

Book Release: Marching with a Billion : Analysing Narendra Modi's Government at Midterm by Shri Uday Mahurkar, 14th August, 2017

“Building an able society is key to nation building”, said Shri Manohar Lal, Chief Minister, Haryana, while speaking as the Chief Guest at a function organised by Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA).

The function was organized to release *Marching with a Billion: Analysing Narendra Modi's Government at Midterm* by Shri Uday Mahurkar. In the book, Uday Mahurkar analyses the present government's three years in office, scrutinising areas of governance like infrastructure, external affairs, power, the social sector, finance, digital technology and agriculture. Shri Uday Mahurkar, Deputy Editor, India Today and the author of the book, in his address dwelt on the changes that have been brought by the present government on core governance, under the key sub-areas of Transparency, Delivery, Innovation and Pride. He highlighted the success of present government on working with a focus in all these categories.

While speaking on the occasion, Shri Manohar Lal, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Haryana, congratulated the author Shri Uday Mahurkar, for having taken immense pain in decoding the working of present government in such a lucid fashion for the benefit of all the stakeholders.

He nostalgically recalled that the present Prime Minister has started relying on the IC technology way back in 1996 and realized its potential for streamlining the working of the government and making it more transparent. He also explained some of the novel experiments and policies like making the complex business of transfer of teachers completely transparent and option based and linking the aadhar card to a shelf of schemes pertaining to Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) to optimize efficiency and minimize leakages.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal, Guest of Honour and Union Minister of State for Finance and Corporate Affairs congratulated the author of the book for highlighting several important areas relating to sound governance in the country. He also underlined the success in stopping of leakages of on-going schemes of Government of India, thereby, benefitting the needy and the marginalised. He highlighted that the rigour and focus of union government in evolving pro-poor policies and strong implementation of government schemes is at the core of the functioning of government.

While referring to the comments by eminent personalities through-out the world on the contents of the book, Shri Sunil Arora, Director General& CEO, IICA, said that it was thus deemed proper to share the overarching vision of the Hon'ble Prime Minister and how it has transformed the entire system of governance making it more managerial, people centric, leveraging technology in a big way. He congratulated the author, Shri Uday Mahurkar.

The book release function was also graced by Shri Rao Narbir Singh, Minister for PWD (BNR), Government of Haryana, Smt. Bimla Chaudhary, MLA, Pataudi, Haryana, Shri Umesh Aggarwal, MLA, Gurugram, Haryana and Dr. D Suresh, Commissioner, Gurugram Division, Haryana. A large number of industrialists and intellectuals attended the programme.

Ms. Milee Ashwarya, Editor in Chief, Penguin India, proposed the vote of thanks.