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Honourable Speaker and respected Members!

1. It is with immense pleasure that, I welcome you all to the fifth Budget session of the 14th Haryana Assembly. I extend my sincere wishes for the well being and prosperity and attainment of self reliance of every citizen of our State, and for the participation of everyone in our developmental journey.

2. I am confident that Haryana will continue its vibrant journey of progress, consistently setting new benchmarks in development. This august House stands as the vanguard of aspirations of about 2.85 crore citizens. Therefore, the responsibility of realizing their hopes rest on the shoulders of each member of this House. Let our cherished democratic principles guide our deliberations in this House.

3. Honourable members Last year, the nation achieved several historic milestones. Our scientists have us proud by successfully landing Chandrayaan-3 on the Moon's southern pole. Aditya L-1, studying the Sun, continues to enhance our knowledge of the cosmos. Also, last year, India had the privilege of chairing the G-20 summit. During this summit, India was successful in building international consensus on several serious issues and the world has acknowledged our leadership capabilities.

4. Today, following the consecration of Lord Shri Ram Lala in Ayodhya, the spirit of Ram prevails every corner of our

country along with a sense of devotion, strength, pride, and glory. I extend my heartiest congratulations to the people of the state for this sacred achievement, earned after a wait of about 500 years. I express my profound gratitude to the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi ji, who served as the harbinger of this milestone for thse nation. By realizing the dream of constructing the temple of Lord Shri Ram, he has fulfilled the hopes of millions of Indians and fortified their faith. This temple stands as the matchless symbol of our nation's social, cultural, and philosophical heritage.

5. Honourable members! The sacrifices of our brave hearts resonate in every corner of Haryana. Our courageous soldiers stand guard at the nation's borders, ensuring security at every moment. The toil of our farmers fills the country's granaries. Our sportspersons, triumphing in international competitions, elevate the esteem of our nation. Haryana truly embodies the spirit of "Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan, Jai Vigyan!"

6. Whether it is per capita income, industrial development, social security, public welfare, or innovation in agriculture, Haryana's strong presence is visible on the national canvas. Our agrarian state is forging ahead on the path of progress at full speed, riding the chariot of science and technology.

7. My government is tirelessly working for the all-round, all-encompassing and inclusive development of the state based on education, health, security, self-reliance, self-respect, service and good governance. My government has always given top priority to the welfare and upliftment of the

poor, farmers, youth and women. The philosophy of 'Antyodaya' of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay, is guiding us like beacons on the path of systemic change.

Transformation Through Good Governance

8. Honourable members! Service through good governance is the hallmark of my government. The year 2021 was celebrated as "Sushasan Sankalp Varsh" and 2022 as the "Sushasan Parinaam Varsh". The goal of good governance was the upliftment of the last person in the last row, so the year 2023 was celebrated as the 'Antyodaya Utthan Varsh'. My government is commemorating this year as 'Sankalp Se Parinaam Varsh'. In pursuit of Antyodaya, the administration has embraced e-governance, minimizing human intervention in the delivery of services. Leveraging technology, my government has made government services readily available by empowering individuals and streamlining processes. These bold steps of good governance are creating a brighter picture of Haryana and its citizens.

9. In my opinion, good governance simply means making the daily lives of the common people easier. The common man should get the benefits of government services and programs easily and on time at home, he should not have to run around government offices for his rights, he should not have to beg anyone, this is good governance. With the aim of establishing communication with the people of the state and solving their problems, my government has started the 'Jan Samvad' program. A 'Jan Samvad' portal has been created

to address the demands and complaints received during the 'Jan Samvad'.

10. Honourable members! On November 15, 2023, Honourable Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi ji, launched the 'Vikas Bharat Sankalp Yatra' from Khunti, a tribal area in Jharkhand. This yatra, based on the vision of inclusive development, aimed to raise awareness about the welfare policies of the Central and State Governments and ensure their full implementation. During the Yatra thousands of people have participated in 6,803 programs across 6225 village panchayats and 578 urban areas of Haryana during the Yatra so far.

11. My government has gone beyond the individual identity card 'Aadhaar' and made a system of identification of the family in the form of 'Parivar Pehchan Patra', making it a medium to deliver benefits of government schemes to every family. So far, 2.85 crore members of about 71.42 lakh families have been registered on Parivar Pehchan Patra.

12. To ensure direct transfer of benefits from various schemes to the beneficiaries, my government has introduced Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) and to date, Rs 74679.57 crore have been disbursed through this portal, leading to the removal of 36.75 lakh fake or ineligible beneficiaries and resulting in a saving of 1182.23 crore annually.

13. Various services and information provided by the government can now be accessed through a single mobile application. For this purpose, the government has launched

the 'Jan Sahayak Help Me App'. Through this app, citizens can also give their suggestions to the state government.

14. My government has launched a strong campaign against corruption. In 2023, the Anti-Corruption Bureau registered 205 cases, raided 152 times, and arrested 186 government employees, including 30 gazetted officers, 156 non-gazetted officers, and 40 private persons.

Commitment to Antyodaya

15. My government is committed to the principles of Antyodaya, as envisioned by Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay, emphasizing equality, harmony, and social justice. Foremost among these is the 'Mukhyamantri Antyodaya Parivar Utthan Yojana', aimed at uplifting the poorest of the poor by ensuring that their annual income is at least Rs 1.80 lakh. My government is providing Samman Bhatta and social security pensions to various vulnerable groups, including the elderly, widows, destitute women, divyang, individuals, eunuchs, widowers, unmarried men and women, stage 3 and 4 cancer patients, sufferers of rare diseases, destitute children, parents of only girls, out of school differently-abled children, and Kashmiri migrants. The monthly amount for social security pensions has been increased to Rs 3000.

16. My government has launched the Ayushman Bharat-'Chirayu' scheme for free treatment of families with an annual income of up to Rs 1 lakh 80 thousand. The cost of treatment up to Rs 5 lakh per annum of the families covered under this scheme is borne by the state government. One crore

11 lakh Ayushman Chirayu cards have been made and claims of Rs 1,247 crore have been paid for the treatment of 9.64 lakh patients. Families with an annual income up to Rs 3 lakh have also been included in this scheme on an annual contribution of only Rs 1500. An expenditure of about Rs 3393 per family per year is being incurred on the implementation of this scheme. The 'Nirogi Haryana' scheme, aimed at providing health check-ups for Antyodaya families, has conducted health examinations for 47.93 lakh people along with performing 2 crore 54 lakh tests free of cost.

17. To address the housing needs of socially and economically weaker sections, the 'Housing for All' department has been established, and my government has launched the 'Mukhyamantri Shahri Awas Yojana' portal. To date, about 2,90,000 poor families have registered on this portal for this programme. In the initial phase, applications have been invited on the portal for the booking of plots in 14 cities across the state starting from February 1, 2024. Up to February 14, 9514 people have successfully registered on it.

18. Under the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar House Renovation Scheme, families living below the poverty line are provided with a grant of Rs 80,000. During the year 2022-23, about Rs 95.79 crore was distributed to more than 11,700 beneficiaries under this scheme.

19. My Government has implemented the 'Pradhan Mantri Laghu Vyapar Maan Dhan Yojana' to provide monthly

pensions to retailers and shopkeepers. Under the 'Pradhanmantri Swanidhi Yojana', loans with no interest are also available for street vendors. Under this scheme, interest-free loans of up to Rs 10,000 have been given to more than 1,32,000 street vendors. The state government is establishing markets for street vendors in the sectors of the Haryana Urban Development Authority starting from Panchkula. 'The Chief Minister Traders Group Personal Accident Insurance Scheme and Chief Minister Traders Compensation Insurance Scheme have been initiated for traders'. The Haryana Traders Welfare Board has also been formed to address the concerns of traders.

20. Under the 'Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana', free ration is being provided to 44.87 lakh families in the state. The state government is providing mustard oil, 2 litres of sunflower oil and 1 kg sugar to all AAY and BPL families under the 'Antyodaya Aahar Yojana. Under the 'Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana', 12.05 lakh free cooking gas connections have been provided to poor families.

21. My government is dedicated to the socio-economic and educational upliftment of the Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes. A historic step has been taken by providing 20 percent reservation in promotion to Group-A and B posts, aiming to enhance promotion opportunities for Scheduled Caste employees. The "Mukhya Mantri Vivah Shagun Yojana" honours the girl child and ensures graceful weddings for girls from all sections of society. It aims to

alleviate the financial burden on families, particularly those living below the poverty line, when marrying their daughters. Under this scheme, the Shagun amount for Scheduled Castes, De-notified Tribes, and Tapriwas castes living below the poverty line has been increased from Rs 51,000 to Rs 71,000. During last four years an amount of Rs 472.51 crore was disbursed for the marriages of over 1,15,518 girls.

22. Scheduled Caste and Backward Class students are provided with free coaching to prepare for various competitive and entrance examinations. The income limit for this scheme has been set at Rs 2.50 lakh annually. To incentivize meritorious students from Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes, the annual family income limit under the Dr. Ambedkar Medhavi Chhatra Yojana has been increased from Rs 2.50 lakh to Rs 4.00 lakh. This scheme encompasses students from all castes and offers scholarships ranging from Rs 8,000 to Rs 12,000 annually.

23. Honourable members, my government is implementing numerous schemes for the welfare and upliftment of workers also. The state government has been consistently increasing the minimum wage of unskilled workers every six months. Registered workers of the Haryana Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board now receive increased financial assistance for their children's weddings. The assistance for a son's marriage has increased to Rs 21,000, while that for a daughter's marriage has increased to Rs 50,000, with an additional Rs 51,000 provided for Kanyadaan, bringing the total to Rs 1,01,000.

24. Meritorious children of registered workers now receive incentives ranging from Rs 21,000 to Rs 51,000 based on their academic performance in class 10th and 12th. Board fully covers educational expenses of government technical and professional courses for these children. Also, educational expenses of private technical and professional courses are covered to the extent of equivalent government courses. Board also bears the annual hostel expenses of up to Rs 1 lakh 20 thousand for those pursuing such courses. The awards under the 'Chief Minister Shram Puraskar Yojana' have been significantly increased from minimum Rs. 21,000/- to Rs. 51,000/- and maximum Rs. 1,00,000/- to 2,00,000/-. This demonstrates our commitment to recognizing and rewarding outstanding workers.

Farmers Welfare

25. Honourable members, my government deeply values the hard work of farmers and is steadfastly dedicated to their welfare. Under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana, an amount of Rs. 4157.73 crore has been directly deposited into the accounts of 19.94 lakh farmers of the state in the last four years. In addition, the state government has set a unique example by purchasing 14 crops at MSP. A sum of Rs 90,000 crore has been directly deposited into the accounts of farmers registered on the 'Meri Fasal Mera Byora' portal. An amount of Rs. 836.12 crore has been deposited into the bank accounts of Bajra producing farmers under the Bhavantar Bharpai Yojana.

26. My government has acted as a shield for farmers during natural disasters. Under the Prime Minister Crop Insurance Scheme, claims worth about Rs 8178 crore have been given to 32.06 lakh farmers whose crops were damaged. Moreover, the compensation amount for crop damage due to natural calamities has been increased from Rs 10,000 to Rs 15,000. During my government's tenure, around Rs 1845.95 crore was disbursed as compensation to farmers for crop damage due to natural disasters.

27. The Bhavantar Bharpai Yojana has been launched to provide relief to farmers. To protect soil health from degradation and discourage the use of hazardous pesticides, my government has implemented the Natural Farming Scheme. For this, 13,388 farmers have so far registered on the dedicated Natural Farming Portal launched for this purpose. Four Natural Farming Training Centres have been opened at Kurukshetra Gurukul, Gharaunda in Karnal district, Hameti in Jind and Mangiana in Sirsa.

28. Under the 'Mera Pani-Meri Virasat' scheme, financial assistance of about Rs 117.22 crore has been provided at the rate of Rs 7,000 per acre for sowing alternative crops instead of paddy across 1.72 thousand acres of land. Additionally, farmers who repay their loans on time have been granted the facility of interest-free crop loans. Furthermore, 12 centres of excellence have been established in the state including some using Israeli technology.

29. An amount of Rs 1095 crore has so far been allocated for the development of new and additional markets. Additionally, construction work for new and additional grain and vegetable markets is underway, with a budget of Rs 100 crore. Moreover, construction is ongoing for an international-level horticulture market in Gannaur, costing Rs 3050 crores, and an apple, fruit, and vegetable market in Pinjore, covering 78 acres of land at a cost of Rs 150 crores. Furthermore, 108 mandis in the state have been integrated with the 'National Agriculture Market Portal' (e-NAM). The 'Atal Kisan Mazdoor Canteen' scheme has initiated canteens in 25 mandis to provide food at a subsidized rate of Rs 10 per plate. Plans are underway to establish canteens in another 15 mandis soon.

30. Honourable members, deeply woven into the fabric of our heritage, animal husbandry has long been integral to our way of life. Recognizing its enduring significance, my government is actively promoting its growth to provide farmers with additional income opportunities. Interest subsidies are being provided on bank loans to those establishing dairy farms with 20 and 50 milch animals in the state. Similarly, beneficiaries setting up dairy units with 2, 4, and 10 milch animals receive a 25 percent subsidy. As part of a pilot initiative, the Sanjhi Dairy Scheme is being implemented in five villages across Ambala, Rohtak, Jind, Kurukshetra, and Sirsa districts.

31. In order to boost indigenous cow breeds, farmers rearing high milk-yielding cows of Haryana, Sahiwal, and Belahi

breeds are offered incentives ranging from Rs 5,000 to Rs 20,000. The 'Pandit Deen Dyal Uphadyaya Samoohik Pashudhan Beema Yojna' has been implemented to provide financial security to livestock farmers. Animals belonging to beneficiaries from Scheduled Castes are insured free of cost under this scheme. The Animal Husbandry and Dairy Department has allocated a subsidy of Rs 72.12 crore to 30,747 beneficiaries under the 'Mukhyamantri Antyodaya Parivar Utthan Yojana.'

32. Under the Livestock Kisan Credit Card Scheme, 1.5 lakh livestock farmers have been provided with credit cards. Members of cooperative milk societies are covered under the Accident Insurance Scheme, receiving accident insurance cover of Rs 10 lakh per person. My government has initiated a unique program of mobile veterinary unit to ensure veterinary facilities reach livestock farmers at their doorstep. A total of 70 fully equipped mobile veterinary units have been purchased for this purpose.

33. Honourable Members! My government has fixed the state advisory price for early varieties of sugarcane for the crushing season 2023-24 at Rs 386 per quintal and for late varieties at Rs 379 per quintal. The government has also decided to give a price of Rs 400 and Rs 393 per quintal for early and late varieties respectively for the upcoming crushing season 2024-25. Moving towards green energy, my government has granted in-principle approval for setting up of ethanol plants in Kaithal and Jind; Rohtak and Meham;

Karnal and Assandh; Gohana and Sonipat, and Palwal cooperative sugar mills on cluster basis.

34. Honourable Members! My government is committed to improving the infrastructure of canals to ensure optimal use of every drop of water and to reduce water wastage in distribution.

35. With the aim of providing 'water to every field', 72 remodelling and rehabilitation projects have been completed during the year 2023-24. These include major projects like JLN Feeder and Hansi Branch. 893 recharge wells have been constructed for groundwater recharge with rainwater collected in fields in the dark zone. During the year 2023-24, about 250 crore litres of water have been conserved by constructing 5 check dams and 26 water bodies in Mahendergarh district.

36. Micro Irrigation and Command Area Development Authority has been constituted in the state to promote micro irrigation. Haryana Pond and Wastewater Management Authority has been constituted for the purpose of renovation and rejuvenation of ponds as well as treatment and management of wastewater. The work of renovation of 1689 ponds has been completed under the Amrit Sarovar Mission.

37. The state government is working expeditiously for the construction of Renuka, Kishau and Lakhwar Vyasi dams on the upper reaches of the Yamuna River to ensure water supply to the state from the Yamuna and its tributaries -

Giri and Tons. On completion of these dams, Haryana will get 47.81 percent of the total stored water.

38. The state government has approved a project worth Rs 388.16 crore under the first phase of the Saraswati River Revival and Heritage Development Project for the flow in the Saraswati River. A Memorandum of Understanding has been signed with the Government of Himachal Pradesh for the construction of the Adibadri Dam. This dam being built by the Himachal government, is likely to be completed by June, 2026.

39. My government is committed to getting its legitimate share of water from the Ravi-Beas rivers and completing the Sutlej-Yamuna Link Canal. Continuous concrete efforts are, therefore, being made to resolve the issue.

Educated, capable, self-reliant youth

40. Honourable members! My government fully recognizes the immense potential that lies within our youth. To harness this potential, the government is prioritizing the creation of ample employment opportunities. My government has provided government jobs to 42735 youth on the basis of merit and in a transparent manner during last four years. In addition, the process of filling more than 60,000 posts of Group-C and D is underway. To make the recruitment process fair and transparent, interviews for Group-C and D recruitments have been abolished. The Common Eligibility Test has been introduced to free the youth from repeated competitive exams.

41. The state government has abolished the practice of hiring employees through private contractors. More than 108,000 contract employee who were previously employed have been transitioned to the Haryana Skill Employment Corporation, and an additional 13133 new employees have been hired on contracts. The corporation is now looking for placement opportunities for young people in the private sector as well as abroad.

42. My government has organized more than 4080 job fairs so far and has provided employment assistance to 117500 youth in the private sector.

43. Honourable members! The Union government has set a target of implementing the NEP-2050 but my government is committed to implement it by 2030. The state has excellent infrastructure of educational institutions for the full implementation of this policy. It is a matter of pride that there are a total of 182 government colleges in the state today.

44. In order to provide equal opportunity to the children of poor families to study in recognized private schools, eligible students from families with an annual income of Rs 1 lakh 80 thousand are admitted to private schools from class 2 to 12 under Chirag scheme. Free books, uniforms and stationery are provided by the government to the students of poor families up to class 12.

45. Under the National Education Policy-2020, pre-vocational education has been started in 1185 schools from

class VI to VIII. In the state, 146 new Government Model Senior Sanskriti Secondary Schools, affiliated to the CBSE have been opened. Under PM Shri School Scheme 124 Schools have been opened. To boost the merit of education at primary level 1420 Government Model Sanskriti Primary Schools have been opened.

46. The state government has provided 5.50 lakh tablets with 2 GB data free of cost to the students of class 10th and 12th of government schools and teachers under e-Adhigam.

47. Projects amounting to Rs. 20 crore each have been allocated to Maharishi Dayanand University and Bhagat Phool Singh University Sonapat to strengthen the Universities and PM-Usha Scheme. B.Tech courses in Hindi medium have been launched at J.C. Bose University of Science and technology Faridabad, Deenbandhu Chhotu Ram University of Science and Technology, Murthal, and Guru Jambheshwar University of Science and Technology, Hisar.

48. Shri Vishwakarma Skill University, established in Dudhola, Palwal district, has affiliated 24 colleges in the state to run vocational, undergraduate and postgraduate programs in the academic session 2023-24. With the aim of engaging and empowering youth in economic and holistic development, the Haryana Skill Development Mission has imparted skill training to 31,374 young people. In the last four years 15 new government polytechnic institute have been set up with the increased admission intake of 3278 students.

49. Under the Super-100 program, special coaching is being provided to meritorious students of government schools for exams like IIT, JEE, and NEET in Rewari, Panchkula, Karnal, and Hisar. So far, 379 students have qualified for JEE Advanced, NEET, and IIT Advanced entrance exams. Super NDA program has also been launched on the lines of Super-100 program for students studying in government schools. Through expert agencies, 100 students are being prepared for NDA and SSB exams every year.

Youth

50. Honourable members! Our hearts swell with pride when we see the achievements of our youth in sports. Our players have won medals in the Olympics and other international competitions, bringing glory to the country and the state. In the 2022 Commonwealth Games held in Birmingham, our players won 20 out of the 61 medals that India won.

51. I am extremely proud to inform this august House that Haryana gives one of the highest cash prize money to its medal-winning athletes. My government has given cash prizes of over 224.20 crore to the players during four years. Haryana is the first state in the country to have made a provision to give an advance amount of Rs 5 lakh to the player for preparation as soon as he/she qualifies for the Olympics and Paralympics. Along with this, a provision has been made to give an advance of Rs 2.50 lakh to Asian, Para Asian, Commonwealth players.

52. In the current financial year, 1 100 sports nurseries were allotted in the state. The Sports Department has set up 24 residential academies, where players are given a diet money of Rs 400 per day. The state government has created 550 new posts for outstanding sports persons. Sports Persons have been given 3 percent reservation in Group-C and 10 percent reservation in Group D jobs.

Women's Safety and Empowerment

53. Honourable Members! The word "Nari" (woman) is synonymous with "Shakti" (power). There is no task in social life that is impossible for them. From science and technology to education, politics to sports, medicine to social service, women are creating history in every field on the strength of their hard work and talent. My government has given top priority to the education, health, security, and socio-economic empowerment of women.

54. There was a time when Haryana's situation was not good in terms of sex ratio. Honourable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji started the "Beti Bachao Beti Padhao" program from Panipat in 2015 to express the government's commitment to saving and educating girls. Due to the concrete efforts of the government, the sex ratio at birth has improved significantly in Haryana today. The average response time of Police Emergency Response Vehicles under the Dial-112 emergency response support system has been reduced to 7 minutes 37 seconds. The 'Trip Monitoring

Service' has been launched through Dial 112. Any woman who feels unsafe during her journey can get her journey monitored through Dial-112.

55. Whether it is the matter of providing financial assistance for nutrition to pregnant and lactating mothers under the “Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana”, the question of Chief Minister Maternity Assistance Scheme, the matter of providing fortified milk to children, pregnant women and lactating mothers under the “Mukhyamantri Dudh Uphar” scheme, the matter of providing free sanitary pads to adolescent girls and women of BPL families under the “Mahila aur Kishori Samman Yojana”, or the matter of vaccination of pregnant women and children through “Mission Indradhanush” to prevent diseases, my government has taken care of the health of women and children in every way.

56. My government is making efforts to increase the number of women police personnel in Haryana Police from 10 to 15 percent. By providing 50 percent representation in Panchayati Raj Institutions, the active participation of women in rural development has been ensured. To empower them economically, the government has supported the resolve of women by forming self-help groups and providing them financial assistance through the ‘Haryana State Rural Livelihood’ Mission.

57. My government has formed more than 51 thousand self-help groups and has given the operation of 151 Vita sales centres in the hands of women. My government has decided that 33 percent of the ration depots to be allotted in the future will be given to women.

58. Haryana is the first state in the country to implement an extensive crèche policy to address the concerns of working women at the workplace. The crèche will provide facilities for playing, nutritious food, regular health check-ups and vaccination, sleeping arrangements, as well as education and physical, social and emotional development for the children.

Excellent Healthcare Services

59. Honourable Members! My government is promoting ancient medical practices along with allopathy to provide better healthcare facilities to the common people. Our commitment to open a medical college in every district has been fulfilled. At present, 15 medical colleges are functional in the state and work is in progress on government medical colleges in 11 districts. The work of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Health Sciences University in Kutail, Karnal district is going to be completed soon.

60. Atal Cancer Care Centre has been started in Civil Hospital, Ambala Cantt. This is the first government cancer treatment centre in the state, which has state-of-the-art medical facilities. CT scan, MRI, haemodialysis and Cath-lab services are being provided to the people under Public

Private Partnership in the state. In addition, PPP services are being expanded to all districts.

61. The foundation stone of the state's first All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in Rewari was laid by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on February 16.

62. MD course in Ayurveda has been started in 14 subjects with 82 seats in the country's first Shri Krishna Ayush University established at Kurukshetra. The OPD has started at the 250-bed National Institute of Ayurveda being built at a cost of about Rs 270.54 crore in Panchkula. It will have 100 Ayurveda beds and 150 naturopathy beds.

Strong Infrastructure

63. Honourable members! Strong infrastructure is the first requirement to realize the dream of a developed Haryana. It not only simplifies people's lives, but also attracts industry and investment and strengthens the state's economy. Today, a network of 4-lane and 6-lane highways has been laid in the state. Flyovers and underbridges have been built at various places to facilitate traffic, metro has been expanded, new railway lines have been laid, and the state has also taken steps towards air connectivity.

64. Now every district of Haryana is connected with national highways. Roads of 32,915 km length were improved at a cost of Rs 19,920 crore in the state. In addition, new roads of 2123 km length have been constructed at a cost of Rs 2322.43 crore.

65. During the last four years the construction work of 36 railway overbridges and underbridges has been completed at a cost of Rs 728 crore and the construction work of 52 railway overbridges and underbridges is in progress at the cost of 1503 crore. At the cost of Rs.1026 crore, 2349 km long roads have been constructed under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana-PPP and the work of 119 km long roads is in progress. 13 toll tax barriers have been removed during the tenure of the present government to facilitate traffic.

66. My government is continuously upgrading the state's road and railway infrastructure to meet the growing needs of goods and passenger traffic. Rail service has been started on the Rohtak-Meham-Hansi railway line. On February 16, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone for the Bhiwani-Dobh Bhali railway line at a cost of Rs 470 crore, the Manheru-Bawani Kheda railway line at a cost of Rs 410 crore, the Rewari-Kathuwas railway line at a cost of Rs 350 crore and the Kathuwas-Narnaul railway line doubling project at a cost of Rs 310 crore. The doubling of these lines will increase connectivity and facilitate traffic and freight movement.

67. Detailed Project Report of 61 km long Karnal-Yamunanagar railway line and 30 km long Farrukhnagar-Jhajjar railway line is being prepared by Northern Railway. Feasibility study of elevated railway station and track in Kaithal is in progress. The work of the project of elevated railway line at a cost of Rs 265.18 crore is in progress in

Kurukshetra city. Work has started on the Haryana Orbital Rail Corridor project, which will be built from Palwal's Prithla to Sonipat at a cost of Rs 5,566 crore, along with the KMP Expressway.

68. Haryana Airports Development Corporation Limited has been established. This will accelerate the development of aviation infrastructure, employment generation and skill development in aviation sector, flying training academies, maintenance repair and overhaul, and aerospace and defence manufacturing in the state. The state's first airport has been built in Hisar in the name of Maharaja Agrasen. The operation of flights from this airport is likely to start from April. A domestic airport is being built in Ambala on 20 acres of land.

69. Honourable Members! Under the 'Jal Jeevan Mission', my government has provided drinking water connections to about 13 lakh rural households under the 'Har Ghar-Nal se Jal' campaign. Under the Mahagram Yojana, the government has envisioned an all-inclusive approach for augmented drinking water supply of up to 135 litres per person per day and adequate sewerage treatment infrastructure in villages with a population of more than 10,000 as per the 2011 census. 12 villages have been covered till date and 10 more are likely to be provided sewerage network by 31 March 2024. As many as 17 STPs at a cost of Rs 261 crores have been commissioned in last 4 years. In the rural and urban areas of State, 88 Canal based and 1750 tubewell based water

schemes have been commissioned at a cost of 6,060 crore in the same period. Potential areas of non-potable use like power plants, municipal corporations, industries and irrigation have been identified under Treated Waste Water Policy. 200 lakh litres of treated water is being used daily in these areas”.

70. Honourable members! My government is committed to the overall development of the energy sector and providing adequate electricity to the people of the state. The work of setting up a new 800 MW capacity unit at Deenbandhu Chhotu Ram Thermal Power Plant, Yamunanagar at a cost of Rs 6900 crore has been entrusted to Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited. This work will be completed and handed over in 57 months. It gives me immense pleasure to inform this august House that 5805 villages are being provided 24 hours electricity supply under the ‘Mhara Gaon-Jagmag Gaon’ scheme. The power AT&C loss in the state has come down to 12.32 (FY 2022-23) percent. In a survey conducted by the Government of India, both electricity distribution corporations of the state have been given “A+” grade.

71. 28 new sub-stations have been set up at a cost of Rs 1809 crore, to increase the capacity of existing sub-stations 266 transformers have been installed and 819 km long transmission lines have been laid. In the state 228.09 MW capacity ground-based solar power projects have been set up. Under Pardhan Mantri Kissan Urja Suraksha evam Utthan Maha Abhiyan Yojana, Solar pumps are being made available at 75% subsidy. Under this scheme 67,418 solar

pumps have been set up and process to setup 70,000 new solar pumps has been started. A scheme is being run to install LED based solar street lights and high mast lights on street lights and Amrit Sarovar in villages. The work of installing 7169 solar street lights is in progress during the current financial year and 10,000 more such lights will be installed during the year 2024-25.

72. My government has increased the number of buses in the Haryana State Transport bus fleet from 4500 to 5300. City bus service has been started in Gurugram including Manesar and Faridabad through the respective Metropolitan Development Authorities. The government has decided to run city electric AC bus services in 9 cities of the state - Panipat, Panchkula, Ambala, Yamunanagar, Karnal, Sonipat, Rohtak, Hisar and Rewari of which electrical bus services in Panipat and Yamunanagar have started and the services would be expanded in phased another city by June 2024. 181 special bus services have been made available for girls and women on 213 routes.

Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Prayas

73. Honourable members! After handing over the reins of Panchayats to educated hands, my government is working expeditiously towards their empowerment by transferring functions and funds to them. Now, major responsibilities are being given at all three levels of Panchayati Raj Institutions. After giving 50 percent representation to women,

adequate representation has also been given to Backward Class (A) persons in Panchayati Raj institutions. The right to recall elected representatives has also been given to the voters in Panchayati Raj Institutions. The honorarium of Zila Parishad, President, Vice President, Member, Panchayat Samiti President, Panchayat Samiti Vice President, Panchayat Samiti Member, Sarpanch and Panch has been increased. Pension is also given to former Zila Parishad Presidents, Vice Presidents, former Panchayat Samiti Presidents, Vice Presidents and former Sarpanches.

74. In the past, there were many disputes over ownership rights concerning properties situated within Lal Dora areas in villages. My government has given ownership property certificate of properties falling within the Lal Dora. Haryana Land Records Information System 'Web Halris' has been implemented in all 143 tehsils and sub-tehsils. A new registration system has been started through e-disha centers in all tehsils and sub-tehsils of the state to increase transparency. My government, in the interest of farmers, does not acquire land for government projects. Instead, we only take land from farmers who are willing to sell it voluntarily.

75. The development and improvement of urban infrastructure is one of the top priorities of my government. In order to provide civic amenities in the deprived areas, my government has regularized 1152 colonies. Out of these, 601 colonies have been regularized by the Urban Local Bodies

Department and 551 colonies have been regularized by the Town and Country Planning Department.

76. My government has increased the administrative and financial powers of urban local bodies, empowering elected members for better control and monitoring. The State Finance Commission grant budget for Urban Local Bodies has been increased from Rs 2006 crore in FY 2022-23 to Rs 2574 crore in FY 2023-24.

77. Metropolitan Development Authorities have been constituted in Sonapat, Gurugram, Faridabad, Panchkula, and Hisar to ensure planned development.

78. Honourable Members! Industries are not only the cornerstone of our economy but also play an important role in employment generation. My government has taken many effective steps to create an industry and trade-friendly environment. As a result, Haryana has become the first choice of entrepreneurs from all over the country and abroad for investment.

79. Haryana Enterprises Promotion Centre (HEPC) was set up for providing Single Point Clearance to the Industrial units through an interactive portal. The portal now delivers approximately 150 industrial clearances from 25 departments. So far, 3.67 lakh services have been granted. Recently the State secured “Top Achiever” status in the State Business Reform Action Plan exercise assessment amongst States/UTs rank under the Ease of Doing Business Rankings.

80. In order to boost the transition to electric mobility the government has launched Haryana Electric Vehicle Policy-2022. The policy places a special emphasis on creation of end-to-end ecosystem for E-Mobility by harnessing Haryana's inherent strength in automotive manufacturing sector. A subsidy of Rs. 35 crores have been released.

81. Haryana Aatmanirbhar Textile Policy 2022-2025 was launched in line with the 5F vision of Hon'ble Prime Minister - Farm to Fibre to Factory to Fashion to Foreign – aiming at an investment of INR 5000 Crore with employment for 3,00,00 people. Since its launch in December 2023, proposals worth Rs. 500 Crores have been approved.

82. We are actively participating in the World Bank and Central Government's jointly funded RAMP - Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance - a 5-year programme aiming at improving centre-state linkages, improving MSMEs' access to market and credit, and greening of MSMEs. A detailed plan has been prepared by the State Government and on basis of the plan, a grant of INR 135.17 Crores has been sanctioned.

83. The successful Agri-Business and Food Processing Policy 2018 and the MSME 2019 Policy, are being revamped and new versions of these Policies have been drafted and will be notified in the FY 2024-25 targeting an investment of Rs. 5000 Crores and employment of 30,000 people in the state.

84. Haryana has emerged as a preferred industrial investment destination for the industry with some major manufacturers setting up projects in the State. These include Maruti Suzuki India Limited which is setting up a car manufacturing plant at IMT Kharkhoda on an area of 800 acres land with an investment of Rs. 18,000 crore and employment of 20000 persons. Suzuki Motorcycle India Pvt. Ltd. is also developing a Two-wheeler Manufacturing Facility on an area of 100 acre at IMT Kharkhoda with an investment of Rs. 2000 crore and Employment of 2000 persons.

85. In line with its commitment for creation of state-of-the-art Infrastructure in the State, development works have been started in the Global City at Gurugram, IMT Sohna & IMT Kharkhoda. Upgradation of Industrial infrastructure in various existing industrial estates is underway for creating better industrial eco-system. Mega Food Parks at Barhi & Rohtak are also under development with investments of Rs. 175 crores & Rs. 180 crores, respectively.

86. Process for aggregation of 10,800 acres of land has been initiated under the Land Pooling Policy for setting up of new Industrial Parks at Ambala, Jind and expansion of Industrial Model Townships of Bawal, Sohna & Kharkhoda. Besides 30,000 acres land across 23 locations in the State is also being procured through the E-Bhoomi Portal for projects under the PADMA Scheme for expansion and new Industrial estates.

87. The Government is focusing on various sectors like IT/ ITeS, Electronics System Design & Manufacturing (ESDM), Medical Devices Manufacturing, Electronic Toys, Animation, Visual effects, Gaming and Comics (AVGC), Emerging technologies, and Electronics Waste Recycling and is coming up with dedicated sectoral policies for the above sectors.

88. To provide a single-window solution to the difficulties and complaints faced by Non-Resident Indians of Haryana origin, a Non-Resident Indians Grievance Redressal Cell has been set up in Chandigarh. Through the Haryana Enterprise Promotion Centre, all approvals for businesses are issued through an online portal under the Single Roof Clearance System.

Environment and Culture Preservation

89. Honourable members! We need to protect the environment not only for today but also for future generations. My government has taken all possible steps to protect nature. The state government has notified the Haryana Ex-Situ Management of Paddy Straw Policy, 2023, to make stubble a source of income for farmers and to protect the environment. This policy will focus on increasing private investment in straw-based projects and ensuring the use of straw by incentivizing farmers. The target is to eliminate the problem of crop residue burning by 2027 under this policy. To ensure that farmers get a fair price for their stubble, my

government has fixed a common determined price for the stubble.

90. Honourable members! My government is committed to preserving and promoting the heritage, culture, and tourism of the state. An amount of 77.87 crore rupees has been released for various projects out of the approved 97.34 crore rupees by the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, to develop Kurukshetra as a prime tourism destination. On February 16, 2024, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji inaugurated an ultra-modern 'Anubhav Kendra' in Jyotisar Tirth, spread over 10 thousand square meters, built at a cost of 240 crore rupees. It showcases the scenes of the Mahabharata through modern multimedia systems.

91. Under the Heritage Circuit Rewari-Mahendergarh-Madhogarh-Narnaul, a project costing Rs. 29.61 crores has commenced. The development project of Nada Sahib Gurudwara and Mata Mansa Devi Temple in Panchkula, funded by the Ministry of Tourism, with an outlay of Rs. 47 crores is underway. In Jhajjar, the construction of Swami Omanand Saraswati Museum shall begin. In Rakhi Garhi, Hisar, construction work is ongoing for museums and interpretation centres on a 6-acre land. The construction of a Martyr Memorial on a 22-acre site in Ambala Cantonment, in honour of the freedom fighters, is nearing completion.

92. Our country has been guided by saints, sages, prophets, and gurus who have shown humanity the true path of life

from time to time. The teachings of such great personalities are the heritage of the entire society. It is our responsibility to preserve and uphold their legacy. With the objective of familiarizing the general public, especially the youth, with their teachings, my government has initiated the “Saints and Great Personalities’ Thoughts Respect and Dissemination Scheme.”

Employee Welfare

93. Employees are playing a commendable role in implementing the policies and programs of my government. My government is always eager to address their grievances. My government has undertaken the task of creating a common cadre, known as Group-D, to provide employees with equal opportunities for promotion. The state government has initiated an extensive cashless health facility scheme from January 1, 2024, for all government employees of the state. Under the Ayush Reimbursement Policy, reimbursement of expenses incurred on treatment through Ayush methods will be provided to government employees, pensioners, and their dependents.

94. Women government employees with disabilities are given a special allowance of Rs 1500 per child for child care. The honorarium for Anganwadi workers, Mini Anganwadi workers, and Anganwadi helpers has been increased to Rs. 14000, Rs. 12500, and Rs. 7500, respectively. The honorarium for watchmen has been raised to Rs. 11,000 per month, along with a uniform allowance of Rs. 4000 per

year. They are also entitled to a bicycle allowance of Rs. 3500. The annual uniform allowance for rural sanitation workers has been increased from Rs. 3500 to Rs. 4000. They will also receive a penalty of Rs. 500 for delayed payment.

95. My government has implemented the “Chief Minister Haryana Employees Accident Insurance Scheme,” under which a financial assistance of Rs. 10 lakh is provided to the family members or relatives of Group-C and D government employees in case of death or disability at the workplace. In the event of the death or disability of a sanitation worker, an economic assistance of Rs. 5 lakh is provided to their dependents.

96. The “Online Transfer Policy” has been formulated for teachers, which other states in the country are also emulating.

97. We are proud that the heroes of Haryana have always played an important role in protecting the borders of the country. The State Government has introduced the ‘Compassionate Appointment Policy, 2023’ to provide compassionate appointment to one of the eligible family members of Haryana resident soldiers of the Defence forces and Central Para Military Forces who were declared battle casualty. So far, 369 dependents of martyred soldiers belonging to defence and paramilitary forces have been given jobs on compassionate grounds during the tenure of the present government.

98. The Government has established the Sainik and Ardh-Sainik Welfare Department for welfare of ex-servicemen of defence forces and para-military forces. The ex-gratia amount for causality of defence and central paramilitary personnel has been increased from Rs 20 lakh to Rs 50 lakh. Even in the event of martyrdom due to I.E.D. blasts, the ex-gratia amount has been raised to Rs 50 lakh. Furthermore, the ex-gratia grant for defence and central paramilitary forces personnel injured/disabled during battle, terrorism, and other incidents has been increased to Rs 15 lakh, Rs 25 lakh, and Rs 35 lakh, depending on the level of disability.

99. My government has launched a unique initiative called “Mission Karma Yogi Haryana” to imbibe ethical values and principles among more than 3 lakh officers and employees of the state. Under this, 2,23,869 officers and employees have been trained so far.

100. The people of the state had entrusted my government with the responsibility of shaping their future and fulfilling their aspirations. There was a big challenge before the government to live up to the immense love and trust of the people of the state. But I am extremely happy to inform this august House that my government has not only lived up to this trust but has also created a new trust among the people with its working style. The trust of the people of the state is the support of my government, which inspires us to keep moving forward.

101. My government is committed to guaranteeing equal opportunities for all classes and individuals in Haryana, rising above the narrow-mindedness of region, caste, religion, and gender. I am confident that the coming days will see lively and constructive discussions in this esteemed assembly, where diverse opinions and perspectives will be heard. Your contribution will serve as a guiding light for my government. I call upon all of you, respected members to join hands to build a prosperous, inclusive, and progressive Haryana for a vibrant and bright future.

Vande Mataram!

Jai Hind!