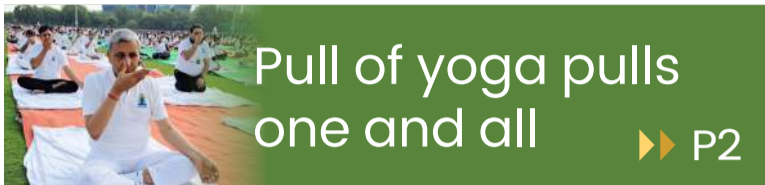


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The Union Finance Minister, Mrs Nirjala Sitharaman, being greeted by the Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, at the GST Council's 47th meeting in Chandigarh.

Civic polls prove triple engine governance

By Ajay Bhardwaj

The peaceful municipal elections, held recently in the state, have heralded yet another era of progress of democratic norms in Haryana under the leadership of Chief Minister Manohar Lal.

While there was no untoward incident during the course of electioneering, the mandate was clearly in favour of the development agenda of the Manohar Lal government which has been scripting a new chapter in governance which aims at "sabka saath, sabka vikaas, sabka vishvas".

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, while felicitating Chief Minister Manohar Lal, said that people of the state have reaffirmed their confidence in the government policies and programmes.

Home Minister Amit Shah

while congratulating the chief minister and the deputy chief minister the victory of BJP-JJP alliance underlined endorsement of the government policies which are targeted at people's welfare and development.

As the voting for 18 municipal councils and 28 municipalities was held with nearly 70 per cent voters' turnout, Voters put their stamp on the state government's visionary policies of governance as if endorsing the triple engine driven governance embodied by the national government, the state government and the municipal bodies.

Of the 28 municipal committees chairpersons, BJP candidates have won 15, 11 by independents and one each by INLD and AAP candidates.

In Municipal Councils, of the total 18 posts of Presidents, 11 go to BJP candidates, one to INLD and six to independent candidates.

In another Ist, CM vows jobs to Agniveers

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Chief Minister Manohar Lal has lauded the Centre's Agneepath scheme as path-breaking and announced guaranteed government jobs to Agniveers after completion of their term in the armed forces.

Haryana is the first state in the country to ensure such jobs for the youth of the state.

The chief minister said "I announce that anyone (the Agniveers) who wants to join Haryana government services

will be given a guaranteed job, no one will go without a job. We take guarantee for this."

He said the youths who would come after joining the army under the Agneepath scheme would be given Group C or Haryana Police jobs. The Chief Minister said that it was a matter of pride to get a job in the Army. Therefore, 75 percent of the youth who will retire under the Agneepath scheme would be given guaranteed jobs in Haryana. This is a unique gift for Agniveers. This will increase the interest of the youth in the army, he hoped.

The Chief Minister said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has brought about a radical change in the Army. Now the army will be further equipped on technical grounds. This will give opportunities to the youth of 10th to 12th standards. Thus Agneepath is a better scheme not only for the youth but also for the army.

The Centre has unveiled the Agnipath scheme under which youths between 17-and-a-half and 21 years will be inducted in the three services for a four-year tenure.

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EV industry gets a shot in arm

Cabinet approves Haryana Electric Vehicle Policy 2022

By Parveen K Modi

The Manohar Lal Government has taken another step forward to protect the environment, reduce carbon footprints and make Haryana an electric vehicles manufacturing hub. It has come up with Haryana Electric Vehicle (EV) Policy 2022 an EV policy.

Laced with incentives and concessions, the policy seeks to ensure skill development in EV field, encourage uptake of EV vehicles, provide EV charging infrastructure and encourage R&D in EV technology.

It was approved by the state cabinet which met under the chairmanship of the Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, in Chandigarh on June 27. The year 2022 will be declared as "Year of the Electric Vehicles" in Haryana.

The policy seeks to encourage new manufacturing in EV technology as well as the existing automobile manufacturers to diversify into EV manufacturing. It offers financial incentives to EV manufacturers by giving incentives on fixed capital investment (FCI),

Incentives

100% reimbursement of stamp duty and exemption in electricity duty for 20 years.

Incentives for firms manufacturing EVs, components of EV, EV battery and charging infra.

Mega industry will get capital subsidy at 20% of full capital investment or Rs 20 crore whichever is lower.

Relaxation in registration fee and a discount for buyers in Motor Vehicle Tax.

net SGST, stamp duty, employment generation, etc.

There is provision for 100% reimbursement of stamp duty along with exemption in electricity duty for a period of 20 years. The SGST reimbursement shall be 50% of the applicable net SGST for a period of 10 years.

Companies manufacturing electric vehicles, components of electric vehicles, EV batteries, charging infrastructure etc. shall be incentivized with capital subsidy.

Mega industry shall get capital subsidy at 20 % of FCI or Rs 20 crore whichever is lower; large industry will get subsidy of 10% of FCI up to Rs 10 crore, for medium industry 20% of FCI up to Rs 50 lakh, for small industry 20% of FCI up to Rs 40 lakh and for micro industry 25% of FCI up to Rs 15 lakh.

Under the policy, units setting up battery disposal units will get 15% of FCI up to Rs 1 crore. It provides one-time support to facilitate conversion of existing manufacturers units completely into EV manufacturing of 25% of book value up to Rs 2 crore for micro, small, medium and large units.

The policy offers incentives to buyers that would reduce the effective upfront cost and motivate individuals to take up electric vehicles as their primary mode for transportation.

It will provide early bird direct benefit transfer of up to Rs 10 lakh on the purchase of electric vehicles or hybrid electric vehicles in the state. Buyers will also be eligible for relaxation in registration fee and discount on Motor Vehicle Tax.

Pull of yoga pulls one and all



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The International Yoga Day was celebrated in a befitting manner in Haryana. It was marked by the inauguration of 337 Health and Wellness Centres (HWCs) by Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal, who made a fervent appeal to the youth of the state to take a pledge to stay away from drugs. The Chief Minister, who addressed a state level function on the occasion of 8th International Yoga Day at Bhim Stadium, Bhiwani, said: "Drug addiction is increasing day by day, which is fatal to the society. Therefore, youth should take a pledge on Yoga

Day to stay away from drugs." The Chief Minister said that Yoga will be included in the curriculum of schools from Class I to XII so that students can easily adopt Yoga and get benefitted. One thousand Yoga schools and gymnasiums are being opened by the government. Yoga Day should be celebrated as Nirog Diwas and Yoga should be a part of everyone's daily routine, he said. The Chief Minister also thanked Yoga Guru Baba Ramdev who made the people aware of Yoga.

Additional Chief Secretary, Health Department, Mr Rajeev Arora said that approval has been given to set up AYUSH cells in 419

YOGSHALA IN EVERY VILLAGE

Haryana Home and AYUSH Minister Mr Anil Vij said that efforts are being made to open a Yogshala in every village of the state. So far, 1,000 Yogshalas have been constructed across the state, he said while addressing a gathering during the programme organized at War Heroes Memorial Stadium, Ambala Cantonment. He said the purpose of celebrating Yoga Day is that those who are not doing yoga should also start practicing yoga.

primary health centres of the state to provide facilities for AYUSH treatment. HWCs are also being set up in many district headquarters and sub-divisional level hospitals. Shri Krishna Ayush University is being established in Kurukshetra.

Haryana Governor Mr Bandaru Dattatraya, while speaking at a programme organized at Raj Bhavan, said Yoga is the key to human welfare. It is only through Yoga that the values of peace, harmony and brotherhood can be promoted in the world. Yoga is a priceless gift of Indian civilization to humanity. Yoga is the art of living life, which leads to enlightenment in one's life, he said.

YOGA SESSION AT POI

To mark the 8th International Day of Yoga, the Haryana Police organized a Yoga event in the premises of Police Officers Institute (POI), Panchkula. On this occasion, Director General of Police (DGP) Haryana Mr PK Agrawal along with other police officers and personnel practiced yoga Asanas which were guided by the instructors. The DGP congratulated everyone and said that to keep the body healthy, it is necessary to include yoga in our daily routine.



Haryana scores on three counts in ASER

Overall score 44.7 higher than nation's 37.8

Number of children with smart phones up

Govt. schools enroll more in 6-14 age group

ASER 2021 (Table 1)

State	Census 2011 Districts	Surveyed Districts	Surveyed Villages	Sampled Households	Households Connected	Surveyed Households	Children age 5-16	Std I-II	Std III-V	Std VI-VIII	Std IX-XII
Andhra Pradesh	13	13	390	4442	3039	2367	1507	223	375	421	304
Arunachal Pradesh	16	8	229	2256	958	496	524	91	150	126	88
Assam	27	26	749	8511	4249	3047	2660	476	714	753	473
Bihar	38	38	1139	13113	6629	3590	4832	869	1164	1161	961
Chhattisgarh	18	16	473	4972	2433	1561	1630	292	432	424	374
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	1	1	28	309	207	91	62	11	14	13	14
Daman & Diu	2	2	17	278	179	135	109	16	41	32	17
Gujarat	26	26	775	8217	5718	4310	2610	533	901	639	385
Haryana	21	21	628	7222	5039	3099	2839	431	742	766	680
Himachal Pradesh	12	12	358	4587	2810	2145	2106	281	548	588	597

By Parveen K Modi

Hard facts, cold figures

Haryana sixth largest contributor to Army

Though accounting for only 2.09 per cent of the population of the country, Haryana ranks sixth in the national tally in making contributions to the Army. The Union Defence Ministry's data shows that with 65,987 soldiers, Haryana accounts for 5.7 per cent of the rank and file of the Army. About 6,000 youths in Haryana join the force every year. With 89,088, Punjab has the second highest number of soldiers, other than officers, serving in the Army. UP tops the list of states and Union Territories.

Presently, the Army has 11,51,726 soldiers against the sanctioned strength of 12,29,559, which works out to a deficiency of 77,833 ranks. As far as officers, other than those in the medical stream, are concerned, the present strength is 42,959 against the authorised 50,806.

First state to have Sainik schools

Haryana is the first state in the country to have Sainik Schools at Kunjpura in Karnal district and in Rewari. Another Sainik school is proposed to be set up in Jhajjar district. There is a proposal to set up a Defence University in Gurugram or Rewari district. The headquarters of the National Security Guards, which provides commando training, is located in Gurugram. There are three Air Force Stations in the state situated at Ambala, Gurugram and Faridabad.

The dent caused to the studies of students by the Covid Pandemic forcing closure of schools followed by online classes notwithstanding, Haryana has done well in the Assessment of School Education Report (ASER) 2021 on at least three counts.

The findings say it all. The state's overall score is higher than the national score; government schools have not only performed better but also enrolled more students than their private counterparts; and, what conveys a socio-economic message, the number of children with a smartphone available at home has gone up.

The ASER assesses the health of the education system in the country by conducting an evaluation survey of children's learning competencies in classes III, V, VIII, and X. In Haryana, 3,099 houses were surveyed during the NAS in 628 villages spread over 21 districts. (See Table 1) ASER was last held in 2017

Notably, Haryana has improved its overall score to 44.7 while the national score is 37.8; scored better than Delhi across all subjects in Classes III, V, VIII, and X; and there is a rise in performance in Social Science, English and

Modern Indian Language (MIL).

Interestingly, government schools have not only performed better in Classes III and V but also logged higher enrolment of children in the 6-14 age group. What's more, the percentage of children with a smartphone available at home went up from 57.3 in 2018 to 82.3 in 2020 and to 86.3 in 2021.

The ASER points to a marked preference for government schools. The percentage of children in the age group of 6-14 enrolled in government schools in Haryana went up from 41.8 per cent (36.5 pc boys and 47.9 pc girls) in 2018 to 46.9 in 2020 (43.9 pc boys and 50.5 pc girls); and to 48.3 per cent (43.6 boys and 53.9 girls) in 2021. (See Table 3).

At the national level, a decline in private school enrollment was first seen in 2020 when it dropped from 32.5% in 2018 to 28.8% for 6-14-year-olds. But government school enrollment remained steady at about 65%. Between 2020 and 2021, in contrast, out of school numbers have held steady, private school enrollment has continued to drop and we see a big jump in government school enrollment across all age groups.

The government-private split in enrollment in 2021 is close to the 2010 figures. Private school

Methodology

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In order to conduct the survey, phone calls were made to parents/caregivers of children aged 5-16 in 1,92,006 households as well as head teachers or teachers in 11,545 schools between September and October 2021. Of these, the survey was completed with 76,706 households and 7,299 teachers. Using standard questionnaires, information was collected separately for each child in the 5-16 age group in each surveyed household. For schools, information was collected for the grade (between Standard I and VIII) the teacher could provide.

In its standard format, the survey reached out to children in the age group of 3-16 in almost all rural districts of India.

The survey is carried out every year by volunteers from partner organisations like colleges, universities, non-profit organisations, and teacher training institutes, among others.

enrollment increased steadily from 2006 to 2014 and remained steady at about 30% till 2018.

The decline observed in 2020 and 2021 has brought it back to the 2010 level of about 25%. Government school enrollment, in contrast, has been declining since 2006 when it stabilised at about 65% in 2018, jumping only in the last year to reach 70.3% in 2021

What is ASER

NAS is a citizen-led household survey that provides nationally representative estimates of children's schooling status and their foundational reading and arithmetic skills.

ASER 2021 was designed to be conducted at a time when schools had reopened in some states but not in others. Hence, one part of the survey focused on questions similar to ASER 2020, allowing comparison of last year's findings with data from this year for those children whose schools had not reopened.

Topics explored included the provision of, and access to, remote education mechanisms and materials in rural parts of the country, and how children, families, and educators were engaging with these from their homes.

Table 3. % Children aged 6-14 enrolled in Govt school By state and sex.

State	ASER 2018			ASER 2020			ASER 2021		
	Boys	Girls	All	Boys	Girls	All	Boys	Girls	All
Andhra Pradesh	59.0	65.1	62.2	64.4	69.5	66.9	63.7	77.2	70.6
Arunachal Pradesh	53.8	59.0	56.5	49.5	45.2	47.5	53.2	62.7	58.3
Assam	65.4	72.2	68.8	61.1	69.1	64.9	61.1	67.8	64.4
Bihar	73.4	82.0	77.7	73.2	80.9	76.9	78.2	82.9	80.5
Chhattisgarh	73.4	77.8	75.7	64.1	69.9	67.0	70.2	75.5	72.9
Gujarat	83.2	86.9	85.0	83.8	85.7	84.7	86.1	83.9	85.2
Haryana	36.5	47.9	41.8	43.9	50.5	46.9	43.6	53.9	48.3
Himachal Pradesh	55.5	61.8	58.6	49.4	59.6	54.1	55.6	66.7	60.9
Jammu & Kashmir	53.7	61.0	57.3	48.2	57.3	52.3	53.3	58.0	55.5
Jharkhand	72.8	79.5	76.1	69.7	74.7	72.1	75.6	81.8	78.6

People vote for growth in civic polls

FLASHBACK



| Went to the polls

18 Municipal Councils and 28 Municipalities on June 19; paid leave announced for workers.

| Wards, candidates

For 456 wards of 18 Municipal Councils a total of 185 candidates were in the fray for the post of president, including 100 males and 85 females.

| Contestants

As many as 15 Councillors were elected unanimously from 456 wards, while 1,797 candidates contested the remaining 441 wards. Out of these, 1,076 were males and 721 females.

| Voters



There were 12.60 lakh voters in 18 Municipal Councils, out of which 6,63,870 were males, 5,96,095 females and 35 transgender voters.

| Polling booths

As many as 1,290 polling booths were set up for the municipal elections, out of which 289 were sensitive and 235 hyper-sensitive.

| Polling staff

6,450 polling staff, 82 duty magistrates and 7,087 police officers and employees were appointed at these polling booths.

| 4,712 EVMs

A total of 4,712 EVMs were deployed for municipal councils and municipalities elections.

| Facilities provided

Arrangements were made for drinking water and toilets at the polling booths. Wheelchairs for Divyangjan were kept at every polling station. Adhering to COVID-19 guidelines, provision for masks and sanitizers was also made at each polling station.

By **Ajay Bhardwaj**

After the resounding victory of the BJP-JJP alliance government in the recent municipal elections Chief Minister Manohar Lal expressed his gratitude to the voters and said that the faith which the people have shown in the present state government since the year 2014 and 2019 till now, is a victory of that faith. "It demonstrated that people are satisfied with the policies and programmes of the government", he added.

Expressing his gratitude to the people for showing their confidence in the policies of the government, he said that the elections to the Urban Local Bodies have been completed and elections to the Panchayati Raj Institutions would be held soon.

Giving details about the results, State Election Commissioner, Dr. Dhanpat Singh said that in the election of 18 Municipal Councils, BJP candidates won from Charkhi Dadri and Fatehabad.

Independent candidate from Tohana, Naresh Kumar, BJP's candidate from Sohna, Pravin Elabadi, independent candidate

from Hansi, Mukesh Rani, BJP Candidate from Jind, Smt. Anuradha Saini, BJP candidate from Jhajjar, Jheela Singh and BJP candidate from Bahadurgarh, Smt. Saroj Vijaye secured a clear victory.

He informed that BJP candidate Surbhai Garg from Nagar Parishad Kaithal, Kamlesh, an independent candidate from Narnaul, Sanjay Kumar, JJP candidate from Nuh, Krishna Kumar Lamba,, BJP candidate from Kalka, Yashpal, BJP candidate from Palwal, Indresh Kumari, Independent candidate from Hodal, Rajni Virmani, BJP candidate from Gohana, and INLD candidate from Mandi Dabwali, Sh. Tekchand Chhabra have won from their respective areas along with an independent candidate from Bhiwani, Ms. Preeti.

In the elections of 28 municipalities, independent candidate from Naraingarh, Smt. Rinki, independent candidate from Ratia, Smt. Preeti Khanna, independent candidate from Bhuna, Smt. Arpana, independent candidate from Barwala, Ramesh, independent candidate from Safidon, Smt. Anita Rani, independent candidate from Uchana, Sh. Vikas, AAP's candidate from Ismailabad, Smt. Nisha, JJP candidate from Shahbad,

Victory of people's faith in Govt. policies

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Vigilance set to go vertical

Committees at district, sub-division level to shrink space for graft

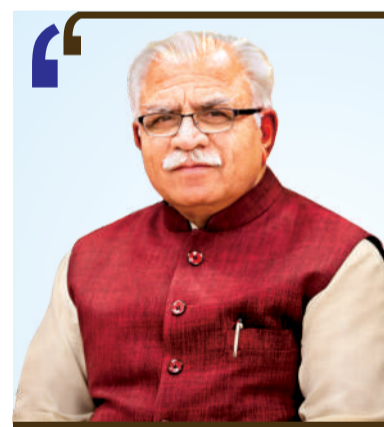
By **Parveen K Modi**

Vigilance in Haryana is set to go vertical and get more vigilant to trace and destroy the moth of corruption eating into the vitals of different layers of the administration, right up to the divisional and district level. With delegation of powers down the line, including the power to sanction prosecution, the Vigilance stick will now start chasing the corrupt at almost every level, including low and medium.

Determined to deepen and intensify the drive against corruption and bring about efficiency and effectiveness in the administration, the Manohar Lal Government has decided to constitute vigilance committees at the district and sub-division level.

"With lazer-focus on preventive vigilance, these committees will aim at adopting measures to improve systems and procedures to reduce lapses and the space for graft. We plan to go after the corrupt at every level," the Chief Minister said.

Detailed guidelines in this regard have been issued by the Chief Secretary, Mr Sanjeev Kaushal, regarding constitution of district and sub-divisional vigilance committees, their assignments and related matters. These also cover constitution of divisional vigilance bureaus. A vigilance committee shall be constituted in every district along with sub-divisional vigilance committees with special focus on



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exercising preventive vigilance.

The decision to set up such committees flows from the data analysis of various complaints received from different forums over a period of time. The squeeze of it has it that since many complaints relate to embezzlements of up to Rs 1 crore, there is a need for delegation of powers under Section 17A of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.

Furthermore, prosecution sanction will be given to the divisional commissioners with respect to Group B, C and D employees of departments of the state government, boards, corporations, federations, as well as sarpanches and members of PRIs and ULBs, respectively, in matters involving corruption up to Rs 1 crore investigated by the Divisional Vigilance Bureau. Such bureaus will be constituted at the range headquarters level.

The idea is to make the administrative machinery more effective by inspecting and checking various works/activities of the departments. While the district level vigilance committee will be headed by the Additional Deputy Commissioner, a sub-team to be constituted in every sub-division called 'Sub-Divisional Vigilance Committee' will be headed by Sub-Divisional Officer (Civil) of the concerned Sub-Division.

The vigilance committees shall have the authority to make surprise visits/checks on the work and conduct of any department or public office of the Haryana Government.

Their authority shall also extend to any private entity discharging functions akin to government functions or as an extension or on behalf of the government. For example, Transport Department services being offered by private entities at the dealer point and stall tests, etc.

Gulshan, BJP candidate from Pehowa, Ashish Sharma, BJP candidate from Ladwa, Smt. Sakshi Khurana, BJP candidate from Gharaunda, Happy Lucky Gupta, independent candidate from Taraori, Virendra Kumar, independent candidate from Nissing, Romi Singla and independent candidate from Assandh, Satish Kataria have emerged victorious.

The Election Commissioner said that JJP candidate from Municipality Cheeka, Smt. Rekha Rani, BJP candidate from Rajound, Smt. Babita, BJP candidate from Mahendragarh, Ramesh Saini, BJP candidate from Nangal Chaudhary, Smt. Priya Saini, BJP candidate from Firozpur Jhirka, Manish Kumar, BJP candidate from Punhana, Balraj, BJP candidate from Samalkha, Ashok Kumar, independent candidate from Meham, Bharti, independent candidate from Bawal, Virendra Singh, BJP candidate from Ganaur, Arun Kumar, BJP candidate from Kundli, independent candidate from Ellenabad, Ram Singh Solanki, independent candidate from Rania, Manoj Sachdeva, and BJP candidate from Sadhaura, Smt. Shalini made a clear victory.

Amit, Gauri Sheoran made "Youth Icons"

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The State Election Commission named international shooting star Gauri Sheoran and three-time Paralympian Amit Saroha 'Youth Icons' for the municipal elections as well as for all the elections to be held for a year. They were given this responsibility on a voluntary basis, and will be honoured. For one year, they will remain 'Youth Icon' for the Election Commission and will continue to motivate the youth.

Amit is a Paralympian athlete. He represented the country for the first time in the London Paralympics as well as in Rio and Tokyo. He has been awarded Arjuna Award for his outstanding performance and became the first athlete to win a medal for the country at the World Championships.

"It is a matter of pride for me that I have been given the responsibility of motivating the youth in the elections. As a player, I will try to do it with utmost

sincerity. The responsibility of the youth is always important in the elections, we request all the youth to vote", he added.

World University Games gold medalist Gauri Sheoran has earlier been the brand ambassador of the National Child Health Program (Health Department) and International women's Club. She has 26 international medals in her name ranging from World Cup, World Championship to South Asian Games.

Setting the lense on polls

-Photos by Vinay Malik



Policy to give big boost to start-up ecosystem



The Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, presiding over a Cabinet meeting in Chandigarh.

By **Rajeev Ranjan Roy**

A new history in economic development of Haryana is going to be scripted thanks to the dynamic Start-up Policy-2022, which the Cabinet chaired by Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal approved on Monday. The Policy will accelerate the pace of the build back process after the Covid-19 induced disruptions hit the pace of development.

Around 5000 new start-ups over the next five years, providing direct and indirect employment to 75000 persons and at least 14 Unicorn start-ups with the valuation of nearly \$ 1 billion, out of 101

Unicorn start-ups of India who are based out of the state, Haryana is all set to harness the potential of young and brilliant entrepreneurs by providing them with a strong policy ecosystem, robust infrastructure, and liberalized regulatory norms.

The new Haryana State Startup Policy-2022 policy formulated by the Department of Information Technology, Electronics and Communication, aims at boosting and nurturing the vibrant start-up ecosystem in Haryana to stimulate independent thinking and innovative ideas and help budding start-ups at different stages of their entrepreneurial journey.

Now any start-up entity

recognized by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Government of India, up to a period of 10 years from the date of its incorporation or registration and with an annual turnover not exceeding Rs 100 crore and being based out in Haryana will make it eligible for availing major fiscal and non-fiscal benefits under the new policy.

In addition, other start-ups recognized by the DPIIT having their registered office anywhere in the country or even outside Haryana and till the time they are working through the government owned or supported incubators operational in Haryana will also be eligible to avail only non-fiscal benefits under the new policy.

These benefits include subsidized Incubation Space, liberalized criteria for participation in Haryana government tenders, participation in mentorship events, and other start-up specific

Investment of Rs 7,500 crore expected

The Haryana Government has launched a Data Centre Policy with a view to make Haryana a preferred destination for the location of the Data Centre Industry and establish Haryana as a global Data Centre Hub. Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal said that Haryana's strong IT ecosystem, thriving demand base, good availability of power and locational advantage in north India make it uniquely equipped to be at the forefront of the development of the Data Centre industry. Through this industry-friendly policy, the state government aims to create a conducive business environment and facilitate establishment of 115-120 new Data Centres in Haryana. It is expected that investments of Rs 7500 crore would be made to establish these Data Centres. Any Data Centre set up in Haryana with 01 MW or above of power consumption will be eligible for availing various benefits under the new policy. /HR/

programs. This part of the policy will incentivize such start-ups to ultimately migrate to Haryana to take full benefits under the policy.

At present, as many as 3910 Haryana-based start-ups as of June 15, 2022 stand recognized by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India.

A Startup Haryana Cell is being established in the Department of Information Technology, Electronics and Communication to oversee the implementation and other institutional activities of this revised policy.

It is expected that at least 5000 new start-ups would be established in Haryana over the next five years within the policy period, providing direct and indirect employment to 75,000 persons, said Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal.

« By **Ajay Bhardwaj** »

Relief for senior citizens



Giving a big sigh of relief to the senior citizens the Cabinet approved of change of procedure for sanctioning of new pension cases under the Old Age Samman Allowance Scheme to deliver it at their door-step without any hassle.

Under the new procedure, an eligible person shall be required to have a Parivar Pehchan Number for determining his eligibility under the Old Age Samman Allowance Scheme. The Haryana Parivar Pehchan Authority shall provide in an electronic form through a secured data transfer process to identify persons eligible for Old Age Samman Allowance under the Scheme.

After determining the eligibility of the persons under the scheme, the intended beneficiaries will be contacted by the office of the concerned District Social Welfare Officer (DSWO) or any other authorized Government representative for obtaining his/her consent for availing the Old Age Samman Allowance.

Civic amenities in deficient areas



The Haryana Cabinet has approved the policy for provisioning of essential services and civic amenities in infrastructure deficient areas outside municipal areas in the State of Haryana and regularization of unauthorized colonies.

This policy will be applicable in the area falling outside municipal limits. Approximately 2,000 unauthorized colonies will be benefited under this policy. Colonies will be regularized and civic amenities will be provided after obtaining development charges @ 5% for the built up area and @ 10% for open areas. The provision of community sites, parks, open spaces and public utility will have to be made by the developers where the colony is developed less than 50%. It will help in improving the standard of living of the residents of unauthorized colonies.

Child care leave for single male



The Cabinet approved the amendment in Haryana Civil Services (Leave) Rules, 2016 under which Child Care Leave of two years will be permissible to single male government servant.

Now, a single male government employee meaning thereby an unmarried, widower or divorcee and a female government employee can avail Child Care Leave for a maximum period of two years (i.e. 730 days) during the entire service for taking care of her/his two eldest surviving children upto the age of 18 years.

The condition of Child Care Leave for children less than 18 years shall not be applicable to Divyang children.

Nod for SPP with Adani Power

Haryana Cabinet which met under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal here on June 27 accorded approval regarding signing Supplementary Power Purchase (SPP) agreement with Adani Power Ltd (APL).

The Haryana DISCOMS had entered into two power purchase agreements (PPAs) each for 712 MW with Adani Power Limited, both dated August 7, 2008 at a levelised tariff of Rs 2.94 per unit for 25 years, for the procurement of contracted capacity of 1424 MW in aggregate from the generating Units No. 7, 8 and 9 of the power project at Mundra in Gujarat on the terms and conditions contained in the said PPA. Unit 7 of the project was commissioned on August 7, 2012 and Units 8 and 9 were commissioned on February 7, 2013.

The APL had stopped supply of power since September 2021 on the ground of it suffering losses in view of higher operational cost due to increased rate of imported coal. It sought a renegotiation of the PPA and related issues, especially seeking complete pass through of imported coal costs. Keeping in view of the various options available to it and to ensure availability of power at the most reasonable cost, the Haryana DISCOMS negotiated and came to an understanding on the following points and sought Cabinet approval in this regard.

DSR leg-up to water conservation

Committed to farmers' prosperity

Haryana government is committed to ensuring farmers become prosperous through crop diversification and eco-friendly techniques and are providing them with incentives and financial help to adopt newer techniques. The state government has introduced two schemes-'Mera Pani, Meri Virasat' and 'Kheti Khaali, Fir Bhi Khushali.' Under the 'Mera Pani, Meri Virasat' scheme, farmers switching over to alternate crops in place of paddy are being given Rs 7,000 per acre incentive. 'Kheti Khaali, Fir Bhi Khushali' schemes fetch Rs 7,000 per acre incentive to farmers if they do not grow any crop in their field during the paddy season. /HR/



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Key POINTS

- DSR is a cash incentive-driven scheme to promote water conservation.
- A cash incentive of Rs 4,000 per acre is offered to farmers under DSR scheme.
- Each farmer opting for DSR scheme can grow the crop using DSR technique.
- There is no limitation of acreage for farmers to register for incentive.
- Traditional paddy transplantation practice is labour and water intensive.
- DSR doesn't require labour and water of the size and scale of traditional method of paddy farming.
- DSR can reduce water consumption and production cost by 15-20 per cent.

By **Rajeev Ranjan Roy**

In a bid to conserve water, the Haryana government has launched a first of its kind incentive driven pilot project-Direct Seeded Rice (DSR) under which farmers will get a cash incentive of Rs 4,000 per acre. Farmers of 12 paddy growing districts of the state will be encouraged to use DSR technique during the current paddy cultivation season. Growing rice by sowing the

seed is already prevalent in a few rice-producing pockets of Haryana. The new technique is being promoted as an alternative way of cultivating rice to ensure that water conservation efforts pick up the momentum and farmers also reap the benefits of DSR.

"DSR is a unique initiative in the state to give incentive and support to thousands of farmers who earn their bread and butter through paddy cultivation. This will not only provide them with a

cost effective method but also fetch them the desired exposure and education about the new techniques to strengthen their practices. DSR technique with financial help is another important decision to encourage farmers to opt for crop diversification, reduce areas under paddy cultivation and go for eco-friendly farming techniques," said Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal.

The incentive-based DSR scheme will be implemented in 12 districts including Ambala,

Yamunagar, Karnal, Kurukshetra, Kaithal, Panipat, Jind, Sonapat, Fatehabad, Sirsa, Rohtak and Hisar. DSR-cultivated paddy plots will spread across 6,000 acre each in Yamunanagar, Panipat and Sonapat; 7,000 acre in Ambala, 8,000 acre each in Sirsa, Hisar, Rohtak; 9,000 in Fatehabad; 10, 000 acre each in Karnal and Kurukshetra; and 11, 000 acre each in Kaithal and Jind. According to the experts, basmati rice can be grown by using DSR technique under non-puddle

conditions and in almost all types of soils suitable for rice growing.

In order to get the benefit of the ambitious DSR scheme, farmers will have to first register themselves on 'Meri Fasal Mera Byora' (MFMB) portal by June 30, 2022. Physical verifications will be done by committees up to July 25, 2022 and details will be uploaded on MFMB portal thereafter. The benefits of the DSR scheme will be provided through the DBT scheme to DSR verified farmers.

FORTNIGHT IN RETROSPECT

Now, licence for cotton traders



The Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, has given yet another exclusive gift to the traders of the state. Now, traders who are into cotton crushing will be able to get license by paying a one-time tax in the state. This will increase business in the state and the government will also get revenue.

The Chief Minister made this announcement while presiding over a meeting with office-bearers of Bhartiya Vyapar Mandal and Haryana Oil Mills Association at 'Sant Kabir Kutir' in Chandigarh. Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Minister, Mr J P Dalal, Chief Administrator, Haryana State Agricultural Marketing Board, Sh. T. L. Satyaprakash, Additional Principal Secretary to Chief Minister-II, Mrs Ashima Brar were also

present.

It was decided at the meeting that cotton crushing traders will be able to obtain licenses by paying a one-time tax of Rs 42,000 per unit of expeller and will pay this tax every financial year. This decision will be applicable for three years. After this, the tax will be reviewed again. There are about 453 crushing units and 1520 expeller units running in Haryana.

SOP to be made for use of drones

The Haryana Chief Secretary, Mr Sanjeev Kaushal, has directed the constitution of a four-member committee under the chairmanship of Director General (CID) to prepare Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) under the drone policy in the state. To maintain peace and security in the state, there should be no unauthorized use of drones. Apart from the SOP, the committee will suggest alternatives to further strengthen the policy, he said.

Sh. Kaushal gave these directions at a meeting to review the case of mobile and interception. The Deputy Commissioner and SP of Ambala and representatives from the LR Department will be



members of this committee which will submit a report in 15 days.

Police personnel should be trained for the use of drones, drone surveillance and prevention of drone infiltration. The meeting was told that the Central Government has approved the request regarding imparting drone training to the police personnel.

HSSC advertises 26 k Group C posts

The Haryana Staff Selection Commission has advertised for 26,000 Group C posts in more than 100 departments, boards, corporations and universities. For this, the Commission has released an advertisement regarding the Common Eligibility Test (CET). Candidates can register for the exam till July 8 and the fee confirmation can be done till July 13.

However, those who have already applied and paid on the portal will be eligible to appear in CET. If such candidates wish to make changes or updates to the application, then they can now be able to do the same also.

Sharing more details, an official spokesperson said that all the applicants can register at <https://onetimereg.haryana.gov.in> till July 8, 2022, after uploading all the details related to their identity and academic qualification, experience, reservation and all the other necessary documents like socio-economic criteria weightage etc.

Coming soon, vehicle scrap policy



The Vehicle Scrap Policy notified by the Central Government will soon be implemented in Haryana. The Haryana Transport

Department has prepared the draft policy which will be studied by the concerned departments in 10 days, and the report will be submitted to the Chief Secretary, Mr Sanjeev Kaushal.

This was disclosed by the Chief Secretary at a review meeting on implementation of the Vehicle Scrap Policy in the state. Since this policy will boost business in this sector it should be finalized soon and all necessary arrangements made, he added.

The main objective of the Vehicle Scrapping Policy is to devise a system for phased removal of polluting and poor quality vehicles. The newly registered vehicle scrapping facility was inaugurated by the Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways, Mr Nitin Gadkari, at Fatehpur village in Nuh district. It is the first plant in the country to manufacture a maximum number of components from vehicles for salvage and reuse using modern technology.

At the end of the registration period, vehicles have to undergo a fitness test. While commercial vehicles require mandatory testing after 10 years, it has been fixed at 15 years for passenger vehicles. Vehicle Scrap Policy will be implemented soon for the convenience of vehicles.

‘Beti Padhao’ drive tells; eight out of top nine students in Class X results are girls

By Parveen K Modi

While the ‘Beti Bachao’ campaign has resulted in improved sex ratio, the success of the ‘Beti Padha’ drive has found manifestation in the Class X results declared by the Haryana School Education Board in which eight of the first nine places have been bagged by girls. Furthermore, while 70.5 per cent boys have passed the examination, the pass percentage of girls stands at 76.26. The aggregate pass percentage is 73.18. The examinations were conducted in March-April-2022. The Board had cut the syllabus by 30 per cent due to Covid. Objective questions of 40 marks and subjective questions of 40 marks were asked in these exams. Twenty marks were kept for additional evaluation.

The Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, has congratulated all the students who passed the examination and wished them a bright future. “It is a matter of great pleasure that our daughters are consistently bringing better results.

Out of the first nine students, 8 are daughters. Girls are constantly illuminating the name of the country and the state in every field”, he remarked.

Givin details, a spokesman of

the Board said that 3,26,487 candidates had appeared in the examination, out of which 2,38,932 passed and 19,679 candidates got compartment. Out of the 1,50,319 girl students, 1,14,629

passed, whose pass percentage was 76.26 per cent, while out of 1,76,160 boys, 1,24,303 passed, whose pass percentage was 70.50 per cent. The girl students secured 05.70 per cent more pass

percentage than boys.

Another feature of the results is that the pass percentage of students in the rural areas was 74.06 per cent while that of urban areas is 71.35 per cent. The pass percentage of government schools was 63.54 per cent and that of private schools 88.21 percent. In 2021, there was 100 per cent result due to Covid, before that in 2020 it was 64.59 per cent; 57.39 per cent in 2019 and 51.16 per cent in 2018.

Ashima of Isharwal village of Bhiwani district secured first position by scoring 499 marks. Sunaina of Bhandwa village of Charkhi Dadri, Khushi of Uchana Mandi of Jind and Manju of Sishmore of Kaithal shared the second position by securing 497 marks each.

Suhani of Halalpur, Sonipat, Reena of Bithmadla, Hisar, Lavkush of Madanheri, Hisar, Himashi of Shivrinar, Hisar and Himani of village Mandhana in Bhiwani district shared the third position by scoring 496 marks each. Sonipat district tops in pass percentage.



Haryana girls win 7 out of 10 Gold in Asian event

Haryana Review Bureau

The Haryana Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, has congratulated the daughters of the state for proving their mettle at the recently held Under-17 Asian Championship at Bishkek in Kyrgyzstan. In this competition, out of the total 10 medals, seven were won by Haryana, including six gold and one bronze. In all, seven daughters participated in this event and each one of them won the medal.

Congratulating the athletes, their families, teachers and trainers, for making the country and the state proud, the Chief Minister said that participating in world-class competition is a great achievement in itself.

“By winning 7 medals, including 6 gold and one bronze, out of the total 10 won by the country our daughters have once again proved why Haryana is known as India’s medal factory,” said Sh. Manohar Lal.

Notably, India lifted the title with a total of 235 points from eight golds, one silver and one bronze. Japan with 143 points ended up as the runners-up and with 138 points Mongolia finished third.

52 players conferred Bhim Award, Rs 5 lakh cash too

By Rajeev Ranjan Roy

It was all impressive! A great moment to be cherished by all for ages to come! As many as 52 brilliant players were conferred with the prestigious Bhim Award along with cash of Rs 5 lakh each at a scintillating function held at Indradhanush Auditorium, Panchkula on June 23, coinciding with the International Olympic Day. Haryana Governor Mr Bandaru Dattatraya, who gave away the Bhim Award to the state’s promising players, said: “Haryana has made an indelible mark in the field of sports thanks to the outstanding Sports Policy of the state and international standard of sports infrastructure.”

“Better facilities and incentives motivate players to excel in their lives. Players of Haryana are bringing glory to the country by performing so well at international and national sports events. The other governments are also looking forward to replicating our sports policy in their states. Haryana emerged as the overall champion by clinching 137 medals in the just concluded Khelo India Youth Games-2021, which is a matter of pride for us. One hundred and ninety sports



persons have been offered government jobs in Group A, B, C and D categories so far,” he said.

Sports Minister Mr Sandeep Singh, while speaking on the occasion, said: “An award plays a major part in players’ lives as they are motivated to perform better in future games and also get recognition for their hard work in society. Earlier awards were distributed on political recommendations but we have ensured that awards are given to deserving players and in a transparent manner.”

The Minister added that while nominating a candidate we invite objections, if any, on digital platforms so that complete transparency is ensured. He informed that in Khelo India Youth Games-2021, total 12 new records were created, out of which 11 records were made by the players of Haryana. “Haryana government supports its players in every manner even during their tough



phase of injury,” he said, adding that the government has decided to open four sports rehabilitation centres in the state, which will be equipped with facilities matching international standards.

Haryana Chief Secretary Mr Sanjeev Kaushal, while speaking on the occasion, appreciated the stellar performance of players in the Khelo India Youth Games and said that the players were able to give a tough fight to the state teams of Maharashtra and Karnataka, who have always dominated the national games. He added that state-of-the-art infrastructure is attracting the youth towards sports. The Haryana government ensures that our players have a sense of security that the government is there to support them in every way so that they do not have to worry about their future, added Mr Kaushal.

During the occasion, Haryana Vidhan Sabha Speaker Mr Gian Chand Gupta, Additional Chief Secretary, Sports and Youth Affairs

Key POINTS

- Bhim Awards conferred upon 52 players for their outstanding achievements.
- Each awardee was also given Rs 5 lakh as cash award along with Bhim Statue, tie, blazer and citation.
- They will also be given Rs 5000 per month as honorarium.
- Rs 400 diet allowance, which is the highest in the country.
- 1100 sports nurseries have been set up.

Department, Mr Mahavir Singh, Director, Sports, Mr Pankaj Nain and other dignitaries also graced the occasion.

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