

# Haryana Review

haryanareview@gmail.com

An initiative of Directorate of Information, Public Relations & Languages, Government of Haryana



Special drive to combat child malnutrition

▶▶ P2



1.77 L acres to be reclaimed by 2025

▶▶ P7



## Manohar social welfare chariot rolls on Colonies regularized; pension for unwed, widowers; Shagun amount up

By Parveen K Modi

The Manohar Lal chariot of social welfare and well-being rolls on revisiting chartered territories and venturing into the uncharted ones.

Pouring its heart out and opening the purse-strings, the Haryana Government, led by the Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, keeps widening the social welfare arc to bring those living on the margins within its ambit, giving them both mental and financial relief.

Three recent key decisions---regularisation of 450 unauthorised colonies spanning the state; extending the benefit of social security pension to the unmarried and widowers; and increasing the amount given under the Mukhyamantri Vivah Shagun Yojana---underscore the explicit and oft-repeated intent of the government to bring succour to the people, and assure them of a better future.

### Resources no constraint

“We are fully committed to the welfare and well-being of the people of Haryana. A slew of measures have been taken to bring those living on the margins into the mainstream by extending them the kind

of help they need. The constraint of resources will not be allowed to come in the way of reaching out to those who cannot make their both ends meet from their own sources of income, with financial help”, the Chief Minister said.

Let's take the first thing first. Thousands of people belonging to

thankfulness which seeped in as the news broke.

It had to be so! For, the sword of an uncertain future which hung low by a thin thread over their heads for years had been blunted. Apprehensions allayed, investment and labour salvaged, and future made secure, they feel relaxed.

for eligibility. Under the new norms, colonies with an approach road width of six meters or more, and internal roads width of three meters or more, are now eligible for regularization”, the Chief Minister said.

(Detailed report on P3)

It will not be inept to say that the ship of the state government is

married persons. Crafted in the true spirit of Antyodaya, the Financial Assistance to Widower and Unmarried Persons Scheme 2023 has been made applicable from July 1, 2023.

Now, such persons aged between 45 and 60 years, will get a monthly pension of Rs 2,750, provided the annual income of the family is less than Rs 1.8 lakh. (See PP 4-5)

### Teej gifts for women

The Chief Minister made the Teej festival memorable by making some announcements aimed at empowering girls and women. One, under the Mukhyamantri Vivah Shagun Yojana and similar schemes, he announced the decision to increase the amount of shagun from Rs 31,000 to Rs 41,000.

Two, 50 to 100 Pota Cabins will be set up at the district headquarters to exclusively feature products crafted by self-help groups whose number has swelled to 57,000 in the state. Three, both government and private polytechnic colleges with underutilized infrastructure will be upgraded to the status of women's degree colleges, the Chief Minister added. (See P8)

And the chariot keeps rolling; it's horses are in full trot.

“ We are fully committed to the welfare and well-being of the people of Haryana. A slew of measures have been taken to bring those living on the margins into the mainstream by extending them the kind of help they need. The constraint of resources will not be allowed to come in the way of reaching out to those who cannot make their both ends meet from their own sources of income, with financial help. ”

Manohar Lal Chief Minister, Haryana



hundreds of families residing in the houses they had built in yet-to-be-approved colonies investing in them their life-long savings, were ostensibly overwhelmed by a sense of gratitude to the Chief Minister when he announced the decision to regularize their habitats.

Their hearts were filled with joy and many an eye went moist out of

And owners of houses in 1,856 other colonies due for regularisation have become hopeful.

What lent punch to the pack is the fact that norms were relaxed to regularize colonies. “Our focus is on citizens' convenience and on improving the living conditions of those residing in these colonies, we have reduced certain requirements

steered with the oil of people's welfare and well-being.

It constantly keeps looking for those who cannot make their both ends meet to extend them the hand that helps.

Having covered dwarfs, eunuchs and the disabled, the benefit of social security pension has now been extended to widowers and un-

## CM hails moon-landing, greets ISRO



By Rajeev Ranjan Roy

Hailing the successful landing of Chandrayaan-3 on moon as a matter of immense pride for every Indian, Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal has said that this mission will prove to be a milestone in fulfilling Prime Minister Mr Narendra Modi's resolve to make India a developed nation.

Extending his warm congratulations and best wishes to the scientists of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) for scripting a magnificent feat, he said that the

successful landing of Chandrayaan-3 on the moon would ever be a memorable moment in the history of India and for every Indian, as the country has taken another giant leap towards space exploration.

Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal expressed his gratitude to Prime Minister Mr Narendra Modi for consistently encouraging and inspiring ISRO scientists. He said that thanks to the hard work of our scientists we have achieved this feat.

“This is a moment of pride for every Indian, as our Chandrayaan-3

has touched down on the lunar surface, fulfilling the anticipation of the entire nation,” he said.

The world was also keenly watching this significant mission of India, which has now etched its name in history. The Chief Minister highlighted that this accomplishment is not just India's but a triumph for all of humanity.

“The success of Chandrayaan-3 signifies India's prowess in space exploration and its commitment to advancing scientific knowledge on a global scale,” he said.

## Job letters sent to 746

By Ajay Bhardwaj

In a momentous event Chief Minister Sh. Manohar Lal, while chairing a key meeting with the officers of Haryana Kaushal Rozgar Nigam (HKRN), recently gave job offer letters for various posts to as many as 746 candidates, once again reaffirming the government's commitment to transparent and efficient recruitment processes.

The candidates who received job offers will have a 15-day window to confirm their acceptance of the positions offered to them.

The HKRN has been working towards providing contract-based employment opportunities to the youth in a transparent manner after fostering and honing their skills.

The candidates who were shortlisted were from posts of Level-1 to Level-3 which included 227 Assistant Lineman, 55 Driver (ERV), 47 Fireman/ Fire Driver, 46 Data Entry Operator, 42 Block Cluster Coordinator, 40 Driver, 31 JE (Civil), 30 Sweeper, 20 Ayush Yoga Assistant, 15

Clerk, 11 Legal Assistant, 7 Accounts Clerk etc.

The employment is for one year. However, if the candidate wants to rejoin the service again after one year, he/she would need to apply again on the HKRN portal one month before the expiry of the contract period.

Chief Executive Officer, HRNL, Sh. K. Makrand Pandu rang said that the initiative taken by the Chief Minister to constitute Nigam is aimed to provide ample job opportunities to the youth and this step underscores the commitment of the government to address concerns of the contractual employees through transparent and credible means.

Earlier, in May last, the chief minister had sent deployment messages to 534 candidates through one click.

While extending congratulations and best wishes to the candidates who received job offers, the Chief Minister said that recruitment is being done by the state government in a transparent manner.

# Special drive to combat child malnutrition

By **Rajeev Ranjan Roy**

As healthy children contribute positively to various aspects of society and have the opportunity to grow and develop both physically and mentally to their full potential, the Haryana Government guided by the vision of Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal has decided to launch a special campaign to combat child malnutrition.

Haryana Chief Secretary Mr Sanjeev Kaushal said the special campaign aims at improving the health of malnourished children through the Women and Child Development Department.

This initiative will focus on addressing factors such as underweight and stunted growth that impact the lives of children from the birth to six years of age. The goal is to overcome these factors by 2026 and promote the overall health of children and women, he said.

## Improving access

This multifaceted approach involving improved access to nutritious food, proper healthcare, education, and public policies with a focus on maternal and child health and early interventions will go a long way in minimizing the long-lasting repercussions of malnutrition on children's lives and society as a whole.

Presiding over the 5th meeting of the State Convergence Committee under POSHAN Abhiyaan on August 18, Chief Secretary Mr Sanjeev Kaushal directed CEOs of Zilla Parishads to prioritize the improvement in minor deficiencies in Anganwadi centres by involving Gram Panchayats.

He also stressed the importance of conducting a survey to gauge the extent of improvement in malnutrition and Anaemia among women and children. He called for presenting meaningful results of the government's six-month nutrition campaign to identify any shortcomings



## Poshan Mitras, Tele Calling Hub

Poshan Mitras and Tele Calling Hub will give a boost to the state's efforts to combat malnutrition among children. Chief Secretary Mr Sanjeev Kaushal said that Poshan Mitras will voluntarily ensure the timely provision of nutritious food to children up to grade three, as per government schemes.

The state government has introduced a new set of initiatives including the establishment of a Tele Calling Hub to enhance communication with malnourished families and ensure improved service delivery within the Anganwadi service schemes under Mission Poshan 2.0. The Tele Calling Hub will serve as a valuable tool for collecting real-time feedback, identifying gaps in the current system, and implementing targeted interventions to enhance the quality and coverage of Anganwadi services.

and enhance its effectiveness. The Chief Secretary asked the officers to form a dedicated team to execute this survey campaign, with the aim of eradicating malnutrition and Anaemia among women and children.

Mr Kaushal said that the government will introduce a Spirulina-

During discussions, the Chief Secretary also inquired about the distribution of fortified rice, flour, iron, folic acid, vitamin A, and vitamin D to prevent anaemia and malnutrition among children and women under the Nutrition Campaign.

Additionally, community-based initiatives such as special health check-up camps for pregnant women and improved planning to enhance the diets of infants and young children were thoroughly explored. Additional Chief Secretary, Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Mr Sudhir Rajpal, Additional Chief Secretary, Women and Child Development, Dr Sumita Misra, Additional Chief Secretary, Health and Family Welfare, Mrs G Anupama, Director, Secondary Education, Mr Ashanj Singh and other senior officers were present in the meeting.

based product under the Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS) for SAM and MAM children on a pilot basis in Mewat for the duration of six months. Spirulina, algae that grows in fresh or saltwater, is rich in nutrients and possesses antioxidant properties.

A study conducted by the Institute of Health Management and Research (IHMR), Bengaluru, demonstrated a reduction of 46 per cent and 67 per cent in malnutrition by administering Spirulina for six months to children.

The state government will introduce a pictorial card game called 'Poshan Ki Potli' to raise awareness about the nutritional value and benefits of different food items.

## Nutrition-rich programs

The Chief Secretary outlined three nutrition-rich programs that will be implemented across all blocks of the aspirational district Nuh under Nutrition Campaign-2.

These programs aim to alleviate malnutrition and anaemia among children and women. Nutritional support in the form of ready-to-eat food items, nutritional packets, and antioxidant-rich foods will be provided to children and women in all blocks of the Nuh district.

The Women and Child Development Department will provide Aurthonut (Peanut Mix) under the Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS) to Severe Acute Malnourished (SAM) and Moderate Acute Malnourished (MAM) children on a pilot basis in the Nuh district for duration of six months.

## Benefits of healthy children

- Healthier children have stronger immune systems, making them more resistant to infections and illnesses. This leads to fewer missed school days and a reduced burden on healthcare systems.
- Well-nourished and healthy children tend to have better social skills, enabling them to interact with peers and adults more confidently. This lays the foundation for positive relationships throughout life.
- Healthy children often have better self-esteem and body image due to their physical well-being. This positive self-perception can lead to greater confidence in various life situations.
- Healthy children generally require fewer medical interventions and treatments, which can result in lower healthcare costs for families and society at large. Their physical and cognitive abilities translate into higher earning potential and economic productivity.
- When children are healthy, there is a reduced need for specialized educational and healthcare resources, which lessens the burden on families and public services.

## 5,745 villages get 24X7 supply

### Power reforms tell; charges not hiked in last 9 yrs

By **Ajay Bhardwaj**

Constant reforms undertaken by the Manohar Lal government in the power sector have seen Haryana outperforming all other states.

Haryana has now become the first state in the country where more than 80 percent of the villages in the rural areas are getting 24-hours electricity.

In 2014, there was electricity supply in 105 villages, but as a result of the Manohar Lal government's untiring efforts now 5745 villages are getting 24 hours electricity. Chief Minister Sh. Manohar Lal has announced that by the end of this year the remaining villages will also be covered under 24-hours power supply by removing deficiencies.

The "Mhara Gaon, Jagmag Gaon" scheme launched in 2015 has proved to be a big success.



Under the scheme the power distribution has been constantly maximised while transmission losses have been curbed dramatically.

## Line losses cut

More importantly, the state government has not passed any burden on the consumers as a result the rates of electricity bills have remained unchanged over the past 9 years. In addition, line losses have reduced from 34 percent to 15 percent showing people's increasing re-

liance on electricity.

Recently at a function the chief minister said that the State Electricity Regulatory Commissions are significantly enhancing electricity services for the consumers and positively impacting DISCOMs. As a result, all the DISCOMs in Haryana have achieved profitability for the first time.

Speaking as the chief guest at the Regional Conference of Electricity Regulatory Commissions, the chief minister congratulated the companies for completing 25 years of formation and also overcoming the losses with the "Uday" scheme initiated by Prime Minister, Sh. Narendra Modi. Haryana's efforts resulted in the state's DISCOMs collectively overcoming a loss of Rs. 25,950 crores, and now all four DISCOMs in Haryana are operating at a profit.

## FORTNIGHT IN RETROSPECT

### Policy soon to recycle electronic waste

The Deputy Chief Minister, Mr Dushyant Chautala, has said that the state government will bring an "Electronics Waste Recycling Policy" for proper recycling of old and defective electronic items in the state so that e-waste pollution can be managed.

The Deputy CM gave this information after presiding over a meeting of officers of the Industries and Commerce Department.

Various policies already notified by the department have been reviewed and the drafts of new policies have been discussed. He said the "Electronics Waste Recycling Policy" would soon be finalized after consulting the stakeholders.

The government has come out with "Haryana IT & ITeS Policy," "Haryana Electronics System Design Manufacturing Pol-

icy", "Haryana Electronics Toys Manufacturing Policy", "Haryana Medical Device Manufacturing Policy", "Haryana AVGC Policy" and "Haryana Emerging Technology Policy".

### Verify property data, get 15 pc discount

The Haryana Government has decided to provide a special discount of 15 percent for verifying the property data for 2023-24.

Disclosing this, the Urban Local Bodies Minister, Dr Kamal Gupta, said exemption had been given for a limited time on complete payment of property tax for 2023-24, which will continue till September 30, 2023.

Now, property holders can self-verify their property data on the departmental portal <http://ulbhryndc.org> to eliminate margin of errors. Dr. Gupta appealed to everyone to take maximum advantage of this exemption.

# Norms eased; 450 colonies regularised

## Grateful owners of houses feel relaxed

By Parveen K Modi

Their dreams fulfilled, owners of houses in 450 unauthorised colonies spread across Haryana have a reason to smile. Norms have been relaxed to regularize these colonies. The owners feel relaxed and see a future. Better still, as many as 1,856 more such colonies are under consideration for regularization.

Scripting a new chapter in urban development and inclusivity and fulfilling the ownership dreams of countless number of families residing in these colonies, the Haryana Government has decided to regularize these habitats situated beyond the municipal limits but falling under the purview of the Town and Country Planning Department.

This transformative decision showcases the commitment of the Manohar Lal Government to equitable urban growth, foster a more organized and well-planned landscape and give those residing in these colonies a sense of fulfillment and a future.

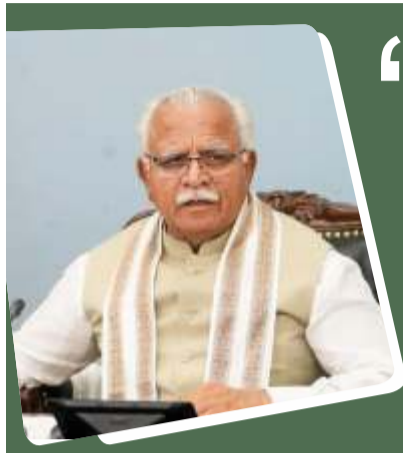
Dissecting the decision and divulging details, the Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, said the 450 colonies being regularized included 239 colonies falling under the jurisdiction of the Town and Country Planning Department and 211 colonies falling under the Urban Local Bodies Department.

### 1,135 colonies regularized

The decision will take the aggregate of unauthorised colonies regularized since 2014 to 1,135. A provision of Rs 500 crore has been made for basic development works in such colonies.

Some families residing in such colonies virtually attended the presser at which the Chief Minister announced the decision.

A short film highlighting the transparent and clean administra-



“While focusing on citizens' convenience and aiming to improve the living conditions of those residing in these unauthorised colonies, we reduced the requirements for approach road and internal road widths for regularization eligibility. Under the new norms, colonies with an approach road width of 6 meters or more, and internal roads width of 3 meters or more, are now eligible for regularization.”

Manohar Lal Chief Minister, Haryana

tion given by the Manohar Lal-led government and the pioneering decision taken by it was also played.

“The development work in the regularized colonies which fall outside the municipality area will be done by the Haryana Rural Development Authority. The development work of the colonies located within the municipality will be done by the concerned municipality,” said Mr Manohar Lal.

### Yamunanagar tops list

Giving break-up of the district-wise colonies, the Chief Minister said with the regularization of 92 colonies Yamunanagar topped the list followed by Faridabad where 59 colonies had been regularized. Similarly, 16 colonies have been regularized in Fatehabad, 3 in Gurugram, 20 in Hisar, 25 in Jhajjar, 30 in Kaithal, 2 in Karnal, 25 in Kurukshetra, 35 in Nuh, 31 in Palwal, 22 in Panipat, 14 in Rewari, 32 in Rohtak, 9 in Sirsa, and 35 in Sonipat.

Sharing the future plans regard-

### Key POINTS

- With regularization of 450 unauthorised colonies, the aggregate of such colonies has gone up to 1,135 since 2014.
- As many as 1,856 more unauthorised colonies are under consideration for regularization.
- Provision of Rs 500 crore has been made for basic development works in these colonies.
- With 92 colonies Yamunanagar tops the list followed by Faridabad where 59 colonies have been regularized

ing unauthorised colonies, the Chief Minister said that a total of 1,856 unauthorised colonies are currently under consideration for regularization. Among these, 727 colonies fall under the jurisdiction of the Town and Country Planning De-

partment, while 1,129 colonies are under the Urban Local Department.

The regularization process will commence once the specified criteria are met within these colonies. This development marks a crucial step in the state's urban planning and development efforts, asserted Mr Manohar Lal.

While highlighting a significant disparity in the regularization of unauthorised colonies between the present government and the one led by the Congress, Mr Manohar Lal said the Congress Government, during its ten-year tenure, had regularized 874 unauthorised colonies.

But the present government has taken a different approach, focusing on citizen convenience by relaxing the norms for regularization.

“While focusing on citizens' convenience and aiming to improve the living conditions of those residing in these colonies, we reduced the requirements for approach road and internal road widths for regularization eligibility.

Under the new norms, colonies with an approach road width of 6 meters or more, and internal roads width of 3 meters or more, are now eligible for regularization,” shared Mr Manohar Lal.

### Essential amenities

The residents living in the unauthorised colonies beyond the municipal limits have long been devoid of essential amenities. Acknowledging their difficulties, the government has undertaken the

Yamunanagar tops list		
No	District-wise colonies	Regularization colonies
1.	Faridabad	59 colonies
2.	Fatehabad	16 colonies
3.	Gurugram	3 colonies
4.	Hisar	20 colonies
5.	Jhajjar	25 colonies
6.	Kaithal	30 colonies
7.	Karnal	2 colonies
8.	Kurukshetra	25 colonies
9.	Nuh	35 colonies
10.	Palwal	31 colonies
11.	Panipat	22 colonies
12.	Rewari	14 colonies
13.	Rohtak	32 colonies
14.	Sirsa	9 colonies
15.	Sonipat	35 colonies
16.	Yamunanagar	92 colonies

task of regularizing these colonies.

“We have decided to regularize isolated colonies having a minimum area of two acres. This move is anticipated to bring about a transformative change in the lives of the residents residing in these areas,” said Mr Manohar Lal.

In an effort to streamline the process and acknowledge the challenges posed by delays in forming registered Citizen Welfare Committees, the government has decided to consider applications submitted not only by registered Citizen Welfare Committees but also by the developers or a minimum of five colony residents.

The development charges fixed to regularize the residential colonies falling outside the municipal area will be 8 percent of the collector rate for undeveloped land and 5 percent of the collector rate for developed land.

“We aim to lessen the impact of development charges on citizens by introducing a system where the payment of these charges is linked to the approval of building plans or property sale/purchase etc. This approach is intended to make the financial obligation more manageable for individuals and developers,” added Mr Manohar Lal.



# DGP for quick redressal of public grievances

By Ajay Bhardwaj

Newly-appointed Haryana Director General of Police Sh Shatrueet Kapur has directed the senior field functionaries of the police department to be more sensitive towards the people and redress their grievances in a time bound manner.

While presiding over the first meeting of senior police officers soon after taking over the DGP, in his interaction through video conference emphasized the need for prompt redressal of complaints to ensure speedy, fair and efficient delivery of justice and at the same time eliminate corruption.

He said that a system should be evolved to take feedback from



the complainants to ascertain their satisfaction level. This would not only make the grievance redressal system more transparent but people's faith in the police would also be enhanced.

While directing that a safe and secure atmosphere be provided to

women in the State, the DGP said that the police should work to develop such an atmosphere where the women or daughters feel safe even if they come home in late hours. He directed the field units to intensify police patrolling around girls' schools and colleges and mar-

ket places so as to give a strong message to unscrupulous elements.

\*Giving a clear message to tackle heinous crime more effectively the criminals and gangsters, DGP issued directions to double the strength of STF and equip it with commensurate resources to effectively deal with organized crimes.\*

### STF strength to be doubled

While reviewing the law and order situation in the State, he asked the police officers to remain vigilant against anti-social elements who try to vitiate the atmosphere in the State. Nobody would be allowed to take law in their hands, he maintained.

He also directed to keep a close vigil on social media and take action against those who try to disrupt

peace in the State through hate speeches. He also stressed the need to provide specialized training to the police officers and make specialised Law and Order companies and SWAT teams to have a quick response to deal with any untoward incident.

While reviewing the concept of Gram Prahari, Sh Kapur said that it is a unique concept of Haryana Police under which police officers visit the villages and gather information about suspects individuals, especially youth to identify criminal elements.

He directed that a database of bullies, eve teasers, drug paddlers and drug addicts be prepared so as to chalk out a strategy to effectively deal with them.

# Ambit of social security

## Manohar Lal Govt brings widowers



By **Parveen K Modi**

Social welfare continues to underwrite all policies and programmes steadfastly pursued by the Haryana Government, led by the Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal.

He keeps widening the arch to bring under the ambit of social welfare such segments of society as cannot sustain themselves on their own income, and deserve help from the state.

Having added dwarfs, eunuchs and the disabled to the growing list of beneficiaries, the state government has now come up with a pension scheme for widowers/vidurs and unmarried persons. Approved by the Cabinet, the scheme has since been notified and made applicable with effect from July 1, 2023.

“Committed to the wellbeing of all segments of society, we have widened the ambit of social welfare to bring the benefit of pension to such widowers and unmarried persons as in dire financial straits, cannot make their both ends meet from their own income, and are in need of financial help from the state government,” says the Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal.

### Thought-through scheme

Unstitching the stitches of the “Financial Assistance to Widower and Unmarried Persons Scheme, 2023,” Haryana Review finds that the well thought-through scheme not only lays down a clear roadmap but also provides for adequate safeguards to prevent, detect and deter any fraudulent practices.

Under the policy an unmarried persons between the age of 45 and 60 years in Haryana will now get a monthly pension of Rs 2,750, provided the annual income of his family is less than Rs 1.8 lakh.

In addition, widowers who have attained the age of 40 years and have an annual income of up to Rs 3 lakh, will also be eligible to re-

ceive the monthly pension of Rs. 2,750.

Financial assistance under the scheme will be provided till the beneficiary attains the age of 60 years. Thereafter, the financial assistance will be converted into Old Age Samman Allowance, subject to eligibility.

### Eligibility criteria

The following persons shall be eligible for financial assistance under the scheme:

A widower who has attained the age of 40 years and his own verified

time of submission of the application.

### Other terms, conditions

The monthly rate of financial assistance under the scheme shall be on the same rate as being provided under the Financial Assistance to Destitute Women & Widows Scheme, which is presently Rs 2,750 per month.

Financial assistance under the scheme will be provided till the beneficiary attains the age of 60 years. Thereafter, he/she will be eligible to receive the Old Age Samman Al-



“Committed to the wellbeing of all segments of society, we have widened the ambit of social welfare to bring the benefit of pension to such widowers and unmarried persons as in dire financial straits, cannot make their both ends meet from their own sources of income, and are in need of financial help from the state government.”

Manohar Lal Chief Minister, Haryana

annual income is up to Rs 3 lakh. He should be the domicile of Haryana and should have been residing in the state for the last one year at the time of submission of the application. A divorcee or one in a live-in-relationship shall not be eligible for financial assistance under the scheme.

An unmarried person, male as well as female, who has attained the age of 45 years, and belongs to a family whose verified annual family income is up to Rs 1.8 lakh, will get also the benefit. Such a person should be the domicile of Haryana and should have been residing in the state for the last one year at the

lowance, subject to eligibility.

The beneficiary shall not be allowed to draw financial assistance in case he/she is already drawing any other pension/financial assistance/annuity from any govt./ autonomous body.

The verification of eligibility will be on the basis of data available on the FIDR (Family Information Data Repository) established under the provision of the Haryana Parivar Pehchan Act, 2021. Hence, obtaining a family ID will be mandatory for the beneficiary.

### Process for sanction

The data for determining eligi-

bility, as per the eligibility criteria mentioned, shall be provided by the Haryana Parivar Pehchan Authority (HPPA).

After checking the record (already beneficiaries/eligibility etc), the Social Justice, Empowerment, Welfare of SCs & BCs and Antyodaya (SEWA) Department shall, on a monthly basis by the 10th of every month, provide the upgraded list of beneficiaries electronically through secure data transfer process to HPPA.

The Haryana Parivar Pehchan Authority shall provide in an electronic form through a secure data transfer process, the list of the persons, who as per data maintained and verified by the HPPA are eligible for financial assistance under this scheme along with their details, every month by the 15th of that month.

### No further verification

The details as provided by the HPPA, particularly the age of the person, his/her marital status and income status, domicile and residence proof and bank account details of the person, will not require any further verification by the Social Justice, Empowerment, Welfare of SCs & BCs and Antyodaya

After checking the record (already beneficiaries/eligibility etc), the Social Justice, Empowerment, Welfare of SCs & BCs and Antyodaya (SEWA) Department shall, on a monthly basis by the 10th of every month, provide the upgraded list of beneficiaries electronically through secure data transfer process to HPPA.

(SEWA) Department, Haryana.

However, if any specific fact otherwise comes to the knowledge of the department regarding correctness of the information/verification, the same will be forwarded by SEWA, Deptt to the HPPA through the online grievance handling process for further inquiry or/and into the verification.

After determination of the eligibility of the person under the scheme, the intended beneficiary will be contacted by the concerned District Social Welfare Officer or any other authorized government representative, for obtaining his/her consent for availing the financial as-

## Haryana's big announcement for widowers

Widowers aged between 40 and 60 to get monthly pension of Rs 2,750

All such persons with annual income of less than Rs 3 lakh to benefit from the scheme



# Widow pension widened and unmarried also under the cover

## Wrong facts, false info to cost dear

By Parveen K Modi

The "Financial Assistance to Widower and Unmarried Persons Scheme, 2023," has been stitched with adequate safeguards against any fraudulent practices and lays down stiff conditions to ensure that only legible persons stand to avail themselves of the benefit.

The District Social Welfare Officer (DSWO) shall have the right to stop payment as soon as it is found that it was sanctioned on a mistaken ground or false information; or the condition for which the benefit was granted no longer exists; or the beneficiary got married after the grant of benefit.

As stated earlier, financial assistance shall be sanctioned up to the age of 60 years and thereafter, it will be converted into Old Age Samman Allowance Scheme, subject to eligibility. The beneficiary will continue to draw Old Age Samman Allowance for entire life.

Financial assistance shall cease to be payable on the death of a beneficiary. However, the amount of assistance will be paid for full month in which death of the beneficiary occurs (any date of the month) to the nominee.

In case financial assistance is sanctioned on the basis of wrong information given by the applicant in his/her application form

In case financial assistance is sanctioned on the basis of wrong information given by the applicant in his/her application form or the assistance has been stopped due to any other reasons as mentioned earlier but the beneficiary does not inform the DSWO concerned, the amount drawn by him/her would be recovered along with interest @ 12% per annum.

or the assistance has been stopped due to any other reasons as mentioned earlier but the beneficiary does not inform the DSWO concerned, the amount drawn by him/her would be recovered along with interest @ 12% per annum.

Financial assistance under this scheme shall not be liable to attachment by any court of law.

### Mode of payment

The financial assistance will be distributed through the Public Finance Management System (PFMS). The bank will not permit the beneficiary to withdraw the benefits from outside the district in which he is registered.

In case there is no withdrawal

from the bank account for a continuous period of 60 days, such account will be rendered inoperative for the purpose of this scheme by the bank with no further credit of benefits under this scheme into it.

Such inoperative accounts will be reported by the bank to the department. In case the beneficiary applies for re-operationalisation of the bank account within the next 90 days with justification, the bank account may be re-operationalised with the permission of the director.

If not, the bank account will be rendered dead for the purpose of this scheme and the benefits credited into the bank account after the last withdrawal would be remitted back to the department with accrued interest by the bank.

If a person is detected for having more than one bank account under the PFMS, all his bank accounts will be terminated. He would become ineligible to receive benefits under any social security scheme of the state in future.

Any benefits received under the scheme, by suppressing true information or making wrong claim or the condition for which the pension was granted no longer exists or the beneficiary got married after the grant of benefit, would be recovered as arrears of land revenue with @12% interest per annum.

No further payment shall be made if the acknowledgement of



disbursement/payment has not been received for two consecutive instalments.

The financial assistance which has remained unpaid for two consecutive instalments or more shall be inquired into by the District Social Welfare Officer concerned who will take necessary action in this regard.

The Director General/Director, Social Justice, Empowerment, Welfare of SCs & BCs and Antyodaya (SEWA) Department shall be the overall in charge of the scheme and necessary instructions in regard to its proper enforcement and accounting procedure shall be issued by him from time to time.

assistance under this scheme.

The DSWOs will complete the consent process by the last date of the month in which the data has been pushed. The beneficiary/ pension ID will be issued by the Department of SEWA by the 7th of next month. The DSWO will ensure that the person is not drawing any other pension/ financial assistance/ annuity etc. as per the scheme guidelines.

### Online grievance redress

In case any information is available with DSWO regarding the corrections of the verified data provided by HPPA, it will be intimated through the online grievance handling process established by HIPAA using the login credentials of the DSWO provided by HPPA.

After receipt of the intended beneficiary's consent and inquiry, the concerned District Social Welfare Officer will approve online, on the portal of the SEWA Department, the Financial Assistance in the beneficiary's favour and a Unique Identification Number will be generated and further provided to the beneficiary.

It shall be obligatory for a benefi-



ciary to intimate any change of address to the DSWO. A beneficiary shifting to a place outside Haryana for a period exceeding three months shall not be ordinarily eligible for

payment of such assistance during the period of his/her stay outside Haryana. However, in a case involving real hardship, the DSWO may permit payment of financial as-

sistance to such a person for a period of absence up to one year, if he is satisfied that the shifting of residence was absolutely essential for the beneficiary.

### Some other key social

#### Welfare schemes

Old Age Samman Allowance

Widow Pension Scheme

Disability Pension Scheme

Financial Assistance to Destitute Children Scheme (FADC)

Financial Assistance to Non School Going Disabled Children (less than 18 years)

Allowance to dwarfs

Allowance to eunuchs

Rajiv Gandhi Pariwar Bima Yojna

# Local bodies get more say, powers

## Manohar Lal Govt takes democracy to grass-roots level

By **Parveen K Modi**

**D**ecentralization and devolution of powers, taking decision-making right up to the level of local bodies in the state, is the new mantra of the Haryana Government.

The Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, is of the firm conviction that democracy must be taken to the grass-roots level, giving the local administration more financial powers and say, and making it responsible for development. He also believes in giving people decisive

say in how they should be governed, a cause Mahatma Gandhi propounded and strongly advocated.

Having taken significant decisions to strengthen the democratic system at the grassroots level, the Manohar Lal Government has now come out with cost-specific guidelines on the delegation of powers in local bodies.

In supersession of the earlier notification issued on February 18, 2023, a new pattern of delegation of powers has been notified to facilitate smooth functioning of municipal corporations, municipal coun-

Having taken significant decisions to strengthen the democratic system at the grassroots level, the Manohar Lal Government has now come out with cost-specific guidelines on the delegation of powers in local bodies.

cils & municipal committees in the state.

The works to be executed have been divided into two categories: those to be executed with own funds or grant-in-aid and the ones to be ex-

ecuted with government funds. Similarly, different authorities and officers have been assigned responsibility for the execution of works out of their own funds or grant-in-aid, and with government funds.

Authorities/officers have been assigned powers for executing works costing between Rs 50 lakh and Rs 25 crore in municipal corporations. So has been done in the case of works in municipal councils and committees costing between Rs 40 lakh and above Rs 10 crore.

Similarly, different officers have been authorised to accept tenders

within 5 per cent and above ten per cent of the estimated cost of the work to be executed. (See charts below)

Earlier, the state government had not only delegated more powers to the PRIs and local bodies but also provided them funds for the execution of development projects.

An Inter District Council has been set up to ensure that gram panchayats, panchayat samitis and zila parishads work as a ruler and get the required funds and powers to take care of local development needs.

Municipal Corporations: Approval of original works (out of Govt. Funds)				
Sr. No.	Estimated amount of original works	Administrative approval competency	Technical sanction competency	Mode of implementation
1.	Upto Rs 50 lakhs Subject to sanction provided by Government for funds for the work.	Commissioner, Municipal Corporation	Executive Engineer	Haryana Engineering Works Portal
2.	Above 50 lakhs to Rs 2.5 crore Subject to sanction provided by Government for funds for the work.	Director Urban Local Bodies	Superintending Engineer	Haryana Engineering Works Portal
3.	Above 2.5 crore to Rs 5 crore	Administrative Secretary of ULB Department	Chief Engineer	Haryana Engineering Works Portal
4.	Above Rs 5 crore upto Rs 10 crore	ULB Minister	Chief Engineer	Haryana Engineering Works Portal
5.	Above Rs 10 crore	Chief Minister	Chief Engineer	Haryana Engineering Works Portal

Municipal councils & committees Approval of original works (out of govt. Funds)				
Sr. No.	Estimated amount of original works	Administrative approval competency	Technical sanction competency	Mode of implementation
1.	Upto Rs 50 lakhs Subject to sanction provided by Government for funds for the work.	District Municipal Commissioner	Executive Engineer	Haryana Engineering Works Portal
2.	Above 50 lakhs upto Rs 2.5 crore Subject to sanction provided by Government for funds for the work.	Director Urban Local Bodies	Superintending Engineer	Haryana Engineering Works Portal
3.	Above 2.5 crore to Rs 5 crore	Administrative Secretary, ULB Department	Chief Engineer	Haryana Engineering Works Portal
4.	Above Rs 5 crore upto Rs 10 crore	ULB Minister	Chief Engineer	Haryana Engineering Works Portal
5.	Above Rs 10 crore	Chief Minister through ULB Minister	Chief Engineer	Haryana Engineering Works Portal

Municipal Corporations: Approval of original works (own funds or Grant-in-aid)				
Sr. No.	Estimated amount of original works	Administrative approval competency	Technical sanction competency	Mode of implementation
1.	Upto Rs 50 lakhs	Commissioner, Municipal Corporation	Executive Engineer	Haryana Engineering Works Portal
2.	Above Rs 50 lakhs and upto Rs 2.5 crore	Finance Committee of the Municipal Corporation	Superintending Engineer	Haryana Engineering Works Portal
3.	Above Rs 2.5 Crore upto Rs 10 crore subject to certification of availability of funds by Commissioner, Municipal Corporation	Finance Committee of the Municipal Corporation	Chief Engineer	Haryana Engineering Works Portal
4.	Above Rs 10 crore upto Rs 25 crore subject to certification of availability of funds by Commissioner, Municipal Corporation	ULB Minister	Chief Engineer	Haryana Engineering Works Portal
5.	Above Rs 25 crore subject to certification of availability of funds by Commissioner, Municipal Corporation	Chief Minister	Chief Engineer	Haryana Engineering Works Portal

Municipal Corporations: Acceptance of tenders				
Sr. No.	Estimated amount of original works	Acceptance of Tender (within 5% of estimate)	Acceptance of Tender (above 5% but upto 10% of estimate)	Acceptance of Tender (above 10% of estimate)
1.	Upto Rs 1 crore	Executive Engineer	Superintending Engineer	Chief Engineer with concurrence of Commissioner Municipal Corporation
2.	Above Rs 1 crore upto Rs 2.5 crore	Superintending Engineer	Chief Engineer	Chief Engineer with concurrence of Commissioner Municipal Corporation
3.	Above Rs 2.5 crore upto Rs 10 crore	Chief Engineer with concurrence of Commissioner Municipal Corporation	Chief Engineer with concurrence of Finance Committee of Municipal Corporation	Departmental Works Committee headed by ULB Minister and including Administrative Secretary of ULB Department, Mayor, Commissioner Municipal Corporation and Chief Engineer of Municipal Corporation
4.	Above Rs 10 crore	High Powered Works Committee headed by Chief Minister, ULB Minister, Administrative Secretary of ULB Department & Finance Department, Mayor, Commissioner & Chief Engineer of Municipal Corporation and Chief Engineer of ULB Department.		

# 1.77 L acres to be reclaimed by 2025

## Waterlogged Land Reclamation Plan rolled out

By **Rajeev Ranjan Roy**

The Haryana Government led by the dynamic Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, while striving to achieve Prime Minister Mr Narendra Modi's vision of ensuring adequate availability and sustainable water management in the state, has drawn plans to cover 1,77,323 acres of land under the waterlogged land reclamation action plan 2023-25. Out of this land, 5000 acres will be brought under aquaculture.

As per the plan, the central districts of Haryana, namely, Rohtak, Jhajjar, part of Bhiwani, Charkhi Dadri, Hisar, Jind, Fatehabad, Sirsa, Sonapat, Nuh and Palwal that are experiencing a rise in water levels would witness multiple measures like vertical drainage, subsurface drainage, saline water aquaculture and green manuring for controlling water logging. Notably, topographical location and finer Aeolian sediment disposition is the main reason for water logging in these districts.

### Water management plans

The state government has launched several water management plans. Mera Pani, Meri Virasat, recent introduction of Integrated Water Resources Action Plan 2023-25 and subsidies on adopting micro-irrigation provide a framework for achieving long-term objectives of



sustainable water resources in the state. Such measures are of paramount importance as agriculture is an important sector of Haryana's economy and the highest water-consuming sector as well.

As per the official data, The water demand for agriculture sector has been calculated for the year 2021, as 30,05,514 crore litres for the cropped area of 152 lakh acres, which is estimated to increase by 30,34,554 crore litres in 2025. Similarly, the demand of water in the industry and infrastructure development sector was 1,04,418 crore litres in 2021 and by 2025, the demand for water in this sector is estimated to increase to 1,46,518 crore litres.

Presently the water availability in Haryana is 30,57,298 crore litres, while the demand is 44,59,976 crore

The water demand for agriculture sector has been calculated for the year 2021, as 30,05,514 crore litres for the cropped area of 152 lakh acres, which is estimated to increase by 30,34,554 crore litres in 2025. Similarly, the demand of water in the industry and infrastructure development sector was 1,04,418 crore litres in 2021 and by 2025, the demand for water in this sector is estimated to increase to 1,46,518 crore litres.

litres. To bridge the gap of 14 lakh crore litres between the demand and availability of water, a water action plan for 2023-25 has been formulated under the guidance of the Chief Minister.

### Action plan

Before preparing this action plan, as per the directions of the Chief Minister, the Haryana Water Resources Authority prepared a district-wise report after studying the availability of underground water at the village level. Haryana is probably the first state in the country, which has prepared water management plans at the village level.

Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal firmly believes that one has to focus on a 3-R strategy, that is, Reduce, Re-

The state government has launched several water management plans. Mera Pani, Meri Virasat, recent introduction of Integrated Water Resources Action Plan 2023-25 and subsidies on adopting micro-irrigation provide a framework for achieving long-term objectives of sustainable water resources in the state.

cycle and Reuse to achieve the water management and sustainability target. Dependence on freshwater can be reduced by reusing water. Apart from this, the state government is also running schemes to irrigate the fields through micro irrigation and underground pipelines to save water.

In a bid to encourage farmers to adopt the sowing of paddy through the DSR technique, the Chief Minister launched another subsidy scheme –Mera Pani, Meri Virasat. Under this scheme, farmers opting for crops like maize, millet and jowar instead of paddy are getting an incentive of Rs 7,000 per acre and financial assistance of Rs 4,000 per acre for sowing of paddy through the DSR technique. Similarly, Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal took another unique initiative of interacting directly with the farmers through Kisan Samvad programmes.

# From industrial hub to film centre

## Talks held to tap Gurugram potential for film-making

By **Parveen K Modi**

From an industrial hub to film city! Gurugram may not take long to make the transit. Efforts are on to tap the exciting potential of the global city, home to more than 400 out of 500 Fortune 500 companies, offers for making films with the spin-off effect on job creation in Haryana.

It was in this context that National Film Award winner, renowned filmmaker and director Madhur Bhandarkar, called on the Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, in New Delhi. Mr Biplab Dev, senior BJP leader and in charge, Haryana, was also present on this occasion.

### Robust film policy

Tapping the opportunity, the Chief Minister dwelt on the robust film policy of Haryana which has been carefully drafted to foster the growth of film industry in the state. Designed to attract filmmakers and production houses, the [policy offers a wide range of incentives and support mechanisms.

It aims to posit Haryana as a premier destination for filmmakers, catalyzing economic growth through film-related activities, he added.



Acclaimed for his thought-provoking films that reflect societal dynamics, Mr Bhandarkar spoke about the untapped potential Haryana holds for the cinematic world.

He praised the Chief Minister's vision and commitment to nurturing the creative sector, which could lead to the generation of numerous job opportunities in various film-related disciplines.

The unique attributes of Haryana also came up for discus-

sion which make it an ideal backdrop for a diverse range of cinematic narratives. The state's rich cultural heritage, picturesque landscapes, and vibrant local communities present an intriguing canvas for film makers.

### CM visits camera museum

The Chief Minister is committed to preserving the state's rich art and culture. Due to his visionary approach, Gurugram is becoming a

hub not only for international-level art exhibitions but also for the burgeoning Bollywood dreams. With an ongoing international art exhibition captivating audiences, the vision of a mini Bollywood scene in Gurugram is taking shape.

The Chief Minister visited the renowned Museo Camera Museum in Gurugram on the occasion of World Photography Day. He also extended warm greetings to photographers worldwide. Acknowledging the sig-

nificant role of photography in capturing moments that transcend time, he emphasized the profound impact of this art form.

Under the Chief Minister's guidance, the Gurugram Metropolitan Development Authority has partnered with the private sector to establish an exceptional museum that has garnered international acclaim. Prime Minister Sh. Narendra Modi himself applauded this initiative during his "Mann Ki Baat" program in May 2023.

The Museo Camera Museum goes beyond photography, presenting insights into India's political, cultural, and social history. It serves as a destination not only for photography enthusiasts from India and around the world but also for Bollywood filmmakers and artists.

The evolution of photography, from its inception by Joseph Nicéphore Napes of France in the 18th century to its modern-day scientific form, is showcased at the museum, underscoring its enduring significance.

In a gesture of appreciation and encouragement, Mr Manohar Lal presented a Speed-Graphic Graflex to Aditya Arya, the founder and Director of Museo Camera.



## A CAUTIOUS TREAD

With eyes fixated on the prey,  
a Bagula (Cattle Egret)  
treads cautiously lest its  
food should take the  
escape route

Photo by Vinay Malik

## Antim makes history

Haryana Review Bureau



Antim Panghal has created history by becoming the first Indian woman wrestler to win back-to-back U20 world titles as she defended her 53kg crown in a wrestling tournament in Jordan.

Antim, who hails from Hisar, dominated her Ukrainian rival Mariia Yefremova in her facile 4-0 win. She fought with such authority that she conceded only two points in the entire tournament.

Antim had become the first Indian woman grappler last year to win a junior world championships title and has already had a smooth transition to the senior circuit.

Last year, in Bulgaria, Antim brought laurels to Haryana as well as to the country and created history as she became the first Indian woman to win gold in the U-20 World Championship.

## Panipat comes alive on Hariyali Teej

### CM joins with Sudama Kothli

By Ajay Bhardwaj

Panipat came vibrantly alive with the grand celebration of Hariyali Teej which saw an unprecedented turnout of about 50,000 women coming from various parts of the state.

With a surge of enthusiasm, women and young children alike donned traditional Haryanvi attire, infusing the festival with a deep sense of cultural pride.

#### 101 women felicitated

Gracing the occasion as a chief guest, Chief Minister, Sh. Manohar Lal felicitated 101 exceptional women from diverse fields.

The city resonated with the fervour of tradition and the spirit of progress, making this year's celebration an unforgettable spectacle.

The Chief Minister said in a symbolic gesture of a 'Sudama' he had brought 'Kothli' (traditional gift), urging the women to accept it as a token of his blessings.

He highlighted the tradition where brothers pledge to ensure their sisters' happiness and prosperity through this traditional 'Kothali'.

As a brother figure, the Chief Minister pledged to work for the happiness and prosperity of all the women. He also emphasized the pivotal role of women – mothers,



sisters, and daughters—in making festivals whole, expressing his resolute commitment to their well-being and peace.

On this occasion the Chief Minister announced the setting up of 50 to 100 Pota Cabins at district headquarters.

These cabins will operate as Sanjha Bazar, exclusively featuring products meticulously crafted by Self-Help Groups (SHGs).

The aim is to furnish these groups with a platform to exhibit

and sell their products. With the formation of more than 57,000 self-help groups, a substantial foundation for community development and financial independence has been established.

These groups have received a remarkable boost, with a revolving fund of Rs. 54.57 crore, a community investment fund of around Rs 285 crore, and a bank credit linkage amounting to approximately Rs. 880 crore.

Notably, the Revolving Fund

#### Key POINTS

- Aid under Mukhyamantri Vivah Shagun Yojana raised to Rs 41,000.
- 50 to 100 Pota Cabins to be set up at distt. hqs.
- Govt and private polytechnic colleges with underutilized infrastructure to be upgraded into women degree colleges.

amount has been doubled from Rs. 10,000 to Rs. 20,000, fostering greater entrepreneurship.

The women's self-help groups have been exempted from stamp duty on loans up to Rs. 5 lakh.

#### 'Vivah Shagun' Increased

Making another important announcement, Sh. Manohar Lal said that under the umbrella of the Mukhyamantri Vivah Shagun Yojana and similar schemes, the government currently extends financial aid of Rs. 31,000 and it has been increased to Rs. 41,000.

"To boost education for daughters in the state, the Government and private polytechnic colleges with underutilized infrastructure will be upgraded into women degree colleges based on the demands and requirements received from such colleges.