

Honourable Speaker and Members,

It gives me immense pleasure to welcome you all to the Fifteenth Session of 16<sup>th</sup> 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 and the people of Odisha.

1. This August House has expressed its deep condolences on the sad demise of Late Surjya Narayan Patro, Sitting Member and Ex-Speaker, Late Maheswar Mohanty, Ex-Speaker, Late Ajaya Kumar Jena, Ex-Govt. Chief Whip, Late Saraswati Pradhan, Ex-Deputy Minister, Late Rasa Manjari Devi, Late Birendra Chandra Pandey, Late Bhagabati Pujari, Late Trilochan Kanungo, Late Ramesh Soren, Late Nibedita Pradhan, Late Kumar Behera, Late Rabi Dash, Late Yudhistir Samantaraya, all former members of this August House, Late Debashish Biswal, Ex-Lance Nayak, 49 Rashtriya Rifle, Late Susanta Kumar Khuntia, Ex-Constable (GD), 60 CRPF Battalion, Late Susanta Kumar Mohanty, Ex-Constable, Odisha Police, Late Saroj Kumar Das, Ex-Lance Havildar,

620 EME Battalion and Late Prakash Chandra Sial, Ex-Constable, 206 COBRA Battalion, BSF. I request Hon'ble Members to join me in paying tribute to Late M.M. Rajendran, Ex-Governor of Odisha, Late Rasananda Sahu, Late Santosh Kumar Pradhan, Late Ramesh Jena, Late Nrushinghananda Brahma, Late Sushree Devi, Late Jayanarayan Mohanty, all former members. The house may convey our heartfelt condolence to the bereaved families of the departed souls.

2. At the outset, Let me commend my Government in unequivocal terms on the successful completion of the ₹800 crore Srimandir Parikrama Prakalpa and its dedication to the devotees all around the globe on 17<sup>th</sup> January this year. The Puri Heritage Corridor project, which has significantly enhanced the overall spiritual experience and convenience of the devotees visiting this 12<sup>th</sup> century shrine in the pilgrimage city of Puri was dedicated in a splendid ceremony in presence of thousands of devotees from across the state and abroad. A 75 meter wide heritage corridor around the Srimandir, the central symbol of Odisha's pride

will now provide an opportunity to the devotees, pilgrims and visitors to enhance their spiritual experience of the temple, Neelachakra and Meghanad Pachery, provide state-of-the-art amenities to the visitors, and strengthen the safety and security of the devotees.

3. To ensure seamless transportation to this 12<sup>th</sup> century shrine in Puri, my Government has also launched Shree Jagannath Express Bus Service from all districts of Odisha to the holy town of Puri under the state's flagship LAccMI (Location Accessible Multi-modal Initiative) Scheme, which is a part of my Government's vision to facilitate thousands of people visiting the temple along with the state-of-the-art Srimandir Parikrama Prakalpa daily. With the central symbol of Odisha's faith undergoing such unprecedented transformation, my Government has also prioritized the renovation and redevelopment of religious institutions across the state to preserve, protect, renovate and promote the states' cultural identity. It is heartening to note that places of worship across the state are getting the benefits of such a vision and are on the fast track of next level transformation.

4. 10 days after the dedication of the Srimandir Parikrama Prakalpa to the people of Odisha, my Government dedicated the redeveloped Samaleswari Temple in Sambalpur district, one of the most revered shrines in the western region of the state. This 16<sup>th</sup> century shrine on the banks of the Mahanadi has undergone transformation over 39 acres of its peripheral area under a ₹ 200 crore 'SAMALEI' project undertaking peripheral development of the seat of faith, construction of a heritage corridor, amenities for the devotees, pilgrims and the tourists, improved access to the temple and development of the Mahanadi riverfront. With humility, my Government acknowledges the invaluable contribution of those who volunteered to forego their land for both Srimandir Parikrama Prakalpa and the 'SAMALEI' project.

5. To preserve, protect and promote our ancient temple heritage, my Government's ₹ 280 crore 'EKAMRA' project for development of areas surrounding the 11<sup>th</sup> century Lingaraj Temple in Bhubaneswar is going ahead in a steady pace. The 80 acre area surrounding the Lingaraj Temple

includes a wealth of monuments including a series of ancient sandstone temples, heritage ponds and water tanks in the temple city of Bhubaneswar which is a testament to our ancient architectural and historical heritage covering over two thousand years from 3<sup>rd</sup> century BC to 15<sup>th</sup> century AD, is now being aesthetically redeveloped to enhance the magnificence of the ancient heritage site.

6. Next level transformation of rural Odisha, augmentation of rural infrastructure with accelerated growth, and, with a vision to preserve the rich cultural heritage of the state, my Government's new initiative 'Ama Odisha Nabin Odisha' is one of its kind development models. Through this, my Government intends to undertake next level transformation of rural infrastructure, ensure internet facilities, provide sports infrastructure, training hubs for Self Help Groups, empower villages with banking and digital connectivity and preserve, protect and promote the cultural legacy of the state in the making of new Odisha of our dreams which is indeed commendable. I would further like to commend my Government for its path breaking

initiative the 'Nua-O' which is a novel approach to youth engagement and empowerment, a robust tool encompassing sports competitions, cultural activities and social engagements.

7. It is heartening to know that my Government organised the first of its kind 'Biswa Odia Bhasa Sammilani' to promote Odia Language in a big way inside and outside the State and abroad. Odisha is the first state to be formed on Linguistic basis on 1<sup>st</sup> April 1936 during the British rule in India. From 'Utkal Sammilani' to the present 'Biswa Odia Bhasa Sammilani', Odisha's mother tongue has evolved to be the sixth Indian language to be given classical language status, and the first in the Indo-Aryan language group. In India, Odia is the 9<sup>th</sup> most spoken language with 3.75 crore speakers, is spoken by about 84% of the state's population, the 37<sup>th</sup> most spoken language in the world, with 45-50 million speakers worldwide. Its long literary history and its predominance in our country as one of the rich and progressive languages deserves a celebration and further deliberations on its preservation, protection and propagation and the

'Biswa Odia Bhasa Sammilani' is a right step in that direction. I congratulate my Government for this rare act.

The inauguration of the new campus of Odia University at Satyabadi, the Karmabhumi of Utkalmani Gopabandhu Das recently is another commendable feat of my Government. The foundation of the University at Bakulabana was laid down four years ago by my Government on the birth anniversary of Utkalmani Gopabandhu Das. Language is the identity of a race. With its increased use, the glory of the nation is enriched and enhanced. With the inauguration of Odia University during the golden period of Odisha at Satyabadi, the seat of Odia renaissance is a matter of immense pride for all Odias, as this centre of excellence shall be entirely devoted to research and development of Odia Language.

8. The '5T' and 'Mo Sarkar' initiatives of my Government have ushered in a new era of transformative governance and have brought people's outreach closer to the Government initiatives and programmes. My Government has

achieved a host of unparalleled emulative milestones in our development imperatives; be it women empowerment, food security, disaster management, school transformation, skilling the youth, quality health care, capital formation, entrepreneurship, investment opportunities, quick and result-oriented service delivery, prudent fiscal management or promotion of sports. Our governance measures are now synonymous with transparent and good governance. I further take this opportunity to commend my Government for successfully initiating next level transformation of the state in several areas of people-centric governance, providing a conducive business environment for massive investment opportunities and transforming Odisha as a world class sporting and tourism destination.

9. Agriculture and allied sectors of the state contributed 22.5% to the Gross State Value Added (GSVA) for 2022-23. This sector provides largest employment, nearly 45.80% of the workforce as per Periodic Labour Force Survey, 2022-23. It holds the key to socio-economic development in

the State. Therefore, my Government has been undertaking several meaningful interventions for the promotion of agriculture and its allied sectors through the adoption of modern farming technology for increasing agricultural production. Over the years, my Government has set a benchmark in using new cutting-edge machineries, emerging technologies and Information Technology interventions to enhance productivity and deliver citizen-centric services in a fair, efficient and transparent manner. Separate Agriculture Budget, dedicated Agriculture Cabinet, inclusion of a number of services pertaining to the Sector under '5T' and 'Mo Sarkar' are some of the remarkable initiatives which have ensured allocative priority, faster decision making for sectoral growth and welfare of farmers of the State. My Government trusts the goodness of people over and above the conventional official processes.

10. The foodgrain production in the State has touched 141.36 lakh Metric Ton during 2022-23 which is almost two and half times of the production of 55.35 lakh MT foodgrains during 2000-01.

Similarly, the productivity of Rice has touched an all-time high of 2,936 kg per hectare exhibiting nearly three fold increase over 1,041 kg per hectare during the same period. Despite frequent natural calamities, unseasonal cyclonic rains and floods, there has been steady increase in the production of foodgrains in the state. There is also a steady increase in cotton coverage touching an all-time high of 2.35 lakh hectares in the state owing to better prices and assured appropriate procurement support. The good news for cotton cultivators is that cotton export has been started from the State.

11. My Government has successfully organised the first ever Agriculture Conclave during May 2023 looking for new opportunities in agriculture sector from the buyer's perspective. This eye-opening-cum-sensitization drive immensely benefited farmer-producer groups, buyers, Government agencies and other players in the sector. It is envisaged to identify and take up demand driven production programmes to garner greater returns from the farming sector as a whole.

12. Odisha has been one of the pioneer States to launch 'Odisha Millet Mission' for promotion of these climate resilient and nutritionally rich crops which play a decisive role in our nutritional security. My Government's mission mode approach has resulted in a shift in our strategy towards the Nutri-cereals with a more wholesome manner from farm to fork. Procurement support is being extended to the millet farmers through an online system "M-PAS". During Kharif Marketing Season 2022-23 around 6.03 Lakh quintals of Ragi were procured with minimum support price. It is envisaged to extend this procurement support to 8 Lakh quintals during 2023-24, and the process has already begun. My Government has taken steps to introduce Ragi under Public Distribution System and nutritional programmes under the ICDS. 4 Lakh quintals of Ragi are being supplied by my Government under PDS to around 113.76 Lakh ration card holders at the price of ₹ 1 per Kg.

13. Odisha has been conferred with the prestigious 'Best Millet Promoting State' Award under 'Poshak Anaj Awards' instituted by the Indian

Council of Agricultural Research, Indian Institute of Millets Research and Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations. The Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare, Government of India and Niti Aayog have identified Odisha Millet Mission as one of the best models and have requested different state governments to adopt my Government's approach to promotion of millets. From the year 2022, Odisha has become the first State in India to celebrate 10<sup>th</sup> November as "Mandia Divasa" (Millet Day), with the objective to promote the importance of Millet in Odisha and in the Country.

14. My Government's Farmers' welfare programme, 'KALIA' (Krushak Assistance for Livelihood and Income Augmentation) introduced in 2018, is intended to accelerate agricultural prosperity and reduce poverty in the State through support to small and marginal farmers. Till now, 43.88 Lakh small and marginal farmers and 18.93 Lakh landless agricultural households have already been assisted under 'KALIA' scheme in the State.

15. Livestock sector of my Government is the key driver of growth in agrarian economy of the State. Mostly it is the source of livelihood sustenance for landless, marginal and small farmers. Now Women SHGs and other entrepreneurs also play a pivotal role in the growth of the sector. For enhancing milk production in the state, my Government has introduced advanced bovine breeding technology, artificial insemination through “Sex-sorted semen” with an objective of production of more than 90% female calves. On call Artificial Insemination Service started as a pilot in Puri district with the vision of providing assured artificial insemination will be rolled out to all districts by my Government.

16. My Government is promoting goat meat production by supporting WSHGs for commercial goatery units and individual poor farmers in the mining affected districts with small goatery units. 4,105 WSHGs have been supported by my Government for establishing commercial goatery units during the last 2 years. In order to make the State self-sufficient in egg production and boosting entrepreneurship development, my Government

has been supporting new entrepreneurs for establishing commercial layer units with minimum 10,000 bird capacity under 'Mukhyamantri Krushi Udyog Yojana', where 40-50% subsidy is provided for loan up to ₹1 crore with simplified procedure for subsidy disbursement. This has helped in increasing egg production in the State from 84.34 lakh eggs per day in 2021-22 to 103 lakh eggs per day in 2023-24.

17. Optimal use of technology through digital platforms like Go-sugam and Decision Support System are being ensured by my Government for bringing in transparency and efficiency in veterinary services. Applications for subsidy-oriented schemes of livestock sector are now being received through GO-sugam online portal. Proactive notifications for beneficiaries, application processing, tracking and monitoring till release of final subsidy amount are now being done through the portal to reduce public interface with government officials, reduce processing time, eliminate corruption and bring in transparency and accountability.

18. My Government provides doorstep veterinary healthcare, diagnostic and breeding services at the doorstep of farmers through 314 mobile veterinary units in all the 314 blocks of the state. This service is now being strengthened with new customized vehicles with provision of small animal OT and other facilities for better veterinary health care at farmers' doorstep.

19. Total fish production of the State has increased to 10.52 lakh MTs during 2022-23. Marine export has also increased to 85,308 MTs during 2022-23. The value of Seafood exports has increased by 1.5 times during the last 5 years to ₹ 4,546 crore in 2022-23. With the introduction of various programmes for both vertical and horizontal expansion of the sector, my Government is steadily heading towards self-sufficiency in Inland fish production with an average annual growth of 8%.

20. Share croppers especially landless farmers constitute a sizeable portion of our farming community. They are deprived of the benefits of input subsidies, crop loan and crop insurance. My Government's "BALARAM" (Bhoomihina

Agriculturist Loan and Resources Augmentation Model) scheme is intended to augment flow of collateral free institutional credit to sharecroppers through formation of Joint Liability Groups. By the end of October 2023 around 38,800 such groups have already been supported with credit amounting to ₹ 303 crore.

21. Prompt loan repaying farmers are availing interest free crop loan up to ₹1 lakh and crop loan of up to ₹3 lakh at 2% interest from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022. This has benefitted more than 32 lakhs small and marginal farmers in availing interest free crop loan up to ₹1 lakh. For Kharif 2023-24 season, against short-term crop loan dispensation target of ₹ 9,500 crore, cooperative banks and cooperative societies have financed a record amount of ₹ 9,718 crore to 18.99 lakh farmers.

22. We are prone to vagaries of nature and that makes crop insurance an important support system for our farmers to continue with farming activity in a sustainable manner. To ensure a transparent and fair crop insurance coverage, the Land Records Portal has been integrated with National Crop

Insurance Portal. From 2023-24 my Government is bearing the premium of the farmer's share for 2 hectare per farmer and a token money of ₹ 1 per application has been collected from the farmers for validating the enrolment. During Kharif-2022, insurance claim for ₹ 546 crore has already been settled against around 16.8 lakh applications.

23. My Government has constituted a "Corpus Fund" to extend interest free loan of ₹ 100 crore every year to MARKFED to procure pulses and oilseeds from the farmers at MSP on behalf of NAFED under Price Support Scheme operation to safeguard the interest of farmers from distress sale and exploitation.

24. To provide assured irrigation facilities to the farming community of the State, my Government has given thrust on completion of ongoing major and medium irrigation projects. Lower Suktel Dam in drought prone Bolangir district, Gangadhar Meher Lift Irrigation Project providing irrigation to 25,600 hectares in Bargarh and Subarnapur districts, Haldia Dam and Distribution System providing irrigation to 10,000 hectares in Mayurbhanj district, Baitarani Left

Bank Canal of Anandapur Barrage in Keonjhar district are some of the major and medium irrigation works completed during 2023. Further, project works of Ghatakeswar Multipurpose Dam in Ganjam, Manjore Extension in Angul district, Kusumi Barrage in Nayagarh district and Sandul Barrage in Kalahandi are on fast pace of completion.

25. Continuing its thrust on creation of irrigation infrastructure in the state, preparatory works of Nabarangpur Lift Irrigation and Turi-Guntat Barrage in Nabarangpur district, Kharibhandan Barrage in Mayurbhanj district and Brutang dam in Nayagarh district have been initiated by my Government. Under the flagship scheme “Construction of Instream Storage Structures”, 28 Instream Storage Structures are in different stages of construction and 18 are in tendering stage, all of which will store nearly 50 million cum of water in different rivers to facilitate the surface water conservation, water harvesting, ground water recharge and level enhancement, flood routing measures and ecological benefits to the state.

26. My Government is implementing the flagship initiative “Parvati Giri Mega Lift Irrigation” scheme to irrigate the uncovered upland areas of the State. In the 1<sup>st</sup> phase, 202 projects have been completed to provide irrigation to 2.56 lakh hectares. Considering its necessity for coverage of more upland areas under assured irrigation, my Government has approved 170 new Mega Lift Irrigation Projects in the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase at an estimated cost of ₹10,759 crore. Work has already begun in 63 projects that will provide assured irrigation to 93 thousand hectares.

27. 317 check dams have been completed in the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of Mukhyamantri Adibandha Tiari Yojana (MATY), under Biju Krushak Vikash Yojana- Deep Bore Well Secha Karyakrama 1.12 lakh Deep Bore Wells have already been installed, 22,890 Deep Bore Wells and 2,783 Community Lift Irrigation Projects will be completed by 2023-24. 513 defunct Community Lift Irrigation Projects have been revived under “Revival of Defunct LIP” scheme. Besides this, my Government has approved ₹ 248 crore for improvement of

503 tanks and MIPs during 2023-24 to revive lost ayacut of 16,400 hectares, and underground pipeline work in 79 MIPs is in progress that will create additional irrigation potential of 23,309 hectares.

28. For the outstanding work done in the field of water conservation and water management by my Government, Odisha was awarded with the 2<sup>nd</sup> prize in the Best State Category of the 4<sup>th</sup> National Water Awards, 2022. Besides, Baldiha Irrigation Project in Mayurbhanj district and Jayamangal Anicut in Ganjam district have been awarded with the 'World Heritage Irrigation Structure (WHIS)-2023' award instituted by International Commission on Irrigation & Drainage.

29. My Government has been taking various proactive steps for protection, regeneration and extension of forest and tree cover in participatory mode with the involvement of local people to remediate the micro-climate, environmental management and conservation. As of now, Odisha has a total forest cover of 52,156 sq. km. which is about 33.50% of the geographical area of the State

in comparison with the national coverage of 21.71%. As per the latest State of Forest Report 2021 of Forest Survey of India, Odisha is the third highest state in the country in achieving 537 sq. km. forest cover increase in comparison to 2019. Over the previous 5 years, my Government has taken up plantation over an area of 6.52 lakh hectares.

30. My Government has notified three Biodiversity Heritage Sites at Mandasaru Hills of Kandhamal district, Mahendragiri Hills of Gajapati district and Gandhamardan Hills in the Bolangir and Bargarh district. This helps to protect, conserve, and manage endangered and endemic species. Successful inventory of Biodiversity of Baisipali Wildlife Sanctuary of Nayagarh district, Kuldiha Wildlife Sanctuary of Balasore district, Gupteswar Reserve Forest of Koraput district and Gandhamardan Hills of Bargarh district have been completed by my Government.

31. Odisha is well known world over for its rich cultural diversity. Its timeless cultural heritage, historical monuments, archaeological sites; tribal, traditional and modern art, its language, literature

and ancient scriptures, thematic paintings, sculpture are awesome and amazing for the visitors and attract scholars and researchers to unravel its myriads of mystery. My Government has taken a befitting decision to organise the first ever 'Biswa Odia Bhasa Sammilani' to initiate global deliberations to preserve, protect, promote and propagate Odia language, the predominantly rich and progressive language of Odisha. My Government has dedicated the renovated village and memorial of Utkalmani Pandit Gopabandhu Das at his birthplace Suando in Puri district. The ancestral house of eminent siblings historian Manmath Nath Das and writer Manoj Das has been converted into a memorial to immortalise their invaluable contribution to our language, literature, culture and historical legacy for generations.

32. Odisha is bestowed with its exotic tourism potential and rich cultural heritage. Its eye catching beautiful tourist spots, ancient historic monuments, enthralling sea beaches, forests with rich biodiversity, majestic mountains, captivating wildlife, mystic waterfalls, vast water bodies, famous classical and folk dances, enchanting music,

handlooms and handicrafts and 'atithi devo vabah', the call of hospitality of its people make Odisha one of the favourite tourist destinations of India. My Government has accorded 'focus sector' status to tourism through several transformative initiatives for holistic development of the sector and large scale promotion of tourism in the State.

33. My Government has undertaken Integrated Master Planning of 15 priority tourism destinations with ₹ 1,768 crore. 136 project proposals received from the people of the state have been approved with the cost of ₹ 244 crore. Repair and renovation of heritage sites has also been taken up at Raibania Fort, Barabati Fort, Rani Bakhri Mahal, Ranipur Jharial, Nrusinghnath- Harishankar, Kapilash, Saptasajya, Ananta Sayana and the Buddhist circuit (Ratnagiri, Udaygiri, Lalitgiri and Langudi). Rani Bakhri Mahal is now a proud part of the authentic Odia cuisine chain, 'Nimantran', Sambalpur promoted by OTDC. To promote the richness and authentic taste, flavour and aroma of odia culinary excellence, my Government launched this initiative at Bhubaneswar and Puri before Sambalpur.

34. As a part of my Government's offers of both fiscal and non-fiscal incentives in the new Tourism Policy to encourage private sector investment in tourism sector, which provides a 30% capital investment subsidy with a maximum cap of ₹15 crore to new tourism projects, 157 new private investment project proposals for ₹ 6,849 crore have been approved through Single Window Mechanism. My Government's flagship glamping event 'Eco Retreat Odisha' is running successfully for the 5<sup>th</sup> year across several exotic locations of the State and giving unique glamping experience to national and international tourists. My Government's attempts to offer an opportunity to senior citizens belonging to weaker sections of the state for spiritual pilgrimage through 'Baristha Nagarika Tirthayatra Yojana' have so far successfully assisted around 13 thousand senior citizens to visit various important religious places of the country and fulfil their lifelong spiritual aspirations.

35. Due to the commendable efforts of my Government, Raghurajpur has been awarded as the Best Tourism Village 2023 by Ministry of Tourism,

Government of India; 'Tampara Lake Front Development' has been adjudged the 'Best Cafeteria' under Swadesh Darshan Scheme by Ministry of Tourism, Government of India; Srimandir, Puri has been selected as the Best Spiritual Destination 2023 and Golden Beach, Puri has been selected as the Best Beach Destination 2023 by the Outlook Traveller; and Eco-Retreat has been awarded the Most Innovative Product at the Outbound Travel Mart 2022, India's largest travel-trade show.

36. Let me commend my Government for the proactive measures it has taken for its 42 million population by ensuring universal access to equitable, affordable and quality healthcare services that are accountable and responsive to the people's needs. This has been made possible by my Government through a number of transformative health care initiatives. Free and assured healthcare schemes, massive health sector reform measures for strengthening healthcare human resource professionals, state-of-art public health infrastructure, expansion of service delivery

packages, harnessing the potential of private healthcare providers, use of latest medical technology and multi-skilling of service providers have resulted in transformation of public health facilities in the State which has enhanced people's faith, trust and reliance on public health facilities reflected in numerous National Health Surveys and many of the efforts of my Government have been acknowledged and emulated at the national and appreciated at the international level.

37. Due to effective policy formulation, participatory and bottom-up planning and adequate healthcare financing in the State's budget by my Government, significant improvements have been observed in many key health indicators. Odisha has recorded 49.9 points increase in Institutional Births in Public Facility from 28.8% in 2005-06 to 78.7% in 2019-21, which is better than the all-India average of 61.9%. The overall percentages of institutional deliveries of the State have also increased from 35.6% in 2005-06 to 92.2% in 2019-21 which is again better than national average of 88.6%. With continuous effort in provisioning quality continuum

of care, Odisha has reported highest point decline in the country in Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) with 39 points decline from 75 in 2005 to 36 in 2020, and 2<sup>nd</sup> highest point decline in the country in Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) with 49 points decline from 168 in 2015-17 to 119 in 2018-20. My Government has also achieved Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) in population stabilization measures by reducing the Total Fertility Rate (TFR) to 1.8 (India 2.0), which will contribute substantially in the socio-economic development of the State.

38. Odisha's phenomenal achievements in healthcare was accomplished through the launching of more than 15 Mega Schemes and several result-oriented health system strengthening measures. The Free Diagnostic Services 'Nidaan', Free Dialysis Services 'Sahay', Universal Eye Health Care Programme 'Sunetra', Universal Health care initiative 'Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana' (BSKY), Specialist Services in Urban PHC / CHCs 'Ama Clinic', Strengthening of Ancillary Services 'Nirmal', ASHA Matrutwa Yojana, Transport Assistance to Blood Disorder Patients, ASHA Kalyan Yojana,

establishment of New Medical Colleges, Comprehensive Cancer Care Programmes, Nutrition Support to TB Patients, Drop Back Assistance to Delivery Patients and Sick Infants have all contributed in efficient and result oriented performance of our healthcare system.

39. My Government has empanelled 796 private hospitals, including 156 private hospitals outside the State, for critical care and treatment of the economically vulnerable sections with an annual health assurance of ₹ 5 lakh per family and an additional ₹ 5 lakh for women members of the family. BSKY benefit now extends to 3.5 crore persons of 96.5 lakh families in Odisha. After launch of the BSKY smart health card from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021, over 17.64 lakh beneficiaries have availed treatment assistance of ₹ 3,958 crore.

40. My Government has recently introduced 'BSKY NABIN CARDS' for all rural families excluding regular government employees, government pensioners and income tax payers presently not covered under 'BSKY' are eligible for the cards, and, are eligible to get cashless coverage

at empanelled private hospitals both inside and outside the state for cashless treatment of ₹ 5 lakh per annum per family and additional ₹ 5 lakh for women members of the family for identified critical diseases with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> May 2024. I commend my Government for achieving 3 SKOCH nominations for its innovative 'Mukhya Mantri Bayu Swasthya Seva' (MBBSS), 'Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana' (BSKY) and 'Durgama Anchalare Malaria Nirakaran' (DAMaN) initiatives during 2023.

41. My Government has launched 'AMA Hospital' scheme with a target to transform 149 health facilities in a record period of 9 months, with an expenditure of ₹ 750 crore. Under this scheme the physical health infrastructure, basic patient amenities and service delivery system in the public health facilities, i.e. Community Health Centres, Sub-District Hospitals and District Headquarter Hospitals are upgraded. During the last 6 years, my Government has established 8 new medical colleges at Koraput, Baripada, Balasore, Bolangir, Puri, Keonjhar, Sundergarh and Kalahandi, and 2 new Post Graduate Institutes, i.e. Acharya Harihar

Post Graduate Institute of Cancer, Cuttack and Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education & Research & Capital Hospital, Bhubaneswar and is transforming the 3 old renowned medical colleges and hospitals at Cuttack, Berhampur and Burla into world class health institutes.

42. My Government is thus committed to make all out efforts for fulfilling the healthcare needs of the people through a comprehensive, assured and quality healthcare delivery system with proper focus on entitlement based approach, and thereby thus transforming Odisha into a model State and healthcare destination, ensuring universal access to safe, secured high-quality health care.

43. To ensure Food Security, my Government is ensuring availability of foodgrains at a subsidized rate to weaker and vulnerable sections of the society under Priority Household category who are being supplied with 5 Kg of rice per month per person free of cost. The AAY families are also getting 35 Kg of rice per family per month free of cost. At present, my Government is distributing Central allocation of 1.87 lakh MTs of rice under NFSA

among 2.88 crore Priority Household beneficiaries and 12.54 lakh AAY families through 12,068 fair price shops in 30 districts. Besides, my Government is implementing its own State Food Security Scheme since October 2018 and so far 9.97 lakh individuals of 3.15 lakh NFSA left-out eligible families have been covered under the scheme with 5 Kg rice per person per month free of cost.

44. My Government has made rapid strides in expanding its paddy procurement drive. During Kharif Marketing Season 2022-23, my Government procured 79.16 lakh Metric Tons of paddy from 17.11 lakh farmers, making Odisha the top paddy procuring State in the country. Now Odisha is a surplus foodgrain state, in addition to meeting its own foodgrain requirements, it contributes foodgrains substantially to the Central Pool. My Government is utilizing Satellite imagery in all 30 paddy procuring districts for validation of paddy crop to bring transparency in the procurement process.

45. My Government is committed to provide pucca houses to all. Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana

(Grameen) is successfully implemented in the state with 40% of matching State share. My Government's 'Biju Pucca Ghar Yojana', 'Nirman Shramik Pucca Ghar Yojana' and 'MO GHARA Yojana' are implemented with the objective of achieving "Shelter Security for All". Odisha has achieved the distinction of completing 34.24 lakh pucca houses successfully since 2014-15, thereby becoming a pioneer state in the country in Rural Housing. The innovative practice of providing incentives to BPGY beneficiaries for early completion of their houses has set an emulative example in the country, and so far the state has paid ₹ 1,387 crore to 8.42 lakh beneficiaries towards incentives for speedy and quick completion of their houses. Sustainability of already constructed pucca houses has been a major challenge for the beneficiary families, and considering this, my Government has allowed periodic house repair grant for the houses constructed earlier in any Government scheme and has assisted 27.28 lakh families with ₹ 819 crore, for repair of their dwelling houses. My Government's credit linked housing scheme "MO GHARA" has been launched recently

to address the housing needs of lower & lower middle-class beneficiaries of rural Odisha.

46. To transform Rural Odisha, augment rural infrastructure to accelerate growth, and to initiate steps to preserve the rich cultural heritage of rural Odisha, my Government has launched a new initiative “Ama Odisha Nabin Odisha”, under which each GP is entitled to an amount of ₹50 lakh. Total 90,650 projects have been sanctioned by my Government amounting to ₹3,397 crore. A citizen centric dedicated web-based MIS system and a mobile app (AONO) have been developed for real-time monitoring of the initiative with Geo tagging, and to ensure public accountability in its implementation, Social Audit under AONO is being ensured.

47. According priority to the crucial role of slum dwellers in building and sustaining cities, my Government is implementing ‘JAGA’ mission to provide Land Rights and transform the slums to Adarsh colonies. So far, more than 2.40 lakhs slum families have been granted with land right certificates. To convert slums into liveable habitats,

my Government is fast transforming slums into Adarsh Colonies with required infrastructures, amenities and services at par with rest of the cities. So far, 1,364 slums have already been upgraded as Adarsh Colonies. 10 cities have already achieved the Slum Free City status. Odisha is fast moving towards achieving slum free status in all the ULBs by December 2024.

48. My Government is committed to promote Kalyan Mandaps across all ULBs of the State. Municipal Corporations with 10 each, Municipalities 4 each and Notified Area Councils with 2 each, approximately 400 Kalyan Mandaps will be constructed in all urban areas of the State. For constructing citizen centric motorable roads in urban areas, 1,200 kilometres of identified kachha roads across 115 ULBs will be converted into Paver Roads. More than 2,000 large water bodies would be transformed adopting nature-based treatment in partnership with Mission Shakti SHGs under the 'AMA POKHARI' initiative for rejuvenating the water Bodies in Urban Odisha and creating public amenities. My Government's 'JAGA' mission,

world's largest slum land rights and upgradation programme has evidently demonstrated that eviction is not the way to resolve slum issues rather empowerment is by winning the UN Habitat-World Habitat Awards in 2019 and 2023. Apart from transformation of slums and making the cities slum free, my Government is taking pioneering steps in slum proofing the cities to proactively prevent creation of new slums instead facilitating decent living for every family.

49. Provision of safe drinking water to all the rural habitations is the priority of my Government. Required steps are being taken to supply safe drinking water to all rural households through functional household tap connection by 2025. At present, safe drinking water is being supplied to rural households through 14,277 water supply projects and 5.06 lakh tube wells and sanitary wells, 12,683 solar dual pumps and 2,384 solar pipe water supply projects. So far, 69% rural households, 68% Schools, 59% Anganwadi centres of the State and all the Gram Panchayat offices have been provided with drinking water tap connection.

50. To provide safe and clean drinking water through pipe water house connection to every urban household, my Government has made huge investments over the past 5 years as a result of which 109 cities including all five municipal corporations, Bhubaneswar, Cuttack, Berhampur, Sambalpur and Rourkela have achieved tap connection to 100% households and 100% household coverage of the remaining 6 cities would be completed by March 2024. My Government is implementing 'Drink from Tap' mission to maintain the water supply service standards at par with international cities like New York, Tokyo, Singapore and London. Puri and Gopalpur have become India's 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> cities to achieve this distinction. 23 lakh people are getting the benefits of 'Drink from Tap' quality water supply in 24 cities.

51. During 2022-23 under MGNREGS 18.53 crore person-days were generated providing employment to 33.38 lakh households and 100 days of work to 4.18 lakh families. Participation of Female workforce increased to 48% in 2022-23 from 46.1% in 2021-22. 32,106 Farm Ponds,

15,856 Dug wells, 13,391 Land Development, 19,358 Livestock Shelters, 1,906 Horticulture Plantation, and 1,257 Promotion of Fisheries assets have been created during 2022-23. During 2023-24, my Government aims to achieve more than 20 crore person-days, whereas so far 15.13 crore person-days have been generated providing employment to 30.69 lakh households, and 2.26 lakh families have completed 100 days.

52. My Government is implementing a State Action Plan in the 14 migration prone districts of the state to track the migrant workers at the Gram Panchayat level, strengthen inter-state coordination and ensure their linkage various livelihood initiatives and welfare schemes which include a toll free Shramik Sahayata Helpline, Odia Migrant Labour Help Desk made operational in Andhra Pradesh, Telengana and New Delhi and approved for Karnatak and Tamil Nadu as First Point of Contact for Odia Migrant workers in distress, financial support for strengthening Anti Human Trafficking Units(AHTU) at district level in the 14 migration prone districts, conduct of household survey of

migrant workers in 290 GPs of 20 blocks of Bolangir, Bargarh, Kalahandi and Nuapada, employment under MGNREGA for 300 days in a year in the Special Package for reduction of distress migration and the remuneration of unskilled MGNREGA workers made at par with notified minimum wages of unskilled workers in 20 blocks of Bolangir, Bargarh, Kalahandi and Nuapada districts.

53. A State Action Plan for Elimination of Child Labour is being implemented by my Government for elimination of child labour in convergence with 9 government departments for awareness generation, strict enforcement of relevant legal enactments relating to children, rescue and proper rehabilitation of child labour and provision of education and skill development of the rescued children. During the last five years, 504 child and adolescent labourers have been rescued from different establishments and organizations.

54. My Government has so far registered 40.68 lakh construction workers as beneficiaries under the Odisha Building & Other Construction Workers Welfare Board during the last five years, and 13.25

lakh benefits worth ₹ 2,146.64 crore have been distributed to eligible beneficiaries and an amount of ₹ 3,267.85 crore has been distributed to beneficiaries since inception.

55. To promote industrialization in the State and facilitate Ease of Doing Business for stakeholders, my Government has undertaken reforms by amendment of certain Labour laws, introduction of new schemes, adopting Central Inspection Coordination Group Inspection system etc. to attract hassle free investments to the state.

56. Our labourers have an indispensable role in furthering our socio-economic and development goals. My Government is fully aware of their invaluable contribution in nation building and through a slew of measures will renew its resolve to protect their dignity & health and promote their inclusive and holistic welfare.

57. Under the '5T' Governance initiative, my Government is implementing the 'Mukhyamantri Karma Tatpara AbhiYan' (MUKTA) and Urban Wage Employment scheme for urban poor which is

implemented across 115 ULBs of the state through community partnership model involving the Mission Shakti SHGs and the Slum Dweller Associations. 60,000 projects with an investment of ₹1,000 crore are at present being implemented under MUKTA.

58. Transforming the school education ecosystem is my Government's priority. My Government has brought in a path breaking 5T High School Transformation initiative. This has unleashed new aspirations and opened up new horizons for high school students of our State. Now the transformed Government High Schools have smart classrooms, modern e-libraries, well equipped laboratories, separate usable toilets for girls and boys, provision of safe drinking water, advanced sports infrastructure and student-friendly school ecosystem. An aspirational curriculum with modern teaching - learning methods aims to empower students for the future. In the first 3 phases, 6,872 High Schools across the State have been transformed under 5T High School Transformation programme with ₹3,411 crore and under the 4<sup>th</sup> phase another 1,798 High Schools with ₹982 crore.

59. My government has taken all out efforts to impart quality English medium education through Odisha Adarsha Vidyalayas (OAVs) at the Block level including one special OAV at Kotia Gram Panchayat in Koraput district. 190 OAVs have been upgraded to Senior Secondary Classes. The fully residential ICONIC OAV at Bhubaneswar has been functioning from the academic session 2022-23 for XI and XII class with a total intake capacity of 1,000 students. The enrolment of students in the OAVs has witnessed a 5-fold increase from the academic year 2016-17 to 2023-24.

60. My Government's 'Mo School' Abhiyan has become one of the largest alumni contribution programmes in the country. In a short span of 6 years, it has been able to connect with 8,476 High Schools and 44,543 elementary schools. More than thirty lakh alumni and community members have joined the 'Mo School' Abhiyan. 8.29 lakh alumni have already collaborated with this unique initiative of my Government and have contributed ₹ 219 crore. To match the donors' contribution, my Government has released a matching grant of

₹ 437 crore towards holistic development of the educational ecosystem of the schools.

61. My Government has provided Residential School facility to 5.38 lakh ST and SC students through 1,736 Schools and 5,834 hostels for holistic development of ST & SC students. Pre-matric Scholarship has already been disbursed to 14.86 lakh students and Post-matric Scholarship to about 6.67 lakh students. In consistency with the objective of providing the best educational opportunities to ST & SC students, my Government has initiated Urban English Medium Education initiative “ANWESHA”. Eight urban hostel complexes have come up at Bhubaneswar, Berhampur, Sambalpur and Rourkela under “AKANKSHYA” initiative to provide accommodation to about 3,900 students for pursuing higher education.

62. My Government’s vision of higher education is based on achieving excellence in all its aspects while upholding the issues of access, equity and inclusivity paramount in its implementation. My Government is committed to provide necessary

capital framework for Higher Education in all districts and implement schemes to bring in equal opportunities for budding students in the State. Two Autonomous Colleges, Vikram Deb Autonomous College, Jeypore and Dharanidhar Autonomous College, Keonjhar have been upgraded to Universities. More than 550 Assistant Professors have been appointed in 2023-24 and recruitment process for appointment of 1,065 lecturers in Non-Government Aided Colleges through State Selection Board is under process.

63. Under my Government's 'Mukhyamantri Medhabi Chhatra Protsahan Yojana', 10,000 under graduates, 5,000 post graduates and 10,000 technical and professional graduates receive annual scholarship of ₹ 10,000, ₹ 15,000 and ₹ 20,000 each respectively. One time scholarship of ₹20,000 is provided to 1,500 +2 and +3 pass-out students in Odia language/Honours under Vyasakabi Fakir Mohan Scholarship. Gopabandhu Shikhya Sahayata Yojana provides financial assistance to the tune of ₹ 20,000 per annum to destitute students. Under Biju Yuva Sashaktikarana

Yojana, ₹ 30,000 each is provided for 15,000 meritorious +2 pass out students through DBT mode for purchase of laptops. My Government provides 100% interest subvention on educational loans under 'Kalinga Sikhya Sathi Yojana' from 2023-24 for assisting poor meritorious students to pursue their higher education in the country and abroad.

64. With the twin objective of making our youths employable by equipping them with future skills and to cater the demands of industry for skilled manpower, my Government has taken several initiatives to make 'Skilled-in-Odisha' an aspirational brand for our youths. The year 2023-24 was phenomenal with several targeted initiatives yielding positive results in skilling and making youth employable and industry-ready. Enrolment of girls in ITIs has significantly increased from 6% in 2016-17 to 31% in 2023-24 and in case of Polytechnics from 16% in 2021-22 to 35% in 2023-24, because of my Government's intervention through the unique 'Sudakshya' Scheme. With this Odisha ranks number one in the country in terms of enrolment of

female students in Government ITI and Polytechnics. Through my Government's collaborative approach and coordinated efforts, admissions in Government ITIs and Polytechnics have reached almost 100%.

65. My Government's flagship initiative Odisha Skill Conclave 2023 witnessed active participation of more than 1,000 industry leaders representing national and international companies, 100 thought leaders with diverse sectoral experience, and over 2,000 student participants, including a contingent from Singapore. 24 MoUs were signed with reputed industries during the Conclave, which is a testament to the growing recognition of 'Skilled-in-Odisha' brand in global platform. Resounding success of Odisha Skill Conclave 2023 has reinforced our position as a thought leader. 'Skilled-in-Odisha' went global with our students getting jobs and internships in Singapore and Dubai. Our Digital Skilling initiative was awarded with the DigiTech Award (Gold Category) by the Economic Times while we were recognized as a Premier Partner by ITE Education Services, Singapore.

66. Taking this unique opportunities and recognitions forward, my Government will focus its attention on enhancing quality of skilling, decentralizing skilling by empowering districts, expanding the bouquet of skilling courses to focus on future skills, thrust on research and innovation and strengthening of infrastructure to meet future requirements, to make 'Skilled-in-Odisha' a significant contributor in the journey of skilling future Odisha.

67. My Government's transformative initiative Nutana Unnata Abhilasha (NUA) Odisha signifies my Government's commitment to inclusive growth through skill development, aligning modern technologies with traditional sectors for a dynamic and sustainable future.

68. My Government has successfully developed Odisha as one of the leading sports destinations of the country. In 2023, Bhubaneswar hosted the FIFA Qualifiers and Intercontinental Cup, drawing huge applause and accolades from the football fraternity. Significantly, the first AIFF-FIFA Talent Academy, a world-class football academy has been

setup in Odisha Football Academy, Bhubaneswar which is a major initiative to boost football development in India and will nurture young talents for the national teams. Odisha also hosted the Badminton World Federation (BWF) Super 100 Odisha Masters 2023, the largest sporting event after the Asian Athletics Championships of 2017 in which over 300 players from 27 countries participated. The Sub Junior and Junior National Aquatic Championships at Kalinga Stadium, Bhubaneswar also witnessed massive participation from the best swimmers of the country.

69. My Government has set a benchmark by establishing India's largest Sports Science Centre, South Asia's largest Indoor Athletic Centre, and an Indoor Aquatic Centre at the Kalinga Stadium, Bhubaneswar. With the huge success of the High Performance Model, Odisha has added few more disciplines, Gymnastics, Hockey, Kho-Kho, Archery and Sport Climbing to its bouquet. Performance of our athletes is laudable.

70. We doubled our medal tally at the 2023 National Games. Kishore Jena bagged silver at the

Asian Games, our Men and Women's Hockey team a gold and a bronze respectively, while Pramod Bhagat bagged three medals at the Asian Para Games including one gold.

71. This year Odisha launched the Pro Chess TA, Odisha Table Tennis Academy each one unique in its own way to promote sports from grassroot to elite level.

72. My Government has completed 90 multipurpose indoor stadiums in the urban areas, over 20 hockey training centres with synthetic turfs, 12 swimming training centres, nearly 50 weightlifting training centres, football training centres, gymnastic training centres and Table Tennis Centres in the State. Regional sports complexes are also coming up in a big way in Rourkela, Puri, Berhampur, Jeypore, Jharsuguda, Jajpur and Keonjhar.

73. Odisha is a leader in the country in terms of large scale investment in sports which will earn dividends for the country in the coming decades. Because of the concerted efforts of my Government, it has been an encouraging period for

our athletes who have been performing exceedingly well at various national and international platforms and in the coming years, Odisha will be playing a significant role in creating champions for the country.

74. A host of schemes, programmes and initiatives are now being implemented by my Government for overall development of women, children, Scheduled Tribes, Scheduled Castes, Minorities & Backward Classes and the disadvantaged.

75. My Government continues to focus its attention on the entitlements of children, empowerment of women, and emancipation of persons with disabilities and senior citizens. My Government's effort in achieving Aadhaar verification of 99.07% beneficiaries and being at No.1 position since last 5 months at National level is laudable.

76. My Government's innovative 'MAMATA' Scheme intended to provide partial wage compensation to pregnant and nursing mothers has

so far benefitted 59.40 lakh women with ₹ 2,867 crore released to their accounts through DBT mode.

77. My Government's new initiative 'Mukhyamantri Sampurna Pushti Yojana' with a total outlay of ₹ 3,355 crore for a period of five years from 2023 to 2028 is intended to transform the nutritional outcomes of pregnant women and lactating mothers, adolescent girls, Severe Acute Malnutrition, Moderate Acute Malnutrition and Severely Underweight children under 6 years of age through a range of interventions, in addition to the existing schemes being implemented across the State.

78. Under Purna Aahara, children from 6 months to 5 years with Severe Acute Malnutrition are provided with augmented Take Home Ration and requisite medicines and children with further health complications are referred to Nutrition Rehabilitation Centres.

79. My Government's assistance to children who are facing life challenges due to demise of both parents or the sole breadwinner of the family during

COVID-19 pandemic by covering them under “Ashirbad” Scheme is commendable. This includes financial support and other convergent aids for the eligible children and their caregivers until the child reaches 18 years of age. So far, 51,278 children have received financial support of ₹ 54.24 crore through DBT. Among them, 41,485 children have been assisted through BSKY, 42,268 children linked with food security schemes, 447 children enrolled in Odisha Adarsha Vidyalayas and 3,364 children assisted to pursue their studies in private schools.

80. My Government has launched new ‘Jagruti Scheme’ a comprehensive initiative for addressing prevention, rehabilitation, follow up, support and holistic care for women in distress.

81. My Government is implementing “ADVIKA-a scheme for adolescents” as a pathway to adolescent empowerment of both 10-19 year old girls and boys.

82. My Government has launched ‘Ama Kuni Pila’ initiative focusing on early stimulation and

responsive parenting in the best interest of each child from 0-3 years to learn, survive and thrive. As early years matter for each child, this unique initiative is conceptualized to ensure holistic development of 17.64 lakh children of the state in the above age group.

83. Empowerment of women is one of the key pillars of Odisha's transformation. Recognizing the crucial role that women play in the sustenance, growth and transformation of families, communities and states, my Government has accorded its utmost priority to women centric policies and programmes. Mission Shakti, a flagship programme of my Government promoting women's self-help groups (SHG) movement, has 6 lakh women Self-Help Group (SHGs) with 70 lakh members in Odisha.

84. Mission Shakti SHG Federations at district, block and Gram Panchayat level facilitate livelihood support, collective marketing, financial linkages and nurture entrepreneurship among SHGs. All 338 Block Level Federations and 30 District Level federations across the state have been provided with revolving fund @ ₹ 50 lakh per Block Level

Federation and ₹ 1 crore per District Level federation to extend easy lending to SHGs for income enhancement and livelihood activities. SHG Federations at GP and ICDS project level play a vital role in providing a platform to women to voice their concern; facilitate, control and monitor the SHGs towards livelihood promotion, collective marketing and financial linkage.

85. To facilitate institutional finance, 3.65 lakh SHGs have been provided with bank linkage of ₹ 11,005 crore during 2022-23 by my Government. During the current financial year, it has been targeted to facilitate SHG bank credit linkage amounting to ₹ 15,000 crore. In recognition of women members' self-efforts towards entrepreneurship at SHG level, my Government has introduced an Interest Subvention Scheme 'Mission Shakti Loans' to provide interest free loans to SHGs up to ₹ 5 lakh on prompt and regular repayment. Interest subvention claims amounting to ₹ 216 crore has been settled under 'Mission Shakti Loan' during 2022-23, benefitting 2.45 lakh eligible SHGs.

86. Mobility is empowerment. Keeping this in view, my Government has introduced the facility of interest-free bank loan up to ₹ 1 lakh for 2 lakh Community Support Staff and Executive Committee Members of GP, Block and District level Federations to purchase a scooter of their choice under “Mission Shakti Scooter Yojana.” This initiative aims at providing essential mobility to 2 lakh women significantly enhancing their outreach and efficiency. With commitment to offer international exposure to women SHG leaders, my Government has facilitated exposure visits for hundreds of Mission Shakti leaders to embark on transformative international travels to business hubs such as Dubai and Singapore. This visionary initiative has helped SHG leaders explore opportunities and gain insights into international business hubs, broadening their horizons and fostering in them a sense of global perspective.

87. Capacity building plays a pivotal role in enabling SHGs and their federation to function seamlessly and deliver services effectively. Training to various federation representatives on leadership

development, institutional banking, financial management and entrepreneurship promotion have been organized by my Government to further strengthen SHG institutions.

88. Construction of one Mission Shakti Gruha in each GP, one each in each ward of 114 ULBs and Block Mission Shakti Bhawans at each ICDS project level are intended to provide basic infrastructure support at each level for regular meetings, trainings, storage and selling SHG products and other day-to-day official activities.

89. All districts have been provided with funds to establish district level Mission Shakti Bazar to facilitate a year-round market place for sale and display of wide range of SHG products.

90. To transform SHGs into SMEs, my Government has approved establishment of Industrial Park for SHG entrepreneurs in each district.

91. My Government has taken a historic decision of engaging women SHG and Federation members as Business Correspondent Agents to ensure last

mile delivery of banking services in unbanked and underbanked Gram Panchayats. Engagement of 2,318 SHG members as Business Correspondent Agents has increased the outreach of banking services in such areas leading to banking transactions of ₹980 crores during 2022-23.

92. My Government has approved provisions of services and procurement in the Government sectors from Mission Shakti SHGs to deepen the engagement of lakhs of women with Government programmes at the grassroot level and ensure last mile delivery of services while providing additional and sustainable livelihood opportunities to women SHGs. Government business of ₹8,127 crore has been generated by SHGs so far since 2019-20. SHGs are also engaged in several sustainable livelihood opportunities in convergence with twenty Government Departments. Millet based enterprises under Mission Shakti in collaboration with Odisha Millets Mission are leveraging cutting edge technologies to drive their livelihood activities.

93. Special Development Councils (SDCs) have been set up in 9 tribal dominated Districts of the

State, Mayurbhanj, Sundargarh, Keonjhar, Malkangiri, Koraput, Nabarangpur, Rayagada, Gajapati and Kandhamal since 2017. These Councils specifically focus on preservation of tribal culture and traditions, heritage and the unique identity of each tribe. During 2023-24, my Government has included 14 more districts consisting of 58 Blocks under the SDC fold, taking the total number of SDC Districts to 23 with a total of 175 Blocks. ₹ 399 crore has been earmarked for all the 23 SDCs during 2023-24 for taking up various activities related to protection, preservation of our unique tribal culture.

94. Pradhan Mantri Adarsha Gram Yojana (PMAGY) is being implemented for integrated development of SC dominated villages. So far 150 villages have been declared as Adarsha Gram. Under this scheme, Village Development Plans have been prepared for 525 new villages. To encourage inter-caste marriages between Caste Hindus and Scheduled Caste Hindus, my Government has enhanced the incentive amount to ₹2.5 lakh per couple.

95. My Government has formulated 'Mukhyamantri Janajati Jeebika Mission', an exclusive tribal development initiative to raise the income level and living condition of more than 1.5 lakhs tribal households by promoting diversified and gainful livelihoods in cluster approach over a period of 3 years by investing ₹ 500 Crore.

96. During 2024-25, my Government proposes to construct hostels for 2400 OBC boys and girl students to help them in their higher studies, and, hostels for 10,000 OBC boys and girls to pursue their studies at school levels with an amount of ₹ 151 Crore.

97. My Government proposes to construct 50 multipurpose Community-cum-Cultural Centres for social empowerment and holistic development of Minority Communities of the State at the rate of ₹ 30 lakh per each unit during 2024-25.

98. My Government has launched 'Mo Jungle Jami Jojana' to implement the scheduled tribes and other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 through a comprehensive

and empowering framework for recognition of both individual and community forest rights of scheduled tribes and other Traditional Forest Dwellers who primarily depend on the forest for their bonafide livelihood and food security.

99. My Government is promoting OTELP Plus Programme to ensure that livelihoods and food security for poor tribal households are sustainably and substantially improved through promoting a more efficient, equitable, self-managed and sustainable exploitation of the natural resources at their disposal and through off-farm and non-farm enterprise development.

100. My Government is committed to ensure social security and empower the vulnerable sections such as Persons with Disabilities (PwD), destitute & widows, senior citizens, transgenders, persons affected by AIDS, persons cured of leprosy, beggars and victims of substance abuse. Social security pensions are provided to 53.09 lakh persons, the highest percentage of coverage of population amongst all states in the country. My Government has also made provision for pension

under 'Madhu Babu Pension Yojana' in favour of destitute, deserted & divorcee women, orphan children and widows who were victims of COVID-19.

101. 104 special schools and 1 College for the hearing impaired are running in the State for providing education to 6,815 PwD students. Free laptops are being distributed to +3 above PwD Students. Banishree Scholarships have been provided to 29,233 PwD students. 5,092 physically, mentally and socially challenged persons have been rehabilitated through 78 therapy centres & Halfway Homes. 3,349 PwD SHGs have been formed for their economic empowerment through different Government programmes.

102. 83 old age homes are functioning in all the districts of the State to provide food, clothing, high quality residential support and health services free of cost to the senior citizens. Odisha is amongst the first few States of the country 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 old age and destitute persons, and Persons with Disabilities. These centres will be developed as Centres of Excellence under the '5T' initiative. For the welfare and rehabilitation of beggars and destitutes the scheme "SAHAYA" is being implemented. Schemes like "ABADANA" and "SWEEKRUTI" are being implemented for the welfare of senior citizens and transgenders respectively.

103. My Government has been proactive in enhancing the Capital outlay in a progressive manner and Capital investment for 2023-24 now stands at ₹ 56,992 crore. The proportion of Capital expenditure to total budget is highest among all major States in the country and it surpasses a healthy level of 6% of Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP). This has helped in boosting economic growth and enabling my Government to carry forward different developmental and welfare programmes.

104. During 2018-19 to 2022-23, my Government has completed 216 Bridges, 14 Rail Over-Bridges (ROBs) and 40 Check Dams and 8,593 kms. of

roads have been improved by incurring expenditure of around ₹ 20,996 crore.

105. My Government's 'Mukhya Mantri Sadak Yojana' (MMSY) is a flagship rural connectivity programme, under which up-gradation and widening of existing RD roads and PR roads are undertaken. During the last 5 years, 807 roads of 3,383 km. length have been constructed by incurring expenditure of around ₹ 2,355 crore. During 2023-24, for completion of 285 roads ₹ 650 crore has been provided in the Budget under MMSY.

106. My Government's MMSY-Connecting Unconnected Villages in Difficult Areas scheme envisages all weather road connectivity to unconnected habitations in most difficult areas in LWE districts of the State. From 2019-20 to 2022-23, a total of 131 projects with 784 km. length have been taken up.

107. My Government has been implementing Biju Setu Yojana (BSY) since 2011-12 on rural roads to provide an efficient all-weather road network across the State and to effectively address the socio-

economic needs of rural Odisha. So far, 1,415 bridges under Biju Setu Yojana have been completed.

108. My Government has become self-sufficient in power availability for providing 24X7 quality and reliable power. Odisha is a power surplus State. The average power supply hours both in Rural and Urban Odisha have increased and the per capita usage of electricity in the State has also increased in the National context as per recent reports published by the Central Electricity Authority. Universal access to electricity is being ensured by my Government through different State schemes. Augmenting the generation, transmission and distribution infrastructure has made the State one of the most preferred destinations for investment in the energy sector. My Government is totally committed to meet the Net Zero target by encouraging establishment of more and more renewable power projects across the State through Just Transition.

109. My Government has been continuously striving for citizen friendly quality infrastructure amenities for the travelling masses at bus stands

across the state. “Ama Bus Stand” scheme is now being implemented by my Government. In the first phase, 55 Ama Bus Stands have already been developed at different locations during 2023-24, creating new job opportunities for the aspiring youth and providing SHG Women with viable business opportunities. Construction of 132 new Ama Bus Stands will be taken up in the second phase.

110. My Government has also launched LAccMI (Location Accessible Multi-modal Initiative) an ingenious scheme with the objective to connect all 6,798 Gram Panchayats in all the 30 districts of the state, with an integrated public transport system to enhance the Service Level Benchmark. All the districts have been grouped into 6 clusters for phased rolling out of the scheme.

111. My Government is committed to set up, manage and maintain a rail-based mass rapid transport system in Bhubaneswar, Cuttack, Khordha and Puri cities to provide the general public with a fast, convenient, modern and economical mode of public transport. Going ahead in this direction, my Government has constituted Bhubaneswar Metro

Rail Corporation Ltd. and in the 1st phase Bhubaneswar Airport is being connected to Trisulia Square. It is targeted for completion by end of 2027 at a cost of around ₹ 6,256 crore.

112. Due to the sincere and untiring efforts of my Government, the iconic CNBT (Cuttack Netaji Bus Terminal) was completed in record time and dedicated to the people of Odisha by my Government. Constructed at a cost of ₹ 91.01 crore, sprawling over 14.95 acre of land, this state-of-the-art bus terminal can accommodate 190 buses at a time, and passengers arriving at the bus terminal located on the banks of Kathajodi river will get the feeling of an airport terminal. To make the journey to and from the terminal hassle free, integrated bus management system has been installed which will automatically generate tickets for any bus entering the CNBT and automatically allot a bay and a parking area.

113. Construction of the state-of-the-art ISBT (Inter State Bus Terminal) at Baramunda, Bhubaneswar with an estimated cost of ₹ 209.33 crore is going on steadily and will be completed very soon. Being

implemented by Bhubaneswar Development Authority over 15.50 acres of land, it will provide passenger convenience including office space, parking, food court, restaurant and commercial space. It will be a world class transit infrastructure in the city for both interstate and inter-city bus operations, will provide easy access to people with mobility constraints, integration of transport and non-transport uses, child friendly features and mandatory adherence to the universal accessible guidelines.

114. I commend my Government for making Odisha the best state in regional air connectivity. Odisha recently was adjudged for the Best State Award at GOI's Wings India 2024 event and for its pro-active approach in regional connectivity scheme. My Government recently started air connectivity to the state's southern most district of Malkanagiri. Malkanigiri Airport is spread over an area of 233 acres with a 1,620 meters long and 30 meters wide runway and ₹ 70 crore was spent to develop the airport. With the new airport coming up, journey from the state's capital, Bhubaneswar

to Malkanagiri can be completed just in 2 hours instead of 14-16 hours it took earlier by road in the absence of a railway network. The airport would usher in an era of development in the region and open up new avenues of communication, tourism and trade in Malkanagiri and near by areas. It is a major infrastructure push completed in a record 14 months. Apart from the new one in Malkanagiri, airports are also being developed at Utkela in Kalahandi district and Rangeilunda in Ganjam district. The major infrastructure push in the tribal dominated Malkanagiri before the airport was Gurupriya bridge inaugurated in 2018 which established connectivity to the Swabhiman Anchal, previously the cut-off areas of the district.

115. Technology is the bedrock of societal progress. My Government has put in efforts to stay in sync with new technologies that enhance efficiency and transparency in governance. To ensure good people-centric governance, my Government has incorporated “Technology” as one of the pillars of the ‘5T’ initiative. During the last two decades, Odisha has made rapid strides in the

Electronics and Information Technology domain. This is reflected in the huge investments the State has attracted, the competitive policies my Government has formulated, the transformational public service delivery initiatives it has undertaken, the technological and communication infrastructure it has built, the collaborations it has forged ahead with major companies, and the digital services it is offering to its citizens.

116. Major IT, electronics companies, and professional services firms have opened their centres in Bhubaneswar in recent years. These include IBM, Deloitte, E&Y, Synopsys, PwC, Happiest Minds, Incture, Concentrix and many more. In the last 5 years, the IT exports of the State have increased by 87.5%, rising from ₹ 4,000 crore in 2018-19 to an estimated ₹ 7,500 crore by 2023-24. The number of people employed in the IT sector has also increased substantially from approximately 20,000 in 2018-19 to over 40,000 in 2022-23. To boost investment flow into the state, my Government has notified Electronic Policy, IT Policy, BPO Policy and Data Centre Policy. Recently

my Government notified the Semiconductor Manufacturing and Fabless Policy, 2023 making Odisha the 4<sup>th</sup> state in the country to offer dedicated incentives to semiconductor units, in addition to offering incentives to semiconductor design units and supply chain units. For the development of a conducive semiconductor eco-system in the state, my Government will shortly launch O-Chip programme.

117. My Government has leveraged technological integration to enable unified and decentralized governance in our State. The coverage of Odisha State Workflow Automation System (OSWAS) has been extended across all Government Departments, all Heads of Department, all District Collectorates, and DG and SP offices of Odisha. The target is to extend it to all Government offices including those at the block and tahasil level. Because of OSWAS, the work output and efficiency of Government officials has been significantly enhanced. Web enabled OSWAS will also be implemented during this year. State headquarters, Directorates, and District headquarters have all

been connected through Odisha State Wide Area Network (OSWAN). VC facility has been made available from State level to blocks and is being extended to GP level. Because of the wide scale integration of technology, public service delivery has been comprehensively transformed in the State, our people are now direct stakeholders in our governance initiatives; there has been manifold increase in transparency and data focus in governance.

118. Odisha One portal is providing convenient and transparent 24/7 public services for citizens with 640 services now available in the portal and more than 66 lakh transactions made through it.

119. My Government's 'Mo Sarkar' initiative is one of its kind nationally and internationally. Through this, my Government takes suo-moto feedback from the public on public servants, makes them stakeholders in governance, and, reorients the administrative machinery based on the public feedbacks for a better people oriented governance delivery mechanism. The 'Jan Sunani' portal complementing it, and, the state dashboards, utilizing AI, ML and

data science technology to monitor schemes, are further ensuring transparency and data driven decision makings.

120. Public Sector Enterprises through an array of activities assist the Government to achieve the desired socio-economic objectives. Our State PSUs play a key role in steering the state economy in the desired direction. At present, out of 31 working PSUs, 25 PSUs are profit making and 7 PSUs have paid dividend amounting to ₹ 1,516 crore during 2022-23.

121. My Government has introduced MSME Development Policy, 2016 and MSME Development Policy, 2022 to give thrust to the growth of MSMEs in the State to promote local entrepreneurship, utilization of local resources and create job opportunities across the State. Special attention is given by my Government to develop industrially backward areas and promote entrepreneurship among vulnerable sections of the society like SCs, STs and Women. My Government has launched a new scheme “CM-SRIM” (Chief Minister’s Scheme for Reimbursement of Interest

for MSMEs) in 2023-24. The scheme is intended to benefit manufacturing MSMEs which have gone into production on or before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020 by way of reimbursement of interest on the working capital loan for their enterprises.

122. 4.62 lakh Micro, Small and Medium enterprises have been registered in Udyam portal till December, 2023 out of which 4.50 lakh are Micro, 11,490 are Small, 818 are Medium industries. District Level Single Window Clearance Authorities have approved 2,334 projects worth ₹ 9,367 crore and employment potential for nearly 1 lakh persons, out of which 193 projects have started production and 871 projects are at various stages of implementation.

123. During 2022-23, MSMEs were assisted with ₹ 48.41 crore and so far in 2023-24 assistance of ₹ 48.90 crore has been provided to MSMEs under various Industrial Promotion Policies. Under PMEGP 41,452 units have been promoted with margin money assistance of ₹ 949.99 crore and generation of employment to 3,37,083 persons from 2008-09 to 2022-23.

124. My Government has started the 'Start-up Odisha' Initiative with support of Startup Odisha policy and Startup Odisha portal and it is steadily moving ahead with the objectives of creating a world-class 'Start-up Hub' in Odisha, encourage sector specific incubators and create enabling environment and supporting ecosystem for 5,000 startups within the next 5 years. In the meantime, it has supported over 1,700 startups including 600 startups led by women.

125. My Government is aware of the positive effects of massive industrialization resulting in faster economic growth, technological innovation and advancement, employment opportunities for the youth with a more efficient division of labour and large scale urbanization. For achieving higher economic growth, my Government has taken proactive measures for investment promotion and industrial facilitation in the state as a result of which the state has attracted investment proposal of ₹ 4,15,628.96 crore with 2.34 lakh employment potential.

126. The 3rd edition of the 'Make in Odisha' Conclave of my Government attracted ₹10.48 Lakh Crore of investment across 22 diversified sectors with an employment potential of over 10.37 lakhs. Apart from the 'Make in Odisha' conclave, my Government organised as many as 32 investment promotion activities including road shows to attract investment to the State.

127. My Government has adopted several measures to significantly improve the ease of doing business environment in the state and is committed to ensure the implementation of all the reforms in letter and spirit. My Government has also implemented various other reforms to ensure a robust and attractive industrial ecosystem in the state.

128. My Government achieved a significant decline in the regulatory compliance burden by addressing 1,767 compliances impacting both business and citizens. My Government is also taking efforts to adopt a new Labour Code that further eliminates the burdensome penal provisions.

129. My Government is keen on ensuring the groundbreaking and dedication of projects cleared by the single window committees at the earliest. During this financial year, dedication of completed projects and groundbreaking of new ventures of 21 companies with investment of ₹ 3,629.16 crore and employment potential of 9,205 personnel has been accomplished by my Government.

130. District Investment Promotion Agencies (DIPA) functioning at the district level is a significant initiative of my Government to strengthen and streamline the investment facilitation mechanism as catalysts for investment promotion and enhancing the overall investment climate in the region.

131. Odisha has now edged past Maharashtra as the most attractive destination for investment. GO SWIFT, the comprehensive end-to-end single window clearance system of Odisha is one of its kind in the country and a benchmark worth emulating. For promotion of micro, small and medium industries, 128 industrial estates/areas with 12,061.34 acres of land have been developed at strategic locations of the State.

132. To attract investment in industrial and social infrastructure projects and to meet the upcoming needs of suitable land for growth of industries in the state, a land bank of 73,532.79 acres suitable for industrial investment has been created.

133. 30 Multi-product MSME parks in all the districts of the state, development of four sector specific parks such as seafood park at Deras, Electronics Manufacturing Park at Infovalley, Aluminium Park at Angul and Plastic Park at Paradip; two IT/ITES SEZs at Chandaka and Gaudakashipur, Bhubaneswar have been developed to augment industrial facilitation and investment in the State.

134. My Government is developing a PCPIR (Petroleum Chemicals and Petrochemicals Investment Region) at Paradip and also proposing to develop the Steel Complex at Kalingangar as NIMZ (National Investment Manufacturing Zone).

135. Along with IDCO Towers (Multi storied complex) at Dhenkanal and Jharsuguda, my Government is proposing to develop 8 IDCO Towers and 4 IT Towers as uniquely designed

signature towers to provide space to MSMEs, Startups, IT&ITES units, and office space for existing industries.

136. My Government has launched Odisha East Coast Economic Corridor along NH 16, Biju Economic Corridor along with Biju Expressway covering 10 districts, Odisha East West Economic Corridor from Khurda to Jharsuguda covering 6 districts and also proposing for the development of an Utility Corridor at Gopalpur to be utilised for laying pipeline from TATA Steel SEZ to Gopalpur port for handling various liquid and gas products.

137. As a welfare measure for workers with focus on women workforce, for facilitation of stay of industrial workers, 13 Workers' Hostels are being constructed at various potential Industrial Estates of the state.

138. Going ahead with its Vision 2025, my Government has planned to upgrade its five existing Industrial Estates, develop 5 best in class New Industrial Cluster & Metal Downstream Parks, develop an Utility Corridor for carrying oil, gas and

water supply etc from Gopalpur port to TATA SEZ, Gopalpur and develop one 10 MLD capacity Common Effluent Treatment Plant (CETP) along with 30 MLD deep sea discharge pipeline to facilitate industrial growth in PCPIR region at Paradip.

139. An inclusive industrial atmosphere with environmental sustainability as its guiding principle, my Government aspires to build a new and industrially prosperous Odisha of our future with ample opportunities for our aspiring youth and women.

140. My Government has come a long way in disaster management and mitigation during the last two decades with the learnings of 1999 Super Cyclone. My Government's model of Zero casualty is now nationally and globally denominated and emulated as the "Odisha Model". This has happened due to consistent efforts in building effective community-level warning, dissemination mechanisms, construction and operationalisation of multi-purpose cyclone shelters and Early Warning Dissemination System (EWDS). My Government

has responded promptly to all kinds of calamities, be it heavy rain & floods during August, 2023, cyclone 'Miachung', Bahanaga train tragedy, heat wave, lightning, fire accidents, hailstorms and whirlwinds, snakesbites, drowning and boat capsizes.

141. My Government has implemented some transformative best practices in dealing with disasters and natural calamities. Under National Cyclone Risk Mitigation Project (NCRMP), the Early Warning Dissemination System (EWDS) is functioning in six coastal districts of Balasore, Bhadrak, Kendrapara, Jagatsinghpur, Puri and Ganjam. This project is first of its kind in the country. The Doppler Weather Radar (DWR) stations at Gopalpur and Paradeep are now fully functional, which help IMD in forecasting weather and other related information with accuracy on real-time basis.

142. The overall law and order situation in the State has remained by and large peaceful. Left Wing Extremism (LWE) activities has remarkably declined in the State due to proactive operational and administrative response of my Government.

42 Maoist cadres were neutralized in police action, 145 were arrested and 63 surrendered with timely and effective action. Besides, 162 guns, 480 Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) and large quantity of other articles have been recovered during anti-Maoist operations. The number of LWE affected districts now stands reduced at 10 from 21 due to proactive response of the security personnel. Under Operation “Ghar Wapsi” in Swabhiman Anchal of Malkangiri district, once a stronghold of LWE, more than 3,200 active militias and supporters have returned back to the social mainstream.

143. During last 5 years, my Government has created 5,577 posts in different ranks to augment the capacity of the State Police Force. Similarly, 66 police stations and 2 out posts and 2 SDPO Offices have been created and 6,440 posts in different ranks have been filled up during the period.

144. Odisha is one of the fastest growing States in India. Odisha’s post-COVID growth revival is quite exemplary in terms of economic growth as per Advanced Estimate 2022-23 of Gross State

Domestic Product (GSDP). The State economy has witnessed an annual average growth rate of 6.47% at 2011-12 prices during the period from 2012-13 to 2022-23 (AE), which is higher than the National/ Indian Annual Average Growth rate of 5.59%. As per the Advance Estimate, Odisha's Economy has registered a growth rate of 7.8% in 2022-23 (AE) at 2011-12 prices which is higher than the Indian Economy projected to grow by 7.0% in 2022-23 (AE).

145. The growth rate of Agriculture & Allied Sector of the State during 2022-23 (AE) at 2011-12 prices has increased by 6%, whereas, in industries and service sector of the state, a growth rate of 6.1% and 8.8% has been achieved respectively. The Per Capita income in Odisha at current prices has grown significantly at 16.9% in 2022-23 (AE) to reach ₹ 1.51 lakh from ₹1.29 lakh in 2021-22. Further, the unemployment growth rate of Odisha has declined from 7.1% in 2017-18 to 6.2% in 2019-20.

146. Under "Critical Gap Fund for District Plan" ₹ 42 crore has been provisioned for 30 districts to address the basic rural infrastructure needs on

priority with special emphasis on zero connectivity areas, health and drinking water etc. Allotment of ₹ 42 Crore for the year 2023-24 for implementation of aforesaid scheme has been communicated to 30 Districts. My Government has introduced the “Infrastructure Development Fund Scheme for KBK districts” with an outlay of ₹130 crore per annum out of State Resources with effect from 2017-18 for creating and maintaining infrastructures and assets in the areas of irrigation, inter-district roads, critical R.D roads, drinking water supply and development of ST/SC school buildings and hostels. Till 2023-24, ₹ 820.56 crore has been released to different line departments for undertaking such works and ₹ 130 crore has been kept in the Budget for the year 2023-24 under the scheme.

147. Socio-Economic Transformation & Upliftment (SETU) scheme has been introduced during 2018-19 for development of erstwhile 151 cut-off villages of Chittrakonda Block in Malkangiri district. So far, a sum of ₹ 292 crore has been provided under SETU for undertaking projects in the sphere of livelihood, connectivity, electrification, agriculture & fishery,

housing, educational infrastructure and river lift irrigation projects. My Government has enhanced financial assistance from ₹ 100 crore in 2020-21 to ₹ 400 crore in 2023-24 to Western Odisha Development Council.

148. My Government has waived the examination fees for recruitment to different posts and services under the State Government by which the poor, young aspirants from humble background will be benefitted and it will pave the way for them to appear in more numbers in the recruitment examinations of the state. In order to streamline the recruitment process, Combined Recruitment Examination Rules have been framed for conducting combined recruitment examination for different posts or services having similar qualification, thereby reducing the number of recruitment examinations to be conducted. Now all the candidates will exercise option to the post or service in the Combined Recruitment Examination for which they wish to be considered in order of preference as indicated in their application. It will make the recruitment process easy and hassle free for them, will reduce the examination related expenditures as well as save their precious time.

149. During last 5 years, Odisha Public Service Commission (OPSC) has recommended 15,096 candidates, Odisha Staff Selection Commission (OSSC) 12,988 candidates and Odisha Sub-ordinate Staff Selection Commission (OSSSC) 18,902 candidates to different Departments of my Government and District Offices for appointment.

150. Office Automation through e-Office Application has been implemented in more than 1,000 Government establishments. Human Resources Management System (HRMS) has been implemented to simplify service-related matters relating to Government employee. Quarter Management System (QMS) 2.0 has been introduced to monitor all activities relating to quarter management. Litigation Management System (LMS) has facilitated efficient management of Court cases of Hon'ble High Court of Orissa and State Education Tribunal.

151. 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 mechanism has enabled my Government to deliver transformative

outcomes through it. People's feedback on public service delivery has made governance people-centric and has helped in identifying the areas of concern and take corrective measures to improve the efficacy of Government service delivery mechanism and reorient governance towards dedicated public welfare. This has also helped in achieving the inclusive Sustainable Development Goal of developing effective, accountable and transparent institutions.

152. My Government has revoked the restrictions previously imposed on fragmentation of Chaka land so that tenants can transact their respective shares of agricultural land during times of need. The transactions of Chaka land which were made in contravention of Section 34 of the Odisha Consolidation of Holdings and Prevention of Fragmentation of Land Act, 1972 where eviction has not been made by Collector are validated and mutation proceedings for change of ownership can now be initiated in those cases.

153. In order to maintain uniformity and transparency across the State, my Government has revised the conversion fees at the rate of one

percentum of the market value which shall be payable per acre of agricultural land situated at different places of the State, for conversion of its use to any purpose other than agriculture by amending the sub-section-2 of Section 8-A of OLR Act, 1960 through Odisha Land Reforms (Amendment) Act, 2023.

154. Under the scheme “Vasundhara”, Government land up to 4 decimals is being settled on free of premium basis with eligible homesteadless persons in rural areas of the State. As per the Survey conducted during 2018-19 for identification of homesteadless persons for allotment of homestead land under “Vasundhara” Scheme, 55,128 beneficiaries have so far been allotted homestead land.

155. My Government has launched ‘AMA Bank’ Scheme on 28<sup>th</sup> November, 2023, a novel initiative to provide banking service at all 4,373 un-banked GPs through establishment of Customer Service Point (CSP) Plus Outlets. In the first phase, 750 CSP Plus Outlets were inaugurated. This historic and path-breaking CSP plus model, a truly inclusive and empowering initiative for the people of the state

innovated by my Government will become an emulative model for the rest of the country.

156. 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 translated Odisha into the top rank in the fiscal category in the State Ranking report.

157. My Government has brought out Fiscal Strategy Report, Fiscal Risk Statement, SDG Budget and Status paper on Public Debt, the new disclosures along with Annual Budget, 2022-23 thus making Odisha a leader in budget transparency and disclosure. Odisha has become the only State in the country to have a “Budget Stabilization Fund” to hedge against revenue shortfalls, if any, in future.

158. With the objective of promoting simplicity and transparency in the Government financial system and procedures, my Government has done a comprehensive revision of Odisha General Financial Rules (OGFR). The revised Odisha General Financial Rules (OGFR), 2023 has come into force with effect from 13<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

159. In order to overcome deficiencies in the existing fund flow mechanism for allocation of fund in favour of the Grantee Institutions and Implementing Agencies for implementation of various welfare schemes, my Government has been piloting an alternative fund flow mechanism under Just-in-Time Funding System (JiTFS) in IFMS for direct drawal of scheme fund from the Consolidated Fund of State. Fund is drawn just in time through an automated process to avoid any float or parking. This new functionality in IFMS is going to eliminate the existing practice of idle cash balance pertaining to scheme fund being accumulated in the commercial bank accounts without earning any market equivalent returns.

160. My Government firmly believes that dissemination of credible information to the public and maintaining the highest level of public relations are crucial to good governance which require systematic planning, collection, organization, and storage of information for its timely delivery to our people. My Government disseminates useful information to the public through press conferences and public meetings. The mediums of information

dissemination are print and electronic media such as journals, newspapers, radio, television, audio & video message clips. Phones, mobiles and the Internet are the technologies used for dissemination of credible information to the people in time on a regular basis as and when necessary, and the assistance of print and electronic media, public relations personnel, camera crews, and professional newsreaders are taken by my Government for information dissemination.

161. While providing informations relating to public services, governance measures and matters of public interest, my Government prioritizes accuracy, accessibility, and effective communication modes to ensure that the informations disseminated ultimately benefits the people of Odisha.

162. For dissemination of credible information, Information and Public Relations Department of my Government is now performing in 5T mode on e-advertisement, Live Common-Feed Technology, Digital Newsroom and archiving, focused IEC activities and updating of RTI Portal.

163. For welfare of working journalists, my Government has amended and renamed the existing

2006 rules as 'Odisha State Working Journalists' Welfare Fund Rules, 2020. My Government has enhanced the insurance coverage in Gopabandhu Sambadika Swasthya Bima Yojana (GSSBY) from ₹ 2 lakh to ₹ 5 lakh per family. My Government is providing an ex-gratia of ₹ 4 lakh to the legal heirs of the deceased working journalists and ₹ 2 lakh for permanent incapacitation. For the first time, my Government has introduced Educational Scholarships to the wards of a deceased journalist. My Government in recognition and appreciation of the services rendered by Newspaper Hawkers across the State, has issued them identity cards.

164. My Government has formulated the State Web Media Policy 2017 for release of advertisements to different web media channels. Live Common-Feed facility for different important programmes of Government is being provided to Electronic and Web Media Channels through empanelled agencies of I&PR Department. Field Publicity, Special Celebrations IEC Activities, Audio-visual Publicity, Press Information Service, Temporary Information Centres, Information Center-cum-Reading Rooms, Media Management,

Exhibition, Digital Archiving and Publications are other important activities undertaken by my Government through the Information and Public Relations Department.

165. For my Government, the year gone by was a year of resurgence, strong economic growth and perceptible transformation in public service delivery. Technology has transformed delivery of good governance and public goods and services. My State has performed phenomenally well in several sectors, as stability has provided the State an unrestrained space for growth and development. Despite several challenges during year 2023 my Government has made a remarkable journey and is now distinctly positioned as a progressive State setting important national and global benchmarks worth emulation.

166. My Government is untiringly striving to eradicate poverty, reduce regional disparities and gender differences through various pro-people initiatives and 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. Our transparent ways of governance have made us responsible and responsive to the ever changing needs of our times. Peoples' participation and partnering in the process of growth, development and progress of the State and its people has been the hallmark of this wonderful journey.

167. 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.

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

**"Bande Utkal Janani"**