

# Haryana Review

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## Have 50 employees? Better open a crèche! Haryana first to come out with policy to facilitate working women

By Parveen K Modi

While Haryana keeps adding more firsts to its bulging kitty, social welfare continues to inform all policies and programmes steadfastly pursued by a determined Manohar Lal Government. With a view to protecting the interests of working women and working couples in the state and facilitating them to pursue their avocations, Haryana has come out with the State Creche Policy, 2022.

The policy has been prepared for the convenience of working women. A child from 6 months to 6 years will be admitted to the crèche which would be set up to keep and take care of the child for 8 to 10 hours a day. Skilled and trained staff drawn from the Haryana Kaushal Rojgar Nigam limited (HKRNL) will be deployed at the crèche. While Rs 15,000 per month will be given to each crèche worker, a helper will get Rs 7,500.

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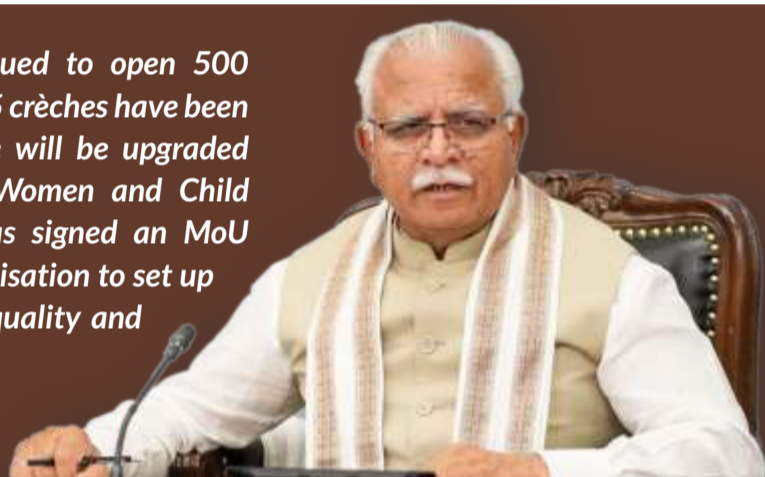
have children's play material and toys, offer nutritious food and facilitate regular health check-up and vaccination. Suitable sleeping arrangements will be made for the children. Every creche will ensure

provided to the children and the expenses will be borne by the government. The crèche will also have a feeding room for children.

With the maximum distance from the office to crèche for working

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Chief Minister, Haryana



Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, said.

According to the Additional Chief Secretary, Women and Child Development Department, Mrs Sumita Misra, it would be mandatory for all institutions having a strength of more than 50 employees to open crèches. Every crèche will

their education and physical and social-emotional development.

The crèche will remain open 26 days a month. ID cards of parents and staff will also be made for the safety of children. No child will be left alone in the crèche. Breakfast, lunch and evening snacks will be

women having been fixed at 500 metres, the policy seems to have been drafted with an eye on every minute detail. It will go a long way in facilitating working mothers and couples to pursue their jobs in the state.

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### Ayushman income limit now Rs 3 L

#### An I-Day gift

By Rajeev Ranjan Roy

In a big gift to the people of the state on the occasion of Independence Day, Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal has announced to increase the income limit under Ayushman Bharat Yojana from Rs 1.80 lakh to Rs 3 lakh per annum. The decision assumes significance as ensuring health services to all, in particular those from weaker sections, is essential for promoting public health, equality, economic prosperity, and the overall well-being of society.

Chief Minister Mr Lal, who made the announcement during Jan Samvad programme at Bakana village in Yamunanagar district on August 12, said that for making Ayushman cards, the portal would be opened for one month.

With this announcement, 8 lakh new families are expected to be included in the scheme.

**I-Day celebrations-P2**

## CM invokes 'Haryana Ek, Haryanvi Ek' ethos

By Ajay Bhardwaj

With the law-and-order situation in Nuh and its adjoining areas getting normalised.

Chief Minister Sh. Manohar Lal has given a clarion call to the people to go by 'Haryana Ek, Haryanvi Ek' ethos and maintain the atmosphere of brotherhood and amity in the state.

While describing the Nuh incident as unfortunate he said that this incident had resulted in the tragic loss of six lives, which included two Home Guards and four civilians, the Chief Minister said the state government was actively working to identify those responsible for this incident and expose the potential conspirators.

So far, 312 persons have been arrested 142 FIRs have been lodged in Nih, Gurugram, Rewari, Faridabad, Palwal and Panipat districts.

The Chief Minister said strict and decisive action would be taken against anyone found guilty of involvement in this incident.

No one will be spared. Justices for the victims and their families will be ensured, he said.

While urging the people to maintain peace, harmony and brother-

### Nuh 2nd in Jal Shakti Abhiyan

Creating a landmark for the state district Nuh has secured the second position in the front runner category of the aspirational district of Jal Shakti Abhiyan in the Niti Aayog's Delta ranking.

Chief Minister Sh. Manohar Lal commended the officers and called upon them to keep up their outstanding performance in order to ensure holistic development of the district.

Diligent efforts made by district officers for the progress of Nuh under the Aspirational Districts Programme has yielded positive results as it has successfully moved from the 30th position to the second position, he said.

Progress made from October 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 was made the basis for ranking under this campaign. During this period Jal Jeevan Survekshan Survey was conducted in the district

hood, the Chief Minister said that allowing tensions to escalate can have a detrimental impact on the spirit of brotherhood among the people.

under the Jal Shakti Abhiyan. The district was the first runner up during the stipulated period. Progress was reviewed on the basis of 8 parameters during the Jal Jeevan Survekshan Survey.

According to the prescribed parameters, 100 percent working condition of water taps in the houses was ensured.

Water taps were installed by the Public Health Engineering Department in the houses of Nuh district where taps were not there in the past. In addition, water committees have been constituted in the villages of the district which are responsible for certifying that homes are receiving a steady supply of drinking water.

Apart from this, quality checking of this water is also ensured by the team of villagers. Five women have been trained in every panchayat to check the quality of water.

He urged citizens to prioritize unity and brotherhood, as these factors are essential for the state's overall prosperity. As many as 30 com-

### Kapoor is new DGP

The 1990 batch IPS Shatruej Ka-poor is the new DGP of Haryana. He succeeds PK Agrawal who superannuated on August 15.



panies of the Haryana Police have been deployed for this purpose.

Additionally, 20 companies of Central Security Forces of the Central government, with 3 companies deployed in Palwal, 2 companies in Gurugram, one company in Faridabad, and a substantial deployment of 14 companies in the Nuh district. A close vigil is also being kept on social media and added that strict action would be taken against those found making hate speeches.

He said that data of people spreading misleading propaganda on social media is also being collected and action would be taken against them as per the Cyber Law.

A battalion of IRB consisting of around 1,000 personnel would be permanently deployed at Nuh so that any untoward incident could be immediately dealt with.

# By 2047, Haryana will be ahead of others: CM

## Glorious tributes to martyrs mark I-Day celebrations

By Ajay Bhardwaj

Chief Minister, Sh. Manohar Lal expressed confidence that by 2047 Haryana would be the most developed state in the country.

Addressing the state-level Independence Day function at Fatehabad the chief minister said the kind of progress the state has made in the last nine years clearly proves that it has the potential and capability to surpass all other states.

The chief minister said the Independence Day was an occasion to commemorate the martyrs who sacrificed their lives for the freedom of the country.

The Chief Minister said that the heroes of Haryana had also participated enthusiastically in the freedom movement and even after independence our soldiers kept showcasing unparalleled examples of bravery during the foreign intrusion in 1962, 1965, and 1971 as well during the Kargil War.

### Unsung heroes

Expressing his gratitude to the great freedom fighters, the Chief Minister said that he pays heartfelt tributes to the martyrs and unsung heroes of the freedom movement who laid down their lives for our better tomorrow.

As this auspicious festival of independence is also a day to celebrate achievements of the Nation the chief minister spoke about India launching missions like Chandrayaan and Mangalyaan on the strength of its advanced technology and unique talent. Recently our Chandrayaan-3 has entered the moon's orbit and will land on the moon after a week from today.

Describing the country's Prime Minister, Sh. Narendra Modi as a Prime Minister with far-reaching vision, he said that Sh. Narendra Modi is capable of resolving challenging situations in very less time.

### 509 schools to be named after martyrs

The state government announced that on Independence Day, as a tribute to the martyrs, 509 government schools of the state will be named after the martyrs.

Starting from August 15, the names of 509 government schools in the state will be formally changed to honor the Haryana's valiant soldiers who laid down their lives in order to safeguard the country. This change will be reflected in all records and on the official website of the State's Education Department from the midnight of August 14.



Ram at Ayodhya, which is on the verge of completion, he has strengthened the faith of millions of citizens.

The Chief Minister said that we have been celebrating 'Azaadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' for the last two years. At the conclusion of this festival, this time the Prime Minister has launched the campaign 'Meri Maati-Mera Desh'. In this campaign started on the anniversary of 'Quit India Movement' on August 9, soil from every village and every city of the country is being collected.

Recalling the freedom struggle,

The initiative includes schools from various districts: 94 schools from Rewari, 85 from Bhiwani, and 61 from Jind. Other districts such as Palwal with 38, Rohtak with 36, Charkhi Dadri with 28, Jhajjar with 28, Gurugram with 25, Kaithal with 21, Mahendragarh with 16, Hisar with 13, and Fatehabad with 10 schools will also carry the martyrs' names. Similarly, schools in Ambala, Faridabad, Kurukshetra, Sonapat (8 each), Yamunanagar, Panchkula, Panipat (5 each), Sirsa (4), Karnal (2), and Nuh district (1) will also be named after martyrs.

the Chief Minister said that we are proud that the first spark of the freedom movement was ignited on May 10, 1857 from Ambala. That spark later transformed into a mass movement, due to which we were able to gain freedom from British rule in

1947. To inspire new generations with the patriotism of those fighters, a martyr's memorial (Shaheed Smarak) is being constructed in Ambala Cantonment.

### Sainik Welfare Department

He said that we cannot repay the debt of the sacrifices of our martyrs, but we can express our gratitude towards them by taking care of their families. Taking steps in this direction, the government has constituted 'Sainik and Ardh-Sainik Welfare Department' in the state. He informed that the ex-gratia amount for the soldiers of army and paramilitary forces who were martyred during the war has been increased to Rs. 50 lakh.

Even in case of martyrdom during the I.E.D. Blast, the ex-gratia amount has been enhanced to Rs. 50 lakh. 367 dependents of martyrs of army and paramilitary forces have been given jobs on compassionate grounds.

### Empowering women

The Chief Minister said that women have a big contribution in the development of the country. We are committed to the economic and educational development of this half of the population and to provide them a safe environment. We have given 50 percent representation to women in Panchayati Raj Institutions to ensure women's participation in the development of villages. To increase livelihood opportunities for women, a provision has been made to give one-third of the ration depots to women. The operation of 'Atal Kisan Mazdoor Can-



### Har Ghar Tiranga campaign

The State launched "Har Ghar Tiranga" campaign aimed at inspiring individuals to hoist the National Flag at their homes during the Independence week from August 13 to 15.

The vision behind "Har Ghar Tiranga" was to foster national unity and commemorate the country's freedom struggle by instilling a deep sense of patriotism.

The Food, Civil Supplies, and Consumer Affairs department made available more than five lakh national flags which were distributed in the state under the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign. Under this initiative, the national flag was available at every ration depot in the village and city of the state and any person could collect the flag from the ration depot at Rs 25 per flag.

Haryana. 76 new colleges have been opened in the state.

### 43 prisoners released

The Haryana Government released 43 prisoners on August 15, 2023, on the occasion of 75th anniversary of Independence by granting special remission.

An official spokesperson said that 7 prisoners aged 60 years and above, who have completed 50 per cent of their actual sentence without remission, were released.

### 12 cops get Police Medal

DSP Udai Raj Singh Tanwar gets President's Police Medal

As many as 12 Haryana police officers and personnel have been selected to receive President's Police Medal for Distinguished Service (PPMDS) and Police Medals for Meritorious Service (PMMS). Disclosing this, a Haryana Police spokesperson said the medals were announced by the Union Ministry of Home Affairs.

While two officers have been selected to be decorated with the prestigious President's Police Medal for Distinguished Service and 10 other cops are to be awarded with the Police Medal for Meritorious Service.

Udai Raj Singh Tanwar, Deputy Superintendent of Police, CID, and Janak Kumari, Lady Sub Inspector CID, have been selected to receive the President's Police Medal for Distinguished Service.

Those who have been selected to be decorated with Police Medal for Meritorious Service include Rahul Dev DSP Jhajjar, Virender Singh Deputy Commissioner of Police Soni-

pat, Naveen Kumar Assistant Sub Inspector Hisar, Rajbala Lady Sub Inspector Gurugram, Ram Pal Inspector Yamunanagar, Sunil Kumar Sub Inspector Commando Newal Karnal, Surrender Partap Head Constable State Crime Branch Panchkula, Virender Kumar ASI Panchkula, Yudhvir Singh Sub Inspector Anti Corruption Bureau Gurugram and Joginder Singh ASI Rohtak.

Director General of Police (DGP), Mr P.K. Agrawal, has congratulated all police officers and officials who have earned this remarkable distinction. "Their achievement brings great pride and honour not only to the recipients but to the entire police force of Haryana", he said.

Conveyed his best wishes for their future endeavours, he expressed his hope that their success and recognition will continue to grow.

This well-deserved acknowledgment will undoubtedly boost their morale, and it will stand as a shining example for others to follow.

By abrogation of Article-370 and Section 35-A from Jammu and Kashmir, the dream of united India from Kashmir to Kanyakumari has been materialised in true sense.

By beginning the construction of the grand temple of Lord Shri

# Not more than five-year stay in a school

## Teachers Transfer Policy 2023 gets Cabinet nod

By **Rajeev Ranjan Roy**

In order to ensure equitable and demand-based distribution of teachers and school heads, protect students' academic interests and enhance job satisfaction among employees, Haryana Cabinet which met here on August 4 under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal approved the draft of the Teacher Transfer Policy, 2023. It supersedes the Teacher Transfer Policy, 2016 issued on June 5, 2017.

The draft of the Teacher Transfer Policy, 2023 aims at bringing in more transparency and efficiency in following the policy of transferring teachers across the state. The significant changes proposed in the draft policy include giving up the concept of zones and points on the basis of State Teachers Award and Na-

List of disease of debilitating disorder of the Teacher Transfer Policy 2023 includes Chronic Heart Diseases and Chronic artery diseases, Chronic renal Failure, Brain tumours, Malignancy of different organs, Paraplegia/Quadriplegia/Hemiplegia, Multiple Sclerosis, Myasthenia Gravis, Parkinson's Disease, Thalassaemia, Hemophilia, Aplastic Anemia, Myelodysplastic Disorders, AIDS, Liver and Kidney transplant, Cystic Fibrosis and Type-1 Diabetes.

The list can be amended by the Administrative Secretary School Education in consultation with the Administrative Secretary Health at least 30 days before the start of General Transfer Drive.



## Gaurav Samman Scheme for Padma awardees

With the aim to create a positive and empowering environment that celebrates talent, hard work, dedication, fostering an atmosphere of excellence and pride throughout the state, Haryana has introduced the Haryana Gaurav Samman Scheme, 2023 for the Padma awardees.

This scheme shall come into operation from the date of its publication in the official Gazette, Haryana. The State Cabinet which met under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal here on August 4 accorded its approval to a proposal in this regard.

Under this scheme, eligible Padma Awardees will get a hono-

rarium of Rs 10,000 per month. The awardees will continue to receive the honorarium till life. A person eligible for an honorarium under the scheme should be a citizen of India and a resident of Haryana.

The applicant must be a recipient of any of the Padma Awards namely Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan and Padma Shri for outstanding contributions and achievements in their respective fields. The 'Haryana Gaurav Samman Scheme' seeks to honour the exceptional achievements of citizens of Haryana who have excelled in fields of sports, arts, literature, social work, science, technology, medicine, industry and other domains of public life.

ditional Teachers. A teacher can stay up to a maximum of five years in a school during his service career.

Besides this, the new policy also has added a provision of graded positive discriminatory measures for widows. Eligible regular teachers and guest teachers can choose a minimum 10 educational blocks. Choice of a minimum of 10 educational blocks will be sought from

the eligible regular teachers and all guest teachers for State Cadre and all Blocks of the particular district for district cadre posts.

According to the draft, normalization will be done for every block for every job post by considering the choices of both regular and guest teachers. Besides this, for couple case, maximum five points will be given to all those male and female

teachers whose spouse is working on regular basis in a Department/ Board/ Corporation/ PSU/ State University of Haryana State or a Central University located in Haryana or in Central Government/ PSU and is posted in Haryana, Delhi and Chandigarh or as a Guest Teacher.

C&V Teachers being district cadre shall be given preference in their district over teachers of TGT cadre to ensure their posting within the district. All eligible ESHMs have to mandatorily fill the choices of post of ESHM as well as TGT. While allocating an opted eligible vacancy to ESHM priority shall be assigned to the option of the post of ESHM. Only after allocating all posts of ESHM the remaining ESHMs shall be allocated on the posts of TGTs.

### Benefit of performance

A provision to extend the benefit of good result performance has been proposed to be given only to the Principals and Headmasters based on school results.

Teachers (PGTs/ TGTs/ C&Vs) of subjects having less than 80 working strength will not be compulsorily included in the drive due to completion of five years tenure unless their post is declared surplus due to rationalization of posts. Department will publish a list of such

### Key POINTS

- Age is the prime factor for calculation of the merit points.
- Maximum 20 points can be availed by a teacher from the Special Factors mentioned in the policy.
- In no case, the maximum merit points availed on the basis of age and special factors can be more than 80.
- In the case of Principals, average of the pass percentages of 10th and 12th classes shall be considered for calculation of academic performance.
- In case of Headmasters, only the pass percentage of 10th class of Board examination shall be considered for calculation of points.
- If both husband and wife are working in the Department, the benefit of 10 points can be claimed by either of them and not by both.

subjects before execution of every GTD.

If a teacher is willing to be posted in a school located in Morni Educational Block of Panchkula district (to be considered as Morni area) or Hathin Educational Block of Palwal district or Nuh district (to be considered as Mewat area) against a vacancy and who has neither declared Panchkula in case of Morni area and Palwal, Nuh, Faridabad or Gurugram as his home district nor has completed Class 10th or 12th from a school located in Panchkula district and Palwal, Nuh, Faridabad or Gurugram districts respectively for the said two areas, additional 10 per cent of the Basic Pay plus DA will be paid to such regular teachers and Rs 10,000 per month to guest teachers during the said posting.

# MSME cluster to be set up in every block

## Padma policy amended

Haryana Cabinet, which met under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal, has accorded approval for amendment to the notification of Programme to Accelerate Development for MSME Advancement (PADMA) Policy.

It was decided that for each block, one new MSME industrial cluster covering an area of minimum 25 acre shall be developed, which was previously 100 acre.

Each MSME cluster shall constitute a minimum 20 micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) along with other enabling infrastructure.

As per the new amendment, the land for the project may be arranged by the state government or private developers willing to participate in the programme either through purchase or on lease of at least 30 years.



Financial assistance of 50 per cent to 85 per cent may be obtained from the state government by the developing agency under the State Industrial Infrastructure Development Scheme (SIDS) for state government implementing agencies or PADMA Cluster Infrastructure Development Scheme (PCI DS) for private implementing agencies (IA).

Further, as per new amendment, a budget outlay of Rs 1,000 Crore has been earmarked for providing financial assistance to enable private

## MDA scheme modified

The Haryana Cabinet which met under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal has accorded approval regarding Amendments in Market Development Assistance (MDA) Scheme Notified under Haryana Enterprises and Employment Policy-2020.

The state government has further clarified the existing MDA schemes considering various ambiguities in the past.

As per the new amendment, the Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs) shall be provided with boarding charges of up to Rs 50,000 for participating in international fairs and Rs 25,000 for national fairs.

In the previous scheme reim-

bursment of boarding for international exhibition were not specified and maximum capping for national exhibition was also not specified.

The state government has clarified the same according to which Product Literature/ Display Material shall include advertisement/ publicity material charges related to the product, that is, flax, signboard, visiting cards, catalogues, pamphlets, leaflets, brochures, stickers, electronic media, etc.

It shall not include the cost of products to be displayed therein. As per the new amendment, only the registered rent deed/ lease deed shall be considered for claiming the expense of any exhibition.

agencies in setting up of PADMA clusters and encourage new and prospective entrepreneurs to set-up units within PADMA clusters.

### Compassionate job

The Cabinet also accorded approval to a proposal regarding providing the compassionate appointment to Mr Sidharth, son of martyr Late Surender Singh, DSP, on the post of Deputy Superintendent of Police, by giving the relaxation, as a special case, in Ex-Gratia Rules, 2019.

Late Surender Singh, Deputy Superintendent of Police was posted in Tauru for prevention of illegal mining.

During the duty, some anti-social elements attacked him with a dumper and he unfortunately died on the spot.

The state government gave him the status of Martyr and the Chief Minister had also announced to appoint his son on the post.

# Creche policy ensures holistic

## Improving learning outcomes also the aim



By **Parveen K Modi**

The sinews of the Haryana State Creche Policy, 2022 have been so stitched as to suit every family pocket, facilitate the convenience and comfort of the underprivileged sections of society, and ensure holistic growth of children.

The charges fixed vary with income bracket. For families with an annual income below Rs 1 lakh, a charge of Rs 50 per child will be applicable. For those with income between Rs 1 lakh and 1.8 lakh, the charge is Rs 100; between Rs 1.8 lakh and Rs 3 lakh Rs 250; between Rs 3 and Rs 5 lakh, Rs 350; and for families having income exceeding Rs 5 lakh, the charge is Rs. 500 per month.

Realising the need of women working in different sectors, the Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, had announced the decision to open 500 new creches with all-encompassing facilities for the children of working women in 2020-21. In order to implement the decision, the WCD Department signed an MoU with Mobile Creches organization for setting up quality creches equipped with modern facilities.

### Some key objectives

The policy seeks to realize some key objectives. It aims to ensure holistic development of all children (aged up to 6 years) by improving their health and nutrition status and promoting their physical, social, emotional and cognitive development

It seeks to improve the learning outcomes of children in primary classes by ensuring smooth transition from pre-school to formal school.

The policy also aims to provide safety and protection to children from physical and mental abuse,

harm and neglect by ensuring responsive care in institutional set-up. By making the parents and families wise on better childcare practices, it should serve the objective of reducing the crime rate against children.

Qualified workforce will be engaged to ensure quality childcare services. Management at the village mohalla level of the ECD services will be decentralized with increased participation of parents and the community.

It seeks to expand access to creche and daycare facilities by promoting diverse models of provisions especially targeting children from disadvantaged and vulnerable backgrounds and children in remote or inaccessible areas.

### Why the policy, creches

The need and importance of a crèche policy can hardly be overstated. It has been scientifically

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proven that the period of early childhood from birth to eight years of age, is the most critical period for human development.

It is during this period that the pace of brain development is most rapid and the brain grows to almost 90 percent of the adult size by the age of five years. It is also the time when the foundations of overall development and lifelong learning are laid.

Investment in Early Childhood Development (ECD) programmes helps promote gender equality and increase female labour force participation rate by addressing the need for sharing childcare responsibilities of women, and freeing young girls from the burden of sibling care.

Realising the importance of investing in ECD programmes, the Haryana State Policy on Early Childhood Development commits the state to implementing universal, comprehensive, quality ECD provisions for all children (from 0-8 years) in the state. Focus is laid on children from disadvantaged backgrounds and in difficult or special circumstances. Haryana has 33 lakh children aged below six years (Census, 2011).

Apart from such factors as health-cum-nutrition indicators and the crime rate against children, what prevailed upon the state government to come out with a creche policy is low female labour force participation rate.

It was 18.9% in Haryana, much

lower than the national average of 25.1% in 2021. One of the major causes of this low rate is childcare responsibilities of women which force them to sit back home.

### Creche for whom?

- Creche is a safe place where parents, during their time of work, can leave their children who are in the age group of 6 months to 6 years.
- A place where young children are nurtured and taken care of in presence of a trained childcare worker.
- A place where children are given opportunities to learn to develop to their full potential.
- A place where children get appropriate nutrition and a stimulating environment.
- A place where all the needs of the children are fulfilled.
- "Food provided to the children must have adequate nutritional value as per government prescribed guidelines under Mission Poshan 2.0."



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### Law panel report

The National Commission to Review the Working of the Constitution, 2000 has suggested that a new Article 24A be inserted to Part III of the Constitution to ensure that the child's right to basic care and assistance becomes an enforceable right.

**Timings:** Most parents work eight hours a day. The timings of the creche can be flexible based on the working hours and timings of the parents. Therefore, the creche preferably should be open for 8-10 hours. The creche timings should be such that it suits the needs of parents.

# ic growth, suits every pocket

## Three meals in eight hours for 26 days

By **Parveen K Modi**

The Haryana State Creche Policy, 2022 lays down broad guidelines on the kind of facilities a crèche will offer to children; how they will be taken care of; and what all will be done to create and nurture responsive and inclusive environment, a hallmark of any day-care facility.

Besides arrangement for sleeping, a crèche will serve three meals a day--a morning snack, lunch and an evening snack--and shall remain open for eight hours a day, for 26 days in a month. The community will decide on the off days and timings of the crèche.

The meals provided at the crèche will have to be uniform for all children as per the recommended meal chart. Children should get a well-balanced and nutritious diet as per recommendations and guidelines. Provision will be made for equipment and material for complementary nutrition, cleaning, personal hygiene, sleeping and medical aid furniture and toys appropriate to the age and number of children.

Besides toys, the crèche will have all other teaching-learning materials required for early childhood Care and Development (ECCD) to ensure age-appropriate stimulation and learning i.e. early stimulation for children aged below 3 years and pre-school education for 3 to 6-year-old children. The creche should have bright, cheerful and child-accessible displays of essential play and teaching learning material.

### Monitoring monitor

The growth of children will be ensured by measuring their height and weight on a monthly basis by identifying malnourished children and those with faltered growth. Ac-



### Regular supervision

Regular monitoring and supervision of centre records & program activities by the supervisor with community oversight is to be ensured. The supervisor should make regular visits and provide support to the child care worker through problem solving and mentoring.

tion will be taken on cases of severe malnutrition and growth faltering, including referrals to the nearest health facilities and Nutritional Rehabilitation Centre (NRC) as per protocols.

The creche will ensure that each child undergoes a regular medical check-up, preferably on a monthly basis by a qualified medical practitioner. Age-appropriate immunization and routine health check-ups will be done in coordination with local AWW/ ANM/ ASHA and the medical officer in line with RBSK schedule/ VIND etc.

Special care should be taken to

keep the children safe and secure at the centre. Entry cards will be issued to the parents and staff members.

No child should be left alone at any point in the creche, even during the breaks. Adequate materials for cleaning should be provided at the centre like soap, phenyl, disinfectants etc. for maintaining cleanliness of the toilets, dining area, activity area and all the surroundings. **(See tables alongside)**

The water taps will be placed at a height which can be easily accessed by the children independently. Age-appropriate curriculum will be transacted in all crèches for which all workers will be given training. Age-appropriate teaching learning kits focussing on holistic development of children will be made available.

Learning corners will be designed for ensuring a child-friendly environment as well as continued learning of kids. For children aged above 3 years, theme-based work-sheets will also be provided.

### Creche set-up material list

No.	Material	Quantity
<b>Nutrition (utensils for cooking and serving)</b>		
1.	Stove Lighter	1
2.	Tea mugs	6
3.	Pateela with lid	2
4.	Pressure Cooker	1
5.	Heavy base Kadhaai	1
6.	Sauce Pan	2
7.	Ladle	2
8.	Ladle with holes	1
9.	Grater	1
10.	Knife	2
11.	Big Round Sieve	1
12.	Beater	1
13.	Tea Sieve	1
14.	Sieve	1
15.	Measuring Cup Set	1
16.	Measuring Mug	1
17.	Steel Glass	25
18.	Steel Plate	25
19.	Steel Tea spoons	50
20.	Steel Bowls	25
<b>For health</b>		
1.	Salter scale	1
2.	Steel Trays (for medicines)	2
3.	First Aid Box	1
4.	Normal Digital Thermometer	2
5.	Torch	1

No.	Material	Quantity
<b>Furniture</b>		
1.	Wooden Cradle	5
2.	Low Height Round Tables	3
3.	Chairs	15
4.	Almirah	2-1
5.	Wooden Racks	2
6.	Creche Changing Table with cabinets (Drawers)	1
7.	Shoe Rack	1
<b>Electrical items</b>		
1.	Fridge	1
2.	Bluetooth Speakers (with electric speakers)	1
3.	Electric Kettle	1 (optional)
4.	Induction Stove	1
<b>Important non-electrical items</b>		
1.	GAS Stove	1
2.	GAS Cylinder	2
3.	Lock and Key	2
4.	Mirror	2
5.	Wall Clock	1
6.	Hammer	1
7.	Iron Nails	1 set
<b>For storage</b>		
1.	Canisters	5
2.	Plastic storage containers	6
3.	Oil dispenser	1
4.	Spice Container	1
5.	Basket with holes and slots for drying plates and bowls	1
6.	Tray/Stand (spoons, ladles, knives etc.)	1
7.	Vegetable stand	2
8.	Rectangular plastic containers for toys	5
9.	Rectangular plastic containers for TLM	6
<b>For hygiene</b>		
1.	Bucket	5
2.	Mug	5
3.	Spin Mop with bucket	1
4.	Mop	6
5.	Duster	2
6.	Brooms (seek jhaadu, phool jhaadu)	4
7.	Steel Chilamchi	6
8.	Dustbins with lid	3
9.	Dust Pan	2
10.	Soap Dish	2
11.	Soap Dispenser	4
12.	Potty pots	3
13.	Stool	1
14.	Round Cloth Hangers	4
15.	Plastic Rope for drying clothes	1 roll
16.	Brush	1
17.	Nail cutters	2
18.	Combs	6
19.	Bathroom Slippers	6 pairs
20.	Small Dustbins	4

## Why the need for crèches!

The policy also makes an attempt to go into the factors that make setting up of crèches a necessity.

Women are not only engaged in a vast diversity of roles and tasks, but work in ways that often render them "visible" as workers. They work on contract for war periods, or on piece rates, or get casual labour only on certain days, and hence are often counted only as part-time or marginal workers.

Similarly, "unpaid family labour" are those who participate in the family enterprise, whether it be agriculture, dairying, fisheries, craft, trade, or vending and numerous other activities, but whose contributions are not separately accounted for or calculated.

Again, women who are described as "engaged in domestic duties" include in their activities

gathering and processing economic resources for the family such as water, food, fuel and a variety of food resources. On an average, a woman spends 12 to 18 hours in household chores.

### Change in family composition

Besides, there has been change in the composition of the family. Joint and extended families are changing into nuclear units even though the emotional bonds are maintained.

Extended family members are no longer physically available to look after the young children when the mother goes out to work.

Majority of the sibling caregivers are girl children, often too young themselves to provide any age-appropriate care required by young children for optimal growth and development.

# Pulling all stops to help realise \$5 T goal

By **Rajeev Ranjan Roy**

Since economy plays a pivotal role in shaping the well-being and progress of societies, serving as the lifeblood of a nation, Haryana under the dynamic leadership and visionary guidance of Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal is leaving nothing unturned to be a significant contributor to make India a \$5 trillion economy by 2025.

Thanks to the whole government approach, Haryana has set an example in optimum utilization of resources, generating wealth, creating job opportunities, and fostering innovation and growth. From human capital development to the last mile progress, the state is undergoing a total transformation.

The state's robust and stable economy has not only improved the standard of living for individuals but has also provided the means to invest in education, healthcare, infrastructure, and various social programs, contributing to societal development and reducing poverty. Its strong economy has laid the foundation of a sustainable and prosperous future for generations to come.

## Haryana plays key role

Haryana is committed to achieving Prime Minister Mr Narendra Modi's ambition of making India a \$5 trillion economy by 2025. Not only that but Haryana will play a key role in the development of India, reiterated Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal during 8th Governing Council meeting of NITI Aayog in New Delhi on May 27. The meeting was chaired by Prime Minister Mr Narendra Modi.

It is worth mentioning that the Haryana government has been successfully implementing central initiatives in the state for over the last eight and a half years and is assuring the welfare of all sections of so-



## 50 pc treated water is the goal

The Haryana Treated Waste Water Policy aims at achieving the goal of using 50 per cent treated water by 2025. The Mera Pani, Meri Virasat scheme was launched to foster water conservation, agricultural variety, and direct seeded rice technique is also being promoted among the farmers.

The Haryana Water Resources Authority has developed an integrated water strategy to bridge the gap between water demand and supply. All 22 district-level water resources planning committees have created block-level plans under this. This is the

first attempt of its type in India, where the availability of surface and groundwater resources has been assessed at the block level.

The state government has provided safe drinking water to every household. About 30.41 lakh families living in rural areas of Haryana have received functional household tap connections as part of the Jal Jeevan Mission.

NABARD is currently implementing 16 programmes at a cost of Rs 1283.11 crore to improve the drinking water supply. The government has launched the Mahagram Yojana to build sewage systems in big villages.

ciety by introducing new schemes. Haryana was the first state in the country to launch its ambitious Vision Document-2030 in 2017.

Haryana has been termed by NITI Aayog as the state that has introduced continuous reforms. The

state's score on the Sustainable Development Goals has risen from 57 to 67. The state government has launched the Parivar Pehchan Patra (PPP) programme to bring government schemes and programmes to the people's doorsteps.

The advantages of various government initiatives and services are now being delivered to people's homes via one single document, eliminating the need for them to visit offices. This has had a beneficial impact on the lives of the common man. Other states are studying the Parivar Pehchan Patra as well.

The work on implementing Haryana's ambitious scheme has begun in Jammu and Kashmir and Uttarakhand.

Since industry plays a crucial role in economic empowerment, the state government has developed an environment of Ease of Doing Business that is on par with global standards in order to accelerate industrial growth in accordance with the concepts of Minimum Government and Maximum governance.

The state government has completed all 352 reforms outlined in the Business Reform Action Plan-2022. Further, 482 compliances that were creating bottlenecks in granting certificates, licenses, and permissions were eliminated. The

## Key Points

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## No one is being left behind

Through PPP, more than 44,000 elderly people and 81,000 PwDs have got automated pension benefits. About 75 lakh CHIRAYU health cards have been issued under Ayushman and CHIRAYU Yojana. The state government has launched a number of initiatives to realize the Prime Minister's vision of water conservation.

Given the importance of child health, the state government is providing advanced healthcare services. Newborn mortality rate has been considerably reduced. Now more than 97 per cent of pregnant women are enrolled in maternity healthcare centres is the primary reason for this accomplishment. Thanks to Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao programme, the gender ratio at birth has improved from 871 in 2014 to 927 in March 2023.

# 15 rail stations to be revamped under Amrit Bharat

## CM thanks PM for lending boost to infra

By **Ajay Bhardwaj**

As the 'Amrit Bharat Station Scheme' takes off all over the country, in Haryana as many as 15 railway stations would be redeveloped and renovated.

Chief Minister, Sh. Manohar Lal, while taking part in the programme in which Prime Minister Sh Narendra Modi virtually laid the foundation stone for the redevelopment of 508 railway stations across the country, expressed gratitude to Prime Minister, Sh. Narendra Modi and Union Railway Minister, Sh. Ashwini Vaishnaw for this gesture to the state.

It would strengthen the railway infrastructure in the state and give a boost to the state economy and trade", said the chief minister.

The 15 railway stations which would be redeveloped and modernised under the Amrit Bharat Station scheme include the ones in Ambala City, Bhiwani Junction, Faridabad, Pataudi Road, Hisar, Bahadurgarh, Jind Junction, Narwana Junction, Narnaul, Kalka, Rewari, Rohtak, Sirsa, Sonipat, Yamunanagar-Jagadhri.

## 34 in second phase

In the second phase of the scheme 34 railway stations of the state will be covered for modernisation. Listing the efforts that the Manohar government has made to strengthen to the railway network the chief minister said that the Haryana Rail Infrastructure Development Authority (HRIDA) has been constituted to strengthen the railway system and an MoU has also been signed with the Ministry of Railways, under which Special Purpose Vehicle (HPV) has been formed.

Similarly, the country's first



five-kilometer elevated railway track has been built in Rohtak.

The work on the elevated railway track at Kurukshetra is almost complete and the Detailed Project Report (DPR) for Kaithal has been prepared.

The Haryana Orbit Railway Cor-

ridor from Palwal to Sonipat has been approved.

Apart from this, metro connectivity is also being expanded. Haryana has also received the bonanza of the railway coach factory in Sonipat.

The Chief Minister said that

with the formation of the Eastern-Western Dedicated Freight Corridor, a network of road networks has been laid in Haryana.

Lauding the efforts of the prime minister in ushering in a new era of development in the country, the chief minister said India's infrastructure is taking a new shape under the leadership of the Prime Minister.

## PM Gati Shakti

Under the PM Gati Shakti, the Prime Minister himself monitors the infrastructural development in the country.

The Chief Minister said that the Prime Minister's blessings have been on Haryana and at present development works worth Rs. 20 thousand crore are in progress for the development of Rail infrastructure & services across the state. Apart from this, a record Rs. 2500 crore has been allocated to Haryana in the budget for the year 2023-24.

## Centre pats CM for containing stubble burning

By Ajay Bhardwaj

The Central Government has appreciated the various efforts made by the Haryana Government under the leadership and guidance of Chief Minister, Sh. Manohar Lal, to bring down the incidents of stubble burning.

By dissuading farmers from burning stubble, and providing various financial incentives at the same time, incidents of stubble burning in Haryana have reduced by about 48 percent.

Union Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister, Sh. Narendra Tomar, while holding a meeting with the Agriculture and Environment Ministers of the States of Haryana, Punjab, Delhi and Uttar Pradesh regarding crop residue management recently appreciated the Haryana Government for taking concrete steps to reduce the incidents of stubble burning.

He said that it is the responsibility of the governments to ensure that soil fertility and biodiversity are not harmed by burning stubble, so efforts should be made by the state governments to achieve the goal of zero-burning stubble. Sh. Tomar said that Rs. 3,138 crore has been allocated to the State Governments under the Crop Residue Management Scheme and Rs. 2,675 crore has been spent by the State Governments. More than 2,42,000 machines and equipment have been procured for crop residue management.

Union Environment, Forest



and Climate Change Minister, Sh. Bhupender Yadav, who also joined the meeting, had a special word of praise for the Manohar Lal government for giving an incentive at the rate of Rs. 7,000 per acre to the farmers for not growing paddy.

Haryana Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister, Sh. Dalal said that due to various efforts of the state government, there has been a significant reduction in the incidents of stubble burning.

Chief Minister, Sh. Manohar Lal is determined to reduce the incidents of stubble burning to zero in the state. Requesting the Union Agriculture Minister, Sh. Dalal said that there are many possibilities of using straw for cow shelters in Rajasthan and packaging in Gujarat. For this, the central government should cooperate with the state government by

making provision of a special package for freight etc. This will open many options for the commercial use of stubble.

### De-composer on 5 L acres

The Agriculture minister said that due to various efforts of the state government, there had been a significant reduction in the incidents of stubble burning.

Last year, 3,661 such incidents were reported in the state and this time the aim of the government is to reduce such incidents and take them to zero-burning. He said that last year de-composer was sprayed in 2.5 lakh acres for crop residue management and this year the state government has set a target of spraying de-composer in 5 lakh acres.

Under the Crop Residue Man-

agement Scheme in the state, 80,000 machines have been distributed to farmers for in-situ management from the year 2018-19 to the year 2022-23. This year also till August 2, 2023, more than 21 thousand farmers have applied for the machines. Apart from this, demand for machines has also come from custom hiring centres. The cost of these machines works out to around Rs. 328 crore.

While under ex-situ management also the straw is being used in the 2G ethanol plant. The government is giving incentive at the rate of Rs. 4,000 per acre for sowing paddy with DSR technology in the areas where paddy is cultivated.

### Sharp decline

The Minister told the Central ministers that the Manohar Lal government has also taken strict steps to ensure that the farmers do not burn the stubble. A fine of Rs. 61.90 lakh was imposed on 2,641 farmers for stubble burning and some FIRs were also registered.

As a result there has been a considerable reduction in the incidents of stubble burning. There were about 15,686 incidents of stubble burning in the year 2016-17. There were 6,987 incidents in 2021-22. Last year there was a decrease in the incidents of stubble burning and only 3,661 incidents were reported, whereas in the neighbouring state there were about 49 thousand incidents of stubble burning.

## GST collections remain buoyant

By Rajeev Ranjan Roy

Haryana continues to be vibrant and buoyant in the collection of Goods and Services Tax (GST) revenue.

The state mopped up Rs 7953 crore as GST revenue in July 2023 as compared to Rs 6791 in the last corresponding month, registering a growth of 17 per cent, said the Ministry of Finance in a statement.

The higher revenue collection assumes significance as tax collected serves as the financial backbone that supports public services such as healthcare, education, public safety, and social welfare programs and infrastructure development.

The consistent increase in GST revenue also points to a well-structured system which has been put in place under the visionary guidance of Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal.

It also owes a lot to improved efficiency and transparency, and the right equilibrium between ensuring compliance and encouraging economic activities in the state.

At the national level, the gross GST revenue collected in July 2023 has been pegged at Rs 1,65,105 crore of which CGST is Rs 29,773 crore, SGST Rs 37,623 crore, IGST Rs 85,930 crore including Rs 41,239 crore collected on import of goods and cess Rs 11,779 crore including Rs 840 crore collected on the import of goods.

Haryana's Excise and Taxation Department has also witnessed remarkable progress in budget collection for the financial year from April to July

## Police tops CCTNS ranking for 2<sup>nd</sup> month in a row

By Rajeev Ranjan Roy

Adding another feather in its glowing cap, the Haryana Police has secured the top position in the latest All India Crime and Criminal Tracking Network (CCTNS) progress ranking for the second consecutive month.

With an exceptional score of 100 per cent marks in June, the State Police has once again emerged as the top among all state police forces. This ranking, released on a monthly basis by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), reflects the exceptional dedication and efforts of the Haryana Police.

### DG lauds force

Director General of Police Mr PK Agrawal has applauded the entire Police Department for their consistent achievement in securing the top position.

The CCTNS system plays a pivotal role in transforming police investigation and criminal tracking through digital means.

Additional Director General of Police, State Crime Records Bureau, Mr OP Singh, extended heartfelt congratulations to all the officers and police personnel involved in the successful implementation of the CCTNS project.

The Haryana Police has achieved a remarkable 100 percent utilization rate in the CCTNS database and the National Automated



Fingerprint Identification System (NAFIS), demonstrating their efficiency and proficiency in adopting advanced technology.

In terms of overall rankings, the NCRB released a comprehensive list where the Haryana Police secured first place with a perfect score of 100 percent marks.

Uttar Pradesh followed closely in the second position with a score of 99.79 per cent, while Madhya Pradesh achieved the third position with a score of 97.57 per cent.

Delhi and Punjab claimed the fourth and fifth positions with scores of 95.15 per cent and 94.59 per cent, respectively.

### Efficient filing

The Haryana Police's success in securing the top rank is attributed to their implementation of various parameters, including efficient filing of First Information Reports (FIRs) in courts, timely generation of reports in police stations, accurate documentation of photos for arrested and missing individuals in Core Application Software, State Citizen Portal Services, National Database of Police Stations, and exemplary performance in responding to the 1930 helpline.

ADGP Mr OP Singh informed that one noteworthy achievement is

the successful integration of the CCTNS with the emergency Helpline 112, which has been accomplished through a reverse API (Application Programming Interface).

This integration allows for seamless sharing of information. As part of the digitization plan of the state government, this initiative ensures that when a complaint is received on the emergency number 112, an Emergency Response Vehicle is dispatched to the scene.

### Automatic entry

The software generates an automatic entry in the concerned police station's records, which is integrated into the CCTNS. This integration ensures quick and effective communication between the ERV operator and the police station, facilitating immediate action.

He emphasized the significance of this reverse integration, highlighting that the continuous exchange of data between 112 and CCTNS every 5 minutes eradicates any ambiguity in the process and guarantees the prompt exchange of information.

The innovative technology prevents any relaxation or modification of action by the concerned police station upon auto-upload of the general diary in the software, thereby promoting swift responses to incoming complaints. The development of this reverse API integration was carried out by the technical team at the State Crime Records Bureau.



2023. An official spokesperson said the state's tax collection has surged to an impressive Rs 23,108 crore, a substantial growth of 20.8 per cent as compared to the same period last year when it stood at Rs 19,133 crore.

The collection from Value Added Tax (VAT) has reached Rs 3,819 crore. Equally noteworthy is the State Goods and Services Tax (SGST) collection, which encompasses Integrated Goods and Services Tax (IGST) settlement and SGST compensation, which has surged to Rs 15,229 crores, marking an exceptional growth rate of 31.7 per cent.

Moreover, the Excise collection has achieved a commendable Rs 4,000 crore, demonstrating a substantial increase of 14.56 per cent.

The Excise and Taxation Department is making every effort to maximise revenue, minimise leakages, and exceed the target of Rs 57,931 crore set for the Department in the State Budget, said the spokesperson.

## MoU opens doors of Cambridge Regional College

Now, students, faculty members of govt colleges will be able to go there for study, training



By **Parveen K Modi**

Both the students and faculty members of government colleges in Haryana have a reason to cheer.

Now they will be able to avail themselves of an opportunity to study at Cambridge Regional College in England. Professors will also be able to get training there.

Not only this, the students from Cambridge Regional College will also be able to pursue their studies in the colleges across Haryana.

This has been made possible by a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between the Haryana Higher Education Department and the United Kingdom's Cambridge Regional College. Notably, Cambridge Regional College ranks among the top 10 colleges in England.

The MoU was signed in the presence of the Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, and the Higher Education Minister, Mr Mool Chand Sharma.

Director, Higher Education, Mr Rajiv Rattan, and Assistant

Principal, Cambridge Regional College, Ms. Moreen Horn, signed the MoU.

The exchange programme has been designed to facilitate the faculty and students to spend up to two weeks in the host institution to share, learn and deliver best practices on curriculum development, innovation and technology, quality assurance process, and engagement with industry and employer.

Congratulating the Higher Education Department and Cambridge Regional College for signing the MoU, the Chief Minister said it had been inked for mutual cooperation in the areas of job placement, sports education, English language programs, student exchange summer schools, and teacher training.

He emphasized the need to diversify higher education and align it with the New Education Policy and expressed the hope that this joint effort would prepare the youth and faculty of government colleges of Haryana for job placements, self-employment, entrepreneurship, and incubation.

The Chief Minister expressed

### Key POINTS

- The MoU offers students in government colleges in Haryana an opportunity to study in Cambridge Regional College, UK. Professors will also be able to get training there.
- In a two-way traffic, students from Cambridge Regional College will also be able to pursue studies in the colleges across Haryana.
- The exchange programme has been so designed as to facilitate the faculty and students to spend up to two weeks in the host institution to share, learn and deliver best practices.
- It opens the door for mutual cooperation in the areas of job placement, sports education, English language programmes, student exchange summer schools, and teacher training.

the hope that more students from abroad would come to Haryana to study subjects like Indian knowledge systems, Indian languages, Ayurveda, yoga, arts, music, history, culture, and modern India. The MoU holds vast potential.

While it bodes well for the future of the students from Haryana, it opens a broad window for mutual cooperation between the faculties of great abodes of learning joining hands to promote the cause of global education.

It would open new doors of opportunities for Haryana youth and lead to the elevation of the state's education to global standards. Additional Chief Secretary of the Higher Education Department Sh. Anand Mohan Sharan said the programme would be implemented by "Global Training Education Programme" in partnership with Kingsmead.

The MoU would further help students studying in colleges of Haryana to update their skills according to industry requirements, facilitating easier employment opportunities.

## HAU, Poland varsity join hands for research

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Chaudhary Charan Singh Haryana Agricultural University and Warsaw University, Poland, have decided to collaborate in education and research fields.

An agreement has been signed between the two universities under which these universities will promote joint research, internship and training programmes for biotechnology application in the field of precision agriculture, academic exchange of students and researchers, etc.

The CCSHAU Vice-Chancellor, Prof. B.R. Kamboj, and Dean, College of Basic Sciences and Humanities, Dr. Neeraj Kumar, who is currently in Warsaw University, for establishing mutual cooperation for academic and research pursuits between the two universities, had a detailed discussion with the Rector of the University, Prof. Alojzy Z Nowak.

Representatives of the Department of Biological Sciences, Department of Environmental Microbiology, Department of Biotechnology and Department of Molecular Biology were also present.

On this occasion, the Vice Chancellor said, "CCSHAU is looking to collaborate with the University of Warsaw at several levels, from conducting or attending online classes, internships and training to research projects conducted by joint teams of scientists." This cooperation will prove to be very useful for both universities, he added.

Speaking on the occasion, Rector of Warsaw University, Prof. Alojzy Z Nowak said, "We look forward to collaboration with Indian universities in research and didactic context. With this, while the students of Warsaw University will have the opportunity to learn about the history, culture and functioning of the institutions of the countries of the far-east, we will also be able to share our knowledge and experiences with each other."

## Rohtak PGI to start liver and kidney transplant

Haryana Review Bureau

The facility of liver and kidney transplant will start soon at PGIMS, Rohtak, as a part of the concerted efforts being made to further improve health services in the state. This was disclosed by the Health and Family Welfare Minister, Mr Anil Viji, while addressing the gathering as the chief guest at the doctor's felicitation ceremony organized in Ambala.

He said that ECG and X-ray facilities would soon be made available at every PHC in the state. Haryana is the first state in the country where mapping is being carried out to provide quality health services to the residents of the state.

An agency is dedicatedly doing the mapping work to gather information like requirement of hospitals

with adequate bed capacity, doctors, and other facilities as per WHO parameters. A medical college is being built in each district of Haryana and new colleges are being constructed in six districts, Mr Viji said.

Earlier, the budget for health sector in Haryana was Rs. 1,600 crore; now it has been increased to Rs 9,600 crore reflecting a six-fold increase. CT scan, MRI, ultrasound facilities are being provided in government hospitals.

"After taking charge as Health Minister, I have ensured that only WHO GMP approved medicines are made available and equipment certified by US FDA are installed in government hospitals. This has resulted in significant improvement in government hospitals, and today better medicines are being provided to the patients", he added.

## HAU Bajra Centre wins ICAR award

Haryana Review Bureau

The Bajra Section of Chaudhary Charan Singh Haryana Agricultural University (CCSHAU), Hisar has received the prestigious national Best Research Centre Award for the year 2022-23 in recognition of its outstanding research in the field of Bajra crop.

The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) presented this award during the 58th Annual Group Meeting of the All India Coordinated Research Project held in Hyderabad. This marks the second consecutive year that the Bajra Section has been honoured with this prestigious award.

The Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. B. R. Kamboj

lauded the significant contributions of Bajra Section, which include developing improved Bajra varieties, identifying new pathogens, and succeeding in hybrid seed production and commercialization. Additionally, Bajra Section introduced the



molecular marker-assisted improved pearl millet EDV hybrid HHB 67 Improved-2, displaying better downy mildew resistance compared to its earlier version, HHB 67 Improved. The team also identified a new stem rot disease of

pearl millet and its causal organism.

Dr. Jeet Ram Sharma, Director of Research, congratulated the Bajra scientists and encouraged them to continue their quality research. The research work was carried out by a dedicated team of scientists led by Mr. Anil Kumar (Head, Bajra Section), Mr. S.K. Pahuja (Head, Department of Genetics and Plant Breeding and Dean, College of Agriculture, Hisar), along with other esteemed researchers like Dr. Dev Vrat Yadav, Mr. K.D. Sehrawat, Mr. Vinod Malik, Mr. Harshdeep Kamboj, Mr. Mukesh Kumar, Mr. Pankaj, and Ms. Jyoti Kaushik, who have made valuable contributions to millet research in various capacities.