

Glossary

Akal Takht	Highest temporal seat of the Sikhs
Anand Karaj	A ritual followed in Sikh marriages
Abad Kars	Agricultural labourer
Anganwadi	An early child care centre
Ashram	Shelter
Bajjar Kurahit	An unpardonable sin
Bann	Rope
Begana Puut	Not one's own son, said in the context of son-in-law
Bhaiyas	Name given to the immigrants from Bihar and Uttar Pradesh
Bigha	Measure of land
Bahujan Sukhaay	Well being of all
Bahujan Hitaaya	Welfare of all
Chadar Pauna	Practice of marrying off a widow to her younger brother-in-law
Chak	A measure of land
Chamar	Member of Schedules Caste engaged in leather work
Chandal	Member of a socially low caste group who works in the cremation ground, and is considered as on outcast
Chaudhuri	Person dealing in money matters, also collected revenue
Charmakar	Person dealing with leather profession
Choe	Seasonal rivulet
Daridra Narayan	Poorest of the poor
Dalit	Member of underprivileged sections, especially Scheduled Caste
Dai	Midwife
Desi	Native
Doab	Region between two rivers



Gurudwara	Place of worship of the Sikh community
Girdawari	Assessment of crops, etc., by village level revenue official (Patwari)
Hakim	Traditional doctor
Inquilab zindabad	Victory of revolution
Jajmani System	A Traditional barter based system between the owner and service provider
Jaziya	Tax imposed on non-Muslims by the Muslim emperors
Kesh	Uncut hair
Khariff	Summer crop
Khanda	Double edged sword
Khalsa	Pure
Kshatriya	Warrior class
Kuccha	Made of mud, straw, sticks, etc.
Langar	Common meal, a practice initiated by the Sikh gurus in order to establish norms of equality
Lok Adalat	People's court
Malik	Owner
Mandi	Wholesale market for fruits, vegetables, grains, etc.
Morcha	Organised protest and rally held around a common issue
Munshi	Account keeper
Naukar	Servant
Nullah	Drain
Palledar	Loader in markets
Peshagi	Initial amount paid to a labourer, usually considered a loan
Prasad	Offering to God
Pucca	Concrete
Punj Aab	Five rivers
Quazi	Muslim clergyman
Rabi	Winter crop
Rehri	A tool used in the brick kilns
Sangat	A congregation
Sarpanch	Head of the Panchayat at the village level
Sewadar	Helper to the priest in a Gurudwara
Sati	Practice of self-immolation by a wife on the funeral pyre of her husband
Satsang	A congregation of persons gathered for a religious discourse
Siri	Type of agricultural labourer
Shamlat	Common land
Swadeshi	Anything that has to do with one's own country
Tehsil	Unit of administration
Thekedar	Contractor
Vaid	Traditional doctor
Varnas	Caste groups, usually organised on the basis of profession
Vimukt Jati	One of the poorest Schedule Caste group found in Punjab
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Abbreviations

ASDR	Age-Specific Death Rate
AIDS	Acquired Immuno-deficiency Syndrome
AISSF	All India Sikh Students Federation
ARI	Acute Respiratory Infection
B.A.	Bachelor of Arts
B.E.	Budget Estimates
BCG	A vaccine (Tuberculosis)
BIMARO	An acronym for Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Orissa
BKU	Bharatiya Kisan Union
BSP	Bahujan Samaj Party
CEDAW	Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women
СНС	Community Health Centre
CMR	Child Mortality Rate
CPI	Communist Party of India
CPI-ML	Communist Party of India-Marxist-Leninist
CPM	Communist Party, Marxist
DIET	District Institute of Education and Training
DPI	Directorate of Public Instructions
DPT	A vaccine (Diptheria, Pertussis and Tetanus)
DS-4	Dalit Shoshit Samaj Samiti



EPW	Economic and Political Weekly
ESO	Economical and Statistical Organisation
ETT	Elementary Teachers' Training
FGS	Fateh Garh Sahib
GATT	General Agreement on Trade and Tariffs
GDI	Gender Development Index
GEM	Gender Empowerment Index
GNP	Gross National Product
HDI	Human Development Index
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
HPMS	Hill Resource Management Society
HSRA	Hindustan Socialist Republican Association
ICDS	Integrated Child Development Scheme
IEC	Information, Education and Communication
IFA	Iron Folic Acid
ILO	International Labour Organisation
IMR	Infant Mortality Rate
INA	Indian National Army
IWDP	Integrated Watershed Development Programme
JBT	Junior Basic training
JFM	Joint Forest Management
KKU	Kirti Kisan Union
M.A.	Masters of Arts
MSP	Minimum Support Price
NBS	Naujawan Bharat Sabha
NCERT	National Council of Education Research and Training
NCLP	National Child Labour Project
NDPS	Narcotics, Drugs and Psychotropic Substances
NEP	National Education Policy



NFHS	National Family Health Survey
NGO	Non-Government Organisation
NHRC	National Human Rights Commission
NNM	Neo-Natal Mortality
NRR	Net Replacement Rate
NSDP	Net State Domestic Product
NSS	National Sample Survey
OPV	Oral Polio Vaccine
ORS	Oral Rehydration Salt
ORT	Oral Rehydration Therapy
OUP	Oxford University Press
PAP	Persons Ailing per 1000
PAU	Punjab Agriculture University
PDS	Public Distribution System
PEPSU	Patiala and East Punjab State Union
PHC	Primary Health Centre
PPC	Persons reporting commencement of any ailment
PRI	Panchayati Raj Institution
PWD	Public Works Department
R&D	Research and Development
SCERT	State Council of Education, Research & Training
SC	Scheduled Castes
SGPC	Shiromani Gurudwara Prabhandak Committee
SHC	Secondary Health Centre
SMAM	Singulate Mean Age at Marriage
SRS	Sample Registration System
ST	Scheduled Tribe
STD	Sexually Transmitted Disease
ТВ	Tuberculosis
ТВА	Trained Birth Attendant



TFR	Total Fertility Rate
UIP	Universal Immunisation Programme
UNDCP	United Nations Drug Control Programme.
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
UT	Union Territory
VDC	Village Development Committee
WHO	World Health Organization
WTO	World Trade Organisation





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Punjab is at a more advanced stage of development than most other Indian states. However, the remarkable achievements of the state have not been equitable. Amidst prosperity, pockets of deprivation remain among sections and areas. This report is an important research-cum policy document, which focuses on the current levels of achievement, as well as areas of concern and possible ways of progress with reference to crucial socio-economic indicators.

