assumes significance in view of the fact that today Haryana is being seen in the category of water deficient states, especially with respect to surface and ground water resources.

The total water availability of the state is 21 BCM which includes surface water, ground water and treated waste water. In this, the state water gap is 14 BCM and along with this the block level water gap has also been calculated.

With inclusion of all the sectors for the use of water, the total demand of water in the state is 35 BCM in which agriculture is about 86 per cent, horticulture five per cent, domestic three per cent, industry and infrastructure three per cent, livestock one per cent and

### **Key Points**

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Haryana Water Resources Authority (HWRA) has developed an 'Integrated Water Resources Plan' (IWRP) Haryana 2023-26 in the direction of water conservation for providing adequate water to the people of the state as well as for its proper saving and efficient management.

With this vision of IWRP Haryana 2023-26, sustainable water management will be improved with proper and planned use of water resources in the state.

A block level water action plan and strategy has been developed for the state using a decentralized approach involving District Water Resource Planning Committees to properly plan water availability and rising water demand in which various departments of the state government will hold discussions. During this, representatives of each department will monitor the work plan prepared on a monthly basis.



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### B'day is a day for thanksgiving, introspection: CM

announced a grant of Rs 2 crore to the Haryana State Council for Child Welfare for the welfare of the orphans lodged in the Greh.

En route to Panchkula, an incident made clear how much he cares for fellow human beings, especially the disabled and the needy. As the Chief Minister's convoy was moving, he suddenly noticed a disabled woman asking for alms on the roadside.

He asked the driver to stop, came out of the car, inquired about her condition, fished out some money from his pocket, and gave it to her.

He also assured her of benefits under government schemes. The

woman was amazed. "I had never imagined that one day the Chief Minister would personally come and help her.

I will pray to God to keep the Chief Minister healthy and give him a long life so that he continues helping the poor and the needy", she said, stumbling for words due to thankfulness.

Giving the gift of job to the jobless, the Chief Minister sent job offers to 896 youths through Haryana Kaushal Rojgar Nigam (HKRN) for hiring in various departments out of which 632 youths were issued deployment letters with immediate effect.

Jobs, he said, are given by the state government in a transparent manner. The job offers sent on May 5 included 136 fireman/driver, 117



analyst associate, 106 Ayush Yoga Assistant, 86 ERV Driver, 64 laboratory supervisor, 41 Art Education Assistant etc. So far more than 6300 persons have been given employment through HKRNL.

The Chief Minister had a gift for the elderly too. He launched the Mukhyamantri Tirth Darshan Yojana and flagged off the first batch of buses, carrying about 200 senior citizens from Panchkula, for the Ayodhya Yatra. On reaching Ambala, they will travel to Ayodhya via train. The state government will bear their travel expenses.

Not that his 70th birthday was any different. This is exactly how he celebrates May 5 every year.



**EDUCATION** 

# State Awards for pvt. school teachers too

### Processing charges from students waived

Haryana Review Bureau

The Haryana Government has decided to consider private school teachers for the state awards, and at the same has decided to waive off the processing charge taken from the students willing to shift from private schools to the government schools in Class 10th or Class 12th. At present, Rs. 3000/-is charged from the private school students and Rs. 1000/-from students who are shifting from government school to another government school.

Students falling under the other seven categories shifting of family, shifting to or from hostels, readmission due to not appearing for an exam or because of failure or compartment, medical condition or in order to attain a better quality of education will now not have to pay any fee. This was announced by the School Education minister Sh. Kanwar Pal at a meeting with the department officials recently.

Speaking about the condition of the government schools, the minister said that new schools will be built in urban areas of Haryana keeping in view of the increasing population for which the state government will soon conduct a survey to map the requirement.

Moreover, the buildings of 68 schools in the state needed to be repaired completely. The work on 32 has been completed, while the work on the rest will begin soon.

While reviewing the achievements of Super 100 and Buniyad Programme, he stressed the need to launch an awareness campaign at the grass root level. He said that the State Government is planning to increase the centres of Super 100 and Buniyad Programme.

He applauded the commendable performance of the Haryana Super-100 Batch 2021-23 in the Joint Entrance Examination, JEE (Main) exam. The results exceeded the expectation, with 89 students from the Super-100 programme batch 2021-23 qualified JEE Advanced.

The Super-100 programme is a unique initiative launched by the Haryana Government and Vikalp Foundation to provide quality education and a competitive environment to the students.

### Shortage of Punjabi teachers to be met soon, says CM

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The Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, has said that the shortage of Punjabi subject teachers in the state would be met soon. The recruitment process will be started soon after completing the formalities in this regard, he added.

The Chief Minister took this important decision after listening to the candidates who had passed Punjabi PGT and HTET during a Jan Samvad programme organized in Kurukshetra's Karah Sahib village.

Necessary directions have been given to the officers to resolve the grievances of the people. No ineligible person will be able to take ration which will be made available to the eligible person in a transparent manner, he said.

Antyodaya fairs are being organized in every village under the Mukhyamantri Antyodaya Utthan Yojana. "Through these fairs, various departments are helping in creating jobs by giving loans and other assistance. It is the endeavour of the government to ensure that every person becomes capable, gets self-employed and instead of doing a job should be able to give jobs to others," he added.

### SPORTS

### Neeraj Chopra dashes at Doha to clinch top spot



Haryana Review Bureau

India's ace javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra, a native of Khandra village in Haryana, clinched the top slot at the prestigious Doha Diamond Leaguean annual series of elite track and field competitions with a throw of 88.67 m.

His remarkable feat came with his very first throw, as testing conditions in Doha prevented him from breaching 90 m, his self declared goal prior to the meet. With this win, Chopra takes an early lead in the Diamond League standings with the next event scheduled for June 9 in Paris.

Tokyo Olympics Gold Medallist Neeraj Chopra has set a goal for himself to breach the 90 m mark. He became the first Indian to win Olympic Gold in Athletics, seventh medal for India in Tokyo Olympics, the country's highest ever.

An overweight 12-year-old boy from Haryana's Khandra village, he was persistently persuaded by his family members to take up sports.

While training at Shivaji Stadium in Panipat, he saw a few seniors throwing javelins at the stadium and decided to try his luck at javelin throw. Since then, he has not looked back.