



Haryana Ahead of Gujarat in Development: Hooda

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Questioning the Gujarat model of development, Haryana Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda today said the per capita income and investment in his state is better than that in Narendra Modi's state.

He also took a dig at Gujarat Chief Minister Narendra Modi for his comments made at SRCC college in Delhi University recently regarding dependence of Delhiites on milk sourced from Gujarat.

"I don't know what is Gujarat model. I only know Haryana model. We are on top," Hooda said at the HT conclave on investment opportunities in Sonapat-Kundli.

He was replying to a query whether Haryana has any plans to adopt Gujarat model on solar energy.

"If you talk about Gujarat model, please talk about the basic parameters of that," he said.

Hooda noted that Haryana is ahead of Gujarat in terms of per capita plan expenditure, per capita income, per capita investment and resource mobilisation.

He took a dig at Modi's claim that Delhiites drink tea made of milk produced in Gujarat, saying Haryana had more per capita milk production than Gujarat.

"When my friend Mr Modi came to SRCC in Delhi University, I heard him saying that anybody in Delhi who takes cup of tea, he drinks milk from Gujarat. My dear, per capita production in Gujarat is hardly 500 grams and per capita production of milk in Haryana is 780 grams per person," he said.

Hooda emphasised that one should come to the conclusion of best model of development on basis of some parameters.

"Resources mobilisation...It is 96.5 per cent in Gujarat, ub Haryana it is 192 per cent (in 11th Plan). Per capita income also, we are ahead of Gujarat. Per capita investment also, we are ahead of Gujarat," the Chief minister claimed.

Against a target of Rs 33,374 crore, Haryana was able to raise resources to the tune of Rs 64,123 crore.

"I could not understand what is Gujarat model! I know only one thing -- I know Haryana model, I know my model," he said.

Hooda, however, said he was happy with the growth of any state, as they are all a part of India.

"You see, whether it is Gujarat, Punjab, Rajasthan or any state, (which is) progressing well, I always feel happy because they are all (a part of) India. They are our states, they are not outside India," he added.

Highlighting achievements of his government, Hooda said Haryana has attracted investments to the tune of Rs 60,000- 70,000 crore since 2005 as compared to Rs 41,000 crore between 1996 and 2005.

He further said another Rs 1,00,000 crore investment in the state is in the pipeline.

On Sonapat-Kundli, Hooda said Gurgaon is a millennium city and is fully developed.

"We plan to have many more Gurgaon city in Haryana and Sonapat-Kundli is a future city of the state," he added.

The Sonapat-Kundli area will further be developed when connectivity improves after KMP Expressway (Kundli-Manesar-Palwal) gets operational, he said.

"After Metro comes up to Narela, we intend to extend it up to Kundli," Hooda said.

The Haryana government is developing two Regional Rapid Transit System (RTS) -- Delhi-Sonapat-Panipat and Delhi-Gurgaon-Rewari-Alwar -- at an estimated total investment of Rs 40,000 crore that will be operational in the next five years, he added.

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As for the Steve Jobs reference, Li brought up his biography by Walter Isaacson. Li recounted the profound impact India had on Jobs, particularly his experience with yoga. He then referred to his own visit of 1986 to make the point that India is that a kind of place which can make such an

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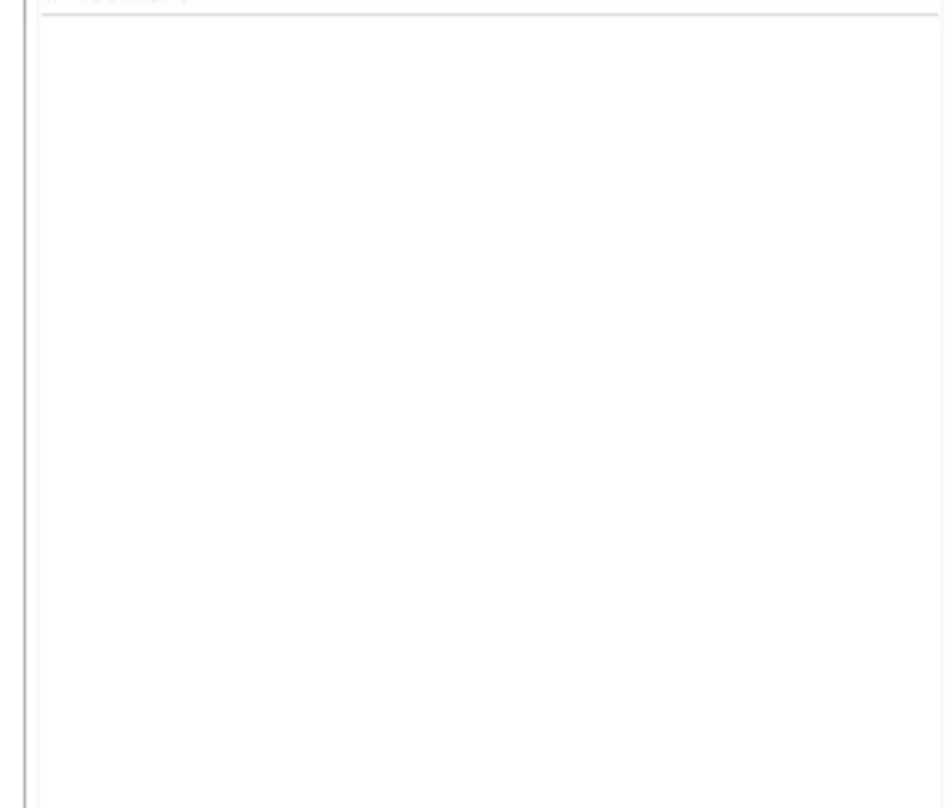


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