

Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members.

I welcome you all to the twelfth Session of 16th Odisha Legislative Assembly. Let me extend my heartiest New Year Greetings to all the Hon'ble Members of this August House and the people of Odisha.

2. This August House has expressed its deep condolences on the sad demise of Late Bijaya Ranjan Singh Bariha, Sitting Member and Ex-Minister, Late Golak Bihari Naik, Ex-Minister, Late Ripunath Seth, Ex-Minister of State, Late Bishnu Charan Sethi, Sitting Member, Late Surendra Nath Kanhar, Late Rajendra Prasad Singh, Late Kapil Narayan Tiwari, Late Gopanarayan Das and Late Adikanda Sethi, all former Members of this August House. I request all Hon'ble Members present today to join me in paying tribute to Late Naba Kisore Das, Sitting Member and Minister, Late Gangadhar Das and Late Arjun Charan Das all former Members. The House may convey our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families of the departed souls.

3. My Government has always accorded highest priority to the aspirations of an Empowered and

Vibrant Odisha rightly positioned both at national and international level. With the wholehearted cooperation and support of our people to different pro-people initiatives, Odisha is now on a journey of transformation and growth. We successfully hosted two editions of the FIH Mens' Hockey World Cup in a row, constructed world's largest fully seated hockey stadium Birsa Munda Hockey Stadium, Rourkela in a record 15 months time, and developed Skilled-in-Odisha as a brand with national and international recognition. Opening of global Companies like IBM's Client Innovation Centre and Deloitte Tech Talent Hub in Odisha have made us the technology resource hub of India. The path-breaking Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana now provides universal health assurance to all the people of Odisha. 5T principles and Mo Sarkar initiatives have strengthened professional governance, improved governance measures through public feedback, and have brought people closer to the Government through pro-people governance initiatives. My Government has been able to set new benchmarks in many areas of governance, be it disaster management, women empowerment, food security,

school transformation or quality health care. The ways of my Government are now synonymous with pro-people, pro-poor governance. I commend my Government for successfully organizing the 3rd edition of the 'Make in Odisha Conclave' showcasing Odisha's growth story, creating investment friendly environment for Invest-in-Odisha and the FIH Men's Hockey World Cup, 2023 exhibiting Odisha's prowess in hosting world class sporting events back to back.

4. My Government has approved Industrial Policy Resolution-2022 for the next 5 years to transform Odisha into "Industrial Hub of Eastern India" by promoting industries in the thrust and priority sectors of the State. Odisha has best-in-class facilitation and incentives for investors and a distinct competitive advantage. Odisha has been accorded the achievers status in recently released 'ease of doing business' ratings by Government of India. With abundant natural resources, skilled workforce, progressive policies, strong result-oriented governance and conducive business ecosystem, Odisha has emerged as a leading investment destination of the country.

5. The 3rd edition of flagship investors' summit Make-In-Odisha Conclave, 2022 showcased huge investment potential and industrial prowess. It received investment intent of more than ₹ 10 lakh crore with employment potential of more than 10 lakhs. The grand event witnessed participation of 11 countries, hundreds of international delegates, 3 country partners Japan, Germany & Norway and many industry captains.

6. With setting up of high performance centres and world class sports infrastructure, Odisha has emerged as one of the international sports destinations. During 2022, Bhubaneswar was the co-host venue for FIFA Under-17 Women's World Cup India, 2022. It gave a major boost to the game of football in the State. To promote football among children, over 43,000 footballs were distributed to schools across the State.

7. I congratulate my Government on successfully hosting the FIH Men's Hockey World Cup twice in a row. This edition of the Men's Hockey World Cup which was held in both Bhubaneswar and Rourkela also saw the construction of world's

largest fully seated Birsa Munda Hockey Stadium with 20,000 seating capacity along with other infrastructural facilities within a record 15 months time. To further boost infrastructure in the hockey heartland and nurture talent from the grassroot level, 20 hockey training centres with synthetic turf are being constructed. My Government's effort has transformed the State's sports infrastructure to nurture champions for tomorrow and promote sports in a big way. It is heartening to see players and visitors from around the globe coming to our State to celebrate their favourite sports and make their stay in Odisha memorable with our hospitality.

8. My Government has formulated Odisha Tourism Policy 2022. The policy promotes sustainable and responsible tourism, with a vision to introduce niche tourism products, resilient tourism infrastructure, take tourism to unexplored destinations and focuses on accelerated development of the tourism sector. The new policy offers unmatched and attractive fiscal and non-fiscal incentives to augment private sector investments. Odisha's community managed ecotourism initiative

has emerged as a successful model for attracting tourists. With engagement of local communities in managing the nature camps, the State has further strengthened livelihood of forest dependent communities.

9. With the objective of holistic destination development along with creation of state-of-art tourism infrastructure and niche tourism products to attract tourists and investors to invest in premium accommodation and hospitality projects across the State, my Government has taken up Integrated Master Planning of 16 priority destinations. Additionally, 69 tourist destinations have also been identified in the interior parts of the State for development of scenic spots at less explored locations with focus on provision of basic amenities and facilities.

10. My Government has allocated more than 5% of GSDP during 2022-23 for continued thrust on creating quality infrastructure. This higher capital outlay with its multiplier effect has been instrumental in rapid economic growth and employment generation for the working population.

11. Railway connectivity and infrastructures propel economic activities and growth. My Government partnered with Indian Railways to fill the viability gap wherever required. We have initiated Joint Ventures/ Special Purpose Vehicles with Railway Ministry and other Ministries to construct new rail lines and corridors, and have directly financed construction of railway lines besides providing land free of cost for construction of new railway lines.

12. My Government has notified the Odisha Motor Vehicles (Registration and Functions of Vehicle Scrapping Facility) Policy, 2022 to reduce air pollution by scrapping old and unfit vehicles, to revive the un-organized vehicle recycling industry and to encourage setting up of Registered Vehicle Scrapping Facility in Odisha. Many initiatives have already been introduced for modernisation of service delivery to the public, like issue of digital Driving License and Registration Certificate, introduction of paperless online vehicle registration system at Dealer's point and adoption of Smart Queue Management in the RTO Offices.

13. My Government has formulated Odisha Port Policy, 2022 for holistic development of maritime

ecosystem and to facilitate integrated development of Non-Major ports and inland waterways, encourage private investment and generate employment. At present, two Non-Major Ports at Dhamara and Gopalpur are operational in the State. Cumulative revenue share of ₹ 742 crore has been collected over last 5 years from the two Ports. Land alienation work is under progress for another two Non-Major Ports, Subarnarekha Port and Astaranga Port.

14. The Odisha Civil Aviation Policy, 2022 has been formulated to further improve air connectivity and to create a more suitable business environment. This 5 year policy will unlock untapped potentials in the aviation sector and create jobs. My Government's decision to operate direct flight to Dubai, Singapore and Bangkok will attract Foreign Institutional Investors and MNCs, simultaneously make international travel seamless and economical for the people of Odisha.

15. Jeypore has become the 1st State owned airport to get a license for flight operations. Direct flight services between Biju Patnaik International Airport and Jeypore Airport in Koraput have also

commenced. Flight operation in Rourkela-Bhubaneswar-Rourkela route has also commenced which facilitated flight of players, match officials and spectators during the Hockey World Cup, 2023. Construction of Sri Jagannath International Airport at Puri is in progress. With the effort of my Government, Biju Babu's Dakota Aircraft was successfully shifted from Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport, Kolkata to Biju Patnaik International Airport, Bhubaneswar and being installed there for public viewing.

16. My Government attaches utmost priority to quality power infrastructure across the State and is committed to provide quality and reliable power supply to all. During the last twenty years huge investment has been made to enhance the generation capacity, and to strengthen transmission and distribution infrastructure. Odisha Renewable Energy Policy, 2022 has been notified to encourage development of renewable projects of about 11,000 MW capacity in the State by 2030.

17. My Government's flagship scheme, 'Odisha Distribution System Strengthening Project' for

construction of 473 Grid Sub-Stations of 33/11 KV has ensured the completion of 463 sub-stations and with the operationalization of these sub-stations, the quality and reliability of power supply has improved in the rural areas. ₹ 1,796.73 crore has further been approved by my Government for construction of additional 99 Grid Sub-Stations of 33/11 KV and associated lines along with 64 independent lines under Phase IV. ₹188.58 crore has been released by my Government under Biju Gram Jyoti Yojana for electrification of left out households by June, 2023.

18. With effective policy decisions and successful implementation of schemes, our State is now ranked No.1 with lowest unemployment rate in the country with a score of 0.9%, as per the report of the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy. Odisha has set up more than 5 lakh MSMEs with more than ₹24,341 crore investment. Newly formulated MSME Development Policy, 2022 is intended to give further impetus to industrial growth with special incentives for MSMEs to create jobs and boost economic growth in industrially backward districts.

19. The Odisha Logistics Policy, 2022 aims to create integrated logistics systems to enhance competitiveness, operational efficiency & sustainability. The policy aims to map, develop and augment logistics facilities across the State, improve efficiency of supply chain, decarbonise logistics sector and encourage private sector investment. It will strengthen State's position as preferred destination for trade and commerce. Similarly, the Odisha Apparel & Technical Textiles Policy, 2022 has been brought out to boost employment and enhance economic growth.

20. My Government has recently formulated Export Promotion Policy, 2022 to achieve an export target of ₹ 3.5 lakh crore by 2026-27, thereby taking Odisha to the league of top 5 exporting States. It advocates diversification of export basket by facilitating value addition. The Food Processing Policy, 2022 is meant to tap immense potential of the sunrise sector. It gives special incentives for SC, ST, PwD, women and technical entrepreneurs as well as incentives for setting up of enterprises in industrially backward districts.

21. Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Generation Scheme plays a critical role in providing wage employment to the wage seekers to secure their livelihoods. The State aims to generate 25 crore person-days during the current year providing employment to 30 lakh households and 46 lakh wage seekers.

22. To convert challenges into opportunities, my Government has introduced an Urban Wage Employment Initiative “MUKTA” for creation of inclusive and climate resilient urban infrastructure. My Government has already spent ₹ 500 crore on Wage employment and creation of community assets. Further, my Government has rolled out 6,320 urban infrastructure Projects under MUKTA with an investment of ₹ 700 crore and is taking steps for their timely completion. MUKTA has received Global recognition with Guangzhou Award for Urban Innovations-2021 and has also received the prestigious World Resources Institute-ROSS Prizes for Cities Award 2021-22.

23. The craftsmanship of our artisans and weavers is one of the best in the country. 1,396

weavers above 60 years have been covered under Baristha Bunakar Sahayata Yojana for availing monthly social security assistance, 292 weavers have been covered under workshed-cum-housing, 6,515 weavers provided with concrete 100m Pits and 190 weavers covered under Skill up-gradation training with financial assistance. Under Mukhyamantri Boyan Jyoti Yojana, 5,421 weavers have been provided with financial assistance of ₹10 crore. My Government is well aware of the rich tradition of handlooms and handicrafts in the State and is initiating definitive programmes for holistic development of the sector.

24. Applications have already been filed before GI Registry for Geographical Indication (GI) Registration of Silver Filigree of Cuttack, Odisha Brass and Bell Metal craft of Kantilo and Odisha Golden Grass craft of Kendrapara. Steps have also been taken for GI Registration of Bellaguntha Flexible Brass Fish and Barapalli Terracotta Roof Tiles.

25. Agriculture and its allied sectors are the largest employment providing sector of our State and hold

the key to the State's growth and socio-economic development of its people. Therefore, my Government lays specific emphasis on development of this sector through various interventions supported by a comprehensive and inclusive State Agriculture Policy. Separate Agriculture Budget, dedicated Agriculture Cabinet, inclusion of services under 5T and Mo Sarkar are some of the remarkable initiatives which have ensured allocative priority for this sector, faster decision making for sectoral growth and welfare of farmers in the State.

26. Odisha is now a food grain surplus State. The food grain production in the State has touched 130.39 lakh MT during 2020-21 which has more than doubled during the last 20 years. Similarly, Rice production in Odisha has touched an all-time high of 2,730 kg per hectare with a 2.5 times increase during the same 20 year period.

27. Odisha is the first State in India to observe 10th November as "Mandia Divasa" (Millet Day), with the objective to promote the humble Millet to the global level. Odisha was the first State to inaugurate

curtain raiser for International Year of Millets, 2023 at Make in Odisha Conclave, 2022. I recall with pride that my Government launched Odisha Millet Mission way back in 2017. My Government's 'Millets Mission' meant to strengthen the production and promotion of Millets in the State, has earned praise from NITI Aayog. UN-World Food Programme signed Memorandum of Agreement with Odisha Millets Mission to study and replicate the model in Africa and other countries. All these efforts won Odisha the recognition of "Best Millet Promoting State" under "Poshak Anaj Award" by ICAR-IIMR and FAO for the last two consecutive years.

28. Till date, 41.08 lakh small and marginal farmers and 18.69 lakh landless agricultural households have already been provided assistance under KALIA scheme. KALIA Scholarship introduced during 2021-22, to provide scholarship for higher studies to eligible children of the beneficiary farmers of KALIA programme has so far covered 765 students under the scheme.

29. Odisha is the 1st State in the country to launch common credit portal 'Simplified Application for

Agricultural Loans' to facilitate seamless access to more than 300 term loan products to farmers and agri-entrepreneurs offered by 40 plus Nationalised & Private sector banks in a single window.

30. Coverage of share croppers, especially landless farmers who constitute a sizeable proportion of the farming community and remain outside the institutional credit system is now ensured under “Bhoomihina Agriculturist Loan And Resources Augmentation Model” (BALARAM) Yojana in collaboration with NABARD.

31. Odisha is a pioneer in launching Mukhyamantri Krushi Udyog Yojana during 2018 to promote agri-enterprises through ease of doing agri-business. APICOL is the State Nodal Agency to implement this. Till December 2022, online registration of 5,368 Commercial Agri Enterprises proposals have been received, which are in various stages of implementation, and so far, 858 agri-enterprises have been supported with an incentive of ₹ 127 crore under the scheme.

32. For Kharif 2022 season, against crop loan dispensation target of ₹ 9,000 crore, Cooperative

Banks and Cooperative Societies have financed ₹ 8,711 crore to 18 lakh farmers, thereby achieving 97% of the target. For Rabi 2022-23 season, crop loan dispensation target of ₹ 7,500 crore has been fixed by Cooperative Banks as against last year's Rabi target of ₹ 6,500 crore.

33. Livestock and Fisheries sectors have augmented the income of our farmers over the last 2 decades. My Government has identified these allied sectors as future growth propellers for our farmers, Women Self Help Groups and entrepreneurs.

34. To achieve self-sufficiency in fish production, the State has introduced commercial Cage aquaculture in reservoirs by encouraging private entrepreneurs, in 1% water area of large and medium reservoirs. This approach aims to increase fish production by an additional 1.25 lakh MT per annum. In this process, 104 sub-zones have been leased out to 76 entrepreneurs for cage culture in Hirakud reservoir.

35. Bio-floc based farming system has been introduced by my Government for intensive shrimp

and fish farming for farmers and entrepreneurs with small land holdings. Under subsidy-oriented programmes like Matsya Pokhari Yojana, my Government encourages farmers to take up new fish tanks which enable lateral expansion of intensive freshwater aquaculture. Further, the liberal policy for long-term leasing of the Panchayat tanks to Women Self Help Groups for pisciculture has immensely helped to scale-up scientific fish farming in the districts.

36. My Government has enhanced livelihood support to 15,000 fishermen families affected by imposition of fishing ban in Odisha for conservation and breeding of Olive Ridley Turtles from November to May every year at Devi River mouth, Rushikulya and Dhamra river mouth. There is also year-round fishing ban at Bhitarkanika Marine Wildlife Sanctuary. This assistance has been enhanced from ₹ 7,500 to ₹15,000 per family from 2022-23.

37. To achieve self-sufficiency in egg production, new entrepreneurs are being encouraged to take up commercial layer units with a minimum 10,000 bird capacity under Mukhyamantri Krushi Udyog

Yojana, where 40-50% subsidy is provided with a maximum limit up to ₹ 50 lakh. My Government is also continuously promoting broiler farming in the State. This year it has been targeted to support 6,500 individual entrepreneurs and 3,000 Women Self Help Groups for establishment of small-scale broiler units.

38. For enhancing milk production in the State, my Government has started using advanced bovine breeding technology with the objective of production of more female calves with high genetic merit through Artificial Insemination and reduction of male progeny. The State is supporting Women Self Help Groups for commercial goatery units and individual farmers in the mining-affected districts with small goatery units.

39. The State is keen to provide assured irrigation with emphasis on integrated water resources development, water conservation and efficient water management practices. To conserve surface water & increase ground water level, my Government is constructing 30 In-stream Storage Structures while 16 more are in the pipeline. Besides, 1,280 new

Check Dams have been approved under 'Mukhyamantri Adi Bandha Yojana' for conservation of surface water resources. Apart from surface water, my Government is giving thrust for ground water recharge in water stressed areas through different innovative schemes.

40. Providing irrigation to farmers is the top most priority of my Government. During 2022-23, we have completed Deo Medium Irrigation Project and Mahanadi Chitrotpala Island Irrigation Project which would benefit 164 villages in Mayurbhanj, Keonjhar, Kendrapada, Cuttack and Jagatsingpur districts. Besides, more than 17,000 hectares have been provided with irrigation facilities from Subarnarekha Irrigation Project. The work of Lower Suktel, Gangadhar Meher Mega Lift Irrigation Project, Kanpur Irrigation Project and Anandapur Barrage Project have also been expedited and targeted for early completion. Apart from Major & Medium Irrigation projects, Parbati Giri Mega Lift Irrigation Scheme, Deep Bore Wells, Community Lift Irrigation projects have been taken up in large scale to bring more areas under irrigation. We have

completed 192 Mega Lift Projects, more than one lakh bore wells in the meantime and it has been decided to take up another one lakh deep bore wells during the next five years.

41. My Government has taken up Cyclone Resilient Saline Embankment Project for raising and strengthening of 199 kilometer of saline embankment at an estimated cost of ₹ 763 crore in coastal districts of Balasore, Bhadrak, Kendrapada and Puri. National Institute of Ocean Technology is providing technical assistance for this project. These Saline Embankments can sustain impact of very severe cyclonic storm of wind speed up to 250 km per hour. It will immensely benefit the people in those coastal districts.

42. 'Every life is precious' continues to be the guiding principle & priority of Odisha's health sector transformation. 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 including the epoch making 'Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana'.

43. Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana has redefined universal healthcare along with empanelment of more than 500 private hospitals across the country to provide cashless treatment to BSKY smart health card holders of the State. Presently, 75,000 poor patients are receiving treatment for critical ailments every month in these empanelled private hospitals, for which the Government is spending ₹ 200 crore every month. Nearly 6 lakh beneficiaries have already availed benefits to the tune of ₹ 1,200 crore through BSKY smart health cards.

44. In a remarkable feat, Odisha has received 1st prize for generating highest number of ABHA IDs during Universal Health Coverage Day, 2022 campaign. Top 10 ranking districts in ID creation are from Odisha. Odisha has undertaken several path breaking initiatives in healthcare services by leveraging technology for the well-being of its people.

45. My Government has launched Anaemia Mukta Lakshya AbhiyaN to benefit nearly 1.37 crore people including pregnant and lactating mothers, women of reproductive age group, adolescents and

children. My Government has strengthened its measures to wipe out malaria by extending Durgama Anchalare Malaria Nirakaran initiative in 21 districts for another 5 years to achieve Zero Malaria by 2030.

46. My Government has established the Post Graduate Institute of Medical Science & Research at Capital Hospital, Bhubaneswar. Studies in PG courses at the Institute have started in six disciplines from the current academic year. Commencement of MBBS courses in Medical Colleges at Puri, Keonjhar and Sundargarh will ensure availability of more doctors for health care services in Odisha.

47. PET-CT Scan facility is now available to patients free of cost at Acharya Harihar Post Graduate Institute of Cancer, Cuttack which is first-of-its-kind in any State Government-run hospital. This will be immensely helpful to poor patients seeking cancer care and treatment. My Government has also approved cancer care units in 10 districts to strengthen cancer treatment facilities which will go a long way in making Odisha a progressive cancer care State in eastern region.

48. With proactive measures like creation of new posts of doctors & paramedics, and restructuring of medical and health services cadre, health services across the State are being immensely improved. It is noteworthy that 203 Assistant Professors joined Odisha Medical Education Service during 2022. Such recruitment of health professionals would improve health education and healthcare services in Odisha.

49. I am happy to commend my Government for its outstanding performance in the management of Public Distribution System. Odisha has been ranked as No. 1 State across the Country in the recently conducted State Ranking Index for NFSA by Government of India.

50. My Government has covered 93.03 lakh families comprising of 3.24 crore beneficiaries under National Food Security Act and 2.92 lakh families with 9.05 lakh beneficiaries under State Food Security Scheme. Annual allocation of 22.56 lakh MT of food grains is being seamlessly distributed through 12,129 Fair Price Shops @ ₹ 1/- per Kg. All the 155 food storage depots

managed by the Odisha State Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd. have been automated. All the fair price shops are automated through electronics Point of Sale devices which carry out Aadhaar authenticated distribution of food grains. Home delivery of ration is made to around 8,000 old and infirm beneficiaries through Gram Panchayat Fair Price Shops.

51. Odisha has already implemented 'One Nation One Ration Card' programme across the State since July 2021. PDS beneficiaries under NFSA are now availing intra-State and inter-State portability of ration cards and beneficiaries under SFSS are availing intra-State portability of ration cards to conveniently receive their monthly entitlements.

52. Odisha has made rapid strides in expanding paddy procurement facilities. Last year during Kharif Marketing Season 2021-22, the State procured 71.03 lakh Metric Tons of paddy from 15.14 lakh farmers by which Odisha was ranked among top paddy procuring States in the country. In addition to meeting its own food grain requirements of rice, the state now makes substantial contribution to the

Central PDS Pool. During the ongoing Kharif Paddy procurement operation, Satellite imagery is being utilised for validation of Paddy crop growing areas in all 30 districts of the State to bring transparency in procurement process.

53. My Government's unique initiative, BASUDHA ensures universal access to potable piped water supply to households in rural and urban areas. The scheme provides adequate safe water for drinking and domestic purposes on a sustainable basis and further strives to improve the drinking water supply in the State.

54. My Government has a mandate to provide adequate and safe drinking water to all the rural households by the end of 2024. Working in this direction, 3,350 Piped Water Supply Schemes and 31,761 Tube wells have already been installed during the last 5 years. There has been a quantum leap in rural water supply with implementation of 207 Mega Piped Water Supply Projects worth ₹ 36,455 crore, out of which 10 projects have already been completed, 158 Projects are under execution and 39 projects are under process.

55. Odisha is a trendsetter in the country in achieving universal coverage of Tap water connections in urban areas. 82 Urban Local Bodies have already achieved 100% household tap water connections. Bhubaneswar and Cuttack have become the first and second Municipal Corporation in the entire country to have achieved 100% household tap water connections. My Government is committed to provide 100% house connections in all the 115 cities of the State before December 2023. Under Drink From Tap Mission, Puri town has been covered with 24x7 water supply of directly drinkable water from tap conforming to IS-10500 standards with 100% household connections and metering. With this, Puri is the only city in India to achieve this distinction. After Puri, Gopalpur has become the 2nd city to achieve 24x7 Drink from Tap status.

56. My Government's transformative initiative, the JAGA Mission has been transforming slums into livable habitats. JAGA Mission, the world's largest slum land rights and upgradation programme is now implementing Biju Adarsh Colony programme which

is aimed at transforming slums to Adarsh colonies. 2,919 slums across 115 ULBs of the State will be transformed to Biju Adarsh Colonies to improve the quality of living in slum areas. 725 slums have already been transformed to Biju Adarsh Colonies and 1.73 lakh families already granted Land Rights Certificates.

57. While bringing unprecedented changes in the lives of millions through land rights, JAGA Mission provides social and economic justice to the poor. It has received many national & international recognitions. Odisha received PMAY-U Awards 2021, for 'Best Policy Initiatives by State' under special category during 'Indian Urban Housing Conclave' in Rajkot. The efforts of my Government as a pioneer State in creating solutions for the landless urban poor, by providing them with security of tenure under JAGA Mission has been recognised worldwide. My Government's conviction that the slum dwellers are an indispensable part of the city fabric and they need to be empowered with the security of tenure instead of being evicted has been recognised by the UN-Habitat, and Odisha has

been conferred with the 'World Habitat Bronze Award 2023' for its Slum Upgradation Programme JAGA Mission.

58. My Government is committed to provide pucca houses to all the rural poor. My Government is implementing rural housing scheme 'Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana (Grameen)' with 40 % matching State share. Additionally, State funded schemes like 'Biju Pucca Ghar Yojana', 'Pucca Ghar Yojana (Mining)' and 'Nirman Shramik Pucca Ghar Yojana' are being implemented for achieving the objective "Shelter Security for All". My Government has completed 31.42 lakh pucca houses since 2014-15 and has become a pioneer state in the country in Rural Housing. The innovative practice of tagging field functionaries with specific beneficiaries to facilitate timely completion of houses has been highly applauded by the Parliamentary Standing Committee. The system of incentive out of 'Biju Pucca Ghar Yojana' to the beneficiaries of all Rural Housing Schemes for early completion of their houses has set an example for other States to emulate. My Government has already paid incentive

of ₹1,341 crore to 8.19 lakh beneficiaries for timely completion of their houses.

59. My Government has earmarked substantial resources as per the recommendation of 15th Finance Commission and 5th State Finance Commission for provision of basic services like sanitation, supply of drinking water, rainwater harvesting and creation of durable assets. The second phase of 'Swachh Bharat Mission-Grameen' programme launched in April 2020 aims at Open Defecation Free sustainability and Solid and Liquid Waste Management in rural India, targeting ODF Plus status for all villages. Accordingly, Village Action Plans are being prepared with focus on Sanitation and Solid and Liquid Waste Management in convergence with Swachh Bharat Mission-Grameen Programme, MGNREGA and Finance Commission grants. We target to saturate all Gram Panchayats with Sanitation and waste management activities, and towards ODF plus declaration of all villages by 2023-24.

60. Under Urban Septage programme, construction of 118 septage treatment facilities in

114 ULBs have been taken up out of which 109 facilities have already been completed and made functional. Once all these septage plants are completed, Odisha will become the 1st State to achieve 100% saturation under septage treatment. Odisha Septage Model has received international recognition with Medal of Honour in the Guangzhou Award. There has been a paradigm shift in the Decentralized Solid Waste Management. 248 Micro Composting Centers and 211 Material Recovery Facilities are now operational in 115 Urban Local Bodies of the State.

61. My Government is implementing an innovative initiative GARIMA for safety and dignity of Core Sanitation Workers. It aims to ensure protection and welfare of sanitation workers dealing with faecal matter in toilets, septic tanks, sewers and treatment facilities. The scheme provides Social Security benefits like higher wages, risk and hardship allowances, two-wheeler support, mobile-phone support, free education for children, pucca houses, life insurance, disability support, reduced working hours, illness allowance and cash free health

assurance scheme coverage. 33 Garima Grihas have already been constructed to create workers lounge with resting, washing and other amenities near the work sites. For successful implementation of Odisha model of decentralized and community led sanitation, Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation was awarded with 'Best Faecal Sludge and Septage Management Model – Urban' and Jajpur district was awarded for 'Best Skilling Initiative in Sanitation' in the India Sanitation Coalition-FICCI Sanitation Award, 2022.

62. To address the nutritional needs of pregnant and nursing mothers, my Government has launched MAMATA - a conditional cash transfer maternity benefit scheme. Wage compensation of ₹ 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. So far, 55.45 lakhs women have already been provided cash benefit of ₹ 2,653 crore.

63. My Government has taken steps to transform Anganwadi Centers to Vibrant Anganwadi Centers for improving service delivery and achieving

benchmark in service delivery through Vibrant Infrastructure, addressing malnutrition, community mobilization, data management and analysis, and early childhood care and education.

64. My Government has formulated life cycle approach for accelerated reduction in malnutrition. SOPAN-Strategy for Odisha's Pathway to Accelerated Nutrition, a targeted strategy has been launched to transform nutrition scenario in 125 blocks in 22 districts of the State with poor nutrition indicators for improving nutrition outcomes of children below 6 years, adolescent girls, pregnant women and nursing mothers. For improving health and nutritional status of children under 6 years and pregnant and nursing women, nutritious food in the form of Hot Cooked Meals and Take Home Ration are provided under Supplementary Nutrition Programme.

65. PRARAMBH, the Policy for Children, 2022, focuses on children's right to survival, protection, physical & mental health as well as right to education, participation and other milestones for optimal development. The child protection schemes

and programmes of my Government cater to the basic needs of the “Children in Need of Care and Protection” and “Children in Conflict with Law” and bring transformational changes in their lives through proper care, protection, development, treatment and social re-integration.

66. My Government has rolled out ‘ADVIKA’, an adolescent life empowerment programme, to engage with adolescent girls and boys on various health and nutrition issues. Approximately, 13 lakhs boys and girls across 74,154 Anganwadi Centres have already been covered under the programme.

67. In order to cater to the primary needs of women in difficult circumstances, 52 Swadhar Gruha and 19 Ujjawala homes are operating in Odisha. A range of services like temporary residential accommodation with the provision of food, free medical, legal and vocational services are being provided to approximately 2,500 inmates under the scheme. My Government is keen on implementing laws meant to protect women, prevent violence and provide redressal mechanism.

68. Empowering women in a mission mode, my Government has transformed the lives of more than 70 lakh 'Mission Shakti' women. With continuous financial support, skill development training and new livelihood avenues, the State has been successful in instilling confidence and a sense of pride in every woman. My Government has launched Mega Credit Outreach Programmes for Women SHGs. It has ensured that Mission Shakti members get access to institutional credits hassle-free so that they could expand their livelihood opportunities. Mission Shakti is now set to elevate to the next level, from micro entrepreneurship to production groups in collaboration with big business houses and value chains.

69. Interest-free loans up to ₹3 lakh is provided to enhance credit access to invest more capital in livelihood activities. With consistent financial support, skill development training and market linkage, my Government is transforming lives of women and giving fillip to their socio-economic empowerment.

70. My Government is committed to improving the quality of education of ST and SC students through

various interventions like free education, scholarships, boarding and lodging facilities, free text books, reading and writing materials. Residential School facility has been provided to 4.60 lakh ST and SC students in 1,735 Residential Schools and 7,058 Hostels. Scholarship to nearly 20.65 lakh ST, SC and OBC students is another major intervention of my Government for incentivising the educational attainment among the students.

71. To provide best educational opportunities to ST and SC students pursuing higher education in urban areas, my Government has constructed eight 'AKANKSHYA'. Urban hostel complexes at Bhubaneswar, Berhampur, Sambalpur and Rourkela, to provide accommodation to about 3,900 students from different colleges. 'ANWESHA' English medium schools with the objective of providing best educational opportunities to ST & SC students have also been established by my Government.

72. My Government has formulated an exclusive tribal livelihood promotion initiative 'Mission Jeevika Plus' which is an attempt to raise the income levels

and the living standard of more than 1.5 lakhs tribal households by promoting diversified and gainful livelihoods in cluster approach over a period of three years with an amount of ₹ 500 crore. Under Forest Rights Act, 4.61 lakh land titles have already been distributed over an area of about 10.12 lakh acres of forest land.

73. To expedite the process of payment of compensation to victims of SC-ST atrocities, my Government has launched “Single Window Application Atrocity Compensation Assistance and Relief” which will ensure faster investigation and payment of compensation within 21 days.

74. My Government is committed to empower the vulnerable sections of our society through various social security schemes. Social security pensions are provided to about 49 lakh persons covering the highest percentage of population amongst all States in the country. My Government has also made provisions for pension for destitute/ deserted/ divorcee women, orphan children and widows under “Madhu Babu Pension Yojana”.

75. Banishree Scholarships is provided to 23,975 PwD students. Old Age Homes are functioning in the districts to provide food, clothing, high quality residential support and health services free of cost for the senior citizens. Odisha is amongst the foremost States to establish Old Age Homes in each district. Integrated Social Security Infrastructure Complexes have been taken up in 10 districts in the first phase for residential support and rehabilitation of aged persons, Destitutes and Persons with Disabilities. These centres will be developed as Centres of Excellence under 5T.

76. My Government's effort to improve education through School Transformation programme has received positive indications in Annual Status of Education Report-2022. The percentage of students enrolled in Government schools rose from 88% in 2018 to 92.1% in 2022. Odisha's school transformation under 5T has transformed schools with modern infrastructure and a motivating study atmosphere. The move instils confidence and motivates students to excel in academics.

77. I congratulate my Government for placing Odisha among the top 10 States in Performance

Grading Index, 2020-21 for States & UTs prepared by Ministry of Education, Government of India. My Government's visionary, "Mo School" initiative has ushered in a visible transformation in the school education ecosystem of Odisha. 'Mo School' initiative has created a culture of continuous improvement by transformation of school education ecosystem. Within a span of 5 years, "Mo School" has become one of the largest alumni contribution programmes in the country with project cost touching a whopping ₹ 5,318 crore mark. This initiative has already been implemented in more than 50,263 schools, directly benefiting 43.33 lakh students.

78. 5T High School Transformation Programme aims at transforming the government school infrastructure and improving the teaching-learning experience with effective and novel learning methods. The School Transformation Programme of my Government has resulted in a significant increase in students' enrolment and attendance in the State-run schools and improvement in the overall academic and co-curricular environment of the schools.

79. All out efforts are being taken to impart quality English Medium Education through 313 Odisha Adarsh Vidyalayas (OAVs) in 313 blocks of Odisha. One iconic OAV at Andharua, Bhubaneswar for the meritorious students of Class-XI and Class-XII and a special OAV at Kotia GP of Pottangi block in Koraput district have also been made functionalized during the current Academic session. 167 OAVs have already been upgraded to Senior Secondary Classes and Commerce Stream in 30 OAVs has been opened.

80. To develop and nurture meritorious students and to enable them to crack the State and National level Entrance Examinations in Medical Science, Engineering, CLAT & NDA, coaching with residential facilities are being provided by my Government.

81. The journey of transforming Technical Education and Vocational Training in Odisha continues to be aspirational in terms of steady improvement in physical, digital, intellectual layers of infrastructure of Government technical institutes.

Odisha Skill Development Authority and other stakeholders have continued their efforts in improving quality and relevance of this sector to make Skilled-in-Odisha brand a global reality. Vocational Education is being imparted in 901 Secondary and Higher Secondary Schools across the State wherein 1.13 lakh students have taken admission in 11 different Vocational trade subjects. Our Government ITIs have proved their excellence by participating in National level grading process. Out of 12,160 ITIs graded by Directorate General of Training, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, 6 Government ITIs and 4 Private ITIs of our State have been placed in top 100 positions in the Country.

82. The new Government ITI, Koira in Sundargarh district has been operationalised as a Mining Skill Academy during 2022-23 in partnership with Odisha Mining Corporation Ltd. The Centre of Excellence in Thermal Cutting & Welding has been commissioned at ITI, Jajpur. The e-vehicle labs sponsored by Mahindra Electric Mobility Ltd., Bengaluru have been set up at ITI, Barbil and

Rourkela. The Centre of Excellence in Advance Welding with robotics has been set up at ITI, Takatpur and Centre of Excellence in Advanced Mechatronics has been set up at Government Polytechnic, Mayurbhanj.

83. Skills Strengthening for Industrial Value Enhancement Programme has been successfully implemented at 10 selected Government ITIs. Based on the performance, Directorate General of Training, New Delhi has considered 17 more ITIs under STRIVE Phase-III programme during 2022-23. The Internet of Things and new age trades in Smart City, Smart Agriculture, Smart Health Care, Smart Phone Technician, Mechatronics Technician, Solar Technician, Additive Manufacturing/ 3D Printing, Drone Pilot/ Technician have been introduced at STRIVE selected ITIs with National Council for Vocational Training affiliation.

84. My Government's initiatives in higher education are based on the vision of achieving excellence in all aspects of higher education with access, equity and inclusivity paramount in its implementation. The basic objectives include

aiming for global excellence in all higher education parameters including quality of learning, research and innovation, industry-academia linkages, community linkages, entrepreneurship and incubation, skills, career counselling and placement, internationalization, Information Communication Technology and e-governance through digitization, infrastructure, learning tools, regulatory practices, student facilities and governance.

85. 'Mo College Abhiyaan' is aimed at connecting the alumni with their Alma-mater of all State Universities and Non-Government Aided Colleges. It provides a platform to the alumni to offer voluntary services for the betterment of college ecosystem. Funds for implementation of the "Mo College" Programme shall be met from voluntary donors with 2 times matching grant from the State Government.

86. Odia University has been constituted by Odia University Act, 2017. It is a non-affiliating unitary University. Land measuring 9.60 Acres has already been acquired, and the infrastructure development work for opening five schools in Odia University at Satyabadi has already begun. My Government has

approved master plan for transformation of Veer Surendra Sai University of Technology, Burla into a Multi-Disciplinary Engineering & Research University by 2030 with expenditure of ₹ 2,000 crore in 3 phases over 5 years. My Government has also approved implementation of master plan for transformation of Odisha University of Technology & Research with an outlay of ₹ 1,500 crore. With the transformation, Odisha University of Technology & Research will broaden its horizon and will give impetus to technical education and research.

87. My Government provides scholarships of ₹ 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 one-time scholarship of ₹ 20,000/- per student is provided to eligible students.

88. 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 Similipal Tiger Reserve has been rated among top 3 Tiger Reserves in terms of forest cover in the country. About 13,856 Sq. Km. of forest area has been brought under Joint Forest Management programme through 16,128 Vana Surakshya Samitis involving 2,011 families for protection of forests under usufruct sharing mechanism of Joint Forest Management programme. 594 Eco-Development Committees have been formed so far within and around protected areas.

89. 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. My Government has awarded 804 voluntary organizations/ villages/

educational institutions with “Prakruti Mitra” and 853 individuals with “Prakruti Bandhu” on the occasion of World Environment Day during the last 5 years. Chilika Development Authority is carrying out approved Action Plan for eco-restoration and sustainable management of Chilika and Anshupa Lake and its catchments.

90. Odisha is known for its cultural diversity. Its rich cultural heritage, literary traditions, historical monuments, archaeological sites, tribal and traditional art, sculpture, dance and music, painting, handlooms and handicrafts attract tourists, scholars and researchers to appreciate, enjoy and understand their myriad ways of artistic grandeur. My Government through institutions like Odisha Sahitya Academy, Odisha Sangeet Natak Academy, Odisha Lalit Kala Academy, Odisha Urdu Academy, Guru Kelu Charan Mohapatra Odissi Research Centre, Odisha State Archives and Odisha State Museum undertakes comprehensive and systematic steps for protection and promotion of Odia language, literature, music, dance and drama, Odissi dance, fine arts and culture & heritage of Odisha.

91. At present 27,478 indigent artists are getting social security coverage through “Mukhyamantri Kalakar Sahayata Yojana”. My Government has set a target of assisting 50,000 indigent artists under this scheme.

92. Odisha has come a long way after the 1999 Super Cyclone in aptly handling natural disasters. My Government’s of Zero casualty in natural disasters is now being rightly dubbed as the “Odisha Model” at the national and international level. This has happened due to the State’s consistent efforts in building effective community-level warning, establishment of multi-purpose cyclone shelters, community participation in grass-root level disaster awareness, training and preparedness and early warning dissemination system with last mile connectivity.

93. 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. This project is first of its kind in India. The Doppler Weather Radar stations at Gopalpur and Paradeep are now fully functional which help IMD in weather forecast and providing other relevant information with accuracy on real-time basis.

94. Left Wing Extremism situation in the State was dealt firmly during the last five years. The number of LWE affected districts has now been reduced to 10 from 21 due to proactive response of my Government and security forces. The turnaround in the situation in the Swabhiman Anchal of Malkangiri has been the most redeeming feature in the success achieved in the anti-LWE front by the State.

95. My Government is implementing “Emergency Response Support System” with a Command Centre at Bhubaneswar through which Police Service, Fire Service, Women and Child Helpline are now being brought under one umbrella helpline number 112. Fire Services of Odisha has rendered commendable service in carrying out relief and rescue operations inside and outside the State during different natural calamities.

96. My Government is now emphasizing on human resources requirement and recruitment in the State Police. Aska Police Station in Ganjam District has been selected as one of the best three police stations in the country for 2022 by Ministry of Home Affairs. It has also been declared as the best Police Station in Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and Systems dashboard for 2022. Further, Odisha Police has achieved 2nd position for Integration of Forensic Science Labs with Inter-operable Criminal Justice System at 4th Conference on Good Practices in CCTNS/ICJS.

97. My Government has rolled out 'Odisha Right to Public Services Act, 2012' to provide all the notified services to the citizens within the 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.

98. My Government has implemented Litigation Management System in order to ensure better management of Court cases of High Court of Orissa and State Education Tribunal. Court Cases of various Departments in the High Court of Orissa are being scanned and indexed to facilitate implementation of Litigation Management System. The interim orders, final judgments and contempt cases from the High Court are being received digitally to Litigation Management System for timely compliance of the orders of the High Court of Orissa.

99. My Government's 'Mo Sarkar' initiative has changed the contours of public service delivery in Odisha. The coupling of technology with a solid governance mechanism has enabled it to deliver transformative outcomes. People's feedback on public service delivery has made governance pro-people and pro-poor and coupled with the 5T Principles, we are now heading towards a technology driven, transparent governance system that aims at timely transformation of all public service delivery through team effort.

100. Odisha Vigilance has been ranked No.1 in the country by National Crime Records Bureau in detection and registration of Disproportionate Assets cases. In all major parameters like registration and disposal of corruption cases and conviction of corrupt public servants, Odisha Vigilance is among the top performing anti-corruption agencies in India. My Government has adopted 'Zero Tolerance' approach to corruption so that basic public services are available to people at grassroots in a fair and transparent manner, and the benefits of welfare & developmental schemes reach the backward, the poor and the deserving.

101. 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.

102. 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 IT based mineral administration through Integrated Mines Mineral Management System (i3MS) to cater to the 'ease of doing business' in the mining sector. With the increase in production and despatch of minerals over the years and successful award of mining lease through transparent auction, the mining revenue of the State has gone up significantly.

103. It is praiseworthy that Odisha Excise has been conferred 'Digital India Gold Award' by Hon'ble President of India for 'ease of doing business' through e-Abkari. My Government has implemented many online modules for monitoring and strengthening of enforcement activities related to Excise Administration.

104. My Government's Commercial Taxes and Goods & Services Tax organization has been

awarded Tax India On-Line National Taxation Silver Award 2022 in the Reformist State Category and the GST/State VAT categories. Odisha has been selected on the basis of the responses received from citizens as well as taxpayers.

105. My Government has been a pioneer State in implementing emulative international best practices in Public Financial Management. Odisha has topped among large States in fiscal management, as per the first edition of State Ranking, 2023 by Care Edge. Better score on revenue and fiscal deficit and healthy debt management indicators was translated into Odisha topping the ranking in the fiscal category in the State Ranking report.

106. 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, namely :- Fiscal Strategy Report, Fiscal Risk Statement, SDG Budget and Status paper on Public Debt, along with Annual Budget, 2022-23 making Odisha a leader State in budget transparency and disclosure. Odisha has become the only State to have a “Budget Stabilization Fund” to hedge against revenue shortfalls, if any, in future.

107. During the last 2 years preceding 2022, COVID-19 pandemic gripped us in it's fear. But it also helped us to see the world with a different perspective. The global pandemic made us to realise the importance of life and what truly matters in it. We learnt the importance of self-reliance, empathy, we were grateful, counted our blessings, and scientific community working taught us resilient handling of the virus and saving invaluable human lives. The year 2022 was marked by the unnerving combination of war, high inflationary pressure, energy scarcity and climate change followed by quantitative tightening fiscal measures by all Central Banks across the world. While the year was challenging and tested us repeatedly, what made

the mark was our resilience. We have emerged hopeful, more grounded and humbled. We learnt to weather uncertainty: flexibility, endurance, change and agility became our new identity. The political and economic situation in our country continued to remain resilient due to its better policy stance and higher level of economic activities. 2022 was a year of sustenance, growth and next level transformation in service delivery for Odisha. Technology 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, disaster management, transforming our educational institutions, providing quality education to lakhs of ST and SC, Minority and Backward Class students, the vibrant Mission Shakti movement transforming the socio-economic landscape and empowering our women, 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 2022, my Government has made a remarkable journey. The

New, Vibrant Odisha of our aspiration is in the making, an all round growth story is on the rise.

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 people.

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

“Bande Utkal Janani”