

Devi Lal's grandson to head agriculture marketing board

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Another Chautala clan member, Aditya Devi Lal, 45, has become part of the government as he has been appointed chairperson of the Haryana State Agriculture Marketing Board (HSAMB). Deputy CM Dushyant Chautala and Power Minister Ranjit Singh are also from the same family.

Aditya, who is son of Jagdish, youngest son of late Deputy Prime Minister Devi Lal, is a known BJP face in Sirsa district and is district president of the party. He had also contested the previous Assembly elections from Dabwali on the BJP ticket, but lost to Congress' Amit Sihag by nearly 15,000 votes.

In the BJP circles, Aditya, who used his grandfather's name Devi Lal as his surname, is known for his proximity to Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar, as he has been a vocal critic of the JJP leaders, including his cousin Ajay Singh Chautala.



Aditya Devi Lal

He had joined politics as INLD leader in his early political innings and later left the party to join the BJP in 2014.

He had also defeated his sister-in-law Kanta Chautala, wife of INLD leader Abhay Singh Chautala, in the Zila Parishad elections from Ward No. 4 in Sirsa district in 2016. It may be recalled that the JJP leadership had also taken keen interest in Dabwali Assembly segment, which is the home constituency of Ajay Singh Chautala.

While Ajay had served as MLA from Dabwali in 2009, his wife Naina Chautala had represented the segment in 2014. The JJP fielded Saravjit Singh Masitan as party candidate in 2019 Assembly poll who ended at third spot with 23,000 votes.

CM: Compensation for rain-hit farmers by May

Motivates them to adopt fish farming in waterlogged fields

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Assuring that the compensation for the crop loss due to the recent rains and hailstorm would be given to the affected farmers by May, Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar said the state government stands with them in every situation.

Interacting with the gatherings at the 'Jan Samvad' programmes at Tigrana and Dhanana villages of Bhiwani district today, the CM said the farmers should opt for fish farming in waterlogged fields instead of traditional farming for economic prosperity.

He said there was an income of about Rs 2 lakh per acre per year for rearing jhinga fish. In such a situation, economic benefits could be availed by making good use of the waterlogged area, he added.

Khattar further said in the past eight years, the state government had brought many

WITHDRAWS REMARKS ON JUDGE

Under fire from the Oppn over his remarks on a judge, CM ML Khattar, during interaction with a news channel, said he had high regard for the court and the statement came as a reaction to a person who raised the matter of delay in joining. "That remark should not have been made. I take back my words and express regret," he said.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The purchase centre of Dhanana village will be expanded to six acres
- Only online fard copy will be valid and all institutions, includ-

ing banks, will recognise it

- In all, 122 of 5,582 people of Dhanana village have availed the benefits of the Ayushman Bharat Yojana so far

radical changes for good governance. "No department or sector has remained untouched by the IT reforms so as to ensure transparency," he added.

Talking about the welfare measures of the government, Khattar said: "Today, every household has a gas cylinder. Clean tap water is reaching in every house. The benefits of the government's schemes are automatically reaching the needy through the Pariwar Pehchan Patra."

Khattar also visited the residence of world boxing champion Nitu Ghanghas at Dhanana village and congratulated her.

The CM also visited the residence of Vir Chakra awardee Mathan Singh, who was martyred in 1965 in Bapora village, Bhiwani district. He also met the families of martyrs Girwar Singh (Sri Lanka in 1989); Suraj Pal (1965); Bhanwar Singh (1971) and Pratap Singh (2005).

Ex-mining officer fined ₹60K for delaying cases

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The Haryana Right to Service (RTS) Commission has imposed a penalty of Rs 60,000 in three cases on Balram Singh, an ex-mining officer in Faridabad, who had been delaying cases inordinately.

RTS Secretary said the commission had observed that in a few cases, the delay was evident in the delivery of the Mineral Dealer Licence,

WAS ISSUED NOTICES EARLIER

Three cases of delay in the delivery of the Mineral Dealer Licence were found pending with Balram Singh for over a year despite being issued show-cause notices. The probe indicated lapse on part of Balram, who held the charge till Feb 2023. The allegations were ratified by Director, Mines and Geology.

notified service under the Haryana RTS Act, 2014, as observed in the monthly performance reports for February and March of the Mines

and Geology Department.

Taking cognisance of the matter, the commission called for immediate inquiry into the matter and issued a suo motu

notice to the Director, Mines and Geology Department, to share the status report on these cases. He said the delivery of the Mineral Dealer Licence was under the notified service, which should be delivered to the applicant within the timeline of 45 working days. However, in certain cases, applications were found pending for over a period of over one year as well. — TNS