

Hon'ble Mr. Speaker and Respected Members,

1. It gives me immense pleasure to welcome the Hon'ble members of this august House in the 8th session of the 16th Punjab Vidhan Sabha. I am indeed privileged to address the current Budget session and take this opportunity to convey my best wishes to all of you. The Annual Budget Session of the Legislative Assembly is of great importance since the Annual Budget is not merely an accounting exercise of receipts and expenditures but reflects the vision of the Government for the welfare of its citizens. I therefore, hope the deliberations in this session will culminate into actions for the progress and prosperity of the people of Punjab.
2. My Government has launched several groundbreaking schemes in the important sectors of Health and Education. There are 881 Aam Aadmi Clinics operational in the State. A total 2.98 crore patients have availed the health services in these clinics and more than 90 lakh diagnostic lab tests have been conducted so far. Medicines worth Rs. 600 crores at the prevailing market rates and

diagnostics tests worth Rs. 100 crores have been provided to the patients at these clinics. These clinics have contributed in reducing the out of pocket expenditure on health care of the people of State by a whopping amount of Rs. 1296 crore.

3. My Government is committed to provide free medicines to all the patients in Government Hospitals. Rs. 200.00 crore are expected to be spent over purchasing of medicines and consumables in the next financial year 2025-26. My Government is also committed to provide X-rays and Ultrasound facility in all the District, Sub-Divisional Hospitals and Community Health Centres and Ultrasound facility at very reasonable rates. 554 private X-ray and Ultrasound centres have also been empanelled to provide these services to the patients at the same reasonable prices. The additional cost on this account is being borne by the State Government. In the next 12 months, approximate benefit to be provided to the patients of Punjab will be Rs. 53 Crores on account of these services.
4. My Government is committed for improvement of the building infrastructure of Government Hospitals. A comprehensive plan has been made for

the improvement of buildings of all the District Hospitals over the next three years. Rs. 150.43 crores have been spent over civil works and installing fire fighting systems in 16 Government Hospitals during the year 2024-25.

5. Construction of MCH wing at District Hospital, Barnala has been completed. The construction of MCH wing at DH Faridkot, DH Gurdaspur, DH Sri Muktsar Sahib, DH Ludhiana, SDH Talwandi Sabo and SDH Patti is expected to be completed shortly with the cost of Rs. 54.60 Crores. Construction of new 30 bedded CHC, Kauhrian, 30 bedded Rural Hospital, Cheema and 80 bedded MCH wing at SDH, Dhuri, District Sangrur is also expected to be completed with the estimated cost of Rs. 44.41 Crores. Construction of 50 bedded Critical Care blocks at Civil Hospital Bathinda and SBS Nagar is also expected to be completed this year with the cost of Rs. 41.15 Crores.
6. Punjab Ayushman Bharat Mukh Mantri Sarbat Sehat Bima Yojana (AB-MMSSBY) & Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojna (AB-PMJAY) was launched on 19th August 2019. The scheme provides cashless health insurance cover of

Rs. 5.00 lakh per family to the entitled beneficiary families in the empanelled public and private hospitals so that every citizen, irrespective of their financial status, can access quality healthcare. Under the scheme, till now 88,41,358 number of e-cards have been activated. 25,31,540 patients have been treated under this scheme with the payment of Rs. 2609.90 crores so far.

7. To save the life and limb of accidental victims, my government launched Farishtey Scheme on 25.01.2024 to lower down the mortality and morbidity rate due to injuries occurred during roadside accidents. Till date 487 (178 public and 309 private) hospitals have been empanelled under this scheme. Since the inception of the scheme, till February, 2025 a total of 404 beneficiaries have been registered on portal and have taken treatment under this scheme in empanelled hospitals, with pre-authorization amount of Rs. 42.55 lakhs.
8. Currently we have 12 government and private Medical Colleges with the total 1700 MBBS seats in the state. My Government is in process of establishing 3 new medical colleges at Hoshiarpur, Kapurthala and Malerkotla under centrally

sponsored schemes and 2 new medical colleges at Sangrur and SBS Nagar with state funds.

9. My Government has launched the “CM di Yogashala” project to encourage regular yoga practices, promoting physical and mental well-being, reducing stress, and improving the overall health of its citizens. Currently, 3,200 yoga classes are conducted daily across various cities in all districts of Punjab, benefiting approximately 1,00,000 participants each day.
10. My Government Under "Punjab Sikhya Kranti" is committed to provide well managed, safe and secured campuses in Government schools. We have appointed 2042 campus Managers, 1378 security Guards through PESCO. In addition to this my government has started subsidized transport facility with 230 buses operational in Schools of Eminence and Girls schools.
11. My Government is committed to provide Hi-tech Education in Government schools by establishing 1970 ICT labs, 7702 smart class rooms and 100 Mbps speed internet connection in 19120 schools.
12. My Government is committed to empower students with mindset skills and resources to dream big and

take action. For nurturing business ideas at early stage, Government has started Business Blaster Scheme in senior secondary schools. Under this scheme 51,565 students forming 6700 teams were selected and given 10.32 crores seed money to convert their business ideas in real life businesses.

13. My Government in an endeavour to provide state of the art infrastructure in Government schools, has spent Rs. 568.43 Crores over construction of Additional class rooms, Laboratories, libraries, toilets and other facilities.
14. My Government is fully committed for providing quality education at school level and for ensuring this 2644 master cadre teachers promoted to lecturer, 424 Elementary trained teachers promoted to master cadre and for the first time in decade 57 principals promoted to District Education Officers and Assistant Directors.
15. My Government is committed to provide free uniforms to students in Government schools for which an expenditure of Rs. 35.0 Crore has been made for providing uniform to 5,83,333 students from class 1 to 8 above BPL category.

16. My Government has ensured to make canal water available to farmers, particularly the farmers situated at the tail ends of Canals. Continuing to this effort my Government has executed 79 projects for Rehabilitation and lining of canals in the current FY 2024-25. In addition to this a total of 77 canals abandoned or non-functional for the past 30 to 40 years have also been restored with a length of around 545 kms. Apart from this, a total of about 16000 water courses which were lying abandoned from last 30-40 years of around 4200 kms length have been restored. With concerted efforts undertaken, my Government has been able to utilize more than 12% of additional water during the last Kharif season in comparison to that of last 5 years.
17. My Government has carried out flood protection and drain cleaning works to the tune of Rs. 99 crores to prevent damage during the flood seasons. Cleaning works covering approximately 3000 kilometers of drains in various districts and around 46 flood protection works have been executed. Also, my Government has utilized approximately Rs. 70 crores for flood mitigation

across 60 works under the State Disaster Mitigation Fund. My Government has also undertaken the work of lining of the Kala Singha Drain in Jalandhar city, amounting to Rs. 34.00 crores, under the Jalandhar Smart City project. Giving emphasis to national security, my government has sanctioned extra Rs. 3.74 crores for the project titled "Consolidated project proposal for works along the Indo-Pak Border on River Ravi to address erosion and counteract the impact of protection works by the Pakistan Government."

18. With the consistent efforts of my Government, the Shahpur Kandi Dam Project which was pending for execution for more than 25 years, is finally seeing the light of the day at last. The filling of reservoir has been started. This project will generate 1042 Mega Units of Hydro-electricity with an installed capacity of 206 MW and create additional irrigation potential of 37,173 Ha as well as intensive irrigation of 1.18 Lac Ha area under UBDC system i.e in the districts of Amritsar, Gurdaspur, Tarn Taran and Pathankot. The water going waste downstream to Pakistan will also be stopped.

19. Additionally, my Government has undertaken the "Construction of various works in convergence with MGNREGA to utilize its full potential" project. Further, my Government has utilised the MGNREGA funds for carrying out various flood protection works, cleaning works of canals, lining of canals, cleaning of drains and repair of water courses to the tune of more than Rs. 270 crores.
20. My Government has successfully undertaken procurement operations for procurement of Wheat and Paddy under Central Pool. 121.31 Lakh Tons of Wheat and 173.58 Lakh Tons of Paddy were purchased during Rabi and Kharif seasons respectively and a payment of Rs. 68,630 crores of Minimum Support Price was made directly in the farmers' bank accounts. The State made a whopping contribution of 45% wheat to the Central pool during 2024-25.
21. My Government has procured 14,400 e-PoS kits and Electronic Weighing scales and equipped each Fair Price Shop with a dedicated e-PoS kit and Electronic Weighing Scale to ensure transparency and efficiency in distribution of wheat under National Food Security Act.

22. In order to ensure safe and scientific storage of food grains in the state, tender process for construction of 9 LMT capacity godowns on 10 year guarantee basis has been initiated, out of which letters of award for construction of 2 LMT capacity godowns have been issued to the successful bidders. In addition, tenders for construction of 35 LMT Scientific CAP (Cover & Plinths) have been floated to ensure safe storage of wheat during the upcoming RMS 2025-26.
23. Agriculture remains one of the most important parts of economy of Punjab. During decade of 1960's India's food crisis, the state of Punjab and its hardworking farmers played a leading role in bringing about the Green Revolution and have continuously contributed to maintaining India's food security for the past five decades. Punjab has about 42 lakh hectares of cultivable area, which is about 3% of the total cultivated area in the country, but Punjab produces about 18% wheat and 11% rice and 4% cotton of total production. Punjab's marketing structure is the strongest among the India and during 2023-24 Punjab State has

contributed about 24% and 50.4% of paddy and wheat respectively to the central grain reserve.

24. My Government has provided financial assistance at the rate of Rs. 1500/- per acre to the farmers for promotion of Direct Seeding of Rice. During Kharif 2024, total 2.53 lakh acres area cultivated under DSR as compared to 1.70 lakh acres during kharif 2023 which is 48.8% more than the last year.
25. During the year 2024 Basmati has been cultivated over an area of 6.81 lakh hectares as compared to 5.96 lakh hectares during kharif 2023, which is about 14% more than last year. In order to enable farmers to export Basmati of international standard, the Punjab government has banned 10 agriculture pesticides used on Basmati. The Department of Agriculture has started a pilot project at block Chougawan, District Amritsar to produce pesticide residue free basmati.
26. My Government has provided 80% subsidy to farmer groups/panchayats and 50% subsidy to individual farmers for crop residue management machines. From the Financial Year 2018-19 to till date a total of 1,46,500 machines have been provided for stubble management. This has resulted

in 70% reduction in paddy stubble fire incidents during 2024 as compared to that in the year 2023.

27. To promote Crop Diversification and increase the area under maize, my Government has provided subsidy to hybrid varieties of maize seeds certified and recommended by PAU, Ludhiana @ Rs. 100 per kg of total amount Rs. 2.30 crore. Apart from this, maize exhibitions have also been set up in an area of 3500 hectares in the state. The maize seed and other inputs like fertilizers, pesticides etc. will be given as assistance to the farmers at the rate of Rs. 6000/- per hectare.
28. The Punjab government had constituted a 11 member committee to prepare an agricultural policy based on the environment, culture and crops of Punjab, which will help sustainable agriculture, protect natural resources and increase the income of farmers. The draft Agriculture policy has been circulated to all the stakeholders, Farmers/Labour Unions seeking their valuable comments.
29. My Government has been proactive in ensuring the timely supply of fertilizers to small and marginal farmers. Despite the nationwide shortage due to high subsidies, my Government ensured equitable

distribution through Markfed's strategy of prepositioning fertilizers and rigorous monitoring of their movement across the State. During 2024-25, a total of 13,82,769 metric tonnes of Urea and 3,17,828 metric tonnes of DAP were distributed to small & marginal farmers associated with cooperative societies, ensuring that agricultural activities continued without disruption.

30. My Government is providing financial assistance for improving the dairy processing infrastructure in the State of Punjab and helping Milkfed to setup Rs. 325 crores Mohali Dairy Expansion project under NPDD scheme (JICA loan assistance) & on a similar note, expansion project of Sri Amritsar Sahib Dairy is undergoing at a cost of Rs. 112 crores under NABARD funded RIDF scheme. Both these projects will benefit the farmers of Mohali, Ropar, Sri Fatehgarh Sahib, Sri Amritsar Sahib & Tarantarn Districts. Moving forward, Milkfed Punjab has procured 21.50 lac liters per day milk in FY 2024-25 as compared to 19.16 lac liters per day on average basis three years ago. As such by procuring extra milk, my government has been

pumping extra @ Rs. 370 Crore per year into the rural economy.

31. Being sensitive to the cause of farmers, my Government has been proactive in clearing the past dues as well as ensuring timely payment to the sugar cane growers, to promote crop diversification in Punjab. During the crushing year 2023-24, 195.67 lakh quintals of Sugarcane was crushed by 09 Cooperative Sugar Mills in the state . The entire due amount of Rs. 764.99 Crores pertaining to 24043 Sugarcane growers associated with Cooperative Sugar Mills was cleared.
32. My Government has installed new sugar Mill project of 3500 TCD expandable upto 5000 TCD with 14 MW Cogeneration and refinery, having facility to produce refined & pharmaceutical sugar at Batala Cooperative Sugar Mills, at a cost of Rs. 296.14 Crores. The Crushing season 2024-25 was started in this new sugar Mill. Another new Sugar Plant of 5000 TCD with 28 MW Cogeneration is coming up at Gurdaspur Cooperative Mills at a Cost of Rs. 402.00 Crores. The work on the Project site is on the verge of Completion and commercial production is expected to be started soon.

33. The growth of Markfed's SOHNA brand has been remarkable with turnover of SOHNA products increased from approximately Rs. 250 crore to Rs. 350 crore.
34. My government is committed to deliver reliable and affordable power across all sectors in Punjab. We are dedicated to enhancing power infrastructure and implementing schemes that benefit every citizen.
35. I may add that because of honest intentions of my Government, we secured 3704 Megawatt solar power with average rate of Rs. 2.33 to Rs. 2.76 per unit and 900 Megawatt Hybrid Power at the rate of Rs. 3.22 to Rs. 3.28 per unit. Besides, 430 Megawatt green power has been added in the system by installing Rooftop Solar panels across Punjab.
36. The good quality coal from Pachhwarra has improved the plant operations and PSPCL thermal power stations are now facing no coal shortage for optimum generation of power and always have coal stocks for over 27 days or so. Further, due to availability of coal from Pachhwarra Coal Mine, no imported coal has been used since 2023-24 at state

owned thermal plants, saving around Rs. 600 Crore.

37. During 2024-25, Punjab has met its all time highest ever peak demand of 16,058 Megawatts on 29.06.2024. Overall, a record 3666 Lac Units of energy demand was met during a day on 21.07.2024.
38. My Government has ensured more than 8 hours power supply to agriculture consumers during paddy season without imposing any power cut on Domestic, Commercial, Industrial & other consumers, which led to bumper Paddy crop.
39. Electricity is a basic necessity for improvement in standard of living. My Government has implemented a free electricity scheme of 300 units monthly to domestic consumers since July 2022. This has benefited around 70 Lacs i.e. 90% of households, receiving zero bills in a billing cycle. Further, all agriculture consumers are getting free power. My Government has also provided power to all industrial consumers in the State at a subsidized rate of Rs. 5.667 per unit, which has helped to boost the industrial sector.

40. My Government has upgraded Transmission and Distribution network by commissioning one new 400 KV Sub-Station at Ropar, 16 new 66 KV Sub-Stations at different locations and upgraded exiting 132 KV Sub-Station to 220 KV at Gurdaspur which will help in providing uninterrupted and reliable power supply in the surrounding area.
41. My Government has commissioned a total 6830.50 MW capacity of renewable energy projects till October, 2024. In agriculture sector 17600 no. of solar pumps have been commissioned. 1,12,260 no. of solar street lights have been put in villages.
42. In last one year, my Government has facilitated Job/Self-employment facility to 85,248 candidates through 1468 placement camps/Job fairs/Self-employment camps.
43. 8614 candidates were trained and placement of 1129 candidates were done by Maharaja Ranjit Singh Armed Forces Preparatory Institute, Mai Bhago Armed Forces preparatory Institute, and Centre for Training and Employment of Punjab Youth during the last one year.
44. Continuing with the endeavour of providing government jobs on merit to deserving candidates,

my Government has ensured fairness in recruitment while also ensuring efficiency. Total 51,655 candidates have been issued appointment letters under regular recruitment by various departments of Government of Punjab since 2022. A trend is now being observed of reverse brain drain wherein many able youth of Punjab who were earlier opting to go abroad are now joining the service of Government of Punjab.

45. My Government had notified state's new Sports Policy in 2023 to restore Punjab's glory in the field of sports. To provide Sports Infrastructure in the entire State within easy reach of every home, it has been decided to set up 1000 Sports Nurseries this year, as was approved under the new Sports Policy. The budget of the Sports Department has been increased from Rs. 200 crore last year to over Rs. 850 crore this year for this purpose and to prepare playgrounds in all villages.
46. My Government initiated process for recruitment of over 400 coaches for Centres of Excellence, Nurseries and under the category of Outstanding

Sportspersons under the new Sports Policy in 2024-25.

47. 1000 medal winning players will be recruited in all for the sports nurseries under the new Sports Policy. Nourishment and equipment will be provided to 60,000 budding players at the Sports Nurseries once these are set up. It will provide environment in the state to promote healthy lifestyle in youth.
48. My Government organized Khedan Wattan Punjab Diyan, 2024 Season-3. The tournament comprised several games at Block level, District level and State level, at a cost of Rs. 30.00 Cr. Adequate funds will be provided this year also for Khedan Wattan Punjab Diyan which has seen a participation of 4.5 lac last year across all age groups.
49. My Government has disbursed Rs. 3.44 Cr to 30 players for the preparation of International Sports Events, cash awards of worth Rs. 12.66 cr (Rs. Twelve crore sixty six lakh) disbursed to 3996 players who participated or won medals at International, National and State level in 2024-25. An amount of Rs. 34.00 Cr. was allocated to Maharaja

Bhupinder Singh Punjab Sports University, Patiala for the year 2024-25 to promote sports education in the areas of Sport Science, Sports Technology, Sports Management, Sports Coaching, etc.

50. My Government has been continuing in providing incentives to attract industry to the State. Industrial & Business Development Policy 2022 was notified to provide incentives for existing and new units like reimbursement of SGST, exemption of Electricity Duty, Stamp Duty, Market Fees, CLU/EDC, Special incentives for MSMEs in the area of finance, technology and marketing. Under previous and present Industrial Policy 2022, Incentives of Rs. 8,910 Crore has been issued to about 670 units from March 2022 to till date. From April 2022 to till date, State has released Rs. 7,250 Crore for Power tariff Subsidy and demanded Rs. 3335.42 Crore as power tariff subsidy from Finance Department.
51. With its earnest efforts, my Government has since March 2022 received 5,986 investment proposals with proposed investment of about Rs. 96,836 Crores with the proposed employment potential of

about 4,20,030 persons. Government is providing Rs. 3 lakh per Startup as Seed fund and till date, Rs. 3.69 Crore has been allocated to 123 Startups for the same since 2022.

52. My Government has approved a One Time Settlement Scheme for recovery of pending dues of enhanced land cost and principal cost from defaulter plot holder of PSIEC. Under this scheme, all concerned defaulters are required to clear their dues by 31.12.2025 by waiving of 100% penal interest and charging 8% simple interest on pending dues. This has met a long standing demand of Industry.
53. In last one year, my Government has upgraded four Government Polytechnic Colleges into Centres of Excellence and equipped seven Government Polytechnics with advanced machinery, benefiting the youth of the State.
54. To bridge the Industry-Academia gap, my Government has introduced industry-oriented courses in Government Industrial Training Institutes. In the session 2024-25, 5,000 new seats have been added to Government ITIs and new

courses were introduced in 06 Government Polytechnics adding 510 new seats.

55. My Government is committed to provide safe drinking water to every rural household. In line with this commitment, we are implementing 15 large-scale, multi-village surface water supply schemes with an investment of Rs. 2,174 crore, set to benefit 25 lakh rural residents. These projects are in advanced stages and are expected to become fully operational in the financial year 2025-26.
56. Further strengthening rural water infrastructure, 82 rural water supply schemes and a sewerage scheme, costing Rs. 117.58 crore and covering 104 villages, are being upgraded during FY 2024-25. Additionally, 144 rural water supply schemes benefiting 176 villages, with an investment of Rs. 159.95 crore are in the process for augmentation and upgradation in FY 2025-26.
57. Having successfully achieved and maintained the status of an Open Defecation Free (ODF) State, my government is now progressing towards ODF Plus (Model) status by ensuring comprehensive solid and liquid waste management for every village in the state. As of now, 1,747 villages have been declared

ODF Plus (Model), reinforcing the government's commitment to sustainable sanitation practices.

58. My government's efforts towards environmental sustainability and sanitation are evident in the renovation of ponds in different villages of the state, that is being carried out under Liquid Waste Management Scheme in rural areas. Till date 1087 works have been completed and 482 works are in progress.
59. In its endeavor to further uplift rural livelihoods, my government has made significant strides under the MGNREGA scheme. Punjab has undertaken around 1.58 lakh works of development nature in the rural areas of the State during the current Financial Year at a total expense of nearly Rs. 1333 Crores. This has helped generate over 299 lakh man-days, which has provided much-needed sustenance to 8.17 lakh households. Under this scheme, my government has taken initiatives to develop playgrounds in different villages, which is critical for the recreation and overall development of our youths. In the current Financial Year, 3291 playgrounds have so far been developed and work on 1548 playgrounds is in progress. Further, under this scheme, a

significant contribution has been made to the environmental sustainability, as more than 95 lakh trees have been planted across the State in this financial year.

60. My Government's commitment to providing affordable housing to all is evident in the successful implementation of the Pradhan Mantri Gramin Awas Yojana. We've reached a significant milestone by constructing 38,478 houses against the target of 39,660, achieving an impressive success rate of 97%. Another 31,468 houses have been sanctioned against the target of 42,562 houses, at an achievement of 70% houses, and efforts are being made to cover the remaining beneficiaries.
61. In its endeavour to further uplift rural livelihoods, my government has made a significant improvement under State Rural Livelihoods Scheme. A total of 54326 Self Help Groups have been formed by covering 545311 households. 3851 Village Organizations and 148 Cluster Level Federations have been formed till 31.12.2024. 7589 SHG have got Rs. 94.35 Crore loan. Under Start up Village Entrepreneurship Program (SVEP) Project, Rs. 94 Lakh has been disbursed to 455 beneficiaries,

Under Pradhan Mantri Formalization of Micro food processing Enterprises (PMFME), Rs. 2.14 Crores has been disbursed to 4304 Beneficiaries. Under PEHEL Project, 7 lakhs Govt. School Uniforms will be stitched by 3600 SHG members.

62. My Government has taken a number of steps to ensure that Revenue Services are provided to the common man in a smooth and hassle free manner. A Whatsapp Complaint Centre has been setup. Public can submit complaints on Whatsapp and efforts are made to resolve these complaints within 21 days.
63. My Government has released a sum of Rs. 248 crore for the construction and repair of District Administrative Complexes, Sub Divisional Complexes, Tehsils, Sub Tehsils and Patwar Work Stations.
64. For the welfare of the terrorist affected families and welfare of families affected by 1984 riots, a sum of Rs. 34.6 Crores was provided to the beneficiaries in the state.
65. To compensate for GST on the goods purchased for Langar at the Golden Temple and Durgiana Mandir,

my government has released a sum of Rs. 2.7 Crore to DC Amritsar.

66. My Government has allotted a sum of Rs. 5 lacs for maintenance of Roza Sharif, Sirhind, District Fatehgarh Sahib.
67. My Government has launched a new scheme namely Door-Step Delivery of Services or “Bhagwant Mann Sarkar Tuhade Dwar” to provide services to the citizens at their door-step on demand. Under the scheme, initially 43 citizen services were identified which constitute more than 99% of the volume of the transactions. Now, all services of Sewa Kendras where physical presence at Sewa kendras is not required, have been started under this scheme. With this, 406 services can be applied through this scheme. More than 1 lac citizens have availed the services.
68. Further, in a revolutionary step as part of its commitment to seamless & transparent service delivery and zero tolerance to corruption, my Government has onboarded Patwaris, Sarpanches, Nambardars and MCs on it's online platform. Now, the citizen need not visit these functionaries for signatures and reports as their applications will be

verified online through app or whatsapp. Therefore with this, the Government has empowered the citizens who just need to apply for services at their doorstep or at any Sewa kendra. Since it's introduction, 1175 applications have already been processed online through Sarpanches, Nambardars and MCs.

69. My Government has helped the Vidhan Sabha to use information technology very effectively to work digitally and improve its efficiency. National e-Vidhan application has been successfully implemented from September 2023 in Punjab Vidhan Sabha. The transition to a paperless Vidhan Sabha ensured greater efficiency and environmental sustainability. Sessions of Vidhan Sabha are being conducted paperless after September 2023.
70. My Government has through its extensive network of 1,367 Veterinary Hospitals, 1489 Veterinary Dispensaries provided services to livestock farmers with 4.15 million OPD, administered 12.85 million doses of vaccines against dreaded diseases to livestock population of the state. 24.28 lakh doses of LSD vaccine have been administered and department has planned to purchase 25 lakh doses

for next year. 63.22 lakh doses of FMD vaccine have been administered and department has planned to purchase 65 lakh doses for next year.

71. 2.28 million Artificial Inseminations have been conducted at doorsteps with target to administer 30 Lakh doses of Artificial Insemination during 2025-26. 1,75,000 doses of Frozen Sexed Sorted Semen have been purchased to produce High Genetic Potential female calves in the last year, order for 50,000 doses has been given and the proposal for buying additional 1,50,000 doses of sexed semen is under process.
72. My Government is giving special thrust to promote self-employment in fisheries sector. To achieve this goal, the Fisheries Department has provided free training to 8524 individuals and produced 147.74 lacs fish seeds at government fish farms. Additionally, subsidies totaling Rs. 452.00 lacs have been disbursed to 135 beneficiaries during the financial year 2024-25, supporting various projects such as expansion of fish and shrimp farming, fish transportation and innovative aquaculture systems like Re-circulatory Aquaculture System (RAS) and Biofloc Culture system and Fish kiosks etc. A retail

fish market at village Ghalaure, District Patiala has also been inaugurated during FY 2024-25 to provide hygienic fish to the consumers.

73. Dairy Sector will be promoted to provide self-employment to the unemployed youths of the state. About 3097 new dairy units have been established in current financial year.
74. My Government's focused efforts have successfully steered the State's fiscal health toward stability and sustainable growth. A significant milestone has been the achievement of double-digit growth in own-tax revenues reflecting its effective strategies and accomplishments. Key highlights include a 35% increase in Stamps and Registration, 15% growth in Taxes on Vehicles, 14% growth in State Excise, and a 13% rise in State GST (up to Feb 2025).
75. A detailed and meticulously prepared memorandum has been successfully submitted to the 16th Finance Commission, reflecting commitment to transparency and fiscal responsibility. This achievement was made possible through the extensive collection and compilation of data from various State departments, ensuring a comprehensive and accurate representation of the

State's fiscal position. In recognition of this important engagement, the State had the honour of hosting the esteemed members of the Commission, fostering a spirit of collaboration and mutual understanding.

76. E-Voucher, Non-Treasury Accounting Module, and SNA SPARASH modules have been developed and rolled out to ensure secure and effective financial management and for authentication of bills, E-sign facility has also been incorporated.
77. Furthermore, to streamline the pension processes and for providing service to pensioners, a pension revision module in iHRMS and a separate portal called Pension Sewa Portal have been rolled out during this year.
78. My Government has launched the State Procurement Portal under the Punjab Transparency in Public Procurement Act, enabling departments to upload annual procurement plans. This initiative provides stakeholder with a clear view of upcoming projects and promotes transparency in public procurement. Additionally, the uploading of procurement plans ensures better planning,

coordination, and efficient allocation of resources across departments.

79. My Government has intensified its fight against drug trafficking and organized crime through strategic initiatives like extremely resolute and focussed launch of War against Drugs (Youdh Nasheyen Virudh) on February 25. A High powered, cabinet sub-committee under the chairmanship of S. Harpal Singh Cheema State Finance Minister has been constituted to make this resolute campaign a grand success. A special focus has been to break the economic chain in the entire nexus. Several properties of the drug traffickers have been demolished to send the message of firm conviction of the state to completely eliminate problem of drugs from the state of Punjab. The Special Task Force (STF) which has been restructured and strengthened as Anti-Narcotics Task Force (ANTF) was established to enforce drug laws, rehabilitate victims, and prevent substance abuse. To educate people, 33,079 public awareness meetings were held statewide, and 19,523 Village Defence Committees (VDCs) were formed in just four months. A Special Intelligence & Technical Unit has

also been set up to analyze drug-related data, communications, and financial transactions, significantly boosting ANTF's effectiveness. The Anti Gangster Task Force and field units have made remarkable progress in combating organized crime, arresting 1,588 criminals, neutralizing 13 gangsters, busting 571 criminal modules, and recovering 1,477 weapons and 327 vehicles used in crimes.

80. For safety and security of people of Punjab, my Government has taken every possible administrative and legal measures to maintain law and order in the State. My Government has made significant strides in counter-intelligence, cybercrime prevention, and modernization. From January 1 to November 28, 2024, the Punjab Police has busted nine terror modules, leading to 59 arrests and the recovery of weapons.
81. The Punjab State Cyber Crime Division continues to combat cyber threats which include establishing 28 cyber police stations in Punjab, 24x7 social media monitoring, and initiatives like the Cyber Mittar chatbot. In 2024, over 6,000 unlawful posts were removed, while the Cyber Fraud Helpline (1930)

handled 1500+ daily calls, preventing Rs. 797.18 crore in losses and refunding Rs. 719.03 crore to victims. Awareness campaigns and specialized training for 885 police officials further bolster cybercrime prevention efforts.

82. My Government is committed to improve road safety and emergency response systems. In 2023, there were 6,269 road accidents, resulting in 4,829 fatalities and 3,206 injuries. By September 30, 2024, accidents had reduced to 4,258, with 3,264 deaths and 2,281 injuries. To enhance awareness, traffic education cells conducted 11,369 seminars in 2023 and 8,549 in 2024 across schools, colleges, and transport hubs. Efforts are underway to introduce traffic education in school curricula.
83. The Emergency Response Support System (ERSS) Dial-112, operational in Punjab since February 2019, provides immediate assistance for distress calls. Established with Rs. 92.85 crore from Nirbhaya funds, it includes a centralized call center in Mohali and 27 district coordination centers. Punjab Police continues to enhance road safety and emergency response to ensure public security.
84. My Government accords high priority to the welfare

of the citizens living in urban areas. Cities are also the veritable engines of economic growth and it is our foremost endeavour to improve urban infrastructure and delivery of basic services to the residents of the towns of the State.

85. Elections to 49 Urban Local Bodies (ULBs), including 5 Municipal Corporations, have been held during the year and I am sanguine that the newly elected Councillors along with their respective Mayors and Presidents will work for the overall improvement of our cities and good urban governance.
86. In order to reduce reliance on depleting ground water, surface water based Water Treatment Plant (WTP) of 440 MLD at Amritsar at a cost of Rs. 784 crores is in advanced stage of construction. In Ludhiana, construction on World Bank-AIIB funded 580 MLD WTP at a cost of Rs. 1546 Crore was commenced last year. Bulk Water Supply projects in Jalandhar and Patiala are also likely to be completed by the end of the year. Furthermore, 84 towns in the State are also being covered for surface water supply schemes valuing Rs. 2246 Crores.

Works in 24 towns have been tendered out while the other works are at different stages of tendering.

87. To promote healthy environment and to reduce water pollution, my Government is working hard to increase the installed capacity of Sewerage Treatment Plants (STPs) in the State by 376 MLD. Of this, 42 STPs with a capacity of 174 MLD are currently under construction at an approximate cost of Rs. 400 crore and will be completed in the coming 1-2 years. Besides this, 20 more towns are being covered with piped sewerage at a cost of Rs. 250 crores. To strengthen the capacity of ULBs for cleaning sewerage lines, the State Government has procured 730 machines for various ULBs at a cost of Rs. 39.55 crore.
88. To provide efficient public transport system with zero emission in the large towns of the state, my government will be introducing, 347 E-buses in the coming months in the major cities, namely Amritsar (100), Jalandhar (97), Ludhiana (100) and Patiala (50). This will improve the public transport system and reduce the dependency on private modes of transport. Further, my government has also proposed introduction of Electric City Bus Service

in the SAS Nagar (Mohali) cluster as part of the Tri-City of Chandigarh.

89. The ULBs of the State are also working towards improved door-to-door collection of solid waste and its segregation and processing along with remediation of the legacy waste. To reduce air pollution in the Holy City of Amritsar, the targeted 1200 old diesel auto-rickshaws have been replaced with new Electric Autos under RAAHI scheme. Further, to empower the city women, 200 Pink E-Autos have also been given to women beneficiaries at 90% subsidized cost.
90. My Government has brought policy for lump-sum grant to the distinguished award winners of armed forces, in place of monthly allowance w.e.f. 27.08.2024 and has amended The East Punjab War Award Act, 1945 to increase the annual financial assistance for War Jagir beneficiaries from Rs. 10,000/- to Rs. 20,000/- annually w.e.f. 08.10.2024.
91. To promote the rich cultural heritage of the State, annual calendar to celebrate various festivals and fairs has been drawn by my Government. The Teej

Festival at Sri Muktsar Sahib, Inquilab Festival at Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar, Military Literature Festival at Chandigarh, Heritage Festival at Patiala have been celebrated with great enthusiasm and fervour by the local populace.

92. It gives me immense pleasure to inform that my Government has established the Bhagwan Valmiki Panorama, a State of Art Museum depicting the life and contributions of Bhagwan Valmikiji through modern technology, at Ram Tirath Sthal, Amritsar at a cost of Rs. 32.78 Crores.
93. With an objective to further boost the tourism and the rich cultural heritage of the State, my Government has planned a project at Hussainiwala Border and at Sri Anandpur Sahib, Roopnagar at a cost of approximately Rs. 25 crores each in the coming financial year.
94. My Government has successfully completed the construction of a new state-of-the-art air terminal at Adampur at a cost of Rs. 154 crores. The new terminal has enhanced passenger handling capacity upto 150 passengers each for arrival and departure

and is now fully operational. Flights have commenced to key destinations including Hindon (Ghaziabad), Nanded, and Bangalore.

95. The construction of Halwara International Airport is progressing swiftly, with 90% of the interim terminal building work already completed. My Government has invested Rs. 50 crores in the construction of the terminal and road connectivity. The Punjab Vidhan Sabha has passed a resolution to name the airport after Shaheed Kartar Singh Sarabha, and the proposal has been recommended to the Ministry of Civil Aviation, Government of India. This airport is expected to be operational by June 2025 and will play a key role in improving regional industrial growth and enhancing air connectivity.
96. My Government has got established five registered vehicles scrapping facilities for scrapping of vehicles older than 15 years. With this the pollution caused by old vehicles will be reduced and unfit vehicles will be taken off the road.
97. My Government is providing 50 types of smart services related to driving licenses and registration certificate etc. to the citizens through completely

online mode. Eight more services are in the advanced stage of implementation. Vehicle fitness checking is done through online mode along with pictures at specified location with Geo-tagging. E-Challan machines have been arranged by the department and compounding fee can be paid on the spot through UPI/Credit Card/Debit Card/Delivery of Registration Certificate (RC) and Driving License (DL) is being done door to door.

98. My Government is committed to provide its citizens a good road network thereby upgrading the existing roads, planning new roads and identifying missing links. Under the Financial Year 2025-26, it is planned to spend Rs. 2097 Crore on Construction / Upgradation of 2579 Km of Plan Roads and Rs. 967 Crores on Construction of 136 new and 29 Ongoing Bridges. Similarly my Govt has planned to spend Rs. 600 Cr on upgradation of 1298 Km of through roads.
99. Road length of 70 Km of National Highways is planned to be upgraded with a cost of Rs. 300 Crores.
100. My Government had promised to eradicate corruption and adopted Zero Tolerance Policy

towards corruption. We had promised citizen friendly and transparent governance for the people of Punjab. In pursuance of this, the State Vigilance Bureau, Punjab during the period from 16-03-2022 to 28-02-2025 has registered 359 cases under PC Act 1988 (amended) 2018 against 485 Government Officers/Officials of different levels and Private Persons who were caught red handed while accepting illegal gratification. Besides this, 386 criminal cases have been registered relating to Economic offences under Indian Penal Code and Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita involving 957 Government Officers/ Officials of different levels and Private Persons. The State Vigilance Bureau has arrested 826 accused in these cases and 132 accused have been convicted.

101. In a major relief to people who have purchased plots in unauthorized colonies, my Government has amended the Punjab Apartment & Property Regulation Act giving a chance to them to get their plots registered without obtaining NOC. The last date to apply under the scheme was February 28, 2025 which on public demand has now been extended to August 31, 2025. At the same time, to

curb the unauthorized development, punishment and fine to the promoter who develops an unauthorized colony has been increased by another amendment in Punjab Apartment and Property Regulation Act.

102. Extending an opportunity to the plot holders who could not deposit their due installments or could not complete the construction within the prescribed time period or deposit Non Construction Fee, my government has launched Amnesty Policy-2025. Such allottees can now pay their outstanding dues in lump-sum along with scheme interest, but without any penalty. Also, 50% amount of outstanding dues of Non Construction Charges has been waived off.
103. My Government has been preparing Master Plans/Development Plans for orderly growth and development of cities/towns in the State of Punjab. So far, we have notified 117 Local Planning Areas covering 214 cities of the State. Process to notify 24 more Local Planning Areas is underway.
104. Fulfilling its commitment to provide every possible facility to the citizens, department has completed projects and initiated new projects worth Rs. 1043

crores. This will strengthen the existing urban infrastructure. Permission for issuance of Change of Land Use has been merged with approval of Layout Plan, Building Plan and License to the colony. This has reduced the time for issuance of construction permits enabling the investors to start business within least possible time.

105. Providing Ease of Doing Business, department is facilitating the stakeholders by providing various services online viz. E-CLU, e-licensing etc. Besides, facilitating citizens, all services provisioned under the Right to Services Act are being provided online. The department is also in the process to implement Online Building Plan Approval System for industrial and residential plots.
106. My Government had introduced the 1st Generation Reforms in the year 2023 by establishing Public Mining sites across the State, which was a radical departure from the earlier policies and opened up the Mining sector to the Public by providing sand at cheap rates besides boosting local employment. This year the Department shall initiate the 2nd Generation Reforms by further liberalizing the Mining sector resulting in a quantum increase in

the supply of sand and gravel into the market, thereby further reducing the prices of sand and gravel for the common man.

107. My Government is committed to providing sand and gravel at affordable rates to the public while ensuring transparency in legal mining operations. For this, process for installation of GPS devices in mineral transportation vehicles has been started and "PB Mines Inspection App" has been launched through which illegal mining can be reported on a real time basis.
108. My Government is first state in the country to successfully implement an agroforestry-based carbon financing project. Under this initiative, the state has benefitted 3,686 farmers with financial support amounting to Rs. 45.67 crore in recognition of the plantations undertaken by them on their agricultural lands.
109. A target of planting 3 crore saplings was set under various schemes during the year 2024-25. To date, 2.92 crore saplings have already been planted by my government marking significant progress toward this goal. As part of the ongoing "Punjab Hariawal

Lehar" initiative, my Government has successfully planted approximately 28.99 lakh saplings around tubewells and established 268 Nanak Bagichies and 46 Pavittar Vans, further contributing to environmental sustainability.

110. My Government is making earnest efforts to ensure pollution free environment for citizens of Punjab. The State Environment Plan and District Environment Plans have been formulated to address the environmental issues in a holistic and time bound manner and progress of the plans are being monitored regularly. The emphasis from the captive treatment by individual industrial units have now been shifted to Common Effluent Treatment Plants (CETPs) specifically for the polluting industries like textile-dyeing, electroplating and pharmaceutical units for improving the water quality of rivers. Similarly, to increase the *Ex-situ* use of paddy straw, entrepreneurs and industries are being encouraged to utilize paddy stubble in Bio-mass Power Plants, Compressed Bio Gas (CBG) Plants, Bio-ethanol Plants and Industrial Boilers. The Net Zero Vision

Document of the State is also being formulated with the support of Deputy British High Commission, Chandigarh for achieving Net Zero Carbon Emission by 2050 through various climate change mitigation and adaptive measures. A project with a budget of Rs. 26.90 Cr. has been implemented for upgradation of Pushpa Gujral Science City, Kapurthala for strengthening the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) education by setting up unique Galleries on Mathematics and Electricity.

111. My Government has seen a good increase in the revenue collection of excise and taxation during the current financial year. In financial year 2024-25 up to February 2025, GST collection reached Rs. 22771.11 crores registering an increase of 12.51% year over year, while VAT revenue rose to Rs. 7113.51 crore, a 5.74% gain. Overall, total revenue, inclusive of PSDT collection, amounted to Rs. 30056.2 crore reflecting a 10.85% increase compared to the previous year. Up to February 2025, excise department has collected revenue to the tune of Rs. 9266.68 crores registering an increase of 14.37% over previous year.

112. My Government has in collaboration with IIT Hyderabad successfully implemented advanced data analytics tools to automate tax administration and enhance GST enforcement within the state. The introduction of modules developed by IIT Hyderabad has significantly improved operational efficiency and yielded positive results in tax collection and compliance.
113. The efforts of the State Intelligence and Preventive Units (SIPU) and the Tax Intelligence Unit (TIU) are significant in thwarting tax evasion and enhancing compliance. By leveraging both human and machine intelligence, these units have successfully identified outliers within the tax system. Consequently, SIPUs have detected and imposed penalties amounting to Rs. 143.38 Crores out of which Rs. 139 Crores stands recovered.
114. The "Bill Liyao Inam Pao" scheme has been extended, which is an initiative designed to incentivize consumers to obtain bills from dealers to enhance tax compliance. As a result of this initiatives, the Department has imposed penalties to the tune of Rs. 2.87 crores on non-compliant

taxpayers, and prize money distributed in the year is of Rs. 83.19 lacs.

115. My Government extended the One Time Settlement Scheme to address and alleviate the complexities associated with legacy tax issues up to 16/08/2024. This initiative has successfully enabled 70,311 dealers to be benefited from the program, resulting in the waiver of Rs. 867.28 crores in outstanding arrears for these taxpayers. Additionally, the Department has successfully recovered an old arrear of Rs. 164.35 crores, demonstrating the program's efficacy in addressing long-standing tax liabilities.
116. My Government encourages NRIs to participate in infrastructure development in their respective villages. NRIs can contribute 50% on any infrastructure project carried out by them, where balance 50% is contributed by the State. Ten projects are underway in four Districts naming Jalandhar, Ludhiana, SBS Nagar, Hoshiarpur and NRIs are being motivated to contribute to new projects in coming years.
117. Dear Members, this august house is a true reflections on our secular democratic polity. You

have always upheld these values as enshrined in our Constitution. Despite different political affiliations, no member of this House has ever shirked in fulfilling his/her constitutional duties and obligations and for this, I would like to record my appreciation for all the Hon'ble Members. The achievements of my Government fully reflect its commitment to its people of Punjab. My Government believes in healthy co-operation and moving together to take Punjab to new heights in its quest for justice to everyone and achieving a knowledge society which will be a model for all.

118. As I wish you all the success in your deliberations, I am sanguine that we all will walk together step-by-step to re-establish 'Prosperous Punjab'.

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