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It's more than pat on back from Shah Lauds Manohar Lal Govt for putting Haryana on higher pedestal

By Parveen K Modi

Getting a pat on the back from the men who matter is something the Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, and his administration are quite used to. But the full-throated praise lavished by the Union Home and Cooperation Minister, Mr Amit Shah, at his packed Gauravshali Bharat rally in Sirsa, was not only pointed and wholesome but also went beyond.

Hindsight tells that his journey from the remotely-addressed Gohana event in January to Sirsa on June 18 looks like a journey from praising the performance in general to lauding the specifics. Laced with facts and figures, his address virtually read like the report-cum-scorecard of the Manohar Lal Government for the close to nine-year-rule.

Counting some of the eggs in the basket, Mr Shah said that during this period, Haryana has become the first kerosene-free state; emerged as the largest basmati rice exporter;



and has become the first state to have educated panchayats.

Reeling off data with computer-like precision, he said the growth rate of Haryana between 2015 and 2022 averaged more than six percent. The double-engine Modi-Manohar government has left no stone unturned in ensuring holistic development of the state which now proudly rubs shoulders with some of its most advanced cousins.

Magnet for investment

With the economy firing on all cylinders, Haryana has turned a magnet for investment. Since 2019, the state has received FDI worth \$5.22 billion; as many as 400 Fortune companies have set up shop in Gurugram; and 50 percent of the vehicles in the country are made here.

Infra-rich, Haryana boasts of a web of roads dotting the map of the state taking one to the village of choice. New national highways having a cumulative length of 1,400

kilometres have been constructed and 17 new national highways have been declared. What's more, an economic corridor is in the works at a cost of Rs 20,000 crore.

The beef lies in social welfare. As many as 20 lakh farmers are getting Rs 6,000 every year. Under the Jal Jeevan Mission, tap water has reached 30 lakh households; 82 lakh people are getting benefit of the Ayushman Bharat scheme; and more than 75,000 houses have been built under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, said Mr Shah.

Hammering home the impact of the double-engine government, he said while during the previous regime, Haryana got both by way of devolution of taxes and grants-in-aid of Rs 40,000 crore, the amount soared to Rs 1.3 lakh crore in the last close to nine years.

As is his penchant, he never lets go of any opportunity to have a go at the Opposition. But his coining of verbal jabs and jibes, having an

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Gadkari offers bonanza of roads network

By Ajay Bhardwaj

For Chief Minister, Sh Manohar Lal who has been running the state government with a mission of Antyodaya it was a high point when Union Road Transport and Highways Minister, Sh Nitin Gadkari showered lavish praise on him for transforming Haryana in the last eight and a half years with transparent and corruption free governance.

Addressing the "Gauravshali Bharat Rally" organised on the completion of nine years of the Central Government, at Sonipat recently, the Union Minister assured complete support and cooperation of his Ministry to the Manohar Lal Government for realising Prime Minister, Sh Narendra Modi's vision of making India self-reliant.

11 flyovers inaugurated

On this occasion, he inaugurated 11 flyovers on the eight-lane National Highway from Delhi to Panipat constructed at a cost of Rs 890 crores, including 6 lanes of service roads on both sides.

Conceding the demand of Chief Minister Sh Manohar Lal, Sh Nitin Gadkari announced to give Rs 300 crore under the Setu Bharatam Yojana for the construction of ROB and RUB to make Haryana free of railway level crossings.



Similarly, on the demand of MLA Jind Dr. Krishna Middha, Sh Gadkari also announced the construction of a bypass from Narwana Road to Rohtak Road and a Ring Road from Jind to Ikkas.

The Ministry has been already working on 100 projects in Haryana which are expected to be completed by December 2024 at the estimated cost of Rs 2 lakh crores.

Out of these, 51 projects of 2200 km worth Rs 47,000 crore have been completed whereas, 30 projects of 830 km worth Rs 35,000 crore are in progress.

He said that 19 other projects would cover 756 kms at a cost of Rs

Rs 300 crore allocated under the Setu Bharatam Yojana for the construction of ROB

Construction of a bypass from Narwana Road to Rohtak Road and a Ring Road from Jind to Ikkas approved

20,000 crores, whereas a detailed project report of 14 projects is being prepared by the ministry.

The Union Minister hoped that these projects would change the image of Haryana and the roads of the State would be developed at par with America.

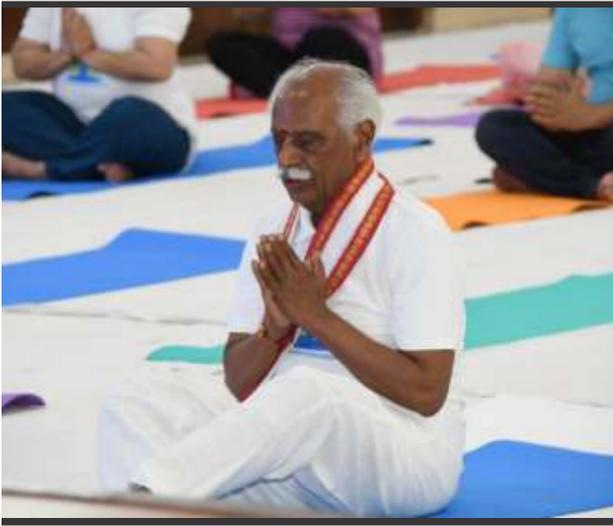
The Union Road Transport Minister later laid the foundation stone for the construction of Rs 1690 crore Karnal Greenfield 6-lane Ring road project at a programme organised in village Kutail, near Karnal.

While addressing the gathering, the Union Minister said that the foundation stone of the 35 kilometer long Ring Road project to be built at a cost of about 1700 crores has been laid.

This road would be constructed from Shamgarh on NH-44 of Karnal upto Barota Road which would significantly help in reducing the congestion of Karnal city.

Yoga fervour grips cities, towns

Compiled by Vinay Malik



By **Rajeev Ranjan Roy**

It was an amazing response to the celebration of International Yoga Day across the state on June 21. The way yoga fervour gripped every nook and corner of Haryana with magnificent pictorial views pouring in from cities and towns was an incredible testimony to the fact that how fast the people of the state have adopted yoga as a way of life.

The yoga sessions were led by Governor Mr Bandaru Dattatraya at Raj Bhavan. Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal led the state level Yoga Day programme organized at Shivaji Stadium in Panipat. The Yoga Day was celebrated in a grand manner in

Gurugram under the theme 'Har Ghar, Aangan Yoga.' Rajya Sabha MP and BJP national president Mr Nadda participated in the programme at Tau Devi Lal Stadium at Sector 38, Gurugram.

Deputy Chief Minister Mr Dushyant Chautala addressed yoga practitioners as the chief guest in Panchkula in the presence of Minister of State for Printing and Stationery Mr Sandeep Singh. Haryana Home, Health and AYUSH Minister Mr Anil Vij addressed yoga participants as the chief guest at the function organized in Ambala Cantonment. The Haryana Police organized the state level yoga event at the Police Officers Institute in Panchkula, which witnessed the participation of DGP Mr PK

Agrawal along with other senior police officers and personnel.

Describing Yoga as a medium to make life stress-free, Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal said that yoga has been included in the school curriculum in the state so as to make yoga a part of the lifestyle right from the beginning.

Dayanand's message

He said that this way, we can realize Swami Dayanand Saraswati's message given in Satyarth Prakash's 'Healthy mind lives in a healthy body' in a real manner. He started his address with Yoga: Karmasu Kaushalam. He said that yoga works as a medicine for many diseases; therefore we should do yoga regularly.

He said that Prime Minister Mr Narendra Modi got recognition for Yoga at the international level by getting a resolution passed in the United Nations General Assembly in 2015. This year by giving the theme 'Yoga for Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam,' he has also given a message to the G-20 Group of countries about the significance of Yoga in human life. The Chief Minister called upon the people to make collective efforts to take yoga to every person and inspire them to adopt yoga in their life so that the dream of Har Aangan Yoga becomes a reality and the people of our state and country remain healthy.

Haryana Home, Health and AYUSH Minister Mr Anil Vij in his

address said: "It has been decided to open yoga schools in 6,500 villages of the state. As many as 1000 yoga schools have been completed and about one thousand yoga teachers have also been recruited.

In order to promote Ayurveda and Yoga, the work is being done to establish Ayush University on 100 acres of land in Kurukshetra, in which students will study about five disciplines related to Ayurveda, Yoga, Siddha, Unani, and Homeopathy." He also said that the Yoga Manas app has also been launched. It can be downloaded from Google Play Store. All complete information can be seen on the dashboard of this app.

SHGs have a ring of success story

CM's bonanza includes 33% ration depots and 25 pc shops at bus-stands

By Parveen K Modi

Self-help groups (SHGs) in Haryana have the ring of a success story. The conscious and consistent backing and financial muscle lent to them by the Manohar Lal Government since 2014 has resulted in their numbers soaring from 812 in 2014 to more than 57,000 in just eight-and-a-half years.

Determined to promote SHGs as a tool to empower women and give self-employment a decisive push, the Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, has announced the decision to allot 33 percent of all future ration depots to women in the state. SHGs applying for ration depot will be given priority.

Additionally, if any group applies for a contract for fish farming in panchayat land or pond, it will receive a 10 percent discount on the auction amount.

Besides, even if the family income of a member of SHG exceeds Rs 1.8 lakh, its ration and

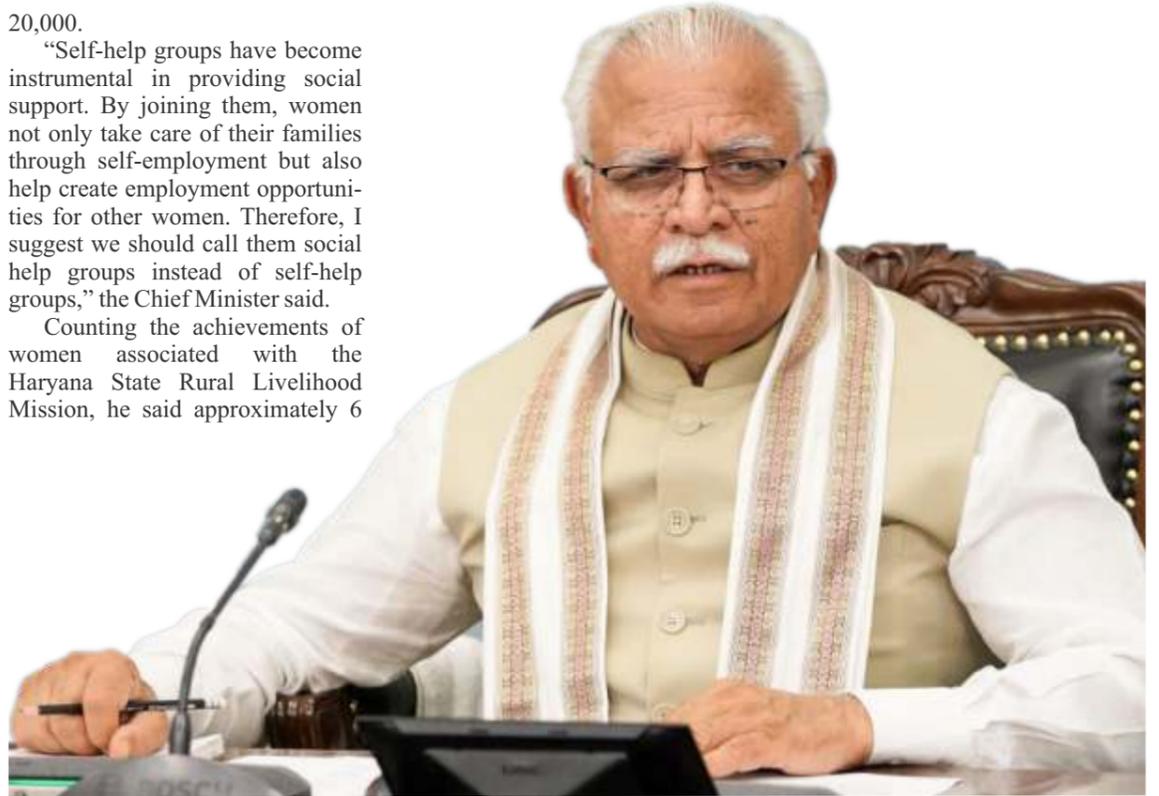
Arrangements have been made to provide various types of training to SHGs. Currently, 773 women are working as bank facilitators after receiving computer training and graduating from the Indian Institute of Banking and Finance.

the development of self-help groups, resulting in the formation of 2,100 more in the first year. Currently, there are a total of 57,376 self-help groups in the state. They have been provided with a revolving fund of Rs 54.57 lakh, a community investment fund of approximately Rs 285 crore, and bank credit linkage of around Rs 880 crore. Additionally, the government has increased the revolving fund amount from Rs 10,000 to Rs

20,000.

"Self-help groups have become instrumental in providing social support. By joining them, women not only take care of their families through self-employment but also help create employment opportunities for other women. Therefore, I suggest we should call them social help groups instead of self-help groups," the Chief Minister said.

Counting the achievements of women associated with the Haryana State Rural Livelihood Mission, he said approximately 6



Portal for sale of SHG products

A portal where information about the products made by self-help groups in Haryana could be uploaded, is in the works. The products would be certified for quality and given a brand identity to facilitate their purchase through the portal.

Disclosing this, the Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, emphasized the importance of innovation in the manufacturing processes and highlighted the need to maintain product quality to remain competitive in the present-day technology-driven era.

He cited the opportunity to showcase the skills and efficiency of SHGs at the Swapan Livelihood Mart organized last year. Numerous women artisans and craftsmen from SHGs participated, displaying handloom and

handicraft products.

The fair also featured a food corner offering Haryanvi cuisine and organic farming products such as spices, pulses, and agricultural goods. To make SHG products available in the market, programs, including Swapan Aajeevika Mart and Saras Mela, are organized at the sub-division level across the state.

As 2023 is being celebrated as the International Year of Millets, the Chief Minister urged SHGs to start creating products using coarse cereals.

He acknowledged the pride brought to India through the Tricolors made by women SHGs during the "Every Home, Tricolor" campaign launched to mark the Amrit Mahotsav of Independence.

lakh women in the state had demonstrated their strength through self-help groups. These women have been honoured by various institutions and organizations for their commendable work and contributions to society.

For example, Pooja Sharma, a resident of village Chandu in Gurugram district, was awarded the Nari Shakti Puraskar by the President on the occasion of International Women's Day 2022. Such recognition provides encouragement and inspiration to other women.

773 bank facilitators

Arrangements have been made to provide various types of training to SHGs. Currently, 773 women are working as bank facilitators after receiving computer training and graduating from the Indian Institute of Banking and Finance. Additionally, under the Padma scheme,

SHGs thank CM

The beneficiaries of SHGs have expressed their gratitude to the Chief Minister for the significant announcements made for them. They appreciated the financial assistance provided by the state government through the Revolving Fund, Community Investment Fund, and Credit Linkage Scheme, which has helped them run their businesses without facing any problems.

During the interaction with the Chief Minister, they thanked the government for its support. The women in SHGs also expressed their appreciation of the Chief Minister for conferring certain rights on them, particularly for the advancement of women in society.

the state government is promoting the "One Block One Product" initiative to give national and international recognition to products made by SHGs.

Highlighting the state government's efforts to empower women, including providing 50 percent representation in the Panchayati Raj institutions, the Chief Minister disclosed that under the Tailoring Training Scheme, the amount given for the purchase of raw materials had been increased from Rs 150 to Rs 300, and the monthly allowance had been raised from Rs 100 to Rs 600. The scheme also provides sewing machines after training. Since November 2014, a total of 9,921 beneficiaries have received an incentive amount totaling Rs 5.85 crore.

5.41 cr interest-free loans

Interest-free funds amounting to Rs 5.41 crore have been provided to 149 beneficiaries for the purchase of vehicles under the Aajeevika Gramin Express Yojana, aiming to offer alternative livelihood sources to members of the SHGs.

Disclosing this, the Chief Minister said the Haryana State Rural Livelihood Mission had been set up to connect rural poor families with mainstream society and alleviate poverty through various programs.

Women associated with this mission have received recognition from various institutions and organizations for their remarkable work and contributions to society.

When women are determined to accomplish something, they invariably succeed in their endeavors. Notable examples of this include the Beti Bachao-Beti Padhao (Save the Girl Child, Educate the Girl Child) campaign and the cleanliness campaign.

Mothers and sisters have made a remarkable contribution to the success of these initiatives, the Chief Minister added.

Ayushman Card will not be quashed for one year. Making these announcements while interacting with the beneficiaries of SHGs through audio conferencing, the Chief Minister said that 25 percent of the shops allotted at busstands through lottery or any other means would be reserved for SHGs. In the case of auctioned shops, these will receive a 10 percent discount on the auction amount.

Call centre

The Chief Minister announced the establishment of a call centre in the office of the Haryana State Rural Livelihood Mission to provide various types of information to beneficiaries belonging to self-help groups.

He highlighted the growth of self-help groups in the state, stating that while there were only 812 SHGs in 2014, the number has increased to more than 57,000 in the last eight-and-a-half years.

The government laid focus on



Photo by Vinay Malik

The week that spelled

MSP hiked for 17 Kharif crops; sunflower growers get Rs 29 cr as “interim B

The seven-day-period spanning June 7-13, 2023 witnessed bits of positive news trickling in for the farmers in quick succession. These would not only Haryana on the road to becoming a global marketing hub-cum-research centre in these two domains. Quick on the heels of the Narendra Modi Government m 10 an interim procurement price of Rs 1,000 per quintal for sunflower growers, aggregating more than Rs 29 crore.

The morning after, he made public the decision to give a subsidy of Rs 5,000 per acre for the farmers producing vegetables at Ganaur, the site of the India I is set to take fruit-growing to another level. As if all this was not enough to bring cheer on the faces of the farmers, the state government on June 13 assured th look at these to bring out their impact.



Photo by Vinay Malik



Across-the-board hike in MSP boon for farmers of Haryana

By Parveen K Modi

The first bit of good news that would enrich them and serve as a morale booster came in the shape of the announcement by the Narendra Modi Government on June 7 hiking the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for 17 Kharif crops, including paddy, for the marketing season 2023-24. For paddy, it has been raised by Rs 143/quintal over last year to Rs 2,183.

Besides paddy, the hike in MSPs for 16 other kharif crops and their variants, approved at a meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), chaired by Prime Minister, Mr Narendra Modi, would make the farmers of Haryana richer by crores of rupees. Estimates are in the works.

Haryana being the second largest contributor of grains to the central pool, the farmers of the state stand to benefit a lot from the decision and earn crores of rupees.

Icing on the cake

The timing of the hike comes like the proverbial icing on the cake. Coming as it does ahead of the sowing season in some states sowing of paddy has already begun it gives the farmers the option to pick which crop to opt for.

Ostensibly, the Centre aims to incentivize them by ensuring reasonably fair remuneration and also encouraging crop diversifica-

| MINIMUM SUPPORT PRICES FOR KHARIF MARKETING SEASON | | | |
|--|---------|---------|-------------|
| Crops | 2022-23 | 2023-24 | Increase(%) |
| Moong | 7,755 | 8,558 | 10.35 |
| Sesamum | 7,830 | 8,635 | 10.28 |
| Cotton (Long Staple) | 6,380 | 7,020 | 10.03 |
| Groundnut | 5,850 | 6,377 | 9.01 |
| Cotton (Medium Staple) | 6,080 | 6,620 | 8.88 |
| Jowar-Maldandi | 2,990 | 3,225 | 7.86 |
| Ragi | 3,578 | 3,846 | 7.49 |
| Jowar-Hybrid | 2,970 | 3,180 | 7.07 |
| Paddy-Common | 2,040 | 2,183 | 7.01 |
| Soybean(Yellow) | 4,300 | 4,600 | 6.98 |
| Paddy-Grade A | 2,060 | 2,203 | 6.94 |
| Maize | 1,962 | 2,090 | 6.52 |
| Bajra | 2,350 | 2,500 | 6.38 |
| Nigerseed | 7,287 | 7,734 | 6.13 |
| Tur/Arhar | 6,600 | 7,000 | 6.06 |
| Sunflower seed | 6,400 | 6,760 | 5.63 |
| Urad | 6,600 | 6,950 | 5.30 |

tion. Interestingly, the hike ranged from 5.3 percent to 10.35 percent, with moong seeing the highest increase and urad the lowest. In the 2022-23 marketing season, the increase in the MSP for kharif crops ranged between 4.44 and 8.86 percent.

The MSP of paddy, the most cultivated crop in the country, has seen a hike of 7%, with MSP of common paddy fixed at Rs 2,183 per quintal for 2023-24 a 7.01% increase over last year's Rs 2,040 per quintal. For paddy-grade A, MSP has been announced at Rs

2,203 per quintal, which is 6.94% more than last year's Rs 2,060 per quintal. Moong has logged the highest increase.

The MSP for moong has been approved at Rs 8,558 per quintal for 2023-24, which is 10.35% (or Rs 803) higher than Rs 7,755 in 2022-23. In percentage terms, it is the highest hike among kharif crops for which MSP has been announced.

Tur (arhar) and urad recorded a moderate hike. MSP of urad has been increased by 5.3% from Rs 6,600 per quintal to Rs 6,950 per quintal.

MHU to take research

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The Maharana Pratap Horticultural University (MHU), initially named Haryana State University of Horticultural Sciences, located in the village of Anjanthali (Karnal), is set to give horticulture a big shot of research, enabling the farmers to diversify and create more baskets to earn more. The university is slated to commence operations next year.

Laying the foundation stone of the Regional Research Centre of the university at Kharkhari in Bhiwani district, the Chief Minister said the centre would be ready for operation in two years.

It will conduct research work on all subjects related to horticulture production, including

the collection of varieties of fruits, vegetables, medicinal and aromatic plants, spices etc. available all over the country and abroad.

Also, work will also be done to develop advanced and hybrid varieties of fruits, vegetables, medicinal and aromatic plants, spices etc. which are resistant to pests and diseases, added Mr Manohar Lal.

High-quality plants

High-quality plants and seeds will be made available to the farmers at the centre. Besides, research will be done on the development of new technologies, processing of fruits, vegetables, seeds, spices etc and advanced research will be made on the already developed technologies for value addition.

All this is in perfect sync with



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...make the pockets of farmers ring with coins but also pave the way for doubling their income; give agriculture and horticulture a shot in the arm; and place making a substantial hike in the Minimum Support Price (MSP) of 17 Kharif crops on June 7, the Haryana Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, announced on June

...International Horticulture Market, for three years. He was laying stone of the construction works worth Rs 2,600 crore in the second phase of the market which e agitating sunflower growers-they are already getting Rs 4,900 a quintal that they would be paid an "apt" price for their produce. Haryana Review has a close



Vegetable mandis to have walls

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A new policy will be formulated for construction and repair of boundary walls, sheds, gates and cleaning arrangements, etc, in vegetable markets across the state. Under this, a committee will be formed and arhtiyas will be made members. Some amount will be made available to the committee from the market fees, so that it can get works of the market done at its own level.

This was disclosed by the Chief Minister while addressing the 'Vyapari Sammelan' organized at Kaithal through video-conferencing. The market fee and HRDF rate to be charged in vegetable markets across the state will now be fixed outright. A bill to amend the related rules has been passed by the Vidhan Sabha. At present, the rate of two percent market fee and two percent HRDF is applicable. Considering the demand of the arhtiyas, the government has decided to do it outright, Mr Manohar Lal added.

...rch to another level

the mandate of the university. It has been planned to be a centre of excellence in teaching, research and extension education in the field of horticulture and allied sectors to ensure food and ecological security, improved livelihood opportunities for the people, especially the youth, and economic prosperity of the farming community.

Sustainable farming

The university aims to develop diversified sustainable farming systems for improving productivity and profitability in horticulture and also to train the farmers and extension functionaries for the effective dissemination of advanced horticultural technologies in Haryana and its neighboring states.

The site of the university is situated 21 km from Karnal on

national highway number one leading to Ambala at a latitude of 300 N and longitude of 770 E. It is 146 km from Delhi and connected with Nilokheri Railway station.

Haryana is primarily an agrarian state and well known for the production and productivity of wheat and rice. The state contributes significantly to the grain reserve of the country.

As the country has achieved self-sufficiency in grain production, time has come to think of nutritional security and aesthetic value which requires diversification of agriculture with special emphasis on Horticulture, a rich source of fibre, vitamins and minerals which are required for sound physical and mental health.



Rs 29-cr gesture sees influx of sunflower crop in Shahbad

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Barely three days after the announcement of higher MSP came a gesture which made an instant impact. The Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, digitally released on June 10 an amount of Rs 29.13 crore as 'interim bharpayee' to 8,528 sunflower growers in the state for the crop grown on 36,414 acres. No sooner did he make the announcement than the Shahbad grain market in Kurukshetra witnessed a sudden influx of the crop.

Announcing the relief to the sunflower growers by giving them interim procurement price of Rs 1,000 per quintal under the Bhavantar Bharpayee Yojana, the Chief Minister said, "We have announced the 'interim bharpayee', as the market rates keep fluctuating," he said. This will be besides the purchase price of Rs 4,800/ quintal.

Significantly, Kurukshetra district accounts for the highest production of sunflower and its main procurement centre is Shahbad Mandi. Apart from this, sunflower purchase centres have also been set up in eight mandis of Ambala, Yamunanagar, Karnal and Panchkula districts.

Notably, it was at the bidding of the Chief Minister that Hafed had started procurement of the sunflower crop for the first time and has announced its decision to remain in the market till the procurement process is completed.

Ganaur horti mandi gets Rs 2.6k-crore shot

By Parveen K Modi

The morning after the announcement of interim bharpayee, the Chief Minister announced that farmers producing vegetables in Ganaur would be given a subsidy at the rate of Rs 5,000 per acre for three years.

The area and time period can be increased as per the requirement. At present vegetables are grown on 3,000 acres in Ganaur block.

He was speaking after laying stone on June 11 of the second phase of Rs 2,600-crore works at the India International Horticulture Market in Ganaur on National Highway 44. "It is not just a building, but a vision, which will double the income of the farmers. Besides farmers, it will prove to be beneficial for fruit and vegetable producers, common public and traders", he added.

Biggest market

With expansion, the horticulture market will become the biggest market not only in India but also in Asia and benefit both the buyers and sellers of the states of north India. It will be prepared as the best alternative to Azadpur and will take fruit production to another level.

The market will generate business of Rs 40,000-50,000 crore annually. Along with this, lakhs of people will also get employment Laced with all kinds of facilities, it will strengthen the economy of Haryana. The mandi will play a special role in fulfilling the target set by the Prime Minister, Mr

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Narendra Modi, to double the income of farmers. Ganaur railway station, just one kilometer away from the horti-culture market, will have the facility to transport fruits and vegetables. If required, a separate station will also be made for the mandi, he added.

The other works stones of which were laid by the Chief Minister include a vegetable market to be built in Bhiwani at a cost of Rs. 495 lakh, a new grain market at Siwani in Bhiwani (Rs 1,204.03 lakh), Munak purchase centre in sub-yard Assandh in Karnal (Rs 894.94 lakh); vegetable market, grain market and wooden market (Rs 2,481.38 lakh) in Sirsa and purchase centre in Kanwarpura village (Rs 192.56 lakh) in Sirsa and procurement centre in the village of Sherpura in Sirsa (Rs 224.47 lakh).

Referring to the sunflower producing farmers, he said that in view of the recent challenges faced by them, it has been decided to set up a 20,000-metric tonnes oil factory on four acres in Kurukshetra.

Dedicate yourself to social welfare: CM to public servants

By Ajay Bhardwaj

In order to inculcate moral values and a sense of service among the government employees the Haryana government has undertaken a unique initiative at the 'Naetikta Shivir' held at the Haryana Institute of Public Administration (HIPA), Gurugram recently.

Chief Minister, Mr. Manohar Lal, who was chief guest at the function, said that the public servants should work for the welfare of the society by rising above the distinction between themselves and others.

In order to develop the spirit of public service among the 3.5 lakh officers and employees of the state, now along with general personnel training, a target has been set to make them aware of moral values.

The chief minister said that all the officers should dedicate themselves to the public interest and act as public servants.

He said that the purpose of this programme is that after joining the government service, the public servant should work with the spirit of responsibility of serving the society.



Expressing satisfaction at the performance of the Manohar Lal government during the last eight and a half years, the chief minister said landmark work has been done on taking the state forward through social service. "Moving forward on this thinking, we will be able to make our state divine and glorious," he added.

Earlier, Gita Manishi Swami Gyananand Ji Maharaj explained the subject of morality to the people present in the programme with various shlokas of Gita and Mahabharata related contexts.



Swami Sarvalokananda of Ramakrishna Mission also addressed the programme, stressing that transparency, accountability and credibility are very important for good governance. He said that 'Naetikta Shivir' will contribute significantly in the development of human resources of the state.

Chief Secretary, Sh. Sanjeev Kaushal while highlighting the outline of the programme launched by HIPA said that Haryana is the first state in the country from where the programme of bringing ethics and purity in conduct has been

Ethics training will be given to 3.5 lakh govt. officers and employees.

Proud that in last-eight-and-half-years, work been done to take the state forward: CM

started. He said that all the officers and employees of the state will be connected with this programme.

Shahhed Samarak to be ready soon

Amrit Mahotsav vision would be realised : CM

By Ajay Bhardwaj

That the first spark of the freedom struggle in 1857 was lit in Ambala Cantonment is a far too little known fact that has remained shrouded for long.

The Shaheed Smarak, being constructed close to Ambala on the GT road in order to highlight the glory of Ambala's contribution to the 1857 struggle, is fast nearing its completion.

Recently Minister of State for Food and Public Distribution Ashwini Kumar Choubey along with Home and Health Minister Anil Vij visited the Shaheed Smarak related to the revolution of 1857 being built on 22 acres on the Ambala-Delhi National Highway.

When completed, the memorial would render details and the history of the freedom struggle in three phases. In the first phase, the contribution of

Ambala in the freedom struggle will be shown. The contribution of Haryana in the second phase and India's contribution would be depicted in the third phase.

The Union minister said the Shaheed Smarak being built here is a message to the world and the complete depiction of the revolution of 1857 will be shown here.

Some time ago, Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal had reviewed the progress work and underlined that "the 75th year of Independence is being celebrated as the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav on the call of Prime Minister Sh Narendra Modi and the construction of this Shaheed Smarak here will send a strong message of sacrifice across the world."

Home and Health Minister Anil Vij directed the officials of the Public Works Department to speed up the works related to civil works so that the work of interior work/art work could be started.

The Shaheed Smarak is being built on 22 acres at a cost of Rs 261 crore and about 80 percent of work has been completed. Once ready the smarak will have an interpretation centre, open-air theatre, museum, auditorium, water body and connecting bridge, memorial tower, underground double basement parking, information centre, helipad.

It will underline that it was Ambala, and not Meerut, from where the 1857 Mutiny actually started and culminated in the Independence.

Vij said, "the first struggle for freedom in 1857 started at the Ambala Cantonment, but it didn't get mentioned in the history books. The heroes of the first revolt remained unsung. At the memorial, people will be able to get all information about the first revolt and the unsung heroes of the revolt."



Now, offline HSIIDC services too go online

Haryana Review Bureau

The Haryana State Industrial and Infrastructure Development Corporation (HSIIDC) has taken a momentous stride towards digital transformation. More services have now been made available online.

At the 377th Board of Directors (BOD) meeting, Mr. V. Umashankar, PSCM, who is also Chairman of HSIIDC, unveiled the "Haryana Udyog Mitra" mobile application. This intuitive app allows the allottees to seamlessly conduct their day-to-day business transactions with HSIIDC from the convenience

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unveiled two additional digital initiatives: the Chatbot and WhatsApp Messaging services. With these innovative services, the allottees can receive digitally signed approvals; make payments,



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Mr Anand Mohan Sharan, Additional Chief Secretary, Industries and Commerce,



track services, access water bills, RLAs, and more in real time through WhatsApp messaging.

The Chatbot feature facilitates instant interaction with the corporation, providing services such as application status tracking, outstanding dues, plot status, frequently asked questions (FAQs), and more.

Introduction of these digital services signifies HSIIDC's commitment to leveraging technology for the benefit of its stakeholders and ushering in a new era of convenience and accessibility in business transactions.

The corporation remains dedicated to embracing digital transformation to enhance its services and ensure a seamless experience for its allottees.

Rs 6.36-crore DAYALU boost for 223

By **Rajeev Ranjan Roy**

Governance with compassion is one of the hallmarks of Haryana government led by Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal. DAYALU Yojana is a case in point, which is bringing smiles on the face of several needy families of the state. It is not only providing socio-financial security to Antyodaya families but is also proving a boon to them.

Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal known for reaching out to the last mile citizen in the spirit of Antyodaya recently digitally transferred Rs 6.36 crore into the accounts of 223 beneficiaries of Antyodaya families having an annual income of up to Rs 1.80 lakh in case of death or disability more than 70 percent of their family members.

Pivotal decision

Taking yet another pivotal decision for the families covered under DAYALU Yojana, the Chief Minister has directed the officers to change the age category so as to ensure that maximum families can be benefitted. As per the decision, now financial assistance of Rs 5 lakh will be given for age over 25 years up to 45 years.

“The state government is committed to the economic and



social upliftment of Antyodaya. I consider the entire Haryana as his own family. DAYALU Yojana is a part of the series of initiatives taken by the state government for providing several kinds of financial relief to such families,” Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal.

Earlier the assistance was for ages over 25 years up to 40 years. A similar change has been made in the age category of for the age of above 40 years up to the age of 60 years.

Now the assistance of Rs 3 lakh, instead of Rs 2 lakh will be given for the age of above 45 years up to the age of 60 years.

The decision has been taken after Home and Health Minister Mr Anil Vij suggested increasing the amount of assistance being given to those who are above 40 and 60 years. School Education Minister Mr Kanwar Pal and Higher Education Minister Mr Mool Chand Sharma were also present on the occasion. At present, the assistance is provided under the scheme which would vary depending on the age of the person at the time of death or permanent disability.

The assistance of Rs 1 lakh up to the age of six years, Rs 2 lakh above the age of six years up to the age of 18 years, Rs 3 lakh for age

above 18 years up to 25 years, Rs 5 lakh for age over 25 years up to 40 years and Rs 2 lakh for the age of above 40 years up to the age of 60 years. Under the DAYALU Yojana, on the basis of the PPP verified data, assistance is provided in case of death or disability-more than 70 percent-in respect of a member of a family having an annual income of up to Rs 1.80 lakh.

The government has established a trust, namely, Haryana Parivar Suraksha Nyas to consolidate existing insurance schemes, ensure standardized and simplified claims processing and provide direct benefits to the people.

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element of creativity, attracts a fast pick-up by the audience. While video-addressing the audience in Gohana in January, 2023, he had described the previous dispensation as a ‘BBC’ (badli, bharti and CLU) government, this time round, he dubbed it as a ‘3 D Sarkar’, the government of Darbar, Damaad and Dealer.

Referring to farmers’ welfare, Mr Shah said the Central Government, under the leadership of Mr Narendra Modi, had bought more paddy and wheat as compared to the quantity bought during the 10 years of Congress.

Between 2014 and 2022, 260 lakh metric tonnes of wheat and 385 lakh metric tonnes of paddy were procured and Rs 47,000 crore was transferred directly into the bank accounts of farmers through DBT. Besides, an amount of Rs 6,000 is transferred directly into the bank account of farmers every year under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana.

Mr Shah has lined up plans to address one rally in each of the ten Lok Sabha segments in Haryana. He has already covered four, and is slated to visit the rest.

Air quality chief lauds Haryana steps on stubble

Haryana Review Bureau

Nr M M Kutty, Chairman of the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM), has lauded the Haryana Government for doing better work in the direction of stubble management to reduce air pollution. But the incidents of stubble burning have to be brought to zero.

For this, officers of the district administration need to work harder. Farmers should be provided with modern agricultural machinery so that stubble can be managed properly.

Farmers of nearby districts should be made aware to deliver stubble to the ethanol plant set up at IOCL Panipat for stubble management, he said.

Haryana has been implementing proactive measures to transform paddy straw, which was once seen as an environmental hazard, into a valuable source to enhance farmers’ income. These measures include the announcement of a Common Determined Rate (CDR) of Rs. 2500 per Metric ton for paddy straw, as well as the continued provision of financial support for in-situ/ex-situ techniques and the Direct Seeded Rice (DSR) technique in paddy cultivation.

Additionally, Haryana has successfully reduced farm fires by about 40 percent as compared to the previous year.

FORTNIGHT IN RETROSPECT

Rs 10k pension for Padma Awardees



The Padma Padma Shri, Padma Bhushan and Padma Vibhushan awardees from Haryana will now get a monthly pension of Rs 10,000 and the facility of free travel in the state government Volvo buses. The Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, made this announcement during his visit to Karnal.

Referring to the fact that most of the colonies of Karnal have been developed on Shamlat land, he said that this problem would be resolved at the earliest. “I will soon convene a meeting of concerned officers to resolve this problem and give ownership rights to the residents of Karnal”, he asserted.

UHBVN earns profit of Rs 111.25 crore

The Uttar Haryana Bijli Vitran Nigam (UHBVN) has reported net profit of Rs 111.25 crore as compared to Rs. 77.77 crore during the previous year. The Board of Directors led by Mr P.K. Das has approved the unaudited financial statement of the Nigam for the financial year

2022-23.

Giving key highlights of the performance, an official spokesperson said that distribution losses had declined by 3.64 percent i.e. 10.32 percent as compared to 13.96 percent last year which is significantly positive.

The Nigam has achieved 100 percent collection efficiency due to various initiatives taken by the management, he added.

The power purchase units have increased to 25,803.26 MUs during FY 2022-23 from 23,708.97 MUs during 2021-22. The sale of power in units has increased to 21,654.66 MUs as compared to 19,066.30 MUs.



Rs 20-cr irrigation project for Morni

While taking a significant step towards providing better irrigation facilities to the farmers of the Morni area in Panchkula district, the Haryana Government has decided to set up a major micro-irrigation project in Morni. Expected to cost Rs 20 crore, it would cover approximately 1,280 acres.

A decision to this effect was taken at the High Powered Purchase Committee (HPPC) meeting held under the chairmanship of the Chief



Minister, Mr Manohar Lal. Apart from this, purchases and contracts worth more than Rs 87 crore were also approved.

Four agenda items of the Irrigation, Public Health Engineering Department and MICADA were taken up at the meeting and were approved. An amount of Rs. 1.41 crore has been saved after negotiations with various companies.

The Chief Minister said implementation of the Solar Powered Integrated Micro Irrigation Project for villages Tapariya, Kandaiwala, Kaimbwala, Kherwali Parwala and Lashkariwala in the Morni area would not only provide irrigation facilities but also help in increasing farm produce in the area. After the success of this pilot

project, such projects will be set up at other places in the state, he added.

Manesar to have nursing college

The Deputy Chief Minister, Mr Dushyant Chautala, has said that eight acres of land had been earmarked in the IMT area for construction of the Women’s Nursing College in Manesar, Gurugram district. This information has also been shared with the Central Government.

Proposed to be built with the help of ESI, this institute will be the biggest nursing college in the district, said Mr Chautala while addressing a public meeting organised at Manesar in district Gurugram.

Radical changes have been made to strengthen the medical infrastructure and this nursing college will further give a major boost to the medical sector and also provide new employment opportunities in the field.





It's time to transplant paddy

Photo by Vinay Malik

ACHIEVEMENT

Three Air Force flying officers get top honour



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Three flying officers, including two women, from Haryana have been commissioned after they bagged top honours in their course that passed out from the Air Force Academy at Dundigal near Hyderabad recently.

Flying Officer Nitesh Jakhar of the Flying Branch has been awarded the Sword of Honour and Gold Medal for standing first in the order of merit in the course at the 211th Combined Graduation Parade. He belongs

to Rohtak.

Flying Officer Manisha Yadav of the Ground Duty Branch has been awarded the President's Plaque for standing first in the overall order of merit in the ground duty stream. She hails from Panchkula.

Flying Officer Ishana Singh, who stood first in order of merit in the Administration Branch, hails from Gurugram. A total of 119 trainees of the 211st Pilot Course and 75 trainees of the 211st Ground Duty Officers Course received their commission on the occasion.

SPORTS

Anjali gets national gold

Haryana Review Bureau

Staging a comeback after nearly four years following an injury lay-off, Haryana's Anjali Devi recorded a stunning personal best time to win the women's 400 metres gold in the National Inter-State Championship held recently. There-by she assured herself of a spot in the Asian Games-bound Indian contingent.

The 24-year-old Anjali, who last ran a 400m race in October 2019 at the Indian Open Championships in



Ran-chi, clocked 51.58 seconds to beat state-mate Himanshi Malik (51.76s) to the gold medal at the Kalinga Stadium on the second day of the competitions. Anjali, whose personal best is 51.53s, breached the Asian Games qualifying time of 52.96s by nearly one-and-a-half second.

Three more acres of land for NID

Haryana Review Bureau

The Haryana Government has decided to allocate an additional three acres of land to the National Institute of Design, Umri, Kurukshetra, Haryana. After this addition, the NID will have a campus area of 23 acres to provide state-of-the-art facilities for the faculty as well as students.

This decision was taken at a meeting chaired by the Chief Secretary, Mr. Sanjeev Kaushal. The land will be utilized for the construction of a hostel and other building blocks to facilitate expansion of the institute.

The Chief Secretary said that out of the three acres of land, two acres will be provided by the Development and Panchayats Department, while the remaining one acre will be contributed by the Government Polytechnic, Umri, Kurukshetra.

Resources and facilities

The Chief Secretary emphasized the importance of providing necessary resources and facilities to educational institutions like NID. This will help in creating an environment conducive to innovation and creativity, enabling the students to excel in

the field of design.

He instructed the Deputy Commissioner of Kurukshetra to ensure proper waste disposal by the contractor under the state government's cluster scheme for waste management at NID and take necessary action for installation of streetlights along the road adjacent to the institute.

He also emphasized the need to explore the feasibility of constructing an underpass to facilitate convenient movement of students to and from the institute gate. The Chief Secretary directed the officials to visit the institute, hold a meeting with the director of NID, and address the issues promptly.

Mr Kaushal highlighted the importance of the NID as a prestigious institution of the state and stressed the commitment of the Haryana Government to provide all necessary facilities to support the institute's growth and development.

Recognizing the significance of NID in shaping the design landscape of the state, he urged the officers to closely coordinate with the director of NID and emphasized the need for prompt resolution of any challenges or issues faced by the institute.