

Jai Jagannath.

Madam Speaker and Honourable Members.

With immense pleasure, I welcome you all to the 6th session of the 17th Odisha Legislative Assembly. Allow me to take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt New Year greetings to all the Hon'ble Members of this August House and to the people of Odisha. May this year usher in peace, progress and shared prosperity, and may our journey together be guided by wisdom, unity and compassion.

2. This August House has expressed its deep condolences on the sad demise of Late Rajendra Dholakia, Sitting Member and Ex-Minister, Late Ananta Das, Ex-Minister of State, Late Bibhuti Bhusan Singh Mardaraj, Ex-Deputy Speaker and Minister of State, Late Debaraj Seth, Late Devendra Sharma, Late Prasanna Kumar Pattanaik, Late Karendra Majhi, Late Niranjana Hembaram, Late Prafulla Kumar Bhanj, Late Mohammad Rafique, Late George Tirkey, Late Hemendra Prasad Mahapatra, Late Krushna Chandra Mallick, all former Members, Late Loknath Sabar, Ex-OAPF/353, Odisha Police, Late

Laxman Majhi, Ex-Constable/475, 2nd IR Battalion, Rayagada and Late Saroj Kumar Pradhan, Ex-Constable-39, Odisha Police.

3. I request all Hon'ble Members present today to join me in paying tribute to Late Kanhu Charan Lenka, Ex-Minister, Late Kulamani Rout, Late Akshay Acharya, Late Sanchita Mohanty, Late Raseswari Panigrahi, all former Members. The House may convey our heartfelt condolence to the bereaved families of the departed souls.

4. With the sea as its strength, treasures as its depth, forests as its wealth, and rivers as its breath, Odisha stands as a timeless symphony of Nature, Creature and Scripture. Our temples speak of devotion, our works speak of discipline, and our customs speak of diversity. With that said, Odisha's real strength lies not in materials or facts, but in its people.

5. Today, standing tall on the foundations of sacrifice and self-belief, Odisha is no longer waiting to be recognised; it is ready to thrive, to blossom and to lead as the growth engine towards a **Viksit Bharat**.

6. April 1, 2036, stands before us like a solemn promise – the centenary of Odisha’s statehood and a moment of reckoning with history. My Government is determined to ensure that when the State turns one hundred, it stands tall with Pride, Prosperity and Purpose. My Government plans to achieve the vision of a SAMRUDDHA Odisha by sustaining innovation-led growth, advancing inclusive infrastructure, mobilising opportunity for every citizen, rearing farms and factories, uplifting lives through education and healthcare, driving green development, deepening connectivity, harnessing people’s power and achieving prosperity with justice.

7. My Government has prepared a comprehensive Vision Document for 2036 and 2047, aligned with India’s centenary roadmap and developed through extensive consultations with citizens and stakeholders. The document was unveiled by the Hon’ble Prime Minister on 20th June 2025, placing Odisha among only three States nationally with a formal long-term vision framework.

8. The Vision targets transformation of Odisha into a US\$ 500 billion economy by 2036 and US\$ 1.5 trillion by 2047, increasing the State's contribution to National GDP from 3% to 5%, with average annual growth rising from 7% to 9.5% through reforms in investment, execution, and technology adoption. Further, the State targets raising per capita income from ₹1.8 lakh to ₹32 lakh by 2047, improving living standards, reducing multidimensional poverty to 5%, increasing female labour force participation to 70%, raising life expectancy beyond 80 years, and eliminating anaemia and malnutrition, in alignment with India's Vision and global best practices.

9. Under the visionary leadership of the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji, the Central Government's recent approvals for mega-projects in Odisha reflect strong confidence in the State's future and will unlock significant socio-economic benefits. The approval of the ₹8,300 crore for Rameshwar–Paradip Coastal Highway will substantially improve coastal connectivity by reducing distance and travel time by nearly 45 percent. The green light to the 6-lane access-controlled Greenfield Capital Region Ring

Road (Bhubaneswar Bypass), with an investment of about ₹8,308 crore, will decongest Bhubaneswar, Cuttack and Khordha, help lower logistics costs and strengthen trade through seamless multi-modal integration.

10. My Government is grateful to the Central Government for the approval of two state-of-the-art semiconductor manufacturing units in Odisha under the India Semiconductor Mission, involving an investment of over ₹2,066 crore. This marks a landmark step towards positioning Odisha as a semiconductor and electronics hub, generating high-skilled employment, promoting ancillary industries and advancing the vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat.

Infrastructure is not only concrete and steel – it is the silent enabler of every dream of a Samruddha Odisha 2036.

11. My Government has undertaken far-reaching policy and institutional reforms to modernise the road sector and ensure safe, sustainable and efficient mobility across the State. The Odisha State Road Policy, 2025 has been implemented to create a high-quality road network for

seamless movement of people and goods, while the Odisha State Highway Authority Act, 2025 has been promulgated to fast-track highway development through a dedicated institutional mechanism. In addition, steps are now being taken for systematic maintenance of bridges on PWD roads, reinforcing structural safety and serviceability across the network.

12. During FY 2025–26, my Government has laid special emphasis on sanctioning several major and strategic infrastructure projects aimed at addressing urban congestion, regional connectivity gaps and critical river crossings. These include the improvement of the Jayadev Vihar–Nandankanan Road with a flyover from Kalinga Stadium Gate No.04 to Raghunathpur Bridge, construction of the Keonjhar Bypass Road, widening and strengthening of the Bhawanipatna–Khariar Road (SH-16) to four lanes, development of the Burla Ring Road, and improvement of the Phulnakhara–Niali–Madhaba Road to four lanes, which will significantly ease traffic movement and enhance logistics efficiency.

13. In addition, my Government has sanctioned important bridge and area development projects to improve regional accessibility and support cultural and economic centres. These include the construction of the High-Level Bridge over the river Kathajodi (Subash Bose Setu), the High-Level Bridge over the river Mahanadi between Narshinghpur and Baliput, and integrated development works such as the Maa Tarini Temple Complex at Ghatagaon and the development of Mahima Gadi with construction of the Bhabya Sunya Mandapa at Joranda. Together, these projects reflect my Government's continued commitment to strengthening infrastructure while supporting regional growth, safety, and heritage conservation.

14. My Government has accelerated its vision of a 'Garbage Free' Odisha under Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban) 2.0 by adopting a decentralised 'Waste to Wealth' approach. Achievements include Completion of more than 1.66 lakh Individual Household Latrines and operationalisation of 276 Micro Composting Centres and 235 Material Recovery Facilities in the current year. As a

result, 114 Urban Local Bodies have achieved Open Defecation Free status and the cities of Bhubaneswar, Cuttack and Puri have secured the prestigious ‘Water Plus’ certification.

15. Under Mukhyamantri Sahari Bikas Yojana (MSBY), my Government has recorded exemplary progress in sustainable urban development through the ecological rejuvenation of 106 urban waterbodies and plantation of 38,000 trees with the active engagement of 2,400 Women Self-Help Group members. It enabled Odisha the top national ranking under AMRUT 2.0.

16. Capital Region Urban Transport (CRUT) has consolidated its leadership in sustainable urban mobility by operating a fleet of 670 buses, including 290 electric buses, across 113 routes, serving about 3.3 lakh commuters daily and achieving over 40 per cent digital transaction penetration. The system is being expanded to eight additional cities, with procurement of 200 buses completed under Phase-I and sanction of 400 electric buses under the PM e-Bus Sewa initiative for major urban centres. The commission-free income model and the operational

excellence by the Odisha Yatri Platform has earned Odisha the 18th Urban Mobility India Award and the National Public Bus Transport Excellence Award in 2025.

17. My Government has also strengthened inclusive urban welfare through the launch of the SAHAJOG initiative on 31st August 2025, under which 1.77 lakh households have been profiled through door-to-door surveys and linked to key schemes, including 40,622 PMAY housing sanctions, 38,384 E-Shram cards and 21,974 labour cards.

18. Over the past few years, with the efforts of my Government, Odisha has emerged as a power-surplus State, ensuring 24×7 reliable and high-quality electricity for all citizens and successfully meeting a peak demand of 6,242 MW in 2025. Plans include a clear transition towards clean and sustainable growth, committing the State to Net Zero through accelerated renewable adoption and a Just Transition, including installation of 10 GW of renewable capacity by 2030 through solar, wind and advanced energy storage solutions.

19. Public Sector Undertakings, through their activities, assist the Government in achieving its desired socio-economic objectives and play a key role in steering the State economy in the desired direction. At present, 24 PSUs are making profit, and 9 PSUs have paid dividend amounting to ₹8,385 crore during FY 2024–25.

Inspired by the call of Vocal for Local and Atmanirbhar Bharat, my Government is turning Odisha into a competitive manufacturing and enterprise hub.

20. With the efforts of my Government, Odisha continues to occupy a pre-eminent position in the national mining and steel landscape. The State is endowed with nearly one-third of India's total iron ore reserves and contributed over 61% of the country's total iron ore production in FY 2024–25. Odisha also holds the first position in the production of Steel and Stainless Steel in the country.

21. At present, Odisha has 55 operational steel plants with a total installed capacity of around 45.62 Million Tonnes Per Annum (MTPA), accounting for nearly

23% of the country's total installed steel capacity. With rising per-capita steel consumption, Odisha is positioning itself to contribute 100 million tonnes of steel towards the national target of 300 million tonnes by 2030.

22. My Government is undertaking Significant reforms for sustainable management of minor minerals (Sairat sources). Revenue from minor minerals has risen from ₹1,195 crore in 2022–23 to ₹1,776 crore in 2024–25, reflecting a 19% year-on-year increase and over 48% growth in two years.

23. My Government has decisively demonstrated Odisha's industrialisation capability in 2025, grounding and inaugurating 85 industrial projects with investment of over ₹2 lakh crore, creating employment for more than 1.65 lakh people. During the year, through focused engagements from Utkarsh Odisha – Make in Odisha Conclave in January to the recently concluded Hyderabad roadshow, Odisha has attracted cumulative investment intents exceeding ₹7.1 lakh crore. In this period, my Government has approved 343 large industrial projects with a combined investment potential of over ₹7.1 lakh crore and an

employment potential of more than 4.65 lakh jobs, clearly establishing the State's capacity to translate investment interest into manufacturing, infrastructure and real employment on the ground.

24. My Government has also significantly expanded Odisha's industrial footprint across high-growth sectors such as pharmaceuticals and medical devices, advanced manufacturing, renewable energy equipment, electronics and Electronics System Design and Manufacturing (ESDM), textiles and technical textiles, IT and data centres, and aerospace and defence. To accelerate execution, District Collectors have been empowered to drive project implementation, supported by structured facilitation and a dedicated grievance redressal mechanism for investors and communities. With the 'Enterprise Odisha' conclave at Rourkela in January 2026, my Government is firmly advancing from intent to impact – strengthening manufacturing, MSMEs and startups.

25. My Government has achieved large-scale formalisation of enterprises, with 12.72 lakh MSMEs registered under the UDYAM portal till December 2025.

This includes 12.61 lakh micro, 9,959 small and 601 medium enterprises. UDYAM registration has enabled MSMEs to avail institutional finance, Government incentives, and policy support, strengthening their integration into the formal economy and improving data-driven governance for MSME development. Additionally, investment promotion for projects below ₹50 crore is being facilitated through District Level Single Window Clearance Authorities (DLSWCA) to support decentralised industrial growth. During FY 2025–26 till December 2025, 238 proposals have been approved by DLSWCA across the State with proposed investment of ₹1,649.51 crore.

26. My Government is implementing the Industrial Policy Resolution, Odisha MSME Development Policy, and Odisha Food Processing Policy to promote MSME growth and local entrepreneurship. During FY 2025–26, up to December 2025, 159 MSMEs received assistance of ₹11.43 crore under IPR, 74 MSMEs received ₹15.51 crore under the MSME Development Policy, and ₹7.60 crore was sanctioned and released to 21 food

processing enterprises under the Odisha Food Processing Policy.

27. To support manufacturing MSMEs by reducing their interest burden on working capital loans, the Chief Minister's Scheme for Reimbursement of Interest to MSMEs (CM-SRIM) has been extended from FY 2024–25 to FY 2027–28. As on 30.11.2025, a total of 3,446 applicants have been disbursed ₹35.18 crore as interest reimbursement.

28. My Government, through the Directorate of Export Promotion and Marketing (DEP&M) is supporting MSMEs through marketing assistance, product testing, rate contracts, export facilitation, and financial incentives under the Odisha Export Policy 2022. During the current financial year, ₹54.70 lakh has been released to 254 MSME exporters through the Export Incentives Reimbursement Portal (EIRP). Export promotion activities are supported through workshops, RAMP implementation, and exporter interactions, with the State's export turnover projected at ₹50,913 crore in FY 2025–26.

The Upanishads proclaim, “Sa vidyāyāvīmuktaye” – true education is that which empowers and liberates.

29. My Government has added a golden chapter to the history of primary education in Odisha by laying the foundation stone of the ambitious Godabarish Adarsha Prathamika Vidyalaya Scheme from the sacred soil of Banapur. In the first phase, an amount of ₹12,000 crore will be spent on 2,200 schools over the next four years from 2025-26 to 2028-29. Educational infrastructure and the learning environment will improve significantly through modern classrooms, digital tools and sports facilities, and every child will be equipped with foundational literacy and numeracy skills.

30. My Government has undertaken transformative reforms in primary education in alignment with the National Education Policy. In accordance with the NEP mandate, the enrolment age for Grade 1 has been revised to 6+ years. In the academic year 2025-26, over 45,000 pre-primary classes named Shishu Vatika were opened in all Government Primary Schools, enrolling

around 3.2 lakh children in the 5 to 6 age group for the first time. Further, in January 2025, the State has adopted the National Curriculum Framework as the State Curriculum Framework with local contextualization. Textbook preparation is underway as per the revised NCF and will be implemented in all Government schools from Class I to Class VIII from the academic year 2026-27.

31. For the first time a massive enrolment drive was undertaken with the letter of Hon'ble Chief Minister reaching over 6 lakh families and encouraging them to get their children admitted to ShishuVatika and Class I. In the first week of April 2025, "Pravesh Utsav and Khadi Chuan" festival was celebrated in all schools to encourage newly enrolled children and their parents. In addition to this, my Government is conducting a special house-to-house campaign 2025, to identify dropouts, children with special needs (CwSN) and to map multilinguistic education needs. The survey will be helpful in subsequently preventing dropouts and re-engaging such children with the mandate of NEP 2020.

32. In order to empower SC, ST, OBC and Minority students, my Government has devised and implemented a range of policies, programmes and schemes in consonance with overall development goals. Residential school facilities was provided to 5.51 lakh ST and SC students through 1,765 schools and 5,967 hostels, ensuring a supportive learning environment for the holistic development of ST and SC students across the State.

33. My Government has made significant progress in scholarship support under Mukhyamantri Medhabi Chhatra Protsahana Yojana with support of Centrally Sponsored Schemes. During 2025-26, scholarships were sanctioned to 7.20 lakh ST/SC/OBC/EBC students at the pre-matric level, amounting to ₹760 crore, and to 4.17 lakh students at the post-matric level, amounting to ₹532 crore. Recently, my Government enhanced the pre-matric scholarship rate to ₹1,600 per month for ST & SC boy boarders and ₹1,700 per month for ST & SC girl boarders. Further to reduce dropout among tribal students, my Government through the Shahid Madho Singh Haath Kharcha Yojana, has already

sanctioned an amount of ₹38 crore in favour of 76,075 ST students so far in 2025-26.

34. To enhance employability and livelihood opportunities among backward communities, my Government has imparted skill development training to 653 OBC/SEBC youths during 2025-26. Additionally, under the State Sector Scheme for minority welfare, concerned districts have received funding towards construction of 50 Multi-Purpose Community-cum-Cultural Centres (MPCCs) at the rate of ₹30 lakh per MPCC and provisions have also been made for construction of Minority Hostels.

35. My Government has undertaken a comprehensive transformation of the technical education and skill development ecosystem in Odisha, with a strong focus on access, quality, industry relevance, digital enablement and global competitiveness. Under the Sudakshya Scheme, girls' enrolment has increased from 6% in 2016-17 to 28% in ITIs in 2025-26, and from 18% in 2022-23 to 32% in Polytechnics in 2025-26.

36. My Government continues to strengthen employability and entrepreneurship through multiple

flagship interventions. The Placement Linked Training Programme (PLTP) aims to enhance the employability of youths with placement assurance, offering skilling in sectors like Apparel, Construction and Healthcare. Women participation has risen sharply from 30% in 2021-22 to 73% in 2024-25 under this programme.

37. Through the Nano-Unicorn Scheme which fosters entrepreneurship among Odisha's skilled youth and aims to support 1,200 nano enterprises between 2023-24 and 2025-26 with refundable seed fund up to ₹1 lakh, more than 725 candidates have completed EDP training and 393 candidates have received seed funding, of whom 300 have already established their enterprises.

38. Under digital skilling initiatives, more than 2.6 lakh candidates have been enrolled in future-ready courses through Coursera, Autodesk, Microsoft, CISCO and NASSCOM since 2023-24. Further the World Skill Centre, Bhubaneswar has trained more than 4,900 students with over 95% placement, with more than 250 students placed overseas.

39. During 2025-26, my Government has introduced major new initiatives to further strengthen the skill and technical education ecosystem. The CM-ASPIRE Scheme, with an outlay of ₹120 crore over a period of three years from 2025-26 to 2027-28 has been approved to improve quality across the entire skill continuum from ITI students to research scholars in technical universities.

40. The Utkarsh ITI Yojana, with a total outlay of ₹500 crore over a period of three years from 2025-26 to 2027-28 will upgrade five existing ITIs as Zonal Utkarsh ITIs, expanding intake in new-age trades with industry-ready infrastructure and positioning them as hubs for advanced training, innovation, entrepreneurship and placement. Further, my Government has approved the establishment of Centres of Excellence in 25 Government ITIs, at a cost of ₹8 crore per ITI, to create industry-integrated laboratories, smart classrooms and technology-enabled learning facilities.

41. My Government's sustained focus on excellence in technical and vocational education has been nationally and internationally recognised. Some of notable

achievements are – Shri Suresh Kumar Mohanty, Assistant Training Officer, Special ITI for PwDs, Jatni, was conferred the National Teachers Award-2025 by the Hon’ble President of India at New Delhi for outstanding contribution to vocational training and entrepreneurship; students of VSSUT, Burla secured All-India Rank 2 in the EV category at the Formula Imperial – Indian Formula Student Engineering Design Competition held at Coimbatore during October-November 2025; the “Green Skill for Waste to Wealth” initiative of Government ITI, Berhampur has been recognised by UNESCO as one of the innovative and promising practices in Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET); and Government ITI Barbil, Keonjhar was awarded the Best Performing ITI in the Eastern Zone at Bharat Skill NXT-2025. In addition to this, Parala Maharaja Engineering College, Berhampur has designed and developed an indigenous high-performance semiconductor chip, C2S0061 High Performance Multiplier IC, for facial recognition-based criminal identification under the Make in India initiative.

42. My Government has taken a major step in advancing marine and biotechnology research with the launch of the Odisha Marine Biotechnology Research & Innovation Corridor (OMBRIC) by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 12th August 2025. MoUs have been signed with six State Partner Institutes and the National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT), Chennai, as a national knowledge partner, along with James Cook University, Australia, as an international knowledge partner. To assess the economic contribution of biotechnology-led industries, an MoU has also been signed with IIM Sambalpur to prepare the first Bio-Economy Report of Odisha. Further, land alienation is under process at Puri for establishment of a Regional Centre of NIOT with a Marine Coastal Observatory, which will support advanced oceanographic research, disaster resilience, and sustainable coastal ecosystem management.

43. My Government has made significant investments in science infrastructure and public scientific engagement. The foundation stone for a new Planetarium at the birthplace of Pathani Samanta in Khandapada,

Nayagarh district has been laid as a tribute to the legendary astronomer. Simultaneously, the National Council of Science Museums (NCSM) has been entrusted with the comprehensive upgradation of Pathani Samanta Planetarium, Bhubaneswar, including installation of a new hybrid planetarium system, development of an outdoor light and sound show, creation of an interactive science gallery and introduction of space simulator and virtual reality-based experiences.

44. A major policy initiative taken by my Government is the umbrella scheme “Development of Biotechnology”, comprising 17 sub-schemes with a total outlay of ₹1,113.50 crore to be implemented over a period of 5 years from 2025-26 to 2029-30 to strengthen biotechnology research, innovation, and entrepreneurship in the State.

45. In the 2025-26, Odisha’s health sector underwent a transformative expansion, centered on the goal of "Sustha Odisha, Samrudha Odisha." My Government allocated a record ₹23,635 crore to healthcare, representing a 9% increase over the previous year. A major milestone

was the strategic convergence of the State's Gopabandhu Jana Arogya Yojana with the national Ayushman Bharat (AB-PMJAY) scheme, providing universal health coverage to over 1.03 crore families. This integration expanded cashless treatment access from 900 to over 29,000 empanelled hospitals nationwide.

46. Health infrastructure also saw a massive boost with the approval of nine new medical institutions, including four MBBS colleges in Jagatsinghpur, Bhadrak, Dhenkanal and Nabarangpur, alongside the State's first integration of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in public healthcare delivery. With the opening of two new medical colleges in Phulbani and Talcher for the 2025-26 academic session, the State has added 200 more MBBS seats, significantly narrowing the doctor-to-patient ratio in tribal and underserved regions.

47. In a historic public health intervention marking one of the most stringent tobacco control in the country, my Government has imposed a complete ban on the manufacture, processing, packaging, storage, transportation, distribution, and sale of all tobacco and

nicotine containing products. This includes products such as gutka, pan masala, and similar items, even when sold in separate packets intended to be mixed by consumers, as well as any food products containing tobacco or nicotine.

48. Odisha has demonstrated its prowess in the sports sector with a remarkable performance by its athletes, who won close to 600 medals across national and international platforms during the previous calendar year. The State also had the honour of hosting India's maiden Continental Tour Bronze, the Asian Table Tennis Team Championship, and the Odisha Masters BWF Tour Super 100 Tournament, among several other prestigious events. This momentum will be sustained and further enhanced in the coming year, beginning with the Hockey India League, Rugby Sub-Junior Nationals, FIH Pro League and Indoor Athletics Nationals.

With Sabka Saath as our compass, Sabka Vikas as our journey, and Sabka Vishwas as our strength, Odisha moves confidently towards Vision 2036.

49. My Government has undertaken focused initiatives to strengthen women's empowerment, safety and dignity. Under my Government's flagship Women Welfare programme, SUBHADRA, more than 1.12 crore applications have been received till now and more than ₹15,000 crore of SUBHADRA benefits have been disbursed to more than 1 crore beneficiaries in three instalments.

50. Nari Adalats have been set up in 10 Gram Panchayats of Aspirational Districts to ensure accessible and community-based grievance redressal mechanism for women. One Stop Centres have been set up to offer integrated support to women affected by violence, with nine additional centres approved, benefiting about 6,532 women this year. The integration of Women Helpline 181 with Child Helpline 1098 and ERSS-112 has enabled 24×7 emergency response, assisting nearly 9,645 women so far. To support working women and to ensure their wellbeing, two Working Women Hostels have been approved in Bhubaneswar in line with Odisha's long-term vision.

51. My Government has significantly expanded access to institutional finance through SHG Bank Credit Linkage. During FY 2024-25, 3.52 lakh SHGs were provided bank credit amounting to ₹17,454 crore, with the average SHG loan size increasing to ₹4.95 lakh. For FY 2025-26, bank credit linkage of ₹20,000 crore has been targeted, and so far 1.61 lakh SHGs have been provided credit.

52. The Lakhpati Didi initiative under NRLM has delivered strong outcomes by enabling SHG members to earn at least ₹1 lakh annually. During FY 2024-25, 16.42 lakh Lakhpati Didis were created against a target of 16.19 lakh. Social security coverage for SHG members has been strengthened through enrolment and renewal under insurance schemes.

53. My Government, through the Livelihood Convergence Initiative has positioned SHGs as key partners in government procurement and service delivery. During FY 2024-25, over one lakh SHGs generated Government business worth ₹4,422 crore through structured outsourcing of procurements and services. SHGs

are now engaged under activities of 19 Government Departments, reflecting deepening institutional integration.

54. To promote women-led entrepreneurship, the State Interest Subvention Scheme has enabled SHGs to access interest-free loans up to ₹10 lakh on prompt repayment. During FY 2024-25, interest subvention claims amounting to ₹300 crore were reimbursed to 3 lakh SHG accounts. In FY 2025-26, interest subvention benefits of ₹228 crore have been provided so far to more than 2 lakh SHGs.

55. My Government has undertaken Institution building at scale to strengthen SHG Federations and provide infrastructure support. Construction of Mission Shakti Gruhas in each Gram Panchayat and each ward of 114 Urban Local Bodies have been taken up, with over 6,500 MS Gruhas allotted to SHGs. Under the Subhadra Shakti Kendra initiative, construction of 338 Block-level Kendras and 30 District-level Kendras was provisioned, of which 322 Block Kendras and 13 District Kendras have been completed so far.

56. My Government has given major thrust in Capacity building to improve skills, productivity, and enterprise readiness. 1,019 SHG members were trained in garment manufacturing, with 411 engaged in employment or entrepreneurship, while 2,105 SHG members were trained in beauty therapy services. SHG members managing Millet Shakti Cafés were trained in business management and recipes. More than 17,000 SHGs received skilling and refresher training.

57. My Government organised Subhadra Shakti Mela 2025, which generated ₹8.89 crore creating 918 Lakhpati Didis, and its second edition in November 2025 generated ₹12 crore, creating 328 Lakhpati Didis and 10 Maha Lakhpati Didis. In addition to this, the Subhadra Shakti Paramparika Khadya Utsav was organised for the first time at block, district and State levels to further strengthen women empowerment.

58. From time immemorial, our civilization knows that the strength of society flows from how it raises its children. Every child carries the promise of tomorrow, and therefore my Government recognises that Odisha's

journey to 2036 and 2047 depends on protecting, educating, and empowering every child today.

59. Approximately 47.78 lakh beneficiaries comprising children under 6 years, pregnant women and lactating mothers, and adolescent girls have been provided nutritious food under the Supplementary Nutrition Programme (SNP), Scheme for Adolescent Girls (SAG), and Mukhyamantri Sampurna Pushti Yojana (MSPY) during FY 2025-26 for improving their health and nutritional status.

60. My Government has upgraded 8,418 Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) in the State to Anganwadi Gyan Kendras to enhance the skills of Anganwadi workers and to ensure effective programme implementation. Workers conduct awareness programmes to build capacity of all AWCs tagged to the Gyan Kendras.

61. My Government's innovative MAMATA Scheme has benefited 68.42 lakh pregnant and lactating women, with ₹3,767 crore transferred to their bank accounts. My Government has approved to jointly implement MAMATA and Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana

Yojana (PM-MVY) from 1st April 2025 with an objective of providing cash incentive for partial compensation of wage loss to ensure that women can take adequate rest before and after delivery of the first and second child.

62. Crèche facilities have been created at Lokaseva Bhawan, Krushi Bhawan, and Kharavela Bhawan, with expansion planned at Toshali Bhawan, Rajiv Bhawan, Directorate of Health Services, and Board of Revenue, Cuttack. ₹3 lakh for each crèche has been funded in all 30 districts. Crèches in Jharsuguda and Keonjhar Collectorate are operational. Similarly, my Government has launched PALNA to support working mothers. During FY 2025-26, 168 Anganwadi Centres have been identified for Anganwadi-cum-Crèches with support of ₹50,000 per centre.

63. My Government has formulated the Odisha State Strategic Action Plan to End Child Marriage (2024-2029) to systematically prevent and curtail the incidence of child marriage through coordinated, multi-sectoral interventions. My Government has also increased the number of Child Marriage Prohibition Officers (CMPOs)

by declaring Panchayat Executive Officers (PEOs), Wardens/Matronns of Government Residential Hostels as CMPOs. Additionally, All Principals and Headmasters under the Higher Education Department and School & Mass Education Department have been declared as Child Marriage Information Officers to assist the CMPOs within their jurisdiction.

64. Inspired by the enduring principle of “Sarvajana Sukhaya, Sarvajana Hitaya” – the prosperity and welfare of all – my Government is committed to uplifting the marginalized, making inclusion the measure of progress and equity the foundation of development. Due to the efforts of my Government, Odisha has been recognised by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs as the Best Performing State under the Aadi Karmayogi Abhiyan, with Mayurbhanj and Keonjhar also receiving district-level awards.

65. The PM-JANMAN initiative for Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) is being implemented in 14 districts, benefiting 3.15 lakh PVTG population from 68,605 households. As on 31st December 2025, 74 Multi-

Purpose Centres (MPCs) have been sanctioned, with 31 completed, 15 at finishing stage, 26 at roof level, and the remainder at foundation stage. In addition, the Ministry of Education has sanctioned 76 hostels for tribal students over FYs 2023-24 to 2025-26, strengthening residential education infrastructure.

66. My Government is implementing the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for Minor Forest Produces (MFPs) scheme through TDCCOL, which has procured 35,000 metric ton of MFPs over the last five years and transferred approximately ₹103 crore as MSP to over 30,000 tribal collectors, with 1,200 SHGs/ Primary Procurement Agencies (PPAs) registered across 14 districts. TDCCOL has also been chosen to promote Koraput Coffee, which has received national recognition through the **Flavour of India – The Fine Cup Award**.

67. Guided by the vision of Doubling farmers' prosperity and strengthening rural India, my Government is transforming farms into engines of growth and villages into centres of opportunity. With ₹6,000 crore for the Samrudha Krushak Yojana for paddy procurement at ₹3,100 per

quintal and ₹2,020 crore for CM-KISAN to boost income and diversify farming, the per capita income of families involved in farming have substantially increased.

68. My Government has achieved record crop production, with food grain output estimated at 150.48 lakh metric ton during 2024-25, surpassing all previous records and nearly three times the 55.35 lakh metric ton recorded in 2000-01.

69. Income support to farmers has been strengthened through PM-KISAN and CM-KISAN. Under PM-KISAN, ₹6,000 per year is being directly transferred in three equal instalments, with the 21st instalment released on 19th November 2025 and 34.13 lakh beneficiaries receiving timely support. Under CM-KISAN, more than ₹2,991 crore has been disbursed, benefiting over 51.54 lakh farmers, including 3,236 PVTG farmers and 31,695 urban farmers.

70. My Government is promoting millet and organic farming through focused missions. Under Shree Anna Abhiyan, millet production and consumption are being enhanced to make Odisha a Millet Hub of India, with

subsidies for millet-based machinery through DBT, release of four local ragi land races, seed production, seed village programmes over 320 ha, and organic cultivation and certification over 1,372 ha in 2025-26. During KMS 2024-25, 7.5 lakh quintals of ragi were procured with an enhanced incentive of ₹210 per quintal over MSP.

71. My Government has launched the Balabhadra Jaivik Chasa Mission to be implemented over 5 years from 2025-26 to 2029-30 with an outlay of ₹155 crore to promote organic farming, improve soil organic carbon in all 314 blocks, develop organic clusters in Kandhamal and Malkangiri, and horticultural clusters in six districts.

72. My Government has received incentive of ₹155 crore under the Government of India Scheme for Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI) for leadership in embracing Agristack, with ₹100 crore for Digital Crop Survey and ₹55 crore for creation of a farmers' registry. This fund will be used to fund infrastructure projects of State Government. Farm mechanisation is being prioritised, raising farm power availability from 0.61 kW/ha in 2000-01 to 2.61 kW/ha in

2024-25, with a target of 3.50 kW/ha by 2036 and a vision of 4.50 kW/ha by 2047.

73. My Government has advanced climate-conscious agriculture and community participation through “**Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam 2.0**”, which symbolises nurturing life in the name of one’s mother while strengthening environmental sustainability for future generations. Under this initiative, my Government distributed 41 lakh seedlings of mango, key lime, guava, coconut and jackfruit to stakeholders across the State during the plantation drive held on 17th September 2025, on the birth anniversary of Yashashwi Pradhan Mantri Shri Narendra Modi ji.

74. At present, the State is receiving a monthly Central allocation of 1.88 lakh metric ton under the National Food Security Act (NFSA) for distribution among 2.91 lakh Priority Household (PHH) beneficiaries and 12.36 lakh Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) families through 11,725 fair price shops across the State. Besides, under the State Food Security Scheme (SFSS) so far 1.15 lakh families have been covered, with beneficiaries being supplied 5 kg of rice per person per month free of cost. In

addition, my Government has provided an additional 5 kg of fortified rice per card per month to 96.48 lakh families under NFSA and 1.38 lakh families under SFSS during three months period from September to November 2025.

75. Under the supervision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, the e-KYC process was kick-started from July 2024 to make ration card data transparent by excluding deceased and ineligible persons and including eligible beneficiaries. Subsequently, e-KYC of around 3.12 lakh beneficiaries, about 96%, has been successfully completed till date. 15 lakh applications were received for new ration cards across the State, and my Government has allotted a target of 13.50 lakh beneficiaries for rural areas and 1.50 lakh beneficiaries for urban areas under SFSS. In addition, after e-KYC and identification of ineligible ration card holders, eligible beneficiaries are being included, and so far a total of 3.23 lakh eligible families comprising 6.40 lakh members have been newly included under the food security scheme.

76. The IT-enabled procurement process undertaken by my Government and facilitated by Odisha

State Civil Supply Corporation Ltd, with support from Primary Agricultural Cooperatives (PACS), Women Self-Help Groups (WSHGs) and Pani Panchayats, has been instrumental in reaching all farmers willing to sell paddy. For Kharif Marketing Season (KMS) 2024-25, around 92.64 lakh metric ton of paddy has been procured from around 20 lakh eligible registered farmers, which is the highest procurement and the highest number of farmers in Odisha's history. Rice production from procured paddy has increased significantly from about 34.36 lakh metric ton in KMS 2015-16 to 62.85 lakh metric ton in KMS 2024-25.

77. My Government has recorded strong and visible achievements in the development of rural infrastructure during FY 2025-26 under the MMSY – Mukhya Mantri Sadak Yojana for rural road connectivity. Under MMSY – New Connectivity, 159.22 km of roads have already been constructed against the target of 363.36 km till December 2025. Under MMSY – Improvement of Existing R.D. Roads, 1,140.38 km of roads have been completed, and 648 road projects covering 2,711.65 km have been approved during the current year. These works

are significantly improving access to habitations and strengthening important rural corridors.

78. During the same period, my Government has substantially expanded rural connectivity through other MMSY components. Under MMSY – Transferred Road Improvement Programme (TRIP), 1,121.53 km of roads have been completed and 868 new road projects covering 3,789.60 km have been approved during FY 2025-26. Under MMSY – Connection of Missing Road Links (CMRL), 385.95 km of roads have been completed and 260 road projects covering 805.25 km approved. Under MMSY – Connecting Unconnected Villages in Difficult Areas (CUVDA), 151.28 km of roads have been completed and 55 road projects covering 363.66 km have been approved during the year. My Government has also introduced a new scheme MMSY – Disaster Resilient Roads (DRR) during FY 2025-26, under which 79 road projects covering 475.59 km have already been approved to improve resilience against cyclones, floods and heavy rainfall.

79. My Government has placed special emphasis during 2025-26 on bridging missing links and

strengthening rural bridge infrastructure. Under the Setu Bandhana Yojana, 217 bridges have already been completed and 374 new bridge projects have been approved during the current financial year. Under the Bridge-cum-Weir programme, 39 bridge-cum-weir projects have been completed and 83 new bridge-cum-weir projects have been approved during FY 2025-26, contributing to minor irrigation, groundwater recharge, livestock use, fisheries and local livelihoods.

80. Under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana, my Government has continued to consolidate rural connectivity during FY 2025-26, completing 230.03 km of roads and 14 bridges till December 2025. Special focus has been accorded to tribal and Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group (PVTG) habitations under PM-JANMAN, under which 20.08 km of roads have been completed till December 2025 against target of 142.87 km for FY 2025-26 for road connectivity to unconnected PVTG habitations.

81. In the field of construction, renovation and repair of rural buildings, My Government has recorded significant progress during FY 2025-26 till December

2025. During the current year, 80 Rural Works buildings have been completed and 391 building projects are in progress. In addition, 684 Government buildings of various Departments have been completed and 2,181 building projects are in progress. These buildings include facilities for health, education, hostels, cyclone and flood shelters, judicial infrastructure and other public services.

82. During FY 2025-26, my Government achieved a major milestone in rural housing by completing 1.88 lakh pucca houses, including 1.37 lakh houses under Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana – Gramin (PMAY-G) and 17,638 houses for PVTG families under PM-JANMAN. 33,009 houses have already been completed under the Antyodaya Gruha Yojana, launched on 30 March 2025. Transparent and citizen-friendly delivery is being ensured through the Rural Housing Portal and the Ama Ghara mobile application.

83. Provision of safe drinking water to all rural habitations remains a foremost priority of my Government, with the goal of achieving universal Functional Household Tap Connections (FHTCs) by 2027. Out of 207 Mega

Piped Water Supply (PWS) projects, 26 have been completed and 181 are under execution, and 16 Mega PWS projects are scheduled for completion during FY 2025-26.

84. To ensure universal sanitation access and sustain ODF status, more than 743 Community Sanitary Complexes have been constructed. 96% villages have been declared ODF+ and more than 44,862 villages have been declared model villages during FY 2025–26 till December 2025.

“Sevā hi paramo dharmah.” Service is the highest duty.

Good governance is built on ethical leadership, a strong foundation of justice, and an unrelenting commitment to public service. When power is exercised with integrity, laws are applied fairly, and service to citizens is treated as the highest duty, governance becomes both effective and humane.

85. To promote transparency and accountability, my Government has institutionalised robust grievance

redressal mechanisms. From 1st April 2021 to 15th December 2025, a total of 14.88 lakh grievances were received in Janasunani Portal, of which 13.56 lakh cases were disposed of. Complementing this, 95,514 grievances were disposed in the Centralised Public Grievance Redress and Monitoring System (CPGRAMS) during the same period. In addition to this, 5722 number of cases has been disposed of out of 6507 cases instituted since 2019 under the Odisha Lokayukta Act, 2014.

86. My Government has strengthened weekly Joint Hearing of Public Grievances, facilitating direct interface between citizens and administration. From 18th April 2022 to 15th December 2025, 4.70 lakh grievances were received through joint hearings, with 99,487 grievances disposed of on the spot. All Collectors have been instructed to ensure registration of grievances received during hearings on the Janasunani Portal. In addition, six Pension Review-cum-Adalats and multiple Pension Adalats were organised across districts during 2024-25 and 2025-26 to review long-pending pension, gratuity, GPF, and related cases in coordination with the

Office of the Principal Accountant General and district administrations.

87. Chief Minister's Grievance Cell (CMGC) has played a critical role in resolving high-priority grievances. Between 1st June 2024 and 15th December 2025, 13,358 grievances were received, of which 12,592 were disposed, achieving a 94% disposal rate. My Government has already conducted 15 Monday Grievance hearings, including one at Sambalpur till 15th December 2025. All departments and districts have designated senior officers as Grievance Nodal Officers, with frequent review meetings conducted to monitor pendency and improve accountability.

88. Knowledge sharing and leadership coordination are being strengthened through National and State-level conferences. A National Level Seminar on "Good Governance and Viksit Odisha @2036 and @2047" was successfully organized on 10th June 2025 at the State Convention Centre, Bhubaneswar. On the other hand, on 18th and 19th November 2025 joint conference of SPs and Collectors was successfully organized at the State Convention Centre, Bhubaneswar.

89. For quick and speedy disposal of cases, my Government has issued notification for establishment of 138 courts of different categories at various places of the State during the years 2024 and 2025. In 2025, five National/District Lok Adalats were organised, in which 9.99 lakh cases were disposed of, and a sum of ₹34.62 crore was granted as compensation to 1,800 victims under the Victim Compensation Scheme.

90. Besides this, during 2024-25 and 2025-26, a sum of ₹8.86 crore has been sanctioned as grants in favour of 1,425 religious institutions for meeting deficits related to Nitikanti and observance of different festivals.

91. To strengthen the Odisha Police after 2024, my Government has undertaken major institutional expansion between 1st July 2024 and 31st December 2025 by creating three Odisha Special Striking Force (OSSF) Battalions, three Odisha Industrial Security Force (OISF) Battalions, ten new ODRAF units, a Traffic and Road Safety Wing, an SDPO office at Chandikhol, twenty-one Cyber and Economic Offence Police Stations, and a new Police District at Rairangpur. Further during 2025, 21 new

Cyber Crime and Economic Offences Police Stations were created with 999 posts, and 14 existing cyber police stations were further strengthened with manpower, marking a decisive push towards modern, technology-driven policing.

92. My Government has achieved significant success on the anti-Left Wing Extremism front through sustained and proactive operational and administrative action, leading to a marked improvement in the situation in the State. In the last 5 years, 48 Maoist cadres were neutralised, 78 were arrested and 82 surrendered. Notably in 2025 alone, 25 Maoist cadres were neutralised – including 17 in joint operations with Chhattisgarh Police, CRPF and CoBRA at the Nuapada-Gariyabandh border, 9 cadres were arrested and 29 surrendered. Large quantities of arms, ammunition, explosives and other incriminating materials were also recovered.

93. To safeguard women and children, the Crime against Women and Children Wing has intensified monitoring, leading to 270 convictions in 766 “Red Flag” cases as on 30th September 2025. Following the

implementation of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, sensitive cases including rape and POCSO are being fast-tracked, and during 1st July 2024 and 31st December 2025 alone, 276 convictions have been achieved, reflecting my Government's firm resolve to deliver prompt investigation and speedy justice.

94. The State of Odisha, being prone to recurrent natural calamities, faces severe challenges from time to time due to floods, heavy rains, Cyclone, unseasonal rain, heat wave, lightning etc. My Government tackled these calamities very successfully through timely intervention, prompt evacuation, efficient deployment of response forces, and swift relief and restoration measures during 2025-26. During the monsoon floods in July and September 2025 affecting Subarnarekha and Baitarani river basins, funds amounting to ₹23.59 crore for relief and rescue and ₹39.31 crore for repair and restoration of public property were released from SDRF. Additional flash floods in July and October 2025 led to the release of ₹8.42 crore for relief and ₹2.90 crore for repair and restoration. Unseasonal rain in May 2025 damaged 10,601 hectares of standing paddy,

for which ₹17.77 crore was extended as assistance to affected farmers.

95. During Cyclone “Montha”, which affected 11 districts in October 2025, my Government evacuated around 38,000 people to 2,164 safe shelters and shifted 2,198 persons to health centres, thereby saving many precious lives. Domestic animals were moved to animal-safe shelters, and cyclone-affected people were provided hot cooked food, dry food and drinking water. The cyclone affected 31,958 people in 2,028 villages under 64 blocks. SDRF assistance of ₹5.24 crore was allotted to District Collectors for agriculture input subsidy, house-damage assistance, relief camp operations, search and rescue, clothing, utensil and livestock assistance, along with ₹1.87 crore for repair and restoration works.

96. My Government has further strengthened enforcement operations across all districts with focused action against illicit distillation and spurious liquor through intensive and special enforcement drives, resulting in seizures valued at ₹82.48 crore. During these drives, 15,045 cases were booked and registered, and 7,175

persons were arrested across four drives conducted during 2025-26, demonstrating sustained and coordinated enforcement efforts. In addition to this, 9,677 acres of illegal hemp cultivation has been destroyed during 2025-26 till December 2025, with 38 cases booked and 7 persons arrested and forwarded to Court.

97. Odisha is globally recognised for its rich cultural diversity, encompassing historical monuments, archaeological sites, tribal traditions, classical and folk arts, sculpture, and literature. This living heritage not only attracts tourists but also scholars and researchers seeking to understand the depth of our civilisation. My Government took a historic decision of setting up a Corpus Fund of ₹200 crore, the interest generated from which is being utilised for systematic preservation, promotion, and development of Odia language, literature, and cultural heritage.

98. Preservation of heritage and recognition of eminent personalities remain key priorities of my Government. Under the Baraputra Aitihya Gram Yojana, 25 heritage villages associated with eminent sons of the soil

have been identified for comprehensive development as cultural heritage villages. In addition, my Government has approved installation of statues of 75 eminent Baraputras across Odisha at a total cost of ₹11 crore, immortalising their contributions for future generations.

99. My Government has undertaken multiple initiatives for safeguarding and promoting intangible and tangible cultural heritage. Bali Yatra has been officially listed by the Sangeet Natak Akademi and a formal proposal has been submitted to the Ministry of Culture, Government of India, for its inclusion in the UNESCO List of Intangible Cultural Heritage. A partnership with UNESCO has also been proposed for the sustainable development of key heritage sites such as Lalitagiri, Ratnagiri, Udayagiri, Gohiratikiri, Raghurajpur, and Ranipur-Jharial.

100. My Government has decided to establish a Centre for Heritage Studies (CHS), which will deploy dedicated survey teams for scientific documentation and conservation of ancient monuments and heritage sites. Additionally, a MoU has been signed with the Light of

Buddha Foundation International for the development and promotion of Buddhist heritage circuits in Odisha.

101. The first-ever State-wide ‘Odia Paksha’ celebration was held from 1st to 14th April 2025 which witnessed unprecedented participation, with over 3 lakh online quiz entries, 5 lakh selfies uploaded, and 14 thematic programmes organised across the State, emerging as a mass movement for Odia Asmita. My Government also successfully organised the Odisha State Book Fair 2025 and showcased Odisha’s civilisational journey during the 18th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas in Bhubaneswar through a dedicated Odisha Pavilion and cultural programmes.

102. My Government recognizes that the Odia community extends far beyond our State borders. To strengthen this bond, my Government has operationalized the Directorate of Odisha Paribar. To support our diaspora, a dedicated 24x7 Call Centre and a dynamic web portal are being launched to address their grievances. My Government is developing specialized Odia Learning Modules for children living outside the State to keep them connected with their roots.

103. Significant progress has been made in digital archiving, publications, and public outreach. Prestigious magazines Utkal Prasanga and Odisha Review, published since 7th April 1944, have been digitised and made globally accessible. Tenders have been floated for archiving rare photographs, videos, audio tapes and films. Publication activities have been expanded through increased special issues, informative booklets on Government schemes, and the recent launch of a new development journal titled Pragati Prabaha.

104. With a clear vision, resolute execution and noteworthy accomplishments in 2025-26, the intent and action of my Government stand worthy of appreciation. Yet complacency has no place in our public duty. As I stand in this august House, the closing lines of a famous poem by Robert Frost echo in mind – “miles to go before I sleep” – for the promise we carry for our people is larger than what we have achieved, and the future we owe to Odisha is brighter than what we have built so far.

105. With the blessings of our Aradhya Prabhu Shri Jagannath, the vision of our Prime Minister, and the

trust of the people, my Government is building a Samruddha, Sashakt, and Samavesi Odisha where growth carries compassion and development delivers dignity. Marching towards Vision 2036, our journey is powered by people's confidence, strengthened by institutions, and inspired by a future that belongs to every Odia.

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

“Vande Utkal Janani”

“Vande Mataram”