



**Jai Jawan,
Jai Kisaan**



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It is my pleasure to share with all of you this special booklet 'Nawan Naroa Punjab', from the Department of Information & Public Relations. It encapsulates, in a nutshell, the significant achievements and key economic indicators of the Punjab Government.

The path breaking initiatives and interventions of our government in the fields of agriculture, industry, policing, education, health, infrastructure development, social welfare, and most of all in ensuring the revival of Punjab's economy, have put the state on the path of resurgence and long-term holistic progress. The booklet gives a glimpse of the major initiatives.

My congratulations and best wishes to the team. I am confident that we will have even more to talk about next year.

(Amarinder Singh)

**State
on the path
of long-term
holistic
progress**

1. WAR AGAINST CORRUPTION

- i. Established a **Governance Ethics and Reforms Commission** for comprehensive systematic reforms in the State. The Commission would also scrutinize all transactions of above Rs.50 Crore.
- ii. Adopted an **e-auction mining policy**, which is fully transparent, un-interrupted and un-influenced by anyone in the Government.
- iii. Enacted the **Punjab Transparency and Accountability in Delivery of Public Services** (including electronic service delivery) **Act 2018**.
- iv. Enacted the **Punjab Transparency in Public Procurement Act 2019**.

2. GOVERNANCE REFORMS

- i. All benefits/ subsidies are being fully targeted to the genuine beneficiaries through direct cash transfers into their bank accounts(**DBT**).**5,62,474 farmers have been provided debt relief of Rs4700 crore by direct transfer of cash in their respective bank account.**
- ii. Established Separate Department of Mining and Geology.
- iii. Established Separate Directorate of Ground Water Management.
- iv.



Established Separate Directorate of Environment and Climate Change.

- v. Launched Mahatma Gandhi Sarbat Vikas Yojana (**MGSVY**) for release of benefits aimed at the inclusive growth of the distressed sections of the society. **11.05lakh persons have been provided requisite relief/benefit out of 20.65lakh distressed persons identified under the Yojna.**

**Transparency
Top
Priority**

**Direct Cash
Transfers to
Beneficiaries**

**MGSVY aims at
inclusive growth
of disadvantaged
sections**

- vi. Established 6-member **Revenue Commission** to bring in greater efficiency and accountability in the functioning of Revenue Department.
- vii. Rationalized establishment of 500 : Unified Service Delivery Centres-SewaKendras, making these more demand based and fully functional.
- viii. State Agencies to use the Central government portal, Government e-Marketplace (GeM), for direct online purchase of goods and services.
- ix. Launched multi-faceted **Mission “Tandarust Punjab”** to make Punjab the healthiest State by improving its air quality, water quality, and ensuring safe food and a good living environment.
- x. Implemented e-Office in all offices of the State with effect from 1st January 2020.
- xi. Establishment of CM's Advisory Council
- xii. Notified a comprehensive Public Grievance Redressal Policy, paving the way for the creation and management of a Public Grievance Redressal System (PGRS) to bring the grievance mechanisms of all departments under one umbrella, within the ambit of ‘Digital Punjab’
- xiii. Enacted the Punjab Anti Red Tape Act 2021 to eliminate Red-tapism in government offices.

3. VVIP CULTURE

- i. Abolished red beacon lights on vehicles. This was later replicated by the Union Government.
- ii. Rationalized personal security, making it strictly based on threat perception.
- iii. Abolished Halqa System.
- iv. Banned use of sirens/hooters and recorded vocal music in motor vehicles.
- v. CM, Ministers, Leader of Opposition to pay income tax on their respective pay and allowances from March 2018.

4. WAR AGAINST DRUGS

- I. Adopted a three pronged Revamped Strategy- **Enforcement, De-addiction and Prevention (EDP) strategy.**
- ii. **Special Task Force (STF)** established to tackle the Drug menace immediately after assuming power in the State has achieved following outcomes:

Mission a Healthy Punjab

End of VIP Culture

Three pronged revamped strategy to tackle Drug Menace

- **41,026 cases** have been registered under NDPS Act.
- **52,517 persons** have been arrested.
- More than **1793 kg heroin** has been recovered besides other contraband substances.
- Illegal acquired property of drug traffickers amounting to Rs. 160 Crore has been frozen so far.
- **Zero tolerance** - Daljit Singh DSP, Inspector Inderjit Singh and Amandeep Singh, SHO are among **160 police personnel** who have been arrested for abetting activities related to drug abuse.



Zero tolerance to Drugs

Crackdown on the supply line of drugs

Multi-Pronged community participation against Drugs

- 50% decline in supplies** of Schedule-H drugs / prescription drugs - Assessment of All India Association of Pharmaceutical Companies.
- Most drug traffickers have either left the State or have become dormant due to strong and decisive action.
- Passed a legislation entitled “**The Punjab Forfeiture of Illegally Acquired Property Act 2017**” which is pending for Presidential Assent.
- Recommended death penalty** to Government of India for even the first offence by drug peddlers and smugglers under the NDPS Act.
- Launched Drug Abuse Prevention Officers' (DAPO) Program to create a mass anti-drug abuse movement with **6.23 lakh DAPOs** self-volunteers currently enrolled.
- Launched '**Buddy's Program**' for all schools and college students to educate and motivate children

about ill-effects of drugs. **37.2 lakh students** have been covered under this program in the State. Till now **7.5 lakh buddy** groups have been formed who are continuously being taught about the ill effects of drugs by **1.27 Lakh Senior Buddies**.

- ix. Started **199 Outpatient Opioid Assisted Treatment (OOAT) Clinics** for regular treatment of addicts. About **6.26 lakh addicts** are being treated in these clinics.
- x. Permanent ban on Hookah bars in Punjab.
- xi. Wi-Fi CCTVs at all 'nakas' (check-post) at the borders to prevent smuggling of drugs into the state.

5. LAW AND ORDER

- i. **Perceptible decrease in crime** with greater thrust on establishment of Rule of Law in the State.
- ii. There has been a strong drive to bring to book gangs of criminals. **3047 Gangsters/Members**



of various Criminal Gangs have been arrested/neutralized including **241 Categorized Gangsters**.

- 1. **37 Terrorist Modules** busted
- 2. **218 Terrorists** arrested
- 3. **More than 1928 illegal weapons** and **38 hand grenades** seized

**Getting lives
back on track**

**Gangsters
sent packing**

**Terror bid
nipped in the
bud**

4. **10 drones seized**
5. **26 foreign handlers** who were involved in hatching conspiracies have been identified.
- iii. Judicial Commission of Enquiry under Justice Mehtab Singh Gill to look into all **false criminal cases** has achieved the following:
 1. 26 interim reports received
 - a More than **4633** cases being probed
 - b **3951** complaints disposed off
 - c Remedial legal action recommended in



- more than 418 cases.
- d Implementation of the recommendations has been accomplished in 340 cases
- e 219 cancellation reports filed in courts so far; and
- f 47 police personnel responsible for the reported lapses have been punished.
- iv. Constituted a Commission of Enquiry headed by Justice (Retd) Ranjit Singh for a **comprehensive probe into the cases of sacrilege**, which submitted its final report on 16 August 2018.
 - a Accepted the recommendations of the Commission and decided to register criminal cases against all those responsible

**Abuse of law
checked**

**Independent
Judicial probe
into Sacrilege
cases**

for be-adbi and killing of innocent persons in police firing at Behbal Kalan and Kotkapura. The results so far are as under:

1. **5 Police/Civil Official** identified/nominated for legal action
 2. 5 persons have been convicted so far by the Courts.
 3. **SIT** setup for independent probe of cases and to bring guilty to justice, as per resolution of Punjab Vidhan Sabha.
 4. Increased financial compensation of Rs 1 crore along with jobs have also been given to the members of families of deceased and the injured persons.
 5. 57 out of 85 cases of sacrilege traced during the last 28 months whereas only 66 out of 132 cases of sacrileges were traced during the previous regime.
- v. **A Special Operation Group (SOG)** has been created to check militant threats, with non-fiscal incentives for those personnel who join the new force. The SOG will contain, counter and neutralize militant threats like fidayeen attack, hostage situations and armed infiltration to save precious lives and properties.
- vi. Punjab Bureau of Investigation – **A separate police wing for investigation** of cases has been created to strengthen policing in the state and ensure proper probe of heinous cases of crime. The move will lead to the separation of law & order machinery from the investigation wing, with creation of specialized crime units in every district.
- vii. The 'Punjab Victim or their Dependents Compensation Scheme, 2017' has been notified to compensate victims of crime, with a minimum compensation of **Rs. 3 lakh each to victims of**

**SITs for
Independent
probe**

**Creation
of separate
police wings**

**Compensation
to Acid Attack
victims**

acid attack.

- viii. Amended the Punjab Good Conduct Prisoners (Temporary Release) Act, 1962 to **increase parole for prisoners with good conduct from 12 to 16 weeks** to ensure better integration into the society.
- ix. Decided to republish the Fugitive Economic Offenders Act, 2018
- x. In order to check crime against women, the Punjab Police shall provide free pick-up and drop facility to women at night.
- xi. Women Help Desks operationalised in all Police Stations with women officers designation as Punjab Police Mehala Mittar (PPMM)
- xii. AcrGIS, a Data and GIS Analytics Tool for strengthening capacity for Geospatial Crime Analysis has been acquired and deployed. A web-cum-mobile application for CCTNS and HRMS databases is being developed.
- xiii. Over 2700 Domain Experts in different domains, such as Law, Forensics, financial investigation, counselling to be recruited in the year 2021.
- xiv. All heinous crimes which were pending and undetected for a long time have been solved. These include Brig Jagdish Gagneja Murder case (2016), Nabha Jail break case (2016), Banur Robbery case (2017), Vicky Gounder extortion and Killing cases, Murder of Shiv Sen Leader Durga Das Gupta (2016), etc
- xv. Decided to establish 7-fast track court for speedy trial of rape cases.

6. REVIVAL OF STATE'S ECONOMY

- I. Similarly, the Fiscal Deficit as % of GSDP has been pegged at 2.65% in 2017-18, 3.06% in 2018-19 and 2.93% in 2019-20 and 4.69% in 2020-21 and 3.99% in 2021-22 (BE) as against 12.37% in 2016-17.
- iii. **The Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP)** has

Women Friendly Policing

Long pending heinous crimes solved

Economy back on track

seen a rise of **42.3%** from Rs. 4.27 lakh crore in **2016-17** to Rs. 6.08 lakh crore in **2021-22**.

- iv. **The Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP)** has seen an **annual average growth rate** of **10.43%** since 2017-18
- v. 59% Reduction in resource gap from Rs.10,273 Cr in **2017-18** to Rs. 2323 crore in 2019-20 and thereafter **Zero Funding gap for two consecutive years i.e. 2020-21 and 2021-22**
- vi. **98.52%** increase in **Total Revenue Receipts** from Rs. 47,985 crore in 2016-17 to Rs. 72,042 in 2020-21 and thereafter to Rs. 95,258 crore in 2021-22 (BE) despite economic downturn.
- vii. Successfully Rolled out GST in the State.
- viii. Abolished inter-State tax barriers.
- ix. The per capita income of the state increased from Rs. 1,28,780 in 2016-17 to Rs. 1,66,830 in 2019-20, which is **24.29% higher** than the national average of Rs. 1,34,226
- x. Double overdraft of the State treasury (Indicates severe financial stress)
 - 148 days in FY 2014-15,
 - 57 days in FY 2015-16
 - 179 days in FY 2016-17
 - **Zero days since 16.3.2017**

7. FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

- i. Comprehensive Agricultural Transformation Project has been finalized with assistance from the World Bank and it shall be implemented in next two



**Revenue
collection up**

**Abolished
Inter-State tax
barriers**

**Per capita
income higher
than the national
average**

**Focus on
Agriculture**

years, 2020-22.

- ii. **Ensured hassle free procurement** during the last eight crops strictly adhering to the 48-hour deadline for lifting and timely payment to farmers for their crop.
- iii. Farmers' incomes have increased through higher quantities purchased on MSP. The food grains purchased annually were 213.5 Lakh million tonnes (yearly average) during 2007-2017 and it has increased to 305.5 Lakh million tonnes (yearly average) during 2017-21
- iv. **Total remuneration of farmers** from Government Procurement of food grains has increased to Rs 2.16 Lakh crore since April 2017, which is an increase of about Rs. 90,668 crore over the earnings in the corresponding procurement seasons of the previous Government. **Thus the farmers' incomes through sale of food grains have increased by more than 72% ever since the Government took over in March 2017.** All payments to farmers were done online bringing more transparency.

2014-17

SEASON	VALUE OF PROCUREMENT
RMS 2013-14	15041
RMS 2014-15	16703
RMS 2015-16	15235
RMS 2016-17	16500
KMS 2014-15	16576
KMS 2016-16	20782
KMS 2016-17	25047
Total	1,25,887

2017-2020

SEASON	VALUE OF PROCUREMENT
RMS 2017-18	19383
RMS 2018-19	22118
RMS 2019-20	24064
RMS 2020-21	24565
KMS 2017-18	28515
KMS 2018-19	30122
KMS 2019-20	30001
KMS 2020-21	38063
Total	2,16,555

**Uninterrupted
and hassle
free
procurement**

**Farmers'
incomes
increased**

- v. **Increase in Agriculture Production on the rise** - Total Production of Cereals has gone up from 30.75 million tonnes in 2016-17 to 31.98 million tonnes in 2020-21. Despite heavy rains and inclement weather, the production in 2018-19 was 31.50 Million Tons.
- vi. Amended the Agricultural Produce Markets Act to ensure agricultural marketing reforms and greater use of technology.
- vii. **Increased crop damage compensation** (Kharaba) from Rs. 8000 to Rs. 12000 per acre.
- viii. Guava, banana and vineyards farmers have been brought at par with orchard farmers in the matter of the maximum land size they are permitted to own or hold.
- ix. Enacted the "Punjab State Farmers Commission Act-2017" to empower and safeguard the interests of the farming community
- x. Established the 'Punjab State Council for Agricultural Education to promote agricultural education in the state under the Punjab State Council for Agricultural.



Education Act, 2017.

- xi. Decided to:
 - a. Establish **10 New Mandi Townships** and Rs. 800 crore earmarked for this purpose.
 - b. Adopted e-NAM in 79 Mandis:
 - 37 have become operational
 - 42 awaiting GoI approval
 - Trading in Maize, Potato, Kinnow, Cotton, Basmati, Green Peas and Moong dal already taking place in Punjab
 - 2,16,701 farmers registered
 - 8134 Arhtiyas registered
 - 2242 traders registered
 - c. Introduced Single Trading Licence for whole of Punjab.

Agriculture Production Boosted

Kharaba compensation increased

Promoting Agri Education

d Repair Works -Roads

- Link Roads of length 64878 Km are existing in the State of Punjab.
- Under 2018-19 Repair Programme (Phase-I & II), 28815 Km length of roads have been repaired at a Cost of Rs. 3278 Cr.
- Another Project for repair of 6162 KM length of Link Roads under 2020-21 Repair Programme at a cost of Rs. 834 Crore. is in Progress. The target date for the completion of this Project is 30.06.2021.
- 17600 Km length of Link Roads has been approved for repair with Patch Work at a cost of Rs. 82 Crore. The target date for the completion of this Project is 30.06.2021.
- New Link Roads to Bastis of SCs and poor sections of the society, shamshan ghats, places of worship shall be completed by 31.3.2021 at a cost of Rs. 500 crore

e **962 narrow culverts and bridges** on Link roads have been widened at an estimated cost of Rs. 216 crore. In the 2nd phase 582 Bridges/culverts shall be remodelled by 31.12.2021

f Centre of Excellence for vegetables being established in Village Gobindgarh, District Fazilka

g 5 Horticulture Estates being set up

- 25 estates to be set up in the next five years
- Post Graduate Institute of Horticulture Research and Education being established in Amritsar
- Punjab Sugarcane Research Development Institute being established in Kalanaur

xii. Sugarcane dues of the farmers have been regularly paid by all Govt Cooperative Mills till 2020-21.

xiii. New Sugar Complex set up at Bhogpur to enhance the crushing capacity from 1016 TCD to 3000 TCD with cogeneration of 15 MW

xiii. **Mandi Development Program**

- 152 Principal Grain Markets and 1716 small markets exist in the State.
- Project for Up-gradation of Civil/Electrical and Public Health works in 1592 Grain Markets is in progress at a cost of Rs. 696 Crore.

Strengthening Rural Infrastructure

Boosting Diversification

Development of Mandis

- Progress of this project is 91% & the work is likely to be completed by 31.03.2021.
- xiv. Pear Estate in Verka, Litchi Estate in Sujampur, Guava Estate in Wazidpur and Horticulture Estate in Kotkapura are being established.
- xv. The State won the prestigious Krishi Karman Award for the year 2017-18
- xvi. **Smart Ration Cards:** The Government has replaced the blue cards under the Atta Dal scheme with **33,63,950** new smart cards to ensure that the benefit of the scheme reaches the right beneficiaries in a smooth manner.
- xvii. 'One Nation One Ration Card Scheme' has been implemented in the State of Punjab, **under which migrants from other States**, on arrival in Punjab, can avail their entitlement of Ration from any FPS of their



choice.

- xviii. Intra-state portability of ration distribution has also been implemented in the State of Punjab enabling the NFSA beneficiaries in the State to avail their entitlement of Ration from any FPS of their choice in the State of Punjab.
- xix. In addition to NFSA, a 100% State funded Ration Scheme for 9,48,801 beneficiaries (approx. 237200 families) has been launched.
- xx. POS Machines installed in all Ration Depots.
- xxi. More than 11,000 solar pumps have been installed during the year 2019-20. An additional 12,000 solar pumps shall be installed in the next three years.
- xxii. Efficiently handled the threat due to Locust attacks
- xxiv. Launched **"Kamyaab Kisan Khushaal Punjab"** with an outlay of Rs. 3,780 crore in the year 2021-22 with an aim of improving incomes of agriculturists

Smart Ration cards

Transparency in Ration Distribution

8. AGRICULTURE DEBT WAIVER

- I. **Waived off entire crop loans of all small and marginal farmers (upto 5 acres) having loans upto Rs. 2.00 lakh;** on the basis of the report of the Expert Group headed by Dr. T. Haque. This would provide a relief of total debt waiver to 8.75 lakh farmers.
- ii. It has also been decided to provide a relief of Rs.2.00 lakh to the remaining marginal farmers irrespective of the amount of loan so as to provide relief to all



marginal farmers. This will provide relief to additional 1.50 lakh farmers.

- iii. In all, about **10.25 lakh farmers** will be benefitted of this debt waiver.
- iv. The progress of Debt Relief Scheme that was launched from Mansa in January 2018 is as under:
 - a **Phase I – Rs. 1808 crore disbursed to 3,16,955 marginal farmers of Cooperative Banks.**
 - b **Phase II – Rs. 1801 crore disbursed to 1,10,608 marginal farmers of Commercial banks.**
 - c **Phase-III –Rs. 891 Crore disbursed to 1,26,105 small farmers of an amount of Rs 1009 crore**
 - d **Phase IV -Rs. 90 Crore disbursed to 7899 Small Farmers of Commercial Banks**
 - e **Thus, till date 5.64 lakh farmers have been provided debt relief of about Rs. 4624 crore**
- v. Government has decided to disburse Rs. 520 Crores to 2.85 Lakh landless Farm Labourers who are members of the Primary Agricultural Cooperative Societies.
- vi. Government has decided to take over the outstanding crop loan of all the families of farmers

**Provided
Rs. 4624 Crore
as debt relief to
5.64 Lakh
farmers**

**Four phases
of debt relief
completed**

**Landless
labour to get
Debt Relief**

who committed suicides in the State.

- vii. Government has decided to raise the ex-gratia for suicide affected families to Rs.5.00 lac from the existing Rs.3.00lac.
- viii. Repealed Section 67 A of the Punjab Cooperative Societies Act, 1961, which provides for auction of land of defaulters of loans of Cooperative Credit Institutions.

9. ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, FISHERIES AND DAIRY DEVELOPMENT

- i. Received the Best Performing State Award-2018 under Rashtriya Gokul Mission
- ii. Punjab became the first State in the country for production of Swine Fever Vaccine at Punjab Veterinary Vaccine Institute, Ludhiana
- iii. Buffalo Research Centre is being established in District Taran Taran with a cost of Rs. 20 Crore
- iv. A new Veterinary College in Rampur Phul has been established at a cost of Rs. 92 Crore. The first batch of 80 students has been admitted.
- v. More than 400 acres of land has been brought under Shrimp cultivation
- vi. Multi-Speciality Veterinary Hospital and Regional Research Centre being set up at Village Sappanwali. District Fazilka
- vii. State of the art Indigenous Cattle Breeding Farm, Gokul Gram established at Bir Dosanjh, Nabha

10. COOPERATION

- i. Foundation stone of the **Mega Verka Dairy Plant** laid at Bassi Pathana on November 17, 2018. It would be built at a cost of Rs. 358 crore in three phases and would process one million litres of milk per day.
- ii. **Amalgamation of 20 District Central Cooperative Banks** with the Punjab State Cooperative Bank is underway to strengthen the state's rural credit system and facilitate farmers taking credit from cooperative banks.
- iii. e-Stamp facility launched in DCCB's.
- iv. Debt settlement Scheme launched by Punjab State Cooperative Bank on 02.12.2020 to provide relief to direct loan borrowers which is likely to benefit 51,412 persons.
- v. Launched Loan Restructuring Scheme by the Punjab State Cooperative Agriculture Development Bank which will benefit 10,000 farmers

**Kurki
Khatam**

**Best
performing
state in
Animal
Husbandry**

**Strengthening
Rural
credit system**

11. CIVIL AVIATION

- i. **The Punjab State Aeronautical Engineering College** has been established at Patiala under RUSA scheme. The classes for B.Tech courses have commenced from the academic session 2018-19.
- ii. Under the Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS), the Government of Punjab has signed MoUs with the Government of India to provide concessions/support to airline operators to start flights from Ludhiana, Bathinda, Pathankot and Adampur. Flights under the scheme have already started from **Ludhiana, Bathinda, Pathankot and Adampur**.
- iii. **New Civil International Air Terminal at IAF Station Halwara, Ludhiana:** State Government has approved the setting up New Civil International Air Terminal at IAF Station Halwara, Ludhiana: an MoU has been signed with the Airports Authority of India (AAI) for
 - a A Joint Venture Company, Ludhiana International Airport Limited (LIAL), has been formed, which will look after the operations of Airport.
 - b 161 acres of land has been acquired by the Greater Ludhiana Area Development Authority which will be transferred in the name of Joint Venture Company
- iv. **Setting up of aviation and defence Maintenance Repair and Overhaul facilities at Patiala Aviation Complex, Patiala**
 - a Request for Proposal (RFP) document was floated and three sites have been allotted to various agencies, for setting up of aviation MROs at Patiala, which are expected to start their operations by 31st Mar 2021.

12. DEFENCE SERVICES WELFARE

- i. Government has launched a unique initiative called **"Guardians of Governance"** wherein the services of ex-servicemen are being used to ensure effective implementation of government schemes at the grassroots. 4300 Guardians have been appointed in all the Districts to ensure that the benefits reach the deserving in a non-partisan manner.
- ii. A special Ex-Servicemen Cell has been established in the Chief Minister's Office.

**Regional
air connectivity
extended**

**Ensuring
effective
implementation
of government
schemes**

- iii. Released compensation for the widows of martyrs of the 1962, 1965 and 1971 wars, a demand pending for the past 42 years.
- iv. Prevailed upon Union Government to continue the educational concession to children of Armed Forces Personnel without capping it at Rs. 10,000 per month.
- v. Punjab & Haryana High Court has been requested to set up Special Courts to deal with civil cases concerning serving defense personnel to ensure speedy disposal of cases.
- vi. Government jobs given to Next of Kin of 43 martyrs.
 - Jobs being given in an additional 10 cases shortly
- vii. Ex-Gratia to Next of Kin of serving members of the Defence Forces not declared as battle casualties enhanced to Rs. 1 lakh.
- viii. Financial assistance paid to the Widows and next of kin of posthumous gallantry awardees brought at par with the assistance being paid to the widows and next of kin of gallantry awardees being awarded during their lifetime.
- ix. Monthly financial assistance to the ex-servicemen of the pre-independence era and their widows enhanced to Rs. 6000 per month with effect from 01.04.2020
- x. Financial Assistance to the Next of Kin of Martyrs enhanced to Rs. 50 Lakh.
- xi. Increased the number of attempts for Ex-Servicemen desirous of taking the PCS Examination.
- xii. Amount of Rs. 15000 per month as Sustenance Allowance is being given to Next of Kin of all kinds of casualties till the pension is given by the Armed Forces.
- xiii. Next of Kin of martyrs who are/were constrained to immediately take up a Group D appointment are now allowed a one-time upgrade to a fresh Group C appointment, provided they upgrade their educational qualifications accordingly.
- xiv. To new galleries being established in the War Memorial Complex at Amritsar.

Defense personnel get priority

Financial assistance & jobs to next of kin of martyrs

13. EDUCATION

- i. For the 2nd time in as many years, the Government Schools have outperformed Private Schools in the Class 10 and Class 12 Board results declared in June 2020

- ii. Government has decided to:
- Provide free education for all up till class XII.
 - Establish fifteen new Degree Colleges;
 - Provide free text books to all categories of students in government schools;
 - Provide free internet facility in all Government colleges;
 - Offer English as a medium of instruction in government schools.



- Establish a Regulatory Authority to regulate the functioning of Private Universities and Colleges in the State.
 - Establish a new Skills' University at Chamkaur Sahib.
 - Establish a Regional Vocational Training Institute for Girls at Rajpura
 - Establish a Regional Directorate of Apprenticeship Training at Mohali
 - PLAKSHA University is coming up in Mohali.
 - Amity University is coming up at Mohali.
 - Establish 19 New ITI's.
 - A new College for Girls at Malerkotla to be established
 - Centre on Guru Granth Sahib being established at Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar
- iii. Pre-primary classes have commenced in 12921 government schools across Punjab. **3.29 lakh** children have already been enrolled
- iv. Government has—
- constructed 6,984 additional classrooms

**Imparting
quality
Education**

**State-of-the-art
education infra**

**Nursery
Classes in
Government
Schools**

- constructed 292 Science Laboratories
 - constructed 304 Libraries
 - constructed 319 Art & craft rooms
 - Provided 14,010 Tables and 70,050 chairs in pre-primary classes
 - Provided 24,145 Green Boards and 41,000 dual desks in Primary schools
 - Provided free sanitary pads to all girls studying in Class 6th-12th in Govt schools
- v. **9604 Primary, Middle and High Schools have been transformed into smart schools** with the help of State Funding/CSR/NGO's/NRI's/Charitable Institutions/Individual contributions etc.
- **Rs 817 Crore** spent by the State Govt in establishing these Smart Schools
- vi. Digital Education – State Education Department has prepared e-content for all the subjects from Pre-Primary to Class 10 and circulated it to all schools.
- vii. **English as a medium of instruction** has been introduced in 14,957 Primary, Middle, High & Senior Secondary Schools covering 3.71 Lakh students. At present **more than 1.46 Lakh students in 6113 Government Schools have adopted English** as a Medium of Instruction.
- viii. **Padho Punjab Padhao Punjab Project:**
- a In August 2017 less than 30% of the students were able to achieve the prescribed learning level targets in various subjects and for various classes;
 - b Under this programme, in February 2019 more than 79% students achieved the learning level targets prescribed for students
 - i. Improvement of more than 35% in Mathematics in Class 9 & 10.
 - ii. Improvement of more than 21% in Social Studies.
 - iii. Improvement of more than 24% in Science
 - ix. Decided to install 10 KW Solar plant in 259 Government Senior Secondary Smart Schools in its first phase. As many as 621 senior secondary schools will be covered in the next phase.
 - x. Online Transfer Policy-2019 of the School Education Department has been implemented
 - xi. Decided to establish the Jagat Guru Nanak

**9604 Smart
Schools**

**Government
schools start
teaching in
English**

**Learning levels
improve
drastically**

**Online transfer
policy**

Dev Punjab State Open University at Patiala.

- xii. 22,734 new teachers have been recruited
 - Services of an additional 14,064 teachers, working on contractual basis, have been regularised
 - 8,184 additional teachers to be recruited shortly
- xiii. Launched Chief Minister Scholarship scheme offering a rebate of 70% to 100% on tuition fees based on performance of the students.
- xiv. Punjab is the first State to implement NSQF compliant Syllabus in 8 main courses in polytechnic colleges.
- xv. For new ITI's have started functioning
- xvi. Water harvesting systems to be installed in all government senior secondary schools.
- xvii. Teacher : Student ratio in Govt schools is 1:21 making Punjab one of the best States in the country
- xviii. "Mission Shat Pratishat" launched to achieve 100% pass results in Board Examinations
 - Board result in 2018-19 was 88.36%
 - Board Result in 2019-20 was 96.95%
- xix. 250 Government Schools shall be upgraded to high schools/ Sr. Secondary Schools during 2021-22
- xx. Jagat Guru Nanak Dev Punjab State Open University established at Patiala
- xxi. SriGuru Tegh Bahadur State University of Law established at Taran Taran
- xxii. Sardar Beant Singh State University established at Gurdaspur
- xxiii. Shaheed Bhagat Singh University established at Ferozepur
- xxiv. SriTegh Bahadur Institute of Handicraft being established at GNDU Regional Centre, Sathiala, Baba Bakala
- xxv. Sri Tegh Bahadur School of Textile and Fashion Technology to be established in GNDU
- xxvi. The following Chairs are being established –
 - Maharana Pratap Chair at Punjabi University
 - Maharaja Agarsain Chair at Punjabi University
 - Shaheed Udham Singh Chair at Punjabi

**Chief Minister
Scholarship
Scheme**

**Best
Teacher-Student
ratio in the
Country**

**Mission Shat
Pratishat**

**New Universities
established**

**Promoting
research in
Universities**

University

- Gurdial Singh Chair at Punjabi University
- Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Chair at GNDU
- Satguru Ram Singh Chair at GNDU
- Sant Baba Prem Singh ji Murale Wale Chair at GNDU
- Jalianwala Bagh Chair at GNDU

14. EMPLOYMENT GENERATION

- i. Retirement age for government employees reduced to 58 years in order to create opportunities for giving jobs to the youth.
- ii. Launched a flagship scheme Ghar Ghar Rozgar & Karobar (GGRK) which aims to ensure gainful employment for one member of **each household that**



do not have any person in wage or self employment in a time bound manner. It involves:

- the State to actually reach out to every household i.e. Ghar-Ghar and
 - to provide / facilitate gainful employment to at least one member of the household.
- iii. **PGRKAM** (the Punjab Ghar Ghar Rozgar and Karobar Mission) has been established.
 - iv. **The following initiatives are being undertaken under the PGRKAM:**
 - Creation of a digital platform for rendering all

**Empowering
our youths
to boost their
livelihood**

**Created Punjab
Job Helpline**

job related information/ services – Portal made live on 23.1.2020. More than 10 Lac jobseekers and 8000 employers are registered on the portal and using it at present.

- Foreign Employment & Foreign Study Cell is fully functional
- Creation of Punjab Job Helpline – The Helpline was launched in Nov 2019 but could not sustain due to Covid outbreak. Now, a new helpline will start functioning from 1.4.2021.
- Coaching/Training for Government/Private jobs – Training Partners will be in place by 1.4.2021.

**Career
counselling,
skill training,
Foreign
placements,
self-employment
opportunities**



- v. **22 state of the art District Bureaus of Employment and Enterprise (DBEE)** providing career counselling, free internet, skill training options, foreign placements, self-employment opportunities etc., have been established a **one stop shop for the unemployed youth**.
- vi. More than **16.25 lakh youth** have been facilitated in getting employment in Private/Govt. Sector or Self-Employment since March 2017. This translates to assisting approximately **1171 youth** in getting some sort of employment **every day**.
- Self-Employment facilitations for 10 Lakh youth
 - 5.69 Lakh job facilitations in the private sector

**Multi-pronged
strategy for
providing jobs
to youth**

- 58,709 Government jobs
- vii. **State Employment Plan** to recruit 1 Lac youth in Government jobs in the period 2020-2022 approved by the Cabinet on 14.10.2020.
 - Total Vacancies approved by Cabinet - 61336.
 - Advertisement already given and recruitment underway - 19055.
- viii. **Unique initiative** to provide **jobs to atleast 10 poor jobless youth of every village** has been undertaken to ensure universal reach of the Scheme. 72,716 rural youth have so far been provided employment.
- ix. **Third Mega Job Fair** was organised in Punjab from 12.11.2018 to 22.11.2018. **18672 candidates could bag jobs in this mega drive.**
- x. **Fourth Mega Job Fair** was organised in Punjab from 13.2.2019 to 22.2.2019. About 1,13,525 jobs from Private sector were offered to the youth. 41,878 youth were given jobs, 5777 were shortlisted and 5000 youth were provided self-employment.
- xi. **Fifth Mega Job Fair** was organized from 9th-30th September. 2019. It was a huge success and 1,16,556 youth were selected for jobs/identified for self-employment or skill training during the 5th Mega Job Fair.
- xii. **Sixth Mega Virtual Job Fair** was organized from 24th-30th September 2020 in which 91,000 jobs in the private sector were facilitated.
- xiii. **Mega Self Employment Loan Mela** was organised from October-December, 2020 in which 1.70 lakh youth were facilitated for entrepreneurship loans.
- xiv. One International Job Fair was also organized.
- xv. **Sardar Bahadur Amin Chand Armed Forces Preparatory Institute** to be established in Village, Bajwara, District Hoshiarpur to target admission of youth into IMA, OTA, Air Force Training Academy and Naval Academy.
- xvi. Government Policy of optional extension in service period after retirement/superannuation

**One lakh
Government
Jobs in the
pipeline**

**Mega Job Fairs
bring jobs closer
to the youth**

**Preparatory
Institute for
armed forces**

withdrawn, in order to generate employment for the state's youth.

- xvii. New C-Pyte Centre being established at Village Asal Uttar, District Taran Taran

15. EXCISE & TAXATION

- I. **Reduced the number of liquor vends** by 10% in the last two years – 6386 in 2016-17 to 5749 in 2018-19. This number has been marginally increased to 5835 during 2019-20.
- ii. The Excise vends were allotted in a transparent manner and the excise revenue for the year 2020-21 is going to touch record 5,800 crores.
- iii. **Reduced selling prices of liquor particularly PML.**
- iv. **Goods & Service Tax (GST)**
 - **Remained in Top 3 States in filing of returns**, since the introduction of GST.
 - Tax Collections for 2020-21 (upto Dec 2020) are Rs. 12,225.66 crores (GST: 7881.5 crores and VAT: 4344.16 crores).
- v. Waiver of the State Government's 50% share in the GST on the Langar at **Darbar Sahib and Durgiana Mandir.**
- vi. Reduction in VAT on Natural Gas, in Gaseous State other than Compressed Natural Gas, from 14.3% to 3%. Punjab now has the lowest VAT on natural gas in the northern region.
- vii. **Simplified Deemed Assessment Scheme** for old VAT Cases. Small businesses freed from assessment and only 8000 large business entities will be assessed.
- viii. **OTS for VAT assesseees**
 - 90% of waiver given to all VAT & CST assesseees upto the year 2013-14.
 - Approximately Rs 120 crores benefit has been extended to 40,000 dealers.
 - Similar relief to be given to the r e m a i n i n g VAT assesseees
- ix. Online and transparent system of GST refund.
- x. Number of Mobile Wings reduced from 13 to 7 and converted into audit wings. These will audit only large taxpayers and bring a big relief to small dealers.

**Transparency
boosts excise
revenue**

**Waived off State's
50% GST share on
Langar**

**VAT OTS for
small traders**

**Placing trust in
taxpayers**

16. FREEDOM FIGHTERS

- i. Government has notified a policy for providing one out-of-turn tube-well connection for a family of a freedom fighter.
- ii. Reservation for freedom fighters in house allotments



by PUDA, GMADA, has been increased from 2% to 3%.

- iii. Government has exempted freedom fighters from payment of Toll Tax on State Highways.
- iv. Enhanced monthly pension from Rs. 7,500 to Rs. 9,400 w.e.f. 1.4.2021

17. FORESTS & WILDLIFE

- ii. 77 Lakh saplings have been planted across the State with at least 550 saplings planted in each village. Indigenous varieties of trees have been planted at appropriate places in consultation with Gram Panchayats.
- ii. 97 lakh tree saplings have been supplied free of cost under the GharGharHaryali scheme
- iii. State's **Forest cover has increased** by 11,363 Hectares since April 2017
- iv. Illegal encroachments removed from more than 6000 Hectares of Forest Land
- v. Rs. 1040 Crore earmarked for improving forest cover over next five years.

**Committed
for well being
of Freedom
Fighters**

**Like in monthly
pension of
freedom fighters**

**Green Cover
Increased**

18. HEALTH

I. Sarbat Sehat BimaYojana

- Extended the central scheme Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojna (PMJAY), to cover over 46 lakh families, instead of the proposed 14.96 lakh families identified by Government of India.
- Health Insurance cover of Rs. 5 lakh is provided to all beneficiaries.
- 818 hospitals empanelled.
- 68.47 Lakh patients have already received free treatment at a cost of Rs. 778 crore.
- Treatment of 1574 procedures covered in the year 2020-21, as against around 1396 procedures covered in the previous year.
- 9.5 lakh farmers and their families provided insurance cover for the year 2020-21, as against around 5 lakh covered in the previous year.

ii. 2046 Health & Wellness Clinics have been operationalised

- An additional 800 Health & Wellness Clinics will be operational by 31st March 2022.
- Tele medicine facility introduced in 400 H&W Clinics
- More than 71.21 lakh patients have availed OPD services in these clinics.

iii. Punjab has been ranked 2nd at All India Level after Telengana in operationalizing these Centres.

iv. OOAT Clinics have been established to check the menace of drugs:

- 199 OOAT's have been established in the State
- Nine OOAT Clinics established in Jails
- 19 more to be operational shortly
- 2.04 lakh persons visiting regularly
- Rs. 30 Crore spent

v. 6.25 lakh drug addicts are currently undergoing treatment in the state.

vi. Government Medical College, Mohali will be operationalised during 2020-21. It will have been named as Dr. B.R. Ambedkar State Institute of

**Revamped
healthcare
facilities**

**Preventive
health care
promoted**

**Now drug
addicts treated
at home**

**6.25 lakh drug
addicts undergoing
treatment**

Medical Sciences.

- vii. Guru Nanak Dev Government Medical College at Kapurthala has been approved with an expenditure of Rs. 325 crore.
- viii. Shahid Udham Singh Govt Medical College at Hoshiarpur has been approved at a cost of Rs 325 Cr.
- ix. Approved creation of 550 posts in the Government



Medical Colleges at Patiala and Amritsar

- 66 paramedics of technical nature,
 - 464 critical posts of nurses, technicians and class IV employees and
 - 20 posts of VDRL/MRU lab projects.
- x. Approval to fill 3954 existing vacant regular posts in Health and 291 posts in Medical Education & Research Department.
 - xi. 100-bedded ultra-modern Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital inaugurated in Sangrur; to provide affordable cancer care to the people of Punjab.
 - xii. Tertiary Care Centres for Cancer patients at Fazilka (under construction) and Hoshiarpur;
 - xiii. The proposal to set up Satellite Centre of PGI at Ferozepur has been finalised and approved. Requisite land has been handed over.
 - xiv. After all approvals, AIIMS Bathinda has been operationalised. MBBS Admissions have commenced.
 - xv. A State Cancer Institute is being set up at Amritsar with an outlay of Rs 120 crore.
 - xvi. State government pioneered the initiative to provide free drugs worth Rs. 73 crore to 68,000 hepatitis C

New Government Medical Colleges

Strengthening of medical infrastructure

AIIMS Bathinda operationalised

patients. Government of India has now decided to replicate this initiative across the country.

- State has increased treatment centres to 59 and 3 Model treatment centres have been identified for



management of Hepatitis Cases.

- Punjab is the first State to initiate screening and management of Hepatitis C among HIV+ cases and Prison inmates.

xvii. The existing fleet of 108-Ambulances shall be increased from 242 to 400 by the year 2022.

xviii. Efficiently handled the challenges posed by COVID-19 pandemic. Details may be seen in Annexure B.

xix. 'Advanced Centre for Virology' to come up in the state, with Central Assistance

xx. Enacted the **Punjab Clinical Establishment (Registration and Regulation) Ordinance 2020**, to bring the state's private hospitals under the umbrella of the COVID-19 battle.

**First State to
give free
treatment to
Hepatitis C
patients**

**Advanced
Centre for
Virology**

19. HOUSING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT

- I. Government has established a Real Estate Regulatory Authority (RERA) and the Real Estate Appellate Tribunal in the State to protect the interest of home-buyers; and rules thereof have been notified.
- ii. On the pattern of Invest Punjab, Government has decided to establish a single window clearance system as a One-stop Shop called '**Build Punjab**' for time-bound speedier approval of real estate

**Single Window
Clearance System
for Real Estate
Projects**

projects.

- iii. **Government has notified Industrial Park Policy** 2019 to boost the industrial development in the state by offering various physical and fiscal incentives. So far, 4 industrial parks have been approved under this policy and few more are in pipeline.
- iv. **Exemption from 10% increase** in Change of Land Use (CLU), External Development Charges (EDC) and License Fee (LF)/Permission Fee from April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2020 for real estate projects.
- v. **Stamp duty** on urban property registration reduced from 9 percent to 6 percent till March 31, 2018.
- vi. **Circle rates** for both urban areas cut down by 5%



those in rural areas have been lowered by 10%.

- vii. Launched '**The Punjab Shehri Awas Yojana-2017**' to provide free housing to eligible houseless SC/BC urban families. Urban households with an annual income of less than Rs. 3 lakh in the first phase and Rs.5 lac in the second phase would be eligible to claim free housing facility under the scheme.
- viii. **Regularization of Unauthorized Colonies** in the State: Council of Minister approved a policy for regularization of unauthorized colonies developed before March 19, 2018 to check the mushrooming growth of unplanned and haphazard constructions across the state.
- ix. **One Time Settlement scheme:**
 - For regularizing unauthorized water and sewerage connections and recovery of arrears of water and sewerage charges, besides settling pending dues of house / property tax for urban

Industrial Park Policy notified

Real Estate sector gets a boost

Housing for the urban homeless

Regularization of Unauthorized Colonies

local bodies.

- For regularization of unauthorized commercial establishments in Amritsar Galiara.
 - Approval to amendments in building rules to provide one-time settlement of non-compoundable violations.
- x. **Affordable Colony Policy-2018** to facilitate affordable housing for lower income groups



thereby also checking the mushroom growth of unauthorized colonies. So far 11 licenses have been granted to establish such colonies in Jalandhar and Ludhiana.

- xi. One-time opportunity for regularization of unauthorized commercial establishment in the Galiara in the Holy city of Amritsar, the Council of Ministers approved amendment to section 3 (1), 3(2) and 5 of Amritsar Walled City (Recognition of usage) Act, 2016.
- xii. A new **Marriage Palace Policy** for regularization of unauthorized marriage palaces, besides granting approval for construction of new marriage palaces across the state.
- xiii. First of its kind **policy on 'Rental Housing'** to facilitate proper housing accommodation for students, corporate professionals, senior citizens, migrant labourers and others in the state.
- xiv. **Revival of the Kandi Area Development Board** and one-time grant of Rs. 100 crore to ensure holistic development of this difficult region.

11 licenses granted under Affordable Colony Policy-2018

New Marriage Palace Policy Introduced

- xv. Infrastructural works worth Rs. 965 crore planned to ensure holistic development of the historic town of Dera Baba Nanak and adjoining areas of Gurdaspur.
- xvi. Establishment of Dera Baba Nanak Development Authority for planned development of Dera Baba Nanak in view of the opening of Kartarpur Sahib Corridor with an initial corpus of Rs. 25 Crore.
- xvii. Formation of Sri Anandpur Sahib Development Authority
- xviii. Special Development Plan to be chalked out for Sri Kiratpur Sahib in view of the 400-years function to be held in 2026.
- xix. New Urban Estate, registered under Real Estate Regulatory Authority, to be developed over an area of 76 acre adjacent to the Punjabi University.
- xx. Nod for the redevelopment of the 1764 acres of land of the now-closed Guru Nanak Dev Thermal Power Plant in Bathinda.
- xxi. Additional land as compensation for those giving up their property voluntarily under the Land Pooling Policy. Similar new policy for the industrial sector.
- xxii. **E-Governance Efforts:**
 - **Digitization of master plan maps** to enable people to get e-approval of CLUs
 - Launch of a unique mobile App to check unauthorised constructions.
 - Launch of **PUDA 360**, an e-properties module to facilitate online property transactions, thus bringing greater efficiency and transparency in the functioning of Punjab Urban Planning & Development Authority (PUDA).
 - Launch of a new web portal of the Housing Department for issuance of electronic Change of Land Use.
- xxiii. **Housing & Urban Development:**
 - Infrastructural works worth Rs. 965 crore have been planned to ensure holistic development of the **historic town of Dera Baba Nanak** and adjoining areas of Gurdaspur.
 - New Urban Estate, registered under Real Estate Regulatory Authority, to be developed over an area of 76 acre adjacent to the Punjabi

**Inclusive
development
of historic
places**

**Digitization
of master
plan maps**

**Development
of Dera Baba
Nanak town**

University.

- Department has area along the major highways and agriculture zones.
- **Amendment in Completion and Partial Completion Policy** in order to facilitate the Real Estate sector in the state of Punjab.
- **Simplification of approval** of jointly owned land by certifying possession of land from the concerned Circle Revenue Officer/Tehsildar.
- **1700 acre land acquisition for Aerotropolis:** Award has been announced. The process of payment of compensation and taking possession is being started. The department has also engaged consultant for proper planning.
- Acquisition of **2 new Industrial Sectors** 101/103 in SAS Nagar has been taken up.
- Govt. has also planned to develop **industrial parks in Ludhiana (1000 acres), Rajpura (1100 acres) and Bathinda (1500 acres)** for providing more developed land for industries.
- 161 Acres of Land has been acquired by the department for construction of civil terminal at Halwara, Ludhiana.
- **Patiala Chhoti Bari Nadi** rejuvenation work (208 Cr) and **Heritage Street near Quila Mubarak Patiala** (41 cr) was started in 2020 and would be completed soon.
- 176 Houses constructed for EWS in Patiala which were handed over in 2020.
- Convention Centres would be built at Mohali and Amritsar and Exhibition Centre at Ludhiana.
- Affordable Housing Policy Notified

20. INDUSTRY

- i. Notified a **New Industrial & Investment Policy 2017** and its **operational guidelines** were notified on August 7, 2018, which has been well-received even outside the State.
- ii. While only Rs. 27 crore had been disbursed as incentive under the earlier Industrial policy, this amount under the new policy has seen a huge jump as can be seen from the following figures relating to just two categories-

**Aerotropolis
to come up in
Mohali**

**Two new
Industrial
Sectors
in SAS Nagar**

**Halwara Airport
expansion on
track**

**New Industrial
Policy
launched**

- Power tariff subsidy given is Rs. 3424.29 crore
 - Eligibility certificate issued for all incentives under IBDP 2017 is Rs. 2421.14 crore (Eligibility certificate issued for all incentives under FIIP of 2013 was Rs. 448.08 crore)
- iii. Government has **abolished Truck Unions** to check cartelization and ensure free movement of goods carriers at a fair transportation cost to the consumers.
- iv. **Variable Electricity tariff for Industry**, of both existing and new, has been fixed at Rs. 5 per unit



(frozen for five years) providing a major relief to the industry with an annual power subsidy of Rs.1500 crore.

- So far **Rs. 6010 crore** subsidy has been extended to 1.36 lakh Industries
- v. Since April 2017, Rs. 71,640 Crore of Investment received on ground with an employment potential of about 2.80 lakh persons.
- About two thirds of the projects are already under construction or in production stage
1. Construction stage
- M/s HPCL Mittal Energy Ltd (Rs. 21991 crore)
 - M/s Happy Forging Limited (Rs. 550 crore)
 - M/s Amity University (Rs. 664 crore)
 - M/s Plaksha University (Rs. 2039 crore)
 - M/s International Tractors Ltd (Rs. 516 crore)
 - M/s Think Gas Ludhiana Private Limited (Rs. 2119 crore)
 - M/s CN IFFCO Private Limited (Rs. 489 crore)
 - M/s Verbio India Private Limited (Rs. 72 crore)

**Power Subsidy
for Industry**

**Truck Unions
Abolished**

**Variable Electricity
tariff for Industry**

**Massive
Investment in
Industry**

2. Production stage

- M/s Varun Beverages Ltd (Rs. 800 crore)
- M/s IOL chemicals and pharmaceuticals Ltd (Rs. 231 crore)
- M/s Mrs. Bectors Food Specialities Ltd (Rs. 121 crore)
- M/s Ludhiana Beverages
- M/s Godrej Tyson foods Ltd (Rs. 70 crore)
- M/s Madhav Alloys Ltd (Rs. 152 crore)
- M/s ITC Hotel Ltd (Rs. 121 crore)



vi. MoU signed for Phase II with **M/s Quark City India Pvt Limited** to create state of art industrial and urban infrastructure by bringing in investments to develop and establish Industrial Parks, Industrial Model Towns and Integrated Townships spread over an area upto **5000 acres in Punjab**. The promoter has already undertaken development of about 51 Acres of land in Mohali to establish an IT park where around Rs. 400 crore have been already invested.

vii. **Development of New Industrial Parks:**

- Parks developed-
 1. Hi-Tech Cycle Valley at Ludhiana in 380 acre.
 2. Modern industrial focal point in Nabha
 3. Mega Food Park at Ladhowal, Ludhiana
 - Parks planned and under development
 1. Three mega industrial parks over 1000 acres at Mattewara, Bathinda and Rajpura
 2. Pharma Park over 133 acres at Wazirabad
- in Fatehgarh Sahib

**Big names in
the Industry move
to Punjab**

**Built up
New Industrial
Parks**

viii. **Revival of Industrial Town of Mandi Gobindgarh:**

- 183 industrial units had closed during 2007-17
- 31 closed industrial units restored their power connections during 2017-20
- 35 new industrial units got power connections during 2017-20
- 58 industrial units got their power loads extended during 2017-20

ix. Set up Startup Punjab Hub called Neuron at STPI Mohali in collaboration with STPI, ISB Mohali and Punjab Technical University. Three centres of excellence are established in the hub to promote R&D across IT, AI, data analytics, and audio, visual and gaming.

x. **Setting up of Punjab Innovation Mission 2020**

- Establishment of Punjab Innovation Mission and Punjab Innovation Fund.
- Rs. 150 crore fund is proposed to be set up to invest in early-stage start-ups in Punjab.
- The Government's participation in this fund will be a maximum of 10% of the Corpus, i.e. Rs. 15 crore.

xi. **Punjab Student Entrepreneurship Scheme.**

- For the students of all universities, colleges, polytechnics that have incubators on campus
- Institutes will provide 20% attendance relaxation and 4% grace marks in academic courses for students who pursue entrepreneurship and innovation during their studies.

xii. **One Time Settlement policy** to give entrepreneurs a last chance to settle their dues with PSIDC and PFC.

xiii. Boost to Punjab Industry with the approval given to the Public Procurement Preference to Make in Punjab Order 2019

xiv. One-Time Settlement of dues with the Punjab State Industrial Development Corporation (PSIDC) and Punjab Financial Corporation extended till December 31, 2020.

xv. Notified the Punjab Right to Business Rules, 2020, thus paving a way for setting up of MSME units on fast track across the state.

xvi. **Ease of doing business –**

- Online land banks have been created for 45 focal points
- Auto consent from PPCB to the green category

**Industrial town
of Mandi
Gobindgarh revived**

**Setting up of Punjab
Innovation
Mission 2020**

**Youth
Entrepreneurship
gets a fillip**

**Make in Punjab
Policy**

**Creation of Online
land banks**

industry to begin operations on the basis of self-certification

- Single window system for granting regulatory clearances has been extended to the district level
- Centralised inspection system joint inspections by various regulatory bodies
- Start-ups have been exempted from experience/turnover in government tenders.

xvii. Corporate Social Responsibility Board and Authority set up

xix. Shops and Commercial establishments allowed to open 365 days in a year and for 24 hours

xx. District Bureaus of Industry & Investment Promotion being established in each District

xxi. “Automatic Deemed Approvals” notified for establishing a new Industry

xxii. One Time settlement Policies notified –

- For Defaulters of Interest Free Loans
- For Restoration of cancelled allotment of PSIEC Plot holders
- For Recovery of enhanced Land Cost PSIEC Plot Holders
- For Loanees and Equity Holders of PSIDC/PFC

21. INFORMATION & PUBLIC RELATIONS

- i. Monthly Financial Assistance of Rs. 12,000 to veteran accredited journalists in the state
- ii. Media persons covered under SarbatSehatBimaYojna
- iii. Statues of BhagwanParshuramji and Maharaja Agarsenji, besides legendary Sikh warrior Baba Banda Singh Bahadur, iconic freedom fighters Baba Sohan Singh Bhakna and Baba Maharaj Singh to be installed.

22. LOCAL GOVERNMENT

- i. All 167 Urban Local Bodies declared Open Defecation Free.
 - 36 ULBs have been certified as ODF+ cities,
 - 5 ULBs as ODF++ cities and
 - 126 ULBs are under progress for ODF+/ODF++ certification.
- ii. **Reservation of women** in urban local bodies has

Single window system for regulatory clearances

District bureaus of industry and investment for speedy regulatory clearances

Financial Assistance to veteran journalists

Open defecation free Punjab

been raised from 30 % to 50%.

- iii. **Urban Environment Improvement Programme (UEIP)** – an umbrella programme to improve the civil infrastructure in the cities.

- In Phase-I an outlay of **Rs. 300 crore** was sanctioned and 2065 works



stand started/completed.

- In Phase II **Rs.1098.85 Cr.** was sanctioned. 4227 works have been approved and 1300 works have started.
- iv. For quick and effective delivery of civic services greater thrust is being given to **e-governance** in all municipal areas of the State. Under e-Governance project the following has been implemented:
- a) Official Websites for all 167 ULBs have been created for providing information about government services.
 - b) Facility of Online Application for new water & Sewer connection along with online Billing and collection.
 - c) Online collection of Property Tax to facilitate citizens to pay from anywhere and anytime and improving transparency and accountability in the functioning of the ULBs.
 - d) Online Application for Fire NOC & Trade License under ease of doing business.
 - e) Mobile Application for citizens and employees for handling Public Grievances.
 - f) Double Entry Accounting system has been rolled

Urban Environment Improvement Program initiated

**Online delivery
of services in all
municipal areas**

out in pilot towns to increase transparency and accountability.

- v. **Facility of online sanction of Building Plans** for Commercial & residential Building launched across the State; automating the end-to-end process from Documents Submission including Plans, Fee Payment and Building Plan Approval across all ULBs in Punjab. The system ensures transparency, reduction in time for approval and precludes the need to visit offices.
- vi. **A Directorate of Fire Services** has been established to regulate and control 34 offices of Fire Brigades already established in 10 Municipal Corporation towns and 155 other Urban Local Bodies across the state.
- vii. **Canal Based drinking water schemes:**
 - a **Amritsar:**
 - Estimated project cost is Rs.1156 Cr. (CAPEX - Rs.686 Cr. & OPEX - 470 Cr. including O&M of 10 years).
 - The financial bids have been opened on 21.01.2021 and the work shall be awarded after due approval from World Bank.
 - b **Ludhiana:**
 - Estimated cost of Capital Works is Rs.1242 Cr.
 - The RFP is being floated.
 - The land for WTP is being acquired after following due procedures.
 - c **Patiala:**
 - Works amounting to Rs.309 Cr. have been awarded to M/s L&T.
 - d **Jalandhar:**
 - Works amounting to Rs.485 Cr. have been awarded to M/s L&T.
- viii. **Rs. 1540 crore being availed from HUDCO** to fund Municipal projects
- ix. **AMRUT:**
 - Allocation of Rs.2785 crores.
 - DPR's worth Rs.2740 crore approved.
 - Projects worth Rs.2740 crore awarded.

**Overhaul of
urban
infrastructure**

**Canal Based
drinking
water schemes**

**Urban facelift
for 16 major
towns**

- Aims at providing 100% Water Supply and Sewerage
- 16 Towns: Abohar, Amritsar, Batala, Barnala, Bathinda, Ferozepur, Jalandhar, Ludhiana, Khanna, Malerkotla, Moga, Pathankot, Patiala, Hoshiarpur, Sri Muktsar Sahib & SAS Nagar.

x. **Smart Cities:**

- Amritsar, Jalandhar, Ludhiana & Holy City of Sultanpur Lodhi
- Allocation of Rs.3000 crore
- Projects worth Rs.1246 crore completed/under execution
- Tenders invited for additional works of Rs.918 crore
- Additional DPRs worth Rs. 802 crore prepared and are under approval
- *Objective is to promote cities that provide core infrastructure (adequate water supply, assured electricity supply, sanitation, efficient urban mobility & public transport, affordable housing, especially for the poor, robust IT connectivity and digitalization, good governance, sustainable environment, safety and security of citizens, particularly women, children and the elderly, and health and education and give a decent quality of life to its citizens, a clean) and sustainable environment and application of 'Smart' Solutions.*

xi. **Rehri Bazaars:**

- 6 Modern Rehri Markets planned for Ludhiana
- Work on 2 Rehri Markets completed
- Work on 2 Rehri markets is nearing completion
- Work on remaining 2 Rehri Markets to be started soon
- Rs. 3.2 crore expenditure
- 834 vendors will be adjusted

xii. **One Time Settlement**

- 'The Punjab One Time Voluntary, Disclosure and Settlement of Violations of the Buildings Act' has been notified (for all unauthorized constructions, which have come up till June 30, 2018).

**Rs.3000 crore
allocated for
Smart Cities**

**One time
settlement of
building violations**

- One time settlement policy for recovery of arrears of water and sewerage charges notified on 12.2.2020
 - One time settlement policy for house/property tax issued on 26.2.2020.
- xiii. **Rejuvenation of Badi and ChhotiNadi** in Patiala including area development along the banks. Works amounting to Rs.165 Cr. including O&M is under execution and shall be completed in 2 years.
- xiv. For **Rejuvenation of Buddha Nallah** in Ludhiana, works amounting to Rs.519 Cr. have been awarded to M/s Khiladi.
- xv. Aim to provide assistance to urban poor, including slum dwellers, for construction of 1.5 lakh houses under PMAY-Urban.
- xvi. Enacted **The Punjab Management and Transfer of Municipal Property's Act 2020** which will facilitate the evolving of proprietary rights to persons who have been in occupation of such properties for 12 years or more.
- xvii. Enacted **The Punjab Slum Dwellers (Proprietary Rights) Act 2020** which will ensure civic amenities for about 60,000 slum dwellers living in 89 slums in 23 cities in the state besides granting them proprietary rights.
- In District Patiala, 3 slums have been approved and 335 Proprietary rights have been given to beneficiaries
 - In District Bathinda, 1 slum has been approved and 90 Proprietary rights have been given to beneficiaries
 - In Moga (3 slums), Abohar (2 slums), Faridkot, (3 slums) Sangrur (5 slums), and Fazilka (1slum) proprietary rights will be given by end of February 2021.
- xviii. **Urban Sanitation**
- 1 Lakh individual household toilets constructed at a cost of Rs. 51.60 crore

**One time
settlement of water
& sewerage charges
and house tax**

**Rejuvenating
historic rivers**

**Regularising old
occupation of
land**

**Slum dwellers
get proprietary
rights**

**Ensuring civic
amenities for
60,000 slum
dwellers**

**Toilets for
urban poor**

23. NRIS

- I. Government has launched a new program "**Friends of Punjab**" to seek the participation of NRIs of Punjabi origin in development and growth of Punjab. These Friends of Punjab will cater to the requirement of distressed populations in rural and urban areas with active participation and support of the State Government.
- ii. Launch of the Scheme '**Connect with Your Roots**' (**CYR**) with a view to give the Punjabi youth in other countries an exposure of the ground realities in Punjab. First batch came in August 2018. 2nd Batch



came in February 2019 and the 3rd batch visited in August 2019.

24. POWER

- I. 206 MWS **ShahpurKandi** Hydro Electric Project under construction at a cost of Rs. 2715 crores
- ii. Government is committed to give free high-quality uninterrupted power to Farmers. There are approximately **14 Lakh tube-wells** in the State. The total subsidy borne by the State is **Rs. 5733 crore** for FY 2018-19 and Rs. 6060 Crore for FY 2019-20.
- iii. **200 Free Units of Power** (per Billing Cycle) are provided to **SC, BPL and BC Households** having sanctioned load <1KW. The facility was also extended to **Freedom Fighters**. The total subsidy borne by the State is **Rs. 1502 Crore** for FY 2018-19 and **Rs. 1623 Crore** for FY 2019-20.

**Partnering
NRIs in
development**

**Connecting
children of NRI's
with their roots
in Punjab**

**Free power to
Agriculture**

**200 free power
units to SC, BPL
& BC Households**

a. **Removal of the upper annual limit of 3000 units for electricity consumption**

- iv. **Electricity Tariff for Industry**, of both existing and new, has been fixed at **Rs. 5 per unit** (variable cost) providing a major relief to the industry with an annual power subsidy of Rs.1455 Crore for FY2018-19. So far **Subsidy of Rs. 2817 Crore** has been paid from 1.4.2017 to 30.9.2019
- v. Managed to **restrict the tariff hike to 11.50%** despite hike in coal tariff and Railways freight charges; while during the previous Government (2012-13 to 2016-17) there was a 23.88% Tariff hike.

PSPCL has managed to drastically reduce its losses -

Year	Profit/Loss (inRs.crore)	Change
2015-16	-1695	
2016-17	-2836	-67.41%
2017-18	-907	+68%
2018-19	-37.80	+95.8%

vi. **Strict vigilance has resulted in reduction in Transmission and Distribution losses from 16.21% in 2016-17 to 14.17% in 2018-19.**

Year	T&D Loss	Change
2015-16	16.28%	
2016-17	16.21%	-9.06%
2017-18	16.34%	19.36%
2018-19	14.17%	-30.24%

- vii. **Recruitment of 3253 Technical and 439 Non-Technical employees** from 2017-20.
- viii. In addition 1172 persons (600 Technical and 572 Non-Technical) were recruited on compassionate grounds
- ix. Recruitment of 5,350 posts of various cadres is underway.
- x. **During 2017-18 about 3.55 Lakh new power connections** were released to domestic, commercial and industrial consumers while in **2018-19 about 3.65 Lakh new power connections** and in **2019-20 about 2.4 lakh new power connections** have been released to domestic,

**Subsidised
electricity
tariff for industry**

**Refurbishing
power structure**

**Electricity
losses reduced**

**3.55 Lakh
power
connections
released**

commercial and industrial consumers so far.

- xi. In all power demand has increased from 44244 Million Units in 2016-17 to 47446 Million Units in 2018-19, i.e. increased by 7.25 %.Power demand for 2019-20 is expected to touch 56,769 million units.
- xii. 25 nos, 66 KV substations, 2 nos. 400 KV substations, 1 no. 220 KV substation have been added.
- xiii. Distribution system of 102 towns having population more than 5000 is being strengthened at the cost of Rs. 330 Crores and distribution system in rural areas is being strengthened at a cost of Rs. 252 Crores.
- xiv. 3884 million units of surplus power worth Rs. 1,816 Crores sold outside the State in the last three years.

25. PWD (B&R)

- i. **Repairs of 29345 kms of Village Roads** with an expenditure of **Rs. 3260 Crore.**
- ii. 298 km of 4-laning of national highways has been completed at a cost of Rs. 4166 Crore.



- iii. 4-laning work of 76Kms of National Highways are in progress a cost of Rs. 1974 Cr
- iv. Upgradation of 375 kms of NH's including 3 ROBs in progress at of Rs. 1939 Crore.
- v. Upgradation and strengthening of 71 roads and 6 bridges projects costing Rs 266 crore have been approved under NABARD-24 and an expenditure of Rs 193 Cr has been incurred.

**Strengthening
of power
distribution
system with
Rs.330 Crore**

**Up-gradation
& expansion
of road-infra**

- vi. 41 ROB/RUB/HLBs have been approved at the cost of **Rs. 433 Crore**. 25 works at a cost of Rs. 350 Crores have already started.
- vii. Rs. 23 Crore for expansion of the Sohana-Landran-Chunni Road.
- viii. Upgradation/renewal of 2195 km of plan roads at a cost of Rs. 1207 Crore have been undertaken
- ix. Rs. 35 Crore has been allocated for land acquisition and construction of ROB/RUB for the dedicated freight corridor rail line from Rajpura to Ludhiana
- x. Rs. 50 Crore allocated for land acquisition for Patti-Makhu Rail link

26. REVENUE

- i. Amendment to Section 27 of the Punjab Land Reforms Act, 1972, thus paving the way for seamless implementation of various pending infrastructure and Special Economic Zone projects.
- ii. Approved an amendment to the existing law to grant 'Right of Way' to enable farmers to lay underground irrigation pipelines through land of other holders.
- iii. For the loss of crops due to natural calamities relief is being provided @ Rs. 12,000/- per acre against Rs. 8,000/- per acre earlier.
- iv. Introduced e-Registration of sale deeds. More than 9 Lakh documents have already been registered through this transparent process.
- v. Nishandehi by Electronic Total Stations in Patiala, Ludhiana, Mohali, Bathinda and Amritsar giving an accuracy of 3 mm.
- vi. Online Revenue Court Management System from the Courts of Naib Tehsildars and upwards for bringing in transparency and ensuring the speedy and time bound disposal of revenue cases launched
- vii. Decided to provide employment to one dependent family member of the next of kin, of the persons killed in Mosul (Iraq), and Government's policy, besides ex-gratia amount of Rs. 5 lakh.
- viii. Computerisation of more than 70000 Masavis/cadastral maps is underway and all the masavis will be digitised by June 2021 and will be available in public domain.

**ROBs/
RUBs/HLBs
approved**

**e-registration
of sale deeds
introduced**

**Online
Revenue Court
Management
System**

- ix. The fards henceforth will be available to the farmers at the 500 Sewa Kendras in addition to the about 200 Farad Kendras.
- x. By 31st March, 2021 citizens can order certified copies of farads online which will get delivered through email and courier to the applicant.
- xi. Citizens can now monitor the processes of mutation after registration of deeds.
- xii. A Draft of the Punjab Land Leasing and Tenancy Bill has been prepared and is being examined by a Sub-Committee of the Council of Ministers.
- xiii. Enacted **Punjab Abadi Deh (Record of Rights) Act** to create record of rights for properties situated within the Lal Lakir

27. RURAL DEVELOPMENT

- i. **Smart Village Campaign** – an umbrella programme to make true the vision of Mahatma Gandhi of creating such villages that ensure people don't have to move to cities in search of a better life
 - Projects worth **Rs. 822 Crore** approved in Phase 1
 - Projects worth **Rs. 2775 Crore** being approved in Phase 2
- ii. **Over 1.3 lakh 5 Marla plots** to be provided in villages where land is available with the Panchayats.
- iii. Punjab Pendu Awaas Yojna launched which will benefit families with annual income less than Rs. 3 lakh living in villages.
 - 10,000 beneficiaries to be covered
 - Rs. 20 crore Budget Provision for 2019-20
- iv. **PMAY (Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojna-Gramin)**
 - Target of **24000 Houses**
 - **15472 Houses** already constructed
- v. **MNREGS:**
 - Generated **954 lakh man-days** since 2017 (yearly average of 238 Lakh man days) as against 844 lakh man-days during 2007-17 (yearly average of 85 lakh man days) – which is a 180% increase in yearly average.

Computerization of revenue record

Lal Lakir lands to be included in land records

Smart Village Campaign

Plots & houses for poors

954 lakh man-days generated since 2017 under MNREGS

**Works of
Rs.3057 cr.
completed**

**Taking Care of
distressed
persons**

**Promoting women
self help groups**

**Transforming
Rural Punjab**

- Works of Rs. 3057 crore completed since 2017 (yearly average of Rs. 764 crore) as against Rs. 2027 crore—during 2007-17 (yearly average of Rs. 202 crore) which is a 273% increase in yearly average.
- 17.48 lakh households issued job cards
- Highest ever expenditure of Rs. 1047 crore in 2020-21
 - 8.39 lakh households were provided 315 lakh mandays in a covid affected year
- vi. Launched Mahatma Gandhi Sarbat Vikas Yojana (**MGSVY**) for release of benefits aimed at the inclusive growth of the distressed sections of the society: **11.05 lakh persons** have been provided requisite relief/benefit out of 20.65 lakh distressed persons identified under the Yojna.
- vii. 2,24,844 households mobilized into women self-help groups since the year 2017 (yearly average 56211) as against 35660 households mobilized during the period 2007-17 (yearly average 3566) indicating a 1100% increase in the yearly average.
- viii. Rs 280 crore being spent under RURBAN scheme
- ix. **Rural Transformation Programme 2020-22**
 - Generation of employment under MGNREGA: - 13 Crore mandays would be generated with an investment of Rs. 4000 crore during 2020-22.
 - 1.30 lakh individual beneficiary works would be carried out @10 works per village in all villages of the State with an investment of Rs.650 crore.
 - Provision of 17.5 lakh potable piped water household connections with an investment of Rs.1200 crore.
 - Construction of Individual Household Latrines in the remaining 68,000 houses with an expenditure of Rs. 90 crore.
 - Construction of 750 Rural Sports Stadiums @ 5 per block with an investment of Rs.200 crore
 - Construction of 10 kms of village Phirnis in each development blocks of the State with an investment of Rs.500 crore.

- Cleaning and rejuvenation of 12394 village ponds with an expenditure of Rs.225 crore.
- Development of Village Rural Vikas Complexes in villages that do not have panchayat land so as to ensure provision of common services at a given place
- Construction of bridges and culverts on village link roads with an investment of Rs.200 crore.
- Housing for Rural Poor - Construction and repair of katcha houses with an investment of Rs.700 crore.
- Debt Waiver for 2.70 lakh farm labourers and landless farming members of Primary Agriculture Service Societies with an expenditure of Rs.520 crore.
- Rural Surface Water Supply Schemes in 6 districts with an investment of Rs. 1264 Crore.
- Provision of water treatment facilities in 965 quality affected habitations with an expenditure of Rs.164crore.

- x. Har Ghar Pakki Chhatt launched for houses with kutch roof

28. RURAL WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION

- I. Launched **Mission Har Ghar Paani Har Ghar Safai**
- ii. Decided to provide **piped potable drinking water to every household in rural areas of Punjab.** 23.43 lakh rural households (63%) have already been covered and the remaining 33% of rural households will be covered by December, 2021.
- iii. Successfully achieved mission against open defecation in rural areas: **Punjab declared ODF** and 3.38Lakh individual household toilets built at a cost of Rs. 582crore.
- iv. Implementing **10 surface water supply schemes of Rs. 1031 crore** to provide potable drinking water in **1021 water quality affected villages**

Cleaning and rejuvenation of ponds

Housing for rural poor

Har Ghar Paani

Potable water to every Rural Household

Tackling arsenic and fluoride in water

impacted by Arsenic and Fluoride; in the districts of Amritsar, Tarn Taran, Gurdaspur, Patiala & Fatehgarh Sahib.

- v. Sewerage projects costing Rs. 81 Cr., for a cluster of 10 villages near Bahadurgarh in district Patiala, Village Ghuman in District Gurdaspur, NAC Mehraj in District Bathinda and village Budha Theh in District Amritsar are under progress and will be completed in 2021-22.
- vi. Multi-village canal-based water supply scheme in 85 villages of Moga district affected by Uranium at the cost of Rs. 229 crore will be completed in March, 2021.
- vii. To provide safe drinking water by upgradation of existing water supply schemes in water logged areas of district Sri Muktsar Sahib and Fazilka, a total of 75 schemes have been completed with an investment of Rs. 142 Cr.
- viii. 144 arsenic removal plants based on nanotechnology covering 177 arsenic affected habitations have been installed. Further 54 Arsenic affected habitations are going to be provided with Decentralized household water purifiers.
- ix. Establishing 3 tier water testing laboratories in the State.
 - A high tech multi district lab at Amritsar capable for testing of heavy metals has already been set up with an investment of Rs. 5 cr.
 - The other 3 multi districts laboratories at Hoshiarpur, Sangrur and Moga shall be completed by 31.3.2021 with an investment of Rs. 4.14 Cr.
- x. **Swachh Bharat Mission Gramin (Phase-II)**
 - Funds for construction of toilets & water activities in 7152 schools (Rs. 38.77 Cr.) toilet in 1330 angwandis centres (Rs. 4.66 Cr.), 1557 community sanitary complexes (Rs. 32.70 Cr.), liquid waste management activities in 904 villages (Rs. 20.31 Cr.) have been disbursed to concerned departments.

**Canal-based
water supply
in rural areas**

**Establishing
3 tier water
testing
laboratories**

**Toilets & water
activities in
7152 schools**

- xi. Solid waste management project including waste collection, segregation and treatment have been taken up in 60 villages of Doraha Block at a cost of Rs. 3 Crore and in 36 villages of district Patiala at a cost of Rs. 34.81 lakh.
- xii. State has proposed coverage of **460 quality affected habitations with 5 multi village canal based water supply projects** of districts of Amritsar, Taran Taran & Gurdaspur and **deep bore-well based water supply schemes** in different districts of the State with an estimated amount of **Rs. 493 crore.**
- xiii. **75 schemes of Rs. 142 crore.** have been approved so far for providing / up-gradation of existing water supply schemes in **water logged areas** of State i.e. in Muktsar and Fazilka districts. Work on 66 schemes has already been completed.
- xiv. Rs. 26 crore for providing canal water-based potable drinking water in 48 villages of Noorpur Bedi Block in District Rupnagar.
- xv. Three large projects for canal water supply in 409 villages in Patiala and Fatehgarh Sahib districts
- xvi. Sewerage projects for a cluster of 10 villages near Bahadurgarh in district Patiala, Village Ghuman in District Gurdaspur, NAC Mehraj in District Bathinda and village BudhaTheh in District Amritsar at the cost of Rs. 81 crore.
- xvii. 804 water supply schemes have been started at a cost of Rs. 82 crore.
- xviii. 108 arsenic removal plants based on nanotechnology covering 127 arsenic affected habitations have been installed.
- xix. Multi-village canal-based water supply scheme in 85 villages of Moga district affected by uranium at the cost of Rs. 229 crore.
- xx. Solid waste management project including waste collection, segregation and treatment being taken up in 60 to villages of Doraha Block at a cost of Rs. 3 crore.

**Canal-based
water supply
projects for 460
quality affected
habitations**

**Clean water in
kandi and water
logged areas**

**108 arsenic
removal plants**

**Solid waste
management
project**

29. SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- i. **Directorate of Environment & Climate Change (DECC) has been set up** to coordinate, execute and monitor the activities related to all aspects of environment, conservation and management.
- ii. **Established COVID-19 Testing Facility at Punjab Biotechnology Incubator**
- iii. **Established PBTI-PPCB joint Environment Resource Centre-** The centre made operational from 01.01.2021 shall provide advisory, Skill building and technical support services to stakeholders including industry, government departments, pollution control boards etc. for mitigating pollution and addressing environmental concerns.



- iv. **Control of Air Pollution through Demonstration & Replication of Technologies**
 - a. The Induced Draft brick kiln technology with zig-zag firing was demonstrated in 2017 which resulted in increase in first quality brick output by 10% to 15%. Besides, reduction in particulate emissions by more than 75% and the carbon footprint reduction of ~190 tons/kiln/annum is being achieved.
 - b. The Side Suction Hood (SSH) technology followed by upgradation of Air Pollution Control Device in induction furnace units has resulted in significant contribution in improving the ambient air quality of Mandi Gobindgarh. Around 250 kg (avg.) dust per day is being captured in the APCD. Thus, ~10,000 tonne dust per annum is being captured in around 100 units in Mandi Gobindgarh alone.

**Protecting
environment**

**Controlling air
pollution with
modern
Technology**

- c. Set up of first-of-their-kind units for production of briquettes from paddy straw for large scale industrial use (in Districts Moga and Patiala). The briquetting plants set up under this novel initiative would utilize 45,000 tonnes of paddy straw from around 35-40 villages in their vicinity thereby, providing revenue to the farmers and curbing stubble burning. The use of briquettes in industrial applications would result in GHG reduction of 70,000 TPA (eqv. to GHG sequestration capacity of 35 lakh trees).

Other measures to ameliorate the air pollution:-

- d. The Department has developed an android based mobile application and dashboard with role based login for field officers to provide end to end reporting and action taken for each fire incident captured via satellite.
- e. The burnt area due to paddy straw burning has been reduced by more than 5% in 2020 in comparison to 2019.
- f. Punjab Pollution Control Board in association with Society of Indian Auto Manufacturers (SIAM), Indian Paryavaran Sahayak Foundation (IPS), Confederation of Indian industry (CII) has carried out field trials of a microbial consortium on about 38 Acres of farm land in District Sangrur, Patiala, Ludhiana, Barnala & Ropar. Microbial consortium has shown encouraging results regarding the decomposition of straw; however, further trials are being made.

v. Revamping of Mission Tandrust Punjab:-

Council of Ministers has approved a Flagship "Revamped Tandrust Punjab" to make Punjab healthiest State with healthy people by ensuring a good living environment in consonance with the Sustainable Development Goals.

- The Mission has been revamped by adopting "Whole of Government approach"
- 10 Sub-Missions to strengthen & widen its activities.
- This is the first of its kind initiative by any State in India to overcome various environmental & human health related issues with active involvement all the Stakeholders.

Major achievements under the Mission of previous years:-

- I. Sub Mission- Healthy Soils

**Mobile App &
dashboard to
check air pollution**

**Ensuring
good living
environment**

- 2,50,000 hectare of area shifted to Organic Farming
- Sale of Spurious Seeds checked and 30% reduction in Sale of Agro Chemicals
- Soil Fertility Maps for all 12,500 villages prepared to promote judicious use of Fertilizers
- Banning of use of Calcium Carbide for ripening of Fruits
- Usage of pesticides reduced by 675 MT (Technical Grade) giving a benefit of Rs. 355 Crore to farmers.
- 24.30 Lac no. of Soil Health Cards prepared to indicate the status of nutrients in the soil

II. Sub Mission- Safe Food

- Special Campaign launched for checking adulteration milk & dairy products
- 10 mobile food testing vans introduced for on-spot checking of food items
- Upgradation of State Food Lab by investing a sum of Rs. 15 Crore with modern high-class equipment's
- Total of 10,836 Kg unsafe/adulterated items (Fruits/vegetables/sweets /other products) seized/destroyed.
- Referral Food Lab of FSSAI at PBTI strengthened at a cost of Rs 3 crores.
- The construction of Building for the 1st of its kind multi sectoral Analytical Laboratory of PBTI at Knowledge City Mohali at a cost of Rs 31crores

III. Sub Mission- Preventive Health

- Percentage of institutional deliveries increased (98.28%)

IV. Sub Mission- Green Punjab

- 66 Lacs of saplings of native species distributed free of cost under the Ghar Ghar Haryali Programme.
- Under I-Haryali, 85.44 lakhs of trees planted in Punjab
- More than 1.2 crore plants planted by farmers under Agroforestry

V. Sub Mission- Road safety

- 23 no. of CNG stations made operational in the State to provide cleaner fuel
- Punjab Govt. signed MOU with M/s WRI India and M/s Honda Motorcycle & Scooter India Ltd

**Soil Fertility
Maps for
all villages**

**Milk adulteration
& dairy products
checking**

for ensuring Road Safety Punjab Vision Zero Road Accidents.

- Total 391 black spots identified and rectification measures taken up.

VI. Sub Mission- Khedo Punjab

- 1592 Sports Grounds and 13724 morning wellness clubs in the villages.

VII. Sub-Mission- Clean Water

- CCTV & OCEMS installed on all STPs for effective monitoring
- De-silting & Cleaning of 15,000 village ponds and rejuvenation of 38 village ponds as model ponds
- Reuse of Treated Waste Water of 38 STPs for irrigation of 7300 hectare of area

VIII. Sub-Mission- Clean Air

- Drastic Reduction in Pollution by Furnaces and Brick Kilns
- VAT on PNG reduced from 14.3% to 4.3%.
- Pollution under Check centres linked with Vahan 4.0
- 75% Natural Draft Brick Kilns converted to induced Draft Brick Kilns to reduce fuel utilization & pollution control

IX. Sub-Mission- Waste Management

- Banning of the use of Plastic Carry bags in state.
- State has achieved 97.3% D2D collection in all ULBs to restrain open dumping of waste.
- Source Segregation: 77% HHs practicing segregation at source, with proposed target for 100% coverage by 31.03.2021.
- Out of 4100 TPD MSW generated in the State:
 - 1930 TPD of wet waste is processed in decentralized compost pits (5940 no.), including Central Processing Plants set up at Ludhiana & Bathinda.
 - 950 TPD of dry waste is being processed at Central Processing facilities of 800 TPD and 150 TPD set up at MC, Ludhiana and Bathinda respectively.
- 182.36 MT of electronic waste collected and scientifically managed by authorized e-waste facilities.
- Pilot studies conducted to promote use of multilayered plastic in the construction/repair

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**Cleaner fuel
& Zero Road
Accidents**

**Drastic
Reduction
in Pollution**

roads.

vi. **Paddy Straw Management:**

- Remained very vigilant regarding the issue of stubble burning.
- Massive campaign was undertaken during Kharif 2018 and Kharif 2019 against the practice of stubble burning.
- All Departments of the Government and PAU created awareness amongst the farmers about ill effects of the residue burning.
- **Rs. 488 crore** has been spent for subsidizing the Crop Residue Management Machines in Punjab at a subsidy of 50% in case of individual farmers and 80% in case of farmers groups and Cooperative Societies.
- During 2018-19, state government distributed 11,655 subsidised agriculture implements to PACS. In addition to this 9 balers were also distributed
- During 2019-20, the State distributed 922 subsidised agriculture implements to PACS
- **50,815 crop residue machines** have been provided.
- **Led to a substantial decline** in the number of fire incidents thus improving the air quality of Punjab. The burnt area reduced by more than 5% in 2020 in comparison to 2019.
- Briquetting plants set up in Moga and Patiala Districts for large scale industrial use of about 45000 tonnes of paddy straw

vii. **Judicious disposal of plastic and electronic waste**

- **340 Km of roads** have been re-carpeted with the use of multi-layered plastic
- **182.36 MT of electronic waste** was collected and scientifically managed by authorised e-waste facilities since the year 2019.

viii. **PBTI-PPCB Joint Environment Resource Centre operationalised from 1st January 2021.**

ix. **Space Theatre of Pushpa Gujaral Science City being upgraded at a cost of Rs. 11 crore**

**Sensitizing
farmers about ill
effects of Stubble
Burning**

**Using plastic for
re-carpeting
of Roads**

30. SPORTS & YOUTH AFFAIRS

- I. Launched **Punjab Smart Connect Scheme** to provide **free smartphones** to the youth
 - 1,75,443 Lakh boys and girls studying in Class 12 in Government Schools have been given free smartphones during 2020- 21
 - 2 Lakh students to be given free smartphones in 2021-22
- ii. Mohali International Hockey Stadium to be named after Late Sh. Balbir Singh Senior.
- iii. Maharaja Ranjit Singh Awards given to 103 outstanding sports persons
- iv. Cash Awards given to 903 Medal Winners of



International/National/State Level Tournaments

- v. The Maharaja Bhupinder Singh Punjab Sports University established at Patiala and admissions have commenced.
- vi. Kabaddi Cup was organized in December 2019 in which teams from all over the world participated.
- vii. Approved State's **new Sports Policy 2018: Salient features** of which are as follows:
 - Encourage Sports through larger participation and emulating best practices across the country.
 - Categorization of Games and focus on High Potential Games to win Medals and improve international standing.
 - Involve children and youth into sports through structured changes in Curriculum.
 - Augmentation of sports facilities at District & Sub-Divisional levels.
 - Increased and graded financial assistance to medal winners with upto Rs. 2.25 Crore for a n Olympic Gold.

**Free
Smartphones for
online Education**

**Promoting
sports culture**

**First Sports
University**

**Providing jobs
to deserving
sports persons**

- Provide job opportunities to deserving sports persons in Government and outside.
 - Maharaja Ranjit Singh Award and Scholarship (with a cash maintenance component) to 20 achieving sports persons.
 - Increased pool of trainers and coaches.
- viii. A new Wrestling Academy at Hoshiarpur is being established
- ix. A new Rowing Academy at Ferozepur is being established

31. TOURISM & CULTURE AFFAIRS

- I. 'The Punjab State Tourism Policy, 2018' notified
- ii. The Punjab State Culture Policy 2018 Notified
- iii. Patiala Heritage Festival revived.
- iv. Amritsar Sufi Festival organized at Qila Gobindgarh in February 2019
- v. Revival of the traditional annual bullock cart races at the Kila Raipur Rural Sports.
- vi. Three Military Literature Festivals have so far been organized at Chandigarh.
- vii. Year-long celebrations on the 550th Prakash Purab of Guru Nanak Dev ji have been organised. Details may be seen at Annexure A.
- viii. Kartarpur Sahib Corridor opened for the public on 9th November, 2019
- ix. Heritage Street to come up in Patiala
- x. State Government shall celebrate the 400th Birth Anniversary of Sri Guru Teg Bahadur ji
 - High-speed four-lane 54.50 km long road from Sri Anandpur Sahib to Bangato be built under PPP mode.
 - Sri Guru Teg Bahadur State Law University set up in Taran Taran district

**New academies
coming up**

**Bolstering
Tourism**

**India's first
Military literature
festival**

Khulle Darshan Didar

**400th Prakash
Purab of Guru Teg
Bahadur Ji**

**Steps to strengthen
Transport Sector**

32. TRANSPORT

- i. Approved and notified new State Transport Scheme with a clear mandate that the old permits for trucks and buses given in a non-transparent manner will be cancelled; and

- ii. 7000 permits to be given through an open and transparent system primarily to the youth to engage them in gainful employment.
- iii. Truck Unions abolished

33. WELFARE OF DALITS, OBCS, PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES, MINORITIES, ELDER PERSONS AND LABOUR

- i. Government has:
 - a) Increased **Social Security Pension** from Rs. 500 to Rs. 1500 for 26 lakh beneficiaries with an annual expenditure of Rs. 4000 crore.
 - b) Increased financial assistance under **Aashirwad** Scheme from Rs.15000 to Rs.51000 .w.ef. 1.7.2021.
 - a) 409 Crore paid since March 2017
 - b) 1.95 Lakh beneficiaries paid since March 2017



- c) **Waiver of Loans** upto Rs. 50,000 granted by SC Corporation and BC Corporation.
 - a) Rs 58.39 crore benefit given to 6,405 SC beneficiaries
 - b) Rs 20.71 crore benefit given to 1,225 BC beneficiaries
- ii. Restored **Post Matric SC Scholarship** for SC Students to ensure that they have access to free higher education.
- iii. Government has decided to
 - a) **Increase reservation for OBC's** in Educational

**Enhanced
financial
assistance of
social welfare
schemes**

**Debt relief
extended to
landless people**

institutions from 12% to 15%.

- b) **Increase reservation for SC's** from 15% to 30% in all Government schemes.
- c) 10% Reservation for Economically Weaker Sections (EWSs) in direct recruitment in civil posts and services in the Government of Punjab vide letter no. 1/3/2019-RC1/120 dated 28.05.2019.
- iv. Amended the Punjab Civil Services Rules to allow travelling allowance in respect of the attendant/escort for accompanying Persons with Disabilities during travel, while on official tour/training.
- v. Increased the **gross annual income limit for the creamy layer** of the OBCs/BCs from Rs. 6 lakh to Rs. 8 lakh.
- vi. Restored the Special Family Pension for widows of government employees killed by extremists and also agrees to extend the **Red Card Scheme** to families of police personnel killed during the militancy period.
- vii. Conducted a special **recruitment drive** to clear the backlog of vacancies for **Persons with Disabilities** in the public sector to mark the International Day of Persons with Disabilities.
- viii. Amended the **Premature Release Policy** to allow early release of mentally incapacitated or terminally ill life convicts
- ix. Decided to give an allowance of **Rs. 8000/- per month to Acid Attack Female Victims**.
- x. Established the **Punjab Social Security Fund under the Punjab Social Security Act, 2018 of Rs. 1500 crore** to be used for pensions, health insurance, scholarships and Aashirwad grants and other such benefits to Dalits and OBCs
- xi. **Restored 14% reservation to SC employees** in Group-A and Group-B, and 20% in Group-C and Group-D, services for filling up the vacancies by promotion through an amendment to the Punjab Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes. (Reservation in Services) Act, 2006.
- xii. Reservation of 2 percent seats in all government vocational/professional colleges for wards of Government employees (Group C and D).

**Ensuring
proper
Reservation**

**Special recruitment
drive for people
with special needs**

**Financial
assistance
for needy**

- xiii. Allotment of land by Development Authorities, Improvement Trusts and MCs for Employees Cooperative Group Housing Societies at reserve prices.
- xiv. Estates/Improvement Trust/Pepsu Township Development Board for victims of the 1984 riots and terror attacks in Punjab without any financial concession for five more years.
- xv. 1,12,000 Unique Disability ID (UDID) cards issued to persons with disabilities to avail benefits under government schemes.
- xvi. Old age homes to be established in every district
- xvii. Monthly financial assistance of Rs. 3000 to all the construction workers in their old age as well as a monthly financial assistance of Rs. 1500 to their spouses
- xviii. All government ITI's shall offer at least one course specially for the persons with disability.
- xix. Launched Punjab Divyangjan Shaktikaran Yojna for empowerment of people with special needs

34. WELFARE OF WOMEN

- I. 50% reservation for women in elections to urban local bodies and Panchayati Raj institutions
- ii. Kasturba Gandhi Mahila Yojana launched to ensure 100% coverage of women under all existing schemes through sustained outreach activities.
- iii. Mata Tripta Mahila Yojana launched wherein new initiatives/programs would be taken by the state to cover the aspects which have either remained uncovered or were partially covered under any existing centrally/state sponsored women/girl child oriented schemes and will benefit 7,96,030 women headed households
- iv. Sakhi Centres (one-stop centre) have been made operational in all districts to curb violence against women
- v. 50% concession in bus fare for women in State transport undertakings
- vi. To ensure safety of women, all government and private buses shall be fixed with vehicles tracking system/passenger information system.
- vii DNA, cyber forensic and audio/voice analysis units approved for Mohali Forensic Lab to ensure speedy disposal of cases of POCSO Act and crime against women.

**Encouraging
Cooperative housing
societies**

**1,12,000 UDID cards
issued**

**Monthly financial
to aged construction
workers**

**Ensuring women in
positions of power**

**Several women
welfare schemes
launched**

- ix. 33% reservation for women in all Government jobs
- x. 12,23,768 free LPG connections given to women beneficiaries
- xi. Vehicle Tracking Systems (VTS) and Panic Buttons have been installed in all buses of PUNBUS and in 50% buses of PRTC
- All public and private Transport vehicles to install VTS and Panic Buttons by 31st August, 2021 or face cancellation of permits

35. WATER RESOURCES & MINING

- I. Work **on the ShahpurKandi Dam** Project resumed in November 2018 after a gap of many years. 40% of construction work of the main dam and its components has been completed. All major works are likely to be completed by December 2021. Power generation is targeted to start from September 2022.
- ii. Prevailed on the Union Government to enhance its share in the ShahpurKandi Dam project on river Ravi



from 60 to 86 percent, thus Punjab's contribution reduced to only 14 percent.

- iii. During the year 2020, funds amounting to Rs. 30 crores have been spent for cleaning of distributaries/minors (approx. 4000 KMs through Contractors and 5000 KMs by MGNREGA).
- iv. Several major policy changes to enable effective-auction of **mining** blocks in strategically established clusters through progressive bidding instead of the earlier process of auction by individual mines.

Reservation for women in jobs

Ensured safety of women & children

Cheap hydro power to be available

Strengthening Irrigation System

Transparent mining policy

- Notified a new Sand and Gravel Policy on 26 October 2018 with the objectives of controlling sand prices, curbing illegal mining and ensuring better revenue mobilization.
 - State divided into 7 large Mining blocks and the smaller individual mining sites have been done away with.
 - New policy provides that the sand and gravel shall not be sold at more than Rs. 9 per cubic feet (including cost of loading); which implies that the cost of sand and gravel should not exceed Rs. 3600 per tractor trolley.
 - Policy aims at, with the usage of new technology like QR code, RFID, CCTV camera and IT integration of mining sites, the monitoring of mining in a better way leading to curbing of the incidence of illegal mining, if any.
- v. Enacted the Punjab Water Resources (Management and Regulation) Act aimed at ensuring judicious, equitable and sustainable utilisation and management of the state's critical water resources.
- vi. The Water Conservation and Management Master Plan (WCMMP) is being prepared by Mekorot National Water Company of Israel and its report is expected soon. This will give valuable inputs for long-term sustainability of groundwater in the state.
- vii. **Relining of Sirhind Feeder** (amounting to Rs. 671.478 cr) of approximately 17 km length with an expenditure of Rs. 80.51 cr in Districts Muktsar, Faridkot and Ferozepur has already been completed. Relining of remaining canal reach shall be taken up in the year 2021-22
- Relining works of length approximately next 26 kms is under progress
- viii. The project of **Rehabilitation of Bist Doab Canal system** benefitting Doaba region amounting to Rs. 462.57 Crores was approved. Approximately 592 km (Out of 767 km length) with an expenditure of Rs. 345 Cr is already achieved. Balance works will be completed by 2021-22.
- ix. Rehabilitation of Banur Canal completed (except

Water conservation and management plan

Realigned canals for better Irrigation system

remodelling of pucca structures) of approx. 36 Kms length and canal water will irrigate the areas in District S.A.S. Nagar and Patiala.

- x. Punjab Government has approved one number **Lift scheme at Sri Anandpur Sahib** amounting to Rs. 9.52 crore to provide irrigation facilities to **521 acres of villages Mohewal, Jhinjari, Tarapur and Thappal**. The project under progress and is likely to be completed in 2020-21. The **second number Lift scheme of amounting to approx. Rs. 15 cr benefitting** villages covered under Chak Suhelewala distributory and Ramsar Minor will soon be completed.
- xi. The Construction work of distribution system of **Kandi Canal Stage-II (Hoshiarpur to Balachaur)** is 90.53% completed. After full completion, the irrigation facilities will be provided to **29527 hectare area of 218 No. villages of Distt Hoshiarpur and S.B.S Nagar**.
- xii. Rehabilitation, Renovation and Modernisation of the Lahore Branch of UBDC Canal approved at a cost of **Rs. 15 crore**
- xiii. Kotla_II project has been approved at a cost of Rs. 477 crore for lining of 4280 km water courses covering 1,42,658 ha of the districts of Barnala, Mansa, Bathinda and Sangrur
- xiv. Work is going on for installation and re-energisation of 72 alternate deep tube wells in the districts of Hoshiarpur, SBS Nagar, Roopnagar and SAS Nagar at a cost of Rs. 53 crore which will help in indicating 3600 ha of barren land.
- xv. Work is going on for installation of 443 deep tube wells covering an area of 46,448 acre land is in 18 blocks of Kandi Area at a cost of Rs. 175 crore. This will provide assured irrigation to 8860 households.
- xvi. A project for Installation and Re-energisation of 72 No. Alternate Deep Tubewells in 6 Blocks of 4 Districts of Punjab amounting to Rs. 30.21 crores, is in progress. The project will be completed during current financial year 2020-21 by 31-03-2021. With the completion of this project, an area of 3600 Hectares will be brought under assured irrigation.

**Strengthening
lift scheme for
Irrigation**

**UBDC canal
to be
Strengthened**

**Upgradation of
distribution
system of
Kandi Canal**

APPENDIX A

550TH PARKASHPURAB OF GURU NANAK DEV JI CELEBRATIONS

1. A Special Vidhan Sabha Session dedicated to the 550th Prakash Purab was held on 6th November, 2019 which was Presided over by the Vice President of India.
2. An Inter-Faith Conclave was held at Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar in which prominent personalities, including His Holiness Dalai Lama, participated.
3. 550 Nanak Naam Leva Personalities from all over the World were honoured in a special function in PTU Kapurthala
4. About 70 Lakh pilgrims visited Sultanpur Lodhi during the month of November, 2019 as part of the 550th Prakash Purab Celebrations
5. On 9th November 2019, the Kartarpur Corridor was opened, thereby providing unhindered access to Gurudwara Sri Darbar Sahib Kartarpur and fulfilling a long standing prayer of Sikhs for Khulle Darshan Didaar
6. The following infrastructure projects were announced to mark the auspicious occasion. Most of these have already been completed -
 - a. Smart Village Campaign – Rs. 1000 Crore
 - b. Sarbat Sehat Bima Yojna, Punjab (SSBY) – Rs. 311 Crore
 - c. National Institute of Inter-faith Studies – Rs. 510 Crores
 - d. Pind Babe Nanak da
 - e. Bebe Nanki College for Girls – Rs. 15 Crore
 - f. Roads & Bridges in and around Sultanpur Lodhi – Rs. 180 Crore
 - g. Upgradation of other Infrastructure in and around Sultanpur Lodhi – Rs. 58 Crore
 - h. Project for Lining & cleaning of Kali Bein – Rs. 4.5 Crore
 - i. Development of Villages visited by Guru Nanak Dev ji – Rs. 150 Crore
 - j. Plantation of 550 Trees each in all the villages – Rs. 10.50 crore
 - k. Release of prisoners
 - l. Guru Nanak Dev ji Marg (From Sultanpur Lodhi to Dera Baba Nanak via Baba Bakala)



- m. Prakash Purab Marg (From Sultanpur Lodhi to Dera Baba Nanak via Batala) – Rs. 103 Crore
- n. Establishment of Sri Guru Nanak Dev ji Centre for Invention, Innovation, Incubation & Training (CIIT) – Rs. 739 Crore
- o. Guru Nanak Dev Ji Auditorium in PTU Kapurthala- Rs 22 Crore
- p. Bio-diversity Park in Village Kanjli, District Kapurthala - Rs. 3 Crore
- q. Commemorative Gold & Silver Coins
- r. Commemorative Stamp on Guru Nanak Dev Ji
Prakash Purb by Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications, Government of India
- s. Upgradation of Railway Station at Sultanpur Lodhi by Ministry of Railways, Government of India
- t. Start of a new Train “Sarbat da Bhala Express” from Lohian Khas to New Delhi via Ludhiana by Ministry of Railways, Government of India
- u. Jagat Guru Nanak Dev Punjab State Open University to be established at Patiala
- v. State-of-the-art bus stand to be established at Batala- Rs. 13 Crore
- w. Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji Bio Diversity Park’ at Bir Shikargah on Kanjli Road Kapurthala Rs. 2.59 crore
- x. Establishment of Guru Nanak Dev ji Chairs in 11 Universities across the World



APPENDIX B

STEPS TO MITIGATE ADVERSE IMPACT OF COVID-19 IN PUNJAB

1. Testing Capacity has been ramped up from NIL in March 2020 to around 9000 individual tests per day
2. IEC-Outreach to Create Awareness for Covid-19: All forms of media channels e.g. Newspaper, TV, Radio, Social Media etc. have been used and also community outreach have been ensured through hospitals and dispensaries located in the all the villages and towns in Punjab.
 - a. Rs. 10 crore have been spent so far.
3. Mission Fateh launched to generate awareness as we slowly increase relaxations in lockdown.
4. Helplines: 4-Dedicated 24-hour helplines have been set up to cater to the distress calls of people on medical issues, ration and food, migrants, etc. More than 24 Lakh distress calls have been answered and prompt action taken on these.
5. COVA app; and e-Sanjeevani for online health consultations have been launched and extensively publicized.
 - a. More than 50 Lakh people have downloaded the COVA App so far.

FOOD & MEDICINES

6. Released Rs. 90 crore from Disaster Relief Fund to ensure food and shelter for homeless, underprivileged and daily wagers
7. NGOs, Religious and charitable organisations have disbursed about 3.50 crore cooked food packets including 21 lakh dry ration packets.
8. State Government has distributed more than 1.46 crore food packets, including 19 Lakh cooked food packets;
9. 15 lakh dry ration packets, each containing 10 kg Atta, 2 Kg Da & 2 Kg Sugar distributed to daily wage workers and unorganized laborers;
10. Additional 14 lakh food packets each containing 10 kg Atta, 1 kg Chana, and 1 kg Sugar have been disbursed;
11. All Sarpanches authorized to spend Rs. 5000 per day out subject to a maximum of Rs 50000 each out of Panchayat Funds for providing emergency relief by way of food & medicines to the poor and needy in the villages; and
12. Likewise, all Urban Local Bodies have been empowered to provide emergency relief including food and medicines to the poor and needy from the Municipal Funds

SPEEDY DISBURSEMENT OF SOCIAL SECURITY PENSIONS

13. Two months pension amounting to Rs 296 crore was released to about 24.69 lakh old-aged, widows and disabled persons on 22nd March 2020;
14. Released one month's pension amounting to Rs 183.82 crore to 24.69 lakh old-aged, widows and disabled persons on 6th April 2020; and
15. Released advance Pension for the month of April amounting to Rs 188 crore to 25.11 lakh old-aged, widows and disabled persons on 30th April 2020; Timely pension was released thereafter

MGNREGS

16. 3 lakh MNREGA workers paid wages amounting to Rs. 115 crore.

RELIEF TO CONSTRUCTION WORKERS

17. Released Rs 171.60 crore @Rs. 6000 per worker to 2.86 lakh construction workers registered with the state to help them in the period of lockdown.

MIGRANT WORKERS

18. Decided to bear 100% cost of transporting migrants to their home States in 500 trains at a total cost of Rs. 35 crores;

AGRICULTURE AND PROCUREMENT OF WHEAT

21. Ensured hassle-free procurement of over 125 lakh MT of wheat and 207 Lakh MT of paddy from 10 lakh farmers with full precautions against Covid-19;
22. Advanced the date for paddy transplantation from June 20 to June 10 to allow farmers to cope better with labour shortage; and
23. Written to Prime Minister to allow MGNREGS card holders for farm operations in 2020-21 Kharif and Rabi season as a special case to promote rural employment as well as to help offset high labour costs.

EX-GRATIA FOR GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

24. Announced ex-gratia of Rs. 50 Lakh to any government official, whether permanent, contractual or outsourced, who dies while supporting the State in the fight against Covid-19.

SCHOOL EDUCATION

25. Promoted all students of class 5th, 8th and 10th in order to ensure that their further studies are not affected on account of lockdown;
26. Directed schools to charge only Tuition Fee for the period of lockdown subject to their providing online education to the students. This has been slightly modified by Hon'ble Punjab & Haryana High Court in judicial review of the decision of the government against which an appeal has been filed; and
27. No hike in tuition fee allowed during the year 2020-21.

DEFERMENT OF RECOVERY OF TAXES AND BILLS

28. Deferred payment of sewerage and water bills in the state till 30th June;
29. Deferred payment of property tax and house tax till 30th June 2020;
30. Extended electricity bill payment date for all domestic, commercial & small power industrial consumers have monthly/ bimonthly bills up to INR 10,000, which falls on or after March 20, 2020;
31. Fixed electricity charges waived for three months for LS and MS electricity consumers; and
32. Extended due date of all Taxes under the Punjab Motor Vehicle Act by a month.

WAIVER OF TAXES AND PENALITIES

33. Stage & Contract carriage vehicles given 100% exemption from Motor Vehicle Tax for the period in which they were not allowed to ply I.e. from 23rd March to 19th May, 2020;
34. 5% reduction in Motor Vehicle Tax to be paid by Ordinary buses; and
35. Waived off payment for 2-month penal interest on Farmers' Crop loans waived from Central Coop Banks and Primary Agriculture Co-op Societies.

RELIEF TO REAL ESTATE SECTOR

36. Six-month extension in the permissible period of construction of plots/projects for all allottees, whether private or allotted, by state urban development authorities;
37. All urban development authorities will not charge non-construction charges/extension fee/license renewal fee for the period from 1st April to September 30, 2020; and
38. Allowed payment of installments (including interest) of all auctioned properties from 1st April, 2020 to 30th September, 2020, along with balance installments, as equated installments at scheme rate of interest. No interest will be charged on the Installment due between 1st April 2020 and 30th September, 2020, and thereafter, scheme interest will be charged on the amount

due.

LEGISLATIVE REFORMS

39. Notified The Punjab Clinical Establishments (Registration & Regulation) Ordinance, 2020, to bring all clinical establishments having capacity of more than 50 beds under its ambit with a view to enhance and regulate the involvement of private clinical establishments in the fight against COVID;
40. Amended the Punjab Good Conduct of Prisoners Act to provide for extension in parole to the convicts during the period of lockdown as a result of COVID-19; and
41. Notified the Right to Business Act to facilitate establishment of businesses immediately without prior permission and by enabling them to obtain and submit clearances with three years.

ECONOMIC REVIVIAL AND RESOURCE MOBILISATION

42. Hiked VAT on diesel and petrol by Rs. 2 per liter to increase resource mobilization; and
43. Constituted a Group of Experts, headed by noted economist and former Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission, Sh. Montek Singh Ahluwalia, to prepare a post-Covid economic revival strategy for the state.



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