

Hon. Speaker and Hon. Members of the Legislative Assembly,

I welcome you all to the third session of the 14th Legislative Assembly.

Intra-nation and international terrorism is a global menace, the terrifying result of which have been suffered by our nation recently. The brave CRPF Jawans have become martyrs in a terrorist attack in Pulvama district of Kashmir. I express my heartfelt condolences and sympathy to their families and pay tribute to them.

At the commencement of the session, I fondly remember Father of Nation Mahatma Gandhi- revered in the entire world, Sardar Patel – the architect of united India; Puja Ravishankar Maharaj – the silent worker of the people; and Indulal Yagnik – the valiant son of the State. I bow my head to them respectfully. It is quite natural that scholars of the nation and those from abroad are eager to know about the life of Mahatma Gandhi- the beloved Son of Gujarat, the super human who inspired the whole world and whose thought process and life influenced an entire era. Hon. Prime Minister has dedicated The Mahatma Gandhi Museum at Alfred High School, Rajkot where Gandhiji used to study. The museum provides a glimpse of the life of Mahatma Gandhi and brings alive his entire thinking process and his message and presents one more dimension of the glory of Gujarat.

It is a matter of great pride for all of us that the ‘Statue of Unity’– the tallest statue in the world with 182 meter height of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel – has been dedicated to the people by Hon’ble Prime Minister Shri Narendrabhai Modi on 31/10/2018. The Statue of Unity is the live projection of the talent, hard work and sacrifice of Sardar Saheb. A unique effort has been made to emotionally integrate farmers of the entire country with this gigantic construction by using their farm implements for the construction of the statue. This statue of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel – the architect of the unity and the integrity of the nation – built at Sadhubet in river Narmada at a distance of 3.2 k.m. from Sardar Sarovar Dam in the backdrop

of the mountain range of Satpuda and Vindhyaachal expresses the new India along with the competence and sacrifice of Sardar Patel. Along with the Statue of Unity, the valley of flowers – spreading the fragrance of flowers of more than 100 species – Wall of Unity – constructed from the soils of 1.69 lakh villages of India - , an audio visual exhibition covering the entire life of Sardar Saheb and a tent city setup in the natural backdrop of Mother Narmada have also been dedicated to the people. The tallest statue of the world built in the memory of Sardar Saheb – who was harder than the iron but at the same time tenderer than a flower - has provided an impetus to tourism activity also apart from providing Gujarat the top rank in the world map. It has also empowered the Vanbandhu.

On this occasion, I also remember Bharat Ratna Late Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee, former Prime Minister of India and a leading Statesman. Late Shri Vajpayee – the Bhishma Pitamah of Indian politics - earned the respect of all the parties for achieving landmarks like India’s nuclear test and the victory in Kargil war. Holding the record of being a member of parliament for the longest period, the Ajat Shatru (the one who does not have any enemy) Late Shri Vajpayee continues to inspire us to have compassion towards the downtrodden.

Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit 2019 - one more landmark in the march of development of Gujarat– was inaugurated by Hon’ble Prime Minister Shri Narendrabhai Modi. In this journey which was more like a development campaign, leaders of four countries, global industrial houses and thousands of intellectuals participated. In the 9th Vibrant Gujarat Summit, 15 countries participated which were the highest number of countries to participate in the summits organized till now. They included more than 3000 foreign delegates from 135 countries and more than 40,000 Indian delegates. They held approximately 3500 B2B and B2G meetings. By the end of this Vibrant Summit, 28360 MoUs were signed. In the summit, 37 international and country seminars were organized and 6 seminars of other States were also held. More than 1200 stalls were setup on the theme of “Shaping a New India” in a mega exhibition and 1250 companies including 200 companies of 38 leading countries of the world participated

in this exhibition. In Vibrant Gujarat Global Trade Show 2019, “Buyer Seller Meet” and “Reverse Buyer Seller Meet” as well as “Vendor Development Programme” were organized for the first time as a new approach which was very successful. Purchasers from more than 50 countries participated in “Buyer Seller Meet”/ “Reverse Buyer Seller Meet”. Apart from this, “The Africa Pavilion” setup with the cooperation of more than 25 African countries on Africa Day was also a big attraction.

The International Stem Seminar was a valuable platform for the experts of this field to interact. The Futuristic Technology Exhibition, Space Exhibition etc. provided knowledgeable information to the visitors.

I congratulate Hon’ble Prime Minister Shri Narendrabhai Modi for the unprecedented, historic and revolutionary decision – which was long awaited - to give 10% reservation to people of economically weaker sections by keeping the current arrangement of reservation unchanged and maintaining the social harmony. My government is the first to respond to this decision and implement it in the state.

“Student Startup and Innovation Policy-SSIP” has been implemented for the first time in the country by my government to translate curiosity of the youth into research and thereby to expand the chain of graduate, post graduate and doctorate courses with the vision to create 2000 startups from Gujarat by the year 2022. Under this policy, approximately 14 lakh students studying in 60 universities and more than 800 educational institutions in the state have been covered. Gujarat has been conferred “Startup Best Performer Award” by Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion of Central Government for startup works under “Startup Ranking 2018” of States.

Corruption free Administration

With objective of Welfare to All Through Comprehensive Development, the State of Gujarat is marching on the path of comprehensive progress under the leadership of Hon’ble Chief Minister Shri Vijaybhai Rupani and Hon’ble Deputy Chief Minister Shri Nitinbhai Patel. My Government has made integrity, transparency, honesty, sensitivity, decisiveness the basis and shown commitment to remove corruption.

- The Anti-Corruption Department has been equipped with modern facilities to abolish corruption. My government which is committed to eradicate corruption has registered cases against 729 persons in the last one year including trap/decoy cases against 717 persons, cases of Disproportionate Asset against 12 Government officers/employees. The conviction rate which was 25% has increased by 10% in the last five years to reach 35% in the year 2018 largely due to prompt action, competence and commitment of the Anti-Corruption Bureau.
- Gujarat has entered in the new age of mining and excavation. The higher criteria of transparency has encouraged different types of entrepreneurs to participate in bidding for e-Auction and get mining rights. For competitive and impartial allocation of mines in the State, total 686 blocks have been identified for public auction. Total 470 blocks of minor minerals have been put up for auction in five phases from 01/04/2018 till date.
- My Government has developed the tradition of ‘Minimum Government – Maximum Governance’ and one more important decision has been taken by way of the announcement that the dealers wishing to start petrol-diesel pumps in the state are exempted from obtaining a new license from the State Government for purchase, storage and selling of petrol and diesel. This decision has opened the door of a new revolutionary age in the field of purchase – storage – selling of petrol and diesel in the State. The owners of petrol – diesel pumps in the State will no longer be required to renew their license after the expiry of their license period.
- Hotels which do not serve liquor have been exempted from police license.
- My Government has decided to make the provision to give exemption to the new industrial units being set up in the State as well as the eligible additional units from payment of electricity duty for five years from the date of commissioning production more simple, speedy and transparent. Industrial units can obtain the certificate of exemption from electricity duty from their home within 24 hours by applying online once their eligibility is proved.

- With the twin purpose of facilitating the business of shopkeepers and prevention of corruption, the provision of a Life Time License under *Gumasta Dhaara* (Shopkeeper Act) has been made.
- With the intention that the eligible beneficiary can avail the amount of assistance promptly and easily, State Government has included about 251 schemes State Government as well as centrally sponsored schemes of 14 departments in the State DBT Portal and approximately ₹7242 Crore have been directly transferred to the accounts of the beneficiaries.
- To remove the hardship of the people, the process of NA has been made online for people dwelling in urban and rural areas. As the online system is simple, transparent and speedy, it saves time and energy and reduces unnecessary paper work. After the revolutionary initiative of online NA permission has received success in different districts, State Government has also operationalized one more revenue procedure “Premium” online which has been implemented in five districts on pilot basis and it will be introduced in the entire state.
- A statewide fourth phase of Sevasetu programme was launched so that the genuine beneficiary is not deprived from the Government assistance. Out of 4686636 applications received till now under the fourth phase of Sevasetu programme, 4681525 applications i.e. 99.89% have been disposed.
- The Chief Minister’s direct control and monitoring on the functioning of the important departments of the State Government has become possible by CM Dashboard.
- It has been decided to purchase all the items for the State Government through GeM portal so that transparency can be observed and people’s money can be properly utilized.
- Out of 49421 online grievances received from the people of the State in the calendar year 2018 on Public Grievances(P.G.) portal- the portal designed by The Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances, Government of India for online submission of grievances- 44766 grievances i.e. 90.58% have been redressed.

With the corruption eradication efforts mentioned above, My Government is marching ahead decisively and with concrete planning for development of the deprived, to provide schedule castes and tribal communities their due rights, for empowerment of women, to provide employment to the youth and to provide farmers all kinds of assistance.

Development of the Deprived

- The most popular and people oriented program of My Government is Garib Kalyan Mela. By organizing 39 Garib Kalyan Mela during the current year, 12.73 lakh beneficiaries have been provided subvention of ₹2727 Crore. Total 1530 Garib Kalyan Mela have been organized till date in eleven phases and 147 lakh beneficiaries have been provided total subvention of ₹26677 Crore.
- Under Vanbandhu Kalyan Yojana, provision of ₹13277.87 Crore has been made for the year 2018-19 with an increase of ₹718.53 Crore and thereby maximum infrastructural facilities have been made available to the tribal community and a role model has been provided to the entire country.
- Provisions of PESA Act are being intensively implemented in the State. The tribal community have been given the right to water and land in the forest and to collect minor forest produce. The Eklavya Model Residential Schools under Vanbandhu Kalyan Yojana have been increased to 91 from 7. In these schools, 32000 students are getting quality education.
- Under The Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006, the dwelling and tilling rights of Scheduled Tribes on the land occupied by them have been recognized. Under this Act, 129604 acre land for 84441 individual claims, 1160857 acre land for 4659 community claims and 1365 acre land for 1147 proposals regarding infrastructural facilities have been handed over. Thus, rights to approximately 13 lakh acre land have been recognized by sanctioning total 90247 claims.
- Screening of 90 lakh tribal people have been completed for sickle cell anemia, the incidents of which is found significant in the tribal area of the State. A tribal patient is provided annual subvention of ₹6000 for this.

- A number of schemes have been started by my Government to ensure the employment to Economically Backward Class students and the youth of non-reserved classes. This year, under the Mukhya Mantri Svavalamban Yojana, assistance of ₹163 Crore have been paid to 40988 beneficiaries of these classes. Loan of ₹10 lakh for pursuing studies within the country and loan up to ₹15 lakh for pursuing studies in foreign countries are provided. Apart from this, loan of ₹10 lakh is provided to the graduates for self-employment.
- More than 36000 students are provided free of cost lodging and boarding facility in 598 grant-in-aid hostels and 88 Ashram Shalas of Scheduled Castes.
- Total educational subvention of ₹960.00 Crore is paid to total 52.55 lakh students under schemes of pre-matric scholarship, post matric scholarship and assistance for uniform to Scheduled Castes, Socially and Educationally Backward Classes, Economically weaker sections, Minority Communities.
- Under Saraswati Sadhana Yojana, 1.82 lakh girls belonging to Scheduled Castes, Socially and Educationally Backward Classes are provided bicycles free of cost with the expenditure of ₹65.07 Crore.
- Under Kunvarbainu Mameru Yojana, 30250 girls belonging to Scheduled Castes, Socially and Educationally Backward Classes, Economically weaker sections are provided assistance of Rs.30.25 Crore on the occasion of their marriage.

Samaras Hostels:-

12 Samaras hostels have been started in the state with modern facilities for 10500 students at Ahmedabad, Vadodara, Rajkot, Surat, Bhavnagar and Anand for students of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Developing Castes and Economically Backward Classes. Approval has been given to construct 8 Samaras hostels at Bhuj, Jamnagar, Patan and Himmatnagar.

- **Santhani Land:-**

To realize the slogan “Work for Every Hand”, State Government has allotted 64026 hectare land to 42357 beneficiaries of Scheduled Castes and 17992 hectare land to 6201 beneficiaries of Schedules Tribes from government fallow land to allot agricultural land to landless farm labourers. Apart from this, out of the land rendered surplus under Agricultural Land Ceiling Act, State Government has allotted 19545 hectare land to 6282 beneficiaries of Scheduled Castes and 4573 hectare land to 4210 beneficiaries of Scheduled Tribes. The beneficiaries have been handed over possession of the land and it has been decided to increase the assistance being given for re-claiming the land from Rs.15000 per hectare to Rs.30000 per hectare.

Health

- My Government is continuously trying to ensure that every person of the State remain healthy, the mother’s mortality rate and infant mortality rate is decreased, no child birth is discriminated against on the basis of sex and the skewed sex-ratio is brought down, the reach of health services is extended and people of Gujarat get quality health services.
- A huge health infrastructure is available in Gujarat with 9231 Sub Centers, 1499 Primary Health Centers, 368 Community Health Centers, 35 Sub-district Hospitals, 22 District Hospitals as well as 15 Medical College allied Hospitals and 128 Mobile Medical Health Units.
- Hon’ble Prime Minister Shri Narendrabhai Modi has implemented Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana to see that more than 50 Crore poor and middle class people of the country get high quality health facility and no person has to die because of lack of treatment owing to lack of financial resources. The beneficiary family gets all treatment, medicine etc. up to ₹5 lakh free of cost per year. Approximately 2 Crore 44 lakh people have been covered under the scheme in the State of Gujarat. They will also get the benefit of the scheme. I am glad to inform you that Gujarat ranks first in implementation of this scheme.

- The Central Government has recently allotted an AIMS hospital to Gujarat to make modern health services, ultra-modern instruments based on latest technology and services of specialist and super-specialist experts available to Gujarat. Construction of a modern hospital, medical college and research center shall begin shortly on 300 acre land near Rajkot at an estimated cost of ₹1200 Crore. Patients of Gujarat shall get the benefit of high quality treatment with modern systems in near future.
- My Government conducts School Health Checkup programme so that no child in the State fall ill and an ailing child recovers quickly and continue with the studies and keep hail and hearty. My Government has carried out health checkup of approximately 1 Crore 55 lakh students on the spot and provided them necessary treatment free of cost. Under School Health Checkup Programme, on the spot treatment to 19.61 lakh children, referral services to 184118 children, super-specialty treatment to 28283 children – which included treatment for heart ailment to 22932 children, renal treatment to 3508 children, treatment for cancer to 1843 children – were provided during 2017-18. Till date, treatment for Cleft Lip/ Palate to 4300 children, treatment for club foot to 2697 children and treatment for Cochlear Implant to 1436 children has been provided.
- Patients belonging to poor and middle class section are availing the benefit of Mukhyamantri Amrutam “MA” and “MA Vatsalya Yojana” of my Government. Under this scheme, 68.02 lakh families have been registered upto 31 December, 2018 and total claims of ₹2169 Crore of 14.65 lakh beneficiaries have been sanctioned giving the patients a new lease of life.
- Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation has built with the help of State Government the modern Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Hospital at a cost of ₹750 Crore. The hospital has been inaugurated by Hon’ble Prime Minister. All kinds of specialty and super-specialty treatment are provided in this hospital.
- Under the central Government programme, a statewide campaign to administer “MR” vaccine has been launched to protect children from diseases like measles/small pox and rubella. More than 1 Crore 45 lakh children have been vaccinated free of cost under this drive.

- The effective implementation of mother and child health programme has seen the proportion of institutional delivery in the State increasing from 54.7 % in 2005-06 to 99.3%. The mother mortality rate per every 1 lakh live birth was 112 in the year 2011-13, which has reduced to 91 in the year 2014-16.
- Under Bal Sakha – 3 Scheme started with the objective to make extensive treatment available at door step for 28 days from the date of birth to an infant born with 1.5 k.g. or less weight, 137 private pediatricians, voluntary and grant-in-aid institutions functioning in the field of medicine have joined hands with Government through agreement and provided free of cost health services to 11840 infants from April 2018 to December 2018.

Health Education:

- Two new medical colleges have been started on PPP mode at Palanpur in Banaskantha district and Dahod in Dahod district each and admissions have been given to students for MBBS courses on 300 new seats created in these two colleges. My Government has been continuously taking action to setup new medical colleges for medical education and medical college allied 500 bed hospitals and as a result, 5000 MBBS seats are now available in 26 medical colleges compared to only 900 MBBS seats in 6 medical colleges before year 1995. Thus, there has been the significant increase in medical education facilities for the youth of Gujarat in the State.
- There are more than 500 stores of generic medicines operating in the State to make available quality medicines to patients at reasonable price, the benefit of which is being availed by patients.
- I am feeling proud to mention that my government has made important and sensitive decision to provide assistance up to ₹50000 to the injured in road accidents for speedy treatment even in private hospitals also during golden hours (first 48 hours) , so that fatality may be prevented.

Education

- My government has accorded top priority to education by allocating highest budget of ₹27500 Crore which is more than the allocation made in earlier years and higher compared to other sectors. Here also, children of primary schools have been paid special attention so that the foundation of their education does not remain weak and the future citizens of India can be shaped in a better way. There are 32961 government primary schools in the state where 6500 classrooms and 2930 toilets have been constructed during the last year. Facility of toilet and electricity is available in almost all the government primary schools. With provision of all these facilities laid down in the RTE and as a result of programs like Shala Praveshotsav, Gunotsav and Mission Vidya of my government, total enrollment of children has increased by 34.20% and the enrollment of girls has increased by 36.31% and the dropout rate has come down to 1.42% whereas the literacy rate has increased by 10.17%.
- Good results are being received of the Gunotsav programme organized every year since 2009. The quality of primary education in state has improved with Gunotsav Abhiyan.
- For improving the learning outcomes of the students, my government has made sincere efforts from preprimary level education to higher secondary level education. Knowledge through activities has been universalized in standard 1-2 to develop basic skills in students.
- The period and subject teacher method system has been introduced in standard 3-8. As a result, the sense of accountability has increased in the entire system. Recently, a remedial test for language and mathematics was conducted for about 649000 students of standard two and now every student is being imparted individual remedial education according to their requirement. Unit tests of various subjects are conducted every week in standard 3-8 and teachers also give remedial teaching.
- The attendance of teachers and students in all the primary schools of the state is taken online. This has increased the transparency and accountability in the entire system. These efforts made by Gujarat to improve the learning outcomes of the students will show a new direction to other states of the country also.

Mission Vidya:

- For children studying in standard 6-8 and found weak in reading, writing and calculation on the basis of the results of Gunotsav-8, remedial teaching was started under Mission Vidya title in the form of statewide campaign. The teachers worked for an additional hour during this mission. At the end of Mission Vidya, the evaluation carried out by external evaluators has shown remarkable improvement in the achievement of the students.

Online resource portal (GROWER):

- An online resource portal GROWER (Gujarat Repository of Wide and Educational Resources) has been prepared to make teaching material easily accessible to students, teachers-instructors and guardians in this digital age. Audio visual material of various subjects are available on this portal.
- Total subvention of ₹289 Crore has been provided up to 2018-19 to 222467 students who have taken admissions in private primary schools under RTE.
- During current year, total 24036 children of parents who make seasonal migration for employment have been provided benefit of total 580 seasonal hostels at different places.
- From among the total 112122 children in the age group of 6-14 and having special requirement, 110172 children have been provided necessary equipment, therapy, transport, escort allowance and stipend facility.

Secondary Education:

- With the objective that no individual or organization in the State start a school without obtaining recognition from Gujarat Secondary and Higher Secondary Education Board and also to prevent malpractices in examinations, some of the provisions of Gujarat Secondary and Higher Secondary Education Act, 1972 have been amended. This will go a long way in reducing the activity of opening illegal schools and instances of malpractices in examinations.
- Under Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan, construction works for 70 new secondary schools, 4818 class rooms, 8 KGBV buildings, 1319 toilets, 20 girls' hostels etc. have been started.

- My Government has started 1108 new secondary schools in last five years. With the new Government schools coming up, 16 percent increase of students in Government secondary schools has been recorded against overall increase of 4.34 percent in all secondary schools.

Higher Education:

- There were 02 sectorial universities before 2000-2001 in the State. After 2000-2001, 20 sectorial universities have been added including Petroleum University, Children's University, Indian Institute of Teacher Education, Kamdhenu University, Sanskrit University, National Law University, Raksha Shakti University, Forensic Science University, Gujarat Technological University, Sports University etc.
- The number of engineering colleges has reached to more than 440 in the State. As a result, students of the State do not have to go to other states to pursue engineering courses and they can now get technical education in Gujarat itself. More than 2.73 lakh students who have got admission in the first year of graduation and polytechnic courses have been provided tablets of universal brand at the token rate of ₹1000 under "Namo E-Tablet Scheme" and total 217 colleges have been provided Namo Wifi facility.
- "Namo e-Tab" Android application has been developed by Education Department so that students can use the tablet properly. With the help of this application, students can get information about various scholarship schemes of the State Government, career counselling, higher educational institutes of the State, placement, job search, virtual learning, startup etc. Besides useful online video lectures and language lab, the facility to upload academic notes, assignments has been added in this application.
- In the current year, subvention of ₹29 Crore has been paid to 1391 girl students under Mukhya Mantri Kanya Kelavani Nidhi.
- Appointments have been given on 468 posts of Assistant Professor (Class-II) of various 23 subjects in Government colleges of the State in the last one year.

Women's Empowerment and Security

- 181 Abhayam Rescue Mobile Van Service and a application with new approach has been started to provide security to women of the State. My Government has been making serious efforts to provide social security to the women and to control incidents of snatching of ornament, valuables of the women. My Government has implemented strict law with provision of strict imprisonment of 5 to 10 years and fine of ₹25000 for the snatcher of ornaments and valuables of women.
- 270 Women Courts are functional in taluka and municipal corporation areas for speedy disposal of women's cases and more than 15000 cases have been disposed in these courts.

Employment

- My Government is committed to provide work to every human being. Towards this end, total 3,35,621 candidates have been provided employment by Employment Exchange Offices of the state in the year 2018. With the efforts of these Employment Exchange Offices, total 1321 candidates have been selected in the Sena Bharati Melas organized during this year, which is a matter of pride for the State. Further, 51,259 candidates have been encouraged for self-employment through organization of total 822 self-employment camps.
- "Mukhya Mantri Apprenticeship scheme" has been started with the provision of ₹272 Crore with the target of recruiting of 01 lakh apprentices to expand the scope of Apprentice Training Scheme in the state. During this year, 72000 apprenticeship contracts have been entered in which puts Gujarat in the forefront in the country. Registration of total 16010 units has become possible on the portal as a result of undertaking the registration on mission mode. This has again put Gujarat State in the first place.
- Assistance of ₹4500 to the graduates, ₹3500 to the diploma holders and ₹3000 to the others is provided under Mukhya Mantri Apprenticeship Scheme.
- There are 689 Industrial Training Institutes in the State where facility for industrial training is available for 1.92 lakh students. Total 40000 tablets have been given free of cost to students of IT related trades including 25000 tablets given during the current year. Further, 30000 bicycles have been given during the last three years including the 14000 bicycles – the highest – given during the current year.

**Labourer
Welfare**

- Gujarat is the leading state in the country in the field of industrial peace. Because of the positive policies, constant vigilance, alertness and awareness of my Government, the proportion of loss of man-days owing to industrial dispute is quite negligible.
- The papers required to be presented under law by the industrialists have been simplified under Ease of Compliance in a manner that the interest of the labourers does not get adversely affected. As a part of this process, Labour Department has finalized 5 registers by reducing 56 registers under various labour laws.

**Water
Management**

- Excellent water management is the basic requirement for continuous development. My Government has launched Sujalam Safalam Water Conservation Campaign with people's participation and deepened more than 13000 ponds-check dams and completed total 18515 works. As a result, more than 12000 lakh cubic feet water will be stored.
- The silt collected in the wake of de-silting and deepening of ponds and check dams is distributed to farmers free of cost to make their land more fertile. This will increase their crop production.
- Under the above mentioned campaign, my Government has launched the drive to revive the 32 dry rivers under a scheme of Rural Development Department. This will improve the ground water table.
- Works under Mahi Canal Improvement, Kadana-Dahod Lift Pipeline scheme meant for tribal area and Dinod-Boridra Lift Irrigation Scheme are on the verge of completion. They will provide benefit of irrigation to more than 35000 hectare area.
- Works under Ukai-Kakarapar Canal Improvement meant for farmers of tribal area, Kakarapar-Goradha-Vad Lift Irrigation Scheme in Surat district under Vanabandhu Kalyaan Yojana and the Karajan Reservoir based pipeline scheme from Karajan dam to Vadi are in progress. This will benefit more than 1 lakh 10 thousand hectare area.
- Works under SAUNI Scheme phase-2 are completed. Tender process for works of phase-3 is in progress. After completion of all the three phases, irrigation facility to 8 lakh 25 thousand acre area of 115 reservoir of Saurashtra will be connected with Narmada which will transform the arid area into greenery.

- Under Sujalam Sufalam Yojana, works of Piyaj-Unad, Dhadhusan-RedLaxmipura, Kherva-Visnagar and Bhasariya-Sametra lift irrigation are in progress. This will provide benefit to total 40000 acre area of Mehsaha, Jotana, Becharaji, Vijapur, Visnagar and the Trikoniya Area of Vadnagar in Mehsana district as well as Kalol and Mansa taluka in Gandhingar district.

Water Supply

- The far sighted planning of my Government to provide drinking water to the people of the state has liberated them from diseases that occur due to contaminated water. Waterborne diseases have significantly decreased as clean drinking water has become available to the people of the state. Their health has also improved.
- A huge network of approximately 2900 k.m. long main canal has been created under the water supply scheme based on Sardar Sarovar Canal and other sources of water. Through this statewide water supply grid - which is the longest in the country – my government has succeeded to provide drinking water facility to more than 13000 villages and 207 urban area of the state.
- Drinking water has been made available to the last person through 15000 mini pipeline schemes and installation of approximately 270000 hand pumps. This facility has been created mainly in tribal area to provide more benefit to the tribal people dwelling in sparsely populated, hilly and interior area.
- Though it is difficult to provide tapped water to hilly and interior area, my government has shown exemplary eagerness and provided tapped water connection to 11.14 lakh households in tribal area.
- Tenders have been issued for 7 desalination plants to convert sea water into sweet water.

Sardar Sarovar Project

- Sardar Sarovar Project is the economic backbone of Gujarat. From the twin power houses of this project, total 4230 Crore units of electricity has been generated up to January, 2019. This may be taken as having earned income of ₹ 16920 Crore for the nation. Apart from this, the Canal Top Solar Power Project has produced 11.6 Crore units of electricity.

- As a result of various steps taken at different intervals by my Government to expedite the canal work under Sardar Sarovar Project, works of 60427 k.m. length including Narmada main canal, branch canal, Vishakha canal, Prashakha canal, Pra-prashakha canal have been completed up to January, 2019.
- During the current year, 243976 hectare irrigation area has been developed up to January, 2019. Till date, from among the total 17.92 lakh hectare irrigation area, works up to pra-prashakha canals have been completed in 14.79 lakh hectare area.

Agriculture

India is an agricultural oriented country. The livelihood of 70 to 80% people of the country is based on agriculture and in Gujarat also the livelihood of 60% people is based on agriculture. Therefore, for the development of the state, it is necessary for the agriculture to prosper. The state of Gujarat has achieved agricultural growth rate of more than 10%. It is absolutely necessary for all the stakeholders to work hard to maintain this rate in the coming years. Gujarat is a state in the entire country where agriculture and hard work is very necessary. Gujarat is a state in the entire country where agriculture and industry are matching step to step in terms of development rate. State Government has adopted comprehensive approach through various schemes for agricultural development and their effective implementation including enhancing irrigation facility, economic and prudent use of water by bringing more agricultural area under sprinkle and drop irrigation and facilitated the results of agricultural research and viable technique and expertise to bring to the farms of the farmers in the very short time.

- Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendrabhai Modi has decided to double the income of the farmers by the year 2022 under which, central and State Government have taken numerous measures. During monsoon marketing season 2018-19, Gujarat State Civil Supply Corporation Limited has procured total 4587468 quintal stock of groundnut, mung, urad, toor, rice, millet and maze from 301383 farmers at minimum support price as on 11/02/2019 and as a payment of which, amount of ₹1951 Crore has been directly transferred to the accounts of beneficiary farmers through RTGS.

- Farmers of the State receive agriculture loan at 7 percent interest rate, for which, 3 percent and 4 percent interest assistance are provided by NABARD and State Government respectively. As a result, interest free agricultural loan up to ₹3 lakh becomes available to the farmers. State Government has paid ₹366 Crore as interest to the banks and passed the orders to pay ₹591 Crore.
- My Government has created storage capacity of total 2.14 lakh metric tonne through 1001 godowns till March 2018 so that the agricultural produce can be scientifically stored and farmers may get affordable rate.
- State Government is implementing the Barbed wire fencing scheme to protect the crops of the farmers of the State from the Nilgais and pigs. In the current year, fencing of 13 lakh 29 thousand running meters has been completed to benefit accountholder farmers.
- For mechanized agriculture in the State, subvention of ₹179.17 Crore has been given in the current year to 52273 farmers for tractor and various agriculture implements like rotator, seed cum fertilizer drill, cultivator, various ploughs, harrow, paddy trans planter, power tiller, power thresher, potato digger, potato planter, shredder, baler, ripper, land leveler, agro service provider etc.
- 27.63 lakh farmers out of total 52.48 lakh accountholder farmers of the State are associated with the co-operative credit mechanism. Out of which, 16.49 lakh farmers have been issued Kisan Credit Cards till September 2018 and 10.66 lakh farmers among them are getting credit through Kisan Credit Cards.
- The State of Gujarat has shown a new direction in the agriculture field by way of soil health card, micro irrigation, horticulture, post-harvest management, dairy and animal husbandry. Best agriculture State award has been conferred on the State of Gujarat at New Delhi in 11th Global Agriculture Leadership Summit and Leadership Award 2018 programme held by Indian Council of Food and Agriculture, New Delhi.

- For making available horticulture technology of other countries to the farmers of Gujarat, a Centre of Excellence for vegetables at Vadrad of Sabarkantha district, a Centre of Excellence for mango at Talala of Gir Somnath district and a Centre of Excellence for date-palm (kharek) at Kukma of Kutch district are operational in the State under Indo-Israel work plan. Besides, four new Centers of Excellence are being built.
- With a view that benefits of various subvention schemes become easily available to the State farmers and transparency is maintained, all the schemes are being implemented through I-Khedut portal and the amount of subsidy is directly credited to the beneficiary's account. Approximately 6 lakh applications have been received online in the year 2018-19 for availing benefits of various subvention schemes of agriculture department.
- Responding quickly to the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sanman Nidhi announced recently by the Central Government, it has been planned to complete in time all the procedures including preparation of online application so that this benefit may be given to all the eligible farmers of the State.

Scarcity Relief

- Total 1626690 farmers have been paid input assistance worth ₹1557 Crore in 96 talukas this year. 253152 cattle of 443 Panjarapols and Gaushalas and 162687 cattle of the cattle camps are being provided assistance of ₹35 per day. The animal keepers of these regions have been provided 4 kg grass per animal at the concessional rate of just ₹2 per kg. To overcome the scarcity of grass, 6.84 Crore kg grass has been distributed till date.

Animal Husbandry

- Gujarat has shown a path to the nation in White Revolution. At present, 21 District Milk Producing Federations are functioning. Approximately, 16000 milk societies exist which consist 32.94 lakh members. Dairy Federations have the capacity to collect two and a quarter Crore liter milk per day. During 2017-18, 1.86 Crore liter milk has been collected per day by Milk Producing Federations of the State. At present, a hefty amount of ₹90 Crore is being directly paid to the account of Milk Producers in the State.

- My Government which is very compassionate to every living being has started Karuna Animal Ambulance-1962 service in all the districts of the State.
- With a view to protecting valuable livestock of the animal breeders, 90.71 lakh animals have been treated and 326. 31 lakh animals have been vaccinated.

Fisheries

- Gujarat has a 1600 km long sea coast. People residing in coastal region are generally engaged in the profession of fishing. To be helpful to them, my Government has modified the scheme of providing assistance for diesel used in the mechanized boats having the length of not more than 20 meters and decided to pay assistance per boat instead of one boat per family.
- There is about 90000 hectares of land suitable for brackish water fishing in the coastal region of the State. State Government has formed a new policy to simplify allotment of this land. Total 16700 hectare land of the state has been master mapped and total 7259 hectare land of the State has been allotted till date. Beneficiaries have produced 54689 metric tonne prawn fish in the year 2017-18. We have exported them to the various countries and have earned foreign exchange in return.

Rural Development

- Under Swachchh Bharat Mission (Rural), Central Government had undertaken a third party survey 2018 by an independent agency in the rural areas of the entire country from 1 August to 31 August 2018. Gujarat ranked second in the entire country in this survey.
- Under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme, 37.85 lakh rural families have been given job cards in the state. They are made 100% payment through DBT. At the end of 31st January, 2019, total 7.91 lakh families have been provided overall employment of 333.98 lakh man-days, of which employment of 147.80 lakh man-days has been provided to women.
- Dang District has ranked first in “overall performance in implementation of PMAY” (G) in the year 2017-18, for which award has been given to Dang district by Ministry of Rural Development of Government of India at New Delhi on 10/9/2018.

Residential Housing

My Government is making efforts for all the people in the states to have well equipped residential houses. Against the planning to construct 775000 houses for people residing in the rural and urban areas of the State, construction of 472000 houses have been completed. Remaining houses are at the various stages of construction. The e-Lokarpan programme for the beneficiaries was organized at taluka Jujava, dist. Valasad where Hon'ble Prime Minister presided over the programme. E-Lokarpan of the 115551 houses was done to the beneficiaries of 26 districts.

Panchayatiraj

Panchayatiraj is the foundation of the democratic system. Gujarat has played the leading role in Panchayatiraj system from the beginning. The village people run their own administration for which State Government make financial and infrastructural facilities available.

- In Gujarat State, Panchayatiraj system is being implemented since 1963. Construction of the buildings in Taluka/District had been carried out from their own fund. With the bonafide and positive approach of utilizing the amount of their own fund for basic facilities and other works of development, my Government gives grant of ₹29.40 Crore per District Panchayat and ₹2.40 Crore per Taluka Panchayat for new construction in place of very old buildings of District Panchayat and Taluka Panchayat. Thus, grant has been given for the construction of buildings of 10 District Panchayats including 7 new districts. Out of these, buildings of 6 District Panchayats have been completed and construction of buildings of remaining 4 District Panchayats are in progress. In the same way, grant for building construction of 120 Taluka Panchayats have been allocated. Of which, works of 54 buildings have been completed and works of 66 buildings are in progress.
- **Rurban:** For providing advanced facilities similar to cities in the rural area, 255 rurban villages with 10,000 or more population in non-tribal area and more than 7000 population in tribal area and the villages of taluka centers were covered and from among them works for underground drainage had been started in 79 villages in the first phase from 2009-10. At the end of November'18, works of 69 projects have been completed. Other 10 works are in progress. Total expenditure of ₹682 Crore has been incurred.

- Gram Panchayat is the basic unit in Panchayatiraj system. Gram Panchayat provides primary facilities and different services to the people. Therefore, to equip the office of Gram Panchayat with facilities, a Gram Panchayat is allocated grant up to ₹22 lakh on the basis of its population. Works of new buildings of 817 Gram Panchayats have been completed at the cost of ₹75.58 Crore till now .
- To keep unity among citizens in rural area and to ensure that they make development in unison, Gujarat has initiated Samaras Gram Panchayat Scheme which is being implemented since October, 2001 and this initiative has been taken by Gujarat in the country. Under this scheme, total 13286 Gram Panchayats have been declared Samaras till now, of which 640 are Mahila Gram Panchayats. This shows success of this scheme. Samaras Gram Panchayats have been allocated grant of more than ₹237 Crore till date.

Urban Development

- State Government has expressed its resolve for overall development of urban area by implementation of various infrastructural works for urban development. As a part of this resolve of State Government, a huge amount of ₹22000 Crore has been allocated under Chief Minister Swarnim Jayanti Shaheeri Vikas Yojana implemented since 2009. ₹4493 Crore has been allocated for the current year i.e. 2018-19.
- As per Global Economic Research Report, Rajkot and Surat cities of Gujarat have been included in the most rapidly developing ten cities of the world during the period of 2019 to 2035. Surat ranks first in the list whereas Rajkot ranks seventh, which is a matter of pride for the State.
- Under Smart City Mission, developmental works have been started as encouraging driving force for the important task of Central Government to change the cities and also with the objective that they become the engine for economic development and to improve the standard of living of people living in the cities. Under this scheme, 100 cities have been identified in the country. Total six cities of the state i.e. Ahmedabad, Surat, Vadodara, Rajkot, Gandhinagar and Dahod have been identified. Total expenditure of ₹2050 Crore has been incurred under this scheme.

- Total 455 works for creating infrastructural facilities like water supply, underground drainage, rain water drainage system, urban transportation and parks and gardens for children have been sanctioned with the expenditure of ₹5276 Crore for Gujarat State under AMRUT (Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation) by Ministry of Urban Development, Government of Gujarat. 74 works have been completed and other works are in progress at different stages.
- Construction of priority reach of 6.5 km. from Vastral to Apparel Park under the first phase of Metro Link for Gandhinagar and Ahmedabad (MEGA) project has been completed. The commercial operation will start from March-2019.
- Administration of 6 Regional Commissioners (Municipalities) has been set up to strengthen the administration of municipalities and make it efficient.
- Keeping in view the expanding cities and increase in their population coupled with the liberal industrial and economic policy, for the purpose of balanced planned growth of urban areas of the state, total 4 development scheme, 48 drafts of town planning scheme, 28 primary town planning schemes and total 26 final town planning schemes have been sanctioned in the year 2018.
- My Government has decided to make the process of redevelopment of the private old and damaged flats hassle-free to save lives and properties at the time of natural calamities like heavy rain and earthquake. There may be cases where majority of owners of such flats are ready for redevelopment but some owners do not give consent. To redress this situation, provision has been made that the work of redevelopment of such old flats may be undertaken if consent of not less than 75% flat owners has been obtained.
- After Diamond and Textile, Surat has now acquired the identity of the City of Bridges. The first two-way cable staid bridge of Gujarat has been thrown open in Surat. For this bridge, expenditure of ₹144 Crore has been incurred. Now, people of Surat have one important Link Road to reach Athava, Dumas, Vesu and Pipalod. It will ease the traffic of Athava and Adajan area.

Road and Buildings

My Government is committed to provide secure and convenient infrastructural facility for transportation to the people along with comprehensive development of the State. Under the World Bank Aided Scheme, works to widen, strengthen and renovate the State highways - which are the core network - at the cost of ₹1938 Crore has been undertaken. Of which, works of Mehasana-Himatnagar State High Way (four laning-60 KM.) has been implemented during this year, the entire project cost of which is ₹353 Crore.

- Works to convert roads of 379.88 k.m. length connecting Ambaji, Dakor, Pavagadh and Palitana into four lane are in progress. From among the roads of 61.40 k.m. connecting Statue of Unity, works to convert the road into four lane with the estimated amount of ₹298 Crore have been completed. Works of more than ₹1450 Crore have been sanctioned under Chief Minister's Gram Sadak Yojana.
- For the strengthening of roads passing through village site and to prevent the surface of tar being damaged due to lack of drainage system, total 241 works with the estimated expenditure of ₹84 Crore have been sanctioned in the year 2018-19 under Suvidha Path Yojana.
- Works of 11 bridges with the estimated amount of ₹62 Crore have been completed and works of 53 big bridges including the bridge on Bharuch-Ankaleshvar road across river Narmada with the estimated expenditure of ₹1108 Crore is in progress.
- Works to convert into six lane the 201 k.m. road of Ahmedabad-Bagodara-Rajkot national Highway no.8-A and 8-B with the estimated cost of ₹2893 Crore and from among the 44.420 k.m. roads of Chiloda- Gandhinagar- Sarkhej national Highway no.8-C works to convert into six lane the stretch of remaining 19.20 k.m. road, construction of 7 new fly overs and 1 elevated corridor of 4.18 k.m. length with the estimated cost of ₹867.97 Crore are in progress.
- Works of Signature Bridge between Dwarka- Bet Dwarka on national highway no. 51 with the estimated expenditure of ₹962.00 Crore are in progress.

- Works of 24 railway over bridges with the 50:50% partnership with Railway Authority on the railway crossings where there is more than one lakh train vehicle unit has been completed with the estimated expenditure of ₹681.48 Crore in the last five years. Work of railway level crossing passing through D.F.C.C route and from among R.O.B works on other railway crossings, works of 55 railway over bridges with the estimated cost of ₹2237 Crore are in progress.
- To provide well equipped residences to State employees, construction work of 896 quarters of different categories at Gandhinagar with the estimated cost of ₹223.49 Crore are in progress.
- Recently, sanction has been given to works of central road funds worth ₹1561 Crore by Government of India, which will give benefit to 26 districts of the State.

Transportation Services

- From among 18000 villages of Gujarat State, 99% of villages have been connected with 7000 S.T bus services. Approximately, 24 lakh passengers get benefit of S.T. buses daily.
- Keeping in view the requirements of passengers, total 298 metro link services connecting taluka to taluka and district to district are in operation.
- Considering the demand of the passengers, total 70 bus services including Volvo of premium service type, A.C seater and sleeper have been started and with this, religious places such as Ambaji, Dwaraka, Somanath, tourist places like Div, Kevadia, Statue of Unity and cities like Amadavad, Vadodara, Rajkot and Surat have been connected.
- Gujarat State Road Transport Corporation which has a bus body building unit has done in-house bus body building work and as a result, savings has become possible in the bus body building expenditure of the corporation.
- For the facility of vehicle drivers, an arrangement has been put in place whereby anyone can renew his/her driving license from any R.T.O. office.
- Due to on-line auction for registration numbers of choice, process of auction has now become accurate and transparent.

- With the modernization and integration of check posts of the State, operation of check posts in Shamlaji, Ambaji, Bhilad and Gundari have now become speedy and transparent with the elimination of manual interference.
- My Government has taken a sensitive decision towards increasing the safety and facility of the people. On the auspicious occasion of a marriage in the family, the bus service for to and from journey is available at the rate of ₹1200 for journey up to 20 k.m., ₹2000 for journey up to 40 k.m. and ₹3000 for journey up to 60 k.m.
- A luxury bus service has been made available for the people of the state to visit tourist places like Haridwar, Varanasi, Chandigarh and Goa.

Ports

- Handling of cargo through ports has reached to 1208 Million Metric Ton in the year 2017-18, whereas handling of cargo through ports of Gujarat Maritime Board has reached to 371 MMT, which shows major contribution of 31% of total national cargo handling and 70% of cargo handling on non-major ports. 260.1 MMT traffic has been recorded up to November, 2018 in the year 2018-19 through GMB ports. From 2011 to 2018, the cargo traffic through Gujarat Maritime Board ports has increased with combined annual growth rate of 7% approximately.
- The construction of polytechnic college complex with the capacity of 720 students for skill development in coastal management is on the verge of completion at the cost of ₹22.00 Crore at Rajula by Gujarat Maritime Board. Simultaneously, to promote ship building, 9 ship yards are working with the capacity of 11 lakh DWT and the scheme to develop more shipyards has been undertaken. Various projects like creating post infrastructure with an investment of ₹3500 Crore at Chhara and construction of L.N.G. terminal with Floating Storage and Re-gasification Unit (FSRU) at Jafarabad with ₹4000 Crore investment are also in progress.
- To develop facilities for fisheries at Mangrol as well as Nava Bandar, works at the cost of ₹455 Crore are to be undertaken. The works to develop facility for fisheries at the cost of ₹35 Crore are about to completed at Jafarabad. With an expenditure of ₹7.7 Crore the jetty at Luwara has been commissioned for the facility of pilgrims of Narmada Parikrama and the work of the second phase is to be undertaken.

- Works for terminal at Dahej and Ghogha in the bay of Khambhat were completed and the passenger ferry service was started between Dahej and Ghogha in October-2017 in the first phase and then Ro-pax ferry service has been started in October-2018. Total 1,38,751 passengers and 21618 vehicles have taken benefit of this service till January- 2019. Planning is in progress to start these services from Hajira, Victor, Pipavav, Mundra, Okha, Jamnagar, Kuvai (Kutch) also.

Law and Order

My Government has shown the commitment to maintain sound state of law and order by better use of latest technology and laws reforms.

- Provision has been made to seize the vehicle used for cow slaughter and illegal cattle transport and subject the offender to life imprisonment with penalty up to ₹5 Lakh. There is total ban on transport of cattle from 7 p.m. to 5 a.m. Moreover, now Gujarat will not export animals and birds from its soil. My Government is committed to the protection of all the animals and birds.
- ‘The Safe and Secure Gujarat Project’ has been implemented to strengthen the law and order, prevent crimes as well as to regulate traffic with scientific detection of crime in the state. As a part of this project, the installation of CCTV camera has been completed in the cities like Ahmedabad, Gandhinagar, Vadodara and Surat in the first phase and the installation of high-end CCTV camera is in progress at 34 districts and 6 religious places.
- Gujarat has achieved first position for its performance in Crime and Criminal Tracking Network System, implemented by Government of India. NCRB Best Practice Award has also been conferred on the state for the E-Gujcop Project.
- The Forensic Science Laboratory of the state has been recognized by Government of India as the “Examiner of Electronic Evidence” under Section 79-A of IT Act, 2007. Gujarat is the very first state in the country to get this recognition. The training of Forensic Science has been given to 350 foreign police officers and judicial experts of 45 various countries by Ministry of External Affairs under Indian Technical Economic Cooperation (ITEC) Program.

- **Jail Reform:** Arrangement is made for convicted prisoners in jail to appear in examination of slandered 10 and 12 so that they can bring a complete transformation in their lives.
- Under Cyber Crime Investigation Micro Mission, total 12 new Cyber Crime Cells have been sanctioned in the State, which has increased the efficiency to detect Cybercrimes and investigate them. Besides, Social Media Intelligence Lab has been started at ATS and Ahmedabad City Crime Branch.
- Decision has been taken to provide resident with three rooms and a kitchen instead of two rooms and a kitchen to police constable/head constable of the state so that the police personnel of the State can live comfortably with their family. Along with 1935 houses constructed during the year 2018-19, total 36331 houses have been constructed at the cost of ₹2092 Crore till date.

Energy

- The per capita average energy consumption of the State is considered a necessary yardstick for the development of any State. Gujarat has always kept the leading position in the country in this regard. In 2017-18, the per capita average power consumption of the State has been 2007 units. Which is approximately double than the national average of 1075.
- Government has declared a unique scheme called SKY (Solar Power Kisan Yojana) solely for the farmers so as to make the peasants of the State a participant in producing recyclable energy too. According to this scheme, State Government gives Solar Panels to the farmers for their agricultural power connections. The farmer may earn through the sale of the excess electricity to the electricity company after their own consumption of the electricity produced by the Solar Panels. This Scheme provides the farmers electricity not only during the day time, but for 12 hours. Moreover, the farmers are exempted from paying electricity bill and they earn from the sale of the electricity. Under this pilot project, which is beneficiary to them in four ways, it is planned to convert 138 agricultural feeders of the State to SKY Feeders at the cost of ₹875 Crore. During the current financial year, out of the 50 feeders planned to be activated as SKY feeders at the cost of ₹235 Crore, total 20 agricultural feeders have been activated till now and the remaining feeders shall be activated by 31/03/2019.

- Gujarat State Electricity Corporation, the power producing company under the control of State Government, has achieved power production of 21748 million units during April-2018 to January-2019 through its power stations, which is 12% more compared to the previous year.
- Renovation and modernization of Ukai Unit 3,4,5 and Vanakbory unit 1,2,3 have been completed under Renovation and Modernization Program of Power generating old units of the Government and as a result, the power generation cost has decreased by ₹0.46 per unit. With this renovation process, the power generation cost has decreased along with the level of pollution.
- During the year 2017-18, 86.25% plant availability factor has been achieved by GSECL power stations, which is the highest till today.
- The Solar Rooftop Project has received tremendous response in the State. State Government gives subsidy of ₹10000 per KW (within the limit of maximum 2 KW). From the date of introduction of the scheme till date, 28000 beneficiaries have availed the benefit of solar rooftop project on their residence. The established capacity of this project is 93 MW. The beneficiaries have received subsidy of ₹46 Crore and ₹167 Crore as a part of the State and the Central subsidy respectively.
- The process for the bidding of 500 MW for solar energy has been completed on 28/06/2018, under which rate of ₹2.44 per unit has been decided and it is the lowest in India.
- Another bidding process for 1500 MW for solar energy is about to be completed.
- The power contracts for total 52.9 MW capacity to generate electricity from urban waste in cities like, Ahmedabad, Surat, Junagadh, Jamnagar etc. have been executed.
- My Government has given 1,16,652 new agricultural connections at the cost of ₹1898 Crore till January -2019 against the planning to give 1,22,706 new agricultural connections at the cost of ₹1921 Crore in the current financial year 2018-19.

- Against the target to provide 37,250 new domestic power connections to poor beneficiaries at the cost of ₹23.40 Crore in the current financial year 2018-19, 48145 new domestic power connections have been given by State Government till January, 2019, which is more than the prescribed target.
- 12,742 solar pumps generating power for agriculture without requirement of power connections have been made functional.
- 101 new sub stations have been set up in the year 2017-18 and another 100 new sub stations will be made operational at the end of current financial year 2018-19.

Minerals

- The State has earned ₹698.22 Crore as revenue at the end of October, which is 25.45% more in comparison of the previous year.
- A fund of total ₹458.48 Crore has been raised in the District Mineral Foundation for the welfare of excavation affected people in the State. Of which ₹367.98 Crore have been allocated for Public Interest related works in 31 districts.

Tourism

- The number of tourists visiting the State is increasing day by day. There has been an increase of about 14 percent in the number of tourists compared to the last year. This has generated employment opportunities in tourism and hospitality sectors.
- An entertainment theme park of international standard has been built at Ajwa garden in Vadodara at the cost of ₹125 Crore.
- Gujarat has been bestowed with three awards i.e. Best Civic Management, Best Heritage City and Best Airport under National Tourism Award-2018.
- Government of India has declared Somnath Temple the “Clean Iconic Place” and it has been given second prize by Government of India on 02/10/2018 with regard to the cleanliness drive.
- Under “Shravan Tirth Darshan Yojana”, 61000 pilgrims have taken the benefit of “Darshan” of various places of pilgrimage

in Gujarat through total 1225 buses.

- State Government has decided to celebrate as Girnar Shivratri Kumbh Mela in the year 2019 the Shivratri Mela celebrated at Bhavnath Taleti, Girnar over many years. In place of the Mela celebrated every year, it will be celebrated as Girnar Shivratri Kumbh Mela during 27/02/2019 to 04/03/2019 in the presence of reputed saints and with religious congregations and congregations of social harmony. The entire Girnar will be decorated on this occasion.
- Junagadh is a historical town and is an important place in terms of pilgrimage and tourism. Here, the process of building a ropeway up to the temple of Ambaji has been started to provide facility to the pilgrims.
- State Government has allotted land for a new Green Field Airport equipped with modern facilities at Rajkot.
- State Government has implemented Eco-Tourism Policy from the year 2007 for development of tourism near protected area like natural heritage, sanctuaries and national parks. Total 63 Eco-Tourism sites have been developed near natural environment. These sites are managed by Eco-Development Societies consisting of local people. Through Eco-Tourism which calls for responsive tourism in area with natural environment, tourists' understanding and sensitivity towards nature has increased which has proved beneficial for protecting forest, wild life and environment. The number of tourists and the income of local people at different Eco-Tourism sites in the State has been increasing day by day.
- In the context of the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, the National Salt Satyagrah Memorial is the best tribute that can be given to Mahatma Gandhi. The National Salt Satyagrah Memorial has been completed at Dandi from the grant of Government of India at the cost of ₹70 Crore and Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendrabhai Modi has dedicated the memorial to the people on 30/1/2019. The major attractions of the memorial are the beach connecting the Saifi Villa and the memorial, the pond, salt making, monument area and marchers' area, monolith and mural and solar tree. Apart from this, works providing facilities of rooms, prayer hall, library, lighting, parking, drinking water and toilet have been completed at 14 out of 21 places on the Dandi Route of the historic Salt Satyagrah. Operation and maintenance have

Science and Technology

started.

- Keeping in mind the rapid development of biotechnology sector in the entire world, the autonomous Gujarat Biotechnology University has been established to generate opportunities of employment on a large scale in the State. My Government is committed to link experts of national and international repute in biotechnology through this university and to realize the slogan BT+BT= BT (Bharat Today +Biotechnology= Bharat Tomorrow) given by our Honorable Prime Minister.
- Under Bharat Net Phase 2, the task of providing Bandwidth Connectivity in 7522 Gram Panchayats is in progress, which will make more robust online services available to rural people.
- Under Urban Wi-Fi Programme, Wi-Fi services have been made accessible to 55 cities. As a result, people are getting civic services through internet.
- As a part of phase 2 development of Science City, Ahmedabad, the construction of Aquatic Gallery at the cost of ₹257 Crore and Robotics Gallery at the cost of ₹126 Crore is in progress. Construction of Space and Astronomy Gallery at the cost of ₹100 Crore has been started. The 'Vigyan Bhavan' built at the cost of about ₹12 Crore has been made functional at Science City to facilitate publicity, propagation and exhibition etc. of science. The work for setting up Regional Science Museum at four places in the State i.e. Rajkot, Patan, Bhuj and Bhavnagar at the cost of ₹339 Crore is in progress.
- For development of knowledge based economy in the State, State Government has announced Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) Policy. Under this Policy, assistance up to ₹50 lakh is available for research, technology demonstration and pilot deployment.
- 50 educational channels at BISAG telecast 24×7 Educational

Programmes.

Judiciary

- Government of Gujarat has developed a powerful system to ensure quick, easy and cheap justice. Satisfying the expectations of the people, Gujarat has equipped itself to be the guide of the nation in Judiciary by quick justice through decentralized system and use of technology in judicial administration system. A newly constructed court complex has been opened for the people at the cost of ₹31 Crore in the newly formed district – Botad. The courts have started functioning at Vinchhiya in Rajkot and Dolvan in Tapi. Now, there is no district in Gujarat without a Judicial Court. Judicial Courts have become functional in 244 Taluka. Besides, the courts of Additional District Magistrate have started functioning at Dhari in Amreli, Kodinar in Gir-Somnath, Petlad in Anand, Radhanpur in Patan, Vanthali in Junagadh and in Tharad in Banaskantha.
- Under computerization of the Commissionerate of Charity, a website of the Commissionerate has been launched and various information and all types of forms have been uploaded on it. Now registration of the trust/society, modification in report, assessment of the annual report and recovery of administrative contribution can be handled through online platform.

Food and Civil Supply

- With implementation of ‘Pradhanmantri Ujjawala Yojana’ in the State, more than 21 lakh poor families have been provided with the gas-connection. This has helped women in cooking and at the same time they do not have to face the danger of spoiling their health.
- The shop keepers running fair-price shops have been provided with the new online permit and payment facility and as a result, 17000 fair-price shopkeepers do not have to visit the godowns or the office of the deputy Mamlatdar. They can also pay online which helps them to save time and money.
- Under National Food Security Scheme, 99% ration cards have been connected with the Adhaar numbers which has strengthened the distribution of the benefits to the beneficiaries through bio-metric checks.
- PNG / LPG assistance scheme has been launched since the last foundation day of Gujarat.

Sports, Youth and Cultural Activities

My Government is vigilant to provide the platform where the youth of the State can demonstrate their hidden potential and energy.

- Total 42,09,110 players were registered in Khel Mahakumbh – 2018. Prizes of more than ₹40 Crore were given to more than 1.45 lakh winners. Apart from this, Divyang players are

provided prizes of ₹5 Crore.

- Six beneficiaries of Shaktidoot scheme of Gujarat had represented India in Asian Games – 2018. They have displayed their best skills and won the gold medal in team events in athletics and brought laurels to the State and the country.
- Sports complexes have been established at 20 places in 18 districts of the State with an expenditure of ₹365 Crore.
- The construction of the new building for Government District Library – Ahmedabad has been completed at the cost of 7.00 Crore and it has been thrown open to the people.
- It is very important to maintain the balance between development and environment. My Government is vigilant in this regard and has been consistently trying to increase the tree cover even in the area falling outside the forest area along with protection and conservation of forests and wildlife. The tree cover beyond the forest area has increased by 20% in the last 10 years.
- Through schemes like Land and Moisture Conservation, Banni Grassland Development, Mangrove Plantation, Bamboo Plantation, tree plantation has been carried out in total 41314 hectare area during 2018-19.
- For conservation and preservation of livestock in the State, a record collection and storage of 257.92 lakh k.g. grass have been done from the 145 reserved vidis of the State for the year 2018-19.
- Under the Statewide “Karuna Abhiyan” started for the treatment of birds getting injured by kite-flying string during the festival of Uttarayan, a massive campaign for care and treatment of birds has been launched by more than 469 doctors and a number of volunteers in 781 dispensaries and the reach of Karuna Animal Ambulance service has been expanded. Total 10571 birds have been treated through this campaign.

Forest Development

Planning

- The amount of grant allocated to an MLA for the development of their constituency has been increased from ₹1.00 Crore to ₹1.5 Crore.

Revenue Administration

- With regard to land acquisition for public purpose, the areas of urban development/Area Development Board have been removed from the definition of urban area in the interest of the farmers. As a result, farmers will get the benefit of four times more compensation. A provision has also been made to provide 25% additional compensation to the farmers who have given their

consent.

- As a result of the provision to recover premium on only 60% area of the land after deduction of 40% at the time of converting the urban agricultural land into NA, farmers will get benefit of 40% in payment of premium.
- For the tenants who could not pay the purchase price decided under the Tenancy Act, the time limit of payment has been extended up to 30/6/2019 vide the notification dated 15/1/2019. 8722 tenants have paid the price of occupation right to become the land owners during the period from 1/1/2018 to 14/12/2018.
- By adopting farmer centric approach, decision has been taken to automatically convert into the old tenure the land of new and impartible tenure falling under the Tenancy Act in the rural area without charging any premium if the land has completed 15 years and there is no breach of tenure. Under this, 126206 survey numbers have been converted into the old tenure from the new tenure during 1/1/2018 to 14/12/2018.
- Earlier, the process to fix market price for breach of Prevention of Fragmentation and Consolidation of Holdings Act took too much time. Therefore, the cases of penalty could not be disposed. With the purpose of simplification and bringing transparency, the amendment bill to make assessment of the amount by calculating Jantri based price for breach of the Act has been sent to Hon'ble President for his consent.

Financial Management

- In the year 2018-19(till December 2018), the income from the State tax has reached ₹46034 Crore which indicates an increase of 15.52% compared to the last year. Tax recovery of ₹227.14 Crore has been made through enforcement activity in total 872 cases till January 2019.
- Gujarat State is also way ahead in the payment of refund. Out of 20889 applications for refund received till now, 19882(95.66%) have been disposed and against the amount of ₹3658 Crore claimed as refund, ₹3499 Crore(95.95%) have been sanctioned.
- Under GST law, total 985322 taxpayers i.e. those migrated from earlier VAT law and the newly registered 477624, have been registered till January 2019.
- Total 314435 dealers have been registered on E-way Bill portal in the year 2018-19(till January 2019) and total 5.75 Crore E-way Bills have been generated. Gujarat ranks first in

generation of inter-state E-way Bills.

- A facility has been created for pensioners to prove their existence through Jivan Praman Portal from their home.
- The rate of VAT on petrol/diesel has been reduced to 3% i.e. from 20% to 17% from Dt:05/10/2018.

Legislative Work

My Government desires to table various bills for consideration of the House besides transacting other legislative business in this session.

1. Gujarat Agricultural Land Ceiling (Amendment) Bill, 2019
2. Gujarat Housing Board (amendment) Bill, 2019
3. Gujarat Provincial Municipal Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 2019
4. Gujarat Shops and Establishments (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) bill, 2019

My Government is a sensitive Government wedded to the economic progress and development of human potential and it has been continuously working with the goal of comprehensive welfare of the common man, fulfillment of basic requirement and participation of all the people in the development of the State. The common person has experienced the fact that the development has been achieved by according priority to the interest of the masses. A new concept of “Impartial Leadership, Continuous Development” has been coined in Gujarat. My Government has displayed the responsibility which has made the people realize that the Government is standing behind them. I am confident that Gujarat who played a leading role in the freedom movement shall also play a vital role for the nation to achieve a respectable place on the global platform. The people have given you the responsibility to build a Gujarat that will make proud each Gujarati in the world for being a ‘Gujarati’. I hope that you will all contribute your best as the people’s representative of ‘Divya Gujarat Bhavya Gujarat’ (Devine Gujarat Glorious Gujarat) with all your experiences in public life and by keeping the expectations of the people in mind. I express my best wishes that may we all continue to work for the development of Gujarat keeping in view the mantra of “Sauno Sath Sauno Vikas” given by the Hon. Prime Minister Shri Narendrabhai Modi and remain committed to the welfare and prosperity of 6 Crore Gujaratis.

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