

Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members.

It gives me immense pleasure to welcome you all to the Ninth Session of 16th Odisha Legislative Assembly. Let me take this opportunity to extend my heartiest New Year Greetings to all the Hon'ble Members of this August House as well as to the people of Odisha.

2. This August House has expressed its deep condolence on the sad demise of Late General Bipin Laxman Singh Rawat, his wife Late Madhulika Rawat and eleven other Indian Armed Forces Personnel, Late Bijayshree Routray, former Minister, Late Prahlad Dora, former Deputy Speaker, Late Kartika Prasad Taria, former Minister of State, Late Bibekananda Meher, former Government Deputy Chief Whip, Late Bimal Lochan Das, Late Arun Dey, Late Chandrama Santha, Late Kamalakanta Nayak, Late Umakanta Mishra, Late Bikram Keshari Barma, Late Umesh Chandra Swain and Late Ramaray Munda, all former Members of this August House, Late Sashanka Sekhar Samal, Ex-Lance Naik, 603 EME Battalion, Late Sunil Kumar Naik, Ex-Havildar Odisha Police, Late Anil Ekka, Ex-OAPF, Odisha Police and Late Sitaram Murmu, Ex-Sepoy Odisha Police.

3. I request Hon'ble Members to join me in paying tribute to Late Kishore Kumar Mohanty, Sitting Member and Former Speaker, Late Hemananda Biswal, Former Chief Minister, Late Ram Krushna Patnaik, Late Duryodhan Majhi, Late Debaraja Sahu all former Ministers, Late Uday Narayan Dev, Late Bijoy Kumar Jena, Late Kangali Charan Panda, Late Roshni Singh Deo, Late Ajit Das and Late Rajib Lochan Hota all former Members of this August House and all the Covid Warriors, those who have laid their lives selflessly in our fight against the pandemic. The House may convey our heartfelt condolence to the bereaved families of the departed souls.

4. We are now treading through a time unprecedented in human history. It has all along been a time of loss – loss of lives, livelihoods, job opportunities, business prospects, invaluable teaching-learning hours, unforgettable moments with the near and dear ones and many more. The way our people have stood up over the past two years of the pandemic is nothing short of heroism –from Asha, Anganwadi workers to health professionals, from first responders to the civil societies, teachers, students and parents, farmers

and entrepreneurs—the real strength of the people of our State was on full display.

5. I take this opportunity to commend my Government and public officials who continued to work round the clock with the public health experts to ensure that we are taking the right and timely step to vaccinate people in the eligible age group, contain the spread of the virus and balancing the economy wheel of the State to keep it moving.

6. Based on the principles of “Healthy Odisha, Happy Odisha” and “Healthcare for All, Each Life matters”, my Government has ensured universal access to equitable, affordable and quality healthcare services accountable and responsive to the people’s needs. The overall transformation of public health facilities in the State has resulted in people posing greater faith and trust in our public health institutions. Odisha’s phenomenal progress in health sector is primarily attributable to implementation of more than 15 Mega Schemes and several result-oriented health system strengthening measures.

7. Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana is a Universal Health Assurance scheme to provide free health

services to all. Smart Health Cards to 96 lakh economically vulnerable families under Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana have also been provided by my Government. This is one of its kind and first such initiative across the country in technology driven delivery of public healthcare services, which ensures cashless treatment of Rs.5 lakh for all members and Rs.10 lakhs to the women members of a family for treatment of critical ailments in identified private hospitals inside and outside the State.

8. My Government has approved the Post Graduate Institute of Medical Science & Research at Capital Hospital in Bhubaneswar, which will improve tertiary health services and medical education. Further, the construction work of two new Medical Colleges at Keonjhar and Sundargarh with 100 intake capacity of MBBS students is under process. The admission process for MBBS students with 100 intake capacities in Shri Jagannath Medical College and Hospital, Puri has already begun during 2021-22. My Government has identified 150 AYUSH dispensaries and 5,028 Urban and Rural Primary Health Centres & Sub-Centres for up-gradation as

AYUSH Health & Wellness Centres across the State.

9. My Government has addressed human resource issues in health sector through restructuring of Odisha Medical & Health Services Cadre, providing Place Based Incentives for doctors, creation of corpus fund for difficult areas, transparent HR management policy for medical officers and creation of 2,508 posts of doctors, 400 posts of Dental surgeons and 5,719 posts of paramedics, that would further strengthen the health services in the State .

10. We have been continuously monitoring patients' feedback through "Mo Sarkar" initiatives; strengthening ancillary services under NIRMAL scheme with investment of about Rs.2,000 crores over a period of five years; formulating healthcare investment promotion policy; and increasing public health spending which now stands at around 2% of Gross State Domestic Product during the year 2021-22.

11. All our Medical Colleges are now equipped with RTPCR facilities and VRDL for COVID testing

and to tackle any future public health emergency. Covid-19 vaccination drive has been successfully undertaken in the State with administration of more than 5 crore doses. To successfully combat and manage public health emergencies in future, my Government is taking sincere steps to establish a robust network of Public Health Laboratories and Public Health Units up to block level throughout the State.

12. My Government's continued thrust on capital outlay and infrastructure in the State Budget has enhanced productive capacity of our economy. In the 2021-22 Budget Estimates, Rs.25,788 crores of capital outlay has been provided which is 4% of GSDP. This higher capital outlay with its multiplier effect would help in rapid and strong growth rebound and in recovering the State economy. During the current financial year, 171 Bridge Projects have been completed, 815 Km of roads have been improved and 868 Km of rural roads have been completed by incurring expenditure of Rs. 2,807 crores under different schemes by December, 2021.

13. As our railways serve as a low-cost, high-volume carrier of bulk cargo and passengers in the supply chain management, my Government has identified it as a priority area and has plans to cover all 30 Districts with Railway connectivity over the next few years. We have collaborated with the Railways to fill the viability gap wherever required, taken several initiatives by forming Joint Ventures / Special Purpose Vehicles with the Railways and other Ministries to construct new rail lines and corridors, and have been directly funding construction of new railway lines besides providing free land for new railway projects.

14. My Government has notified 14 potential locations for development of Non-Major Ports in the State, out of which 2 Non-Major Ports, Dhamara and Gopalpur are now operational. Another 2 Non-Major Ports Subarnarekha and Astaranga are in the pipeline. We are also taking steps for development of a Riverine Port in river Mahanadi in Kendrapada District, 2 inland water transport projects, development of Ro-Pax Jetty and allied infrastructure at Kaninali in Bhadrak District to Talachua in Kendrapada District and at Balugaon in

Khurda District to Krushnaprasadgada in Puri District have been included in the Sagarmala Project.

15. On the air connectivity front, we have commenced regular flight operations along two new air routes from Biju Patnaik International Airport, Bhubaneswar to Jaipur International Airport in Rajasthan from 1st of November, 2021 and to Dabolim International Airport in Goa from 1st of December, 2021. This will further strengthen air connectivity and boost tourism in our State. We have also developed the Jharsuguda Airport to a full-fledged Commercial Airport with commencement of flight operations from March, 2019. My Government is taking steps for construction of a new Sri Jagannath International Airport at Puri to boost the tourism sector in Odisha.

16. My Government is committed to provide quality and reliable power supply to all by building quality power infrastructure across the State. Huge investments have been made to enhance the generation capacity and to strengthen the transmission and distribution infrastructure. Now Odisha is a “Power Surplus” State with a very robust

transmission system of 15,012 Circuit Kilometer of Extra High Tension lines and 22,473 Mega Volt Ampere installed capacity by December, 2021.

17. My Government, in order to fulfil the objectives of economic growth with social justice, has set-up public enterprises to harness local resources of the State and create employment opportunities. At present there are 36 working PSUs in the State in power, agriculture, finance, infrastructure and manufacturing sector. Majority of the PSUs are profit making with a turnover of Rs.26,777 crores and profit of Rs.1,403 crores in aggregate during 2018-19.

18. During 2021-22, the COVID-19 induced economic slowdown resulted in loss of jobs and livelihoods. The demand for work under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme shot up for wage employment. Around 21 crore person-days wage employment were generated against the target of 20 crores, by spending an amount of Rs.5,840 crore during 2020-21. 37 lakh households were provided employment benefitting 62 lakh persons. During 2021-22, we have been able to generate 17 crore

person-days of wage employment to around 32 lakh households and 51 lakh persons by December, 2021.

19. My Government introduced the Urban Wage Employment Initiative “Mukhyamantri Karma Tatpara Abhiyan” during 2020 to address the need of the urban wage earners. An amount of Rs. 400 crores have already been spent providing 26 lakh person-days of wage employment. Further, my Government rolled out 6,320 urban infrastructure projects under ‘MUKTA’ with an investment of Rs.700 crore to be completed by 2022-23. Our State has received the 5th Guangzhou Award in recognition of an innovation in improving social, economic and environmental sustainability in cities and regions through its urban wage employment initiative ‘MUKTA’.

20. My Government announced a Special Package during January, 2020 to strengthen socio-economic standard of migrant workers and gradual reduction in distress among people in migration prone 477 Gram Panchayats of 20 Blocks in the districts of Bolangir, Bargarh, Kalahandi and Nuapada. Around Rs.264 crore has already been

spent from State Corpus Fund towards additional wages for 200 days under MGNREGA.

21. My Government has initiated several programmes for the holistic development of our rich handlooms and handicrafts tradition. The craftsmanship of our artisans and weavers is one of the best in the country. This sector provides ample scope for self-employment both in urban and rural areas. During the year 2021-22, my Government has provided Rs.169 crore in the State Budget for development of this sector. 1,341 weavers above 60 years of age are availing monthly social security assistance under Baristha Bunakar Sahayata Yojana. My Government has also introduced the new initiative Mukhyamantri Bayan Jyoti to provide lighting units with unit cost of Rs.17,500/- per family to 2,000 weaver families during 2021-22.

22. Geographical Indication (GI) Registrations of Pipili Applique, Odisha Pattachitra and Konark Stone Carving have been made and we have already applied for GI Registration of Silver Filigree of Cuttack and steps for GI Registration of Brass and Bell Metal craft of Kantilo and Golden Grass craft of Kendrapara will be taken up very soon.

23. Around 5 lakh Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises have already been established in our State with a total investment of Rs.24,341 crores.

24. My Government has successfully launched the Start-up Odisha Initiative. Our State is being consistently recognized as a “Top Performer” and “Leader” State in Start-up rankings during 2018 and 2019 respectively by Government of India. Food processing industries for reasons of employment generation, reduction of wastage of farm produces and giving remunerative price to the farmers is the focus of my Government. Under Odisha Food Processing Policy, Rs.97 crores have already been utilized for promoting 150 units of food processing enterprises. Besides, one Mega Food Park at Rayagada has already been made functional and Mega Sea Food Park at Deras, Khordha is nearing completion.

25. Odisha is “India’s best kept secret” for its rich biodiversity of flora and fauna, wildlife sanctuaries, beautiful beaches, immortal architecture, rich artistic heritage and its exquisite cuisine. Our tourism and hospitality sector also has a huge potential to generate employment and contribute to the State

economy. My Government has undertaken Integrated Master Planning and Destination Development at Chandrabhaga Beach Front, Satkosia Tiger Reserve, Hirakud, Bhitarkanika National Park, Chilika Lake, Khandagiri-Udayagiri Heritage Complex, Nrusinghanath-Harishankar and Mahendragiri to boost tourism, facilitate private sector investments, augment livelihood opportunities for the local communities and promote local entrepreneurships with an overall project cost of Rs.830 crore. To promote culinary tourism, my Government has launched NIMANTRAN, a restaurant chain at Bhubaneswar, Puri and Sambalpur, which serve authentic Odia cuisine. Commencement of luxury hotel operations by ITC, Taj Vivanta and Lemon Tree earlier this year are positive indicators of increased investor confidence in our efforts.

26. Agriculture and its allied sector are the largest employment sector of our State and hold the key to socio-economic development of our people. My Government lays special emphasis on the development of this sector through various interventions supported by a comprehensive and inclusive State Agriculture Policy. Separate

Agriculture Budget and a dedicated Agriculture Cabinet are two such remarkable initiatives that ensure allocative priority for this sector and faster decision making for sectoral growth and welfare of our farmers.

27. The first ever Odisha Agri Conclave, 2021 was organised during last October to link farmers of Odisha to organised national market, with the objective of removing intermediaries and improving the income of farmers. It was observed that there still exist market potential on many agri-produces, sunflower, mustard, millets, kodo & kangu, aromatic rice, maize, ginger, turmeric and coffee, which still remain unexploited. As an outcome of the Agri Conclave, it has been decided to take up demand driven production programmes to garner better returns from the farm.

28. The United Nations have declared 2023 as the International Year of Millets in recognition of these nutrient-rich crops. The humble millets have now gone global. My Government could foresee this and launched Odisha Millet Mission in 2017 for promotion of these climate resilient and nutritionally rich crops in 85 blocks spread over 15 districts.

The farmers are being organised into FPOs and 75 such FPOs have been registered for promotion of Millets. The millet farmers are provided with procurement support through Millet Procurement Automation System. During last year around 2 lakh quintals of Ragi was procured and this year the procurement is expected to reach 4 lakh quintals. Ragi has now been introduced under PDS and nutritional programme under ICDS. In recognition of the efforts under the programme, Odisha has been awarded “Best Millet Promoting State” under “Poshak Anaj Award” by ICAR-IIMR and FAO during 2020-21, and the Skotch Gold Award, 2019.

29. Under the Universal Basic Income scheme KALIA “Krushak Assistance for Livelihood and Income Augmentation” – first of its kind in the country, support is extended to small and marginal farmers both for Khariff and Rabi seasons, and landless agricultural households for undertaking non-farm activities. During 2020-21, around 54 lakh small and marginal farmers and landless agricultural households were assisted under the Scheme and during 2021-22 assistance has already been provided to 57 lakh small and marginal farmers and

landless agricultural households by December, 2021.

30. Share croppers especially landless farmers constitute a sizeable proportion of our farming community who remain outside the institutional credit system. A new scheme BALARAM (Bhoomihina Agriculturist Loan And Resources Augmentation Model) is now being implemented for financing of Joint Liability Groups of Share croppers. It aims to cover 5 lakh farmers through one lakh Joint Liability Groups (JLGs). Till now, 22,358 JLGs have been formed and 6,214 JLGs provided with credit support of around Rs.59 crores.

31. My Government has procured 77.33 lakh Metric Tons of paddy from 13.94 lakh farmers during Khariff Marketing Season 2020-21, which makes Odisha one among the top paddy procuring States in the country. Our State is not only able to meet its food grain needs, but also makes a substantial contribution to the Central Pool.

32. My Government pioneered the launching of Mukhyamantri Krushi Udyog Yojana during 2018 to promote agri-enterprises through ease of doing agri-business. This involves process simplification

for establishment of more number of commercially viable agri-enterprises in a simple, transparent and time bound manner under the State Agriculture Policy. APICOL is the State Nodal Agency to implement this. During 2021-22, online proposals for registration of 4,274 Commercial Agri Enterprises have already been received, which are in various stages of implementation. So far 306 agri-enterprises have been supported with incentive of Rs.25 crores under the scheme.

33. My Government is implementing a transformative initiative “Every willing Farmer can have a farm pond” with a target of creating 5 lakh Farm Ponds in five years from 2019-20 to 2023-24 to supplement water scarcity during critical junctures and to provide critical irrigation required during Khariff. Concurrently, the aim is also to popularize Integrated Farming Systems which will help augment farmers’ income and counter frequent extreme weather eventualities. During the last 2 years, 66,740 Farm Ponds have already been completed in our State through MGNREGA.

34. My Government has identified allied sectors as the growth propellers for Odisha’s farmers,

women SHGs and entrepreneurs. Under Matsya Pokhari Yojana, my Government encourages farmers to take up new fish tanks. Further, the liberal policy for long-term leasing of the Panchayat tanks to women Self Help Groups for taking up pisciculture has tremendously helped to scale-up scientific fish farming in all districts. Fisheries sector in the State achieved another milestone when Balasore district was awarded the “Best Marine District” in Marine Fisheries sector on the ‘World Fisheries Day’ on 21st November, 2021, organized by the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Government of India.

35. Universal vaccination for foot and mouth disease in cattle is being taken up to cover the entire livestock population of the State. Artificial insemination has been taken up on a mission mode to cover over 15 lakh cattle so as to improve the genetic potential and to enhance milk production. The State was ranked 2nd in the country under Nationwide Artificial Insemination Programme, Phase-II for artificial insemination coverage. All livestock are being ear tagged with unique identification numbers wherein an animal database

with farmer details is created for proper targeting and accountability. In order to augment egg and meat production and boost entrepreneurship development, strategic promotion of small scale, semi-commercial and commercial poultry, a huge number of layer farms, broiler farms and goat units are being promoted through attractive subsidy infusions.

36. My Government has financed Rs.219 crores through Cooperative Banks to 33,416 Joint Liability Groups of small, marginal, landless, share croppers, factual cultivators and rural women. Under KALIA scheme interest rate on crop loans up to Rs. 50,000/- was reduced from 1% to 0%, thus making them interest free crop loan from the year 2019-20 and loans from Rs. 50,000/- to Rs. 3 lakh are now provided with only 2% interest per annum to encourage our farmers.

37. We are largely dependent upon monsoon rains for our water resources. To meet the water requirement of all sectors throughout the year, my Government has been emphasising water conservation and improvement of water use efficiency. For large scale conservation of surface

water inside streams and rivers, my Government has approved 30 In-stream Storage Structures during 2021-22 in the 1st phase. Ground water recharge through 779 Minor Irrigation and Panchayati Raj tanks covering 15 districts has also been taken up in association with Green Climate Fund. During 2021-22, work in 71 tanks has been completed.

38. Deep Bore Well construction programme and Parvati Giri Mega Lift Irrigation Programme have brought a perceptible transformation in the development of irrigation in the State. We have so far handed over 88,589 bore wells to farmers and commissioned 136 Mega-lift Projects. Apart from that, my Government has given focus on time bound completion of major and medium irrigation projects. During 2021, we have commissioned 2 Major Irrigation Projects, Upper Indravati Lift Canal System in Kalahandi district and Lower Indra Irrigation Project in Nuapda district.

39. My Government is now adopting Under Ground Pipe Line distribution system wherever feasible instead of open canals to avoid land acquisition, improve water use efficiency and ensure

timely completion of irrigation projects. Canal lining works of approximately 840 kilometres has already been completed under Canal Lining & System Rehabilitation Programme to reduce conveyance loss in canals.

40. In a major leap forward for Odisha's Food Security Mission, our State has secured 4th place among large states in the third State Food Safety Index for 2020-21, improving from 13th position in 2019-20. My Government has been able to cover 3.26 crore beneficiaries from 93.24 lakh eligible households under the categories of Priority Household and Antyodaya Anna Yojana under the National Food Security Act, 2013.

41. To further include the eligible left-out beneficiaries under Food Security, my Government has been implementing its own State Food Security Scheme from October, 2018. Under the State Scheme, 2.18 lakh households comprising of 7.15 lakh eligible beneficiaries are covered. On the whole, 95.42 lakh families comprising of 3.33 crore beneficiaries, which constitutes 79.32% of State's total population as per 2011 Census, are covered under the Food Security programme. Additionally,

27,758 eligible beneficiaries are covered under the Annapurna Scheme.

42. My Government provided cash incentive of Rs.1,000/- per PDS card to the families under NFSA and SFSS to mitigate the effect of Covid-19 pandemic situation during April and May, 2020. Further, second phase livelihood assistance of Rs.1,000/- to each of the beneficiary families have been provided to mitigate the impact of pandemic on livelihood by incurring an expenditure of Rs.960 crore.

43. Provision of safe drinking water is the top most priority and focus of my Government. My State aims to saturate all rural households with tap water connection by 2024. Resources available under different water supply schemes along with extra budgetary resources have been pooled together with capital outlay of Rs.50,263 crores under the State Saturation Plan to fulfil the target.

44. The urban Odisha is a trend setter in the country in achieving universal coverage of tap-water connections. 63 Urban Local Bodies have already achieved 100% household connections in the State. Bhubaneswar and Cuttack have become the first

and second Municipal Corporations to achieve 100% household connections in the entire country. We aim to achieve 100% house connections in all the 114 cities of the State during 2022. Under Drink From Tap Mission 'SUJAL', entire Puri town has been covered with 24x7 supply of directly drinkable water from tap, its quality conforming to IS-10500 standards with 100% household connections and 100% metering. With this Puri is the only city in India to have achieved the distinction of joining the prestigious league of International Cities such as New York, London, Singapore and Tokyo in providing such facility.

45. My Government's transformative initiative the Jaga Mission is a model public policy to bring about lasting happiness in the lives of the urban marginalised. It recognises informal settlements and slum dwellers as indispensable part of the urban fabric, empowering millions of people. This inclusive initiative has won Asia Pacific Housing Forum Innovation Awards 2021. Biju Adarsh Colony programme is aimed at transforming slums to Adarsh colonies. 2,974 slums across 114 Urban Local Bodies of the State will be transformed to Biju Adarsh Colonies to improve the quality of living

in the slum areas. Under Slum Upgradation and Delisting activities, 1.70 lakh families have already been granted Land Rights Certificates and 8 cities have already achieved slum free status.

46. My Government is committed to provide pucca houses to all houseless and kutcha house dwellers in rural areas. Around 31 lakh pucca houses have been completed in the most transparent manner since the 2014-15 with an expenditure of Rs.31,050 crores. The system of incentive of Biju Pucca Ghar Yojana to the beneficiaries has set an example for other States to emulate. Rs.1,283 crore has already been paid to 7.82 lakh beneficiaries as incentive. Further, 12.25 lakh eligible households have been identified for coverage under different Rural Housing Schemes.

As a part of my Government's commitment to provide self shelter to the rural households of the State, taking a step forward my Government has recently distributed financial assistance of Rs. 3,000/- under " Biju Pucca Ghar Yojana" to each beneficiary for repair, renovation of their pucca houses sanctioned under different rural housing

schemes since 2014. This will benefit 31 lakh such families with a total assistance of Rs.1,444 crores. My Government further proposes to provide financial assistance of Rs.5,000/- each to the eligible but left out households of the State who are yet to get any rural housing assistance.

47. My Government has devolved substantial resources for provision of basic services, sanitation, supply of drinking water, rain water harvesting, and creation of durable assets. Village Action Plans are being prepared with focus on Sanitation and Solid and Liquid Waste Management in convergence with SBM-G programme, MGNREGA and Finance Commission grants. We target to saturate all Gram Panchayats with Sanitation and SLWM activities, towards ODF plus declaration of all villages by 2023-24.

48. There has been a paradigm shift in the Decentralized Solid Waste Management in urban areas of Odisha. 227 Micro Composting Centres and 185 Material Recovery Facilities are now operational in 114 ULBs of the State. Under, Urban Septage Programme construction of 118 septage treatment facilities in 114 ULBs have been taken

up out of which 67 facilities have already been completed and are functional. With the completion of all these septage plants, our State will become the 1st State to achieve 100% saturation in septage treatment. Our Septage Model has received international recognition with Medal of Honour in the Guangzhou Award for Urban Innovations-2021.

49. To address the nutritional needs of pregnant and lactating mothers, my Government has launched the unique State Sector Scheme “MAMATA”, a conditional cash transfer maternity benefit initiative. Wage compensation Rs. 5,000/- is transferred directly to beneficiaries’ account under the scheme, so that they are able to take adequate rest during their pregnancy and post-delivery period. So far, 50 lakh women have been provided cash benefit of Rs.2,394 crores.

50. My Government has taken steps to transform Anganwadi Centres to Vibrant Anganwadi Centres for benchmarking service delivery through vibrant Infrastructure, addressing malnutrition, community mobilization, data management and analysis, and early childhood care and education. My Government has also launched e-Manadeya Portal on 25th

February, 2021 for timely and regular disbursement of monthly honorarium and incentives directly to the bank accounts of Anganwadi Workers, Mini Anganwadi Workers and Anganwadi Helpers through iFMS. 1.35 lakh Anganwadi field functionaries are being benefitted by this initiative.

51. Under Supplementary Nutrition Programme, my Government has ensured supply of Take Home Ration, dry ration and eggs to children and pregnant and nursing mothers without any disruption, and through Anganwadi Centres during the COVID-19 pandemic. To promote dietary diversity among children attending Anganwadi Centres, my Government has developed more than 39,000 nutritional gardens “Mo Upakari Bagichas” in Anganwadi Centres.

52. My Government has formulated life cycle approach for accelerated reduction in malnutrition through the Strategy for Odisha’s Pathway to Accelerated Nutrition. It is a targeted strategy to transform nutrition scenario in 125 blocks in 22 districts of the State with poor nutrition indicators. It focuses on the first 1,000 days of children through technology led solutions for streamlining Supply

Chain Management of Take Home Ration and e-Kalika for monitoring Community based crèches.

53. My Government has implemented 'Vatsalya', a game changing campaign to institutionalize care and stimulation of children under 3 years as a part of its Early Childhood Development initiative. As a men-streaming and responsive parenting initiative, men are sensitized and involved in child-rearing and caring process of kids. 'Kuni Calendar', a weekly calendar of activities and 'Ghare Ghare Arunima', a monthly calendar based fun filled activity chart has been developed to address psycho-social, physical and motor, language, creative and aesthetic aspects of Early Childhood Development.

54. My Government has rolled out 'ADVIKA', an adolescent life empowerment programme, to engage adolescent girls on various health and nutrition issues. This year onwards, boys have also been included in the ADVIKA programme for developing a better gender equitable attitude. It is praiseworthy that the 'Child Marriage Free Village Initiative' through Nirvaya Kadhi has been awarded "SKOCH GOLD Award" during the year 2021 for efforts of my Government in preventing child

marriage and declaring 10,000 villages as free from child marriage.

55. My Government had launched a new Scheme “Ashirbad” on 20th June, 2021 to support children who lost both their parents or single parent or primary bread earner in the family from 1st April, 2020 to 15th September, 2021 due to COVID-19. The scheme was formulated to provide monthly financial support and other convergent support to eligible children and their care takers. 18,827 eligible children have availed the benefits of the scheme.

56. Mission Shakti, an epoch making movement of my Government for empowerment of women self-help group members now has 6 lakh women Self-Help Group with 70 lakh women members in the State. The success of this mass movement has culminated in the formation of a separate Mission Shakti Department for monitoring all self help group programmes and activities under one roof. This journey of Mission Shakti members is a testimony of women’s emergence into the mainstream over the last two decades in Odisha.

57. My Government has introduced an Interest Subvention initiative 'Mission Shakti Loans' to provide interest free loans to WSHGs, for loans up to Rs. 3 lakh on prompt and regular repayment. Interest subvention of Rs.126 crores has been provided to 'Mission Shakti' groups during 2020-21, benefitting 1.86 lakh eligible SHGs. Facilitating institutional finance, 2.35 lakh SHGs have been provided with bank linkage amounting to Rs. 4,291 crores during 2020-21.

58. To ensure last mile delivery of banking services in unbanked and under-banked Gram Panchayats, my Government has taken a historic step forward in engaging women SHG and Federation Members as Business Correspondent Agents . By engagement of 1,749 SHG members, the outreach of banking network in unbanked and under-banked GPs has been increased. Such SHG members are supported with Rs.2,000/- per month for the initial six months of their on-boarding.

59. Other remarkable initiatives of my Government involving Women Self Help Groups include increasing the remuneration of each member from Rs.11 to Rs.18 per consumer per

month in electricity Meter Reading, Billing and Collection activities; to run kiosks for selling millets and value-added products across the State; and building a 5 Ton capacity cold storage in Rourkela to provide sustainable livelihood to Women Self Help Group members.

60. My Government is committed to enhance the educational status of ST and SC students through various interventions like free education, award of scholarship, free boarding and lodging facilities, supply of free text books, reading and writing materials. Residential School facility has been extended to 4.60 lakh ST and SC students through 1,735 Residential Schools and 7,058 Hostels. Scholarship to ST, SC and OBC students is another major intervention of my Government for incentivising the educational attainment of about 18.24 lakh students at Pre-matric level and about 4.47 lakh students at Post-matric level.

61. With the objective of providing the best educational opportunities to ST and SC students, my Government is implementing "ANWESHA". Eight "AKANKSHYA" hostel complexes at Bhubaneswar, Berhampur, Sambalpur and Rourkela

have been constructed to provide accommodation to about 3,900 students pursuing higher education in the urban areas of the State.

62. My Government has introduced the Livelihood Cluster Development Programme under Mission Jeevika to raise the income level and living standards of our tribal communities. So far more than 1,440 farm and non-farm livelihood clusters have been promoted primarily in agriculture and allied sectors benefitting more than one lakh beneficiaries. For skilling of youths of the ST, SC, OBC and Minorities, my Government has taken up Skill Development Programme "PRAYAS" for Placement Linked Employability Training. On successful completion of such training, the trainees can avail employment opportunities in reputed organizations, companies and manufacturing industries with their enhanced employability.

63. My Government is committed for providing social security and empowering the persons with disabilities, destitutes and widows, senior citizens, transgenders, persons affected by AIDS and victims of substance abuse. Social security pensions are provided to 48.57 lakh persons

covering the highest percentage of population amongst all States in the country. My Government has made provisions of pension for destitute/ deserted/ divorcee women under Madhu Babu Pension Yojana. Banishree Scholarships are provided to 23,995 Physically Challenged students. My Government has facilitated the formation of 3,623 SHGs of Physically Challenged persons. 95 Old age homes are functioning across the State to provide food, clothing, high quality residential support and free health services to the senior citizens. Odisha is one among the few States of the country to have established Old Age Homes in all districts. My Government is implementing "SAHAYA" for rehabilitation of beggars and destitute persons.

64. Mo School Abhiyan is a unique initiative in the country in fostering a Citizen-Government collaboration to undertake next level transformation in the school eco-system of Odisha. Under 'Mo School' campaign, schools are undergoing next level transformation ensuring better pedagogy for students. 6,647 high schools and 26,030 elementary schools across 314 blocks are now

covered under this initiative. To provide a level playing field, 15% seats in medical and engineering colleges of the State have also been reserved for students of Government High Schools.

65. Under 5T-High School Transformation Programme of my Government, 1,076 high schools have been transformed in the first phase and 3,365 more high schools will be transformed in the second phase, thereby providing world class infrastructural facilities and studying atmosphere in the Government High Schools.

66. My Government is establishing Odisha Adarsha Vidyalayas in every block of our State to provide quality English medium education to our rural students. 250 OAVs are already functional in 250 Blocks of the State, 107 schools have already been upgraded to Senior Secondary level in Science Stream. 88,272 students are availing quality education as per CBSE curriculum. 30 OAVs covering 30 districts will soon start Commerce Stream in Higher Secondary classes. The meritorious students securing 90% and more marks in 10th Board Exam are provided residential coaching facilities to prepare for State and National

level Entrance Examinations for Medicine, Engineering, Law and Armed Forces.

67. A vision document for integration and transformation of OAVs into Centres of Excellence through the 5T High School transformation initiative has been prepared by my Government. Efforts are being put to functionalize 64 OAVs and 1 Iconic OAV at Andharua, Bhubaneswar in the 2022-23 Academic Session. On Teachers' Day-2021, 413 Teachers have been appointed in our OAVs.

68. My Government is providing free Uniforms and Text Books to all students of Class I to VIII of Government and Aided schools including Schools under ST/SC Development Department. During 2021-22, my Government has distributed 2.47 crores Text Books to students of Class-I to VIII of Government and Aided Schools.

69. During 2021-22, my Government has released Rs.17.75 crores under Mukhya Mantri Medha Bruti as one time grant of Rs.5,000/- each to 35,490 meritorious students, Rs.1.77 crore under Odia Bhasa Bruti Puraskar to 3,549 students as award of Rs.5,000/- each for securing highest

mark in Odia subject in Annual HSC Examination and Rs.10.61 crore under Best School Award of Rs.1.00 lakh each to 1,061 schools. Besides, parents of top 10 students of each district as per the result of Annual HSC Examination have also been felicitated.

70. During 2021-22, my Government has appointed 6,131 Initial Appointee Teachers in different subjects in Government Secondary Schools. Notification for recruitment of 11,403 Initial Appointee Teachers of different subjects has been published. 1,097 Junior SES Teachers have been promoted to Senior SES and placed as Headmasters in various Government High Schools. Similarly, 60 LSES Teachers in Government Secondary Schools and 74,653 Elementary Teachers have been promoted during 2021-22.

71. Creating skilled workforce is one of the critical determinants of economic development and wellbeing of the State and its people. To enhance employability of our youth, my Government has undertaken skill development through our vocational and technical system to create skilled workforce. Vocational Education is now imparted in 961 Secondary and Higher Secondary Schools in our

State wherein 1.08 lakh students have taken admission in 11 different Vocational trades.

72. Our Government ITIs have proved their excellence by participating in National level grading process twice. Six Government ITIs of our State have earned the distinction of being ranked among the top 100 ITIs of our country out of 12,160 ITIs graded by Government of India. Our State topped the medal chart with 51 winners at the India Skills-2021 organized by the National Skill Development Corporation in New Delhi during January, 2022.

73. To meet the demand of skilled manpower for the fourth Industrial Revolution (Industry 4.0), my Government has introduced new age trades, Internet of Things, Mechatronics, Welding Technology and Remotely Piloted Aircraft/ Drone Pilot under Aerospace and Aviation Sector. An Advance Plumbing Laboratory has been established at State Institute of Plumbing Technology, Pattamundai in collaboration with Indian Plumbing Skills Council and Hindustan Sanitaryware & Industries Limited- Corporate Social Responsibility Fund. ITI, Barbil has been upgraded into Model ITI in mining and allied sector and a Skill Museum has been established at ITI, Cuttack.

74. The percentage of enrolment of girls in ITIs has been enhanced from 6% to 18% with launching of new scheme 'Sudakshya'. We target to have at least 30% girls' enrolment in each ITI. Now, 44 ITIs out of 49 have girls' hostels and steps are being taken for construction of more numbers of girls' hostels in ITIs. One special ITI for Persons with Disability has been operationalised at Khudupur at Jatni, Khorda with separate boys' and girls' hostels for skill training of PwD students.

75. Biju Pattnaik Institute for Training of Trainers, Talcher has been operationalised with National Council for Vocational Training affiliation for 3 trades. The Central Tool Room & Training Centre, Bhubaneswar has been supported with 4 acres of land and Rs.19.96 crore for establishment of World Class Training of Trainers Institute at Sailashree Vihar, Bhubaneswar. Biju Pattnaik Film & Television Institute, Cuttack has been upgraded to a Degree Level Institute.

76. Model Career Centres have been set up in the District Employment Exchanges at Sambalpur, Cuttack, Rourkela, Dhenkanal, Berhampur, Koraput and Keonjhar. During the last three years, 252 Job

Drives have been conducted by these MCCs in which 3,017 youths have been appropriately placed.

77. To enhance the skill level and potential employment of Technical Students holding MCA, MBA, B. Tech., BE, ITI and Polytechnic certificates in the State, my Government has launched the DigitALL initiative. This, in turn has enabled the local IT industry to have readily available talent pool for their expansion needs. My Government has launched the Chief Minister's Employment Generation Programme which is an inclusive skill development strategy to synergize all the skill programmes. A target of skilling 15 lakh youths in the next 5 years has been set under the Programme. 4.42 lakh youths have already been trained during last 3 years.

78. My Government's initiatives in higher education are based on the vision of achieving excellence, ensuring access, equity and inclusivity in institutions of higher learning. Odia University is being established over 9.60 acres of land at Satyabadi. Administrative Approval for Rs. 60.72 crore has already been accorded towards infrastructure work. My Government has opened

Madhusudan Law University, a new Law University at Cuttack, on the birth anniversary of Utkal Gourav Madhusudan Das on 28th April, 2021. Now all Government and Private Law Colleges of Odisha, other than constituent Law Colleges of Universities are affiliated with the Madhusudan Law University.

79. Mo College Abhiyaan is aimed at connecting the alumni with their Alma-mater of all State Universities, Government and Non-Government Aided Colleges. It provides a platform to the alumni to offer voluntary services and support for the betterment of the ecosystem of the institutions where they once studied. Funds for implementation of the Mo College Programme shall be met from voluntary donations with 2 times matching grant from the State Government.

80. My Government provides scholarships of Rs.10,000/- per annum to students pursuing professional Education. Junior merit and senior merit Scholarship and P.G. Scholarship are awarded to Intermediate, Graduate and Post-Graduate students. To promote Odia language at the college level, "Vyasakabi Fakir Mohan Scholarship" has been instituted, wherein a one-time scholarship of

Rs.20,000/- per student is awarded to meritorious students.

81. Odisha is playing a key role in the turnaround of Indian sports scenario with its continuous support for players and investment in sports infrastructure. My Government successfully organized the FIH Hockey Men's Junior World Cup 2021 during 24th November to 5th December, 2021, where 16 teams from different countries participated. This was the first international event to be hosted in our country since the onset of the pandemic and the event was a huge success. In recognition of the brilliant performance of the Indian Hockey Team at Tokyo Olympics-2020, my Government has decided to sponsor Indian Hockey for another 10 years till 2033.

82. The Birsa Munda International Hockey Stadium at Rourkela is a flagship project worth Rs.120 crore. Once completed it will be India's largest hockey stadium with 20,000 seating capacity and will be hosting the Hockey Men's World Cup, 2023 along with the Kalinga Stadium. For the upcoming FIFA Under-17 Women's Football World Cup 2022, five FIFA standard football training

centres with natural turf have already been developed in Bhubaneswar. Empowering athletes of Odisha is at the core of all the initiatives of my Government.

Transforming the sports landscape and empowering athletes is the vision of my Government. 89 multi-purpose indoor halls project, worth Rs.700 crore, is underway, with facilities for Badminton, Table Tennis, Weight-lifting and can be used as disaster shelters, hospital during pandemic and natural calamities. Rs.400 crore Kalinga Expansion Project that includes, India's first indoor athletics stadium, a world class Aquatic Centre for swimming, a Tennis centre court that can host a Davis Cup and a world class Hockey High Performance centres will create a benchmark in sports infrastructure and will reinforce Odisha as a Sports Hub in the true sense.

A bouquet of High Performance Centre in Hockey, Athletics, Football, Swimming, Sports Climbing, Sports Science, Badminton, Shooting, Weight-lifting is grooming the athletes for sporting excellence while the Government continues to extend its support to Federations including

Swimming, Rugby, Football in addition to the associations for the hosting of international and national events to promote Sports holistically.

83. My Government has been undertaking various activities for protection, regeneration and extension of forest and tree cover in participatory mode with involvement of local people. It is commendable that Odisha has added 537.44 square kilometre forest cover and is ranked 3rd in growth of forest cover among all States in the country as per the India State of Forest Report, 2021. It has topped among all States in increasing mangrove cover in last two years. Further, the Simlipal Tiger Reserve has been rated among top 3 Tiger Reserves in terms of forest cover in the country.

84. This has been possible because of the persistent efforts of my Government in implementing projects and programmes to preserve, protect and nurture the environment, wildlife and natural resources. Some of the flagship schemes are Green Mahanadi Mission, Increasing Green Cover in the State, National Afforestation Programme, National Mission for Green India, Ama Jangala Yojana, Eco-Tourism, Odisha Forestry Sector Development Project and Sustainable

Biodiversity Management. My Government has awarded 804 voluntary organizations/villages/educational institutions with “Prakruti Mitra” and 853 individuals with “Prakruti Bandhu” awards on the occasion of World Environment Day during the last 5 years.

85. Odisha is endowed with rich cultural diversity. It is evident from its historical monuments, archaeological sites, tribal and traditional arts and sculpture, which attract the tourists, scholars and researchers from across the globe. Virtual walkthroughs along the galleries of Odisha State Museum has been facilitated in the website so that people can enjoy the artefacts and archives of archaeological and historical importance from the comfort of their homes.

86. A list of 117 eminent persons has been compiled for establishment of “Adarsh Baraputra Village” for protection of Odisha’s heritage, culture and traditions. The villages of the illustrious sons of the soil have to be identified from the list prepared by the Inter-Ministerial level committee set up for the declaration of the model village. My Government has declared to convert the house of author Manoj Das and historian Manmath Das at Sankhari village in Balasore district into a memorial, to be named ‘Manmath-Manoj Memorial’.

87. Odisha has come a long way in management and mitigation of disasters since the 1999 Super Cyclone. My Government's Zero casualty approach in disasters is now being rightly dubbed as the "Odisha Model". This has happened due to consistent efforts in building effective community-level communication, training, warning dissemination, building of multi-purpose cyclone shelters and implementation of early warning dissemination system with last mile connectivity.

88. During last 5 years, the State has encountered several major disasters including very Severe cyclonic storm 'TITLI' in October 2018, extremely severe cyclonic storm 'FANI' in May 2019, very severe cyclonic storm 'BULBUL' in November 2019, severe cyclone 'AMPHAN' in May 2020, frequent heavy rains, floods and droughts. In the face of 'COVID-19' pandemic, my Government declared it as a Disaster under the Disaster Management Act, 2005 and issued various orders and Standard Operating Procedures under the said Act and the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897 to contain the spread of the virus and save invaluable human lives from its pangs.

89. My Government has implemented some transformative best practices in dealing with disasters and natural calamities. Under National Cyclone Risk Mitigation Project, the Early Warning Dissemination System is functioning in six coastal districts of Balasore, Bhadrak, Kendrapara, Jagatsinghpur, Puri and Ganjam in our State. This project is first of its kind in India. The Doppler Weather Radar stations at Gopalpur and Paradeep are now fully functional which helps IMD forecasting weather and other information with accuracy on real-time basis. Steps are being taken for installation of DWR at Balasore and Sambalpur.

90. The overall law and order situation in the State, during the year 2021, remained by and large peaceful. The communal tension, agitations by different labour and service organizations and students' unrest, if any, were contained through process of dialogue and Police alertness. Due consideration and empathy were shown in dealing with Tribals, Dalits, Women, Farmers, Weaker Sections, Senior Citizens and people of minority communities during their protest, agitation and demonstration on different issues concerning them.

91. During the last five years Left Wing Extremism was dealt firmly. The number of LWE affected districts now stands at 10 from 21 due to proactive response of my Government and security forces. As many as 58 Maoist cadres were neutralized in police actions, 194 were arrested and 108 surrendered during the said period. The turnaround in the situation in Swabhiman Anchal of Malkangiri, which once was a Maoist bastion, has been the most redeeming feature in the success achieved in the anti-LWE front in the State.

92. My Government is implementing Emergency Response Support System with a Command Centre at Bhubaneswar. In this system, Police Service, Fire Service, Women and Child help Line are now being brought under one umbrella helpline number 112. Fire Service of Odisha have rendered commendable service in carrying out relief and rescue operations during different natural calamities. They have also taken up rescue and relief operations outside Odisha in severe calamities very effectively.

93. My Government is giving much needed emphasis on human resources requirement of the State Police. During last 5 years, 4,205 posts in

different ranks have been created to augment the capacity of the State Police Force. 68 candidates were appointed as direct Deputy Superintendent of Police in the Odisha Police Service cadre and 6,027 posts in different ranks have been filled up by way of direct recruitment during the above period. Similarly, 29 police stations and 5 Outposts and one Town Outpost have been created during the period.

94. For quick and speedy disposal of cases, my Government has issued notification for establishment of 3 Courts of Civil Judge (Junior Division)-cum-Judicial Magistrate First Class during 2021. 47 Civil Judges in Odisha Judicial Service have been appointed during 2021. To provide access to justice to rural people, my Government has established Legal Assistance Cells called "Madhubabu Aain Sahayata Sibir" in 204 Gram Panchayats of the State and 2,518 persons have been provided legal assistance in 158 Village Legal Aid Care and Support Centres of the State. During the year 2021, five Lok Adalats have been organized and 35,547 cases disposed of.

95. My Government has rolled out "Odisha Right to Public Services Act, 2012" from 2nd January,

2013 to provide all the notified services to the citizens within a stipulated time. So far, 411 Public Services relating to 41 Departments have been notified under this Act. A “Central Monitoring System” has been developed to monitor all online services notified under this Act with provision for filing appeal and revision online by the citizens and to supervise delivery of public services by the Designated Authority at higher level. The “Central Monitoring System” has been integrated with ‘Odisha One’ Portal.

96. Litigation Management System is being implemented for monitoring of court cases on real time basis and Human Resources Management System has simplified service related works of State Government employees. The Court of Lokayukta as an institution helps to maintain transparency in Administration. 3,331 cases have been registered during the period from 2019 to 2021 out of which 2,949 cases have been disposed of till date.

97. My Government provides assistance out of the Odisha Chief Minister’s Relief Fund to the needy and indigent persons for treatment of their major ailments, and people affected by major mishaps,

disasters and calamities. Around Rs.387 crore has already been spent during the year till date towards management of Covid-19, assistance to the State Aahaar Society, construction of Multipurpose Cyclone/ Flood Shelters in seven districts affected by FANI, assistance to poor and destitute for last rites under Harischandra Sahayata Yojana, Mahaprayan and Assistance to indigent persons.

98. During 2021-22, 1,353 candidates have been recommended by the Odisha Public Service Commission to different State Cadre Group-A and Group-B posts, and 1,091 candidates by the Odisha Staff Selection Commission to different State Cadre Group-B and C Posts of the State Government till December, 2021. Similarly, 9,217 candidates have been recommended by the Odisha Subordinate Staff Selection Commission during the same period to different District Cadre Group-B and C posts of the State Government. The three Commissions have adopted the Integrated Recruitment Management System in the process of recruitment to various State and district cadre posts for accuracy, transparency and reduction of lead-time in the publication of results.

99. My Government has launched 'Mo Sarkar' initiative which has changed the contours of public service delivery in Odisha. The coupling of technology with a solid governance oversight through 5T initiative has enabled it to deliver transformative outcomes. Continuing with my Government's policy of zero tolerance to corruption, the vigilance organization has registered 267 criminal cases against corrupt Government employees during 2021. So far, exemplary punishment of compulsory retirement has also been given to 151 Government officials on the grounds of immorality, inefficiency and lack of integrity.

100. My Government is taking all steps to deliver public services in mission mode with use of Information Technology. IT enabled services such as Bhulekh, Bhunaksha, e-Mutation, e-Registration, e-Pauti and e-Certificates are some notable initiatives in ensuring timely delivery of services in a transparent manner. 34 public services pertaining to Land Revenue administration has been notified under Odisha Right to Public Services Act and are being delivered online to the citizens. This has reduced the physical interface between

Government Offices and Citizens, enhanced transparency and augmented good governance.

101. As a mineral rich State, Odisha has vast reserves of high grade Iron ore, Bauxite, Chromite, Manganese ore, coal and other minerals. My Government has been implementing the IT based mineral administration under Integrated Mines Mineral Management System to augment 'ease of doing business' in the mining sector. The year 2021-22 has been a year of high collection of mining revenue. Against the total mining revenue collection of Rs.46,347 crore over last five years up to 2020-21, the current year collection stands at Rs.31,049 crore till December, 2021, which is an all-time record. Against annual target of Rs.1,300 crores of revenue generation from minor minerals for the current financial year, Rs.448.36 crores has already been collected. Similarly, Motor Vehicle tax of Rs.1,117 crore has been collected against target of Rs.1,765 crore during the period.

102. Services under Excise Administration have been made available online mode and included under the ORTPS Act. The Odisha Excise Cadre has been restructured enhancing the cadre strength

from 1,906 to 2,210 to make the Excise Administration more pro-active, responsive and accountable in terms of quality delivery of public services. Two new Excise Districts at Bhubaneswar and Rourkela have also been created. Against annual target of Rs.5,500 crore of excise revenue during 2021-2022, the collection till date stands at Rs.3,653 crores.

103. My Government's Commercial Taxes and Goods & Services Tax organization has been awarded Tax India On-Line National Taxation Award 2021 in Gold category as the best Reformist State and Gold Award in the SGST/State VAT Category. My Government has been able to collect own revenue amounting to Rs. 62,788 crore till the end of December, 2021 which is about 84% more than the collection during the corresponding previous year period. The windfall collection of mining revenue is the main driver of revenue collection during 2021-22. This has provided ample fiscal space for my Government to meet the requirement towards COVID management, livelihood generation and capital outlay for infrastructure development.

104. My Government has been a pioneer State in implementing international best practices in Public

Financial Management. Recently a few other States have expressed their desire to partner with Odisha in implementing Public Financial Management reforms to strengthen and improve the quality of disclosures on public finances.

105. To enhance transparency and budget credibility, my Government has been providing complete budget information in user-friendly formats in the website of the Finance Department as well as the dedicated Odisha Budget portal. Monthly, quarterly and half-yearly fiscal analysis reports are also uploaded for information of general public as well as the intelligentsia. My Government has brought out new disclosures, Fiscal Strategy Report, Fiscal Risk Statement, SDG Budget and Status paper on Public Debt, along with Annual Budget, 2021-22 making Odisha a leader in budget transparency and disclosure. Under the new procedure of Government of India for release of funds under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes, Odisha is one among six states to have achieved 100% onboarding of all CSS Schemes with Single Nodal Accounts.

106. To provide Pension Service at the doorstep of the Pensioners without any need for physical visit

to treasury for disbursement of 1st pension and submission of Annual Life Certificate, my Government has ensured periodic identification of pensioners/ family pensioners through selfie and video based KYC using Artificial Intelligence. Softwares have also been developed in iFMS for facilitating online submission of Pension application in case of retiring and retired employees of Urban Local Bodies and Aided and Taken-over Educational Institutions. My Government has taken steps to ensure end-to-end digital transaction and accounting thereby implementing paperless Treasury administration in coming years.

107. The year 2021 just gone by was marked by the 2nd wave and 3rd wave of the pandemic making all of us to adapt to the “new normal.” The preparedness on the part of my Government was the key to its successful management. It was also a year of economic revival, growth and transformation in service delivery. Technology has served as a tool in transforming delivery of good governance and public goods and services. My State has performed phenomenally well in several sectors, be it public health initiatives, rural housing, transforming our educational institutions, providing

quality education to lakhs of ST and SC students, the vibrant Mission Shakti movement transforming our socio-economic landscape, our own Food Security Scheme for every deserving family, or our sporting and tourist infrastructures or carrying out administrative reforms or public financial management reforms. Despite several challenges during year 2021, my Government has made a remarkable journey this far.

My Government will continue to prioritise the delivery of essential services, creation of livelihood opportunities and development of key and basic infrastructure including connectivity, provision of safe drinking water, power supply, supporting agriculture with irrigation and other facilities, and taking health care and education to the next level. I would like to reiterate in unequivocal terms that my Government is firmly committed to develop all regions of the State and empower all sections of the people and is all set to move into a transparent, technology driven, transformed new Odisha.

I now leave it to your deliberations and wish you all success.

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