

MP celebrates  
Foundation Day

# Despite progress, I am still not totally satisfied: Chauhan



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"Madhya Pradesh came into existence 54 years ago and in the last few years, we have done good work in the field of education, health and

- People connecting with the Government
- Rivals have also appreciated the work done

agriculture, but there is still a lot to be done; I am not fully satisfied," said Chief Minister Shivraj

Singh Chauhan, in an exclusive interview with Free Press on the State's Foundation Day.

The initiative to build a relationship between the public and the Government, under the Madhya Pradesh Banao campaign a year ago, has started to bring in

the desired results but there is still a long way to go," said Chauhan. There is still scope for even more participation from the public to

forge ties with the government, said Chauhan, adding that even opponents have appreciated the work done by them.

With reference to the Public Service Guarantee Act, Chauhan said that the Union Finance Minister Pranab Mukherjee, J&K Chief Minister Omar Abdullah and Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot have praised the Act. Chauhan also said that the people of Madhya Pradesh should have a strong feeling of ownership and a bond with the State, like the people of the states of Gujarat, Bihar and

Maharashtra. Speaking on the relevance of celebrating the State's Foundation Day in such a big way, Chauhan said that the main purpose of the event is make the people of the State realise the importance of the day, as previously, it was pretty much ignored. He also said that Madhya Pradesh Banao Samitis are being constituted at the village level, which will support the government's developmental works. The conditions in villages have relatively improved, and he said he observed an improvement in the working of the

administration as well during his Vanwasi Samman Yatra.

**ESTABLISHMENT OF CHATTISGARH, LED TO LOSS;** Chauhan admitted that the partition of Madhya Pradesh and the formation of Chattisgarh was a loss to the State. However, in a manner archetypical to the CM, he said that Chattisgarh is Madhya Pradesh's younger brother even if its creation has led to problems in the fields of power and minerals.

**5 LAKH JOBS IN 3 YEARS:** Chauhan said that the Government aims Page 2

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to provide jobs to five lakh youth in the coming three years, in the field of education, medicine, energy and in the police force.

**RESOLVE TO DO SIX ACTS:** Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chauhan has appealed to the public to resolve to do six acts for the State. He said people should plant trees, save water, save electricity, maintain cleanliness and develop a feeling of ownership towards their individual city or village and the State as a whole.

**HONOUR AND RESPECT :** Chauhan maintains that great personalities should be kept above party politics. In that context, he said Indra Gandhi and Sardar Patel's contributions towards the growth of the country were invaluable. Chauhan said he will always pay tribute to any great personality who has done something for the nation, irrespective of their party.