

The people of Haryana had made a significant contribution in the freedom of the country : Bhupinder Singh

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Haryana Chief Minister, Mr. Bhupinder Singh Hooda today urged the people to eradicate the social evils of corruption and female feticide and lay emphasis on empowerment of women so as to further accelerate the pace of development. The Chief Minister, who was speaking after unfurling the National Flag on the occasion of 64th Republic Day celebrations in Rewari, said that the present government has spent over Rs. 3221.89 crore on development of district Rewari and out of it more than Rs. 1697.14 crore have so far being spent on various development works in Rewari Assembly Constituency. As compared to it, the previous INLD government had spent merely Rs. 435.48 crore on development of Rewari district from the year 2000 to February 2005. Mr. Hooda said that emphasis was being laid on development of industry in Rewari district and IMT Bawal has emerged as a major industrial hub. He said that a master plan has been prepared for Manesar-Bawal investment region and an integrated multi-model hub would also be developed in district Rewari. While paying rich tributes to the freedom fighters, he said that the people of Haryana had made a significant contribution in the freedom of the country and this region of Ahirwal is known for its brave men. He reminded that in the revolution of 1857, Rao Tula Ram had given a befitting reply to the British in Toru and had boldly faced them at Nasibpur. Nawab Abdur Rehman Khan of Jhajjar, Raja Nahar Singh of Ballabgarh and the ruler Ahmed Alli of Farukh Nagar were hanged till death without giving them an opportunity to give their view point. He said that even today more than 24,000 soldiers hailing from Rewari are in our Armed Forces. He said that today the country is progressing rapidly under the able guidance of UPA Chairperson Mrs. Sonia Gandhi and Prime Minister, Dr. Manmohan Singh. He said that Haryana is also contributing in this development process of the country. During last about eight years, Haryana has made tremendous progress in all spheres of development. In the year 2005, Haryana was at number 14 in per capita investment, but now it ranks at the top. Also, in per capita income Haryana is ahead of all big states. The state has set a new example in financial management. He said that many policies of the state government have set an example for others to follow. Our Land Acquisition Policy, Sports Policy and those of social welfare are being followed at national level. He said that efforts were being made to make the State self-reliant in power generation. Four new thermal power plants have been set up resulting in installed generation capacity of 5050 MW which was merely 1587 MW in the year 2004-05. The total generation capacity from all sources has increased to 8497 MW, which was only 4033 MW in 2004-05. A 2800 MW nuclear power plant is being set up at Gorakhpur in district Fatehabad. The state government is negotiating to get about 2000 MW power from neighbouring country of Bhutan. While referring to the industrial development, he said that the year 2013 has been declared as the year of Industry and Employment. While old industrial estates are being expanded, new industrial model townships are being set up. There has been an investment of Rs. 61000 crore since 2005 and that of 97000 crore is in pipeline. Under this process of rapid industrialization, care has been taken to safeguard the interests of farmers and labourers. Special concessions have been given to agro based industries. Focus has been laid on development of industry in under developed areas. The Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor

would usher in a new industrial revolution, he added.

He said that BML Hansi-Butana canal has been constructed to ensure equitable distribution of water. When functional 2086 cusecs of Ravi-Beas would fall in Yamuna Canal and lift canal system. This would help in improving irrigation facilities in southern Haryana. He reiterated his commitment to get SYL canal made functional so as to have due share of Ravi-Beas waters for the state. He said that in district Rewari 30 schemes have been completed which included those of flood control and irrigation and bridges. These had cost Rs.63 crore. He said that 13 similar schemes are in progress at a cost of Rs.50 crore. The area under lift canal system has increased to 3.82 lakh hectare in 2011-12 whereas in 2004-05 it was 1.91 lakh hectare, he added. The Chief Minister also honoured freedom fighters, their dependents, war widows and soldiers. He also honoured those 23 gram panchayats of district Rewari which had done commendable work for conservation of water. He also gave away "Nirmal Gram Puraskar" to six gram panchayats of district Rewari which included Devlawas, Halluhera, Bairly Kalan, Nathera, Gudiani and Jakhla. He also gave away "Mukhkantri School Sondaryakaran Puraskar" to four schools of the area which included Primary School, Nagal Shahbazpur, Government Secondary School, Fatehpuri, Government High School, Maheshwari and Government Girls Senior Secondary School, Judi. School children presented a cultural programme on this occasion and Chief Minister announced to give Rs.2.51 lakh to the participants out of his discretionary quota. He also announced holidays for these schools on January 28 and 29. Tableaus of various departments, boards and corporation were taken out to display their achievements. The district police got first prize whereas second prize was bagged by Education Department and third by District Legal Services Authority. Earlier, Mr.Hooda inspected the parade and took salute from contingents of NCC, Haryana Armed Police, District Women Police, Home Guard, Girl Guide, Scouts and Road Safety Organisation. The Chief Minister was accompanied by his Political Advisor, Prof.Virender, MLA, Mr.Yadvinder Singh and other leaders of the Congress Party and officers of the district administration. Earlier, Mr.Hooda visited war memorial at Bawal road in Rewari and paid floral tributes to the marty

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