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Batting on front foot, CM carries the day

Says debt stock is contained and GSDP is heading north while replying to the debate on Budget

By Parveen K Modi

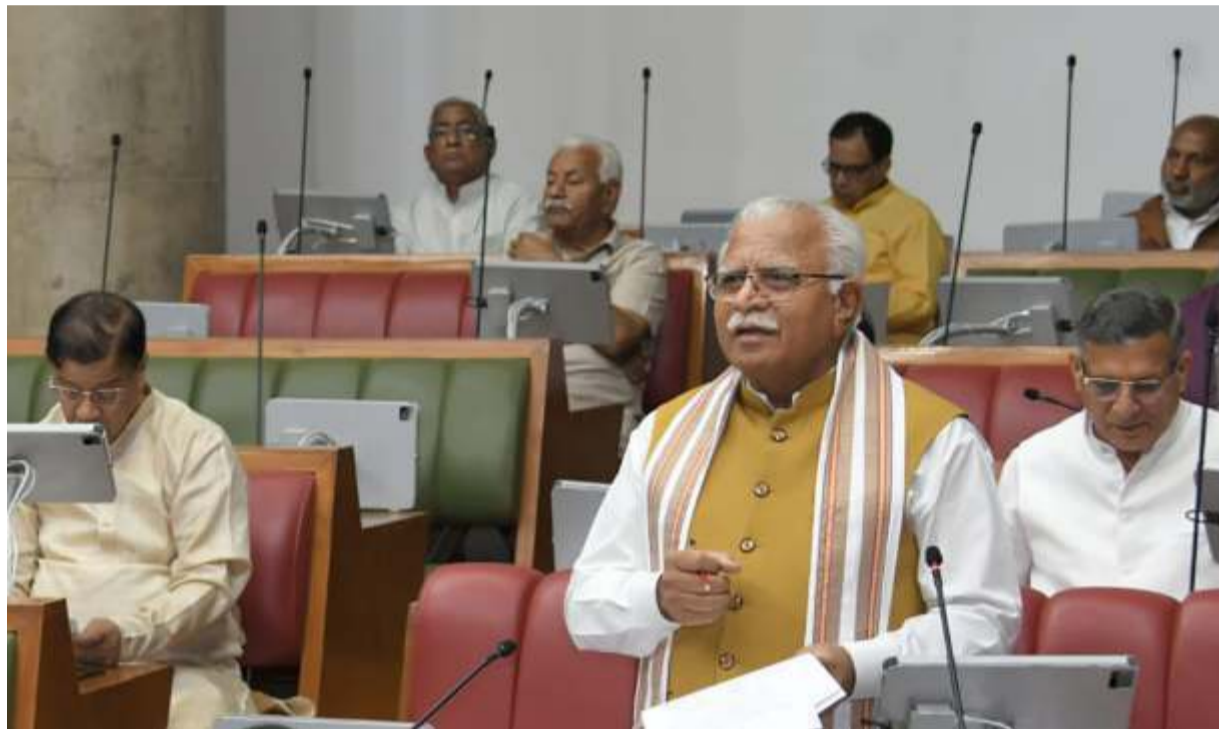
Haryana's Gross State Domestic Product is on the uptick (Rs 10 lakh crore at present); the investment graph is heading north; the debt stock has not only been contained but is also well within limits; and the legislators will now be able to spend the amount of Rs 2 crore given under the Vidhayak Adarsh Gram Yojana for the development works in the urban areas as well.

This constitutes the squeeze of what the Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, who doubles up as Finance Minister, said while replying to the debate on the Budget proposals in the State Assembly. He swore by transparency and systemic changes to ensure futuristic growth and people's welfare.

Investment graph up

Batting on the front foot, he boldly faced the Opposition bouncers, hitting some over the fence, and seemed to convert every attack on his proposals or on the working of his government, into a boomerang stowed away safely for use at an opportune time. He virtually carried the day with him.

"Our GSDP is constantly increasing; it now aggregates Rs 10



lakh crore. The investment graph is rising. With an investment of Rs 90 per person, Haryana occupies the third position among the states in terms of investment after Karnataka and Maharashtra which account for Rs 303 and Rs 108 per person, respectively", the Chief Minister said.

On the other hand, the debt graph of the state has come down.

Responding to the contradictory figures given by the Opposition leader, Mr Bhupinder Singh Hooda, on the state's debt stock since November, 2022, Mr Manohar Lal said giving five different figures only dented his credibility. "We are not afraid of criticism and will keep introducing good governance reforms," he added.

Donning the mantle of a debt

Finance Minister, he explained to the House what constituted the debt stock. Public debt, he said, is counted under three different heads. The opposition should not confuse one with the other while calculating the final debt figures.

The loans of State Public Enterprises aggregated Rs 69,922 crore in 2014-15 while in 2021-22 these stood at Rs 47,211 crore. The

debt graph of the state at present has declined

"The debt limit was increased from 25 percent to 33 percent of GSDP during the COVID-19 period. We are within the prescribed limit of 26 to 27 percent while the neighbouring state of Punjab stands at 48 percent," shared Mr Manohar Lal.

Debts settled

The HSVP had a debt of Rs 14,334 crore out of which about Rs 6,000 crore has been settled and now Rs 8,334 crore is outstanding. Likewise, the HSIIDC had a pending debt of Rs 13,881 crore out of which about Rs 7,000 crore has been settled and now Rs 6,944 crore has been left.

The power utilities had a pending debt of more than Rs 37,000 crore which has been reduced to Rs 14,800 crore, said Mr Manohar Lal. The state Government has included an amount of Rs 25,850 crore under the UDAY Scheme in its debt account which explains why the profit graph of the Power Department is constantly rising, said Mr Manohar Lal.

Announcing the decision to rename the scheme as Adarsh Nagar

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Last-mile growth gets a big push

Sarpanches given more financial powers

By Rajeev Ranjan Roy

With the Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) are destined to play a seminal role in realizing the goal of last-mile development, the Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal, has announced the decision to increase the limit of development works to be done by Sarpanches on quotation basis from Rs 2 lakh to Rs 5 lakh.

He has also announced an increase in the honorariums of Sarpanches from Rs 3,000 to Rs 5,000 and from Rs 1,000 to Rs 1,600 for Panches by linking it with dearness allowance on the lines of government employees.

The Sarpanch will also be able to record his comments in the Annual Confidential Report (ACR) of the Gram Sachiv.

Calling upon them to understand their responsibility towards the people as public representatives and get the development works done in the villages in a transparent

manner, the Chief Minister said any hassles in the e-tendering process will be removed.

"The government has strengthened the hands of Sarpanches with e-tendering, which will bring transparency in development works

“For the social audit of the development works a committee would be formed at the village level, consisting of the residents; who will keep a vigil on the development works being done in the village. A separate engineering wing will also be set up for the Development and Panchayats department.”

and the works will be completed in a time-bound manner," he added.

He asked PRI representatives to upload the proposals for development works worth Rs 1,100 crore allocated for the last quarter of this financial year before March 31,

2023.

Of these, Rs 800 crore was allocated to Gram Panchayats, Rs 165 crore to Block Samitis and Rs 110 crore to Zila Parishads.

"So far, out of 6,217 Panchayats, 5,048 Panchayats have passed proposals for development works," he said.

For the social audit of the development works, the Chief Minister said that a committee would be formed at the village level, consisting of the residents; who will keep a vigil on the development works being done in the village.

"A separate engineering wing will also be set up for the Development and Panchayats department," he added.

The Chief Minister said that a 'Social Audit System' will also be established in six months to check the quality of development works.

Apart from this, 'Quality Assurance Authority' is being established.

"The development works are done as per Haryana Schedule Rate and DC rate. If any Sarpanch wants

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Assembly wants HP to rescind water cess

CM asks Centre to intervene

By Ajay Bhardwaj

The Haryana Vidhan Sabha has unanimously passed a resolution condemning the ordinance passed by the Himachal Pradesh Government to impose Water Cess on Hydro-power Projects for non-consumptive use of water for power generation and demanded that it should be immediately rescinded.

Moving the resolution Chief Minister Sh Manohar Lal said that this water cess mooted by the HP government was illegal and not binding on Haryana.

The entire House collectively urged the Central Government to prevail upon the Himachal Pradesh Government to withdraw the Ordinance as the same is in violation of the Central Act i.e. Inter State Water Disputes Act, 1956.

With this new levy proposed by the HP government there will be an additional financial burden amounting to Rs. 1200 crore per annum on partner states out of which around Rs. 336 crore will be burden on the State of Haryana.

The chief minister said the new levy is not only an infringement of the exclusive rights of the State over its natural resources but will also result in additional financial burden for generation of power resulting in the higher cost of generation of electricity.

The levy of water cess by Himachal Pradesh is against the provision of the Inter State Water Dispute Act, 1956 as Haryana through the Bhakra Beas Management Projects has been already providing 7.19 percent of electricity of the composite share of Haryana and Punjab to HP.

Nobody guilty of liquor theft to be spared : CM

Action taken against police, excise officials

By Ajay Bhardwaj

No one who is found guilty in the matter of theft of liquor in the state during the lockdown phase of Covid pandemic would be spared, said Chief Minister Sh Manohar Lal.

Replying to a call attention motion in the Vidhan Sabha he said stringent action has been taken against those involved in cases related to liquor theft.

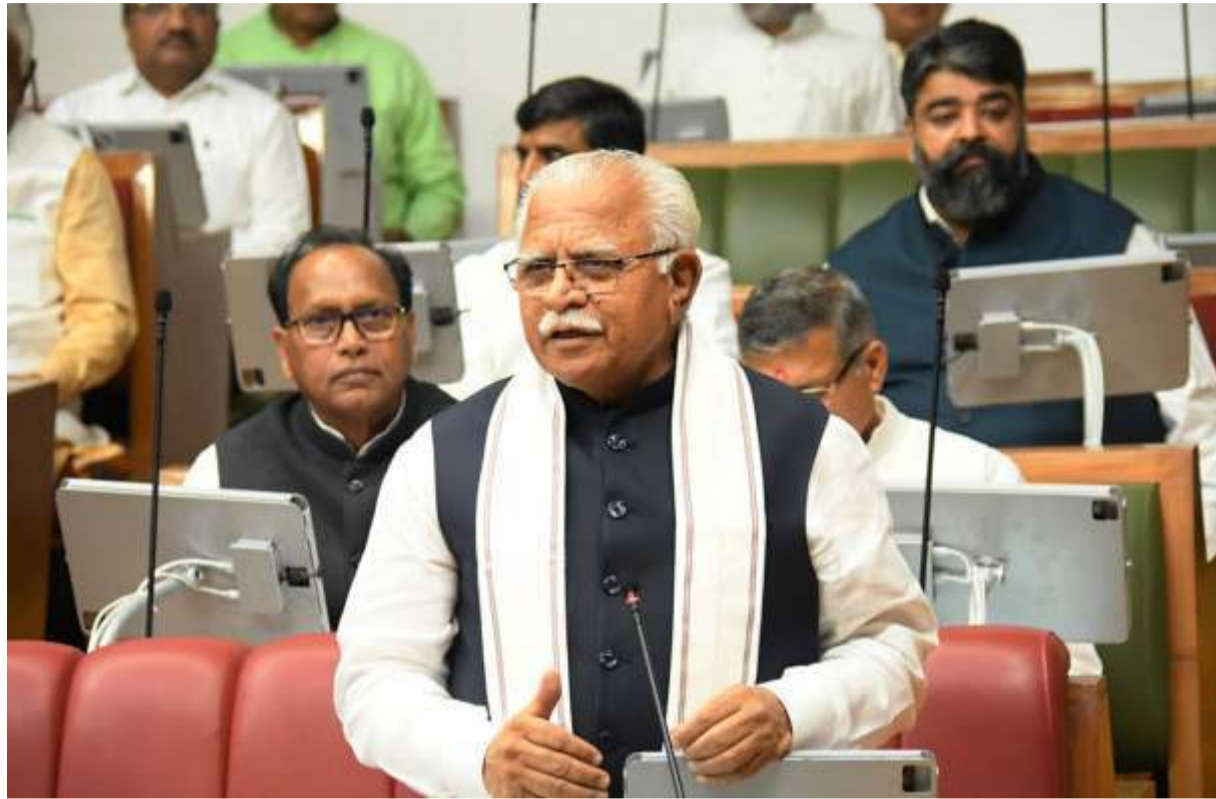
He said a Special Enquiry Team (SET) was formed under the Chairmanship of the then Additional Chief Secretary to Government Haryana, Department of Power, Empowerment, Renewable Energy and Housing T.C. Gupta was constituted, which submitted its report to the government on 30 July, 2020.

He said that appropriate action has been recommended against the officers and employees for the lapses mentioned in the report.

Apart from this, the investigation of this entire matter was given to the State Vigilance Bureau.

SET report

Based on the SET report, two more committees were formed. Apart from this, Vigilance was also ordered to investigate the matter, and the report of which is awaited



informed the Chief Minister.

He assured the House that appropriate action will be taken once the report is submitted.

The Chief Minister further informed that in its report, the SET has recommended appropriate action against the officers or employees for the lapses pointed out by them.

Besides this, the report also suggested and recommended mea-

asures for systematic improvement in the working of the Excise Department.

He said that based on this report, a committee was constituted under the Chairpersonship of ADGP, Smt. Kalaramachandran to investigate the irregularities found at the level of the police department, following which the departmental action was taken against 27 police personnel in 14 Cases.

The Chief Minister further informed the house that the vigilance inquiry in this matter is still going on.

Along with this, a Committee formed under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary to suggest corrective measures is also yet to submit its report.

Once it is received, the department will get these measures implemented on priority basis, the chief

minister said.

Chief Minister said that action was also taken by the Excise and Taxation Department on the basis of investigation, in which 7 AETOs and 1 AETO has been charge-sheeted under Rule 7 in one case of permit sanctioning during the period from March 27, 2020 to March 31, 2020 and the departmental proceedings in remaining 7 cases are under process.

15 Inspectors charge-sheeted

He informed that 15 Excise Inspectors have been charge-sheeted under Rule 7 of the Haryana Civil Services (Punishment and Appeal) Rules, 2016 for issuing permits and passes during the above period. The departmental proceedings against them are still under process.

The Chief Minister said that several steps have been taken to prevent the loss of revenue due to the sale of illegal liquor and to improve the system of the department.

He informed that a state-of-the-art CCTV camera system has been installed in all the distilleries and bottling plants in the state, as well as an integrated control room has also been set up at the head-quarter. The live feed from these cameras is being made available at head-quarters as well as district level officials. is being made available.

Unemployment graph on the decline

In eight years more than 1 lakh govt jobs have been given

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Chief Minister, Sh. Manohar Lal, during the budget session, reaffirmed that the rate of unemployment in the state had been constantly declining and it had decreased considerably in comparison to what it was during the tenure of the previous government.

He said the number of applicants registered with various employment exchanges in February 2023 stood at 6.46 lakh, while in December 2014 the number was 7.86 lakh.

The government has made tireless efforts to provide employment opportunities to the youth. Along with government jobs, employment opportunities have been made available to the youth in the private sector as well, said the chief minister while replying to a question regarding unemployment in the state.

He said that the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) is conducted by the Ministry of Statistics and Program Implementation from time to time. According to the PLFS report, the unemployment rate in Haryana was 8.6 percent in 2017-18, 9.2 percent in 2018-19, 6.5 percent in 2019-20, and 6.3 percent in 2020-21.

The Chief Minister said that the Reserve Bank of India also releases such data every year, according to which the unemployment rate is 8.1

percent. However, there is no fixed formula for these figures, so the figures of different agencies also differ.

The chief minister informed that 86,000 government jobs were given in 10 years from 2005-2014, while during our tenure more than 1 lakh jobs have been given in 8 years. Besides this, under the Saksham Yuva Yojana also, post graduate, graduate and 12th pass students are given Rs.3000, Rs.1500 and Rs.900 per month respectively for 100 hours of work. So far 1.75 lakh youth have taken advantage of this scheme.

Not only this, under the Haryana Skill Development Mission, employment opportunities have also been made available to more than one lakh youth by skill development. In addition, after 2015, employment has been provided to 12.64 lakh youth in the private sector as well, the Chief Minister told the House.

CMIE figures not reliable

Responding to the unemployment figures released by CMIE agency from time to time, the Chief Minister informed the House that CMIE issues unemployment rate after conducting the sample survey of only 5000 population out of the total of 1.80 crore population.

CMIE is a private organization and there is no reliability and

credibility for such data released by any private organization. The CEO of this institution is also a member of the election manifesto of the Congress party.

The Chief Minister said that the data of every person is linked with the Parivar Pehchan Patra and on the basis of self-verified data, the number of unemployed in the state is 10.46 lakh. However, there is a

AYUSH varsity in Kurukshetra

Haryana Urban Local Bodies Minister, Dr. Kamal Gupta, while replying to a question, said that Shri Krishna AYUSH University is being set up on over 94 acres of land in village Fatehpur, district Kurukshetra.

The Government has decided that this project will soon be started by the HSIIDC.

section of the society which is not unemployed but actually underemployed, said Sh. Manohar Lal.

Ration Cards reviewed

Deputy Chief Minister, Sh. Dushyant Chautala, in response to a question raised by a member in the House, informed that the ration card holders whose cards have been discontinued are being thoroughly

investigated. According to the rules, if they are found eligible, their ration card will be issued again and remaining ration will also be provided.

He informed that on the basis of data provided by the Citizen Resource Information Department (CRID), 8,41,817 families have been found ineligible for pink cards. Due to the discontinuation of their ration cards in December, 2022 ineligible families have not been provided ration for the month of January, 2023.

It was further informed that that ration has been allocated to 31.59 lakh BPL/AAY families for the month of January, 2023 as compared to 26.94 lakh families for the month of December, 2022.

The Deputy Chief Minister stated that the annual income should be less than Rs. 1.80 lakh for making Priority Household (BPL) ration cards.

He further informed that under the National Food Security Act, 2013, pink cards (AAY) have been issued to 3.02 lakh families as fixed by the Government of India, such families having income less than 1.80 lakh per annum are placed at the bottom of the list of families.

Special Girdawari ordered

The Chief Minister announced in the House that officials have been directed to conduct special

Girdawari of the crops damaged due to recent untimely rain and hailstorms.

He urged the farmers to ensure the timely uploading of their damaged crop data on the e-fasal "kshatipoorti" portal so that timely compensation for the damaged crops could be given to them.

"We are standing shoulder to shoulder with our farmer brothers.

I urge them to ensure the updation of their crop damage on the portal so that after proper verification, the compensation can be paid to them, said the chief minister.

Action against illegal buildings

The Chief Minister told the House that strictest action has been ensured against the construction of unauthorized buildings on the green belts earmarked on scheduled roads and national highways.

Responding to a question raised during the question hour the chief minister said the State Government had identified more than 1500 such buildings, and many buildings have also been demolished.

Also necessary action is being ensured against the rest.

The Chief Minister said that detailed information about such buildings, whether they are residential or commercial, construction period, action taken, registered FIRs etc. have been placed on the table of the House.

Urban Development gets enabling provisions

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The Haryana Development and Regulation of Urban Areas (Amendment) Bill, 2023 was passed during the Assembly budget session to amend the Haryana Development and Regulation of Urban Areas Act, 1975.

In order to streamline the operationalisation of online Transferable Development Rights (TDR) management system, certain amendments in the Act of 1975 have been considered necessary.

The definition of TDR in clause (n2) of section 2 is proposed to be amended to incorporate an enabling provision for transfer/sale of TDR certificate through sale, trade, auction mechanism, and, to rectify the inadvertent restriction imposed in the definition on geographical location of the buyer of TDR certificate.

Further, existing sub-section (1) of section 8A of the Act of 1975 is proposed to be substituted to allow engagement of professionals or agency by the Director to enable delivery of online functions of the Department.

The Director may perform all functions under this Act through electronic form and internet or may engage any person or agency to perform such functions on his behalf. In section 8-A of the principal Act, after clause (c) of sub-section (2), the following clause shall be inserted.

Haryana Appropriation (No. 1) Bill, 2023

The Haryana Appropriation (No. 1) Bill, 2023 was tabled in the House which was passed after



consideration.

The Haryana Appropriation (No. 1) Bill, 2023 has been passed to authorize payment and appropriation of a total of Rs. 19314,47,12,000/- from and out of the Consolidated Fund of the State of Haryana for the services during the financial year ending on the thirty-first day of March, 2023.

The Pandit Lakhmi Chand State University of Performing and Visual Arts, Rohtak (Amendment) Bill, 2023

The Pandit Lakhmi Chand State University of Performing and Visual Arts, Rohtak (Amendment) Bill, 2023 was passed in the

Assembly session to rename the university as "Dada Lakhmi Chand State University of Performing and Visual Arts, Rohtak".

The State University of Performing and Visual Arts, Rohtak was established by an Act by upgrading the integrated campus of Government Technical Institutions namely State Institute of Fine Arts, State Institute of Design, State Institute of Film and Television and State Institute of Urban Planning and Architecture into a leading.

This University is emerging as one of the leading Universities of the Country in the Performing & Visual Arts and in the field of Mass

Media.

Thereafter, the Government changed the name of the University to "Pandit Lakhmi Chand State University of Performing and Visual Arts, Rohtak" to pay respect to the Indian poet of Haryanvi language, who was honoured posthumously as Surya Kavi by the State Government.

Keeping in view the popularity of Pandit Lakhmi Chand as Dada Lakhmi Chand, the Government has again taken the decision to change the name of the University as "Dada Lakhmi Chand State University of Performing and Visual Arts, Rohtak".

Farmers get Rs 1150 cr for crop damage

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Deputy Chief Minister, Mr Dushyant Chautala told the House that the state government had made Kshatipurti Portal for the convenience of farmers to report crop damages.

He said in the last 6 months more than 34,000 farmers of 2,720 villages have reported crop loss of 1,57,504 acre of land due to hailstorm and incessant rains. In the past 2 years the government has ensured to provide Rs. 1150.26 crores compensation against crop damages directly to the affected farmers, which is equal to 10 years of the UPA government.

He further informed that under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana, Rs. 5667.02 crores have been disbursed in the account of farmers from Kharif 2016 to Rabi 2021-22.

He said that now farmers are not being given cheques, compensation is transferred directly to the bank accounts of the farmers. That's why farmers have to get their account updated. As soon as the farmers get their account updated in the treasury, the money will be transferred to their account.

The Deputy Chief Minister said that between 2010 and 2015, farmers who failed to turn up to collect their claims, a total of Rs. 1000 crores are lying with the treasury.

If the farmers do not come to take this money, then it should be spent for the upliftment of the farmers, he added.

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House votes Budget proposals

Evam Gram Yojana with the Director, Panchayats, as the nodal officer, the Chief Minister explained that earlier an MLA used to spend the said grant in the rural areas only but now he would also be able to use the funds for development works in the urban areas.

A girl's college will be constructed at Balsamand in Hisar in the name of Late Chaudhary Bhajan Lal, and apart from the 4,000 playway schools announced in 2022-23, an additional 4,000 such schools would be further opened in the state.

A sum of Rs 7,314 crore has been allocated for Agriculture and Allied sectors, which works out to 3.9 percent of the total budget. In the revised budget estimates of 2022-23 it was Rs 5,758 crore while in 2021-22 it was Rs 4,100 crore.

In 2014-15, the total allocated budget for this sector was Rs 2,156 crore which was only 3.4 percent. The present government has allocated 3.9 percent to this sector.

Responding to the issue why Haryana got less financial help from the Centre as compared to the neighbouring states, the Chief Minister said the Centre followed the formula that the more progressive is the state, the lesser the financial grant will be.

"The finances are well managed in Haryana and this is the reason why we get less help as compared to the neighbouring states", the Chief Minister said.

The government focused on making panchayats and civic bodies financially



independent. They have been directed to prepare their budgetary allocations and ensure that it is spent on carrying out various development works. Those panchayats and civic bodies that faced storage of funds would be helped. They will continue to get funds from the Central and the State Finance Commission.

The Chief Minister said that before finalizing the budget, suggestions from all stakeholders are taken and, this time also, about 700 suggestions came, out of the feasible ones have been incorporated.

"We have to rise above political ideologies for the welfare of the citizens. Apart from infrastructure, a large part of the budget is also spent on bringing about systemic changes to ensure futuristic growth.

Whatever demands have been placed in the House by the members have been forwarded to the concerned departments for due consideration", added Mr Manohar Lal.

The budget for the financial year 2023-24 was unanimously passed in the House after the Chief Minister's reply on the budget estimates.

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Last-mile growth gets a big push

to get the work done at a rate lower than the DC rate, then his information will have to be pasted outside the office of the Block Development Officer," he added.

The Chief Minister said that Panchayats can get works done on quotations for a total amount of Rs 25 lakh in a financial year or up to 50 per cent of the total grant amount of the State Finance Commission, which ever is less. The technical staff will be responsible for ensuring the quality of the development works to be done through e-tendering.

"The Sarpanch will have full responsibility for ensuring quality in the development works done in the village," he added. He said the Panchayat tax being levied on electricity bills would be given to the Panchayats from April 1, 2023, along with the arrears.

Out of this, pending electricity bills of panchayats will be deducted and paid every quarter. He said that the amount of one percent stamp duty on the sale of property in each Gram Panchayat will be given to them. Responding to a question, the Chief Minister said that the former Sarpanches who have not handed over their records to the present Sarpanches should do so immediately.

He said that an investigation is underway against 1,100 Sarpanches of the previous tenure of Panchayats. He said that roads less than 4-karam wide will be made concrete through Zila Parishads.

The making of an in

Out of the 108-odd unicorns across th

Policy seeks to tap energy of youth

By **Paveen K Modi**

If Israel is known as a start-up country, Haryana is set to become a start-up state. Ranking 21st in terms of area and 18th in terms of population, the state accounts for about 15 percent of the unicorns (start-up ventures with a valuation of \$1 billion) in the country. Out of the 108 unicorns in India, Haryana boasts of as many as 14 unicorns.

In all, more than 4,500 Haryana-based start-ups have been recognized by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India, up to January 15, 2023.

Determined to tap the entrepreneurial zeal and potential of young men by providing them with a strong policy ecosystem, robust infrastructure and liberalized regulatory norms, the Manohar Lal Government has come up with the Haryana State Start-up Policy 2022.

Reflecting a proactive approach to facilitate start-ups, it envisages extensive policy interventions to posit Haryana as a pre-eminent investment destination, 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 incorporation/ registration, having an annual turnover not exceeding Rs 100 crore, and based out in Haryana, will be eligible for availing itself of major fiscal and non-fiscal benefits under the new policy.



"Our start-up policy aims at promoting the ease of doing business, encouraging the entrepreneurial spirit in the youth and creating a strong policy ecosystem offering robust infrastructure, liberal regulatory norms and a host of incentives and concessions"

Manohar Lal
Chief Minister, Haryana

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

The benefits include subsidised incubation space, liberal norms for participation in Haryana Government tenders, participation in mentor-ship events and other startup specific programs.

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

Four pillars

The policy rests on the edifice of four pillars. These are: Infrastructure Augmentation; fiscal support; regulatory easing; and entrepreneurship development.

The policy enjoins upon the state government to organize customised entrepreneurship development programs across the 22 districts to sensitize and create awareness among the aspiring innovators/ entrepreneurs and school/ college students about their growth opportunities and potential in the start-up ecosystem.

Accelerator have signed an MoU to develop a robust startup ecosystem in the state. It will help create an ecosystem in the state that stimulates innovation and growth of disruptive startups.



The nodal department will notify the relevant committees for policy implementation along with well-defined roles and responsibilities.

The Haryana Government and India

Seeded with fiscal incentives for incubators

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With a view to creating a start-up ecosystem in the state, the Manohar Lal Government has seeded the Haryana State Start-up Policy 2022 with some key incentives and benefits. The fiscal incentives for start-ups as well as for incubators are:

Fiscal incentives for start-ups

Net SGST reimbursement: 50% net SGST reimbursement for seven years.

Lease rental subsidy: Reimbursement of lease rental subsidy for start-ups up to Rs 5 lakh.

Seed funding for start-ups: Seed grant of up to Rs 10 lakh per

start-up for 100 start-ups in 'A' category blocks, 250 start-ups in 'B' category blocks, 750 start-ups in 'C' category blocks, and 1,000 start-ups in 'D' category blocks.

Patent cost: Financial support to start-ups by reimbursement of 100% of the actual expenses with a maximum of Rs 25 lakh for domestic and international patent registrations.

Reimbursement for cloud storage: 75% reimbursement of expenses incurred on cloud computing/ storage on Haryana based data centres up to Rs 2.5 lakh per startup per annum for a period of five years.

Assistance in acceleration programs: Support start-ups up to Rs 2.5 lakh to attend national accelera-

tion programs and Rs 5 lakh for international acceleration programs.

Fiscal incentives to incubators

Capital subsidy: Capital grant of up to Rs 2 crore to government host institutes and up to Rs 1 crore to private host institutes for setting up incubators.

Reimbursement on rental charge: Fifty per cent reimbursement of lease rent paid by incubators for operations on a rental basis for a period of three years, up to a maximum of Rs 5 lakh per annum.

Stamp duty & registration reimbursement: 100% reimbursement of stamp duty and registration

fees on purchase/ lease of land/ office space/ IT building.

Assistance for participating in fair/ exhibition: Industry associations/ incubators/ government departments leading a delegation of start-ups to national and international fair/ exhibition or for organizing such fair/exhibition/ seminars shall be provided financial assistance on actual basis subject to maximum Rs 50 lakh.

Star-up competition assistance: Incubators established in eligible institutes of national importance, will get assistance of up to Rs 20 lakh per event for organizing start-up competition fest.

Electricity duty exemption: Incubators will be eligible for 100 % exemption for 12 years in 'D'

category blocks, 10 years in 'C' category blocks, and 7 years in 'B' category blocks.

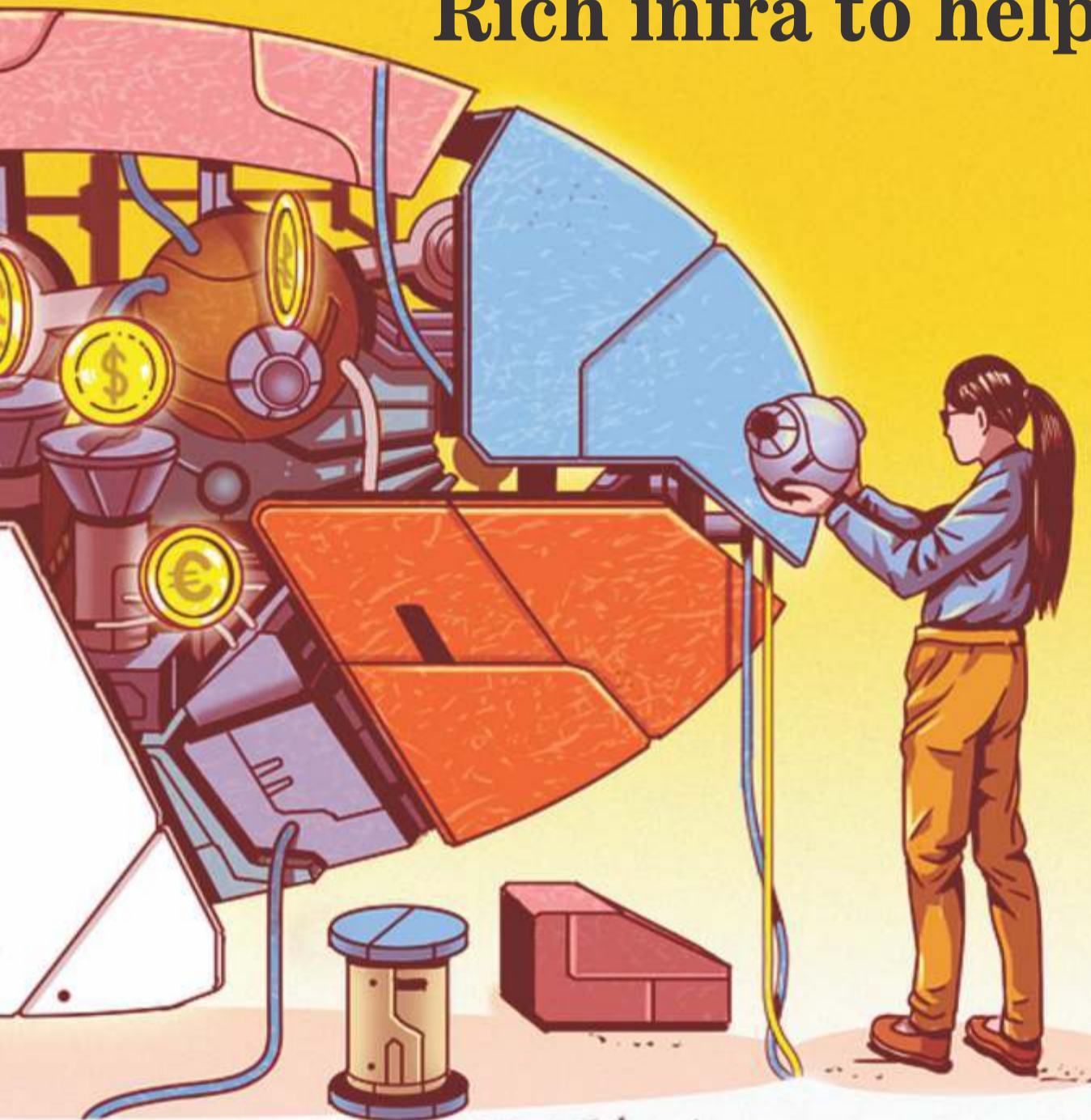
Apart from these, the state government has also added several incentives for infrastructure augmentation, some of which include start-up ware-house/innovation campus; mobile application development centre; incubation centres in government universities, and other government institutions.

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Incubator of start-ups

The country Haryana boasts of 14

Rich infra to help seeds germinate



By **Paveen K Modi**

Infrastructure holds the key to the growth of industry, especially the start-ups in any state. Rich infra offers fertile soil for the seeds of industry to germinate and blossom.

The Manohar Lal Government aims to develop worldclass physical infrastructure to provide a conducive environment for the ideas to originate, scale up and see fruition to business.

Affordable workspaces equipped to handle connectivity and creative requirements will be essential for building a healthy ecosystem.

The start-up policy enjoins upon the state government to make efforts to create a world-class incubator facility that offers an end-to-end ecosystem for entrepreneurs.

Innovation and incubation do not limit themselves to the information technology sector alone but have vast scope in all sectors, including healthcare, education, agriculture, food & beverages, green technology, transportation, travel & tourism, traditional industries,

energy & environment, etc.

The Haryana Government has undertaken several measures to boost the start-up ecosystem in the state.

An innovation hub in Gurugram has already been set up and made fully operational. Besides, the Haryana State Electronics Development Corporation Limited (HARTRON) has launched a start-up warehouse in Gurugram in association with NASSCOM.

Plug and play facilities

It offers shared office space to start-ups and entrepreneurs in a plug-and-play format which includes physical space, meeting space, operational facilities including 24X7 and 100 percent power back-up, leased internet line, clean drinking water, air-conditioning, etc.

It also offers such other common facilities as lecture rooms, classrooms, rooms for administrative activities of the warehouse, fully equipped labs, cafeteria, reception/waiting area, etc besides such services as mentorship, training, legal,

regulatory support etc.

COE-IoT Centre

A Centre of Excellence for Internet of Things (COE-IoT) was opened and made operational in the HARTRON Innovation Hub in Gurugram in 2018 in collaboration with Meity and NASSCOM. A budgetary outlay of Rs 22.65-crore has been made for it over 5 years.

Apart from support in the form of incubation, funding, mentor support, enterprise connect, academia connect, acceleration, a high precision hardware lab has also been established at the CoE-IoT, Gurugram.

These tools help accelerate product development much faster.

New entrepreneurs' centres would be developed in the state in addition to the one established in Gurugram.

The purpose of these centers would be to provide holistic infrastructure support to start-ups.

These establishments will be a unique public/ private partnership between the Government of Har-

yana, key private sector leaders and renowned academic institutes.

These centres would work to achieve the following objectives:

i. Execute partnerships with global accelerators, private companies, trade associations, foreign governments, think tanks and non-government organizations for building a model mentorship platform offering a range of expertise that can make Centre a creative and innovation powerhouse.

ii. Execute partnerships with globally recognized start-ups in an endeavor to create learning systems that help local start-ups scale globally.

iii. Attract the best start-ups and entrepreneur organizations from across the world to various districts in the state.

New incubation centres

Financial assistance would be given for creating incubation centres in government universities and other government institutions to the extent of Rs 50 lakh per incubator and Rs 20 lakh yearly for recurring expenditure for five years.

Financial assistance up to Rs 10 lakh per incubator for existing incubators in government universities and other government institu-

tions for upgrading facilities with new-age technologies such as the Internet of Things (IoT), FinTech, Robotics, and Artificial Intelligence amongst others.

New start-ups warehouses

Financial support of Rs 4 crore for capital expenditure will be given to any government department or any government entity, for creating IT start-ups warehouse in collaboration with NASSCOM/CII/FICCI/ASSOCHAM/PHD/Centre for Innovation Incubation and Entrepreneurship (CIIE) for furnishing and equipping (networking, bandwidth, lease line, air conditioning & furniture, etc.) bare shell space.

A sum of Rs 1 crore will be given yearly for 3 years as recurring expenditure support at Panchkula, Hisar and other potential locations.

In case of setting up of start-ups warehouse directly by the above-mentioned associations/ industries bodies, financial support will be reimbursed post expenditure and commencement of preparations for a start-ups warehouse.

Recurring expenditure shall also be provided for further 3 years for the existing incubation Centre established at Gurugram.

Awareness & outreach

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The start-up policy outlines some specific programs to be undertaken by the state government to make an outreach and create awareness among the people. These are:

Haryana would organize Startup Haryana Grand Challenge to identify new and disruptive technological innovations for solving the problems/challenges faced by different state departments.

Start-ups to build high-end innovative products and solutions using cutting edge technologies like Artificial Intelligence, Data Analytics, Machine Learning, Big Data, Internet of Things (IoT), Blockchain etc.

Will promote out-of-box thinking and innovation among emerging entrepreneurs.

Entrepreneurship Development Programs across 22 districts of Haryana will be organized every six months for sensitization and awareness among the aspiring innovators/entrepreneurs and school/college students about their

growth opportunities and potential in the start-up ecosystem.

Details of benefits/incentives being enabled by the state government as a part of the State Startup Ecosystem and Central Government as a part of the Startup India Action Plan will be briefed during such programs.

Entrepreneurship Development Programs/workshops/seminars for State Government officials will also be organized from time to time with specific content related to National and Global Best Practices, so as to bring awareness and sensitize them about the Startup Ecosystem and their role & contribution to encourage entrepreneurship in the State.

Other specific programs like thematic workshops and discussions, hackathon and challenges, boot camps, mentoring sessions, investor pitching and connect and capacity building workshops, etc will be organized on a frequent basis (quarterly/bi-yearly) for the overall development of the startup ecosystem in Haryana.

UP too emulates flagship PPP scheme

Earlier, J&K, Uttarakhand too had taken a leaf out of Haryana's book

By **Ajay Bhardwaj**

In line with many other states in the country, now Uttar Pradesh has decided to take a leaf out of the Haryana book that has scripted the flagship scheme of Parivar Pehchan Patra.

The officials of the UP government have studied the PPP scheme as it is being run in Haryana and have decided to issue 'Parivar ID' like PPP, under which the families deprived of government jobs, employment or self-employment will be identified and a target will be set to connect at least one member of every family with it.

The UP government will soon initiate the mapping of such families whose members have never got a government job. Earlier, the state governments of Uttarakhand and J&K had announced plans to implement the scheme that counts among the several new initiatives taken by the Manohar Lal government.

In the last few years to make corruption-free governance, bring transparency in the system and ease of living of the people; which have garnered appreciation across the country.

Lt Governor, Jammu and Kashmir, Sh. Manoj Sinha had recently in the presence of the Chief Minister released a vision document to create an authentic, verified and reliable database of families, under which each family will be given a unique 'JK Family ID'. This ID will include letters of the English alphabet and mathematical numbers, as is being done in Haryana.

Linked to 600 welfare plans

Notably, previously six states had studied the teacher transfer policy implemented by Haryana and now the Parivar Pehchan Patra scheme is also gaining similar acceptance across the country.



Photos by Vinay Malik

'Parivar Pehchan Patra' (PPP) has been conceived with the primary objective of generating authentic, verifiable and reliable data of all the families in Haryana. Through the PPP, families are not required to apply for benefits under each of the individual schemes; as the beneficiaries of various schemes, subsidies and pensions are automatically selected.

The data available in the Parivar Pehchan Patra ID database is used to determine the eligibility through which automatic self-selection of

beneficiaries is being done to receive the benefits.

Through the PPP, the citizens themselves are also getting information regarding various schemes for which they are eligible.

12-digit Aadhaar card

Today in Haryana the 12-digit Aadhaar card and eight-digit Parivar Pehchan Patra have emerged as vital documents so as to ensure the reach of the benefits of public welfare schemes and services of the Central and State Governments at the grass-

root levels.

The data of each family including 2.85 crore citizens has been updated on the Parivar Pehchan Patra portal.

The verification of caste, date of birth and income of maximum families have also been completed and the government has integrated more than 600 schemes and services with PPP.

The citizens have to only tell their PPP IDs by visiting Antyodaya Saral Kendras, Common Service Centres and to get benefits of the

schemes and services according to their eligibility.

Through the PPP, the citizens are getting benefits of various schemes and services as per the eligibility including Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY), Ayushman Bharat Yojana, Ration Card, all types of Pension Schemes, various Scholarship Schemes, Issuance of RC/Driving License, Social Welfare schemes, schemes of Agriculture and Horticulture departments, apart from admission in schools and colleges.

CM pays tribute to martyrs

By **Rajeev Ranjan Roy**

Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal on the occasion of Martyrdom Day of Shaheed Bhagat Singh, Rajguru and Sukhdev visited the National War Memorial in New Delhi and paid floral tributes to the brave soldiers who laid down their lives for safeguarding the integrity of Mother India.

Later interacting with the media, he said that today on Martyrdom Day he feels proud as he got a chance to visit the National War Memorial.

"We should be proud of our brave soldiers as only because of their supreme sacrifices we got freedom," he said.

He said that in the year 2019, under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, this National War Memorial was constructed.



In this memorial, the martyrdom of about 26,500 soldiers of the three armed forces including Army, Navy and Air Force has been beautifully portrayed, added Chief Minister Manohar Lal.

The Chief Minister said that out of these 26,500 soldiers, more than 2500 soldiers belong to Haryana, this is another inspiring thing.

The representation of youth of the state in the armed forces is 10

per cent which certainly proves the state's strength, he said.

The Chief Minister also paid tribute and saluted the families and the mothers of these great martyrs. Appealing to the people of the state and the country, he said that the citizens must visit this war memorial and take inspiration from the martyrdom of the martyrs and contribute to nation building.

Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Statistics and Program Implementation Mr Rao Inderjit Singh, Union Minister of State for Power and Heavy Industries Mr Krishan Pal, Transport Minister Mr Mool Chand Sharma, Members of Parliament Mr Ramesh Kaushik, Mr Nayab Singh, Mr Rattan Lal Kataria, Mrs Sunita Duggal and other dignitaries were also present on the occasion.

Online tender system paying dividends: CM

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Chief Minister, Sh. Manohar Lal's effort to bring transparency in development works and its allotment to the contractors delivered promising results recently as the high powered committee headed by the Chief Minister saved Rs 2.61 crore in work allocation of seven tenders of Haryana State Industrial and Infrastructure Development Corporation (HSIIDC) in NCR.

At the time of issuing tender notice, the total amount of Detailed Notice Inviting Tender (D-NIT) was Rs 227.76 crore and in the talks held with the contractors under the chairmanship of Managing Director, HSIIDC; tenders worth Rs 207.43 crore were agreed upon.

As the Chief Minister interacted with the contractors, bids amounting to Rs 204.82 crore for different projects were finalised.

CM makes 4 big gestures in 2 days

By Parveen K Modi

Four big gestures in two days! Announced by the Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, on March 15 and 16, 2023, these would immensely benefit panches and sarpanches (See Page 1), Antyodaya families, traders and youth. Needless to emphasise, uplifting the last-mile person and family under Antyodaya, ensuring welfare of small and big traders by offering them concessions, and creating job opportunities for the jobless youth have always topped the list of priorities of the Manohar Lal Government. Haryana Review has a close look at these gestures to find out how these will benefit the targeted sections of society.

Dayalu, another gift for Antyodaya families

Socio-financial security of Antyodaya families is close to the heart of the Chief Minister.

Taking yet another pioneering step in this direction, Mr Manohar Lal has launched DAYALU Yojana to provide financial assistance to such families.

The amount of assistance would vary from one beneficiary to another depending on his age.

Also, the scheme will include an amount of Rs 2 lakh under the Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY) and Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY).

It seeks to provide financial assistance in case of death (natural or accidental) or permanent disability of a member of a family having annual income of less than Rs. 1.8 lakh as verified in the Family Information Data Repository (FIDR) database.

Haryana Parivar Suraksha Nyas (HPSN) will be the implementing agency for the DAYALU scheme, said Mr Manohar Lal while launching this scheme at a programme held at Haryana Niwas.

“With a view to bringing various insurance schemes under one umbrella, HPSN has been established.

Through it, the state government will ensure standardi-

zation and simplification of the process of claims apart from providing direct benefits to the people,” said the Chief Minister.

Three key schemes namely, Mukhyamantri Haryana Karamchari Durghatna Bima Yojna for covering Group C & D category employees working in the high-risk category and safai karamcharis, Mukhyamantri Vyapari Samuhik Niji Durghatna Bima Yojna for small traders in case of accidental death or permanent disability, and Mukhyamantri Parivar Samridhhi Yojana for supporting a social security net to Antyodaya families have been started by the HPSN.

The claim shall be filed by the beneficiary or claimant through the online portal of the scheme within three months of accidental death or natural death or permanent disability.

Further, in case of death, the assistance amount shall be paid to the head of the family in their bank account registered in the PPP database.

“As Finance Minister, in the budget speech for 2023-24, I made the announcement that benefits of this scheme, including various insurance schemes, will be given through Haryana Parivar Suraksha Nyas,” said Mr Manohar Lal

The assistance to be provided by Nyas as follows:

Age	Assistance as per budget announcement (2023-24)	Compensation in PMJJBY (18- 50) Natural Death	Compensation in PMSBY (18-70) Accidental death and permanent disability	Net Assistance to be paid by TRUST
above 5 years and up to 12 years	Rs.1 lakh	Nil	Nil	Rs.1 lakh
above 12 years and up to 18 years	Rs. 2 lakh	Nil	Nil	Rs. 2 lakh
above 18 years and up to 25 years	Rs. 3 lakh	Rs. 2 lakh	Rs. 2 lakh	Rs. 1 lakh
above 25 years and up to 40 years	Rs. 5 lakh	Rs. 2 lakh	Rs. 2 lakh	Rs. 3 lakh
above 40 years and up to 50 years	Rs. 2 lakh	Rs. 2 lakh	Rs. 2 lakh	NIL
above 50 years and up to 60 years	Rs. 2 lakh	Nil	Rs. 2 lakh	Rs. 2 lakh (in case of death other than accidental death)



Vita booths, Har Hit Stores for youth

This one gives the jobless youth hope and an opportunity. They will now be able to become self-reliant by opening Vita booths and Har hit stores through the Antyodaya Utthan Melas being organized under the Mukhyamantri Antyodaya Parivar Utthan Yojana. A target has been set to uplift 2 lakh families in the next phase of Antyodaya Melas.

Under this scheme, special rebates will be given to eligible persons for opening Vita booths at public places like district mini secretariat, hospital, college, university, bus stand, police station, railway station etc.

This was disclosed by the Chief Minister while presiding over a meeting of the additional deputy commissioner-cum-citizen resource information department officials.

Counselling for Antyodaya Melas will start from April 2 at village level and cooperation of social organizations will also be taken in the villages so that eligible people can be prepared to get the benefits of the schemes. Representatives of private companies will also be included in these fairs.

“Mukhyamantri Antyodaya Parivar Utthan Yojana” is an ambitious and continuous programme whose main objective is to uplift the Antyodaya families. “Its aim is to connect with the common citizens to raise their standard of living. For the success of this programme, necessary arrangements should be made on a large scale; ensuring that it reaches the maximum number of people,” he added.



Small trader to get CA certificate for free

This gesture will benefit the traders. Come April 1, 2023 and traders in Haryana, having an annual turnover of below Rs. 20 lakh, will be able to get CA certificate free of cost from the chartered accountants empanelled with the state government.

This was announced by the Chief Minister while launching the Vyapari Kshatipurti Yojana in Haryana Niwas. Members of the Haryana Traders Welfare Board were also present.

Addressing the gathering after the launch, Mr Manohar Lal said small traders need to have a certificate from a CA for

to Rs. 20 lakh is provided to the taxpaying traders against the loss of stock and furniture and fixtures by fire, burglary and natural calamities.

The scheme will benefit those eligible taxpayers of the state registered up to March 31 or the date of registration or at a later date under the Goods and Services Tax (GST) either in the state or central jurisdiction.

Such beneficiaries should also be registered* on the online portal of this scheme. The registration fee as prescribed will be collected by Haryana Traders Welfare Board (HTWB) and then the same would be

*Compensation and registration fees:

Sr. No.	Category	Compensation Coverage	Annual Registration fee (Rs.)
1.	Turnover from Rs. 0 – 20 lakh	Up to Rs. 5 lakh	100
2.	Turnover above Rs. 20 lakh upto Rs. 50 lakh	Up to Rs.10 lakh	500
3.	Turnover above Rs. 50 lakh upto Rs. 1 crore	Up to Rs.15 lakh	1000
4.	Turnover above Rs. 1 crore upto Rs. 1.5 crore	Up to Rs.20 lakh	2500

doing their GST registration. They now get it after paying some amount. Now, small traders with a turnover of less than Rs 20 lakh will get the CA certificate from government empanelled CAs for free as the expense will be borne by the state government.

The Chief Minister recalled that in 2019, the state government had launched Mukhyamantri Vyapari Kshatipurti Yojana to give insurance benefits to the traders having an annual turnover of up to Rs 1.50 crore.

Under this scheme, insurance coverage ranging from Rs. 5

transferred to Haryana Parivar Suraksha Nyas (HPSN), shared Sh. Manohar Lal.

Showering praise on the Chief Minister for formulating trader-friendly and other welfare schemes Chairman, Haryana Traders Welfare Board, Mr Bal Kishan, said it is only because of the trader-friendly policies that even traders from Delhi were willing to shift business to Haryana.

“The public welfare schemes started by the Chief Minister have even been lauded by the Prime Minister time and again,” added Mr Bal Kishan.

No sunrise this! It's darkness in early afternoon

Photo by Vinay Malik



Govt 'does not interfere' in HPSC affairs

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The Haryana Public Service Commission (HPSC) is an autonomous body which solely decides the process of recruitment of officers and employees on its own and the state government does not interfere in the recruitment process. This was stated by the Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, while answering a question in the Budget session of the Vidhan Sabha.

If there is any issue related to



ensuring transparency in the recruitment process of HPSC, the state government can direct it to ensure transparency. But the government cannot interfere in any of the recruitment processes of the

commission, he said.

For the recruitment to any post, it is HPSC that decides if to take objective-type (OMR based) or subjective-type examinations.

The Commission publishes detailed syllabus for each post and conducts the exam accordingly, said the Chief Minister.

Guest Teachers: The Education Minister, Mr Kanwar Pal, informed the House that a grievance redress drive was launched by the department to redress the grievances where 1,699 guest teachers partici-

pated out of which 1,347 were successfully adjusted on a temporary deputation basis in the school of their choice.

He disclosed this in response to a question raised by an MLA during the Budget session of Haryana Vidhan Sabha.

Some guest teachers have been transferred away from their home districts during the general transfer drive but the government is making strenuous efforts in order to resolve their issues, the Minister added.

CM bats for metro link to Pinjore-Kalka

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The Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, has said that metro connectivity should be made to Panchkula's Pinjore-Kalka from Chandigarh and Zirakpur respectively, under the Comprehensive Mobility Plan (CMP). These routes should be included in the first phase of the metro project.

He was speaking at a meeting of the Comprehensive Mobility Plan, chaired by the Punjab Governor and UT Administrator, Mr Banwarilal Purohit. Punjab Tourism Minister, Ms Annol Gagan Mann, Chandigarh Mayor, Mr Anup Gupta, Haryana Chief Secretary, Mr Sanjeev Kaushal, Chief Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister, Mr DS Dhesi, Additional Chief Secretary, Mr Arun Gupta, along with senior officers from UT and Punjab were also present at the meeting.

A detailed presentation on the comprehensive mobility plan for the tricity which includes Chandigarh, Panchkula and Mohali, was given by the officials of the Rail India Technical and Economic Services (RITES). Various proposals for mass rapid transport system to tackle the tricity's growing traffic congestion were discussed.

Mr Manohar Lal suggested that important places like PGIMER, the Punjab and Haryana High Court, Secretariat and the Vidhan Sabha should also be add

SPORTS

273 events+36 sports=Forest meet

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The 26th All-India Forest Sports Meet concluded at Tau Devi Lal Stadium in Panchkula where Chhattisgarh bagged the first position by winning the overall trophy while Karnataka was the runner-up.

The competitors took part in 273 competitions of about 36 different sports. Officials of the forest department from across the country, who have to work in inaccessible forest areas as part of their duties, were on the playfield displaying their sports talent. Haryana Governor, Sh. Bandaru Dattatraya attended the closing ceremony of the Sports Meet as the chief guest and gave away prizes.

Addressing the gathering the Governor said that it is the result of



the dedication among the forest personnel that they have to work in inaccessible forest areas as part of their duties and thus it is necessary for them to be physically fit and mobile.

"Sports is such a medium by

which physical health is maintained and the person's reflexes are also sharp. Sports are an integral part of the lifestyle of forest personnel and officials," he added. The Governor said that Haryana is the hub of state sports and patience and discipline

are the capital of victory in sports.

Vidhan Sabha Speaker, Sh. Gian Chand Gupta said that sports promote mutual understanding among humans. "Sports give the education of working with team spirit and cooperation. It is also indirectly helpful in spiritual development as sports develop the quality of concentration," he said.

Forest and Wildlife Minister, Sh. Kanwar Pal said that the All India Forest Sports Meet is a captivating tableau of 'Mini India'.

He said that an energetic body only makes the mind healthy. "Sports keep the human mind happy and motivated. Participation in sports develops tolerance, patience and courage in the players and increases the feeling of collective harmony and brotherhood," he added.