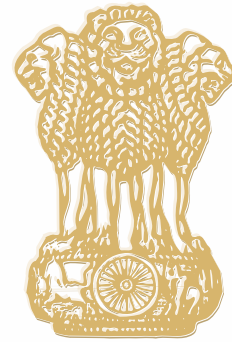




AN EVENTFUL YEAR - 2016-17



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# *An Eventful Year 2016-2017*

(Striding towards New India)









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## FOREWORD

It is, indeed, a matter of great pride and honour for me to have got an opportunity to work as the Governor of Punjab and Administrator, UT, Chandigarh from August 2016. Punjab State is known the world over for the brave, hard-working and enterprising people. Patriotism, courage, generosity, and dedication to the motherland are the innate qualities of the Punjabis. It has traditionally been the sword-arm of the Country, be it in the freedom struggle even before and thereafter.

Chandigarh, the world famous “City Beautiful”, designed by the French architect Le Corbusier, is known for its modern architecture, urban planning and landscaping. Among the myriad attractions of the ‘City Beautiful’ is the man-made Sukhna Lake, nestling on its north in the lap of the magnificent Shivalik Hills.

Today it is the capital of the States of Punjab and Haryana, besides being the seat of UT Administration.

As the Administrator of Chandigarh, it has been my endeavour to take this leadership not only in the field of town planning and architecture but also in the aspects of development, growth and sustainability.

In a short time, I have made earnest efforts to develop Chandigarh as a smart city preserving heritage, taking path breaking steps like 100% DBT (Director Benefit Transfer) and initiatives like making it a Kerosene free city, fair price shop free city, model solar city etc. Our Hon’ble Prime Minister has given us a path to transform our Nation in the next few years. He has launched a programme called “Sankalp Se Siddhi” under which Union Territory of Chandigarh is taking more proactive steps to realise the New India Vision – 2022 and become Swachh, Swastha, Shikshit, Sampan, Saksham and Surakshit.

The Coffee Table Book: “An Eventful one year 2016-17: Striding towards New India” is an attempt to highlight the achievements of past one and a half year.

I am confident that our officers of all ranks through their hard work, positive attitude, motivation, dedication and sustained efforts shall be able to accomplish the goals set out for the future.

I appeal to the people of Punjab and Chandigarh to play a meaningful, participative and partnership role, in the socio-economic development process, by devoting their time, energy, experience and expertise in different fields of endeavour to achieve the above mentioned dreams.

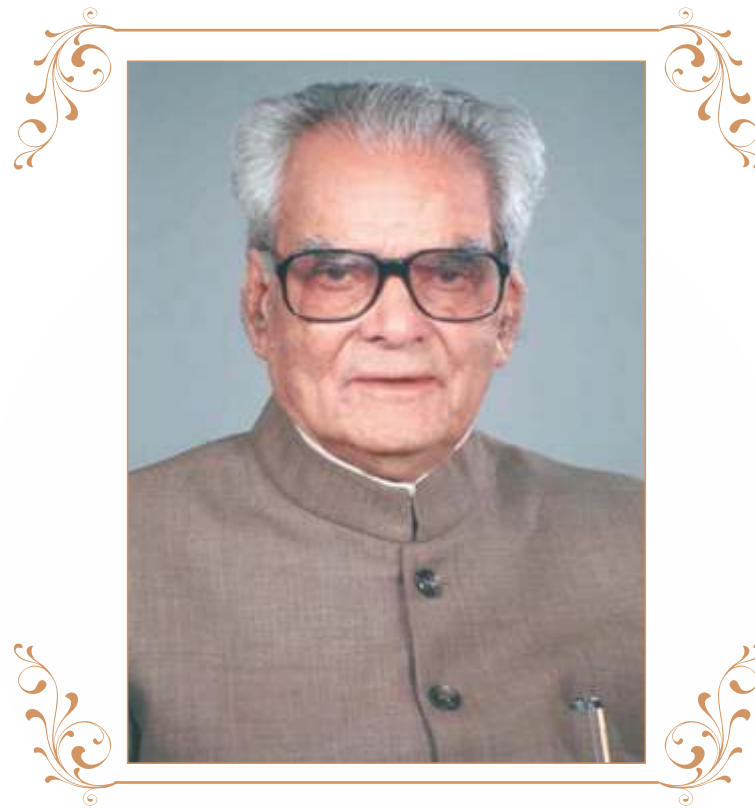
Let us renew our resolve to work together for the harmonious and balanced development of the rural and urban areas of UT Chandigarh and Punjab.

**V.P. Singh Badnore**

Governor of Punjab and  
Administrator, U.T. Chandigarh



## Dedicated to my Mentor



an embodiment of wisdom and honesty,

**Shri Bhairon Singh Shekhawat**

Former Vice President of India

*And to all the brave Soldiers and Martyrs who laid down their lives for their Motherland.*





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Hon'ble Chief Justice of Punjab and Haryana High Court, Mr. Justice Shiavax Jal Vazifdar, administering the oath of office as the Governor of Punjab and Administrator, UT, Chandigarh to Sh. V.P.Singh Badnore on August 22, 2016 at Punjab Raj Bhawan Chandigarh.





Wishes  
& Blessings  
poured in from  
Family and  
Friends







## First Address to the Media

It is a matter of great pride for me that I have been given the opportunity to work with brave, hard-working and enterprising people of Punjab. The people of Punjab are known the world over for their patriotism, courage, generosity and dedication to the motherland. Punjab has traditionally been the sword-arm of the Country, be it in the freedom struggle and thereafter.

I recognise this and take pride in bringing greetings from the people of Rajasthan, the land of Maharana Pratap and Mirabai to Punjab, the Dharti of great warriors, gurus and saints.

Punjab is an outstanding example of combining spirituality with physical prowess. Right from the days of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji to Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji, Punjab has created a unique space for itself in this great Country of ours and in the freedom struggle from Kuka movement to the sacrifice of Shaheed Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev and

Rajguru.

Punjab has made outstanding contribution in filling the granaries of the Country and a leader in making green revolution a stupendous success.

Just as it has a glorious past, Punjab continues to show the path as a leading proponent in contributing to “Swacch Bharat” using renewable and non-conventional energy, and making significant contribution in “Ujjwala Bharat”.

The process of development requires stock-taking at regular intervals to assess the distance covered and the momentum needed to go forward. In this, I will elicit views from the people of Punjab in this joint endeavour.

As we are all aware the youth of our Country and of the State of







Punjab need to be well-educated, and trained with the right skills to become an asset for themselves, the State and the Country.

I plan to engage positively with educational and technical institutions in the State and take forward flagship programmes of the Prime Minister such as “Digital India”, “Skill India”, Stand-up India, Start-up India and “Make in India” a success in this State.

Punjab has always been in the forefront of learning new skills and technology and I am confident the youth will enthusiastically join in this endeavour.

Punjab is an acknowledged leader in the field of agriculture and allied sectors including the dairy development and fisheries.

Over the years dependence on water-intensive crops have created a situation of water tables going down in a few places and water-logging in others.

Punjab, I hope will take a lead in vigorously adopting modern irrigation techniques like Drip Irrigation and Sprinkler System while engaging in crop diversification and floriculture.

Here, I wish to emphasise that our Prime Minister is very keen in promoting better irrigation techniques in the country and is also an ardent proponent of Water Harvesting, to address the aforementioned issues. The “Prime Minister Krishi Sinchayee yojana” is also aimed at addressing this concern.

I hope the prestigious Punjab Agriculture University, Ludhiana will continue doing innovative research for the betterment of the industrious people engaged in agriculture.

As we all know, with increasing awareness and development, the pace of urbanisation increases. In this regard, the Government of India has already selected the City of Ludhiana in the smart city project and I wish Amritsar and Jalandhar will follow. I shall be pursuing.

I hope all will agree, without debate, that there should be Zero tolerance to drug abuse. Let us resolve collectively to promote a healthier society just as the Prime Minister stresses on creating a healthy India through Yoga and sports.

I also wish to devote time to the City Beautiful and deem it a privilege that I will be residing here. This City has created many a milestone in the field of urban architecture design and town planning. The recent decision of UNESCO to tag Capitol Complex as Heritage

architectural site of Le Corbusier adds to its lustre.

I am of the opinion that in any society, development and happiness should go together and reach every strata of the society. The benefit must reach the Scheduled castes and the Under privileged, and we need to strive for it.

Care of Bade-Buzurg is inherent part of our culture and I hope to reinforce these values and stress on the importance of humane approach especially to the physically challenged, women and girl child. I expect each one of you will join me in this effort.

I wish to be a catalyst in the process of development in Punjab and in Chandigarh. As I said earlier, I will need your suggestions and cooperation in this.

I once again, with all my humility, express my resolve to work for the all round development of Punjab and its vibrant people. I invite organisations and volunteers to come forward in implementing this vision of mine.

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With the Hon'ble President of India, Shri Pranab Mukherjee at New Delhi on September 12, 2016







With the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi at New Delhi on September 12, 2016







Paying obeisance at the Sri Harmandir Sahib, Amritsar on August 23, 2016 after assuming charge as Governor of Punjab.







Paying obeisance at the Durgiana Mandir, Amritsar on August 23, 2016 along with family.





Aarti at the Mata Mansa Devi Temple on August 28, 2016



# Public Welfare Initiatives





Inauguration of Academic Block as part of 25th Annual Day Celebrations of Government Medical College and Hospital on September 9, 2016





“ This day, today is a moment of great pride in the history of City Beautiful. Medical College and Hospital was set up in the year 1991 and since then it has made tremendous progress. For the last 25 successful years with the committed and concerted efforts of the Director Principal, faculty and members of the staff it has been developed as State of the Art Medical Institution providing excellent Health Care Facility not only for the people of Chandigarh but for the entire region.

Doctors have the noblest profession. When people express their full faith and confidence in them, they take it as a commendation certificate that makes them achieve the purpose of life.

The population of our country is more than 120 crore and we produce close to 50,000 doctors per year. This number is still inadequate to serve all the people. We presently have one doctor for every 1700 persons which is few and far away from the WHO recommended figure of one doctor for 1000 person.

Tremendous advancement has been made in the field of medical sciences. But new challenges in terms of new diseases have emerged. Increasing population, sedentary life-style, unhealthy eating habits and environmental pollution are leading to many diseases. Despite difficult situations, our doctors perform their duty with diligence. ”

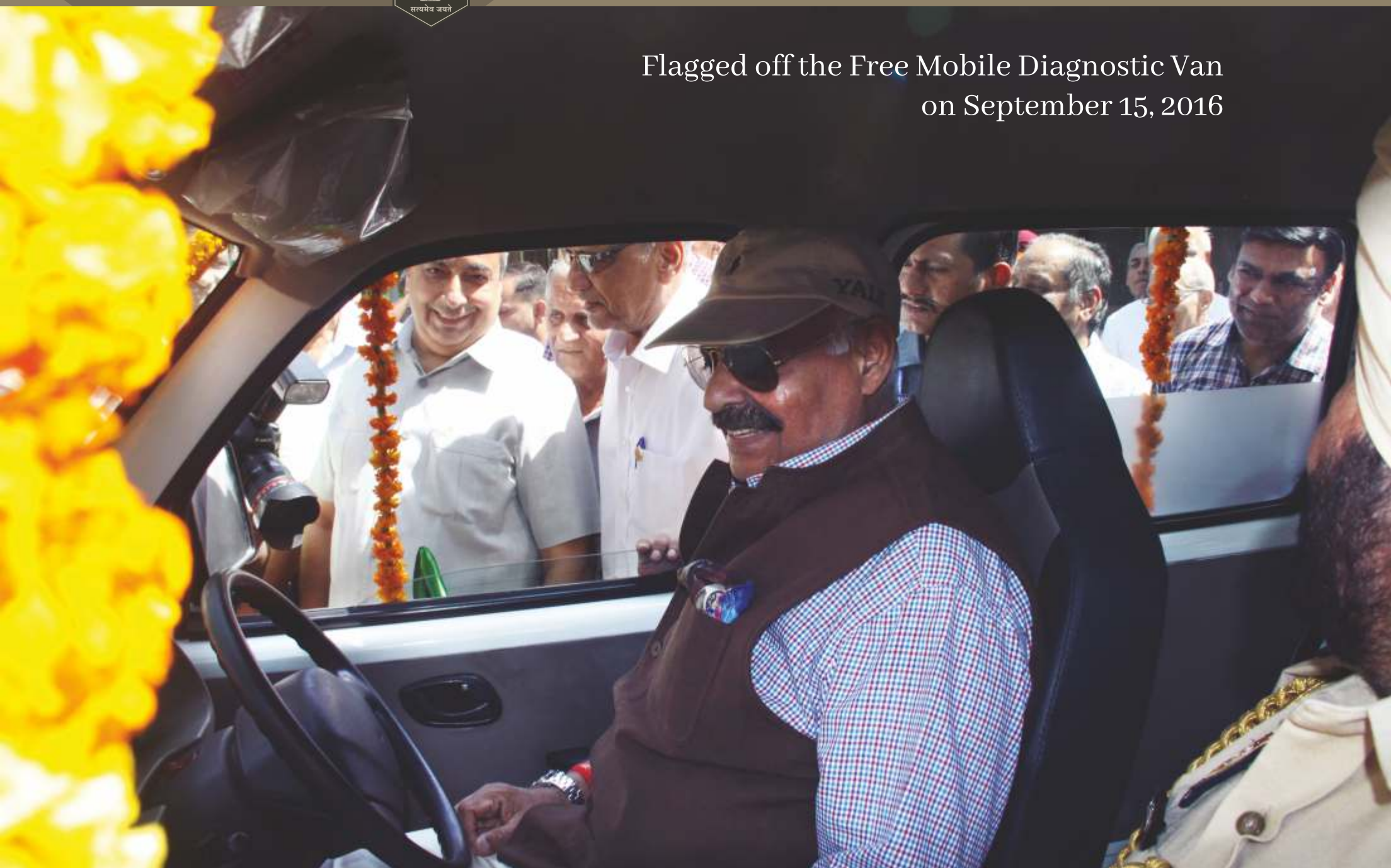
“Stay healthy and look after yourselves well”.







## Flagged off the Free Mobile Diagnostic Van on September 15, 2016



**A**ffordable Health on Wheels! Free Mobile Diagnostic Van equipped with all necessary test kits at Indira Holiday Home Chandigarh, was donated by Bharat Vikas Parishad Charitable Center, Chandigarh to collect samples.

Though urban areas have better government and private health facilities, this effort of the Administration will largely benefit the urban poor living in slums and colonies deprived of good health care due to high cost and lack of assistance.





“Water on Wheels” a unique venture undertaken by Chandigarh Administration: Flagging off E-water ATM van” at Punjab Raj Bhawan on September 20, 2016.



City residents can now avail safe drinking water from e-water ATM vans at nominal rates. The pilot project was launched in a phased manner. As many as twenty-two machines have been deployed.

The system is equipped with GPS, CCTVs and a toll free number. The residents can take water in bio-degradable paper glasses from the ATM vans at nominal rates. It is a model through which water can be served in a complete automated system monitoring all the safety standards of drinking water without using plastic glasses.





Inaugurating the newly constructed building of Government Model High School, Sector 48, Sector 49, Government High School and Government Middle School, Manimajra in Union Territory of Chandigarh on September 14, 2016.



**E**ducation plays a vital role in shaping a child's personality and setting role models for society and imbibing moral values. Specialised training with good foundation set up leadership quality in the student's right from the beginning. And here we go in imparting quality education to our children. To inspire children, retired Generals, Admirals, Governors, Judges, senior civil retired officers who are residing in the city can visit the schools as guest faculty and share their experiences/ stories of the job thereby preparing and motivating the future generation.



## Northern Zonal Council Meet on May 12, 2017



“The success story of the City beautiful, which offers an unparalleled quality of life owes its all round development to the united efforts of its citizens, the Union Territory Administration, the Governments of Punjab and Haryana and the Central Government. It has become a haven for the retired people but also offers ample opportunities for one and all who reside here. Chandigarh became the 1st Union Territory/State to implement DBT Scheme for food grains. It has also been ranked 1st amongst UT's and 5th within all States and UTs in India with regard to Aadhaar Enrolment. Today there are 51 Direct Benefit Transfer schemes running in Chandigarh, 100% Aadhaar seeded and all the payment successfully rendered through Public Financial Management

System (PFMS) with absolute transparency in all transactions. In a move towards realizing the broader objective of making itself a Solar City, Chandigarh has also taken a lead among various solar cities of the country. Our meeting today offers an ideal platform for exchange of views, problems and consultation between Centre and the states of Haryana, Punjab, Rajasthan, Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and also the National Capital Territory of Delhi and UT Chandigarh. It will truly be a learning experience for all. By virtue of its location and development over the years leading to creation of world class infrastructure, in every possible field, Chandigarh can rightly be called the hub of Northern Zonal States. Chandigarh being the seat of 3 governments has made rapid strides

towards entering into a new era of e-governance and responsive administration. Due to the upsurge of population, the city is under increasing pressure of developmental requirements. The Chandigarh Master Plan 2031 along with Smart City proposals are being implemented expeditiously. The CMP 2031 expects symbiotic relations with the regional urban areas. It expects that the three partners in development, Punjab, Haryana and Chandigarh U.T should have an understanding and coordination between themselves for sharing key responsibilities for locating some of the spill over infrastructure components of Chandigarh in their territory and to reduce the pressure on our limited land bank.





A Sarai named “PANAAH” constructed in Medical College and Hospital, Chandigarh, was dedicated to the attendants of patients visiting GMCH on January 18, 2017. “PANAAH” has invoked excellent response especially from the attendants coming from distant places.





Emotional Chord: Visit to the Institute for the Blind in Sector 26, Chandigarh on December 14, 2016

There is a constant need for empowering the visually impaired students by imparting them education and vocational training to enable them to live a life with pride and dignity.

The role of Major General Rajendra Nath, PVSM (Retd.), staff and management of the Institute for the Blind is highly appreciable who have kept the wheel of society running on good deeds, positive thinking, determination and

commitment.

The students of this institute seem to be taking interest in the vocational activities and learning processes and it is our duty to provide them congenial atmosphere so that they can learn to be self reliant and carry themselves in a dignified way . We treat the visually impaired not as a liability and thus they become an asset to the society.



*Children with special needs require love and care.*





Hon'ble Union Home Minister,  
Shri Rajnath Singh inaugurating the Regional  
Editors' Conference on October 17, 2016.

“The role of Editors apart from intellectual capabilities demands objectivity, fairness and a deep sense of responsibility. Discussion on ethics in media and how quality journalism can be promoted in manner so it serves public interest is an important self assessment exercise media is indeed operating in a dynamic environment that characterises the contemporary world. Indian media had grown along with the freedom of struggle and continued to play a leading role in spreading awareness and mobilising popular opinion. No country can progress if only a section of population is doing well. All sections of the society should reap the benefits of progress and development. Communication plays a big role in bringing all people together.

Communication professionals are agents of change.

Media play an important role in a democracy and serve as an agency of the people to gather news from them. However, the media have a great responsibility also to see that the news they present is accurate and serve the interest of the people. The Indian media have a historical role in providing information to the people about social and economic evils.

The impact of the diversified media, particularly audio visual media, in today's world is enormous. In fact, media is the eye, ear and tongue of a society through which a person, a community, a society a nation and the world sees, hears and speaks.







Foundation Stone Laying Ceremony of Kajauli Phase V and VI Water Lines of Kajauli Water Works on October 21, 2016.

The water requirement in Chandigarh has increased substantially in the past years. Chandigarh is facing a shortage of water especially during the summers during which the total demand of water reaches up to 113 MGD approximately showing a deficit of 30 MGD.

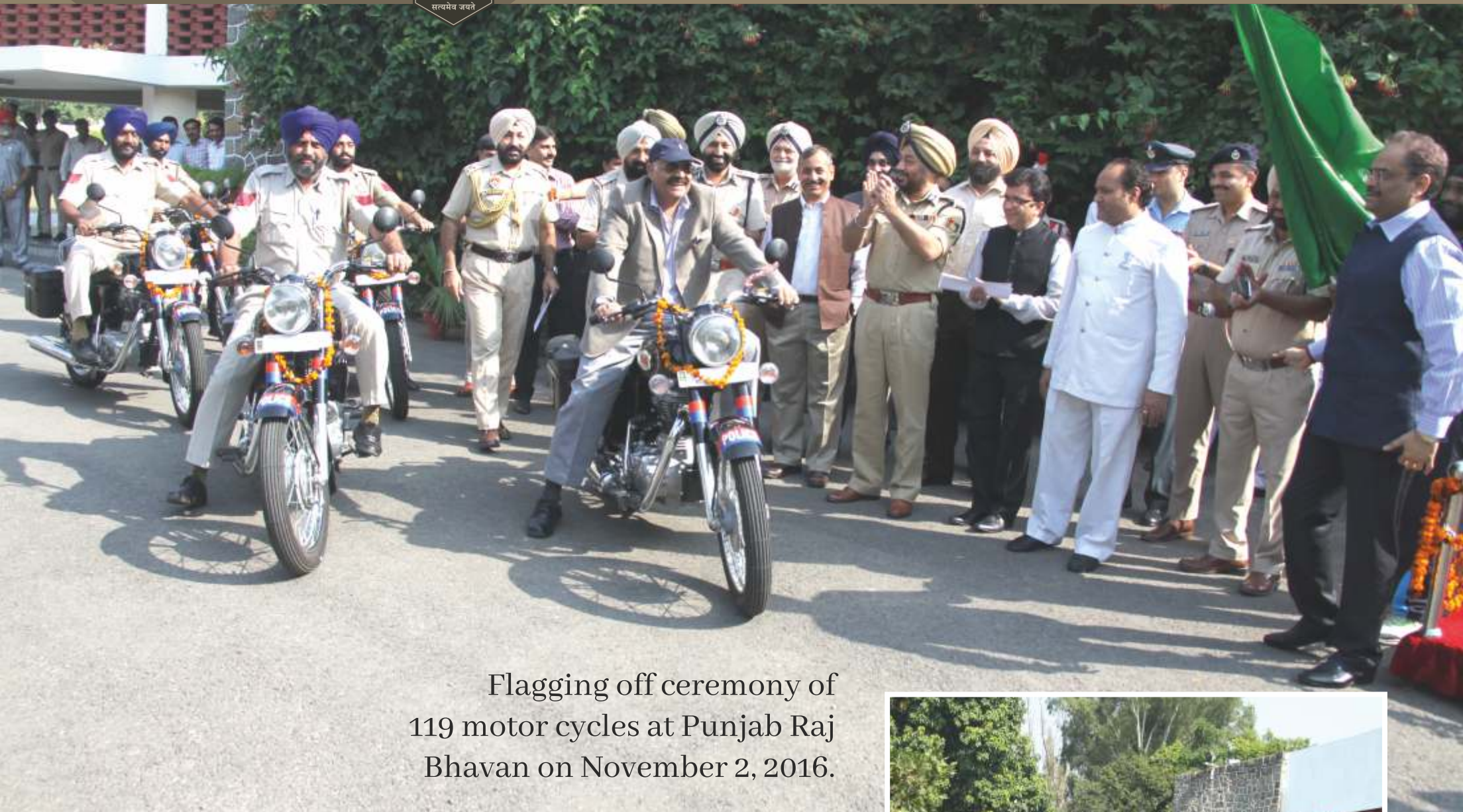
In order to bridge the gap between the supply and demand, to make city water supply 24X7 under Smart City, to reduce the dependency on tube wells and thus to prevent depletion of ground water level 29 MGD of raw water has been planned to augment the water supply against Phase V & VI from Kajauli water works.

For this, No Objection Certificate (NOC) was given by the Government of Punjab and Government of Haryana in 2015 to draw another 40 MGD of raw water from Bhakra main line to share water between Mohali, Chandigarh, Panchkula and Chandimandir Cantonment on the same sharing pattern as was agreed in 1983.

Punjab Government has already laid water supply line from Kajauli upto Village Jandpur in Punjab from where Chandigarh will pump 35 MGD water by laying 5.8 kilometer water supply lines up to Sector 39 water works Chandigarh. The total cost of project has been borne by Chandigarh Administration.







Flagging off ceremony of 119 motor cycles at Punjab Raj Bhavan on November 2, 2016.



These two-wheelers are equipped with all essential features and will improve the efficiency of the Chandigarh Police.



**A**iming at strengthening the Chandigarh Police, 119 new motorcycles were added to the fleet in the Police Department. The motorcycles would be used for extensive patrolling purposes.





**Chandigarh Transport goes hi-tech**  
 Launching the e-ticking System at  
 Punjab Raj Bhavan on November 7, 2016.



**W**ith the Introduction of electronic ticketing machines (ETM) in the CTU, all stake-holders viz. passengers, crew members and the CTU management are a gainer. The passengers will now get a fully informative printed ticket on the spot. The ticket has the total amount written in bold letters, distance in KM, number of passengers, adult, child, time of issuance, ticket serial number, bus number, conductor Id, depot name, etc. The ETM machines will

make the task of conductors easier as it will get quick to clear the bus and also to prepare the waybill at the end of the day.

Changing with the time, the Transport Department Chandigarh was asked to explore the possibility of introduction of electric buses in Chandigarh to reduce the impact of vehicular pollution. Efforts must be made to keep the city pollution free.

The ETM will start on five routes i.e Delhi, Shimla, Ludhiana, Patiala and Amritsar.





Salute to our Chandigarh Police Force: Attending the 50th Raising Day Parade on November 1, 2016.







**T**he Police force need to have the best infrastructure in addition to being mentally and physically prepared. Skill-based training is a must for all the police officials". Modernised weapons and underground control system is a must to strengthen the police force.

They need to be imparted special training in the fields of Criminal law, Medical Jurisprudence, VIP Security, Human Rights, etc. They should also be trained in Mob Control, Weapon handling, Yoga, P.T. and Parade. Special workshops on topics like Cyber Crime, Bank Frauds and Gender sensitization, should also be held.

Attending the 51st Raising Day Parade  
on November 1, 2017.

**Strong resolve to eliminate Corruption, ensuring transparent and  
people-friendly governance**

“Cops are being paid reasonable salaries, but still many are being caught on the charge of corruption, we will not tolerate corruption in the department at any cost.”







Punjab Raj Bhavan

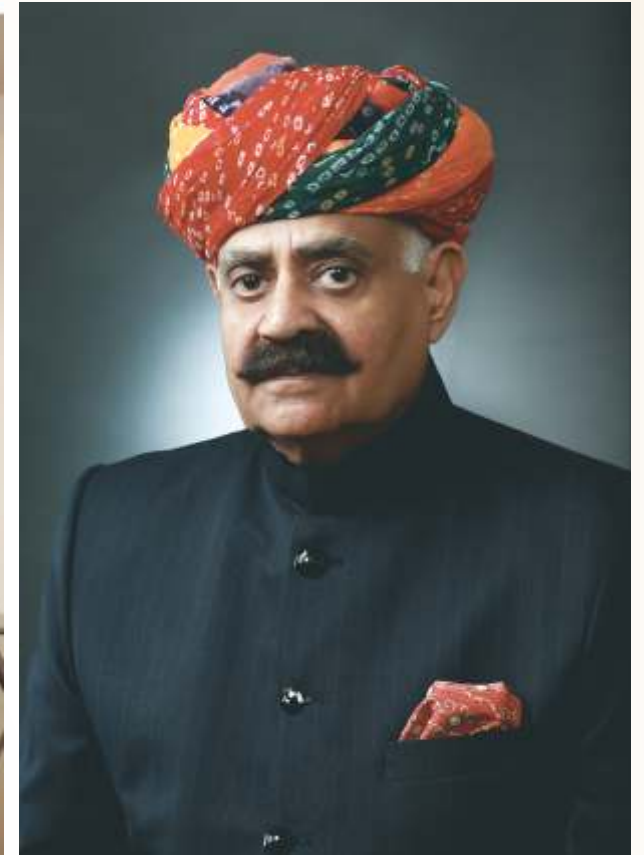












**M**y inspiration, strength and life partner, First Lady, Smt. Alka Singh, is the daughter of Brig. Surendra Nath Verma (8<sup>th</sup> Cav) and Smt. Shashi Verma.

After completing her schooling from Waverly Convent Mussoorie and Loreto Convent Lucknow, she joined St. Xaviers College Ahmedabad and studied Economic Honours and later completed her Post Graduation in Economics. She has worked with Air France at Jaipur. Currently engaged in philanthropic activities and also pursuing her interests in reading, wildlife, travelling, cooking and gardening along with running 'Hadoti Palace Hotel' Bundi, Rajasthan.







Presiding over the first meeting of  
Administrator's Advisory Council on  
November 7, 2016.





**S**tressing on the need for making the CITY SMART, major policy decisions were taken in the Advisory Council Meetings. The first meeting of the Administrator's Advisory Council, was more or less an introductory note. All members had varied and extensive experience which was going to be beneficial to all round development of the city. In order to run the council in a structured manner, we will have various committees to examine different issues. With a vision to take our City beautiful to the next level of smartness, thrust on major policy issues should be made.







**P**resided over the second meeting of the Administrator's Advisory Council which was attended by prominent citizens representing various sections of Chandigarh on July 14, 2017. There was a healthy discussion among the members of the AAC regarding major issues/projects of UT namely: Smart City project in City Centre at Sector 17, Sukhna Lake Water Management and Solid Waste Management in Chandigarh.









Paying tributes to martyr Lt. Bikram Singh Rathore on his 54th Martyr Day on November 16, 2016



**L**t. Bikram Singh Rathore was born on 30th November, 1938. The second amongst the five sons of Kanwar Ranbir Singh died very young fighting gallantly in the famous battle of Walong (NEFA) on November 16, 1962.

**Brave and patriotic soldiers seldom die. They live in the memory of their comrades – in-arms, members of the family and countrymen.**

Privileged visiting his ancestral village, nestling in the foot hills of the Shivalik in Sialba. The Rathore clan migrated from Vijaynagar a place near Chittorgarh, Ajmer in Rajasthan.

According to the words of Lt Gen K Bahadur Singh “I happened to talk to an NGO as to how the officer (Bikram Singh) led his men and stayed on

fighting near Walong until he was hit by a burst of automated fire and succumbed to it.” Thus defending a sensitive post, which Bikram Singh held bravely and tenaciously against a far superior enemy in number and fire power till the last drop of his blood and in the process he gave “His today” for “Our tomorrow”.







Flagging off the Para Cycling Expedition at Attari and Launching of Border Management Plan on November 24, 2016.





As a part of the Union Government initiative Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan (Accessible India Campaign), a nationwide campaign to achieve universal accessibility to persons with disabilities was launched.

About 34 cyclists, 16 from BSF, 6 from CRPF, 1 from ITBP and 11 from Aditya Mehta Foundation Group participated in the Para Cycling Expedition which was flagged off from Attari ICP (Wagha Border). After covering more than 500 Kms in 9 days, the challenging event terminated at BSF Camp Chhawla, New Delhi on 1st December 2016. During these 9 days, the whole Nation witnessed the courage and dedication of these DIVYANGs and it was indeed a moment of pride for them to show to everyone that they are no lesser to anyone.

Border Security Force, the world's largest border guarding force was

raised in 1965 and since then it has played a pivotal role in the country at all fronts. DIVYANG YODHAS have been given an opportunity to live a dignified life. Let us salute them for showing indomitable courage and determination to launch themselves on this advantageous journey.

To strengthen the Border Management Plan, a Civic Action Programme was also initiated by BSF. Under this programme BSF takes care of the youth of the border areas. They were provided computers to the students in the schools and help in imparting quality training to the students wherever it is required. Under the skill development programme 16 training camps catering to as many as 480 students will be organised in the

border areas (Amritsar – 5, Gurdaspur – 3, Abohar-4, Fazilka – 4).

The Skill Generation Mission, launched by the Government of India, with the sole objective to create opportunities, space and scope for the development of the talents of the Indian youth. The new programme aimed at



providing training and skill development to 500 million youth of our country by 2020, covering each and every village. Various schemes have been designed to achieve this objective.

India is heading towards a new India – “Skill India” in the years to come. Tailor-made, need-based programmes would be initiated for specific age groups which can be like language and communications skills, life and positive thinking skills, personality development skills, management skills, behavioural skills, including job and employability skills.

The Punjab Government has sanctioned an amount of Rs. 48 lakh to impart training to about 480 youth in 4 batches at 4 different locations under this programme.







Organ Donation Awareness Programme on November 27, 2016.



“Approximately four lac people across the nation die of chronic end stage diseases each year because of non-availability of organs. India is a huge country with a population close to 1.25 billion. Our country requires approximately one lac liver, 2,20,000 kidney, 10 lac cornea, 50000 heart and approximately 20,000 lung donations to take care of people suffering from these end stage diseases. The burden is huge but one brain dead individual can help in saving seven lives by donating organs. It is also estimated that there are between 4-10 brain dead potential donors in ICUs of any major cities in our country. Considering this, the potential of organ donation is huge but unfortunately the donation rate in our country is an awful 0.5 donors per million population as

compared to some of the western countries of the world.

The highest donation rate is in Croatia where it is 36.6 persons per million followed by Spain 36. USA one of the most developed countries in the world has donation rate of 26 persons per million. This low donation rate in our country is because of certain misconceptions and myths.

It is a belief amongst certain people that if one donates certain organs, one would be born without the donated organs in the next birth. All these myths are false and baseless. Therefore, it is extremely important to create awareness and impart knowledge about organ donation. Any person above the age of 18 years from any religion/caste/creed can donate organs. One does not have to be brain dead to

donate organs. Even living people can donate organs to their family members or near or dear ones. These donations include a part of the liver, one kidney or even half of the pancreas.

Like always, Chandigarh should be a leader in promoting organ donation and be in the forefront of organ donation programme in our country. This city is special in terms of having high literacy rate so people do understand the importance of organ donation and can surely help in meeting the required needs of millions of people who require organs.

Even our Worthy Prime Minister has been trying to promote this very noble cause. ”

**Let us all pledge today and to support organ donation.**



## Red Cross is SELFLESS SERVICES

Launching a new scheme  
Sharing and Caring on  
December 14, 2016.



**'Sharing is Caring'** a Health Scheme of the Indian Red Cross Society, Punjab State Branch.

As it is evident from the name 'Sharing is Caring', the scheme itself highlights the concept of Indian Red Cross Society and the new initiatives being taken to ensure that Red Cross Red Crescent volunteers and staff understand and act on the basis of the Fundamental Principles in their work with vulnerable people in times of peace, disaster or armed conflict.

Once Kaviguru, Rabindranath Tagore, had observed and I quote: "If I cannot make it through one door, I will go through another door - or I will make a door. Something terrific

will come no matter how dark the present is (unquote)." The doors of helping others unconditionally by the Red Cross I am sure will bring a brighter future for the humanity. Involvement of the younger generations in programmes envisaged by Red Cross for small children and the aged must be encouraged. With greater numbers of students joining the Indian Red Cross, the key aspect of their overall education will be achieved. Capacity development at school level should also be inculcated at a tender age, the values of selfless service to society; these values should make our children sensitive and alert to social ills so that they can focus on these in a positive way and contribute to the development of

innovative solutions.

Indian Red Cross Society can act as facilitator in bringing together the private and the government sectors ensuring quality health care facilities to the rural as well as urban people.

The vast country Like India needs more numbers – more skilled human resources - not only in troubled times but also when normalcy prevails - to help bring our Government's social programmes within the reach of the target communities. Indian Red Cross Society should also actively contribute to the to "Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao" programme and the "Swachh Bharat" initiatives.





“ It was a great honour to be with the brightest minds in the premier institute of PGI, on the momentous occasion-the first national robot assisted head-neck workshop & advanced ENT surgical update, 2017. PGIMER has proved its worth time and again in providing good quality patient care services, best in class emergency services, advanced training and dedicated research in medical field. The contributions made to the health services by this institute cannot be over-emphasized. The outstanding achievements of this glorious institute provide an opportunity to us to introspect on what else can be

done to take this institute to higher level of excellence. As an autonomous institute; we assure you our full support and encouragement.

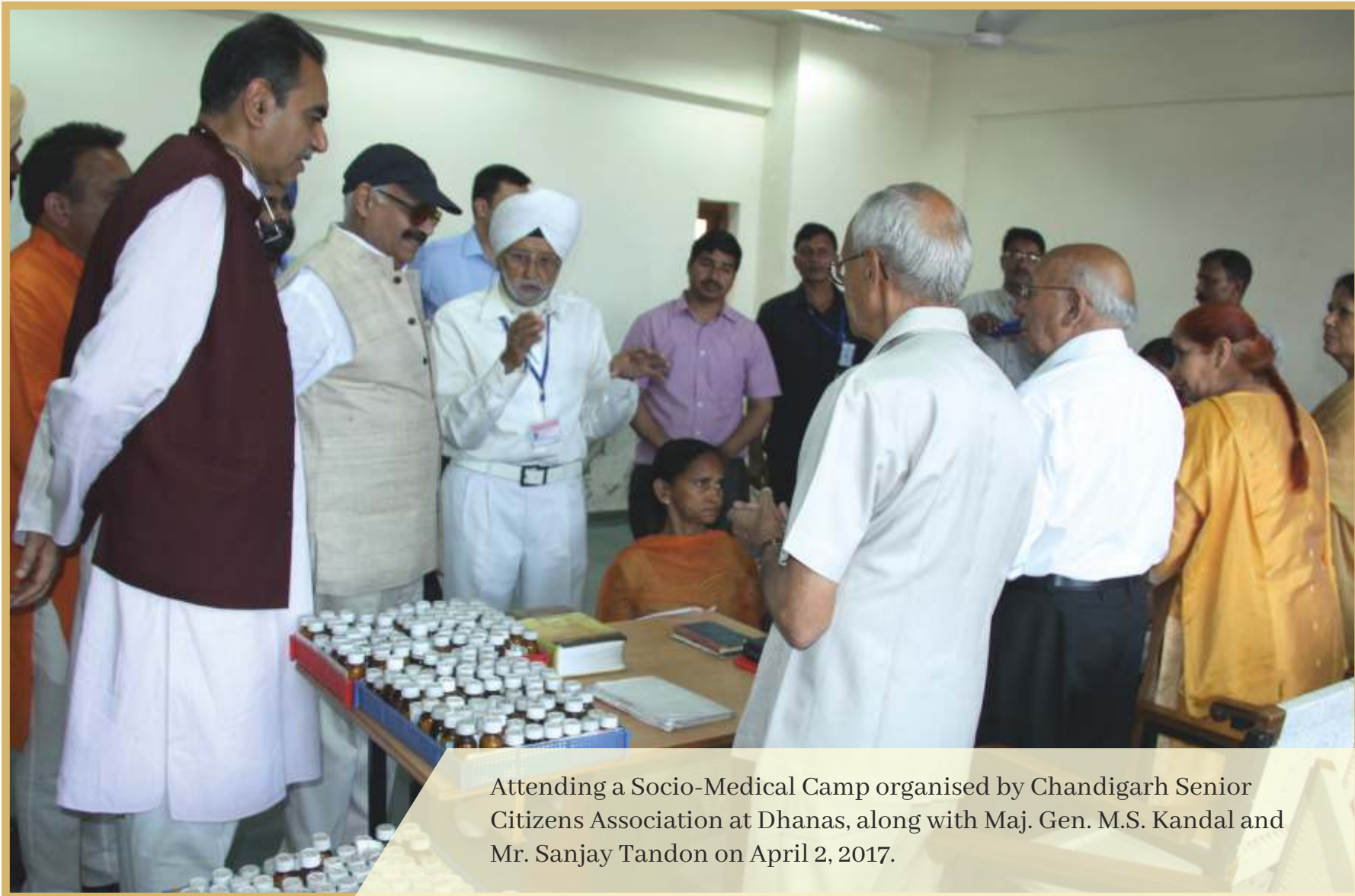
First national workshop on robotic surgery is the world's first cadaveric demonstration workshop and also first time in India hands on cum live demonstration workshop is being conducted, I am highly excited to hear that.

This is the first time a modality has come which can curb cancer at its earlier stage and gives radical cure, robot goes to inaccessible areas with 3-D rotation and now the treatment has been revolutionized after its introduction.

six departments of this institute – Head neck, urology, OBS Gynecology and Pediatric surgery are doing surgeries and rest of the departments are getting trained. This is the first time that such a magnificent event is happening in this part of country. Technocrats are certainly doing a commendable job. ”

**'Prevention is better than cure'. We all have heard this but not understood it in true sense. Let's come forward, take a pledge and join hands to eradicate the social problem of drug addiction from our society to evolve a better and a healthier nation. We should take measures to prevent the consumption of tobacco and alcohol.**





Attending a Socio-Medical Camp organised by Chandigarh Senior Citizens Association at Dhanas, along with Maj. Gen. M.S. Kandal and Mr. Sanjay Tandon on April 2, 2017.







## Visit to Chhatbir Zoo on October 10, 2016.



Care and management of the animals in the zoo apart from the kind of feeds given to the various zoo animals was very important. Thoroughly enjoyed the Lion Safari, Deer Safari, Reptile House and Nocturnal House.





## Visit to Rock Garden on November 21, 2016.



The amazing work created single handedly by Sh. Nek Chand is one of the marvels of the world. People visiting the Rock Garden appreciate and pay tribute to Nek Chand's aesthetic work. Nek Chand would be always remembered for his artistic, unique work of art acclaimed all over the world.







## Governor's Address on the 71st Independence Day; August 15, 2017



**H**earliest felicitations on the historic completion of 70 years of our country's Independence with its emergence as the largest democracy and a leading economy of the world.

As we celebrate our Independence Day we respectfully bow to the heroes of our independence struggle - known and unknown - who fought, suffered and sacrificed their lives to win freedom for us. The strong edifice of democracy built by our founding fathers on the four pillars of justice, liberty, equality and fraternity has withstood several threats from both within and without and has grown from strength to strength.

It is a matter of great pride to recall the laudable contribution of the people of Punjab who have always displayed courage and commitment to the cause of freedom. The hard working people of Punjab are known, the world over, as the architects of Green and White Revolutions in India. Punjab is also known as the food basket of India for its maximum contribution to the National Food Stock of the country. The valiant, confident and fearless Punjabis are always ready to fight to maintain peace, harmony and unity as preached and taught by their great saints and

Gurus.

In the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi, we have a dynamic, dedicated and determined leader, who reflects the aspirations and hopes of over a billion people. Hon'ble Prime Minister has given a clarion call to all of us, Indians, to march towards a 'New India', an India that is inclusive, vibrant in growth opportunities and a strong leader in the comity of nations. Hon'ble Prime Minister's pioneering development initiatives have ushered in a new era in the development of India. Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan and Jan Mudra Yojana marked a paradigm shift in ensuring financial inclusion to each and every citizen of the Nation. 'Make in India', 'Start up India', 'Digital India' are innovative programmes towards employment oriented growth story of India. Our Nation is on the threshold of becoming the fastest growing world economy with the new initiatives put forth by the Hon'ble Prime Minister i.e. GST, Demonetisation, tech-driven development through digitalisation along with ease of doing business at all levels. Transparent and corruption free governance is the hallmark of the present government.

Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi

has launched twin programmes of "Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao" and "Sukanya Samridhi Account" for education of girls and to deal with the low child sex ratio. Prime Minister Modi's plan on Swachh Bharat Abhiyan has become a National Movement which has evoked a sense of responsibility among the people through the 'Clean India Movement'.

It's a matter of pride that our Prime Minister's initiative in the form of a resolution of observing 'International Yoga Day' has been adopted by United Nations and has been recognised and appreciated by most of the countries the world over.

Chandigarh is keeping strides with vision of the Hon'ble Prime Minister, in all its development initiatives. The Pride of Chandigarh, its 'Capitol Complex' has been crowned with the UNESCO World Heritage Status. Through the Smart City Mission: Chandigarh which is already one of the most developed cities in the country is taking transformatory steps to attain high quality of life, comparable to the best in the world.





“AT HOME” function  
organised at  
Punjab Raj Bhavan  
Chandigarh.







## 178th World Photography Day

**T**hree day Photo Exhibition was organised by the Photo Journalist Welfare Association at Punjab Kala Bhawan to commemorate the 178th World Photography Day on August 20, 2017. The Association had also displayed a few of the pictures clicked by me amidst the photos of other professional photo Journalists.



Inaugurating a photo exhibition NEWSCAPES-4, on March 3, 2017, organised in the memory of Late Shri Yog Joy, an eminent Photojournalist.

**A** photojournalist, late Yog Joy came from a humble rural background. Born in the Sargodha district of Pakistan. He was honoured with various national and international awards for his outstanding contribution in the field of photography. The Joy family has also announced four cash awards, worth Rs 10000 (1st prize) Rs 5000 (2nd prize) and two consolation prizes of Rs 2500 each.





**K**alam Express, an initiative by the Red Cross Society, Chandigarh provides education to children with special needs at their doorsteps. It aims at promoting, developing and maintaining the skills essential for children with special needs living in slums, rural and rehabilitation colonies of the city.



Launched Kalam Express at Punjab Raj Bhavan on July 13, 2017.





Chandigarh Traffic Police celebrated the 28th National Road Safety Week from January 9 – 15, 2017. This year the National Theme was “Pedestrian's Safety”. Various activities had been conducted to create awareness amongst the people about road safety norms with special emphasis on Pedestrian's right of way. All sections of the society, school and college children were made familiar with the traffic rules. Cabs and Chandigarh Transport Undertaking drivers, pedestrians, Resident Welfare Associations and Market Welfare Associations etc. were also involved in the National Road Safety Week. Eye camps, medical camps and stress management programs were organised for various drivers and Traffic Police personnels.





Model Burail Jail

**I**naugurated Anganwari Rasoi at Model Burail Jail, Chandigarh on June 6, 2017. This is a project where children and pregnant women registered with around 500 Anganwari Centres in Chandigarh will be served food prepared by the jail inmates, who have been specially trained in cooking under the Supplementary Nutrition Programme.







Sarod Maestro Ustad Amjad Ali Khan at a function celebrating the anniversary of the inscription of the Capitol Complex to the UNESCO World Heritage List on June 10, 2017.





Sh. Shekhar Sen, eminent theatre director, composer along with Late Sh. Vinod Khanna, Smt. Alka Singh, Smt. Kavita Khanna, Smt. Kirron Kher, S. Parkash Singh Badal, Former CM Punjab and Sh. Manohar Lal Khattar, CM Haryana, after enacting short play “Vivekananda” at Punjab Raj Bhavan on September 8, 2016.





## Celebrating International Yoga Day on June 21, 2017.



Yoga practices have acquired innumerable forms and terminologies over the passage of time. Our ancient scriptures such as Vedas and Upanishads bear reference to Yoga and Yogis and that's how the evolution of Yoga began. References of Yoga have also been made in religious scriptures such as Mahabharata, Bhagvad Gita and Buddhist texts.





Yoga has become a common name in every house. People have become conscious about their health. Positivity descended on them with wholeheartedly adopting Yoga in day today routine.

How can we forget the contribution of our learned Prime Minister of India, Mr. Narendra Modi who had proposed the idea on September 27, 2014 in the UN General Assembly which adopted an India-led resolution declaring June 21 as International Day of Yoga.

Indian heritage is replete with a rich culture, age old traditions and diverse socio-cultural fabric and Yoga is the epitome of Indian legacy. It is the very essence of our culture and this ancient discipline traces its roots to the pre-Vedic times.

Countless sages and seers of India have practiced yoga for centuries. However, it was Swami Vivekananda who can be credited with introducing Yoga to the International forum. At that time he indicated a new phase of Yoga Revolution that woke up the western world to the significance of yoga and yogis.







Launched various projects under the Chandigarh Smart City Mission on the second anniversary of Smart City Project on June 25, 2017. Among the projects launched are cycle tracks at Vigyan Path, Smart City operations Centre at Punjab Engineering College, construction of subway connecting Sector 17 to Rose Garden, Smart Parking at Urban Park behind Neelam Cinema, Sector 17 Chandigarh. (All these projects form a part of PAN City proposal, while the projects in Sector 17 is a part of area based development - ABD).





## Dignitaries at Punjab Raj Bhavan





With Former President Sh. Pranab Mukherjee



With Union Home Minister Sh. Rajnath Singh



With Chief Minister Punjab Capt. Amarinder Singh



With Finance Minister Sh. Arun Jaitley





With Former Chief Minister Punjab S. Parkash Singh Badal



With Governor of Haryana Prof. Kaptan Singh Solanki



With Tourism, Cultural Affairs Minister Punjab  
S. Najvot Singh Sidhu



With GOC-in-Chief, Western Command  
Lt. Gen. Surinder Singh



With Finance  
Minister Haryana  
Captain Abhimanyu





With Mr. Alexandre Ziegler, Ambassador of France and Mr. Jean Yves Le Drian, Defence Minister of France on September 24, 2016.



Addressing the gathering on the occasion of Remembrance Day Ceremony observed jointly by Canadian Counsel General's and British High Commission on November 23, 2016.

## With Foreign Dignitaries

With Mr. John McCallum, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship, Canada on November 11, 2016.



With the Ambassador of South Korea to India, Mr. Cho Hyun on December 22, 2016.





With Mr. David Lelliott, the British Deputy High Commissioner on March 22, 2017.



With Israel's Ambassador to India, Mr. Daniel Carmon on June 13, 2017.

With High Commissioner of Australia, Mrs Harinder Sidhu, on May 4, 2017.



With Ambassador of Portugal on May 9, 2017.





## Convocation at Lovely Professional University, Jalandhar



43rd Annual Convocation  
of GNDU on March 2, 2017.







Convocation is an important milestone in the education journey of students. Our country is on the move and has emerged as one of the leading nations of the world and our engineers have the talent, capabilities and capacities for realising the Make in India vision and transforming India into a manufacturing leader. Our educational institutions therefore have a special responsibility to equip our youth with the appropriate skills to come up to the required standard.







## A tribute to Maharana Pratap



The State level function organised by the Punjab Government in District Mohali to celebrate the 477th Birth Anniversary of legendary Rajput Warrior and Ruler, Maharana Pratap on May 18, 2017.



Speaker Punjab Vidhan Sabha Rana K.P. Singh and MLA Mohali S. Balbir Singh Sidhu and Punjabi Folk Singer and Former MLA Muhammad Sadiq and Rajput dignitaries from Mewar joined the celebrations.

"A chair in the name of Maharana Pratap Mewar has been set up by the Punjab Government at Punjabi University Patiala". This will invoke healthy exchange of thoughts between the academicians and historians from Punjab and Rajasthan.





International Day of Peace on September 19, 2016 observed at Lovely Professional University, Phagwara. Attended the function with the Union Finance Minister, Shri Arun Jaitley, Sh. Vijay Sampla, Dr. Barjinder Singh Hamdard Managing Editor Ajit Publications. Start up facilities by the University, in line with the guidelines of our Hon'ble Prime Minister, Sh. Narendra Modi, were also launched on the occasion.







Clockwise from Top : Lt. Gen. (Retd.) Narinder Pal Singh Hira sworn in as Chairman, PPSC on January 2, 2017 ; Mrs. Tejinder Kaur being sworn in as a member PPSC on December 16, 2016.



Mr. Baljit Singh Jalausman (Top) and Mr. Maninder Singh (Left) being sworn in as the Commissioners of Right to Service Commission on December 16, 2016.







Clockwise from Top: Mrs. Preeti Chawla and Dr. Mrs. Vinay Kapoor Mehra sworn in as State Information Commissioners on September 8, 2016 ; Mr. Bikramjeet Singh Khalsa and Mr. Jagteshwar Singh sworn in as members Punjab Public Service Commission on December 16, 2016.





With the Hon'ble  
President of India  
Sh. Ram Nath Kovind  
at Harmandir Sahib, Amritsar on  
November 16, 2017.

In a public programme organised by Brahma Kumari Ishwaryia Vidhyalaya, more than 5000 people attended the discourse on "Raj Yoga for Holistic Wellness" by famous motivational Speaker, B.K. Shivani.







With the Founder of the Art of Living Foundation Sri Sri Ravi Shankar Ji



Blessed to meet the Tibetan Spiritual leader, the Dalai Lama at Dharamshala on November 16, 2017.



With Jain Saint Munishwarji at Punjab Raj Bhavan



Being blessed by Pujyashree Gurudev Swami Rajarishi Muni Ji Founder of Life Mission Jakhan Village Limbdi Gujarat.





## BOOK LAUNCHES

Unveiling the Book “Be Lag Lapet” authored by Mr. Ravinder Kishore Sinha, MP Rajya Sabha on January 18, 2017 at Punjab Raj Bhavan, I suggested that literary festival based on the writings of the defence personnel should be organised in the City of Chandigarh.



A Coffee Table Book, “Real Estate Icons” and Felicitation of Prominent Real Estate Developers of the Region, was released in May, 2017. Developers have to work towards realising the Prime Minister's dream ; ‘Housing for All’ by 2022.

A book ‘Punjab; Building the Land of the Five Rivers’ authored by Ms Abha Narayan Lamba, a well known Conservation Architect was launched on April 27, 2017. Efforts of covering a range of projects from Medieval monuments in Ladakh, Punjab, Rajasthan, Jharkhand and Hampi to Colonial buildings in Mumbai, Kolkata, Pune, Shimla and New Delhi are remarkably analysed in the book. One of the famous Architects from Lahore (Pakistan) Nayyat Ali Dada was also present as a special guest on the occasion of book launch.

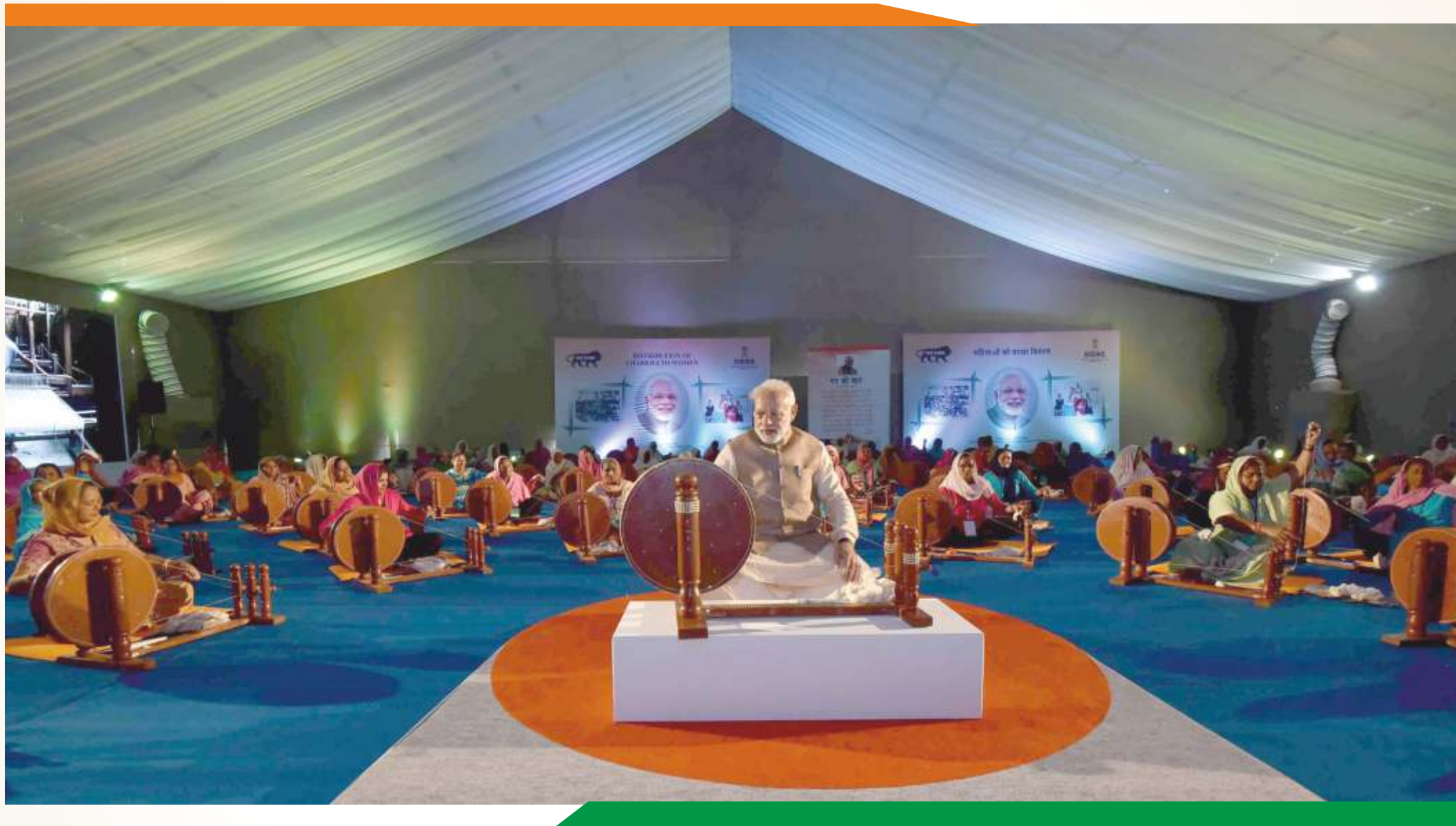


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"When  
heroes of  
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"Marching with a Billion", a book authored by Sh. Uday Mahukar, Journalist, was released on July 21, 2017. The book is an illustration of how effectively the present government is working under the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi.





Hon'ble Prime Minister of India Sh. Narendra Modi visited Ludhiana for an event organized by the Micro Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) Ministry. Hon'ble Prime Minister joined the women on stage and spun the charkha. Women entrepreneurs were honoured on the occasion. 500 charkhas were given to rural women to make them self-sufficient.





**C**handigarh, one of the cleanest cities in India, under took a well planned cleanliness drive in the city. The Governor of Punjab and UT Administrator V.P. Singh Badnore himself participated in the drive on September 15, 2017.

**T**he Indian School of Business (ISB), Mohali played host to the 15th Edition of the ISB Leadership Summit on September 21, 2017. The theme for this year's summit is 'Transforming Tomorrow: The Future Unravelling'. The Summit focussed on the trends that will be instrumental in shaping the future of countries and their economic environments in the years to come. Hon'ble Vice President, Shri Venkaiah Naidu, presided over the function.





Launching  
“Annapurna Akshyapatra  
Yojana” on January 2, 2017.





**A**nnapurna Akshaya Patra Yojana is a new meal scheme started jointly by Haryana, Punjab and U.T. Chandigarh. Under this scheme, nutritious food will be provided to the poor on subsidised rates in Chandigarh. The food packet containing 6 Chapattis, Sabji, and pickle will cost Rs. 10/- only.

The main objective of this scheme is to provide affordable, hygienic and nutritious food to the poor. Current target of distributing 1,000 packets of meal every day would be increased up to 10,000 food packets every day.





A visit to Night Shelter on  
December 29, 2016.







Chandigarh attained 100% Aadhaar saturation on December 22, 2016, as per the estimated population figure of 2015



Uniqueness of Aadhaar identify allows elimination of fake and duplicate accounts, and online authentication provides a mechanism for paperless, electronic and instantaneous verification of identity, anytime anywhere.

Another very significant decision was taken in which the youth of Chandigarh enthusiastically accepted to be the “Demonetisation soldiers”. They will teach everybody how to use the electronic and online transactions.

The population of Chandigarh, being agile and educated has understood the meaning of demonetisation in the true spirit and thereby making Chandigarh as India’s First Cashless City.





Inaugurating City's first Indoor Sports Complex at Government Model High School, Sector 43 Chandigarh on January 2, 2017.



Playing badminton at Sports Complex, Sector 43, Chandigarh on January 02, 2017.



Chief Minister Punjab Capt. Amarinder Singh playing badminton at Sports Complex, Sector 7, Chandigarh on November 20, 2017.





17th All India Police Lawn Tennis Championship on December 22, 2016.



#### CLOSING CEREMONY OF 17TH ALL INDIA POLICE LAWN TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP

Over the years, Tennis is one of the few games in which we have achieved significant success at various levels. It is heartening that the Chandigarh Police has played a leading role in the growth of Tennis, especially in identifying and nurturing young talent.

Education too is incomplete without games. Sports helps in character building, physical fitness and also teach us discipline and self reliance.

Sports are the easiest and convenient way to improve one's overall personality, keeps mental and physical alertness intact.

When we talk of sports, we talk of encouraging the youth towards something creative and games always keep the youth fit and healthy as well as keep them away from problems of drug addiction, crime and other social aberration. Therefore, involvement of the youth in sports activities evolves a healthy and sound society.





A visit to the Chandigarh Shooting Range at Sector 25 alongwith senior officers of Chandigarh Administration on November 30, 2016.







Inaugurating the Chandigarh Marathon organised by a local daily newspaper “Daily World” received tremendous response and thousands of runners from all age groups and people

from different walks of life across the nation participated in the Marathon. Few foreign nationals also joined the run. It was heartening to note that this first ever, chip timed full Marathon run

conforming to international standards, has been successfully done in April, 2017. Mr. Daniel Kipkemboi Rono of Kenya won the first prize in the Marathon.



## Inaugurating Vintage Car and Harley Davidson Rally on September 25, 2016 .

A Vintage Car & Harley Davidson rally was organised at Capitol Complex in Sector 1, Chandigarh. It was an open event and the city residents were invited to witness this vintage car and Harley Davidson rally. Thousands of people had gathered at the venue and the view was simply amazing.





We all are working hard to fulfil the dream of becoming a cashless society. It is correct that 100 percent cashless society is never possible, but as the Hon'ble Prime Minister said, "We can make a start with less-cash society, and then cashless society will not be a far-off destination".

**D**igital Dhan Mela, the one of its kind, was organised to create awareness amongst masses about the digital mode of transactions. This is the unique fair where all transactions were done digitally and people were educated on how to use plastic money, instead of using hard cash. It was a novel initiative taken by Government of India to push all the business

transactions towards mobile banking and e-payments.

This drive of Niti Aayog to promote digital or cashless economy through the use of digital mode of transactions across the country is going viral.

Migration to a cashless society is undoubtedly a good thing given that electronic banking transactions are easier and more transparent than

handing over cash. It can cut down the time taken per transaction and wouldn't require us to carry cash wherever we go. Every citizen can adopt digital payment systems proactively without any new investment or expenditure.

For the first time Chandigarh witnessed the Mela featured a 'Cashless Dangoal'.





Flagging off “Two GST Awareness Seva Raths” on June 23, 2017. Envisioned to create awareness among the trading community of Chandigarh, GST Awareness Seva Raths will also redress the queries relating to GST.



**L**ED light project, a revolutionary step to conserve energy was launched from Punjab Raj Bhavan, Chandigarh on July 29, 2017. The new project aims at replacing the conventional street lights with energy efficient LED lights.







Heartiest greetings and felicitations on the Republic Day - 2017.



“ On this solemn occasion our thoughts go back to millions of unsung heroes of the freedom struggle, who lived and died valiantly, for the freedom of our nation and also to the countless men and women who faced immense hardship and sufferings in our struggle for Independence of our country.

This historic occasion is a day of rejoicing, as on this day the founding fathers of the Constitution gave to us, our Constitution, for governing ourselves. Today, we are the world's largest democracy and a Republic. On the basis of the Constitution and the Principles therein, our country has progressed and evolved as one of the major players on the world map.

A special emphasis has been laid, at National and State levels, in recent years on rapid and more inclusive growth, with the focus on bringing about social equality, through the reduction of poverty and empowerment of our women and youth by multi pronged strategies.

We are grateful to our kisans, mazdoors, industrialists and traders and all Punjabis for your support in taking the State of Punjab on the path of progress and prosperity. Punjab has been in the forefront, in achieving food grain self sufficiency, for the nation, by adopting whole heartedly the Green Revolution strategies. The farmers, the agriculture scientists and the extension officers have done a commendable job

by their research and extension work, thereby contributing maximum food grains in the central pool over the last 50 years.

People of Punjab, who have always been a source of inspiration in every movement for a change and betterment of society, will always be the role models for the rest of the Country. It is imperative for all of us to adopt and adapt to the new digital system of e-banking, which would have a long term positive impact on the growth of our Country.

Let us renew our pledge, on this historic day, to the ideals of secularism, nationalism, patriotism and to work with dedication to make Punjab and the Country strong and vibrant.”





'AT HOME' on the occasion of Republic Day at Punjab Raj Bhavan







## National Voters' day 25th January, 2017



“Privileged and feel Honoured to be the Chief Guest on the occasion of the **“Seventh National Voter Day”**.”

The day is also observed as founding day of ECI, a precious institution, dedicated to conduct free and fair elections in the country established on 25th January 1950 just a day before our country became a Constitutional Republic. The Election Commission of India is recognised worldwide for its consistent endeavour for upholding the democratic tradition of India. The Parliamentary Elections of 2014 has been the largest participatory exercise on earth when more than 55 crore voter out of 85 crore voter jointly elected their representative government.

Women have also been voting shoulder to shoulder with menfolk. They have proved the confidence shown by our Constitution maker for providing right of franchise from the start itself where as in almost all developed country the women got the right to franchise much later. National Voter Day is dedicated to the empowerment of every adult Indian voter. NVD celebrations mark renewal of our commitment to the cause of democracy where voters are supreme. The National Voter Day 2017 is Empowering Youth and Future Voters. Total 3.43 lakhs of new voters of the age group 18-19 were registered in our electoral rolls as on 1st January 2017 out of 1.97 crore of Total voters. Enrolment of

18 to 19 year age group has always been a matter of concern. Some of the new initiatives of ECI like introduction of National Voters Service Portal to provide six voter – centric electronic services to voters, National drive to purify and authenticate electoral rolls, Introduction of photographs of candidates on EVM to avoid the confusion of namesake candidates in the minds of voters, New symbol of None of the Above option or NOTA, electronic transmission of postal ballot for service voters are commendable achievements. The Election Commission has been adopting IT and other technological innovations at fast pace and has been able to respond to the aspirations of the people. ”





**R**aj Bhawan extended warm welcome to the National Cadet Corps who participated in the Republic Day Parade and Prime Minister's Rally.

Ever since its establishment, the NCC has made an immense contribution towards processes of nation-building and social harmony. It has transformed the lives of millions of youth by honing

(sharpening) their leadership skills and inculcating in them the core values of patriotism, discipline and selfless service.

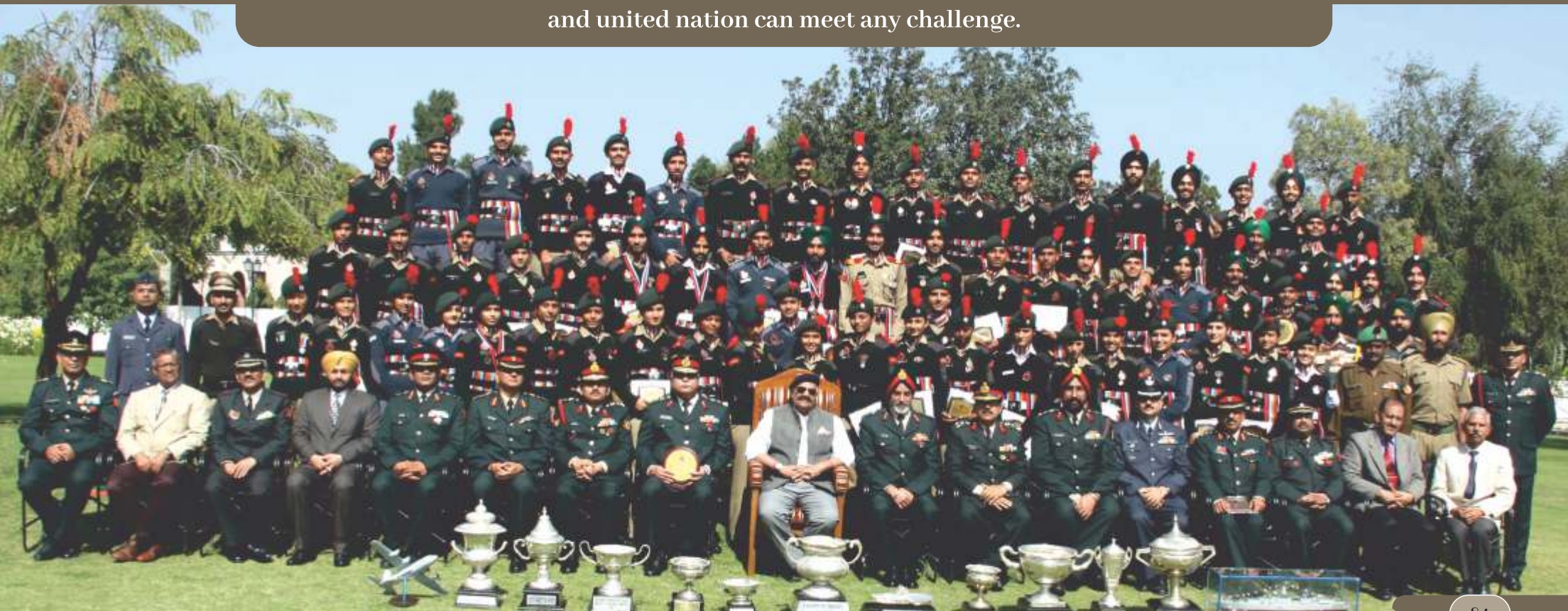
India is comparatively a younger nation. Our youth are our major strength. There is a strong desire among youth to contribute directly to the betterment of our society.

We are able to channelize this immense

energy of our youth in a positive direction; we can successfully address even the most complexed challenges being faced by our Nation today.

It is also a matter of pride that the NCC has always come forward and discharged its duties effectively in the spheres of disaster relief, social service and community development.

Keep the motto of the NCC - "Unity and Discipline" - upmost in your mind. A disciplined and united nation can meet any challenge.







**T**he Punjab State Child Development Council is primarily constituted to enable every child to grow to her/his full potential and become productive and responsible citizen of the Country, his physical, social, mental and emotional needs are to be addressed at appropriate stage and failure to do so can lead to permanent and sometimes irreparable damage to child's personality. It is committed to the cause of children through various programmes/activities. Three Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Projects and crèches

provide package of services in such a manner that helps children to grow in nurturing and conducive environment. Besides this, Anganwadi Training Centres are also set up to provide training for child rearing. Vani School for hearing impaired is taking care of children with special needs and Bal Bhawan, Mohali organizes many activities especially focussing enhancement of creativity and skills among children. The Governor and the Lady Governor, being the President and Vice President of the Child Welfare Council respectively,

directed the officers of the Council to streamline various ongoing projects by the Council and also initiate new programmes for the well-being of children in Punjab. The Health officers were also directed to ensure periodic health checkups including the dental checkups of school going children. Deficiency of malnutrition, anaemia, dental, skin and eye problems must be checked on priority and asked the authorities to ensure a balanced diet, rich in iron, vitamins and minerals to the children especially in rural areas.





Presiding over the meeting of Rajya Sainik Board and State Managing Committee for the administration of Punjab Amalgamated Fund at Punjab Raj Bhavan on March 30, 2017.

All concerned were asked to look at new schemes for the welfare of Ex-Servicemen and their families.

- Gaurdians of Governance (EX-Service Men In Villages)
- Undertaking of rehabilitation and resettlement training of ESM and their Dependents in 08 Sainik Institutes and Management Technology, Awarding BSC (IT) and MSC (IT) Degree.
- Carrying out a campaign – to enrol ESM for Digital Life Certificate
- which enables them to provide yearly life certification without going to bank.
- As chief patron Punjab amalgamate fund distributed relief worth rupees 1.25 cr to war widow, their dependents, handicapped children and scholarship to the meritorious.
- Carried out small capsule on training in first aid under the red cross society all over the Punjab.
- Commissioning of Punjab war heroes memorial & museum at Amritsar. First of its own kind in India.
- Enhancement of grant of relief to war decorated dependents.
- Sanction of dual family pension to the widow of ESM, who have served in Punjab Government.





Capt. Amarinder Singh was sworn in as Chief Minister on March 16, 2017 at Punjab Raj Bhavan. Seven MLAs as Cabinet Ministers and two MLAs as Ministers of State in the Council of Ministers were also sworn in.

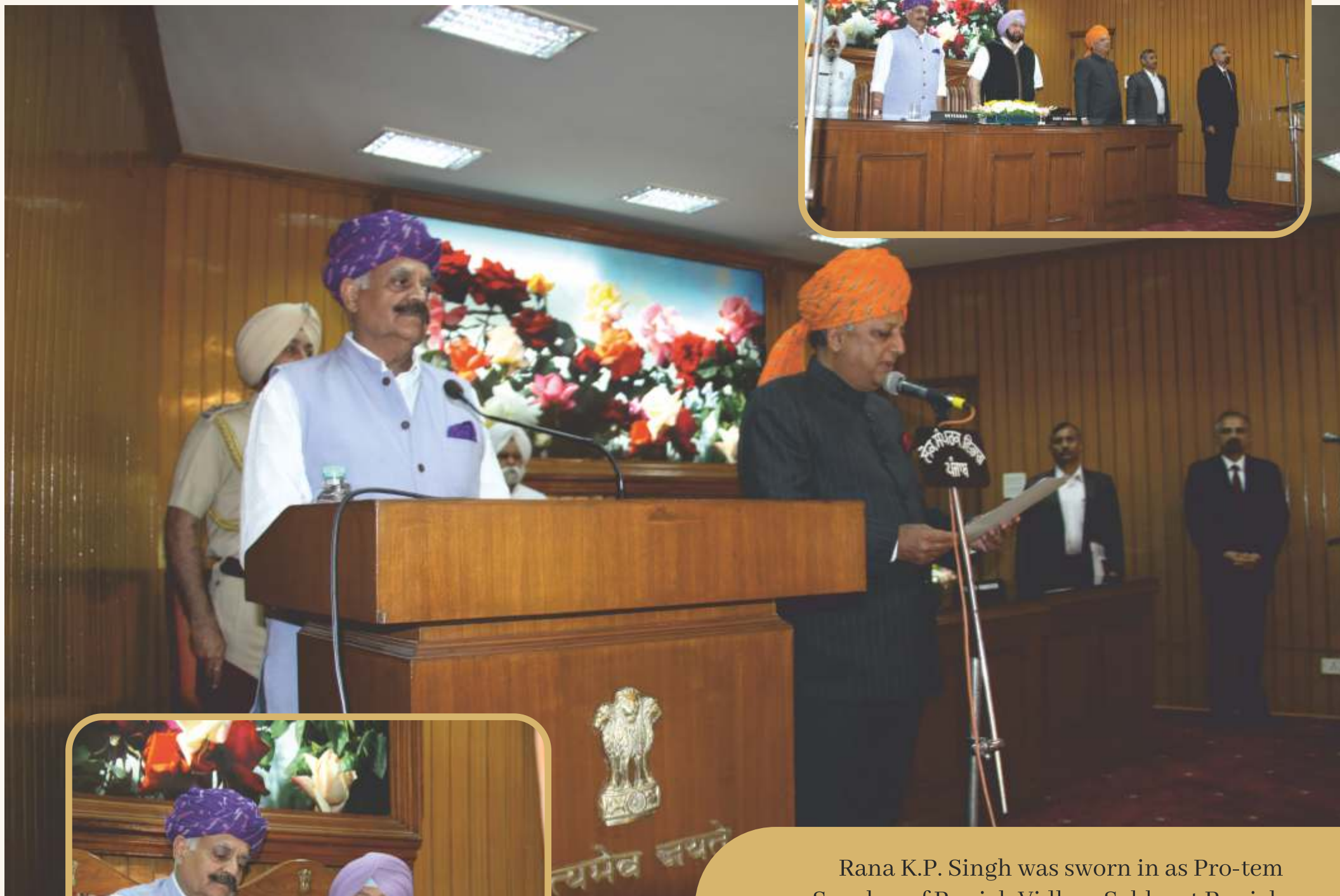




Dignitaries attending the Oath Ceremony at Punjab Raj Bhavan including former Prime Minister of India Dr. Manmohan Singh, Smt. Preneet Kaur, Smt. Alka Singh, Sh. Natwar Singh, Sh. Rahul Gandhi, Sh. Virbhadra Singh and Sh. Anand Sharma

Members of the Punjab Cabinet after being sworn in as the Ministers at Punjab Raj Bhavan





Rana K.P. Singh was sworn in as Pro-tem Speaker of Punjab Vidhan Sabha at Punjab Raj Bhavan on March 20, 2017.





Addressing the first Vidhan Sabha Session of the newly elected Punjab Vidhan Sabha on March 28, 2017.







Dussehra on  
11th October, 2016  
at Chandigarh

The festival surpassed communal barriers and provided an opportunity to the people to reinforce their bonds of brotherhood, amity and goodwill. "Our nation has an age-old tradition of celebrating Dusshera that symbolizes the triumph of good over evil".







Presided over a colourful evening at Punjab Kala Bhawan, Chandigarh along with the Tourism and Cultural Affairs Minister Mr. Navjot Singh Sidhu. Punjabi Artists of yesteryears, living in India and abroad were honoured there.



“9th Chandigarh National Crafts Mela” at Kalagram, UT Chandigarh inaugurated on November 02, 2017.







**R**ally for Rivers, an initiative by Isha Foundation under the guidance of Sadhguru started with the launch of the Car Rally from Coimbatore to create awareness amongst the people to revive our dying rivers and ensure that all citizens take part in this change. The Rally culminated at New Delhi on October 2, 2017 after covering 16 states and 7,000km.







Visit to the Golden Temple, Amritsar along with Sadhguru as a part of 'Rally for Rivers' on September 29, 2017.

Visit to the Durgiana Temple, Amritsar on September 29, 2017.







## Governors' Conference at New Delhi on October 13, 2017



Privileged to attend the Governors' Conference on October 13, 2017 at Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi. The Conference was presided over by the Hon'ble President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind and attended by Governors and Lieutenant Governors representing all States and Union Territories of India.





## Rajput Regiment Reunion



Attending the Silver jubilee celebrations of the Chandigarh Chapter of Retired Army Officers of the Rajput Regiment at Chandimandir on November 4, 2017.





## Interface with IHHA at Mohali on July 18, 2017



With HH Maharaja Gaj Singh of Jodhpur, S. Navjot Singh Sidhu & Lord Diljit Rana

Punjab Raj Bhawan welcomes the innovations in conservation of heritage and growth of tourism in Punjab. A detailed discussion with the representatives of IHHA in the presence of Tourism Minister Punjab S. Navjot Singh Sidhu on how tourism and culture can help in creating job avenues especially in the rural areas of the State was held. As per the Planning Commission,

**the Tourism sector's employment-generation potential has also been highlighted by the World Travel & Tourism Council (WTTC), which says India's travel and tourism sector is expected to be the second-largest employer in the world, employing approximately 52 lac people, directly or indirectly by 2019.**

The Punjab government together with the Indian Heritage Hotels Association is contemplating to bring Punjab Tourism on the World map. With presence of various factors of heritage tourism such as art, rich cultural heritage, ethos glorious history, Punjab is being considered as the right choice of all International and domestic travellers and also to develop Heritage Tourism in the state.





## 78<sup>th</sup> Indian Public Schools Principals' Conclave at Punjab Public School Nabha on December 3, 2017



Dr Jagpreet Singh, Headmaster, The Punjab Public School, Nabha welcoming Punjab Governor, Shri V.P. Singh Badnore, Chairman, Board of Governor, The Punjab Public School, Nabha and his brother Shri Raghuraj Singh Badnore, an eminent educationist and former faculty member and member General Council of Mayo College, Ajmer, Rajasthan (Below).

Principals from the leading public schools of the country along with Executive, Honorary and Trust Members of the Indian Public Schools' Conference (IPSC) were part of the Conclave. A host of IPSC stalwarts including Cdr VK Banga, Chairman, IPSC, Capt AJ Singh, Honorary Secretary, IPSC, Ms Nishi Mishra, Joint Secretary-cum-Treasurer, IPSC, Dr. Jagpreet Singh, Director Sports (IPSC), and other Honorary / Trust Members, IPSC ; Dr. MV Prasad, Mr. BR Dubey, Capt. VK Verma, Mr. Pramod Sharma and Dr Sumer Singh were present on the occasion. Speaking on the theme of the Conclave "Positive Progressive

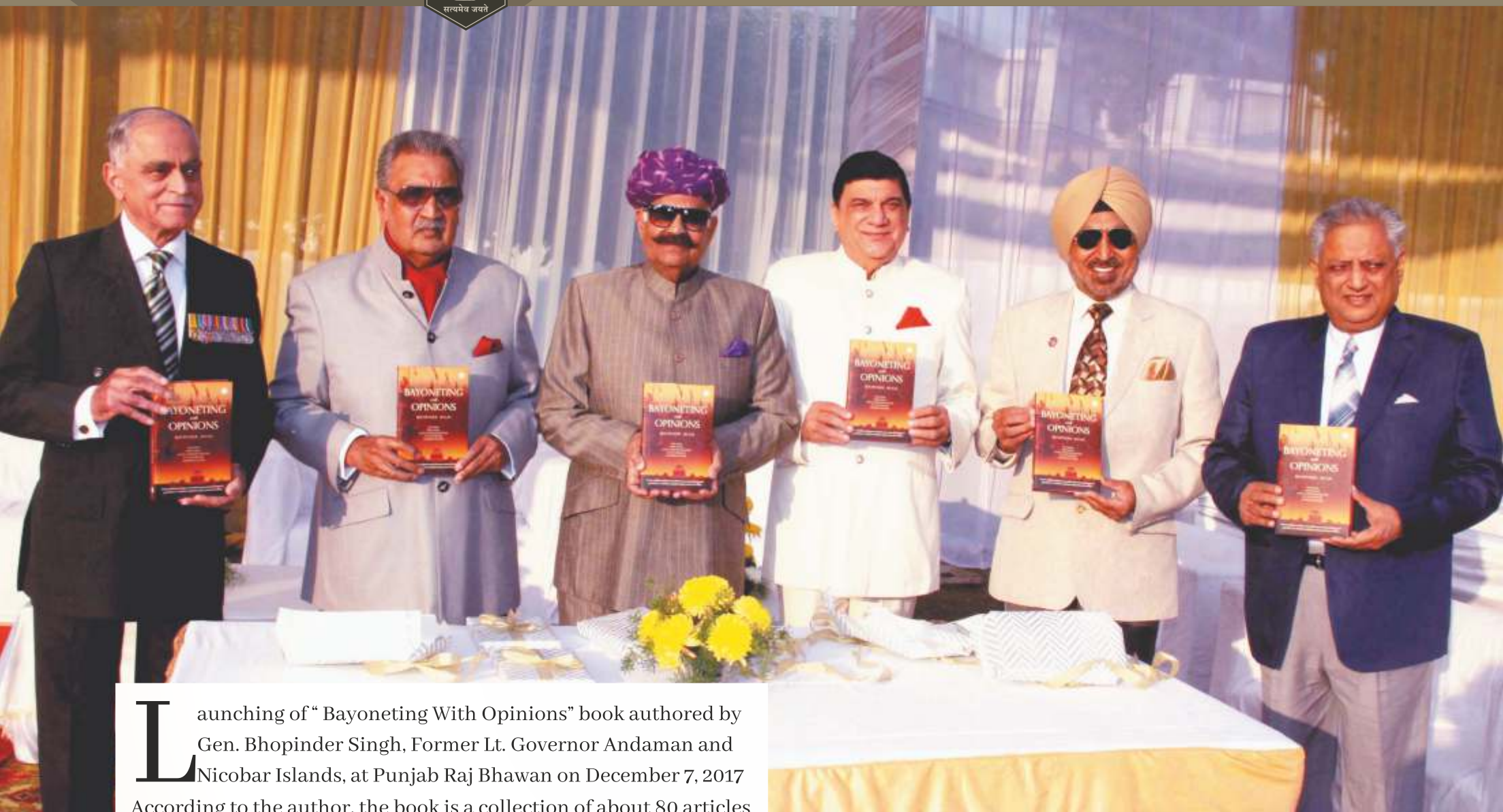
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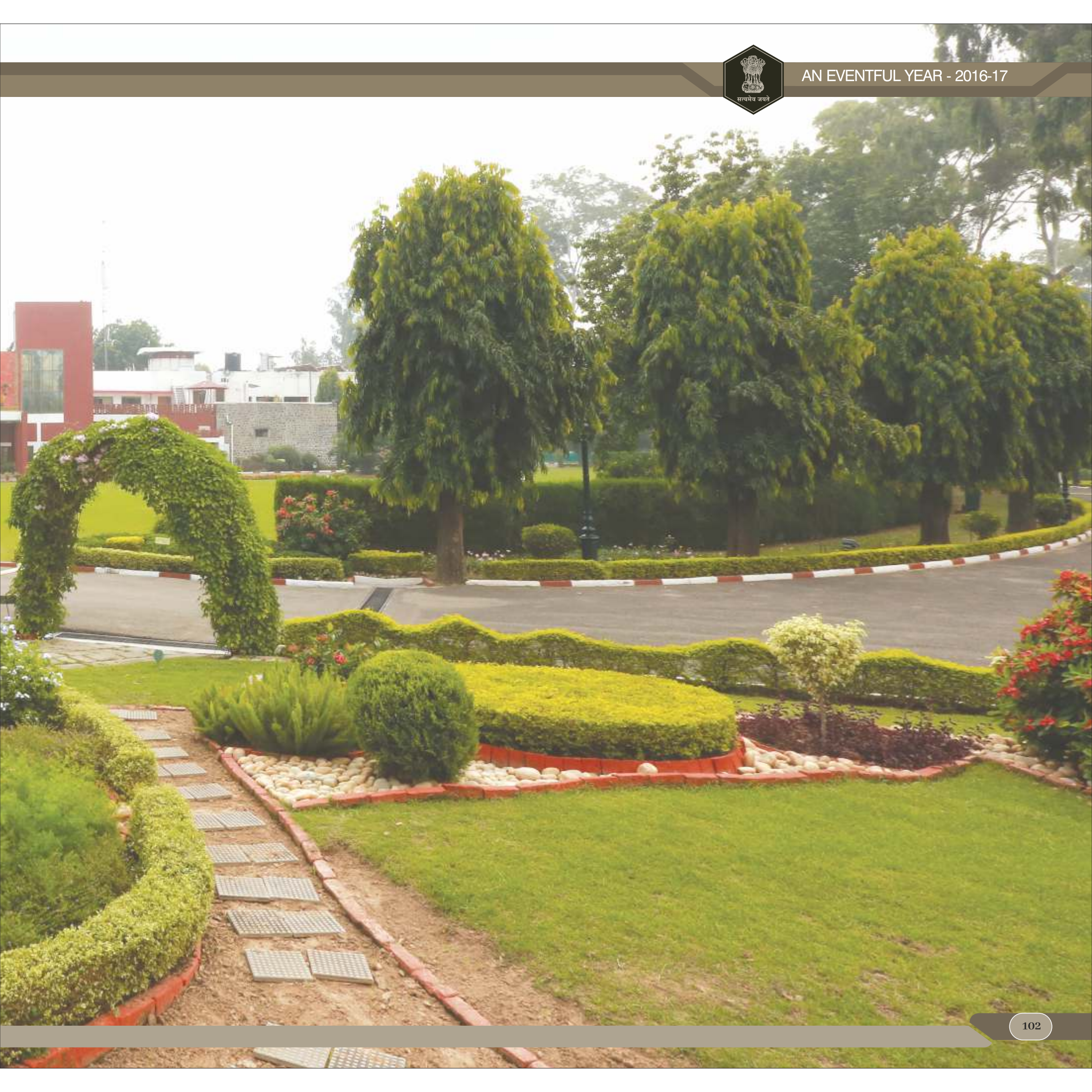


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23. Skill Development: Under the Skill Development mission of Government of India, skill development training is being provided to the Scheduled Caste, Backward Classes, Minorities and dependents of Safai karamcharis totally free of Cost. We are in the process of signing a MOU with Maruti Suzuki India Ltd., and are hopeful that we will be able to achieve this target soon so that the youth of Chandigarh are empowered with new opportunities.

While achievements suggest that much has been done till date through coordination and cooperation of all, vigilance is still needed to ensure that the growth momentum is maintained and sustained. With hard work and positive approach, we plan to take Chandigarh to the next level, but there are many concerns and challenges





that we need to face and overcome.

We are concerned about the conservation and management of Sukhna Lake. I am happy that the rain Gods have been kind to us in raising the water level at Sukhna, and we are pursuing to find a suitable solution and make arrangements for ensuring that this lake never dries up.

In our effort to develop Chandigarh as the smartest city, we are keen to tie up with institutions having expertise in urbanization i.e. ISB Mohali, (IIHS) Indian Institute of Human Settlements Bengaluru and so on. We have already signed a Memorandum of Understanding with CII and we are actively in touch with other such institutions and associations like FICCI, PHD Chamber of Commerce etc.

We are concerned about improving quantity and quality of water supply to Chandigarh and have initiated Kajauli project for providing 24X7 water supply to the citizens of Chandigarh. For a proper garbage disposal system in the city, we have called many stakeholders/ agencies to submit their proposals and presentations. We hope that soon we will be able to find a suitable partner to handle this issue. We are also proposing a ring road around the periphery of the city to reduce rising traffic congestion in peak hours which is a major concern for all of us. This initiative would be helpful in diverting the unwanted traffic entering Chandigarh.

PGIMER and other medical and health institutions in Chandigarh are providing health care not just to the residents of Chandigarh but also the neighbouring States. Keeping this in mind, we have initiated a project of expanding health care facilities. Besides building smaller hospitals in peripheral areas, we are also expanding the facilities at PGI and GMCH. I feel happy to share that the Union Government has approved three projects- Advanced Mother and Child Centre, Advanced Neurosciences Centre, PGI satellite centre; worth Rs 1,475 crore for the region's premier medical and research institution. Besides this, a state of the art super specialty hospital, trauma centre, mother and child hospital, sports injury centre are also proposed to be set up in GMCH.

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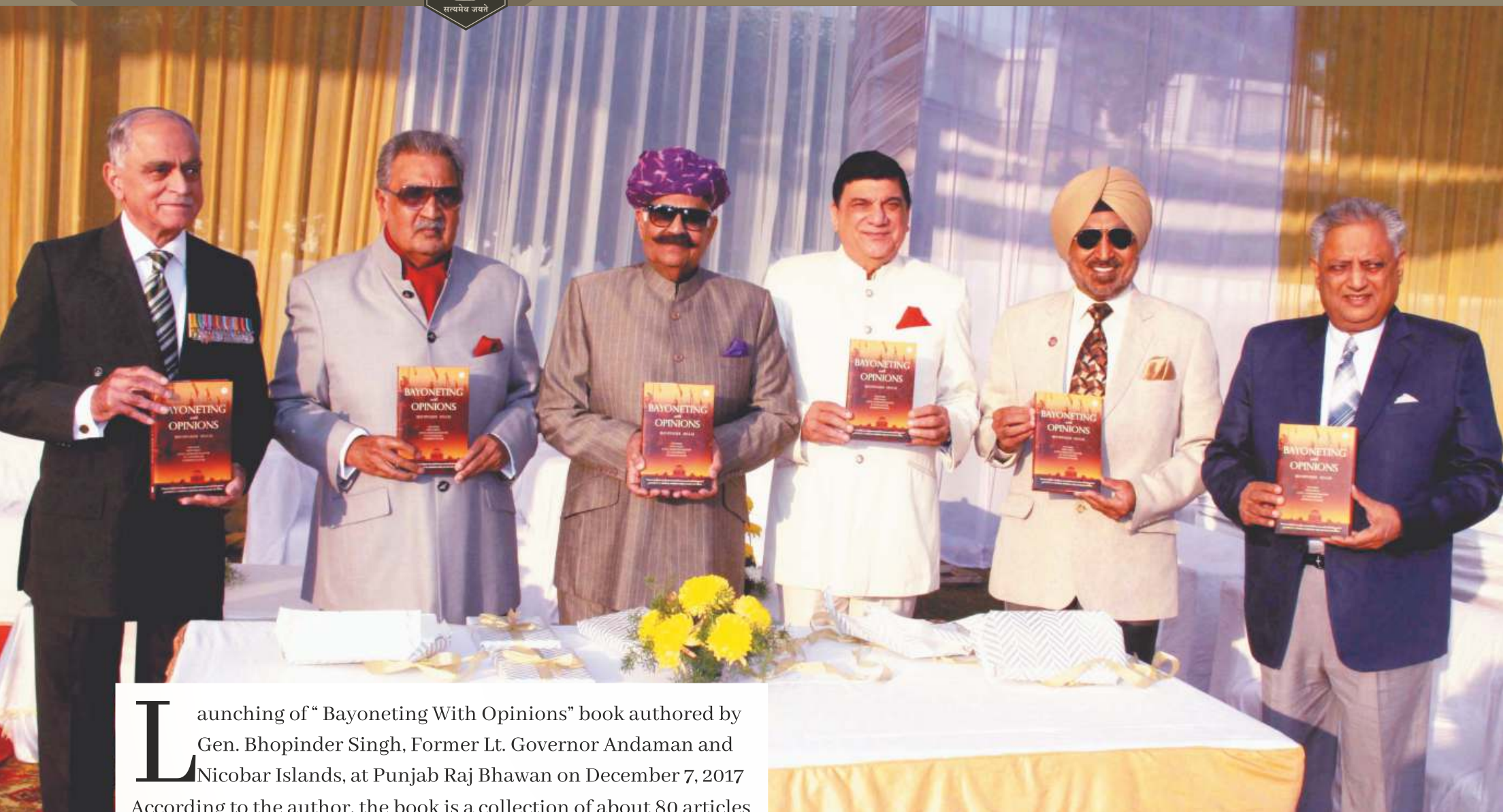
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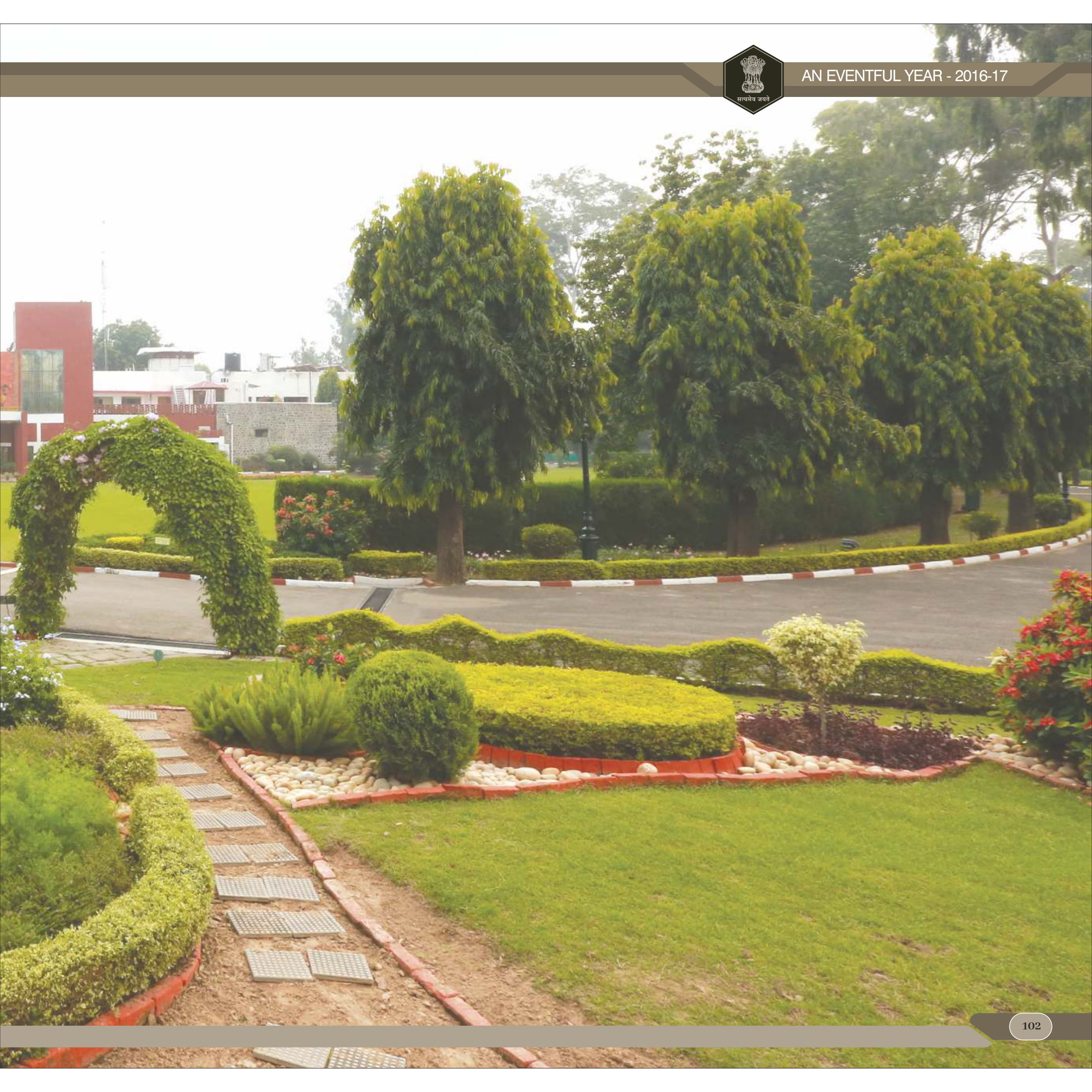


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14. Sports: To envisage and create state of the art sports facilities in U.T. Chandigarh, which is at par with global standards to meet the international parameters, we have constructed a Multipurpose Hall at Sec.7, Chandigarh and Sports Complex at Village Sarangpur. We also plan to bring international standard swimming pool in Sector 39, international level facilities in the field of Billiards and Snooker in Sector 21, 10 Lane Synthetic Athletic Track, modern stadium in Sector 46, 8 Lane Synthetic Athletic Track at Sports Complex at Sector 7. Seven Sports Complexes are planned to be constructed (four State of Art Sports Complexes and three mini Sports Complexes.) All these will be attached to the various sector Government schools and will enhance sports facilities for our students.

15. Mid Day Meal and Other Schemes: An SMS based real time monitoring system has been introduced to monitor the coverage of Mid Day Meal Scheme. Students have also benefited through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) in respect of school uniforms and books, as cash subsidy is given through an online transfer of funds directly to the direct bank accounts, for 88425 school children from classes I to VIII, of all Govt. Schools.

16. Law & Order: We are happy to announce that we have the first women SSP in the city. She will definitely give faith and confidence for the empowerment of women of Chandigarh. For the safety of women, a 24x7 helpline number 1091 is functioning round the clock. Special pick up and drop facility is also provided for them between 11:00 PM to 5:00 AM, in which one PCR vehicle with lady Police Staff is deputed during the night. Women & Child Support Unit of Chandigarh Police has also launched 'SWAYAM' (self Defense training Programme) at Panjab University.

17. MOU between CRIKC AND CII: The Chandigarh

Region Innovation and Knowledge Cluster (CRIKC) and the Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) signed an MOU on industry- academia partnership.

18. Smart City Innovation Center: PEC University of Technology has declared the commencement of the Smart City Innovation Center on the campus to offer smart solutions for better infrastructure and a cleaner environment.

19. Infrastructure: To fulfill the aspirations and needs of the citizens, as a part of the Smart City mission, the construction of Urban Park and Subway between Rose Garden and Sector-17, Chandigarh has been initiated, and to encourage cycling as a mode of transportation & fitness, 10km cycle track has been constructed and the work of 80 km cycle tracks is under progress.

20. Online Single Window System: For Ease of Doing Business, an "Online Single Window System" has been launched that enables the investors to get online permissions in a time bound manner.

21. Transportation: For providing better transportation services, 77 buses have been added, Electronic Ticketing Machines (ETMS) are installed and Automatic Vehicle Locating System has been introduced for the convenience of passengers

22. Housing for All: To provide affordable housing for all, Chandigarh Administration has signed Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with Govt. of India for implementation of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojna in Chandigarh.

23. Skill Development: Under the Skill Development mission of Government of India, skill development training is being provided to the Scheduled Caste, Backward Classes, Minorities and dependents of Safai karamcharis totally free of Cost. We are in the process of signing a MOU with Maruti Suzuki India Ltd., and are hopeful that we will be able to achieve this target soon so that the youth of Chandigarh are empowered with new opportunities.

While achievements suggest that much has been done till date through coordination and cooperation of all, vigilance is still needed to ensure that the growth momentum is maintained and sustained. With hard work and positive approach, we plan to take Chandigarh to the next level, but there are many concerns and challenges





that we need to face and overcome.

We are concerned about the conservation and management of Sukhna Lake. I am happy that the rain Gods have been kind to us in raising the water level at Sukhna, and we are pursuing to find a suitable solution and make arrangements for ensuring that this lake never dries up.

In our effort to develop Chandigarh as the smartest city, we are keen to tie up with institutions having expertise in urbanization i.e. ISB Mohali, (IIHS) Indian Institute of Human Settlements Bengaluru and so on. We have already signed a Memorandum of Understanding with CII and we are actively in touch with other such institutions and associations like FICCI, PHD Chamber of Commerce etc.

We are concerned about improving quantity and quality of water supply to Chandigarh and have initiated Kajauli project for providing 24X7 water supply to the citizens of Chandigarh. For a proper garbage disposal system in the city, we have called many stakeholders/ agencies to submit their proposals and presentations. We hope that soon we will be able to find a suitable partner to handle this issue. We are also proposing a ring road around the periphery of the city to reduce rising traffic congestion in peak hours which is a major concern for all of us. This initiative would be helpful in diverting the unwanted traffic entering Chandigarh.

PGIMER and other medical and health institutions in Chandigarh are providing health care not just to the residents of Chandigarh but also the neighbouring States. Keeping this in mind, we have initiated a project of expanding health care facilities. Besides building smaller hospitals in peripheral areas, we are also expanding the facilities at PGI and GMCH. I feel happy to share that the Union Government has approved three projects- Advanced Mother and Child Centre, Advanced Neurosciences Centre, PGI satellite centre; worth Rs 1,475 crore for the region's premier medical and research institution. Besides this, a state of the art super specialty hospital, trauma centre, mother and child hospital, sports injury centre are also proposed to be set up in GMCH.

We are all concerned about law and order situation in the city. Chandigarh Police is making its best effort to ensure that the image of

Chandigarh is not tarnished and citizens of Chandigarh feel secure at all times at all places. Suggestions from all quarters are welcome in this endeavour.

Institutions of higher learning in Chandigarh also need a special focus. We know that there are various issues that need to be addressed to empower our educational institutions like Panjab University. We are concerned with issues faced by this premiere institution; therefore we are exploring ways to overcome them. We are also proposing to convert PEC University of Technology into an IIT. A proposal in this regard has already been sent to the Union Government. Besides expanding primary and secondary education by opening new schools, I also want to focus on the quality of education being imparted at every level. Chandigarh Administration has taken a very bold step in announcing conversion of lease hold to free hold for residential properties. This matter was stuck for many years and the residents were unhappy about it. We also propose to start online building plan approval in Chandigarh in next few months. A scheme has also been initiated for upgradation of infrastructure available in the

villages of Chandigarh. We are keen that infrastructure facilities in villages are brought at par with the urban areas.

No city can be perfect. It is with the support and collaboration of the citizens, officials that make it good and smart. I owe all the achievements attained so far to the people who have contributed for the upliftment of the city. I would like to thank the Hon'ble Member of Parliament, the Mayor and the councillors, members of the Advisory Council, Adviser and his team of officers, DGP and his Police department, citizens of Chandigarh, activists, self help groups, NGO's, media for their active participation in making Chandigarh a model city of New India.

Every day is a new challenge. But, the aspiration to win is the only thing that is constant. With this policy to "Be the best today, to become even better tomorrow" we march ahead to retain the glory of the city beautiful.

In the end, I with your support and good wishes, am committed to a people friendly, progressive, corruption free, transparent and an accountable governance in this "City Beautiful."

**Thank you!!!**







With the Hon'ble President of India Shri Ram Nath Kovind on August 7, 2017.

