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Hon'ble Speaker Sir and Hon'ble Members of the Legislative Assembly,

I heartily welcome you all at the auspicious commencement of fourth session of 15th Legislative Assembly. At the commencement of this session, first I fondly remember and bow my head respectfully to Mahatma Gandhi-the devotee of non-violence and truth and the Father of Nation, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel- the architect of united India, Pujya Ravishankar Maharaj- the silent Worker of people and all the freedom fighters who gave invaluable contribution in the Freedom Movement.

India assumed the presidency of G20 forum last year to brighten its image in many matters at the international level and emphatically give its opinion on global problems. It was successfully hosted in India including Gujarat. The huge success of various 17 meetings held in Gujarat is credited to "Team Gujarat". We have created a unique image of Gujarat by completing G20 meetings with a very good planning. Now onwards Gujarat will be chosen to host such a huge event with timely and time-bound planning. In the opportunity received by India to get G20 presidency under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendrabhai Modi, about 200 various meetings were held at 61 places in the country. Gujarat got the opportunity to host the most number of meetings (17) which we organised with precision and perseverance.

Gujarat is not merely a word of four letters but it is a place to fulfil dreams of millions and crores of people. This image of Gujarat has not been made overnight. This is the result of journey of development started with "Souno Saath Souno Vikaas" before two decades by the then Chief Minister Shri Narendrabhai Modi. A small seed of **Vibrant Gujarat** sowed before two decades i.e. year 2003, has now become a banyan tree. The 10th edition of **Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit** inspired by the Honourable Prime Minister's vision, was successfully held with unprecedented public response during 10th January to 12th January 2024 at Mahatma Mandir, Gandhinagar. The main theme of this global summit was "**get way to the future**". As a part of an effort to take the vibrancy of the summit to all the districts of the State, as a new effort, '**Vibrant Gujarat Vibrant District**' programme was held in the entire State. As this was the first Vibrant Gujarat Summit of Amrit Kaal, it became a milestone in achieving roadmap targets of the State for **Viksit Bharat@2047**. In this Summit, the Heads of four countries(UAE, Mozambique, Timor-Leste and Czech Republic), Ministers of various countries, global CEOs, representatives and intellectuals of multilateral institutions remained present. In this edition, 35 countries joined as a partner countries which is the highest number till date. As a part of Pre-summit and main summit, more than 150 seminars and events were held. During the summit; B2B, B2G, One-to-One meetings, Country seminars and Future Ready MOUs in view of sustainable growth were given importance.

There was grand organization of **Vibrant Gujarat Global Trade Show** as a part of the summit. Honourable Prime Minister released memorable coin and stamp, e-coffee table book and research report ‘Vibrant Gujarat- a role model for the country’ for memorabilia of 20 years of Vibrant Gujarat Summit which has been proved role model for other States too.

The line ‘यत्र नार्यस्तु पूज्यन्ते रमन्ते तत्र देवताः’ has been truly succeeded by ‘Narishakti Vandan Act’. The State Government has always encouraged women centric development. Women empowerment will be further expedited by the historic ‘Narishakti Vandan Act’. The women will become more competent to perform greater responsibilities in the political field. As a result, the women will contribute in framing policies on women empowerment.

‘Dhorado Ranotsav’ started by the State Government in the year 2006, has become a big support for social, economic and environmental uplift in rural life of the Kutch. Today, Dhordo has become a global identity for tourism. ‘World Tourism’- a United Nations agency has included Dhordo in the list of the World’s best tourism villages. In the “Best Tourism Village-2023’ award ceremony held at Samarkand of Uzbekistan under the auspices of UNTWO, only Dhordo from India was given ‘The best tourism village’ award.

Besides, declaration of Garba-the identity of Gujarat as ‘Intangible Cultural Heritage’ has received global identity to Garba of Gujarat.

To resolve is the first step for success. If one decides to work with determination & well planning is accompanied then door of prosperity along with success gets open. ‘**Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra**’ is the step for opening doors of prosperity. The planning of this Yatra is to reach the benefit of the schemes up to the remotest person who is eligible to get them but has not received yet. Besides, it aims at bringing awareness in the citizens through publicity and expansion of the information on the schemes, getting experiences of beneficiaries of Government Schemes through dialogues and achieving 100% target by registering the probable beneficiaries by way of getting prescribed details during the Yatra.

17 schemes including Ayushyaman Bharat Yojana, Pradhanmantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana, Pradhanmantri Awaas Yojana, Ujjwala Yojana, Pradhanmantri Kishan Yojana, Kisan Sanman Yojana, Atal Pension Yojana, Encouragement to natural farming and less use of Chemical Fertilizers have been covered during ‘**Viksit Sankalp Bharat Yatra**’.

A dream project of Honourable Prime Minister, **P.M.MITRA**(Mega Integrated Textile Region and apparels-PMMITRA) –to be established in seven States of the country and for the same, an MOU has been signed between State and the Central Government for establishment of PM Mitra Park in 1144 acres at Vansi Borsi of Navsari in Gujarat. In this park, Integrated textile value chain from spinning, weaving, processing, dying, printing to garment manufacturing will be created and a world class ‘Plug and Play’ infrastructure will be available.

Bulk Drug Parks are important for significantly reducing the manufacturing cost of bulk drugs and thereby enhancing the competition of the domestic bulk drug industry by providing standard testing and easy access to infrastructure. Keeping the same in mind, the Gujarat Government has submitted a proposal and has received in-principle approval from the Government of India for setting up a Bulk Drug Park in an area of 815.44 hectares at Jambusar in Bharuch District under the ‘‘Promotion of Bulk Drug Park’’ scheme.

The Government of Gujarat splendidly held the historic ‘Saurashtra Tamil Sangamam’ at the auspicious place of Somnath Mahadev to honour cultural heritage of all the States of the nation with a mantra of ‘Ek Bharat- Shreshth Bharat’. This programme was the confluence of cultures of south and western India. This type of programme was held with such a grandeur after a long period of twelve hundred years.

Agriculture and farmer welfare

Gujarat is one of states in a country where growth rate of agriculture sector & industry sector go hand in hand. It has been State Government’s holistic approach on various agriculture development plans and its implementation, increase in irrigation facility, expansion of sprinkle and drip irrigation for economic and sensible use of water, reaching the results of agricultural research, practical techniques and expertise upto the farmers in a quick time.

Natural Farming

- For expediting natural farming in the State, **Gujarat Prakrutik Krushi Vikas Board** has been created for the implementation of the scheme for assistance to maintenance expenditure for one cow to a farmer family engaged in Natural farming based on indigenous cow, the scheme for financial assistance to the farmers engaged in natural farming under ‘Total Chemical Free Dangs district’ and implementation of natural farming.
- ‘**Gujarat Natural Farming Science University**’ has been established for special resources, education and expansion of natural farming system in the State.
- 1466 clusters of 10 gram panchayats each have been created from 1st May 2023- the formation Day of the State so that information

on the natural farming may reach to every farmers at the rural level in the State. In every cluster, one technical officer or employee(technical master trainer) and one successful farmer who have adopted natural farming(farmer master trainer) are informing about natural farming system in every village of the cluster through training cum demonstration. Till now, more than 23 Lacs farmers have been trained with natural farming training.

- **Agriculture Relief Package:** In the year 2023, against various natural disasters occurred in the month of March like unseasonal rain, Biparjoy cyclone, heavy rains, river floods due to heavy rains in the upstream causing crop damage; Rs.85.49 crores to total 37045 farmer beneficiaries in 13 districts, Rs.133.19 crores to total 50627 farmer beneficiaries in Kutch and Banaskantha districts, Rs.62.73 crores to total 22146 farmer beneficiaries in Bharuch, Narmada and Vadodara districts have been paid as a agriculture relief package.
- **Pradhanmantri Kisan Sanman Nidhi Yojana:** Under Pradhanmantri Kisan Sanman Nidhi Yojana, total amount of Rs.15407.82 crores of 1 to 15 installments till date, has been credited directly to the accounts of 64.13 Lacs beneficiaries.
- **Purchase at Support price:** In the year 2022-23, the Government purchased various crops weighing 412960.22 metric tonnes worth Rs.2212.92 crores from total 193087 farmers so that the farmers of the State gets affordable rates of the agricultural produces.
- For **Agriculture mechanization**, an assistance of Rs.243.46 crores have been paid to about 53154 beneficiaries in the year 2023-24.
- **The scheme for use of the latest Drone technology (Krushi Viman) in the field of agriculture field:** 6312 farmers were benefitted by an assistance of Rs.41.74 Lacs for 22489 acres of land to use the latest Drone technology during the year 2022-23.
- **International Millet Year 2023:** The Government of India decided to celebrate the year 2023 as the International Millet Year. Accordingly, following the vision of Government of India, the Government of Gujarat implemented Millet development scheme worth Rs.35 crores so that “Shri Anna” may be used in daily use, production of millet crops increased in the State and farmers’ income may be increased by value addition of crops.

Gujarat Agro Industries Corporation Ltd.

- The farmers are provided quality chemical fertilizer at a reasonable rate under the farmer oriented Government schemes. In the year 2023-24, 3.31 Lacs metric ton chemical fertilizer was provided up to November 2023.

Horticulture

Seven Centres of Excellence(Sabarkantha, Gir Somnath, Kutchchh, Mahesana, Valsad, Israma(Anand) and Majivana) are functioning in the State for providing latest technology for horticulture crops to the farmers of the State. Besides, new Centres of excellence are under construction at Ahmedabad, Jamnagar and Kheda and three separate tribal areas of Narmada, Panchmahals and Aravalli.

Animal Husbandry

- Animal Husbandry and Dairy fields have leading contribution in the economic and social development of Gujarat State.
- In the year 2023-24, 39.13 Lacs cattle were treated and 3102 Cattle Health fairs were held up to November 2023 under the category of Cattle Health.
- In the year 2023-24, up till now, 1 crore 45 Lacs cattles have been given foot and mouth disease(Kharva Mova) vaccine.

Mukhyamantri Gaumata Poshan Yojana

- In the year 2023-24, under Gaumata Poshan Yojana, a daily cash assistance of Rs.30 per cattle has been provided for the care of cows and buffalos housed at Gaushala and Panjrapols registered under Public trust act.
- In the year 2023-24, under Gaumata Poshan Yojana, Rs.148.57 crores maintenance assistance has been given for an estimated 3.66 Lacs cattle till date.

Dairy assistance

- Under the assistance scheme for **infrastructure facility to the milk federations** of Saurashtra - Kutchchh, State Government has approved assistance of Rs.16.89 crores for total Rs.30 crores projects of Junagadh district co-operative federation, Morbi district co-operative federation and Jamnagar district co-operative federation in the year 2023-24 and at the first stage, total Rs.8 crores has been allotted.

Fisheries

- Against **Highspeed Diesel Vat relief scheme** for Sagarkhedu(fisherman), against total provision of Rs.443.44 crores for the year 2023-24, an assistance of Rs.332.58 crores have been given till December, 2023 and the amount of assistance has been transparently paid by an online system.
- As a 100% State Sponsored scheme, a provision of Rs.225.79 crores have been made in the year 2023-24 for items like providing necessary infrastructural facilities, undertaking modernization/upgradation works and dredging work at 107 fisheries centres notified by the Government.
- Besides, a provision of Rs.337.50 crores has been made in the year 2023-24 to develop four new Fish ports at Madhvad, Sutrapada, Navabandar and Veraval phase-2 with loan assistance of NABARD and a provision of Rs.77.50 crores has been made in the year 2023-2024 to develop Mangaraol phase-3 Fish port as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme. Rs.198.38 crores have been spent till December 2023 for all above infrastructural works.

Co-operation Arrangement for Market Committee

- A strengthen market arrangement is necessary so that farmers may get affordable prices of the agricultural produces. It has been a State Government policy that the farmers should get yard facility near their farms in the State. There are total 404 markets including 212 main yards and 192 sub yards in the State at present. The State Government has also sanctioned private markets in the State so that the farmers may get facility of more market yards. At present, 30 licenses have been issued for private markets in the State.

Water Management

Out of five elements of the nature, water is the support for existence. Availability of water in the base of origination, breeding and development of ecosystem; is the criteria for quality lifestyle and prosperity of the relevant culture or society. The State Government headed by Chief Minister Shri Bhupendrabhai Patel has fulfilled the requirements of adequate and clean drinking water of the people and has become a trendsetter for the entire nation in drinking water management.

- Under four link pipeline of ambitious Saurashtra Narmada Avataran(SOUNI) Yojana to fill 115 reservoirs of 11 districts of Saurashtra region, the works of 32 packages have been completed and the works of 4 packages are under progress.

Up till now; 85 reservoirs, 146 village ponds and 927 check dams have been filled by about 75060 million cubic feet water of Narmada under the completed works which has strengthened irrigation facilities in around 650000 acres and drinking water facility in cities like Rajkot, Gondal, Jamnagar, Bhavnagar, Botad, Ranpur and Morbi.

- Under Sujalam Sufalam Yojana aimed at enhancing scope of increasing water resources storage in the entire State, total 98234 works have been completed in the last 6 years. Out of which, 35303 deepening works of ponds and desilting of total 21389 check dams have been carried out which has increased water storage capacity up to 107621 Lacs cubic feet.
- The State Government has included farmers in the water management of irrigation schemes. The Government is constantly attempting to entrust participative(Sahbhagi) irrigation management work to more and more farmer irrigation co-operatives. Under Sahbhagi irrigation 850561 hectare area has been covered by 2837 co-operatives till September-2023.
- **Total 233 check dams** have been completed i.e. 124 small check dams and 109 big check dams in the State by various schemes till November 2023 in the current year. Besides this, the works of 116 check dams and 63 big check dams are in progress and completion of which will benefit 7000 hectares of area next year. Up till November 2023, more than total 187145 check dams are benefitting around 451998 hectares of land through direct and indirect irrigation.
- The work of water storage(Jal Sanchay) carried out by the State, has been appreciated as a model work in the nation. Notable and expected results of schemes like thousands of check dams, farm ponds, boribandh, Jalmandir, deepening of ponds, repair and modernization of old canals, drip and micro irrigation system, Sujalam Sufalam Yojana, Salinity ingress control have been received. Ground water level in Gujarat has risen and agricultural production has been increased due to water storage campaign in the State.
- The Government has approved in principle 2 new pipeline schemes for the villages of Tharad, Dhanera, Deesa, Diyodar and Kankrej taluks of Banaskntha district in North Gujarat which has remained deprived of Narmada water. More than 15000 hectares will get the benefit of direct/indirect irrigation by these schemes.

- The construction of **Poorna Tidal regulator** on Poorna river at Viraval-Kasbapar village of Navsari district is under progress at the cost of Rs.110 crores. This Scheme will make drinking water available to Navsari city and surrounding 21 villages. Besides, the salinity ingress by sea water will be stopped and ground water quality will be improved.

The tribal area where it was difficult to reach water in interior/hilly areas, **Pipeline transportation schemes** were successfully planned/ implemented.

- The works of Rs.137 crores of the scheme based on Panam High level canal to fill total 62 ponds i.e. 53 ponds of total 38 villages of Shahera and Godhara talukas of Panchmahal district and 9 ponds of Lunavada taluka of Mahisagar district are in progress. The beneficial area of which is 8500 hectares.
- The work of **Tapi-Karjan link pipeline scheme** of estimated total Rs.711 crores to give irrigation facility in 21732 hectares area of total 73 villages of tribal area in Umarpada taluka of Surat and Dediypada taluka of Narmada district is in progress.
- For distribution of 1 million acre feet water out of the flood water of Narmada in **Kutchchh area**, the works of **3 pipeline schemes** are in progress at the cost of Rs.4118 crores in the first phase which will reach extra flood water of Narmada in about 38 irrigation schemes, will give irrigation benefit to about 104216 hectares area of 77 villages and Rapar, Anjar, Mundra, Bhuj, Mandvi and Nakhtrana talukas suffering from water scarcity.
- The Government fitted Geomembrane in the farm pond built by the farmer through self-finance under a pilot project in Banaskantha district and such farm ponds proved very useful. If farm pond is built in the areas having water scarcity and Geomembrane is fitted in it, the rain water is not drained directly in the land and the farmer can save his crop by using the stored water in adverse circumstances. In the current year, the State Government has implemented the scheme to fit Geomembrane(500 micron plastic layer) in 3050 farm ponds of 86 talukas of 10 districts of the State at an estimated cost of Rs.38 crores.

Water Supply Under farsighted leadership of the State Water Supply department's 22 years of planning and implementation for water security, today daily 3200 MLD drinking water is reached in the rural area which has given best example of Gujarat model.

- A 3200 km long huge pipeline network has been created for water supply schemes based on Sardar Sarovar Canal and other source of water to provide mostly surface water without depending on ground water for water supply and through that "Statewide Water Supply Grid", the State Government has succeeded in providing water facility to 14617 villages and 241 urban areas of the State. The work has also been undertaken to cover remaining villages under surface water based group schemes gradually.
- The State Government has fixed the target to complete works related to providing drinking water through tap to all the rural households till the year 2022 under 'Nal Se Jal Yojana' under Jal Jivan Mission. The State Government has given connection to more than 91 Lacs households for providing drinking water through tap.
- In rural areas, drinking water has been reached to the remotest person by 19588 mini pipe schemes and installation of 279716 hand pumps. Out of which, 17478 mini pipe schemes and installation of 216146 hand pumps are in tribal areas and thus, the Government has constantly increased the convenience of the tribals living in scattered, hilly and interior areas.

Sardar Sarovar Narmada Scheme

Sardar Sarovar Scheme is a interstate multi-purpose project constructed on Narmada river in Gujarat State.

- As both the power houses of Sardar Sarovar Yojana are operational, an installed capacity of 1450 MW has been achieved and a total of 5935.04 crores power units have been generated by Dec-2023.
- The construction work of small power stations is under progress at various places on the branch canal of Narmada Yojana at Vadodara, Miyagam, Saurashtra and Kutchchh. It has been planned to generate about to 85.46 MW power from these small power station. Total 42.02 crores power units have been generated by Dec-2023.
- The construction work has been completed for total 357 km. of Kutchchh branch canal.
- An irrigation capacity has been developed through completing work up to small branch (Prashakha) in total 17.21 Hectare area out of 17.92 Hectare irrigated area.

Food, Civil Supply and Consumer Affairs

Food distribution at concessional rate under “National Food Security Act -2013”

- Free monthly distribution of wheat and rice has been done to a total of 3.54 crores population of the State in the year-2023 under the “**Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana**” of the Government of India under the schematic benefits to the Antyoday families and priority families of the State included under the “National Food Safety Act-2013” (N.F.S.A).

Distribution of food grains at concessional rate by the State Government

- In order to provide nutritional security along with food security to 72 Lacs N.F.S.A. card holders of the State, 1 kg Pigeon Pea (toor dal) at a subsidized rate of Rs.50, 1 kg Gram at a subsidized rate of Rs.30 and 1 kg double-fortified salt at a highly subsidized rate of Rs.1 per card in the year-2023 have been distributed by the State Government.
- 22,988 metric tons Pigeon Pea, 54652 metric tons Gram and 46,933 metric tons double-fortified salt have been distributed till November-2023.
- During the two festivals of Janmashtami and Diwali of the year, pouch of 1 lit. Double filtered groundnut oil per card has been distributed to the beneficiary families at a concessional rate by the State Government with substantial subsidy as well as 138 Lacs pouches have been distributed till November-2023 this year.

“Pradhanmantri Ujjwala Yojana”

- Free LPG Cylinder refilling is done twice a year for 38 Lacs beneficiary families included under "Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana" and beneficiaries of State Government's "PNG/LPG Sahay Yojana", about **38.20 Lacs beneficiaries** of the State.
- CCTV cameras have been installed at total 317 godown locations in the entire State with a purpose to monitor daily routine work at storage godowns owned by the department as well as to bring transparency in the process of storage and distribution. Besides, facilities of the Command and Control Centre at the head office of Gujarat State Civil Supply Corporation as well as video wall at the district offices have been established.

Ration card services available online through “My Ration” mobile application

- “My Ration” Mobile App has been prepared as a part of administrative reforms to make public distribution system more transparent and effective and to make online services of ration card easily available to citizens. From which every ration card holder can get basic information like details of his ration card, details of family members, quantity available to himself, cost of quantity, distribution details of last 6 months, bill receipt, location of nearest fair price shops etc. and he can also complain about supply.

Energy and Petrochemicals

- Electricity is a main essential criteria for the social and economic development of any State. The average per capita electricity consumption of the State in the year 2021-22 which was 2283 units became 2402.49 units in the year 2022-23, which reflects the development of the State.
- The total installed power capacity of the State is 48,612 MW with an increase of 2382 MW in 2023-24. Out of which, the installed power capacity of non-conventional energy is 22,669 MW, which is 47% of the total installed power capacity.
- A total of more than 50 thousand farmers have got benefit under the Voluntary Disclosure Scheme 2022 announced for the farmers of the state to regularize the power load of their agricultural electricity connections and relief of approximately total of 39 crores has been provided to these farmers in estimate.
- More than 1 Lacs power lines / transformers were damaged due to Biporjoy cyclone in the June-2023 in current year in Kutch, Saurashtra and North-Gujarat areas of Gujarat. But due to advanced planning of the state government, there was zero casualty and power supply was restored in cities and villages within 24 to 72 hours while it was restored on feeders in agricultural areas within 15 days.
- The development work of **world's largest renewable energy park of 30,000 MW capacity is undertaken at Khawada-Kutchchh**. Its target is to establish 50% power capacity by December-2024 and 100% power capacity by December-2026.
- At the end of March-2023, total Rs.3649 crores has been incurred for strengthening work of new sub-stations, powerlines as well as power transmission infrastructure.
- To provide electricity during the day time to the farmers of the State, Government of Gujarat has adopted an innovative approach “**Kisan Suryoday Yojana**” has been implemented accordingly. Under which Rs.3500 Crores has been allotted to

set up necessary infrastructural network. It has been already started to provide electricity in 7084 villages under this scheme during the day time.

- 39,938 Agricultural Electricity Connections have been provided till November-2023 against the target of providing 40,845 Agricultural Electricity Connections this year under the **Agricultural Electricity Connection Scheme**.
- 4,94,568 solar systems with a total installed capacity of 1957 MW have been installed till November-2023 with a view to increasing the consumption of solar energy among the residential electricity consumers of the State under “**Surya Gujarat**” Solar Rooftop Scheme.
- Under **Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha Evam Utthan Mahabhiyan (PM-KUSUM)** Yojana Component – B, 1869 solar pumps have been installed in the year 2022-23 and the current year it has been planned to install approximately 4950 solar pump sets at the cost of 152 crores.
- Out of the total 700 MW, 600 MW solar projects have been commissioned at the **Ultra Mega Solar Power Project (UMSPP)** to be set up on waste land at **Radhanesada** village of **Vav taluka** of Banaskantha district.

Green Hydrogen

- Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendrabhai Modi announced the National Hydrogen Mission on India's 75th Independence Day and afterwards the central government announced the National Green Hydrogen Mission with an ambitious target of achieving 5 million metric tonnes of green hydrogen per annum by 2030.
- The State Government is focusing on building green hydrogen production capacity to make Gujarat a hub for green hydrogen production and export. The Land Policy 2023 has been announced recently by the state for the development of RE projects to supply power for green hydrogen production and earmarked 2 Lacs hectares of land for allotment to developers resulting in a green hydrogen production capacity of around 40 Lacs MTPA (Metric Tonnes per annum).
- MOU of more than total Rs.3 crores has been done in the green hydrogen sector in the recently held Vibrant Gujarat Global Investment Summit 2024.
- Thus, under the vision of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendrabhai Modi and the leadership of Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Bhupendrabhai Patel, Gujarat is ready to emerge as a global leader in green hydrogen production.

- As per the Panchamrut presented by the Government of India as part of Climate Action at the CoP-26 Summit, it has been targeted to get 500 GW of energy from non-conventional energy sources and 50% of the nation's energy needs through renewable energy sources by the year 2030. State Government is playing a key role in energy transition towards clean energy to make pertinent the State targets with Government of India targets. The Government of Gujarat has announced the **Renewable Energy Policy-2023** to achieve these goals,

Industries

Special Investment Region -Dholera

- Dholera Special Investment Region is a flagship project of the Government of Gujarat within the Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor. At present, allotment of land has been undertaken for industrial as well as non-industrial purposes. A total of 531 acres of land has been allocated for industrial as well as non-industrial purposes. A total investment of Rs.1.50 Lacs crores will be made in the industrial units set up on the said allotted land and an estimated 1 Lacs employment opportunities will be created in the coming years. It has been planned under Dholera Special Investment Region for 4,400MW solar park out of which 300MW solar park is operational. It characterizes the terminology of green industrialization.

PM Gatishakti

- With the Completion of two years of PM Gatishakti, Gujarat is the leading State in using good governance tool for taking data-based decisions on planning of physical and social structures launched by the Honourable Prime Minister. Gujarat has prepared more than 1100 data layers, 84 portal and 46 online NOC for inter-departmental co-ordination for the State Government. Gujarat is committed to effectively use this new tool ahead in Economic planning and governance.

Logistics Ease Across Different States (LEADS)

- Commerce and Industry Ministry, Government of India issues annual survey report on 'Logistics Ease Across Different States (LEADS)' for the benchmark performance in all the States since 2018. In December- 2023 Government of India has declared LEADS ranking for 2023. The States were classified into four groups, like coastal, land-lock, North-East and Union territory for the same among these groups, Gujarat has been ranked in the 'achiever' category among coastal States.

Startup

- Gujarat has been declared ‘Best Performer’ for the last 4 terms under ‘Startup Ranking Framework’ in the entire nation by the Government of India. In the last eight years, Gujarat has stood with pride before the world by developing a Strong Startup System. More than 9400 startups and more than 200 national level incubator centres approved by the Government of India has come into existence.

Mandal-Becharaji SIR

- Mandal Becharaji Special Investment Region has been emerging as Gujarat automobile hub with the establishment of international industrial units like Maruti Suzuki and Honda around it. The Government of Gujarat has allotted additional 50 acres of land in 2022 near MSIL to Maruti Suzuki India limited to establish EV battery plant of Rs.7300 crores and EV manufacturing plant of Rs.3100 crores which will generate estimated 1.25 Lacs direct and indirect employment.

Small, Micro and Medium scale Industries

- Provisions have been made by the State Government to provide assistance under various schemes including capital investment assistance, interest assistance to entrepreneurs under MSME under Mini Cluster Yojana, Plot and Shed Yojana, Market Development Yojana for Small, Micro and Medium Enterprises and In the current financial year, assistance of more than Rs.435 Crores under Industrial Policy 2015 as well as more than Rs.621Crores under Industrial Policy 2020 has been disbursed.

Gujarat Textile Policy

- Interest subsidy scheme and other incentives have been announced by the State Government to promote the units involved in the textile value chain under which an assistance of more than Rs.1000 Crores has been paid in current year.

Geology and Mineral

- A total of 422 mining leases and 7313 quarry leases exist in the State of Gujarat. Due to which, the State Government has generated revenue of Rs.2,072 Crores last year. A total of 18 blocks of major minerals lime stone and bauxite in mineral rich areas of the State have been allotted through e-auction as well as 1,950 blocks of minor mineral blocks have been successfully auctioned till date.

Tourism

- The State Government has completed works for Swadesh Darshan and other development works at Vadnagar at a cost of about Rs.100 Crores and works worth of Rs.50 Crores are currently in progress. Hill station Saputara, Sasan Gir-Devlia Park, Nada Bet, Dholavira, Upper Kot Fort reconstruction and conservation work has been undertaken. Tourism Information Center has been started in August-2023 at Varanasi and Ayodhya by Gujarat Tourism Corporation.

Development of Dharoi dam region

- The Government of Gujarat is developing Dharoi region as a world class tourist place. This project will act as an anchor for North Gujarat which will join nearby tourist places in 90 km radius to Dharoi. As an anchor Dharoi will act as a complete package of various Spiritual, cultural, heritage, eco and entertainment demands of the tourist with a nearby tourist place.

Health and Family Welfare

- Gujarat state is committed to move from a selective approach to health care to deliver comprehensive range of services spanning preventive, curative care to ensure ‘health and wellness’ of the people. Gujarat is leading in comparison to other states with 9231 sub centres, 1499 primary health centres, 365 community health centres and 104 hospitals.
- During the year about 4.57 crore patients were given OPD treatment and 50.67 Lacs patients were given IPD treatment at various hospitals and health centres of the State Government. In 892 Ayurved and Homeopathy hospitals about 56.27 Lacs patients were given OPD treatment and 2 Lacs patients were given IPD treatment.
- The State Government has provided medicines, medical instruments, surgical items etc. at the cost of Rs.621.42 crores till Dt.3/1/2024 in the year 2023-24 for various government hospitals and health centres.
- To strengthen health services the State Government has spent Rs.1474 crores till date in the year 2023-24 for constructing government hospitals, health centers, colleges, hostels etc. and it has been strengthened by infrastructure. New 203 ambulances have been added during the year.
- Out of the various targets of “Sustainable Development Goals”, the third goal is “Good health and well-being” and Gujarat has stood first in it in the entire nation.
- The State Government provides health cover upto 10 Lacs per family per annum for 2471 prescribed procedures under PMJAY scheme to make available security cover to the citizens’ health. Under this scheme, total 2.33 crore beneficiaries are registered and ayushman cards were given till 24.01.2024

- A total of more than 1.32 crore children aged 0-18 were screened by the end of December in the year 2023-24 under the School Health Check-up Programme. Since from the commencement of this program till date 226 kidney transplants, 28 liver transplants, 3012 cochlear implants, 198 bone marrow transplants, 1,49,599 heart disease treatments, 24,283 kidney related treatments and 16,624 cancer related treatments have been done free of cost from the state government budget.
- There are a total of 7050 seats with an increase of 700 seats in 6350 previous seats at the graduate level in government and private medical colleges in the state. There are a total of 2761 seats with an increase of 414 seats in 2347 previous seats at the post-graduate level in government and private medical colleges in the state.
- The civil hospital campus at Medicity Ahmedabad includes super speciality hospitals like GCRI Cancer Hospital, Kidney Hospital, UN Mehta and Mother and Child Hospital for the highest level of treatment besides treatment for organ Transplant, Cancer, and Cardiology. Works like renovation of trauma centre, 1200 bed hospital, nursing college, dental hospital and paraplegia colleges have been completed as per the master plan so that all types of diseases can be treated at one place at minimum cost and work of Rs. 60 Cr for special rooms and post-mortem rooms, work of Rs. 40 Cr for Renbasera as well as work of Rs. 50 Cr for girls hostels is in progress. Similarly, for the four zones of the state at Vadodara, Bhavnagar, Jamnagar, Surat, super specialty hospitals for mother-child, kidney, spine, cardiac etc. at the cost of Rs. 1950 Cr has been started to be developed.
- “Smart Referral System” (SRS) has been designed to provide urgent and best treatment in critical condition in top most hospitals in the state. It is being implemented in every primary health centre to medical colleges and hospitals.

Education

Education is one of the basic needs of the society. State Government has been educating millions of children for their holistic development by developing strengthened infrastructure of education in a better way to educate children from kindergarten to higher education in Gujarat under the guidance of the placid and firm Chief Minister Shree Bhupendrabhai Patel.

Primary Education

- It has been decided to recruit contractual 'Gyan Sahayak' on available vacancies in Government and grant-in-aid primary schools of the State, especially in selected schools in 'Mission Schools of Excellence' for the purpose of providing teachers per class. 15,000 posts had been

sanctioned by the State Government under the same. 9662 Gyan Sahayakas have been appointed at the end of first phase while the procedure of the second phase to fill remaining posts is under progress.

- Under the **National Education Policy-2020**, compulsory universal implementation of Balwatika has been started in all Government primary schools of the State from the academic year 2023-24. In which a total of 5,16,621 students have **got admission in Balwatika** in the State.
- The recruitment of principals in non-Government grant-in-aid secondary and higher secondary schools of the State has been conducted centrally and the recruitment process for 1441 principals has been completed.
- In the year 2023-24, work of a total of Rs. 3318.62 Crores has been undertaken for construction of 15,400 new classrooms in 3528 schools and for repairing work of 24,779 classrooms of 2403 schools.

Higher and Technical Education

Gujarat Public University Act 2023

- 'Gujarat Public University Act-2023' has been implemented in Public universities imparting higher education in the State from 09/10/2023 by revoking various laws to ensure quality administration, noble education, autonomy, adequate representation on democratic basis, participation of universities in social and economic sectors.
- With the main objective of getting all the information up to Enrollment to Employment, the education, knowledge and skills of the students can be systematically tracked from the time of admission to the higher education sector, the employability of the educated youth can be increased and the young technocrats can also set up their own enterprises and "Students' Academic Monitoring, All Round Review, Training and Hand Holding of Young Aspirants(SAMARTHYA)"(Samarthya Sansthan) scheme has been started by my Government with the aim of giving them an opportunity to use their complete potential.
- Under the New Education Policy, 2020, students had to pay different registration fees for admission to different universities. To reduce the burden of these fees on students and to avoid filling admission forms of different universities, "**Gujarat Common Admission Services Portal-GCAS**" has been launched under Samarthya Sansthan Yojana.

- **Under the Chief Minister Yuva Swavalamban Yojana (MYSY)**, assistance of Rs.375 Crores to total 72,500 students will be paid during 2023-24. An assistance of Rs. 2110.67 Crores has been paid to total 4,60,869 students so far under this scheme.
- **Under the Chief Minister Scholarship Scheme(CMSS)** assistance of Rs.30 Crores will be paid to total 2500 students during 2023-24. Assistance of Rs.102.92 Crores has been paid to total 13,202 students so far under this scheme.
- **Under Mukhymantri Kanya Kelavani Nidhi Scheme (MKKN)** assistance of Rs.553.23 Crores has been paid to 18,599 girl students till date in the year 2023-24
- **SHODH Scheme** – Under the Scheme of Developing High Quality Research financial assistance is given to the students who are doing research in Ph.D. course to attract them towards qualitative research of a higher level. Assistance of Rs.75.14 Crores to total 3546 students till date under this scheme.

Gujarat Gyan Guru Quiz (G3Q)

- My government is undertaking several innovative initiatives in the field of education. The Education Department has launched 'Gujarat Gyan Guru Quiz' (G3Q) for all the students studying from standard 9 to 12 and colleges as well as universities and all citizens of Gujarat with the aim that the students of the State become bright, talented, knowledgeable and they can be aware of the work done by the government for the people with all kinds of knowledge. Last year more than 25 Lacs people participated in this quiz and won prizes of Lacss. After this grand success, Hon'ble Chief Minister has launched 'Gujarat Gyan Guru Quiz (G3Q 2.0) from 24/12/2023. In which, the winners will receive prizes worth Rs.25 crores and study tours throughout the year.

Student Start-Up and Innovation Policy (SSIP2.0)

- Under G20 Summit, "New India Vibrant Hackathon 2023" was organized under SSIP 2.0 by Gujarat Knowledge Society, Education Department. In which 231 problem Statements have been received from Government departments, District Development Officer offices, Collector offices and Municipal Corporations, PSUs. 2062 teams had (10449 students) registered and 1463 teams had done the problem Statement selection in this hackathon 2023. 36 winning teams in 10 sectors were given prizes of total Rs.42 Lacs in this Hackathon.

Start-Up Conclave -2023

- Start-Up conclave and Start-Up exhibition were organized in the year-2023. In which more than 30,000 people visited about 280 stalls of various sectors set-up by the entrepreneurs.

Development of the Deprived

Pandit Din-Dayal Upadhyay said, "Our first target is the person sitting at the last line of the poverty." Therefore, My Government, which is constantly working for the development of the deprived people, has implemented several innovative schemes to bring about qualitative improvement in the lives of the underprivileged with the noble aim of giving equal opportunity, equal justice and even the human beings of last mile also can make a confident start on the path of development of the State.

Welfare of Developing Community

- **Rs.1478.37 Crores** has been spent against the provision of Rs.2599.49 Crores till the end of November 2023 for the overall development of socially and educationally backward classes, economically weaker sections, minorities and nomadic tribes of the States.
- **Scholarship of about Rs.172.13 crores** have been deposited to about 21 Lacs students of these castes studying in primary school under various educational schemes in the students' bank accounts through Gujarat Portal.
- **Rs.500 Crores** has been allotted for the implementation of the various educational and employment oriented schemes for Unreserved Classes by Gujarat Unreserved Educational and Economic Development Corporation.
- Loan of **Rs.55.03 Crores** has been given to 397 students of Socially and Educationally Backward class for higher studies in abroad as on Nov-23
- An assistance of **Rs.98.84 Crores** has been disbursed to 10,000 beneficiaries of the most backward, nomadic tribe, denotified tribe, socially and economically backward class and economically weaker section to construct house under Pandit Dindayal Upadhyay Aavas Yojana.
- Scholarship of Rs.369.10 Crores has been deposited in the bank account of 3 Lacs students under **PM Yashashvi** Pri-matric and Post-matric Scholarship Scheme.

Scheduled Caste Welfare

- **Rs.506.44 Crores** has been spent against the total budget provision of Rs.983.31 Crores for welfare of Scheduled Caste till November-23

- Scholarship of Rs.750/- to Rs.8000/- is given in **Pri-matric Scholarship scheme** (run by Central and State Government). Scholarship benefit has been given to 2,40,650 students as well as uniform assistance has been given to 1,42,289 students at the cost of Rs. 44.60 Crores till November-23 under this scheme.
- Approved education fees and approved non-refundable fees have been paid besides the scholarship (annual) of Rs. 2500/- to Rs. 13,500/- in the **Post-matric Scholarship Scheme**. The benefit of scholarship has been given to the 61,622 students by spending Rs. 115.18 Crores till November-23 in this scheme.
- Assistance of Rs.1,20,000 per house is given under **Dr. Aambedkar Aavas Yojana**. Assistance has been given to 11,556 beneficiaries by spending Rs.50.60 Crores to construct house till the end of November-23 in this scheme.
- A Loan of Rs. 15 Lacs at the rate of 4% is given for higher study in abroad under **Dr. Aambedkar Videsh Abhyas Loan Yojana**. Under which loans have been given to **660 students to study in abroad** by spending **Rs. 99** Crores till the end of November-23.

Social Security

- Assistance of Rs.75.93 Lacss has been given till the end of November to 4621 beneficiaries in the year 2023-24 under the Scholarship Scheme for the specially-abled.
- Assistance of **Rs.767.96 Crores** has been provided to **9,29,944** beneficiaries till November-2023 in the year 2023-24 under Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension and Vay Vandana Yojana.
- Assistance of **Rs.40.87 Crores** has been provided to **19585** beneficiaries till the end of November 2023 in the year 2023-24 under Palak Mata Pita Yojana.

Scheduled Tribe

The aim of the State Government is to bring about overall development of the tribal groups and the area through various welfare schemes and infrastructural facilities for tribal development.

- A provision of **Rs.18,755.22 Crores** has been made under **Vanbandhu Kalyan Yojana** for the year 2023-24.
- A provision of **Rs.337.28 Crores** has been made under “**Gujarat Pattern**” for the current year 2023-24. 10107 works have been planned till November-2023.

Scheduled Tribe welfare Schemes :

- Under **Pre-SSC Scholarship Scheme** for students belonging to Schedule Tribes, **10.44 Lacs** students have been provided benefits of this scheme at the cost of **Rs.84.31 Crores** till November-2023 in the year 2023-24.
- 10.44 Lacs students of Halapati Tribe studying in Std. 1 to 8 have been provided assistance for uniform at the cost of Rs.93.87 crores till November-2023 in the current year.
- For the beneficiaries of Halapati Tribe, the process of 2481 houses has been completed and the process of 515 houses is in progress till the end of November-2023. As well as the process of 1215 houses under the personal housing scheme has been completed and 2189 houses are under progress.
- To assist for the **medical treatment and nutrition charges** to the patients suffering from tuberculosis, cancer, leukaemia, severe cases of maternity, etc. of the Scheduled Tribe communities total **10,686** patients have been provided benefit of assistance at the cost of Rs 5.78 Crores till November-2023.

Forest Right Act – 2006

- The residential rights as well as rights to cultivate land have been recognised for the Scheduled Tribes and traditional tribes for the land they owned under the Forest Right Act– 2006. Total 1,82,869 claims were received out of which 97,342 claims have been approved. Against total 7187 applications received under community claims, 4791 claims have been approved. Total 2,118 proposals were received for infrastructural facilities out of which 2,045 proposals have been approved.

Woman and child welfare

Woman means the pool of firmness with tenderness, strength with tolerance, charity with hard work, patience, sincereness, serenity and love. The State Government is continuously endeavoring for the best development of these qualities that nature has gifted to woman.

Take home ration

- Among the monthly take home ration given to the beneficiary under the ICDS scheme are 7 packets of Balshakti for normal weight children aged 6 months to 3 years, 10 packets of Balshakti for underweight children from 6 months to 3 years, 4 packets of Balshakti for underweight children from 3 years to 6 years, 4 packets of Matrushakti for pregnant and lactating mothers, 4 packets of Poorna shakti are given to teenager girls. Total beneficiaries of the Poorak Poshan are about to 26,86,000.

- For value addition in Take Home ration, ayurvedic herbs are given i.e. Balshakti are given to children + Matrushakti are given to pregnant and lactating mothers + (Rasayan Churn) in 7 districts (Narmada, Dahod, Bhavnagar Rural and Urban, Dang, Jamnagar and Devbhoomi Dwarka) as a pilot project from the year 2021-22. The benefit of this Scheme has been provided to 2,90,000 at the cost of Rs.11.49 Crores in the year 2023-24 .

Dudh Sanjeevani Yojana:

- Gujarat is the only State in the country, where fresh fortified pasteurized flavoured milk is provided daily under Dudh Sanjeevani scheme. 100 ml milk is given for 5 days a week to children from 6 months to 6 years while 200 ml milk is given for 2 days a week to pregnant and lactating mothers under Dudh Sanjeevani Yojana in 141 tribal and developing units of 20 districts of the State. The benefit of this Scheme has been provided to approximately 10,34,000 beneficiaries at the cost of Rs. 95 Crores in the year 2023-24 .

Mukhyamantri Matrushakti Yojana :

- Right from the first-time pregnant mother registers in the Anganwadi Center till the child reaches 2 years of age, the mother of the child is provided extra raw ration of 1 kg toor dal, 2 kg gram and 1 kg fortified groundnut oil every month. Rs. 114.36 Crores has been spent against the provision of Rs. 214 Crores for the 1,80,000 beneficiaries in the year 2023-24.
- **Vahali Dikari Yojana** is implemented to increase birth rate of girls and prevent child marriages in society and to strengthen economic and social status of girls. Under this scheme total **Two Lacs thirteen thousand one hundred thirty five** girls are given assistance till now.

Construction :

- The foundation stone has been laid for 286 Anganwadi Centres, 4 block Offices and 2 Seja Offices and inauguration of 49 Anganwadi Centres have been done from March-2023 to November-2023.

Achievements of the Nutrition Campaign(Poshan Abhiyan) :

- Infantometers, stadiometers, weighing scales for children and weighing scales for pregnant and lactating mothers have been purchased for all Anganwadis in the State at the cost of Rs.21.56 Crores. An entry of 44.87 lacs active beneficiaries of the State in the Poshan tracker has been done by the Anganwadi workers.

Ganga Swaroopa Aarthik Sahay Yojana

- The assistance under this scheme was stopped when the son of the beneficiary woman turned 21. That condition is waived and lifelong assistance is provided. Assistance amount is paid by direct deposit in the beneficiary's account through DBT. Approximately 13.71 lacs beneficiaries of the State have been provided assistance till November 2023.

Mahila swarojagar mela/loan dhiran mela(Mudra Camp) scheme

- Mahila swarojagar mela is organized by the every district panchayats with the co-ordination of Corporation/ Municipality/ district panchayat Chambers of Commerce and other industrial organisation within the charge limit of Rs.2 lacs. **28** Mahila swarojagar mela have been organised till the end of November-2023 in the current year.

Exhibition-cum-Sale

- This scheme is in implementation to provide market facility to the various items produced by the women entrepreneurs of the state. **13** fairs have been organised till November-2023 in the year 2023-24. In which sale of **Rs. 311.07 lacs** has been done by total **651** women handicraft artisans.

Nari Adalat

- Nari Adalat is a informal justice system conducted by the women and for the women. Where women can solve their problems and can get justice free of cost. 270 Nari Adalat are functioning in every taluka and municipality. As many as 5067 cases have been disposed of through Nari Adalat in the last one year.

Urban Development and Urban Housing

Gujarat is one of the most industrialized and urbanized States in India when it comes to the urban development. Gujarat has witnessed significant urbanization in the last two decades. The State Government has taken inspiring steps to build housing with public participation so that the poor reside in urban areas get the facility of well-equipped houses.

Swarnim Jayanti Mukhyamantri yojana

- Under this scheme mainly works like physical infrastructure facilities, social infrastructure facilities, urban transport, city identity works, public participation scheme in private society etc. are undertaken. 1518 projects with a total amount of approximately Rs.5073.44 Crores have been undertaken against the grant allocation of Rs.7456.64 Crores for this scheme in the year 2023-24.

Smart City Mission

- Under the Smart City Mission, 351 projects worth Rs.11,443 crores have been undertaken for a total of 6 smart cities selected by the Government of India namely Ahmedabad, Surat, Vadodara, Rajkot, Gandhinagar and Dahod, out of which 309 projects worth Rs.9416 crores have been completed and 42 projects worth Rs.2026 crores are under progress.

GIFT City

- GIFT city developing as a global level financial Centre has provided Gujarat with enormous direct and indirect employment opportunities. At present, nation's first International Financial Services Centre (IFSC) is functioning at the GIFT city where two International Stock Exchanges; International Bullion Exchange; International, Public and Private sector Banks; Insurance companies, Global funds, Aircraft leasing companies and others are working. Besides, campus of two Australian Universities have also been established. Singapore Nifty has shifted its operation from Singapore to GIFT city having monthly turnover of US\$ 70 billion and financial transactions worth US\$ 431 billion have been carried out till now. The export from Special Economic Zone of GIFT city which was Rs.3402 crore in the year 2021-22 increased to Rs.12325 crores in the year 2022-23 and Rs.19317.19 crore till December 2023 in the year 2023-2024.

Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban)

- Work of total 71,396 houses have been completed in the year 2023-24 under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) by the State Government to provide housing to the homeless people living in cities.
- Work of 17,130 houses out of 56,955 houses sanctioned under in situ rehabilitation of slum dwellers through private participation under PMAY scheme has been completed, total 5,93,246 beneficiaries have been provided interest subsidy under Credit Linked Subsidy Scheme (CLSS). Work of 90,503 houses out of 1,42,733 houses sanctioned under Affordable Housing in Partnership (AHP) has been completed and work of 1,04,071 houses out of 1,56,978 houses sanctioned under Beneficiary Led Construction (BLC) has been completed.
- Construction of total 1891 houses existing houses at Ahmedabad, Surat, Bhavnagar and Jamnagar under re-development by Gujarat Housing Board is under progress.

Solid Waste Management

- 100% door-to-door collection of solid waste in 1387 wards of 165 local self-Government bodies of the State is done. About 84 percent of the 10,248 metric tons of waste per day collected from local self-Government bodies is processed.

Swachh Bharat Mission Urban-Gujarat

The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs of the Government of India holds Swachh Sarvekshan Competition in the entire India to promote cleanliness in the cities. I am glad to announce that in Swachh Sarvekshan – 2023:

- Surat Municipal Corporation was given the best Swachh city award jointly with Indore city and it achieved 7 star rating target in Garbage Free City (GFC) certification.
- Ahmedabad, Surat, Vadodara, Rajkot and Jamnagar municipal corporations achieved water+ certificate and target of 3-star rating in GFC.
- At the state level, Bantva stood first in the cities with less than 1 Lacs population and Vapi municipality in the cities having population between 1 to 10 lacs.

Future oriented urban planning and implementation

- Currently 400 Town Planning Schemes of the state are available online on portal with Google image and it is aimed to digitize 475 more TP schemes and made them available on the web portal by the end of the year.
- The State Government has sanctioned 1 Development Scheme, 23 Draft Town Planning Schemes, 16 Preliminary Town Planning Schemes and 12 Final Town Planning Schemes in the year 2023.

Fire prevention services

- With a view to make fire prevention services more strengthening and transparent for the process including safety certification and its renewal etc. Urban Development Department has launched an online e-portal “Gujarat Fire Safety Cop” on 15/12/2023.

“PM-Swanidhi - PM Street Vendors Atma Nirbhar Nidhi”

- The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India has implemented the PM SVANidhi 100% Centrally Sponsored Scheme to provide working capital loans to street hawkers to start their business for livelihood. A total of 4,22,282 street hawker in the State have been provided loan assistance under this scheme.

Electricity Bill Incentive Scheme

- The State Government has made a provision of Rs.100 crores in the budget for the electricity bill incentive scheme for the year 2023-24 in order to enable the Municipalities of the State to pay their electricity bills regularly.

Panchayat

It is the aim of the State Government that the people from the last mile get the benefit of the Government schemes. The Government is taking various measures for the comprehensive development of villages by renovating Village, Taluka, District panchayat buildings, modernization of records and making maximum use of technology to strengthen the three-tier panchayat structure.

Human Resource Empowerment

- The Panchayat Department has given appointment letters for the total of 12,786 posts in 17 cadres of Class-III in the last two years in order to make the administrative work of Panchayati Raj more dynamic.
- In the current year, 6565 candidates have been appointed by the department through direct recruitment for the posts of a total 4 cadres of Class-III in Panchayat Service. This includes 1866 posts of Multi-Purpose Health Worker, 81 Posts of Gram Sevak, 3437 posts of Talati Cum Mantri and 1181 Posts of Junior Clerk.

15th Finance Commission

- A total amount of Rs.15,650 crores is to be received by the State from the Central Government in five years by the year 2025-26 under the 15th Finance Commission, out of which, the State Government has deposited a grant of Rs.9239.50 crores received by till now in the accounts of Panchayats. Out of which, a total of 34,000 works worth Rs.2200 crores have been inaugurated this year.
- All operations from planning to disbursement of the projects receiving grant from the Finance Commission are done "online" through "E-Gram Swaraj Portal". As many as 1,71,828 business firms have currently been registered on the E-Gram Swaraj Portal. Payments of a total of Rs.5775.93 crores have been made successfully by more than 14,530 panchayats of the State through E-Gram Swaraj Portal so far.

New Gram Panchayat House Scheme

- With positive approach to make panchayat houses available to 100 percent gram panchayats and to expedite the construction of building for the dilapidated gram panchayats and houseless gram panchayats of the State, all the powers have been given to the District Development Officer by decentralizing the authority. Under which a total of 5688 new Gram Panchayat Houses have been approved from 2016 to the current year: 2023-24, out of which 3305 Gram Panchayat Houses have been completed and 1707 Gram Panchayat Houses are under progress.

District / Taluka Panchayat Building Construction

- Construction of new buildings of 1 District Panchayat (Surat) and 2 Taluka Panchayats (Vapi and Santrampur) has been completed in the current financial year under this scheme.

Division of Gram Panchayat

- New Gram Panchayats have been created by dividing the large group of Gram Panchayats so that Government schemes are easily accessible in rural areas and the villagers do not have to travel far for work.
- 65 new Gram Panchayats have been formed by division of **29 group Gram Panchayats** from **August-2022 to December-2023** as per provision of section-3 of Gujarat Panchayat Act-1993.

Rural Development

Various programs of livelihood, skill development, social security and infrastructural facilities are being implemented by my Government in collaboration with the concerned departments to bring economic upliftment in the lives of the people living in the rural areas of the State.

Amrit Sarovar

- In response to the invocation made by the Hon'ble Prime Minister on 22 April 2022 on the occasion of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, the Government of India has decided to construct or renovate 75 Amrit Sarovars in every district of the country. Work has been undertaken for construction of 2649 Amrit Sarovars against the total target of 2475 Amrit Sarovars in the State of Gujarat. A flag hoisting ceremony was held in the presence of local leaders, freedom fighters, families of martyred heroes, elderly and villagers after completing of construction/renovation of all 2649 (107% of the target) Amrit Sarovars.

Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Rural)

- A target of construction of total 6,06,041 houses have been set during the year 2016-17 to 2022-23 under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Rural), out of which 6,04,567 houses have been sanctioned and out of which a total of 4,95,666 houses have been constructed.
- A total of 38 cluster-based biogas plants have been planned in 33 districts under “**Gobardhan Yojana**” in the State. A target of 7600 individual biogas plants has been set under this scheme and the work of 7600 biogas plants has been completed.

National Rural Livelihood Mission

- It is aimed to create self-help groups in rural areas and link them with livelihood oriented activities to achieve economic self-reliant for the social upliftment of women in rural areas, increase their standard of living and provide them with an economic self-reliant through the National Rural Livelihood Mission.
- 22,535 new self-help groups, 2,010 village organizations and 239 cluster level federations have been formed in the year 2023-24. Assistance of a total of Rs. 20.30/- crores has been provided to 7,013 Self Help Groups under revolving fund. Assistance of Rs.146.90/- crores has been provided to 15,583 self-help groups under Community Investment Fund. Credit of Rs. 997.48/- crores from the bank has been given to a total of 65,414 self-help groups under cash credit.

Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana

- A total of 8556 works of soil and moisture conservation, water storage and ground water recharge and 24,129 works related to livelihood enhancement have been completed in the year 2023-24 (at the end of November-2023). A total of Rs.120.56 crores has been spent for that.

Labour, Skill Development and Employment

- **Shram Setu Portal:** - Shram Setu Portal has been launched by the Department of Labour, Skill Development and Employment to address the issues of the workers. Under which the entire process of filing claims of the industrial workers under Payment of Gratuity Act, 1972 and applications under the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947 has been made online for disposing them quickly, easily and transparently.
- **e-Shram Portal:-** The Ministry of Labour and Employment, Government of India has launched eShram Portal for registration of unorganized workers. A total of 1 crores 14 Lacs unorganized labourers have been registered on the e-Shram Portal in the State by December-2023.

- Food Distribution Centres have been started in a phased manner over a total of 277 Kadiyanakas in 17 districts in the State under the **Shramik Annapurna Yojana**. A total of 60,27,679 meals have been distributed till December-2023 under this scheme during the year 2023-24.

Shramik Basera Yojana

- “Shramik Basera Yojana” has been implemented since Dt.01.09.2023 for providing facility of rented stay to the Registered Construction Workers in temporary dismantlable prefabricated houses with basic facilities in the areas having residential intensity (except construction site).
- The scheme has been implemented with a view to providing excellent and affordable cheap rented temporary houses with basic facilities to the Construction workers near their working place and improving their standard of living.
- **Mukhyamantri Apprenticeship Training Scheme:** -A monthly compensation is given to the units against the stipend paid by the units to the apprentices under the Mukhyamantri Apprenticeship Training Scheme (MATS). Which includes Rs.3000/- for recruitment of each graduate apprentice, Rs.2000/- for recruitment of each diploma apprentice and Rs.1500/- for recruitment of all types of apprentices below diploma level. Total 1,02,392 trainees are taking benefit of apprenticeship training as on 15.12.2023 in the year 2023-24.
- **Industrial Recruitment Fairs-Job Fair:** - 84,554 (eighty four thousand five hundred and fifty four) candidates have been provided employment by organizing 866 industrial recruitment fairs till the end of November-2023 in the year 2023-24.
- **"Anubandham" web portal and mobile app:** Job seekers and employers can register names online through this web portal. 3,84,233 job seekers and 46,626 employers have been registered on the Anubandham web portal.
- **Mega ITI(Mega Technical and Vocational Education Training):** It is necessary to increase the skills of the youth/trainee considering Industry 4.0 with the changing times to meet the needs of the industries in the State. The State Government has given an approval to develop five industrial training institutes namely **Kubernagar, Surat, Tarsali, Rajkot and Dahod** in the State as **Mega ITIs** in 2023-24 by considering advanced technologies like industrial automation, advanced welding, manufacturing technology, information and communication technology, internet of things (IoT) and artificial intelligence(AI) to meet this requirement in today's modern times.

- **Shikshan Sahay Yojana:** Educational assistance is provided in the range of Rs.1800 to Rs.2 lacs for studies from class 1 to Ph.D. for two children of construction workers registered under the Shiksha Sahay Yojana. Assistance of a total Rs.4030.40 lacs has been provided to a total of 46,100 workers as on 31.12.2023.
- **School of Drones:** School of Drones, Kaushalya the Skill University (KSU) is the first State university to get Remote Pilot Training Organization (RPTO) license from the Director General of Civil Aviation (DGCA). A total of 303 trainees out of the total candidates registered in the last two years have been issued drone pilot license till date.

Roads and buildings

- Roads and Buildings Department has completed the work of widening roads with a total length of 938.82 km in 4 lane / 10 meter / 7 meter at a cost of Rs.5,243.77 crores. While work of widening roads with a length of 1508.00 km. in 4 lane / 10 meter / 7 meter at an estimated cost of Rs.4413.15 crores is in progress.
- Construction of 27 bridges including Dabhoi-Shinor-Malsar-Asha road bridge over Narmada river, Kheda-Dholka road bridge over Sabarmati river and Hariyala-Radhwanaj croresoss road over Vatrak river at a cost of Rs.695.19 crores has been completed. While the work of 62 bridges at a cost of Rs.2,425.15 crores is in progress.
- It is planned to widen the roads of 237.10 km length passing through Narmada, Tapi and Dang Districts through Saputara – Shabridham – Songarh – Sherula - Zarwani to Statue of Unity by 10 meter in two phases. In the first phase, the work of widening the existing roads of 92.50 km length by 10 meter is under progress.
- Work of six-laning of existing four-lane road with multi-purpose pathway has been completed at a cost of Rs.443 crores in 61 km length of Mehsana-Palanpur road.
- **Mukhya Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana:** 921 Works of roads/bridges with a length of 2089 km at a cost of Rs.1119 crores have been sanctioned in the year 2023-24. The works are under progress.
- Government of India has sanctioned 304 works of widening the rural roads of 3015 km length by 5.50 meter at an estimated cost of Rs.1749.62 crores in the year 2021 under **Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana Phase-3**. Out of which, 230 works of 2374 km length have been completed. While 66 works of 553 km length are under progress.

- The work of **Signature Bridge** connecting Okha and Bet Dwarka having a great importance for the development of a religious site of national importance as well as a tourist destination is in progress. Under which, the construction work of the four-lane cable stayed bridge including the approach road with a length of 4.56 km at a cost of Rs.962 crores is about to be completed.
- The construction of 2576 Government residential accommodations of various categories at an estimated cost of Rs.595.50 crores and the construction of Sadasya Niwas in Gandhinagar for Hon'ble MLAs are currently in progress at an estimated cost of Rs.290 crores.
- Works of 136 residences accommodations of various categories at Raj Bhavan at an estimated cost of Rs.60 crores are under progress.
- The construction of a cable-stayed bridge on Gandhinagar-Koba-Hansol(Airport) road at Rakshashakti Circle (Dholakuva) at an estimated cost of Rs.50 crores has been completed.
- The works of Guest House at Bharuch, Jamnagar and Godhra at a cost of Rs.13.90 crores have been completed while the works of Guest House at Bhavnagar and Porbandar at a cost of Rs.12.18 crores are in progress. Rest houses at Vijapur and Dhanpur at a cost of Rs.4.17 crores have been completed.

Transport

Gujarat Electric Vehicle Policy

- The Gujarat Government has always been serious about the environmental issue and that is why it has taken a very foresight decision by implementing an electric vehicle policy to promote electric vehicles instead of vehicles run by petrol or diesel. This policy will be functional for a period of four years. In which, subsidy will be given on approximately two Lacs electric vehicles.
- Scale of subsidy based on battery capacity of the vehicle to a maximum of Rs.20,000 for two-wheelers, Rs. 50,000 for three wheelers and a Rs.1,50,000 for four wheelers has been fixed.
- An amount of Rs.255.18 crores has been credited to the accounts of 97,594 people in the form of subsidy so far.

Vehicle Scrapping Policy

- Old unfit vehicles are a major cause of accidents and they also cause pollution. Hon'ble Prime Minister had unveiled vehicle scrapping policy at Gandhinagar on 13-August-2021 for proper disposal of such unfit vehicles. A total of five scrapping facilities have been sanctioned in the State under this policy. It has an annual scrapping capacity of 3 lacs vehicles.

PPP Based Automated Testing Station for fitness inspection of vehicles

- The State Government has implemented policy to set up Automated Fitness Centre on PPP basis as per Central Government guidelines.
- At present, final registration certificate has been issued to 25 automated testing stations and a total of 180 automated testing stations have been given conditional preliminary approval by the Commissionerate of Transport.

Launch of Faceless Services of ‘Vahan’ and ‘Sarathi’

- A total of 28 services the Transaction Department have been launched as faceless which include 20 services with the help of e-KYC and 8 services with the help of mobile OTP. With its implementation, a total of 3,04,767 people have taken benefit of driving license related services and a total of 1,94,435 people have taken benefit of ‘Vahan’ services by November-2023 in the year 2023-24.

Digital challan and smart enforcement

- The Ministry of Transport has procured a total of 35 ultra-modern interceptor vehicles in current year. Which have been equipped with speed guns, cameras and public address system for the purpose of smart enforcement. Intensive operation is done with this interceptor at a total of 58 check points in the State.
- A total of 9 units including bus stations at Surendranagar, Morbi (New), Dhanpur, Desar, Limkheda, Mahuwa, Rajkot (Satellite) Vaso, Chaklasi have been launched at an estimated cost of Rs.31.24 crores from 01.04.2023 to till date.
- The work of a total of 13 new bus stations at Kukarwada, Lodhika, Umargam, Suigam, Mata no Madh and Garbada, etc. at an estimated cost of Rs.28 crores and a total of 9 new depot-workshops at Vijapur, Harij, Chandola, Anjar etc. at an estimated cost of Rs.36 crores and 4 new staff colonies at Bhavnagar, Valsad, Krishnanagar-Naroda and Jamnagar at cost of Rs.32 crores is being carried out in the year 2023-24.

Ports

Development of ports

- Along with the development through private investment, Gujarat Maritime Board is also committed to develop existing ports.
- L.N.G terminal constructed at Chhara with private capital investment of rs.4293 Crores will be functioning in the year 2024. Moreover, a concession agreement for planning of estimated investment of rs.4024 crores for developing brown field port(C.N.G. terminal and other terminals) at northern part of Bhavnagar Port has been sanctioned.

Revenue management

- Messrs. Petronet L.N.G. has accorded in principle approval to the proposal for developing the third Jetty with private capital investment of rs.1700 crores as a part of expansion of port relating facilities at Dahej. Construction for developing the second Jetty at estimated cost of rs.1200 crores by Messrs. Gujarat Chemical Port Terminal (G.C.P.L.) is in progress.
- With a view to accelerating the fisheries activities, a project of developing the fisheries at Veraval, Madhavad and Sutrapada at the cost of rs.1300 crores have been undertaken.
- Instructions have been management circulated for offering the benefit of deemed N.A. permission under Section-65(b) of the Gujarat land Revenue Code to all projects of renewable energy being established in Gujarat State Vide the circular Dt.13.04.2023 of Revenue department. Moreover, policy regarding allocation of government surplus land on lease for generation of green hydrogen by using the non-conventional energy sources like wind/solar/wind-solar Hybrid energy has been framed vide the resolution Dt.08.05.2023.

Property card.

- 2,87,574 property cards have been issued in total 1849 villages of the state under Swamitva Yojana. 1,34,788 property cards under the scheme of making property cards and total 50,368 property cards under non-agriculture scheme have been issued in the urban and rural areas respectively. Thus, total 4,72,730 new property cards were issued to the property holders and granted titles/endorsements to their properties.

iMojni

- Total 3,06,021 measurement applications have been received on iMojni portal, out of which, 2,91,591 measurement applications have been disposed of.
- While making integration with iORA of iMojni Software, total 41,703 applications out 44,653 measurement applications being auto-generated Vide N.A. order till Dt.21.12.2023 in iMojni application have been disposed of.

Facility for obtaining certified copy of document at door step

- Facility on iORA portal has been availed from Dt.25.12.2021 so that the people can obtain the certified copy of document online at their doorsteps. Total 65,648 applications have been received from Dt.01.01.2023 to Dt.30.11.2023 and income of total RS.3,93,88,800 has generated under that.

Law and Order My government is committed to maintain harmony among the people, to make holistic development of the people, to create the atmosphere of peace and tranquility in the state, to Strengthen the bridge of trust between the police and public and to take up the constructive works of public welfare by preventing the crimes with mutual cooperation.

Strict implementation of Prohibition Policy

- It is the priority of my government to crack down the prohibition related crimes in the state. The government of Gujarat has undertaken a special drive to remove the addiction of intoxicated substances like cannabis, charas, opium, heroin etc. and also to nab the criminals addicted to this menace. As a part of which Gujarat police stayed vigil with the support the Indian Coast Guard and other investigating agencies to crack the nefarious intentions of neighboring countries smuggling narcotics in the state and registered 476 crimes under NDPS Act (The narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act) and arrested total 637 accused and recovered the cash property about rs.1506 crores and made a sustained effort to survive the youths of the country from the menace of narcotics.
- Special courts have been opened at Ahmedabad, Vadodara and Rajkot for the speedy disposal of the narcotic cases under NDPS in the state. Moreover, as an integrated effort ‘Anti-Narcotics Task Force’ has been constituted at state level.

Cyber Crime

- Economic crimes have spread widely in the country I4C (Indian Cyber Crimes Coordination Centre), NCCRP portal (National Cybercrime Reporting Portal) and Cybercrime helpline Number -1930 are executing effectively for redressal of economic crimes and cybercrimes related grievances.

Women Security

- Investigative units for crime against woman (I.U.C.A.W.) are active in women police stations in 26 districts from Dt.30-5-2017 for redressal of the cases committed against the women in Gujarat state.

- ITSSO portal (Investigation Tracking System for Sexual Offences) has been activated for framing the charge sheet in time and monitoring it with sensitive approach in investigation of Pocso cases regarding atrocity on women and children.

Suraksha Setu Society

- 91,384 women have been imparted self-defense training till October -2023 against the targets of total 1,39,100 women for the year 2023-24 under Suraksha Setu Society.
- Total 88,361 children have been imparted training and knowledge about traffic rules from April-2023 to October-2023 under Suraksha Setu Society.

Financial Management

Online Payment of Taxation

- Cyber Treasury Portal is active for online recovery of taxes for online recovery of taxes timely in the state.
- Facility of paying online taxes has been awaited to the tax-payers of the state through internet banking facility under the integrated financial management system. Presently, online collection of income namely. GST, Professional Tax, Royalty, Road Tax, Stamp duty etc. are worked out.

E-Payment

- All drawing and disbursing officer of the state are issued digital signature by which amount is directly deposited with the Bank account through e-payment.
- E-payment facility is implemented in all 33 district treasury offices of the state for depositing amount directly with the accounts of all employees, pensioners and concerned beneficiaries under IFMS.

Facilitation made for the pensioners

- Payment of pension is made through e-payment by the treasury offices to about 5,10,974 pensioners of the state.
- A separate pension payment office has been opened by the state government so that the pensioners may have not face the hardships in such districts wherein their numbers are more. Separate pension payment offices have been opened in the districts like Ahmedabad, Gandhinagar, Vadodara, Rajkot, Surat till now.

- A facility of “Life Authenticity Portal” has been availed for the pensioners so that they can verify their existence at doorsteps.
- Pensioners can obtain the online information of their detailed monthly pensions on pension portal Gujarat.
- By obtaining PRAN (Permanent Retirement Account Number) of 2,46,685 beneficiaries, their monthly contributions and state government’s contributions are deposited under the centralized scheme by Dt.30.11.2023 under the new added pension scheme.
- More than total 3.94 crores beneficiaries have been covered under the Gujarat community Group Accident Insurance Scheme.
- The Beneficiaries such as land-holder farmer, land-holder farmer’s husband or wife and their all children, unorganized labourers, students from primary to college of Gujarat, Police employees, widows, handicaps, diamond worker have been covered under this scheme.
- The state has got revenue of Rs.80,477 crores up to November-2023 during the current year in 2023-24.
- The Process of ‘Biometric Based Aadhar Authentication’ has been implemented in Gujarat state as a pilot project across the country with a view to make the whole proceedings transparent - easy to get the registration under GST Law, to encourage ease of doing business and to get registration speedily to the honest taxpayers. Creating GST Facility Centers at total 12 places in the entire state have been developed as ‘State of Art’, so as to registered applicant may not be required to go away from the owned business place. All these centers are equipped with ultra-modern technical equipments and experienced staff.

Sports And Cultural Activities

Along with awakening of grand historical, literacy and cultural heritage by the State Government, encouraging talented youths, artists, introducing them to country and world, multipurpose plannings have been implemented successfully.

- The State Government is organizing various competitions from rural level to state level every year under ‘Khel Mahakumbh’ began since 2010. About 66 lacs athletes have made registration enthusiastically in ‘Khel Mahakumbh 2.0’ begin in 2024. As per the approach of Government of India DBT (Direct Benefit Transfer), Payment will be made through RTGS to the winner athletes.

- Advancing a new approach of the Government of India, the celebration of the foundation day of all the states of the country is being celebrated at Gujarat Rajbhavan. The foundation day of 23 states has been celebrated till now in which cultural programmes have been presented inviting respective cultural groups at Gandhinagar.
- As a part of celebration of 75 years of Independence of India, the Government of India held various programmes under ‘Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav’ for 75 weeks i.e. 12th March 2021 to 15th August 2023 to spread patriotism in the countrymen. In these programmes, five pillars of 75 years of independence: Freedom struggle, Thoughts, Achievements, Works and Resolves were specially emphasized.
- Under “**Mari Mati Maro Desh**” campaign, Gujarat was the second among the top 3 states receiving “Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav” award from Honourable Prime Minister at the grand programme held at New Delhi.
- The construction of New Smart Building of Government District/Taluka Libraries situated in Common areas and tribal areas of the state is in progress. The Government Libraries functioning at Vadodara, Anand, Jamnagar, Bharuch and Vyara to be developed them as smart libraries, and the modernization working of State Central Library, Gandhinagar is under progress.
- ‘Matrubhasha Mahotsav’ was organized on the day of World Mother Tongue Day by the Gujarat Sahitya Akadami under which more than 300 litterateurs were remained present at various places. Various programmes like poet convention, seminar were organized in Matrubhasha Mahotsav.

Science and Technology

To establish providing services companies and generation regarding information and technology and to extend established companies for encouragement and implementation of Science and Technology Policy of I.T./I.T.E.S. of the Gujarat State is being done by Science and Technology Department.

- The Central Government launched the Semiconductor Program in order to make India self-reliant in the semiconductor sector, under which, the Government of Gujarat introduced a unique Semiconductor Policy to attract investment for semiconductor manufacturing in Gujarat. Gujarat has become the first state in the country to formulate a separate semiconductor policy and mission, which is a matter of pride for us.

- Micron, the leading semiconductor memory manufacturing company of America has selected Sanand GIDC of Gujarat for its new semiconductor plant and the country's first semiconductor chip with the Semiconductor Assembly Test Marking Packaging (ATMP) project at an estimated project cost of twenty-two thousand five crore will be manufactured in Gujarat on commercial base from 2025. This project will create 5000 direct and 15000 indirect new employment opportunities with high skill in Gujarat.
- The establishment of this project will make Gujarat the first-choice destination for other supply chain industries related to semiconductor manufacturing.
- The facility of incubation to more than 100 Start-Up and Industry-entrepreneurs has been provided till now by Savli Technology and Business Incubator (STBI and MOU has been done for the purpose of co-operation with 11 institutions. As per the distinguished survey like Biospectrum, this institution has got position in five leading public bio-incubators of the country since three years.
- Gujarat Bio-technology Research Centre (GBRC) is conducting more than 45 projects with research fund Rs. 78 crores from various international, national and state agencies in last five and a half years.
- The flagship programmes of Government of India like Jinom India initiative, Indian SARS-COV-2 genome Sequencing Consortia, in which Gujarat Bio-technology Research centre is more contributing in TATVAM.
- Major attractions of Gujarat Science City are included of theme-based pavilion, grand 3-D I-Max theatre planate earth, nature park, life science park, multimedia lacer and fountain show, whole of science and spaces etc. Newly built aquatic gallery and robotics gallery at Science City have become the special attraction of pavilions. A number of visitors at Science City is increasing day by day to distinguished attractions.
- An assistance of total Rs. 136 crores has been paid to I.T.I. Units till now under IT Policy (2016-2021). New one lac employment will generate with I.T./I.T.E.S. Policy (2022-2027) and I.T. expert sector of Gujarat will reach up to 25 thousand crores by increasing 8 times.

- An assistance of total Rs.298.63 crores has been paid to the industrial units of electronic field till now under the Electronic Policy of the state.

Forest and Environment

A sole remedy of environmental issues is tree plantation. Programmes of tree plantation have been implemented under different schemes to cover more and more areas under green cover keeping our vital issues and requirements into mind. Besides, tree plantations, forest ponds and check dams are also built under the soil and moisture conservation scheme for inserting rainy water into soil and preventing the erosion. Climate and soil friendly trees are planted at desert border and the schemes like plantation of mangroves trees in the seaboard are also in force.

- As per the report of the Forest Survey of India of the year 2021, forest covered areas in Gujarat (forest area and out of forest area) have increased in comparison to the year 2019. Total forest-covered area was 14,857 sq. Km in the year 2019, which has happened to be 14,926 sq.km as per the report of the year-2021.
- With sustained efforts of the State Government for grass reformation programmes, a landmark success is achieved in grass production. Grass production has increased by 3.53 times in last ten years. Production of 239 Lacs kg grass was achieved in the year – 2022-23.
- With a view to increasing the availability of bamboos for the people living surrounding the forest areas and enhancing the sources of their employments, a project of bamboos reformation has been undertaken in 25,060 hectare land in the year 2021-22 and 2022-23. Resulting which, about 95 Lacs bamboos have been distributed free of cost among the locals living in the forests.
- Rs.10.40 crores saplings were planned to distribute in the State during celebration of ‘74th Forest Festival’, against which, 10.08 crores saplings have been distributed by November-2023.
- Against the planning of preparing 31 holy parks in the State in the current year, 12 parks have been prepared by November-2023. Against the planning of preparing 122 Forest Cottages, 40 Forest Cottages have been prepared by November-2023.
- A number of Asiatic Lions in the State was 359 in the year 2005, which has increased to 674 in the year 2020, in which, an increase of 29% is registered. 15.07 lacs visitors in the year 2021-22 and 19.70 lacs visitors in the year 2022-23 visited the Gir Sanctuary respectively.

Administrative Reforms **Chintan Shibir**

- A state level 10th Chintan Shibir was held at Statue of Unity, Ektanagar in Narmada district of Gujarat during the period from 19 May to 21 May, 2023. Total 209 participants including the Chief Minister Shri Bhupendrabhai Patel, Cabinet Ministers, Ministers of State and numbers of celebrities as well as subject experts and guest speaker remained present in the Shibir (camp).
- Discussions and recommendations were made on health and nutrition, qualitative reforms in education, training and capacity building for the employees of autonomous institutions, infrastructure and capacity building in rural areas, urbanization and infrastructural development in the Chintan Shibir.

Sardar Patel Institute of Public Administration (SPIPA)

- Coaching is given at free of cost to the candidates preparing for UPSC Civil Services Examination at SPIPA. Total 16 candidates of SPIPA were succeeded in the final result of UPSC Civil Services Examination, 2022. Total 260 candidates have succeeded till today since the establishment of institution in the year 1992.

Planning **Viksit Gujarat@2047**

- Gujarat State has published Viksit Gujarat @ 2047 report in the form of Vision Document on 10th January, 2024 in Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit 2024, which is the first in the country. This document has been prepared after discussions with Niti Aayog, various Departments of the State Government, organizations and other partners. Short-term and long-term (up to 2047) targets for various sectors such as health, nutrition, education, industry and infrastructure and other matters corresponding to the principles of "Living Well" and "Earning Well" of citizens have been set. Thus, this document will serve as a guide for policy formulation for the development of Gujarat in a specific direction within its time frame.

Information and Broadcasting

- With a view to availing the knowledge of various welfare schemes of the State Government to the people of interior areas, documentary films, special multi-media documentary films, T.V. short video clips and Radio zingal are produced by the Information Department. Information Department of Gujarat,

by proper using of media broadcasting at all levels has played a pivotal role for motivating the farmers of Gujarat for organic farming.

- Information Department has put the Community Group Insurance Scheme into force for the journalists. Eligible journalists aged between 25 to 60 years are covered under this scheme. Insurance coverage of Rs. 1 Lacs in the cases of natural death and Rs. 5 Lacs in the cases of accidental death are provided respectively under this Scheme. Total 1182 eligible journalists have been provided this insurance coverage under the Scheme.

Cottage and Rural Industries

- The purpose of ‘**One District, One Product**’ Program is to support the local economies by motivating the customers for purchasing the locally-produced goods, awakening them for enhancing the sales etc. ‘One District, One Product’ of the States was widely displayed in G-20 Summit.
- The aim of this new scheme ‘**PM-Vishwakarma**’ sponsored by the Central Government is to improve quality of productions and services of the workers and ensure that Vishwakarma gets connected with local and global value chains. The aim of this scheme is to provide overall assistance to Vishwakarmas i.e. workers and Handicraft artisans in advancing value addition chain in their trade and making them competent. Under this, the Government of Gujarat has broadly taken up verification of commercial workers in all the districts of the State and they will be imparted primary training in a short time so that the skill of entrepreneurship can be developed in them.

Civil Aviation

- 15 human organs with 10 medical flight patients have been reached successfully from January-2023 to December-2023 under the Air Ambulance Service launched from March 21, 2022 at health sector by the State Government. Helicopter Joy Rider Services have been launched at Sabarmati River Front and Dhordo during Kutch Rannotsav for fulfilling the air flying at tourism. Besides, flight services from the cities of Gujarat with other states have been launched under ‘Udaan’ Scheme.

Judiciary

- The department has set up a total of 20 virtual traffic courts to avoid inconvenience caused to citizens for e-challan issued by R.T.O. and traffic police for violators of vehicle laws.

- A total of 101 posts of District Judge, a total of 25 posts of Metropolitan Magistrate, a total of 05 posts of Civil Judge have been created to accelerate judicial proceedings in the State as per the recommendation of the Hon'ble High Court. Similarly, a total of 4726 new posts of staff have been created in subordinate courts to accelerate judicial proceedings.
- Foundation worship(Bhumipujan) has been done for the construction of buildings the office of the Joint Charity Commissioner of Charity organization and Registration Offices of Public Trusts in Surat, Bhavnagar, Patan, Devbhumi Dwarka (Khambhalia), Rajkot, and Vadodara.

Climate Change

- Additional wind-farms with the capacity of 583.37 megawatt have been activated by November-2023 under Wind Energy Policy-2016 declared by the State Government to encourage the clean and green energy generation in the State during the year-2023-24. Thus, total wind electricity generation capacity of the State has increased up to 10,382.525 megawatt.
- Solar Power Plants with total capacity of 1086 megawatt have been activated by November-2023 in the State during the year 2023-24. Thus, total solar generation capacity of the State has increased up to 10,031.30 megawatt.
- Solar Photovoltaic Rooftop Systems, with the capacity of 48.78 megawatt, have been installed at the cost of Rs.262.41 crores on total 2451 buildings like various government buildings, government colleges, court complexes, police stations, government civil hospitals, primary health centers etc. as on 30/11/2023 in the year 2023-24.
- Total subsidy of Rs.2.57 crores has been paid to the students studying in Std. 9 to 12 and colleges as on 30/11/2023 for battery-operated three-wheelers during the year 2023-24.

I am glad to address this August House of the 15th Assembly Session that my Government is determined with human sensitivity, economic progress and human resources development, holistic welfare of the common human-being and with the goal of public partnership in developing march of the State. The common people have realized themselves with the uninterrupted developing march of the State. My Government has fulfilled the promise of effective and sound accountability to realize the people that the Government stands by them. Gujarat is a growth engine of the country and it is our responsibility to strengthen it.

With the vigorous efforts made by the slogan of ‘Inclusiveness, development, trust and effort to All’ imbibing the resolution of public welfare, My Government has translated the spirit of ‘Ownness for the Government’ among the public. I wish you all will give your best dedications as the public representatives in this August House keeping with your public life’s experiences and aspirations of the public minds. I wish my best regards to all of you for your active partnership in people-centric decisions for more than six crore Gujaratis’ holistic development and their overall upliftment.

Bharat Mata Ki Jay.
Jay Jay Garvi Gujarat.
