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A word from
SARDAR PARKASH SINGH BADAL
Chief Minister, Punjab & Patron In Chief, SAD



"My Dear and brave Punjabis,,

The past ten years have been a period of unprecedented progress and development in Punjab. The state has witnessed path-breaking initiatives in most areas of progress, including agriculture, business, trade and industry, education, health, sports, investment and social welfare sectors. The basic infrastructure in the state underwent a complete revamp with four-lane and six-lane expressways coming up. The state which used to reel under power-cuts for 14 to 18 hours every day is now power surplus. To beat the disadvantage of being land-locked, the state now has two international and three domestic airports. Every section of society is getting direct government support as incentive or assistance to take the state and its people forward. Punjabi farmers are the only farmers who get agricultural power free of cost. Several needy sections of society are also getting domestic power free.

Similarly, several other unprecedented facilities are extended to different sections of society, such as Atta Daal to the poor, the small farmers and traders, free medical treatment up to Rs 50,000 and accidental death insurance of Rs Five lakh for bread winners of these families. Intelligent students are encouraged to push forward with even better results with liberal scholarships of Rs 30,000 under Dr. Hargobind Khurana scholarship scheme. Girl students in schools are being given free bicycles as incentives for education.

The state government is acting a strong defender of states' rights over critical areas such as river waters and territorial issues. The SAD-BJP government put the issue of SYL construction beyond the area of human possibility by returning the land acquired for this canal to the original farmers. The state never had a drop of water to spare through this canal. Now, it does not have an inch of land to build the canal either. The SAD will never allow SYL to be built. I will rather make the supreme sacrifice with my life rather than allow this canal to be built. Everybody who has known for the past sixty years of public life knows this too well. The state remains the most peaceful region in the country and despite many challenges, it enjoys an atmosphere of complete communal harmony.

One of the proudest moments in my life was the walk through the Heritage Street around the Holy Sri Harmandar Sahib in Guru Ki Nagari, Sri Amritsar Sahib. I humbly thank the Almighty for giving us this opportunity to serve our heritage and our masses with a project which has won worldwide acclaim.

As we go into the elections, I approach you with a humble request to have a look around yourself and see if the claims being made about progress and development in the state and about the welfare measures being extended to different sections of society are true or not. I am sure that it will be so easy to see that Punjab today has come a long, long way forward from where it was ten years ago. In fact, anyone visiting Punjab after a gap of ten years would find it hard to recognize many parts of Punjab as the same that he or she had left behind a decade ago.

I request you to exercise your right to vote not through bias, anger, greed or any other consideration but through independent, fair and impartial judgment. Just keep one thing in mind. Did the government work honestly on every front to take the state forward into the new age of development and prosperity or not? Then, look around at reality around you for an honest answer.

Indeed, there are still challenges to be met. With your support, we are already engaged in fighting those challenges. But we need your support so that the process of development is not stopped or slowed down.

There are political parties and personalities active in the state who are trying to paint Punjabis as drug addicts just as they had tried to paint us as terrorists and extremists in the eighties and the nineties. Now they dub 70% of you as drug addicts. How many of your relatives, your family members, your friends or your acquaintances are drug addicts? I request you to ask yourself: "Do those who call us criminals and drug addicts deserve our vote?" If your answer is "No", then it is our duty to teach these elements a lesson.

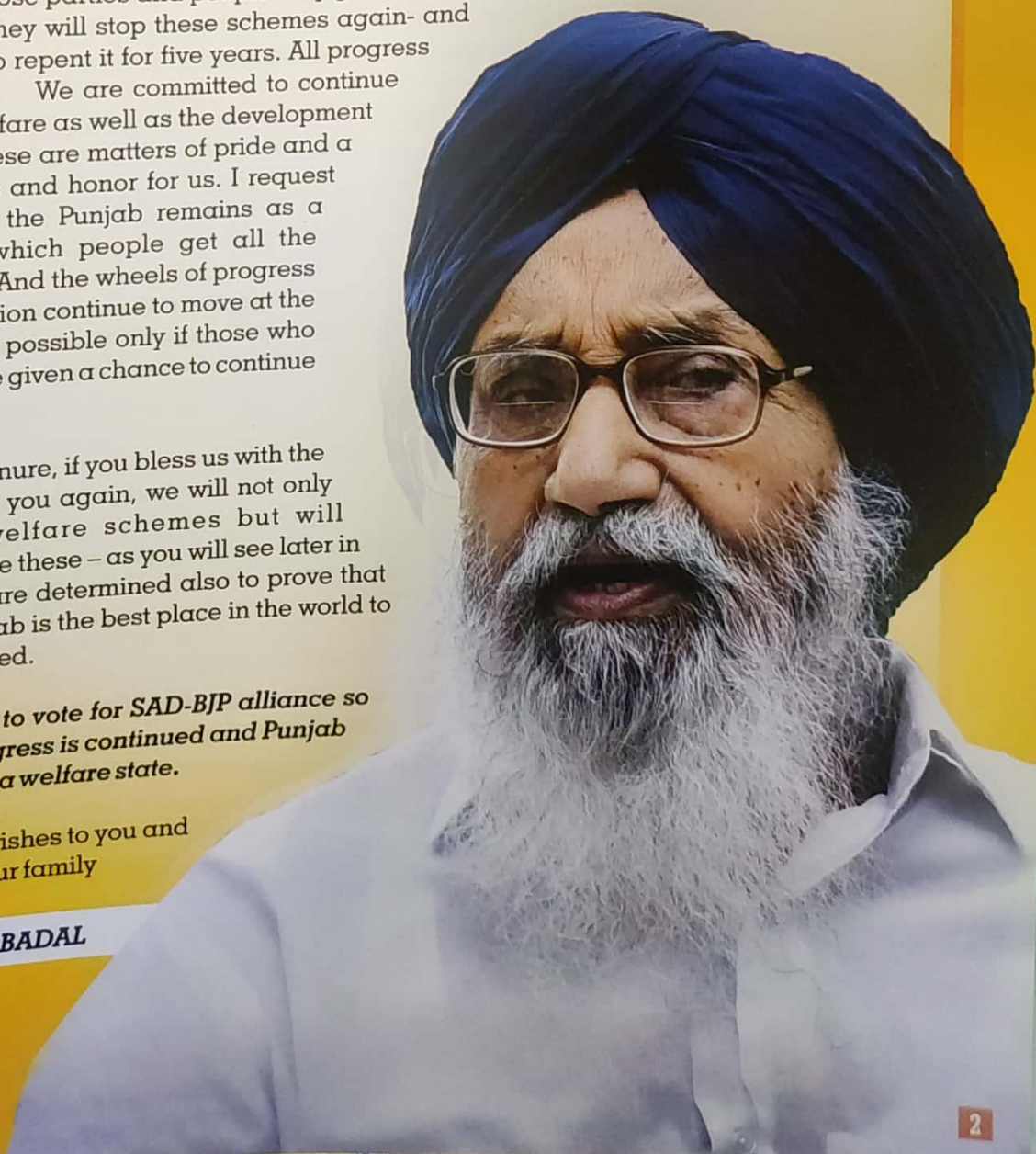
Everybody knows that the welfare schemes such as free power to farmers, pensions, shaguns, Atta Daal, free Teerath yatra, free medical treatment of Rs 50,000 or Cancer Relief of Rs One lakh fifty thousand (1 lakh 50,000 per patient) etc. will be stopped in the first month itself if any political party other than the SAD-BJP forms a government in Punjab. These are policies and schemes started by us and we have continued with them for nearly fifteen years. When the Congress formed a government here in 2002-07 under Captain Amarinder Singh, he had stopped all these schemes and facilities, especially free power to farmers, shagun scheme for dalit daughters, pensions for the poor and the senior citizens and other welfare schemes. Everybody knows those parties and people they get a chance to rule by mistake again, they will stop these schemes again- and Punjabis will have to repent it for five years. All progress will come to a stop. We are committed to continue these policies of welfare as well as the development process because these are matters of pride and a question of prestige and honor for us. I request you to ensure that the Punjab remains as a Welfare State in which people get all the facilities they need. And the wheels of progress which are in full motion continue to move at the same speed. This is possible only if those who have started it all are given a chance to continue with these policies.

In our next tenure, if you bless us with the opportunity to serve you again, we will not only continue these welfare schemes but will significantly increase these – as you will see later in this manifesto. We are determined also to prove that our claims that Punjab is the best place in the world to live in is totally justified.

I request you again to vote for SAD-BJP alliance so that the pace of progress is continued and Punjab continues to remain a welfare state.

With love and best wishes to you and other members of your family

- PARKASH SINGH BADAL



A Word from the President



My dear Punjabis,

As you are all aware, the Shiromani Akali Dal is a party inspired by the examples set by our great forefathers in their brave and relentless fight against injustice and tyranny of the Mughals. It was formed in the first half of the twentieth century in response to slavery, repression and injustice inflicted on us by the British. The party waged several successful battles against the mighty British and upheld the proud heritage of our great gurus and ancestors.

Since Independence, the party has waged long battles against injustice and discrimination against Punjab by successive Congress regime both at the center and in the states. That fight continues because they have institutionalized this injustice which needs to be fought at every level.

In 1984, they unleashed a reign of terror against the brave and patriotic Sikh minority community, culminating in the attack on our holiest shrine, Sri Harmandir Sahib and later in the brutal massacre of thousands of innocent Sikhs in Delhi and other parts of the county.

Recently, a new challenge has been thrown at us. The very character of Punjab and its brave and patriotic youth has been brought under a shadow with allegations of massive drug addiction. While no one denies the presence of the drug problem, what was criminal was the demonization of Punjabi youth on this excuse.

We have simultaneously to work for making our Punjab one of the best destinations in this world. There are some even in our own state who doubt the capacity and potential of Punjabis to be the world's best and criticize our ambitious programmes in this direction. As the head of the party which has glorious history and heritage to live up to, I strongly believe that my state should and can be the best in the world. They call me a dreamer. I don't deny that. All Akalis are dreamers but all Akalis are also achievers. We dream big for our people. And we achieve big. You have seen in the past few years how some people doubted Punjab's claim to emerge as power surplus. When I said my state can do it, some had laughed at the claim. Now Punjab is a surplus state. It also has not one but two airports, including the one at Mohali which Punjab's critics did not believe will come up. All Major cities in the state are being connected with four lane and six lane expressways – and we are the only stat in the country to even attempt this. Similarly, we have other big dreams and plans for our state.

Our fight is against two parties who are not only based outside Punjab but have a record of saying and doing things against the interests of the state. The Congress has now been joined by a group of lawless elements whose sole aim is to cheat the state through cheap stunts of the theatre world.

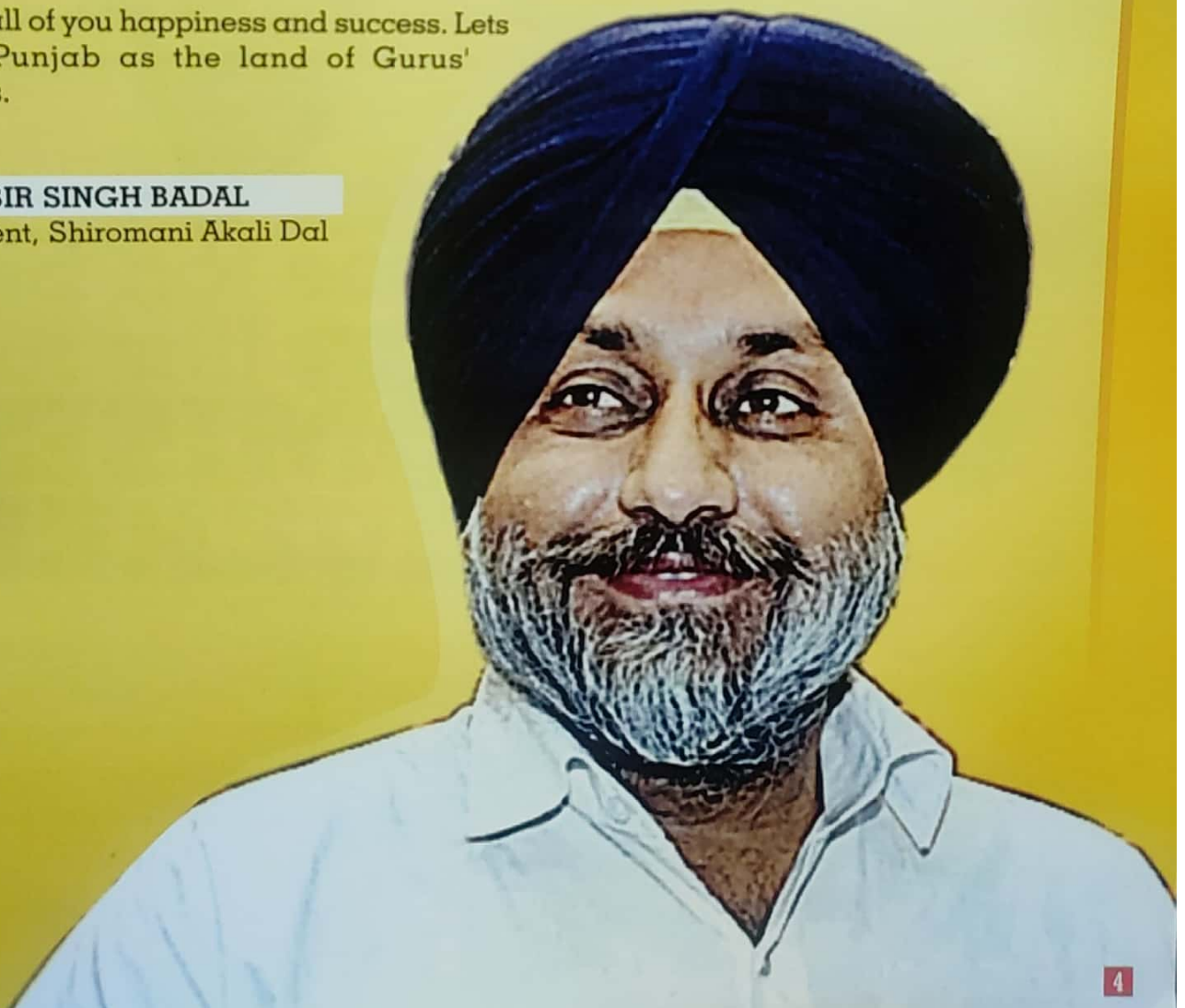
I present to you here our blue print for our future Punjab- a Punjab which takes good care of all its poor and needy and at the same time makes massive strides into futuristic development.

Based on this blue print and on your support, we will take Punjab into an era where the entire world will look at us as ideal destination – a perfect blend of tradition and modernity. We want to revive our heritage, like we did at Gur Ki Nagari Sri Amritsar Sahib. And on the basis of that heritage, we are planning to take our state to new heights in the world of modern development and progress.

I wish all of you happiness and success. Lets build Punjab as the land of Gurus' dreams.

SUKHBIR SINGH BADAL

President, Shiromani Akali Dal



“ਜੋ ਕਿਹਾ ਸੋ ਕਰ ਵਿਖਾਇਆ, ਹੋਰ ਕਰਾਂਗੇ
ਹਰ ਸੁਪਨਾ ਤੁਹਾਡਾ ਸੱਚ, ਹਰ ਮੁਸ਼ਕਿਲ ਦੂਰ ਕਰਾਂਗੇ”



**REMEMBER
WHO PROMISED
& DELIVERED**



Promises Delivered

- Free power to farmers – Parkash Singh Badal 1997
- Free 200 Units of power to poor dalit homes - Parkash Singh Badal 1997
- Shagun at the wedding of daughters of poor or dalit families- Parkash Singh Badal 1997
- Octroi Abolished - Parkash Singh Badal 1997
- Atta Daal to 35 lakh blue card holder families - Parkash Singh Badal 2007
- Sri guru Gobind Singh ji Bathinda Oil Refinery – Parkash Singh Badal, 1997
- Power Surplus Punjab- Sukhbir Singh Badal 2007
- International Airport at Mohali – Sukhbir Singh Badal 2007
- World Class Beautification of Guru ki Nagri Sri Amritsar - Sukhbir Singh Badal 2012
- 100% sewer and water supply to all cities – Sukhbir Singh Badal 2012
- Farm indebtedness relief Bill – Parkash Singh Badal 2012
- Air conditioned bus service at nominal fares – Sukhbir Singh Badal 2007
- Revolutionizing Punjab's Road Network, Flyovers, by-passes: Sukhbir Singh Badal 2012
- Free Cycles to Girls: Parkash Singh Badal – 2017
- Free Medical Treatment up to Rs 50,000 Parkash Singh Badal 2007
- Free Meritorious Schools for the poor Meritorious children- Parkash Singh Badal 2007
- Promised 1 lakh recruitments, recruited 3 lakhs – Parkash Singh Badal

Did not even promise but still delivered

- Free Accidental - Rs. 5-lakh insurance for bread winner's death
- 50,000 free treatment to all blue card holders, farmers and small traders
- Shaguns Scheme for Christians and Muslims and backward classes also
- Free 1.50 lakh free treatment to all cancer patients
- Indian School of Business Mohali
- IIT, Ropar
- AIIMS Hospital and Homi Bhabha Hospitals and Research Institutes Bathinda , Sangrur, New Chandigarh
- Horticulture institute
- Interest free Crop Loan of Rs 50,000 each crop to Farmers

PROMISED & DELIVERED

"JO KIHA SO KAR VIKHAYA"



Shiromani Akali Dal

has always lived up to its promises, unlike other parties who promise the moon but deliver nothing. Since 1997, the SAD has been asked to serve the people on three of the last four occasions. On each occasion, we made certain commitments to the people. Moreover, these commitments were not just vague expressions of intent but were concrete and solid promises with the outlay of each of these promises running into hundreds of crores but the SAD-BJP government never flinched from its commitments.

On the other hand, when the Congress formed a government in the state in 2002 under Captain Amarinder Singh, he not only refused to fulfill any of the promises made in the Congress manifesto but even scrapped the facilities started by the SAD-BJP government before him. He abolished free power to the farmers, pension to the senior citizens and dalits, shagun scheme for the dalits and various other welfare measures started by the SAD-BJP government under the leadership of Sardar Parkash Singh Badal

Ironically, the Congress has again chosen to issue its manifesto and make promises to the people of Punjab through the same Captain Amarinder who was guilty of breaking all the promises in 2002. Among the major promises fulfilled by the SAD-BJP government are:

Maintained Peace and Communal Harmony in the state for a ten years. We have safeguarded peace with such perfection that now the people of Punjab have learned to take it for granted.

We made Punjab Power Surplus which no one thought possible. We have pulled Punjab out of the dark days when there used to be daily

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power cuts in cities and villages lasting 12 to 14 hours. In some cases, rural areas had to go without power for several days at a stretch. A Punjab in which there will be power no cuts because of scarcity of power was thought only a dream too good to be fulfilled. Today, it is a reality.

International Airport at Mohali. Today, this great dream of Punjabis also is a reality already. International flights have already commenced and soon, the entire world will be connected aerielly connected with Punjab. Sardar Parkash Singh Badal, who is rightly known as the farmer's messiah, courageously decided to give free power to farmers. The facility was withdrawn by Captain Amarinder Singh when he was the Chief Minister. Punjab is the first and the only state to introduce this relief for farmers

Shagun Scheme for Dalit and other poor sections daughters. This a token of our love for the poor that the government cares for their households and regards their daughters as its own responsibility. Now not only Dalits but even Christians and Muslim families are also covered under the scheme. This scheme under which the state give Rs 15,000 at the time of the wedding of the daughters of families of these sections too was stopped by the Congress government headed by Captain Amarinder Singh. Punjab only state to do so.

The pension of senior citizens, widows and helpless ladies and orphan children has been doubled from Rs 250 to Rs 500- Punjab is the only state to give it.

Every girl child in poor families gets a help of Rs 61,000 under Babe Nanaki Ladli Beti Scheme. The scheme has already been in force for five years. Punjab only state to do so.

Atta Daal scheme; Punjab first and only state to do so. The number of beneficiaries of this scheme was increased from 15 lakhs initially to nearly 35 lakhs now, covering about 1.5 crore population of the state.

We implemented our promise to give Rs 30,000 scholarship to meritorious students. Punjab is the only state where such a scheme, known as Dr. Hargobind Khurana Scheme is in force.

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The Shiromani Akali Dal is India's oldest political party founded by Indians. For almost a century, it has been the sole custodian of the rich, glorious and enviable heritage handed down to the people of Punjab by our great Gurus, saints, seers and patriotic heroes and martyrs. It is a party inspired by the great vision of Punjab and has emerged as the sole champion of the state's cause and has waged unprecedented battle to protect and safeguard the cosmopolitan and humanitarian legacy enshrined in the Panthic ideals handed down to us by the great Guru Sahiban,



saints and seers. It has also been the principal crusader for the rights of and justice to India's minorities, including the Sikhs as per the goals and ideals enshrines in the Constitution of India. Punjab is the food-bowl and the sword arm of India. Punjabis have made unprecedented contribution in the country's struggle for freedom. Despite being just about 2% of the overall population of the country, Punjabis share in the cause of freedom exceeded 80 to 85% by way of those who suffered life sentence, and kala pani. The percentage of those who laid down their lives for the nation is even greater and is close to 95%. Some of the most powerful movements before independence were launched from Punjab, including the Gaddar Lehar, the Babbar Akali Lehar, the Pagri Smbhal Jatta Lehar, the Namdhari Kooka Lehar, Kamagata Maru etc. Similarly, Punjabis topped the list of those who kissed martyrdom for the mother land, with Shaheed-e-Azam Sardar Bhagat Singh, Shaheed udham Singh, Shaheed Kartar Singh Sarbha, Lala Lajpat Rai, Madan Lal Dhingra being just some of the names that readily come to mind.

With a role as outstanding as this, it was expected that powers that be after the freedom of the country would acknowledge and value the role played by Punjabis and would accord them a place of high honour in the country. But right from the start, Punjabis were subjected to discrimination and injustice on almost every front. Linguistic states were made throughout the country to ensure that the cultural heritage of people of each region was preserved and promoted. But in the case of Punjab alone was this right denied, forcing Punjabis to undertake a long and painful struggle to secure a Punjabi Suba. Finally, when this right of the people of the state was acknowledged, they were subjected to injustice and discrimination on territorial and river waters issues. Vast Punjabi Speaking areas were kept out of the state and even the state was denied even its Capital Chandigarh, the only instance of a parent state being denied its right over the capital of the state.

The biggest blow was dealt on the issue of the river waters of the state. River waters are the only natural asset which the people of the state have. Water is the life line of Punjabis, Punjab being a predominantly agrarian state. There is well-laid nationally and internationally principle to determine all issues arising out of disputes over river waters. This principle, known as the Riparian Principle, stipulates that the waters of a river belong exclusively to the state or country through which the said river passes. As per this principle, Punjab is the sole proprietor of the entire volume of Punjab's river waters. But Punjab has consistently been robbed of its only natural resource.

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This has been done by subjecting Punjab to injustice by successive Congress governments both at the center and in Punjab. The Akali government led by Sardar Parkash Singh Badal first took the matter to the Supreme Court for adjudication on the rights of states on the river waters as per the Riparian Principle. Almost all experts agree that Punjab had a fool proof case in the matter and would have a verdict in its favor. But as the government of Sardar Parkash Singh Badal was replaced by the Congress government headed by Sardar Darbara Singh, the case was withdrawn under pressure from the then Prime Minister Mrs Indira Gandhi. Subsequently, the Punjab government was coerced into agreeing to construct the SYL canal to take Punjab's waters to Haryana. The then Chief Minister Sardar Darbara Singh and eminent Congress leaders including Captain Amarinder Singh not only invited the then Prime Minister Mrs Indira Gandhi to start the digging of the canal at Kapoori village but even presented her with silver spade to do so. This was a case of broad daylight treachery with Punjab by Congress leaders. The same day and at the same time and the same venue, Shiromani Akali Dal workers led by Sardar Parkash Singh Badal courted arrest protesting against this loot of Punjab's priceless waters.

On the formation of an Akali government again, the Chief Minister Sardar Parkash Singh Badal took the issue of the rights of the state over its river waters as per the Riparian Principle, and that case is still pending before the Supreme Court.

CONGRESS, PUNJAB & 1984

The year 1984 was the climax of sustained injustice to and discrimination against the people of Punjab, particularly the most patriotic and valiant minority Sikh community by the successive Congress governments both in the state and at the center.

The height of injustice and repression was an armed attack with tanks and mortars on the holiest of the Holy shrines of humanity, Shri Harmandir Sahib in which Sri Akal Takhat Sahib suffered grievous damage. Sikh hearts still bleed with pain over the army assault on Darbar Sahib ordered by a Congress government under Mrs Indira Gandhi.

The climax of this most horrendous series of injustice and repression against the Sikhs was reached in the most shocking, unprecedented and unbelievable massacre carried out against thousands of innocents Sikhs men, women and children in November 1984. Their homes and other properties were either looted or torched by the organized gangs and mobs of goondas led by prominent Congress leaders whose names and the role they played have been documented by eminent jurists, civil liberties and human rights organizations, journalists and other intellectuals. Instead of punishing the guilty, the Congress party chose to reward many of them, including Jagdish Tytler, Sajjan Kumar, HKL Bhagat etc, with the highest offices in the country, including berths in the Union Cabinet. The Congress party, far from being shamed by the exposures of their criminal role, has the cheek and the brazen-ness to seek votes in Punjab.



EDUCATION

Punjab jumped from **14th to 3rd Number** on National Educational Development Index

- We recruited 84000 teachers during this period.
- World renowned Indian School of Business (ISB) started in Mohali
- Prestigious IIT in Ropar started.
- We set up new Universities and new colleges in the state.
- Such is our emphasis on Education that the process of recruitment of 2005 new teachers for 2017 has also been started already.
- Mai Bhago Armed Forces Preparatory Institute For Girls In Mohali
- Maharaja Ranjit Singh Armed Forces Preparatory Institute for boys
- Meritorious Schools set up at Mohali, Bathinda, Ludhiana, Jalandhar, Amritsar, Patiala, Talwara, Gurdaspur, Ferozepur and Sangrur.
- Govt bears all expenses of higher education for students passing through these schools.
- Rs 2500 scholarships for Brilliant Students under Dr. Hargobind Khurana Scholarship Scheme started.
- Free Cycles to girls in 11th and 12th classes
- Free education for all girls up to 12th and for all boys up to 8th class started.
- Girls Hostels in 21 backward blocks



HEALTH

- Free Rs 50,000 free treatment facility anywhere to all Blue Card Holder families, farmers, small traders and construction workers.
- Free Rs 5 lakh accidental death insurance to the above categories.
- Free treatment to all girl children up to the age of Five years.
- Prestigious AIIMS started for Punjab All India Institute of Medical Sciences- work started at Bathinda at a cost of 1000 crores.
- Advanced Cancer Institute in Bathinda
- Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital coming up in Sangrur New Chandigarh in collaboration with Tata Memorial Centre Mumbai
- Also, Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital and Research Centre in New Chandigarh
- 250 cheap /free Medicines for routines illness available in all government hospitals.
- Free Medicine Centers set up
- The state received an excellent rating in health sector for its outstanding performance. This sector will continue to receive top priority.
- **CRITICAL DRUGS FREE:** More critical drugs will be brought under the free/subsidized drugs scheme available at all government hospitals.
- Free treatment to all poor, small farmers, traders, construction workers farm labour: All poor, small farmers, petty traders farm labor and construction workers will be given free treatment facility up to Rs 1 Lakh every year.
- **MEDICITY** at New Chandigarh with world class medical facilities, education and research



AGRICULTURE



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- Free Power to Farmers worth Rs 6000 crore annually for the Past fifteen years of SAD-BJP Govt. Introduced by S Parkash Singh Badal as Chief Minister – Only in Punjab This was stopped by Capt. Amarinder Singh Govt between 2002-07
- Interest Free Crop Loan of Rs 50, 000 per crop to every farmer, only in Punjab Free Treatment of Rs 50,000 to every farmer, only in Punjab
- Free Accidental Death Insurance of Rs 5 lakh to every farmer family, only in Punjab
- 50% subsidy on the purchase of all farm implements
- Special Relief of Rs 10,000 per acre to farmers across the border fence.
- Rural Indebtedness Bill which puts a ceiling on the limit of interest multiplication – only in Punjab: District Courts set up.
- Kisan Chamber set up on the pattern of CII
- Post Graduate Institute of Horticulture Research and Education
- Mega Food Park
- 90% subsidy for fisheries.
- In Kandi Areas, Kandi Canal and Low Dams constructed to ensure better availability of water.
- Underground pipes laid in 75,000 acres of Kandi land.
- Deep tube wells laid and Khalsa made concrete
- In Malwa belt, Rajwahas and Kassis cleaned and rejuvenated, benefitting 5 lakh acres of Malwa land.
- War on Waterlogging



PRESERVING OUR RICH SACRED HERITAGE

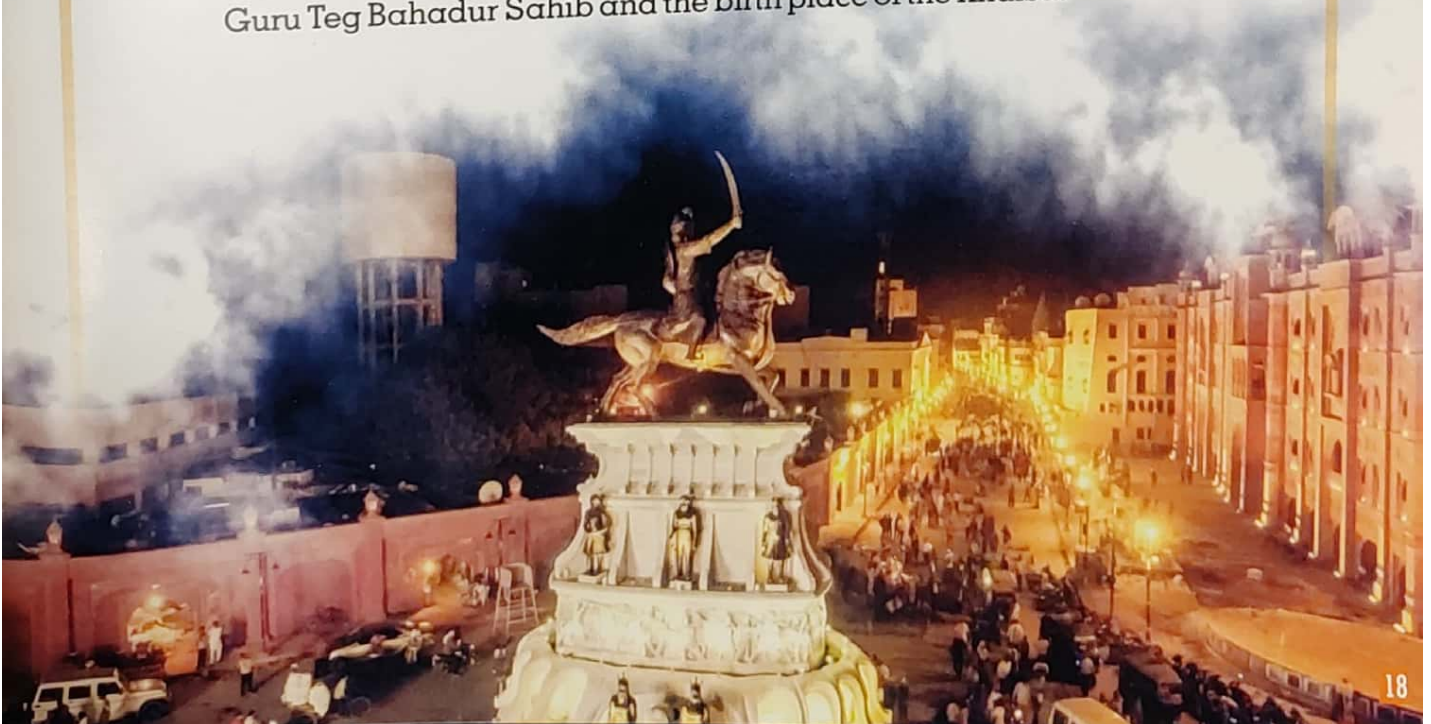


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1. In Punjab, the contest is between two main political parties – the Congress and the SAD-BJP alliance. One of these is identified with the assault on the holiest of holy shrines of the Sikhs, Sri Harmandar Sahib, grievously damaging Sri Akal Takhat Sahib; the Other is identified with preservation of Punjab's rich heritage, handed down to us by the great Gurus, saints and seer.
2. One party did everything to desecrate our heritage while the other has paid its humble tributes by creating world class memorials to our historical legacy. One party attacked Harmandar Sahib, the other went out of its way to give it a world class heritage look.
3. The Beautification Project of the environs of the Golden Temple in Guru Ki Nagri Sri Amritsar Sahib has won worldwide acclaim, befitting the stature of the holy Sri Harmandar Sahib – in sharp contrast to the memory of the bruised House of God in June 1984.
4. That is the difference between these two.
5. There is third party in fray which desecrated Sri Harmandar Sahib by putting a jhadoo on the holy image of this holiest of holy shrines.
6. The SAD-BJP Govt paid its humble but rich tribute to the heritage of our great people by setting up a world class wonder known as Virasat-e-Khalsa at Sri Anandpur Sahib, the town founded by the Ninth Master, Sri Guru Teg Bahadur Sahib and the birth place of the Khalsa.





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7. Apart from that, the SAD-BJP Govt created world class marvels of architectural delight in the form of Fateh Burj, a salute to the proud heritage of the brave and martial people of Punjab, in the memory of the great warrior Baba Banda Singh Bahadur's pulsating victory of the Mughal forces
8. Memorials have also been built to commemorate the legacy of Bhagwan Balmiki ji at Ram Tirath Sthal near Sri Amritsar Sahib. The Rs 200 Crore project also features a Murti of Bhgwan Balmiki made with 8 quintals of Gold
9. Similarly, a world class memorial is coming at Khural Garh to commemorate the outstanding contribution of Guru Ravi Dass ji.
10. The Vadda and Chhota Ghallughara memorials at Kup Rahiraan and Kahnawan respectively have also come up to make the memory of these most stirring moments from our history.
11. The Jang-e-Azadi Yadgar in Kartarpur Sahib near Jalandhar stands out as a great tribute to the matchless contribution of Punjabis to the Freedom Movement.
12. The Jangi Yadgar (War Memorial), also the first of its kind in the country, recalls the bravery of Punjabis in the wars since 1947, and others.





SPORTS

Even as the critics of Punjab were busy dubbing our youth as drug addicts, Punjab's sports persons continued to excel in every field. The Punjab boys excelled as the country won the World Championship in Junior Hockey. Ten members of the World Champion teams were from Punjab – a tight slap to those who were keen on dubbing these young boys as drug addicts.

The Punjabi University won the All India Inter University Overall Championship Sports trophy and even the runner up university was from Punjab, the GNDU. In fact the Punjab Universities have been dominating national sports for 29 years. This was another tight slap on the face of Punjab's critics.



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The SAD BJP govt accorded a top priority to sports and a sports rejuvenation wave was visible throughout the state. World Club Cups were held and the game was taken to grass roots through sports clubs. The Punjab State Sports Institute was set up.

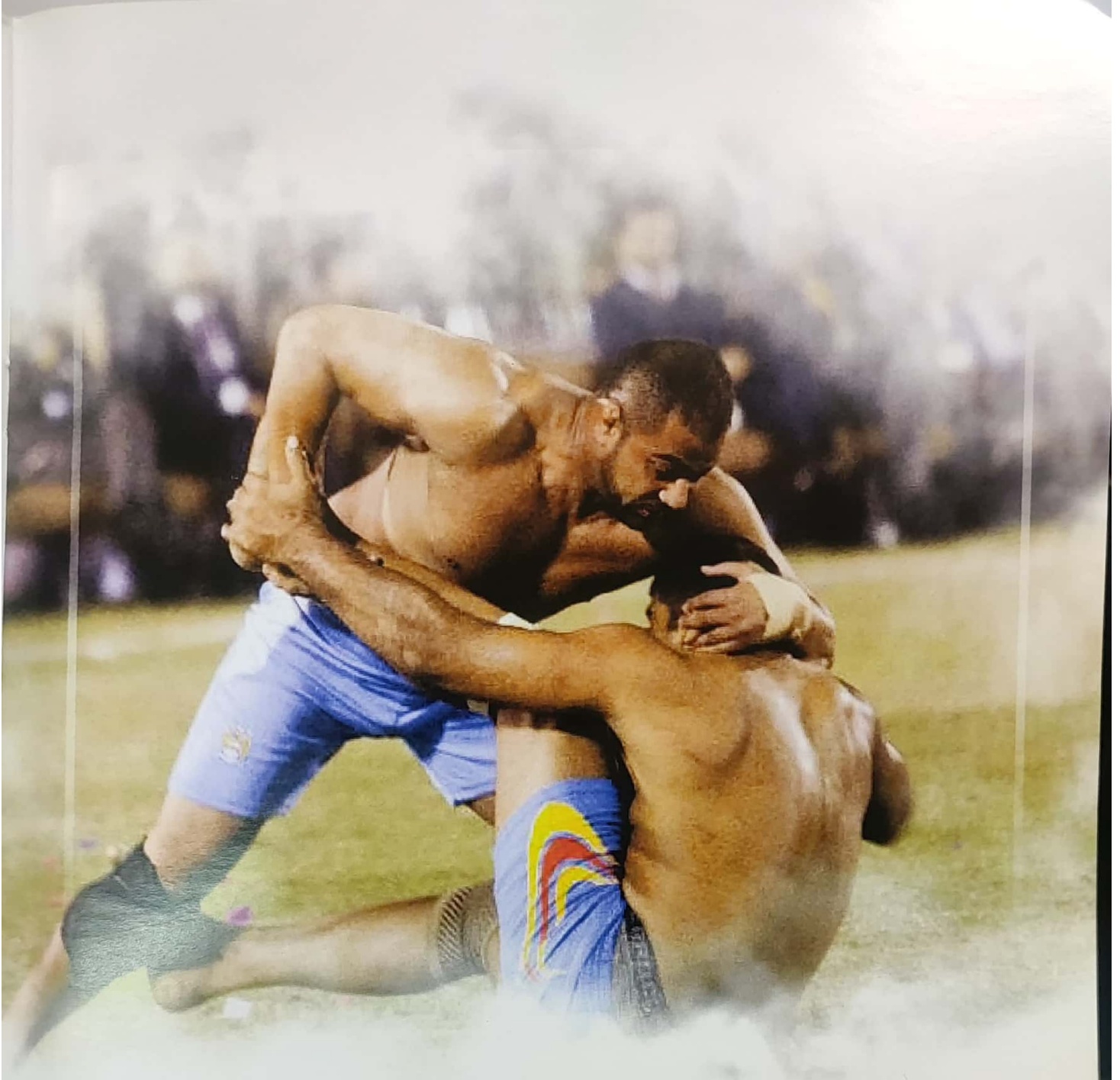
As a result, Punjabi University emerged as the Winner of the All India Maulana Abul Kalam Azad trophy for Overall Sports Championships. In fact, universities from Punjab have maintained their dominance in the all India university sports tournaments for several years now.

Ten members of the National Hockey team which covered the country with glory winning from the World Hockey Cup for boys are from Punjab. This is a resounding reply to those who have been trying hard to paint Punjabi youth as drug addicts.

The emphasis on sports will continue:

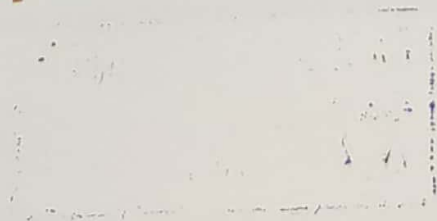
- Every district in the state will have a sports school under the aegis of the Punjab Institute of Sports
- Winners of medals/podium finish in international sports meets will be given government jobs
- Sports quota for professional and higher learning will be reviewed to ensure greater representation to sportspersons in academic fields.





WORLD KABBADI CUP

This initiative gave our mother a gam
the place of respect which it deserves.





WE NOW PROMISE

POLITICAL

► RIVER WATERS & SYL:

Punjab is the sole proprietor of all water flowing through it through the rivers Satluj, Ravi and Beas. It demands that this right be safeguarded under the Riparian Principle.

The state is being asked to construct the SYL. Mr. Parkash Singh Badal, the Chief Minister of the present SAD-BJP government in the state has made it clear that Punjab does not have a single drop of water to spare for any state and nor does any other state have any right over these waters of Ravi, Beas and Satluj. As such, the SYL cannot or will not be constructed under any circumstances. Sardar Badal has declared that as long as he is alive, he will not allow this canal to be built.

In keeping with Sardar Badal's declaration, the Punjab government has de-notified the land which had been acquired for the purpose of constructing the SYL. The land has been legally restored to its original rightful owners. Punjab now neither has water nor land for SYL.

► TERRITORIAL

Vast Punjabi speaking areas, including the Capital City of Chandigarh, which were kept out of the state by the then Congress governments must be restored to the state. The Shiromani Akali Dal will continue its peaceful democratic struggle to secure the inclusion of Chandigarh and other Punjabi-speaking areas into Punjab.

► MASSACRE OF INNOCENT SIKHS IN 1984

The Shiromani Akali Dal will continue to work devotedly to ensure that the law of the land reaches these criminals who indulged in the beastly and unprecedented massacre of innocent Sikhs in Delhi and other parts of the country November 1984 and they are given the strictest punishments. SAD will continue to work to ensure that victims are fully rehabilitated and the guilty are given exemplary punishments.



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► FEDERAL STRUCTURE OF THE COUNTRY

Shiromani Akali Dal stands for genuinely federal structure in the country greater economic, political and constitutional powers to the states. The party believes that states are like limbs of the national body and just as strong limbs mean a strong body, similarly strong states mean a strong nation. For this, the party advocates a recasting of the Constitution to make it genuinely federal.

► PROTECTION OF MINORITIES

As the strongest votary of the richness of India's diverse cultural, religious, linguistic and regional diversity, the Shiromani Akali Dal believes in harmonious relationship between the majority and minority communities in the country, especially the Sikhs.

► PEACE AND COMMUNAL HARMONY

The party places the highest emphasis on the ideals of peace, Punjabi Unity, communal harmony and all round development, with emphasis on comprehensive employment generation for Punjab's enterprising youth. At the same time, it strives to make development inclusive and all-round, covering every section of the society so that the ideals of equality, justice and progress for all as laid before us by the Gurus are realized.

► CLEAR VISION OF PUNJAB'S PRESENT AND FUTURE

The Shiromani Akali Dal is deeply rooted in the culture and heritage of its people. It stands for age old values handed down to us by our great gurus, saints and seers and takes a deep profound pride in traditional ethos of Punjab as symbolized by through the Universal message of Guru Granth Sahib and other holy scriptures.

It has at the same time a concrete and clear vision about both the present and the future of the people of Punjab. It is the only party which not only has a futuristic vision but which has also taken brave and unprecedented steps to turn that vision into a reality in Punjab's day to day life over the past ten years, and before that between 1997 and 2002. We have no doubt that by the same yardstick, the people of Punjab will recognize the work done by the state government in the past five years and will wholeheartedly ask the alliance to continue to serve them for the coming term also.

We seek a vote on performance, both on development of Punjab as well as on the people friendly policies, programs and decisions of the SAD-BJP government.

BLUE-PRINT FOR FUTURE



The Shiromani Akali Dal presents
the following blue-print

FARMERS & FARM LABOUR

- **Free power** and other facilities being given to farm sector will continue.
- **Debt waiver** : Farm debts of all small farmers will be waived off.
- **Rs. 100 per quintal on wheat and paddy**. This will be paid as fertilizer input incentive support to all farmers in addition to msp
- **Rs 2 lakh interest free farm loan to farmers**: Small farmers will be given up to rs 2.00 lakh (rs. Two lakhs) interest free loan to alleviate their costly debt dependence. This is increased from the present rs 50,000 per crop.
- **Tubewells for every farmer**: Every farmer in the state, regardless for their holdings, will be given a tube well connection, as the state is power surplus.
- **10 hour daytime free power supply to farmers** power supply to farmers will be made during day time for ten hours every day, instead of the present 8 hours at night or day.
- **Debt Relief Initiative**: The SAD will pursue a multi-pronged initiative to help farmers under debt in collaboration with the center and the banks
- The punjab act for farmers debt settlement will be vigorously implemented.
- **Lok Adalats for settlement of debt** cases will be set up in every district.



IN ADDITION, OUR GOVT WILL PROVIDE:

- Free treatment of Rs. 1 lakh for farmer families enhanced from Rs. 50,000 at any hospital of their choice.
- **PENSION SCHEME** and **SHAGUN SCHEME** will be extended to the poor in general category also as well as to **MARGINAL FARMERS**.
- **Rs. 10 Lakh free accidental death insurance for small farmers, traders, construction workers and farm labour.**
- Farmers commission for farm rejuvenation will be set up with farm experts, economists, small farmers as members.
- Benefits of all welfare schemes applicable to farmers will also

OVERSEAS FARM SETTLEMENTS ENDEAVOR

The Punjab government will buy at least 100,000 acres (One Lakh Acres) in foreign countries, including in USA and Canada and allot to Punjabi farmers for professional farmer settlements. Apart from helping our farmers in pursuing agriculture in economic farms, this will also enable Punjabis to secure Permanent Resident status in those countries

- **SWAMINTHAN FORMJLA FOR MSP:** SAD advocates the implementation of the Swaminthan Formula for determining MSP of farm products. According to this, farmers must receive 50% profit above the cost of production of crop.
- **LINK MSP WITH PRICE INDEX:** As an alternative, SAD will strive to secure linkage of MSP with Overall Price Index.
- **STORAGE FOR CASH CROPS:** Government will create additional chain of storage facilities in the state for preserving perishable and marketable cash crops on nominal rates.



IRRIGATION SYSTEM

► IRRIGATION SYSTEM TO BE REVAMPED

Irrigation system in Punjab is more than a hundred years old and because of the clogging of canals, their carrying capacity has been reduced by more than 30%

Therefore, the entire canal system needs a complete revamp and rejuvenation.

Accordingly, a canal rejuvenation initiative has been started by the SAD-BJP government and the operations were spearheaded by the Chief Minister, Sardar Parkash Singh Badal. This initiative is now in full swing.

The sides of the UPBD Canal are turned concrete and cemented.

All kachcha khaalas in the state will be brick-lined and thus made puccas.

All canals in the state will be cleaned and made pucca by brick-lining. All these canals and khalsa will be rejuvenated.



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ENVIRONMENT

▶ KAALI BEIN:

Government will pay special attention to the preservation of environment in keeping with the vision of the great Gurus, enshrined in the vision of

*"Pawan Guru pani Pita,
Mata Dharat Mahat"*

- ▶ Government will take special initiative to ensure environmental purity of the sacred Kali Bein.
- ▶ Mining on sites of natural beauty will be strictly monitored and restricted





SOCIAL WELFARE



DALITS, POOR OF GENERAL CATEGORY & BLUE CARD HOLDERS

► **SUGAR @RS. 10 PER KG & GHEE @ RS. 25 PER KG:**

All blue card holders who receive Atta Daal will also in addition get Sugar @ Rs 10 and Ghee @ Rs. 25 per KG

► **PENSION AMOUNT TO BE RAISED
TO RS 2000 PER MONTH:**

Welfare pension amount shall be raised from the present Rs 500 to Rs 2000 per month.

► **FREE GAS CONNECTIONS**

to all Blue Card Holders, Marginal Farmers, Construction Workers and Farm Labour will be given.

► **SHAGUN SCHEME TO BE RS 51,000:**

The Shagun Scheme amount, also started by SAD-BJP govt., will be raised from Rs 15,000 to Rs. 51,000. General Category Poor, including Marginal Farmers and Farm Labor will also receive this benefit.

► **FREE MEDICAL TREATMENT**

raised to Rs 1 lakh for the poor, the farmers, farm labour, small traders up from Rs 50,000.

► **RS 10 LAKH FREE ACCIDENTAL DEATH INSURANCE**

for farmers, farm labor. Small traders, construction workers

General category poor, farm labor etc in all communities including Muslims and Christians will be entitled to all facilities for Dalits like shagun, pensions, Atta Daal and other facilities



YOUTH & EMPLOYMENT

WHEELS FOR THE YOUNG

► **TAXIS FOR 50,000 YOUTH WITH ZERO DOWN PAYMENT**

The state government help youth buy taxis for employment with zero down payment through government assistance. The state will tie up with leading national and international operator companies LIKE OLA AND UBER for Punjabi youth.

► **TEN LAKH YOUTH WILL BE SKILLED**

in different professions through more than 25,00 skill centers across the state. There will be one skill center for every five villages in the state.

► **INTEREST FREE LOAN OF RS TEN LAKH**

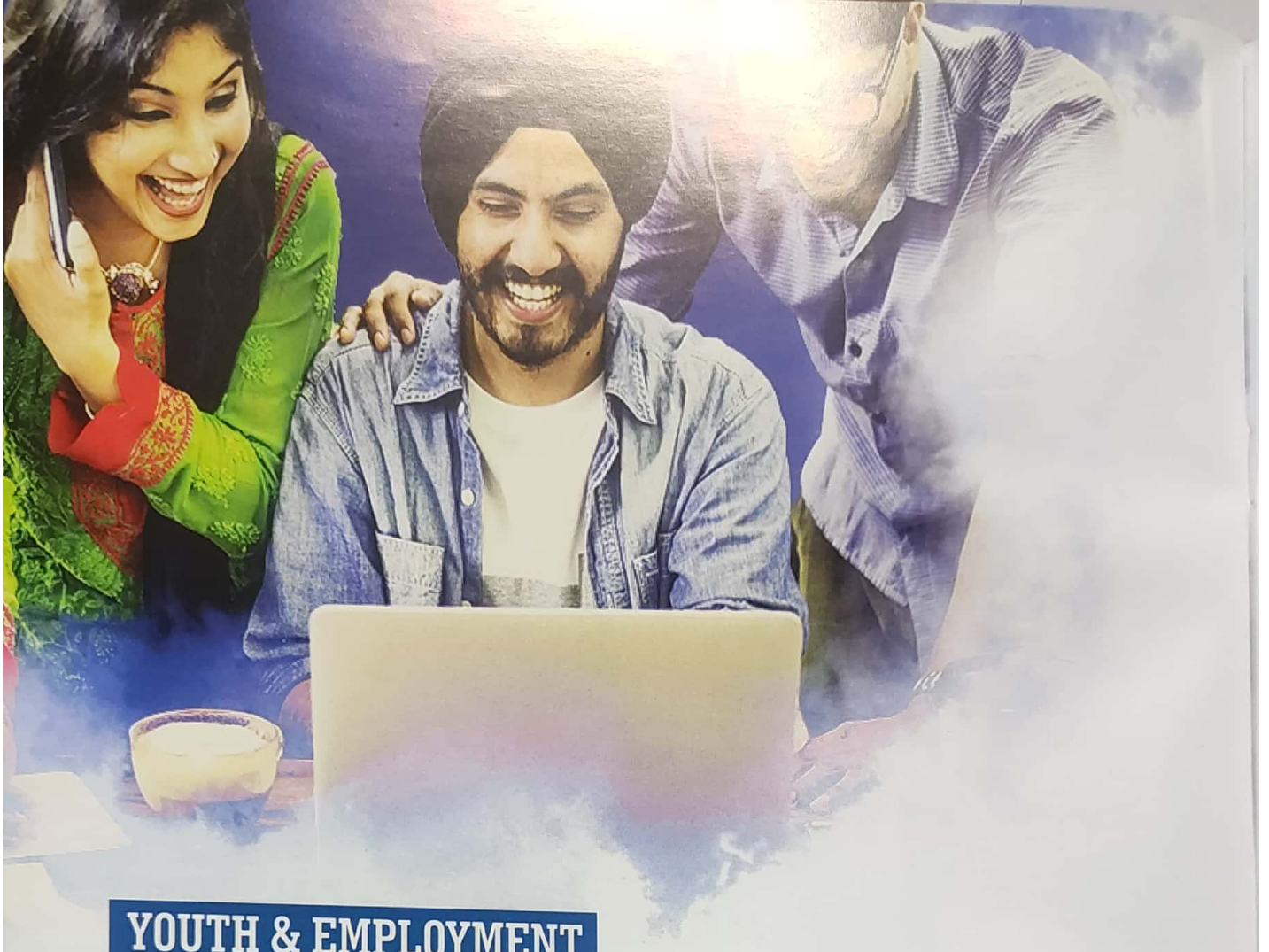
will be given to every youth trained through these centers.

► **EVERY DISTRICT WILL HAVE A SPORTS SCHOOL
FOOD PARKS FOR EMPLOYMENT GENERATION:**

Government will facilitate setting up of food parks near all major towns and cities to generate more employment for Punjabi youth.

► **FOOD PROCESSING UNITS:**

Food processing units will be given land and financial assistance on liberal subsidized rates on condition that they fill 100% of their vacancies/ jobs with Punjabi youth.



YOUTH & EMPLOYMENT

EMPLOYMENT THROUGH TOURISM INDUSTRY

The state has potential to engage over Five lakh Punjabi youth in various aspects of tourism industry. With increased focus on places of tourist attraction, especially our sacred places such Guru Ki Nagari, Government will promote tourism, especially religious tourism, in a big way as an industry.

Similarly, government will promote medical tourism by giving additional incentives both to tourists and to medical institutions

ALL GOVT VACANCIES will BE FILLED AS PRIORITY

Process of REGULARISATION of employees will be BE CARRIED FURTHER

TRADE & INDUSTRY

INDUSTRY

for boost to employment Industry will continue to be given power at the lowest tariff in the country @ Rs 4.99 per unity. Existing small scale units will also get power at this rate.



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MALWA HEART-LAND TO BE COUNTRY'S BIGGEST TEXTILE HUB:

Malwa heartland will be developed as world class Textile hub in the country. World largest industrial manufacturing facility to be developed in the bicycle valley Ludhiana

A 2500 acre Industrial Park will be set up at Rajpura (Patiala) with focus on making it a pharmaceutical hub in the country. Trade fair centers to be set up at Ludhiana, Mohali and Amritsar.

WORLD CLASS I.T. HUBS AT AMARITSAR AND MOHALI:

Amritsar and Mohali to be developed as world class IT hubs.

MANUFACTURING HUB IN BICYCLE VALLEY:

World largest industrial manufacturing facility to be developed in the bicycle valley Ludhiana

Government is committed to ensuring that humans do not have to carry load of other humans and this violates the human dignity.

PHARMACEUTICAL HUB AT RAJPURA:

A 2500-acre Industrial Park as pharmaceutical hub in the country to come at Rajpura (Patiala). world class Trade fair centers at Ludhiana, Mohali and Amritsar will be set up.

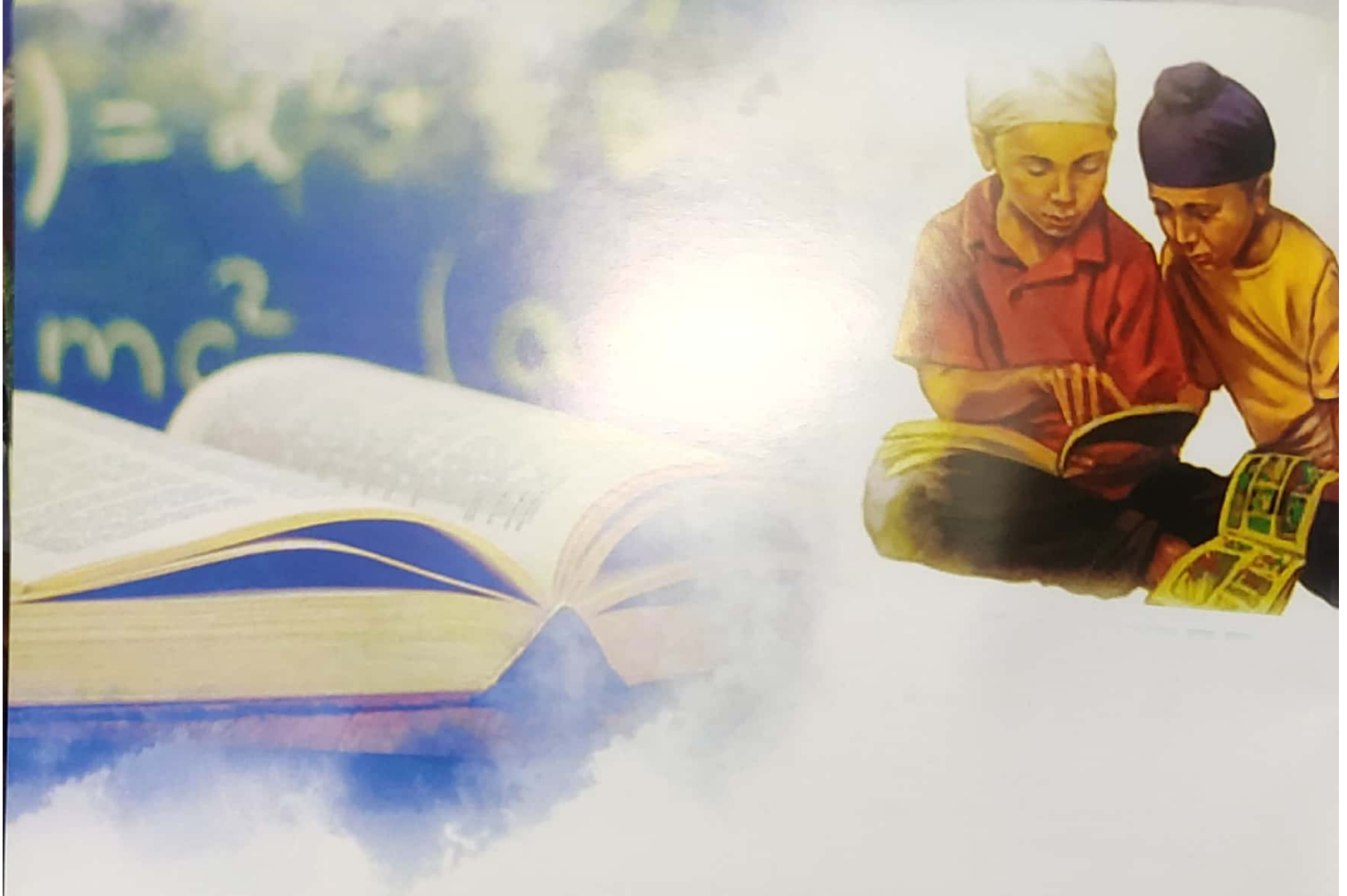
TRADE

For units with up to 2 crore turnover – no books will have to be maintained; self certification and lumpsum tax facility will be introduced

ANY REMNANTS OF INSPECTOR RAJ TO BE ERADICATED

MICRO EMPLOYMENT GENERATION

Government will assist pliers of cycle Rickshaws and Fadiwalas to buy pollution free motorized e-rickshaws and Rehris with liberal funding policy.



YOUTH & EDUCATION

- ▶ Dr Hargobind Khurana Scholarship for meritorious students will be raised from Rs 30,000 to Rs 500,000 (one lakh)
- ▶ All 25 toppers among boys and girls each in class 10, 11 and 12 in the state will receive full free education
- ▶ All ten toppers in plus two classes, both boys and girls, will receive full government assistance for free overseas studies to pursue higher studies or professional courses in foreign countries like America, England, Canada, Germany etc.
- ▶ Sports-persons who finish among top fifty for the state will receive the same incentives
- ▶ All medal winners in national and international sports will be given government jobs. All youth will be given passports free through govt help
- ▶ There will be government bureau for overseas job placement and educational admissions, visa for education and employment etc.



WOMEN

- Free swing machines to be given all 10th pass girls/women to help them with self-employment
- Free two wheelers for all graduate girls/ senior secondary students girl students
- 33% Reservation for women in all rural and urban local government institutions including Panchayat Raj and Municipal bodies.



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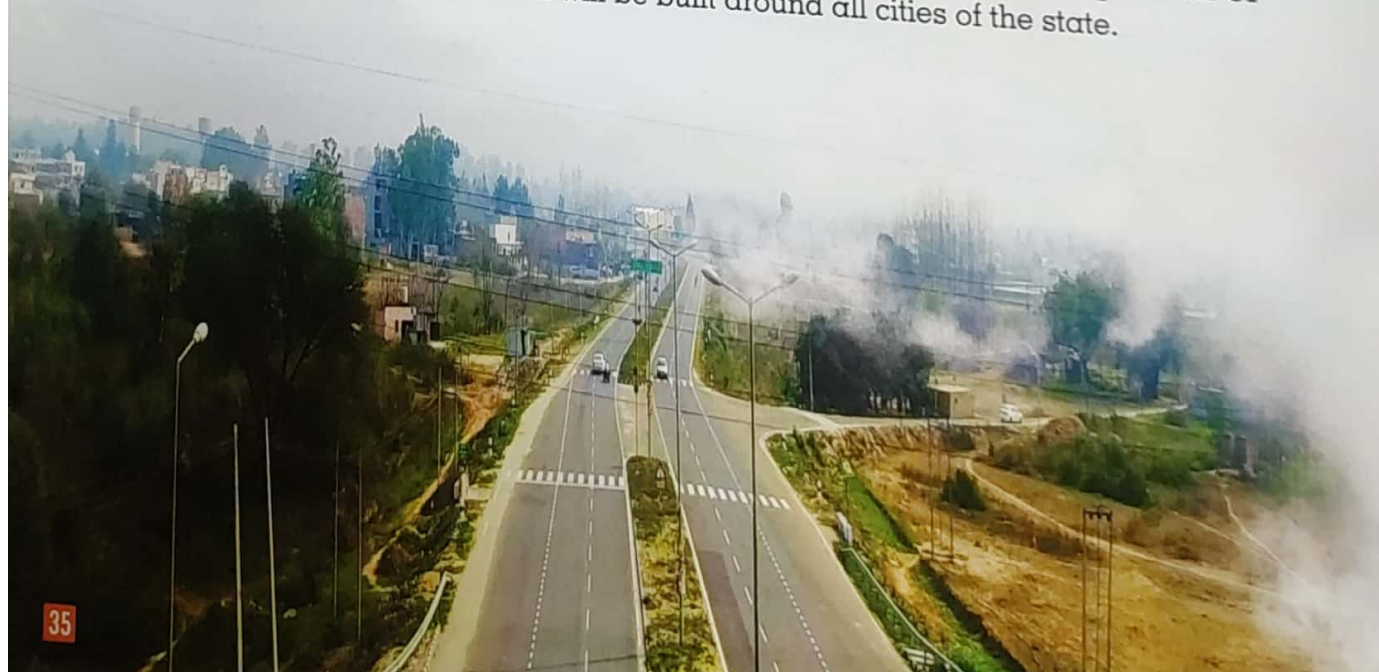
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URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE

- ▶ **4-LANE AND 6-LANE EXPRESSWAYS THROUGHOUT PUNJAB:**
Every city and town in the state will be connected with 4-lane and 6-lane (four and six lane) Expressway before July 2018.
- ▶ **DOMESTIC AIR PORT AT ADAMPUR:**
This will fulfill a long-felt demand of the people of Doaba region.
- ▶ **LUDHIANA AIRPORT TO BE EXPANDED**
- ▶ **NEW SUPER EXPRESSWAY BETWEEN AMRITSAR AND DELHI:**
A new super expressway alignment to be built from Amritsar to Delhi with six lane access controlled expressways.
New alignment with Super Expressway between Jalandhar and Ajmer sharif to be built with six-lane access controlled Super expressway.
These expressways will also serve as arteries for promotion of industry and tourism in Punjab.
- ▶ **BY-PASSES, CIRCULAR AND RING ROADS,** on the pattern of Sidhwan by pass Ludhiana will be built around all cities of the state.





RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE

- ▶ **100% SEWERAGE, WATER SUPPLY, CEMENTED STREETS & SOLAR LIGHTS**
in all villages in Punjab at par with cities
- ▶ **ONE STOP SHOP FOR ALL SOCIAL WELFARE ITEMS**
Atta Dal, Sugar, Ghee, Medical Clinic, Free Medicine and all other social welfare items will be available at a single shop in every village
- ▶ **ALL LINK ROADS TO BE 18 FEET WIDE :** All link roads in the state will be broadened to 18 feet and will be made of aerial at par with that used in highways .
- ▶ **GAUSHALA IN EVERY CONSTITUENCY**
- ▶ **ALL VILLAGE PONDS WILL BE CLEANED & MADE CONCRETE.**
- ▶ **COW SHELTERS:**
New Shelter homes for Cows (Gaoo Shaalas) will be opened both to look after stray cattle and to remove inconvenience to the people
- ▶ **FENCING AGAINST WILD AND STRAY ANIMALS:**
For protection to farmer's crops and homes, special fencing will be put up in affected areas to ward off will animals and stray cattle.
- ▶ **DOG PONDS WILL ALSO BE SET UP TO LOOK AFTER THE PROBLEM RELATING TO STRAY DOGS.**
- ▶ **HOUSING FOR THE POOR:**
No Punjab village will have a kachcha house. All kaccha houses will be made pakk through PUDA Scheme
- ▶ **FREE PUCCA HOUSES FOR HOMELESS POOR:**
All poor homeless families will be given free pucca houses by the government under a scheme to be launched through PUDA.



TEACHERS

- ▶ Teachers will be posted within ten kilometer radius of their homes as far as possible.
- ▶ Children of school teachers will be given free education up the level they seek.

EMPLOYEES & POLICE

- ▶ **PENSION SCHEME FOR EMPLOYEES AFTER 2004:**
 - Employees who have joined government/semi-government service after 2004 will be given the option of pensions.
 - Police personnel of different units face problems regarding attachment to district units. This will be addressed as a priority.
 - Pensioner of Punjab State Electricity Board will be give the facility of subsidised power at par with employees





Senior Citizens

Pension for senior citizens to be raised from **Rs. 500 to Rs 2000**
Government will endeavor with NGOS for opening more old age homes in Punjab

Ex-Servicemen

- SAD-BJP gives a place of high respect to our defense personnel. Many key and respected positions in Punjab are decorated by the presence of senior ex-officers of the armed forces.
- CSD items will be exempted from taxation.
- Ex-servicemen will be given financial assistance to set up private security agencies
- Special initiatives will be started in consultation with ex-servicemen to ensure their greater and gainful participation in the task of social upliftment.

Welfare of the disabled

Government will launch a special policy initiative for the welfare of the disabled and handicap members of society.



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Promotion of Punjabi Language & Culture

- Shiromani Akali Dal is deeply committed to take big new initiatives for the promotion and development of the Punjabi Language, Art and Culture, with special focus on the following:
- Project the Punjab, its people, culture and folklore on national and international forums in their true perspective;
- A directory of Punjabi writers, folk singers and performing and other artists will be prepared
- A Core Advisory Body of Writers and Artists will prepare a blue print for the promotion of Punjabi Language, Art and Culture.
- This Advisory Body will empanel artists and determine cases where government's assistance would be required for the welfare of writers, artists and culture experts.
- Creation of Folk Artist Retirement Fund for empaneled Punjab Folk artistes (Instrumentalist and Vocalist);
- Folk Artists Accidental Relief Fund (Rs. 5 Lacs + 2 Thousand per Month) will be created;
- World level Amphitheatre in New Chandigarh & closed theatres to be set up in Mohali, Ludhiana & Amritsar;
- Art Village to be setup for Artists in New Chandigarh;
- A Model Cultural Village will be set up in the heart of Punjab;
- Three annual State Level Awards of Excellence of Rs.51 Lacs each for achievers in the streams of writing, theatre, lalit kala, literature;





Heritage Make-Over

- Entire walled city of Amritsar Sahib will be given world class heritage look
- All religious and historical cities will be given a heritage make-over: All cities and towns in the state which have historical or religious importance, such as Talwandi Sabo, Anandpur Sahib, Khuralgarh, Kiratpur Sahib, Mukatsar Sahib, Baba Bakala, Batala, Sultanpur Lodhi, Gobindgarh, Hoshiarpur etc. will be completely revamped and given a heritage make-over to preserve their historical character.



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WAR ON DRUG MENACE

- The SAD-BJP government regarded drug menace is not purely administrative issue but a multi-headed enemy which needs to be confronted on many fronts.
- The problems has deep social and psychological causes and accordingly, the solution also has to be multi-pronged and multi-dimensional.
- In the apst few years, some political parties, like the Congress and the AAP, especially their non-Punjabi leaders, used the drug issue as a cheap gimmick and reduced the unfortunate victims of drug addiction to mere pawns in their cynical political games.
- Just to gain political mileage and defame the government, they defamed the entire Punjabi houth, with both Rahul Gandhi and Arvind Kejriwal describing 70% of Punjab as drug addict.

THE WAR ON DRUGS WILL BE STEPPED UP FURTHER :

- War on drugs will not only continue but will be further stepped up in the years to come.
- We will ensure that the arm of justice reaches the drug lords and their patrons rrevocably. There will be no let up in the crackdown on these elements and their political patrons who sing their tunes, Initiatives to help drug menace victims side by side, the government will continue and further step up its initiatives for help to the victims of drug addictions.
- More de-addiction and rehabilitation centers will be opened to help these victims come out of the trap.
- The government will also step up a social awareness campaign to ensure that the social stigma attached to drug addicts does not come in the way of their resuming normal healthy lives.
- The government regards every drug addict as a patient, not a criminal. This approach will continue to government policies and decisions.
- To fully rehabilitate victims of drug abuse, a new policy for incentivisation will be started under which former addicts are helped and more addicts are encouraged to return to healthy life.



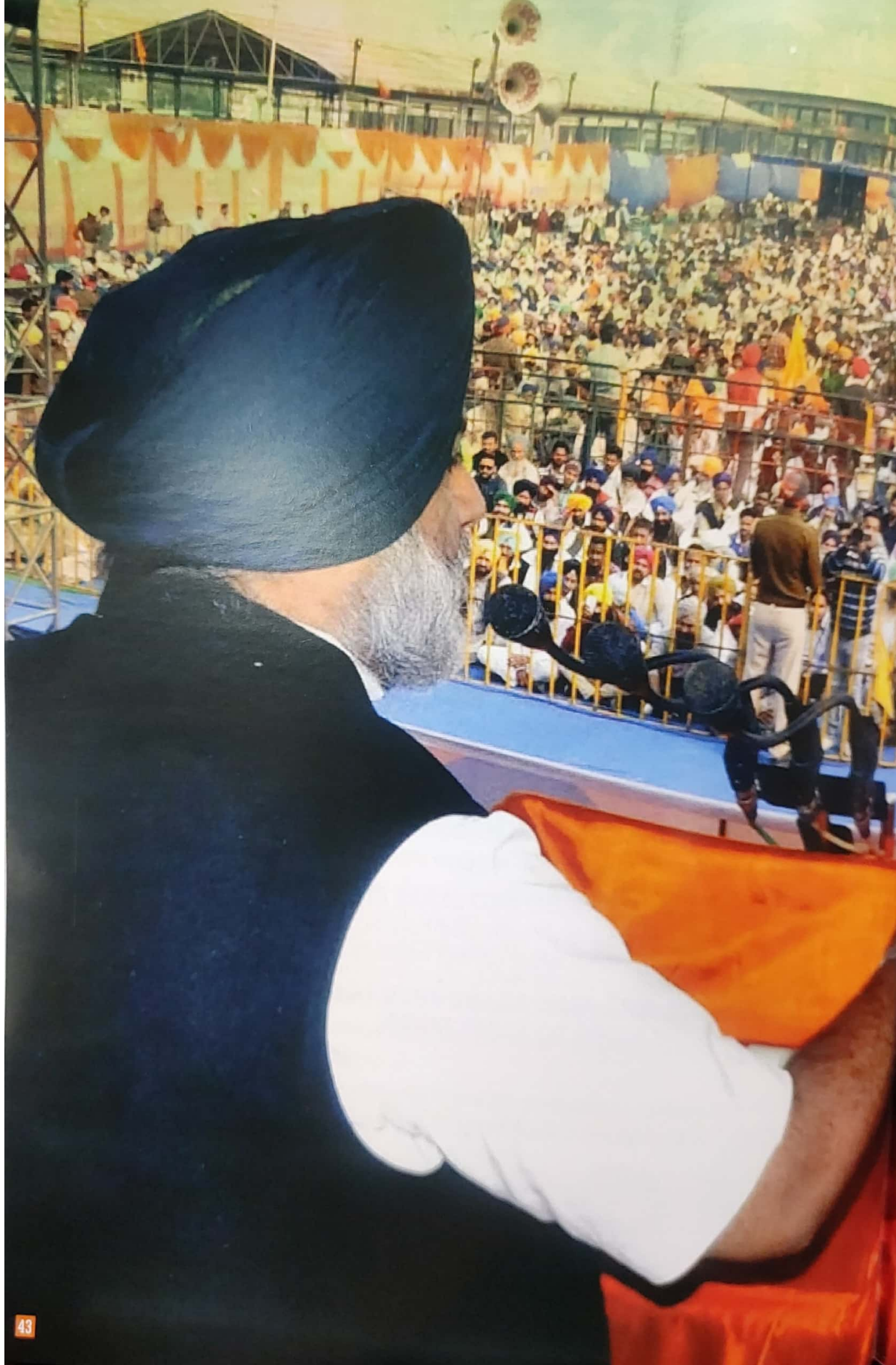
General

- ▶ **COMPULSORY GOVT SCHOOL SITES IN ALL COLONIES:**
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RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE

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URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE

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 - 2500 Acre Industrial Park In Rajpura
 - Trade Fair Centers At Mohali, Ludhiana And Amritsar
 - World Class I.t. Hubs At Mohali And Amritsar
 - Manufacturing Hub In Bicycle Valley Ludhiana
 - Parmaceutical Hub In Rajpura Domestic Airport At Adampur
 - Medicity At New Chandigarh
 - Super Expressway To Link Jalandhar And Ajmer Sharif
 - New Expressway Alignment Between Amritsar And Delhi
 - Expansion Of Ludhiana Airport
 - Education City – New Chandigarh
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EDUCATION CITY AT NEW CHANDIGARH

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HIGHLIGHTS



TRADE

- 22 Crore Turnover – No Books, Self Certification, Lumpsum Tax
- Any Remnants Of Inspector Raj To Be Eradicated

FARMERS

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- Rs 2 Lakh Interest Free Agriculture Crop Loan For Every Small Farmer Every Year.
- Tube Wells For Every Farmer Regardless Of The Holdings.
- Free And Regular 10 Hour Daytime Power Supply.
- 10 % Calamity Relief To Be Given To Farm Labour On Occurrence Of Calamity.



SC/BC/GENERAL CATEGORY ECONOMICALLY BACKWARD

- Free Pressure Cooker & Gas Stove
- 5 Kilo Sugar @ Rs 10 Kg And
2 Kilo Ghee @ Rs 25 Per Kg
- All Welfare Pensions Amount To Be Raised From
Rs 500 To Rs 2000 Per Month
- Shagun Scheme Amount To Be Raised From 15,000 To Rs
51,000.
- Free Gas Connections
- Bhagat Purana Singh Sehat Bima Yojana – Raised From 50,000
To Rs 1 Lakh Per Annum.
- Home For Homeless And "kuccha" House To Be Made "pucca"
House.
- Free Sewing Machines For Every 10th Passed Girl.

MINORITIES

- Graveyards For Minorities In All Villages For Christians,
Muslims At State Cost

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YOUTH & EMPLOYMENT 20 LAKHS JOBS

- Govt Jobs
- Mohali It Hub
- New Chandigarh – Medical Tourism Hub,
- Education City
- Bathinda Textile Hub
- Ludhiana Hosiery Hub
- Rajpura 2500 Acre Industrial Park
- Amritsar – Biggest Tourism Hub
- 50,000 Youth To Be Given Taxis With No Down Payment, Govt To Bear Down Payment Upto 50,000 Per Youth.
- 10 Lakh Youth To Be Skilled In Skill Centers For
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- 10 Lakh Interest Free Loan To Youth For Youth Who Successfully Passed Skill Center Courses

YOUTH & SPORTS

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WOMEN

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- Girl Child Assistance To Be Raised From Rs 61,000 To Rs 1,25,000
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- Sports Schools In Every District
- Sports Stadium In Every Block
- Government Jobs For All Medal Winners In National Sports Meets

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- Meritorious School In Every District
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AMRITSAR – HOLY CITY

- Walled City Of Amritsar To Be Given Complete World Class Heritage Look Along The Pattern Of Heritage Street & Made Into The Most Beautiful City

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HOUSING

- No Village In Punjab To Have Kachcha House In 5 Years (5 Lakh Pucca Houses)
- Puda Colonies To Be Setup & Homes Constructed For Homeless On 5 Marla Plots

UNAUTHORISED COLONIES TO BE REGULARIZED AT A NOMINAL PRICE

EX-SERVICEMEN

CSD SUPPLY - TAX WAIVER ON CANTEENS

GOVT. GAUSHALA IN EVERY CONSTITUENCY

WAR ON DRUGS

- Impregnable special border area force to be created check the inflow of drugs from Pakistan (2nd line of defense)
- Special centers to rehabilitate youth dragged into drugs & special incentive of Rs 2,00,000 to be given to family of youth who successfully quit drugs



CRIME CONTROL

- CCTV camera in every entry, exit point of All Villages, Town, Cities

WILL DOUBLE INCOME OF FARMERS

SAFE GUARDING PUNJAB'S WATER

CREATING 25 LAKH JOBS

SKILL DEVELOPMENT TO BE PROVIDED FREE OF COST FOR 10 LAKH YOUTH

FREE WORLD CLASS HEALTHCARE

SUCCOR TO DALITS, WOMEN & ESPECIALLY WIDOWS



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