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**Respected Speaker and Hon'ble Members of the Assam Legislative Assembly,**

It gives me immense pleasure to address this august house during the February Session, 2021 of the Assam Legislative Assembly. Please accept my greetings on this auspicious occasion.

The year 2020 presented us with some unforeseen challenges. The Covid-19 pandemic affected everyone irrespective of one's position, workplace or location. In these trying times, my Government has shown great alacrity in handling this with steely resolve and fortitude. PPE Kits for frontline COVID warriors were procured and quarantine centres were built in no time. All those affected were promptly provided medical treatment and all those who came in contact of such persons were immediately identified and quarantined. This helped to contain the spread of COVID and has resulted in a high recovery rate and a fairly low morbidity and mortality rate. The tireless efforts of all the Health workers and other frontline workers have contributed tremendously towards slowing down the pandemic. Now, Vaccines are being given to the frontline workers from 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2021 for free.

My Government has also succeeded in containing the economic fallout of COVID-19, and the engines of economic growth are again back at work.

Hon'ble Members, it is a matter of great pride that the daughters and sons of our land were conferred with some of

the most prestigious civilian awards. Late Shri Tarun Gogoi, was posthumously bestowed with the Padma Bhushan. Also, as many as 8 other individuals namely Lakhimi Baruah, Gopiram Bargayn Burabhakat, Bijoya Chakravarty, Mangal Singh Hazowary, Dulal Manki, Birubala Rabha, Imran Shah and Roman Sarmah from the state were conferred with the Padma Shri.

During the last four and a half years, my Government has brought about vital reforms in the administration for bringing good governance which is fair, effective, transparent and accountable with zero tolerance policy towards corruption in public life. The key mantras have been to make Assam free from corruption, illegal migration, insurgency and pollution. Safeguarding and preserving the distinct identity, languages and culture and securing '*jati, mati, bheti*' of the indigenous people of the state have been the avowed goals of my Government.

My Government has taken exemplary measures for fulfilling the promise of a corruption free Assam. On 27<sup>th</sup> May 2016, my Government took a decision to abolish all check gates which had become hubs of syndicates and illegal activities. Moreover, to bring transparency in the administration, e-tendering for government contracts, digital mode of receipt and payment in all government transactions were made compulsory. In the unseemly "Cash for Job" scam, Chairman of the Assam Public Service Commission and two of its members, 70 officers who got appointment through unfair means in APSC were put behind bars.

The zero-tolerance policy adopted by my Government against terrorism and relentless insurgency operations broke the backbone of militancy in the state.

Hon'ble Members, my Government is committed to ensure that indigenous people get legal rights over their land. Hon'ble Prime Minister initiated the distribution of pattas on 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 2021 at the historic Jerenga Pathar in Sivasagar District to over one lakh indigenous people in Assam. During last four and a half years my Government has distributed more than 3.35 lakh land *pattas* and Allotment Certificates to local landless families. My Government has also amended 'The Assam Land and Revenue Regulation 1886' to facilitate removal of encroachment from all religious institutions.

My Government in a bid to make the environment clean and green has planted over 8 crores saplings covering an area of over 12 thousand hectares during last four and a half years. Moreover, 3341-hectare forest area including National Parks has been freed from illegal encroachments. India's State Forest Report 2019 recorded increase of Assam's forest cover by 221.51 Sq. Km.

To protect the Assamese language for all time to come, my Government has also decided to make teaching of Assamese language compulsory in all English and other medium schools except the Barak valley districts, BTAD and Hill districts.

Since assuming office in 2016, my Government has been scripting a story of success in all spheres, and has been able to herald a new dawn in the state. Guided with the vision of building a Xuroxhito Asom, Bikoxhito Axom, Xarbasreshtha Axom, my Government has been committed towards achieving balanced development of all the regions of the State - Brahmaputra valley, Barak valley, Hill areas and Plain areas. Hon'ble Prime Minister's call for "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas aur Sabka Vishwas" has been the guiding motto of my Government.

Hon'ble Members, I would now like to share with you some more details of the policies and programmes of my Government.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS & TRAINING**

In order to make the Government officers serving in various departments well conversant with their departmental as well as other related aspects, the Assam Administrative Staff College has set up 6 (six) centres of excellence viz- Centre for Sustainable Development Goals, Centre for Innovation & Future Studies, Centre for e-Governance, Centre for Organizational Development & Leadership, Centre for Law, Justice & Human Rights and Centre for Financial Management.

Assam Administrative Staff College is also playing a vital role as an implementing agency in providing platforms to both State and Central Civil Service aspirants including those from the Tea-tribe communities of Assam by imparting classes by highly qualified faculties. Moreover, several online trainings were also conducted during the COVID pandemic situation in the state.

The Karmashree Award - Chief Minister's Award for excellence in Public Administration, for 2018-2019 were given to the awardees through the respective Deputy Commissioners during the month of August 2020.

My Government's priority commitment to deliver good governance is gaining ground. The **Assam Right to Public Services** is a key initiative of my Government towards administrative reforms agenda and realizing the clarion call given by the Hon'ble Prime Minister for "*Minimum Government – Maximum Governance*". The *Assam Citizen Centric Service Delivery (ACCSD) Project* financed by the World Bank has been undertaken to blend the service delivery mechanism with

inclusivity and modern technological innovations and robust monitoring system to track the implementation of the Assam Right to Public Services Act, 2012 (Amended in 2019).

In order to accelerate service delivery processes, a user-friendly On-line Assam Right to Public Service (ARTPS) Portal has been developed through NIC, Assam to process, track, and deliver around 22 government services to the citizens. A robust MIS is planned to be integrated with the Portal for real time monitoring of the service delivery timeline.

My Government through this ACCSD project has enabled an online Grievance Redressal Mechanism (GRM) to address the grievances of citizens. A Call Centre has been set up under the ambit of the project to address the queries and issues of the citizens related to service delivery. Through the ACCSD project, an Appeal Management System is being integrated with RTPS portal to enable citizens to file appeals regarding delay/denial of service delivery. This would provide citizens a One-Stop platform to file appeals.

For ease of delivery, 156 Public Facilitation Centres (PFC), particularly at the block and circle levels have been set up in all the 33 districts to electronically process the applications. Another, 250 PFCs would be set up very soon.

ACCSD project has a key focus towards improvising the service delivery at the Councils areas (BTC, NCHAC, and KAAC). A detailed and comprehensive approach is taken to notify more and more services under the ARTPS Act, 2012 in consultation with all the three Autonomous Councils. An initiative is taken to automate the backend flows of the services and digitally literate the citizens as well as the Council officials.

The dedication of the government authorities towards strengthening the service delivery processes and outcomes has paved way for responsive and people-oriented administration; accountable processes and institutions and most importantly has linked good governance to sustainable human development.

## **AGRICULTURE**

Agriculture and its allied activities are of paramount importance for the people of Assam as source of livelihood, employment and as a way of life since more than 70% of the population still are dependent on this sector for their livelihood. My Government has made a considerable stride in agricultural sector in the State. We have successfully implemented various centrally sponsored and State sponsored schemes in order to achieve doubling farmers' income by 2022.

We have succeeded in increasing total food grain production from 55.26 Lakh MT in 2017-18 to 56.82 Lakh MT in 2018-19 which is expected to increase up to 61.44 Lakh MT in 2019-20. A total of 58.44 Lakh MT of rice was produced in the State in 2019-20 against 51.25 Lakh MT in 2015-16.

Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana is another thrust area of the Government. As much as 10,43,565 farmers have been covered under PMFBY in 2019-20 as against 60,000 farmers in 2016-17. My Government has provided full subsidies on the premium to the farmers under PMFBY. It has been decided to bear farmer's share of premium up to 1 (one) hectare area per farmer at the cost of Re. 1.00 only borne by farmer concerned. My Government plans to issue Soil Health Card to each of the farmers which will carry crop wise recommendations to increase productivity of crops by judicious use of inputs. Till now, the

department has distributed 26.40 lakh nos. of Soil Health Cards to farmers out of total 27 lakh farm families in the State covering 95.60% of farmers.

My Government has launched Chief Minister Samagra Gramya Unnayan Yojana (CMSGUY) on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2017 to bring about paradigm shift towards holistic development of village in the State and Distribution of Tractor to one farmer's group of each revenue village of the State has been taken as one of the entry point initiative. Under CMSGUY, more than 12,500 tractors have already been distributed to farmer's group. To boost up agricultural mechanization, more than 23,000 nos. of power tillers have been distributed among farmers during last four and half years. Process is on for subsidized distribution of transplanter, thresher, rotavator etc. under different Central Sector Schemes.

Mukhya Mantri Krishi Sa-Sajuli Yojana is a new scheme launched by my Government. The main objective of this scheme is to promote farm mechanization for cultivation of different crops and thereby increase production and productivity of crops by adopting scientific cultivation practices. Under the scheme Rs. 273.00 crores have been pumped in to 7,82,840 nos. of farmers' bank accounts for purchase of agricultural implements. To ensure assured irrigation facilities to the farmers' field, 8555 nos. of Solar operated pump sets, 33,578 nos. of Diesel operated pump sets and 1789 nos. of electrically operated pump sets with Shallow Tube Well have already been distributed under Rural Infrastructure Development Fund. Moreover, construction of 20 nos. of Soil Testing & Quality Control laboratory is going on covering 20 districts of the State and out of which 3 nos. are completed and rests are going to be completed within a very short time.

State Agricultural Department has submitted proposals to set up Rice Cluster in Dhemaji and Baksa district as a pilot project with an aim to increase Assam's indigenous rice species in a scientific manner. The proposal for setting up of rice mill at 30% subsidy for the interested entrepreneurs and providing 1000 nos. of mini trucks to facilitate market linkage of farm produces have been approved and sanctioned by CMSGUY. My Government has also decided to provide one Combine Harvester to one farmers group at 80% subsidy in each LAC. It has also been decided to set up cold storages in each district. Moreover, to encourage maize cultivation, my Government is initiating a new programme in collaboration with Assam Agricultural University. It has been proposed to set up a Centre of Excellence for organic agriculture at Biswanath district to popularize organic farming. Focusing on small holder farmers and agro-entrepreneurs in targeted districts of Assam, my Government has taken initiatives to popularize value addition and improve the resilience of selected agriculture value chains through World Bank aided project – APART by involving specialized international institutions as Knowledge Partners.

The major initiatives taken up by my Government in Horticulture and Food Processing sector are as follows:

- ❖ Massive area expansion programme of thrust crops like Orange, Pineapple, Banana, Dragon fruits, Apple, Ber, Ginger, Turmeric and Flower etc.
- ❖ Farmers training to infuse commercial concept amongst traditional horticultural growers in India and abroad.
- ❖ Maximum focus on raising productivity of various commercially potential crops of Assam through use of better technology, management practices, Bee keeping and planting materials is being given.

- ❖ Establishment of Model Horticulture Nursery at Byrnihat, Guwahati where Root Stock Block and Mother Block of various new varieties of Fruit Crops have been made.
- ❖ Up-gradation of private nurseries with Government subsidy under specific guidelines to generate adequate quality planting materials of horticultural crops.
- ❖ Formation of FPOs and FPCs has been encouraged for doing the Agri-Business among the small holders.
- ❖ Similarly harvest aspects like pre-harvest treatment, scientific harvest, setting up of pack houses, collection centres with grading facilities and transport facilities are being given due importance.
- ❖ The concept of organic farming is induced in the mindset of farmers and cultivation is started in ten clusters covering nine districts. These districts are Sonitpur, Dhemaji, Golaghat, Majuli, Kamrup, Chirang, Cachar, Nalbari and Korajhar.
- ❖ Pack houses are constructed in production pockets.
- ❖ Low cost onion storages provided at farmers' level.
- ❖ Bee keeping is given due importance and training conducted at various level.
- ❖ Mushroom cultivation is getting due importance.
- ❖ Green houses provided to farmers for off season production of vegetables and raising of seedling.

Horticulture sector comprising Fruits, Vegetables, Spices, Medicinal and Aromatic plants, Mushroom, Bee keeping and their value addition has become a viable option for farmers and entrepreneurs of the State to augment their income. It is also a means of nutritional security for both urban and rural masses.

The following are the significant achievements of my Government in the Horticulture and Food Processing sector of Assam:

- ❖ New crops i.e. Strawberry, Apple, Ber, Dragon fruit and Water Melon introduced in the State under HMNEH/RKVY becomes commercially accepted as cash crops in the state.
- ❖ Processing variety of Potato (Chip Sona, LR, Atlanta & Kufri Pukhraj) and Tomato (Vaishali) was introduced and has become commercially profit making crop during recent years. Production of certified potato seeds (Variety-Kufrimohan) at Zingia of Biswanath – a new initiative in the state of Assam.
- ❖ Climate Resilient Production Technology of Potato (zero tillage, partial root drying etc.) is introduced in the State. Potato planter and harvester have been newly introduced in traditional potato cultivation areas.
- ❖ State produced Papaya, Pineapple, Ginger have been exported to African and Middle East Countries from Cachar and Kamrup districts.
- ❖ Honey production has become a commercially organized sector (Honey Bee FPC, Jorhat).
- ❖ 'M/s. Sigma Spices Industries Pvt. Ltd.' in the Brand name of "Everyday Masala" with assistance from HMNEH established a spices processing unit at Boko and M/s. Amalgamated Plantation Pvt. Ltd., at Kaliabor are major achievements in food processing in the state. Financial Assistance to M/S Apon Masala, Garoimari, Morigaon and M/S Samrat Masala, Goroimari, Morigaon for spice processing.

- ❖ A total of 94 nos. of Farmers Producer Company (FPC) has been formed under RKVY, MOVCD and HMNEH out of which 10 nos. obtained C3 Certificate. The main objective of the formation of FPC's is to enhance the value addition and export.
- ❖ A massive training programme under HMNEH 2019-20 for unemployed educated youth is being conducted at three venues simultaneously.
- ❖ INDO-ISRAEL Centre of Excellence for protected cultivation of vegetables inaugurated at Khetri of Kamrup Metro District by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Assam and His Excellency, Ambassador of Israel to India on 2nd November 2020.

#### **ANIMAL HUSBANDRY & VETERINARY**

My Government streamlined the crisis in Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Sector with war footing gesture by engaging unemployed youth as vendor to sell hygienic meat in controlled price.

My Government has formulated 4 (four) policies:

- 1) State Cattle and Buffalo Breeding Policy, Assam, 2020
- 2) State Goat Breeding Policy, Assam, 2019
- 3) State Pig Breeding Policy, Assam, 2019
- 4) Policy for Private Investment Promotion in Livestock Sector in Assam, 2020

My Government has for the first time adopted a policy for Private Investment Promotion in Livestock Sector in Assam for infusing capital fund from the eligible Private party for maximum growth of this sector. This is the first of its kind in the entire Country.

Among other remarkable activities of my Government during the last 5 years are as follows:

- Reconstruction of 177 nos. of Veterinary Hospitals/ Dispensaries.
- Reconstruction of 82 nos. of Veterinary Sub-centres.
- Reconstruction of 11 nos. District A.H. & Veterinary Offices & 6 nos. of Sub-divisional A.H. & Veterinary Offices.
- Reconstruction & Strengthening of 14 nos. of Pig Farms.
- Strengthening of Rabbit farm for production of vaccine at Institute of Veterinary Biologicals campus, Guwahati.
- Establishment of Goat farm in Chamuapara, Darrang for rehabilitation of Surrenders.
- Strengthening of Regional Institute of Livestock Entrepreneurship Management, Rani.
- Construction of School of Veterinary Science at Bokakhat.
- Risk Management for 1,45,379 nos. of livestock of 49,200 beneficiaries.
- Distributed 80,000 nos. of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary related booklet to different farmers of the State.
- Total Artificial Insemination (A.I) done during last 5 years: 18,84,508 nos. And the number of calf born during last 5 years is 7,39,697.
- For improvement of Artificial Insemination (AI) along with solution for rural unemployment problem more than 1000 A.I. workers were trained under ALDA.
- The Departmental IVB at Khanapara has produced 4,57,080 doses of HS vaccine, 3,61,140 doses of BQ vaccine, 1,95,000 doses of Anthrax vaccine, 5,63,300

doses of Ranikhet vaccine, 6,50,150 doses of Duck plague vaccine and 82,870 doses of Swine fever vaccine and distributed those.

- Financial assistance to 1950 nos. of Fodder Cultivators.
- Distribution of 1,00,000 broiler chicks to the beneficiaries of Golaghat & Dibrugarh districts as well as distribution of 12,000 layer chicks of Kamrupa Breed.
- Ambulatory A.H. & Veterinary clinic on Boat at Majuli has been completed.
- Civil works for establishment of Milk processing plant at Dhemaji under C. M's special package is being implemented at a total cost of Rs. 59.53 lakh.
- Revival of Central Dairy, Khanapara with new machinery is completed during 2020 at a cost of Rs. 181.58 lakh.
- Rearing facilities provided to 42,500 nos. of Pig Rearers under APART.
- National Livestock & Poultry Show, 2019 was held in the State after long 25 years.
- Vet-con, 2018 was inaugurated by Hon'ble Chief Minister where different policies were adopted for improvement of the Veterinary Sector. 11 nos. of Strategy paper were launched by Hon'ble Chief Minister.
- The department was faced with the unexpected critical situation of African swine fever but it was contained well in time.
- The department has taken initiatives for Skill development and scientific management amongst the unemployed youths for pig, goat & poultry farming considering the Covid-19 situation.



- The Assam Livestock & Poultry Corporation has made a profit of more than Rs. 25,00,000 in the last financial year after a long gap.
- The Assam Livestock & Poultry Corporation has established 6 nos. of scientific Slaughter Houses in different districts, one Feed Mill at Sonapur of Kamrup Metro District, one Hatchery at Khanapara and many Sales Booths in different districts to encourage the unemployed youths.
- Exotic Bulls have been procured for Artificial Insemination.
- 221 nos. of Veterinary Field Assistant (VFA) have been appointed in the current financial year.

My Government has envisaged the reduction of the current milk market share of 95 % by the unorganized sector and it proposes to focus on the following complete suite of services to the unorganized sector-

- ❖ Formation of more & more Primary Dairy Cooperative Societies (DCS).
- ❖ Federating the DCSs into District Milk Unions (DMU) in each district.
- ❖ Formation of State Level Dairy Federation out of the District Milk Unions (DMU).
- ❖ Capacity building of the members of DCSs and other dairy farmers.
- ❖ Supply of inputs for milk procurement, primary processing and marketing of milk & milk products by the DCSs and DMUs.

- ❖ Creation of cold chain facilities & establishing milk processing infrastructure for milk value addition and operating under sustainable business model.
- ❖ Linking ALDA for AI support and AH & Veterinary Department for feed & fodder support to dairy farmers.
- ❖ Training, Monitoring & Certification (TCM) to Milk producers, Milk Traders, Sweet makers & Cottage processors to abide by the FSSAI norms.
- ❖ Supporting dairy farmers with credit linkages under KCC, DEEDS and District Milk Unions under NPDD.
- ❖ Making linkages of DCSs with prospective milk buyers under Formal Sector.

Under Atmanirvar Bharat Abhiyan Programme, Dairy Development Assam is going to roll out the Kissan Credit Card (KCC) initiative of Government of India to around 25000 members of Dairy Cooperative Societies (DCS) in addition to the existing NABARD supported Dairy Entrepreneurship Development Scheme (DEEDS).

### **ASSAM ACCORD**

My Government immediately after taking over charge has initiated a number of steps for speedy and effective implementation of the Assam Accord.

One noteworthy step taken in the Implementation of Assam Accord was the Cabinet decision to observe Shradhanjali Anusthan on 10<sup>th</sup> December every year as a token of acknowledgement of the sacrifice of the martyrs of Assam Agitation. Other important step taken by my Government is payment of ex-gratia grant of Rs. 5 lakhs to each family of Martyrs

of Assam Agitation and payment of ex-gratia grant of Rs. 2 lakhs each to the victims of Assam Agitation. Also, an archive cum gallery of the martyrs of the Assam Agitation was set up on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2017 in the office of the Implementation of Assam Accord Department at Khanapara, Guwahati.

The sealing of India- Bangladesh Border is the top most priority for making Assam free from illegal migrants from across the Bangladesh Border. Out of 263 km. long of Assam Bangladesh Border, 214.875 is the land border and 48.11 is riverine border. Out of 214.875 land border 210.53 km is covered by physical barrier i.e. fenced and 4.35 km of Karimganj Town area is unfenced due to objection raised by BGB. The riverine area along with 4.35 km of Karimganj town area and 18 gaps is proposed to be plugged by means of non-physical barrier i.e. technological solution.

On request of my Government, the Ministry of Home Affairs, North East Division, Government of India have constituted a High-Level Committee headed by Justice Biplab Kumar Sarma, former Judge, Gauhati High Court, for speedy implementation of Clause 6 of Assam Accord. The Committee has submitted its report and my Government is examining the same from legal point of view on the suggestions made.

The construction work of the Swahid Smarak and Park has started on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2020 on the Day of Swahid Divas. An amount of Rs. 4750 lakh has been allocated in the budget for the park in the current financial year. On the same day "Asom Andolonor Tathyakush" (A Data Book Vol (I) on Assam Agitation) was launched in the Swahid Divas function held at OTI Complex of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Department, Khanapara.

## ACT EAST POLICY AFFAIRS

My Government had organized a round table conference with Ambassadors, High Commissioners of ASEAN and BBN countries, and their representatives on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2019 to discuss ways and means of developing business and cultural relations among the countries. My Government had organized "Sampark Yatra" – a bus tour of Hon'ble Members of Assam Legislative Assembly and senior bureaucrats to Bangladesh and Myanmar from 26<sup>th</sup> June to 5<sup>th</sup> July 2019. The bus tour sensitized the delegation about the locational advantage of these countries to Assam and the North-Eastern Region, and its potential for the economic growth, and involved engaging in meetings with the industry fraternity and exporters of these countries.

Based on the accomplishments made by the Department so far, my Government plans to charter newer territories in the coming years. The upgradation of the Guwahati Airport into a Global Airport will facilitate direct flights to over 5 new destinations in South and South East Asia – viz. Kathmandu, Yangon, Kuala Lumpur, Singapore and Hanoi under the UDAN (International) scheme of Ministry of Civil Aviation. It also plans to organize India-Myanmar Stakeholders' Meet, Indo-Bhutan Stakeholders' Meet at Guwahati. My Government further plans to hold roadshows in 5 major cities of Myanmar viz. Yangon, Mandalay, Monywa, Myitkyina, Hakha to promote trade, tourism (medical tourism) and Educational Exchange besides holding similar outreach programmes in Thailand and Bangladesh. Moreover, my Government also plans to organize an ASEAN-BBN Mega Cultural Meet with a Food Festival and Exhibition of Ethnic Textiles.

In association with Act East Policy Affairs Department, VIBGYOR, N.E. Foundation had organized North-East Green

Summit 2020 at IIT, Guwahati for promoting Act East Policy in the backdrop of Covid 19 pandemic.

## **BORDER PROTECTION & DEVELOPMENT**

My Government aims at providing all round development in the remotest corner of the state of Assam and to instill a sense of security among the population residing in border areas.

My Government is taking all the necessary steps to reach out to the neighbouring states of Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura, Nagaland and West Bengal with which the boundary length shared is 2743.1 KM (approx). On the other hand, for the International Border Areas with Bhutan & Bangladesh, developmental schemes have been taken under BADP (CSS) to meet the special needs of the people and fill in the critical gaps of development works.

Topmost priority is being given to connect all border districts with proper road network keeping both security and development in the forefront.

My Government has taken up necessary steps for construction of Border Gates along Indo-Bangla International Border of Dhubri and South Salmara Mankachar Districts. During the last financial year, 25 nos. of Roads and Bridges have been completed in the International Border Areas of Assam

My Government has taken up the schemes namely, "Model Village' and "Simanta Gyan Aaharan Asoni" in the International Border Areas of Assam. Eight villages have been identified for developing them into Smart/Model villages and 100% development works in 2 districts viz. Dhubri and Baksa out of 8 districts have already been completed. Development works in remaining 6 districts viz. Chirang, Kokrajhar, Udalguri, South Salmara Mankachar, Cachar and Karimganj are expected to be completed within this current Financial Year.

Simanta Gyan Aaharan Asoni on the other hand is a tour programme for exchange of knowledge/skill for students of urban areas to border villages which was organized in the last year along the International Border of 6 districts viz. Dhubri, South Salmara Mankachar, Kokrajhar, Chirang, Baksa and Udalguri.

During the last financial year, 6 new BOPs viz. Ratanpur, Kherbari, Nawhat Naginijan, Saitsema and Umru have been constructed along the Inter-state Border to maintain law and order situation as well as save the life and property of the population residing in the Inter-state Border. Also, steps for construction of new BOPs along Assam-Meghalaya Border at Uday Nagar, Koinadhara in Kamrup (Metro) district has been taken up.

## **CHIEF MINISTER'S SECRETARIAT**

My Government has provided financial assistance to people suffering from major health conditions which require expensive medical care, people of old age needing financial support, people having physical disability and people affected by natural calamities such as flood etc. Chief Minister's Relief Fund has disbursed Rs.59,74,49,756/- (Rupees Fifty-nine crores seventy-four lakhs forty-nine thousand seven hundred fifty-six only) as financial assistance to 30,064 nos. of beneficiaries during the tenure of the present Government from May, 2016 till December, 2020.

My Government has taken the initiative of introducing MyGov Assam, which is the third such state platform established in line with the national [mygov.in](http://mygov.in) portal, a brainchild of Hon'ble Prime Minister Sri Narendra Modi. At present, the social media handles and the website ([assam.mygov.in](http://assam.mygov.in)) of MyGov Assam are among the leading such government platforms in terms of

followers and 'reach' in the country. Due to the wide reach, a lot of government schemes and initiatives have been made known to the masses in a faster manner. The MyGov unit has also been rendering service to a lot of key departments by making print advertisements, designing banners and hoardings, documentaries, short films, jingles, animations, organising on ground events/contests etc., on various schemes and their implementations. Due to the fast-growing popularity, various government messages are now channelised through the handles more effectively. A grievance redressal mechanism introduced by MyGov has also been helpful to many citizens.

### **CO-OPERATION**

My Government has sanctioned a total amount of Rs. 2669.44 lakh against administrative approval of Rs. 4673.85 lakh for setting up of a Composite Jute Mill unit with a capacity of 30 MTPD.

Based on the Agricultural produce and demand, renovation of 57 (Fifty-seven) nos. of Warehouses in 13 (thirteen) Warehouse complexes in 10 (ten) Districts and construction of 4 (four) new Warehouse complexes in 3 (three) Districts are being implemented in the State under RIDF-XXI. Another project for construction of 2 Multi Commodity Cold Storage units of 5000 MT each in two districts under Warehouse Infrastructure Fund (WIF) programme of NABARD has been initiated with the release of Rs.474.18 lakh and Rs.234.84 lakh for construction of multi commodity cold storage unit at Pachim Boragaon, Guwahati and at Hojai respectively. Besides these, initiatives have also been taken for construction of 33 numbers of scientific rural godowns under Warehouse Infrastructure Fund (WIF).

### **CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

My Government has taken steps to provide Financial assistance @Rs.50,000/- each to 2375 Artists from various fields of Art & Culture, Silpi Sambardhana to Artists and Technicians of Mobile Theatre (one time). My Government also provided Artist pension to 100 Artists, Ex Gratia Grant to 75 Artists and Family Pension to 14 Artists and Onetime Special Grant to 20 Artists for outstanding contribution in the field of Art & Culture. My Government has conferred prestigious Awards instituted in memory of the doyens of Assamese Art & Culture to several noted personalities of Assam. Bishnu Rabha Award was conferred to Jharna Saikia and Kandarpa Nath Sarma on 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2020, Natasurjya Phani Sarma Award 2020 conferred to Aiswaryya Kakoti and Bhubesh Boruah on 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2020, Sati Radhika Award conferred to Evelyntice Sajem for the year 2020 on 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2020, Silpi Sainik Brajanath Sarma Award 2020 conferred to Rina Bora on 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2020, Srimanta Sankardeva Award 2017 conferred to Basistha Deva Sarma Bura Satriya on 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2020, Birendra Kumar Bhattacharjya Award 2020 conferred to Pradip Barua on 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2020, Siu-Ka-Pha Award 2020 conferred to Yeshe Dorjee Thongchi on 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2020 and Srimanta Sankardeva Award 2020 conferred to Bhaba Prasad Chaliha on 3<sup>rd</sup> January, 2021.

My Government has also organized workshop cum trainings at cultural centres in connection with Cultural Renaissance Mission (CRMS) under Mega Mission Society-Chief Minister Samagra Gramya Unnayan Yojana (MMS-CMSGUY). The 36 cultural centres have completed 56 such workshops. Under "Guru Sishya Manikanchan Scheme", 28 Gurus have been selected through the process of interview for 10 different Art Forms.

Steps were taken to provide one time financial grants-in-aid to 16547 Traditional Artists of Assam in view of Covid-19 pandemic @Rs.2000/- per month i.e. April, May and June 2020, amounting to total Rs. 992.82 lakh.

My Government is also taking up many Major infrastructure projects. There are about 122 projects of SOPD, Chief Minister's Special Schemes, NLCPR and NEC under this Directorate. Priority major schemes are Dr. Bhupen Hazarika Memorial at Jalukbari , Construction of Sarat Chandra Singha Cultural complex at Chapor, Dhubri, Construction of Chandra Nath Sarma Cultural Complex at Pithakhowa, Construction of Sati Sadhani Cultural Complex at Golaghat, Rabindra Bhawan at Goalpara, Renovation of Rabindra Bhawan, Kamrup (M), Chandi Barua Bhawan at Howly, Preservation of Chitraban Studio at Bhulaguri Tea Estate, Installation of statue of Achyut Lahkar at Patchala have been completed successfully.

The District Museums at Jorhat, Tezpur, Mangaldai, the Bharat Ratna Lokapriya Gopinath Bordoloi Memorial museum at Raha and the Nilima Folk Art Museum at Gauripur in Dhubri have been renovated. The newly constructed District Museum at Nagaon and a Grand Museum at Dibrugarh has been inaugurated, while works for new museums at Dakshinpat Sattras, the Patharughat Memorial Museum and the District Museum at Silchar, as announced earlier are progressing well. Steps have been taken to modernize the Assam State Museum.

My Government has laid primary emphasis on Protection, Preservation and Development of Archaeological Sites and Monuments of the State of Assam. Accordingly, 137 Archaeological Sites and Monuments have been conserved. Some Archaeological Sites have already been developed as tourist spots.

200 (two hundred) new Archaeological Sites have been listed and documented. Excavation in 5 (five) nos. of Archaeological Sites have been conducted. 37 nos. of Archaeological Sites have been conserved and 30 nos. of Monuments restored. And as a part of preservation and development, a total of 30 nos. of Archaeological Sites have been preserved as Tourist Spots.

My Government has successfully organized International and National Seminar and Awareness Programme in different districts of Assam, to create Awareness among the Student community. My Government has given Financial Assistance to 162 nos. of Sattras as Grants-in-Aid.

My Government has initiated the project on Infrastructure development of Charaideo for inclusion in the final list of UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Sivasagar has been declared as an Iconic Site by Government of India for which my Government has allocated 5 acres of land for development of Iconic Site Museum in Rupohi Pather.

My Government passed the Assam Heritage (Tangible) Protection, Preservation, Conservation & Maintenance Act 2020, in alignment with the objectives obtained in clause – VI of the Assam Accord 1985. Government has also introduced 3 state level Awards, which were awarded to Heritage Mitras within the State of Assam.

My Government has marked 5<sup>th</sup> August as Alaboi Smriti Divas to commemorate the sacrifice of the Ahom Soldiers in the battle of Alaboi in the year 1669.

## **ELEMENTARY EDUCATION**

During 2020-21, several developmental activities in the sector of School Education have been initiated and implemented by my Government. Affected by the Covid-19 situation and despite all schools being closed, effort was made by my Government, to provide uninterrupted education to the children across the State. Academic Support was provided by Teachers through Whats App messages and Video-Classes, You Tube channels created to provide e-classes, Radio Programme for Elementary Classes conducted through AIR, Guwahati and Dibrugarh, Tele Classes on Science and Mathematics were conducted through Doordarshan, Assam and Gyan Brikkhya, an Exclusive Education TV Channel was launched to minimize the digital divide. Food Security Allowances were provided to the eligible children during Lock Down Period.

During the year, three new School Buildings constructed, 649 Additional Classrooms constructed, 354 Girls' Toilets constructed, 871 Boys' Toilets constructed and Ramps constructed in 262 Schools across the state. Under the special initiative of my Government for Infrastructure development under RIDF Scheme, 86 Boy's Toilet, 1960 Partition Walls and two Additional Class Rooms were constructed and electrification has been completed in 4955 Schools. With a vision to transform 1000 selected schools into Centres of Excellence, across the state, a programme called 'Pratyahban' has been launched. Bank Accounts of about Nine Lakhs students of the state from Class-I to XII of all schools (including Private Schools) are opened and 20188 students from Class-I to XII have been enrolled with Aadhaar.

Free Text Book (FTB) for the academic year 2021 will be provided to 41,48,899 learners of Government/ Provincialised schools under elementary cycle. Free Uniform grant will be provided to 37,81,620 learners of Government/ Provincialised schools in the academic year 2020-21. An amount of Rs. 23 Cr. 64 Lakh will be released to 41594 Government/ Provincialised schools as Sports grant 2020-21. Out of 84,836 Children identified out of School, 53,354 children enrolled in formal schools and in different interventions for Special Training Centres and a total 35,824 learners are mainstreamed during 2020-21 from Special Training Centre to formal schools. Self-Defence programmes for Girls are being implemented in 9,194 Government/ Provincialised schools across the state. In Elementary section 64,952 Children with Special Needs (CWSN) identified and enrolled in schools and provided support through Home Based Education during the year 2020-21.

As a measure to maintain proper Pupil Teacher Ratio (PTR) as per RTE- 2009, 5192 TET qualified candidates as Teachers in regular vacant posts have been appointed on 28<sup>th</sup> August, 2020. Under Chief Minister's Special Scholarship Scheme, 28,872 students of Class V and 21,066 students of Class VIII will be awarded @ Rs. 5000/- each in the form of Fixed Deposit receipt for five years with a Certificate of Appreciation for encouragement of the students.

The process for provincialization of 2635 posts of 1341 Venture LP School and 5706 posts of 1861 Recognized UP School have been initiated.

SCERT, Assam being the Apex Academic Organization and Academic Authority of the State is looking after the quality improvement of schools and teacher education of the State. My

Government has prepared curriculum and developed textbooks for the elementary level in 10 mediums of instruction. SCERT, Assam prepared the Academic Calendar, 2020 for the elementary schools.

My Government has been conducting in-service and pre-service teacher training for teacher empowerment. During 2020, at the time of COVID-19 pandemic lockdown, SCERT, Assam has taken a lot of initiatives for enhancement of students' learning of the State. My Government created 25 digital text books on DIKSHA (National Portal) Portal. Altogether 1500 e-content have been created and uploaded on DIKSHA Portal.

My Government revisited the Academic Calendar of Elementary level to minimize the learning gap of students to achieve desired learning outcomes in view of extension of Academic Session. Vidya Daan programme for the State of Assam was inaugurated on 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2020 in the line of national initiative for contribution of e-content related to school textbooks to ensure continuity of education.

The infrastructural facilities of 23 DIETs have been strengthened by way of establishing Smart Classroom and ICT laboratories. The construction of 10 new Government B.Ed. Colleges in Karbi Anglong (West), Bongaigaon, Baksa, Nalbari, Kamrup, Morigaon, Sivasagar, Biswanath, North Lakhimpur and Dima Hasao and four new DIETs, at Udalguri, Baksa, Chirang and Kamrup Metro districts is going on. Out of 4 new DIETs in the districts Udalguri, Chirang, Baksa and Kamrup Metro, construction of DIETs- Udalguri, Chirang and Baksa has been completed with the fund released by Government of India.

The proposal for creation of 390 posts for 10 Government B.Ed. Colleges and 192 posts for 4 new DIETs are under process. It has been expected that the construction of these Government B.Ed. colleges and the DIETs will be completed during 2021-22.

## ENVIRONMENT & FOREST

My Government has been working relentlessly for protection and conservation of Forest, Wildlife and Biodiversity of the State. During the last five years (2016-2017 to 2020-2021) several important activities towards conservation and protection of forest and wildlife have been implemented which are given as below:

1. Massive plantation and distribution of seedlings have been taken on mission mode. So far the area covered under plantation from 2016-2017 till 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2020 is 10353 ha. and nos. of saplings planted is 4,70,21,155 nos.
2. 24 nos. Sahitya Manishi Upaban (Biodiversity Park) has been created /established in 24 districts. Out of these, 17 nos. parks have been inaugurated and steps have been initiated to inaugurate rest 7 nos. of Biodiversity Park. This park houses 1000 different species of medicinal plants having aromatic /forests etc. to showcase the rich biodiversity of Assam.
3. My Government has already issued preliminary notification for upgrading Dehing Patkai Wildlife Sanctuary to National Park, covering an enhanced area of 231.65 sq.km. For providing more habitat to the one horned Rhinoceros and other important wild animals of Kaziranga National Park, my Government has already issued preliminary notification of 3 (three) new additions viz. 7<sup>th</sup> Addition (176 ha.), 8<sup>th</sup> Addition(307 ha.) and 9<sup>th</sup> Addition (2570 ha.). These additional areas will provide more suitable habitat to ever increasing population of wild animals, such as Rhino, Tiger, and Elephant etc.

4. India State of Forest Report (ISFR), 2019 published by Forest Survey of India (FSI) has recorded increase of Forest covers in the State by 221.51 Sq.km as compared to the Forest Cover recorded in the previous India State of Forest Report (ISFR), 2017.
5. Revenues increased from 56.94 crores in 2015-2016 to 269 crores in 2019-2020 (an increase in 472%).
6. 229 nos. of appointment were given on Compassionate Ground to Grade III and Grade IV from 2016-2017. In the last 2 years, 225 nos. of appointments were given clearing the backlog from 2010-2011.
7. Majuli has been declared as "Biodiversity Heritage Site" under the Biological Diversity Act, 2002. To conserve the Indigenous Plants Species of Assam, a scheme named Arogiya Briksh plantation was started in 2016-2017 and so far 11 units have been created each having 5 ha. area.
8. 2 nos. of Interpretation Centres with financial allocation of Rs. 48.69 crores in Digboi Division and Manas National Park have been taken up to showcase forest department traditional old practices of Forest Management of the last 150 years.

## EXCISE

My Government is not only responsible for regulation of production, import, export, transport, storage and sale of alcoholic beverages and other approved intoxicants and the prevention of illicit distillation and clandestine trade of illicit liquor but is also a major revenue earner for the state.

My Government has been undertaking various legislative and administrative reform initiatives including introduction of an

e-governance system to mobilize optimum revenue generation and ensuring the availability of intoxicants sold only through authorized and legitimate sources.

My Government has also been taking steps to create awareness against alcohol and drug abuse and provide for de-addiction and rehabilitation of addicts through the state Anti-Drug and Prohibition Council.

My Government has collected revenue of Rs. 1421.76 crores till December, 2020 in the current financial year registering a growth of 17.71% increase compared to last year's corresponding figure despite the Covid-19 pandemic. The revenue collection in 2019-2020 was Rs. 1639.61 crores.

The new e-Governance system being designed and developed under the Assam State Public Finance Institutional Reforms (ASPIRe) Project of my Government is expected to Go-LIVE by March, 2021.

My Government has initiated steps to put in place a "Track & Trace" system to manage effectively the supply chain system and introducing high Security Holographic labels with QR code on the Liquor bottles which will ensure easy tracking of liquor bottles and curb evasion of excise duty.

During Covid-19 pandemic, my Government had taken the initiative for production of hand sanitizers by various IMFL Bottling Plants in the State for distribution to various Government departments, at a very nominal rate.

Several amendments in the Excise Act and Rules have been made to introduce further reforms by my Government which have helped the department in curbing illicit distillation and trade of liquor and in augmenting revenue collection. My Government



is in the process to amend the rules and put in place a suitable mechanism to control and regulate molasses and to deal with the menace of SULAI.

Six De-addiction-cum-Rehabilitation Centres are also being set up by the department in Barpeta, Kamrup, Sonitpur, Golaghat, Tinsukia and Dibrugarh Districts.

My Government has also taken up a project of setting up a modern chemical laboratory under the aegis of the World-Bank Funded ASPIRe Project.

### **FINANCE**

My Government has been undertaking prudent and sound fiscal management which has resulted in keeping in check, the fiscal and revenue deficit over the last four years. In the current year, revenue deficit and fiscal deficit are expected to be well within limits as stipulated by AFRBM Act. Despite stringent fiscal management, the State managed to give an outlay of Rs. 1,19,715 crores in the last financial year 2019-20. It is to be noted that the State's own revenues have gone up to Rs. 16,529 crores during 2019-20 and in the said year, State's own revenues made up about 26% of the total revenue receipts. In the current fiscal year, till November, 2020, my Government has been able to collect Rs. 4,697.15 crores under GST. Also, it may be worthwhile to mention that despite the COVID – 19 pandemics, my Government managed to give full budgetary support adding 1000 hospital beds in addition to 1000 ICU beds with the provision of 1408 ventilators which was done via two supplementary demands of Rs. 1,810.86 crores and Rs. 503.08 crores in addition to the general budget grant of Rs. 6,126 crores.

Despite the debilitating effect of the Covid-19 pandemic, my Government while managing its commitments for budgetary

support along with fiscal prudence, did not make any deductions in the salaries of its employees and also ensured timely disbursement of pensions and its other financial commitments. Also the nature of expenditure incurred has undergone both qualitative and quantitative change, wherein the percentage of expenditure incurred on asset and infrastructural creation have gone up, which can be seen in the fact that capital expenditure has increased from Rs.6,001 crores to Rs.13,501 crores during 2016-17 to 2019-20. The State's revenue expenditure as a percentage of its total expenditure has seen a declining trend in the last 4 years, which goes on to highlight the qualitative change in the nature of the expenditure.

In April, 2017 Assam became the fourth state in the country to have its own public procurement act. Subsequently, Assam Public Procurement Rules were notified on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020. Assam Public Procurement Rules provide clarity with respect to procurement processes and a wide range of methods for meeting varied needs of different departments. These rules, coupled with capacity building efforts are expected to enhance transparency and efficiency in public spending.

To bring the wholesome socio-economic development towards the society, my Government launched 'Orunodoi Scheme' in which Rs.830 will be provided to those families who are still facing daily challenges to provide a healthy and nutritional meal.

Under this Indigenous initiative, the State has set a commitment to alleviate the financial problems of all impoverished families in our State through one of the most effective ways, 'substantial income support'. This scheme was launched on 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2020. Till date funds released for two (2) months

i.e Rs. 335,56,90,000 for the months of November and December, 2020. Total beneficiaries covered under this scheme is 17,12,850.

On the 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2021 the Assam re-designed 'Swami Vivekananda Youth Empowerment Yojana' with an outlay of Rs.1000.00 crores was launched to develop a state wide entrepreneurship oriented ecosystem in the state by assisting Self Help Groups, Joint Liabilities Groups, Farmers Producer Organization (FPO) cluster level SPV's/ Federation to set up new ventures or scale up existing ventures. 2,00,000 (two lakh) youths will benefit and have been provided seed capital and training & capacity building under this DBT scheme.

In the direction of improving transparency, the IFMIS (Integrated Financial Management Information System) has been introduced, that has brought with it, the system of online budgeting, online budget distribution and resumption, re-appropriation, online ceiling, online salary bill, and e-budgeting etc. and is also working rigorously towards full-fledged implementation of administrative approvals and financial sanctions in the state electronically.

My Government has also introduced CTMIS (Computerized Treasury Management Information System) with 1,88,326 number of employees registered through CTMIS for collecting monthly statements at the time of passing their salary bill at Treasuries. The system has been enhanced for fool proof functioning of the New Pension Scheme (NPS) adopted by my Government.

The online Ceiling management and e-budgeting are initiatives to quicken the exercise of budget management. Under it, Ceiling Management has brought incomplete transparency

and ease of administration under which the ceiling request processing and monitoring has been implemented across all departments in order to offer quicker and simpler solutions in terms of automated Budget preparation, distribution process and online FOC (Fixation of Ceiling).

A key reform introduced by my Government is the implementation of eGRAS (Government Receipt & Accounting System) which is a common collection portal for the state for collection of all revenue deposits in the State Exchequer, Assam. Citizens, Taxpayers can pay their taxes, fees, fines through this portal online and generate the challan (Receipt).

My Government had declared addition of 27 new treasuries within the state of Assam in the budget session 2016-17. Assam has already opened and operationalised 21 new sub Treasuries within the state so far.

## **FISHERIES**

My Government has succeeded in enhancement of fish production in the state to the tune of 3.73 lakh MT during 2019-20 with about 21 % growth compared to 2016-17. During this period, more than 67% growth has been recorded in production of fish seed reaching 9519 million during 2019-20. Fish consumption level has also increased from 8.5 kg to more than 11 kg per capita per annum.

Fisheries has been included as one of the 'Ratnas' among the selected Navaratnas under the 'Chief Ministers Samagra Gramya Unnayan Yojana (CMSGUY). Fisheries Sector has acclaimed a new echelon during the last four years which resulted in recognition at national level acclaiming four significant awards - The Best State (Assam), The Best District (Nagaon), The Best Government Organization/ Federation/ Corporation/ Board (FISHFED) and the Best Fish Farmer (Amal Medhi, Nalbari) in the 'Hilly and North Eastern' category.

A 5-year project on Gene Bank is being implemented through the College of Fisheries, Raha for conservation of indigenous fish species. More than 1.43 lakh fishermen have been covered under the centrally sponsored accidental insurance scheme. My Government has introduced a provision of KCC for fish farmers where more than 81,500 applications have been submitted to different banks. 22 FPOs and FPCs have been formed for fishery activities and helped in establishing three authorized fish seed suppliers of Jayanti Rohu in collaboration with Central Institute of Fresh Water Aquaculture (CIFA). The state has also succeeded in innovating breeding of Magur without sacrificing the male as the first state and culture of various indigenous fish species like Pavo, Bata, Bhangon in RAS.

#### **FOOD, CIVIL SUPPLIES & CONSUMER AFFAIRS**

My Government has implemented "Affordable Nutrition and Nourishment Assistance Scheme" (ANNA) in the month of March, 2019 and is providing free Rice to all the beneficiaries covered under NFSA, 2013. The Antodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) Ration Card Holders (6,91,827 Households) are getting @ 35 Kgs of Rice at free of cost and Priority Households (PH) Card Holders (51,62,071 Households) are getting @ 5 Kgs of Rice per person at free of cost per month. AAY households are being provided subsidized rice @ 35 kilogram per month per card and Priority Households are being provided subsidized rice @ 5 kilogram per month per member to the selected beneficiaries at free of Cost both in Tea Garden and non-Tea Garden areas.

My Government is implementing the scheme "Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana" (PMGKAY) throughout the State from April, 2020 to November, 2020 and accordingly a total 2,49,19,333 nos. of beneficiaries have been benefited.

My Government has launched "Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana" (PMUY) in the State of Assam and a total of 34,92,759 numbers of LPG connections have been installed.

My Government has decided to provide 22 nos. of non PDS MRP based items at affordable prices to the consumers through "Aamar Dukan". And at present 5623 nos. of F.P. Shop Holders of "Aamar Dukan" are functioning in the different districts. Further, for employment generation to the unemployed youth of the State, my Government has also fixed a target of 209 nos. for "Aamar Dukan on wheels" for the financial year of 2020-21 for providing essential commodities to consumers at lesser prices compared to the prevailing market price.

My Government has been constantly monitoring the prices of essential commodities by way of spot verification of different markets throughout the State.

My Government decided to digitize all the selected beneficiaries' data and GPSS/FP shop data as a part of End to End Computerization of supply chain management under NFSA, 2013. Internet connectivity is being provided upto GPSS level as part of component-I. End-to-End Computerization of TPDS State transparency portal [www.fcs.assam.gov.in](http://www.fcs.assam.gov.in) has been developed by AMTRON in this aspect.

My Government has created an Online Grievance Redressal System for redressing the grievances of the consumers with an Additional Deputy Commissioner in each District as District Grievance Redressal Officer. The Consumer help line and Call Centre has been set-up at the Directorate of Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Assam, with Toll Free numbers. Another Call Centre was set up in AMTRON during the lockdown period to redress consumer Grievances.

The Assam Food & Civil Supplies Corporation Limited (AFCSCCL) has procured 35,640.22 MTs of paddy at Minimum Support Price (MSP) for KMS 2019–2020 (from 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2019 to 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2020) with an achievement of 79.2%. For the current KMS 2020–2021 (from 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2020 to 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2021), AFCSCCL has targeted to procure 59,701.5 MTs of Paddy at MSP, and upto 4<sup>th</sup> January, 2021, a total of 1,591.84 MTs of Paddy was procured.

### **GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**

For administrative convenience and in the interest of public service, the office of the Divisional Commissioner, Barak Valley Division is shifted to Silchar as a part of the Barak Valley Mini Secretariat.

To provide better accommodation facilities especially for health check up, the Assam Bhawan, Vellore (phase-I) is ready to cater the needs of such visitors. My Government has plans to purchase a building from PIPDIC for setting up Assam Bhawan in Puducherry.

To provide better accommodation to the Gr. IV staff who work in Janata Bhawan, a RCC residential building (G+9) with parking at ground floor near Rukminigaon with an estimated cost of Rs. 1860.05 Lakh is under process. And for the Gr. III staff working in Janata Bhawan, a RCC residential building (G+9) with parking at ground floor near Rukminigaon at an estimated cost of Rs. 2357.75 Lakh is also under process.

To minimise the traffic and for easy excess for all visitors within the Janata Bhawan complex, a multilevel car parking near Gate No. 5, in front of Block-B is proposed to be developed. A proposal to set up a departmental Store (co-operative) is under pipeline to help the employees of Janata Bhawan buy their day to day household goods at the doorstep and at an affordable price.

### **GUWAHATI DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

Immediately after declaration of pandemic, my Government successfully conducted a massive eviction drive in the entire city removing/sealing unauthorized, unhygienic trades in the city for 17 consecutive days starting from 3<sup>rd</sup> March to 19<sup>th</sup> March. My Government is continuously sanitizing every nook and corner of the city and has left no stone unturned to sanitize the entire city and has successfully sanitized all lanes and bye lanes of the greater Guwahati covering all quarantine centres, COVID testing centres, containment zones and is still continuing with such works. Along with sanitization, my Government is also carrying out fogging operations in the city ensuring the city is free from other diseases.

To mitigate floods in the city, Rs. 15.99 crores were spent in 2019-2020 by GMC. The continuous maintenance and cleaning work of city drains including major river channels has been completed. As a result, the duration of inundation of the water-logged areas have been significantly reduced.

To improve the door-to-door waste collection service, 200 Auto Tipper/Auto Vans were procured. This fleet of vehicles will help the corporation to improve service delivery. To improve the decentralised processing of waste in the city, one Bio-Methanation plant at Chatribari has been installed. The plant is producing electricity from the organic waste. Currently, the produced electricity is being used in illuminating the street lights on the road leading to the plant.

One Organic Waste Converter (OWC) has been installed at Bhangagarh to produce compost from wet waste. The compost produced by the OWC has been sent for testing of parameters. Accordingly, tender for another 15 nos. OWCs has been floated

which will be installed at various locations of the city to treat the wet waste which will reduce the burden of waste at Boragaon Dumpsite.

To improve the street lights in the city, 165 nos. of Lanes and Bye Lanes have been illuminated with 1800 nos. of new LED connections.

To mitigate artificial floods in Guwahati City, my Government has completed construction of Noonmati Pump House with 4 nos. of high discharge pumps with an estimated cost of Rs. 640.90 lakh. Through these pumps rainwater of entire Jyotinagar and Noonmati area is being drained out to Bondajan. The rainwater flow to Zoo Road area has been diverted to Bondajan which has also minimized artificial floods in the Zoo Road and adjoining areas.

On 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2020, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Assam, inaugurated the 1st Phase of Commissioning of ambitious South West Guwahati Water Supply Project under JNNURM in 4 District Metering Areas (DMAs) under Kamakhya Distribution Zone of the project.

The Guwahati Building Construction (Regulation) Byelaws 2014 has been amended and notified. Through this amendment, building permission for residential buildings upto G+2 in a plot of land upto 2.5 Katha will be issued online instantly through empanelled RTPs. For economically poor people having minimum land area of 4 Lechas also, NOC for building permissions will be issued under this scheme as per amended byelaws, 2020.

The Guwahati Passenger Ropeway, connecting South and North Guwahati, was inaugurated for the public on 24<sup>th</sup> August 2020. It is the longest river crossing Aerial Tramway System in India with additional self propelled rescue cars for emergency

evacuation. The travel time from Guwahati to North Guwahati is now reduced to 8 minutes only.

My Government has completed the work of Construction of an Electric Crematorium at R.K. Mission Road, Ulubari with an estimated cost of Rs. 509.40lakh and the same has already been inaugurated on 12th July, 2020.

To ease the traffic congestion in Guwahati city, a Multilevel Automated Car Parking has been constructed by my Government in front of Shraddhanjali Kanan at R.G. Baruah Road with a project cost of Rs. 14.38 crores. The project has been completed and opened to the public. It has the capacity to accommodate 302 four-wheeled vehicles and 25 two-wheeled vehicles at a time. The Construction Work of Multilevel Automated Car Parking at M.G. Road in MMCH Campus is also nearing completion.

My Government has introduced another citizen centric service through an online portal [www.gmdalsp.in](http://www.gmdalsp.in).

For development of Brahmaputra River front, my Government has taken up a stretch of 1.3 km in the 1st Phase with a boulevard walkway, cycle track etc. The other projects being undertaken by GSCL are construction of the Integrated Command and Control Centre (ICCC) at Panjabari with an estimated amount of Rs 17.40 crores. The DPR relating to Development of Aswaktanta Devalaya with estimated cost of Rs 10.85 crores has been vetted. Similarly, the DPR for Development of Umananda Temple with an estimated cost of Rs 12.98 crores has also been vetted. Two Welcome Gates to Guwahati City are proposed to be constructed at Khanapara and Dharapur respectively. The construction of an Auditorium Building together with a School of Music and Art is proposed to be established at Shri Shri Dakshin Pat Satra, Geetanagar, Guwahati with an estimated cost of Rs 15.31crores.

Under ADB funded Assam Urban Infrastructure Investment Program (AUIIP), the Contract Package viz "Construction of Water Supply Transmission Main pipelines and allied work" and "Construction of three nos. of Storage Reservoirs of various capacities with approach roads and allied works" under South Guwahati East Water Supply Project, 89.47% and 81.39% physical progress have been achieved respectively so far. At Dibrugarh, AUIIP has taken up a Solid Waste Management Project which has achieved 90.66% progress so far.

Under JICA assisted Guwahati Water Supply Project covering South Central and North Guwahati, as on December, 2020, the overall physical progress is 70% and financial progress is 65%. 14 land parcels have been identified and necessary NOCs from the concerned authority have been received for setting up of decentralized STPs for Guwahati Sewerage Project, funded by JICA.

At present house service connection works in JNNURM project area (i.e. at Maligaon and Pandu) and in JICA project areas (i.e. at Rajgarh) is going on. Guwahati Metropolitan Drinking Water & Sewerage Board has already given 1800 connections.

The Rabha and Tiwa Autonomous Council have been excluded from the Assam State Capital Region Development Authority (ASCRDA) area in fulfillment of the long-standing wishes of the Rabha and Tiwa people of the area.

#### **HANDLOOM TEXTILES & SERICULTURE**

My Government has been implementing various schemes both under the State Sector Schemes and Centrally Sponsored/ Central Sector Schemes. Under the scheme NATIONAL HANDLOOM DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (NHDP) Block Level Cluster projects are implemented. Weavers about 300 to 1000

concentrated in an area of a Block are the beneficiaries. Components are (i) Skill Development in Weaving, Dyeing Designing, Managerial and IT. (ii) Supply and installation of New Looms with Accessories, Jacquard, Warping Drum etc. (iii) Individual Workshed, (iv) Common Facility Centre with Common Service Centre, (v) Provision of engagement of Technically qualified Cluster Development Executive, (vi) Engagement of Designer cum Marketing Executive, (vii) Baseline Survey, (viii) Product Development. Total 59 Projects are sanctioned for Assam with total 52,772 beneficiaries with total project cost of Rs. 96.48 crores.

Under the scheme for Economic Upliftment of weavers, 100 nos. of group had been implemented during 2018-19 by covering 2000 nos. of weavers with an estimated cost of Rs. 250.00 lakh, 280 nos. of group had been implemented during the financial year 2019-20 by covering 2800 nos. of handloom weavers with an estimated cost of Rs. 525.00 lakh and during this current financial year 2020-2021, 57 nos. of groups have been proposed to be assisted with the component of new looms, Skill upgradation, raw materials etc. with an estimated cost of Rs. 142.50 lakh by covering 570 nos. of handloom weavers.

My Government has taken up a new scheme namely Handloom Model Village, at Barun Chitadar village in Majuli and Teliapathar at Moran in Dibrugarh District for sustainable development and preservation of handloom legacy, particularly comprising ethnic, versatile and colourful motives and apparels of Assam for which an amount of Rs. 199.93 lakh has already been sanctioned during the financial year 2018-19 and implementation is going on. During this financial year 2019-2020, an amount of Rs. 263.00 lakh has been released for implementation of the scheme and Rs. 268.85 lakh has been

provided in the budget during this financial year. The ARTFED is the Implementing Agency for the said projects.

A holistic and flexible intervention to extend need based inputs is being taken up for Clusters/ Groups of weavers for inclusive approach covering weavers of Assam to provide a platform for Production, Marketing and Brand promotion, an innovative Scheme of "Handloom Cluster Development Programme" (HCDP) and accordingly 6(six) nos. Projects with a total cost of Rs. 399.91 lakh has been sanctioned during the financial year, 2018-19 and Rs. 200.00 lakh has been sanctioned during 2019-20. An amount of Rs. 142.50 lakh has been provided in the budget during the year 2020-2021 for implementation of the scheme.

For creating self employment to the weaver community of the State, a new Scheme "Income Generation Intervention to Handloom Weavers" has been implemented with a budget provision of Rs. 1540.00 lakh during the year 2019-2020 by covering 5133 nos. of handloom weavers. An amount of Rs.1425.00 lakh has been provided in the budget during the financial year 2020-21, benefitting 3894 nos. of beneficiaries.

For providing marketing platform to the Primary Weaving Cooperative Society/ Self Help Groups and Handloom Entrepreneurs to sale Handloom products at reasonable price, during 2017-18, 2 nos. of National Handloom Expo were organized at Dibrugarh and Golaghat with an estimated cost of Rs. 75.00 lakh, during 2018-19, 4 nos. of National Handloom Expo with an estimated cost of Rs. 112.00 lakh, 3 nos. State Level Handloom Expo with an estimated cost of Rs. 81.00 lakh, 14 nos. District Level Expo with an estimated cost of Rs.70.00 lakh, 1 no. N.E. Festival was organized at New Delhi with an

estimated cost of Rs.40.00 lakh and 2 nos. of Weavers Conventions were organized with an estimated cost of Rs. 251.00 lakh. During 2019-20, 1 no. International Handloom Expo with an estimated cost of Rs. 50.00 lakh, 4 nos. National Handloom Expo with an estimated cost of Rs. 180.00 lakh, 4 nos. Special Handloom Expo National Handloom Expo with an estimated cost of Rs. 108.00 lakh, 10 nos. of Gamocha Mela with an estimated cost of Rs. 8.75 lakh and 13 nos. District Level Events with an estimated cost of Rs. 78.00 lakh were also organized.

Under the scheme of setting up of a yarn bank to provide quality yarn at subsidized rate to the weavers of the State on a regular basis is implemented in the State. During 2016-17, 9 nos. of yarn banks have been set up with a cost of Rs. 400.00 lakh, 7 nos. of yarn bank with a cost of Rs. 346.00 lakh during 2017-18, 6 nos. of yarn banks have been established with a cost of Rs. 270.00 lakh during 2018-19. A total of 33 nos. of yarn banks have been set up throughout Assam till date.

My Government has taken up a Special Project for Rehabilitation of people affected in Baghjan & Gatang Area in Tinsukia District with a total Project cost of Rs. 206.18 lakh and budget provision made for Rs. 123.00 lakh during 2020-21 for 500 nos. of beneficiary to be covered.

The use of silk as dress material has been a culture bound practice of the people of Assam. My Government with its adequate infrastructure is providing extensive service to around 3.10 Lakhs farmers who are involved with Sericulture activities and playing an important role in providing sustainable livelihood and in the process is also contributing towards the economy of the State.

Assam is contributing 82% Muga Raw silk and 65% Eri raw Silk to the gross raw silk production of India. During the

year, 2020-21 up to November 2020, Assam has produced 3739 MT of Eri raw silk, 142.20 MT of Muga raw silk and 11.90 MT of Mulberry Raw Silk. The Geographical Indication Tag for Golden silk, Muga, Assam has been announced.

My Government has taken up various schemes/ projects for transforming Sericulture from unorganised household activities to commercially viable organised industry by giving emphasis on timely intervention and implementation of the schemes/ projects. During the year 2020-21 under SOPD-G Government has allocated an amount of Rs.1467.97 lakh for development of Sericulture.

Support to weavers of Sualkuchi for providing Mulberry Yarn at 20% subsidised Rate through Mulberry Yarn Bank, Sualkuchi. During the year 2020-21 Government allocated Rs.9.50 crores under SOPD-ODS. The project covers 3392 nos. weavers and the beneficiaries are able to gain greatly from this scheme.

For the empowerment of women, support of Rearing Equipment's/Appliances was extended for 104nos. of unmarried women Seri farmers.

For establishment of an Eri Spun Mill under North Eastern Regional Textile Promotion Scheme (NERTPS), a centrally sponsored scheme at Bargang in Biswanath District covering an area of 5 Bigha-2 Katha-10 Lesha involving an allocation of Rs.21.53 crores is under process. For the development of the Eri silk industry, 1116 nos. beneficiaries have been covered with a project cost of Rs.21.00 crores. Another project is being implemented at Majuli District with a project cost of Rs.9.07 crores covering 250 nos. beneficiaries under "Silk Samagra" – a Central Sector scheme.

## HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE

The year 2020 has been a challenging one for my Government particularly for the fight against COVID-19 pandemic. My Government turning this challenge into opportunity, took numerous steps to roll out new programmes and services for providing affordable and quality health care for the people by strengthening the facilities of existing Medical Colleges and other Hospitals throughout the state. My Government is committed to ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all the people of the state.

To reduce the doctor- population ratio, my Government has decided to increase the number of Medical Colleges across the state in a phased manner. At present, there are 7 (seven) full-fledged Government Medical Colleges including the newly started Diphu Medical College & Hospital at Diphu, three Dental Colleges, three B.Sc. nursing colleges, three Pharmacy Institutes and six paramedical Institutes functioning in the state. Another 6(six) new Medical College & Hospitals are coming up at Dhubri, Nagaon, Lakhimpur, Kokrajhar, Nalbari and Tinsukia. The construction work of all the six new Medical Colleges are going on in full swing. In addition to these six, 4 (four) more new Medical College& Hospitals, at Karimganj, Biswanath, Charaideo and Goalpara are in the pipeline.

In order to boost the Cancer care facility in the State several initiatives have been taken under the Assam Cancer Care Foundation (AACF). Construction works have already been started to establish 10 (ten) Cancer Hospitals which includes State Cancer Institute, Guwahati. Works of the Tertiary Care Hospitals of cancer wings attached to the Medical Colleges have also been started.



The construction of Super Speciality Block-I in GMCH has been completed and the Cardiothoracic and Neuroscience Centre has started functioning in the block from January 2021.

In order to augment availability of oxygen in all Medical College and Hospitals, Cryogenic tanks to store Liquid Medical Oxygen and Oxygen Generating Plants have been installed.

Establishment of AIIMS at Guwahati, an Institute of National Importance, is another milestone in the Health care sector in Assam. The construction works of the permanent campus at Changchari, near Guwahati, is in progress. The 1st batch of MBBS programme of AIIMS Guwahati having 50 seats has been started in a temporary campus from this academic year.

My Government has allocated funds under the TNEIF scheme for infrastructure development of Government Ayurvedic College, Jalukbari, Guwahati and for the three Homoeopathic Medical Colleges of Assam. Accordingly, 29 numbers of priority wise works were taken up of which 17 numbers have been completed and rest are in progress. In addition to the already existing 100 Yoga centres, fund has also been provided to establish Yoga centres in Development Blocks of the state.

To ensure availability of minimum set of free diagnostics services i.e CT scan, X-Ray and Laboratory services to all, irrespective of economic status of the patients, my Government launched CM's Free Diagnostic Programme.

In order to ensure healthy lives and to promote wellbeing for all at all ages, my Government is also implementing following schemes – (a) Chief Minister's Free Drug Services, (b) Pradhan Mantri National Dialysis Programme, (c) Wage Compensation Scheme for Pregnant Woman of Tea Garden Areas of Assam (d) Free Operation for Children having Congenital Heart Disease

(CHD) (e) Sneha Sparsha, a scheme which helps poor families with funds and medical treatment for their children within and outside the state.

Under Ayushman Bharat Scheme 1,434 nos. of Health & Wellness Centres has been made operational across the state to provide for health care services in maternal and child health, non-communicable diseases, essential free drugs and diagnostic services closer to home of people.

My Government is committed to reducing Child mortality and morbidity in the State by improving full immunization coverage through Universal Immunization Programme (UIP). Under the programme in Assam more than 29,000 Immunization sessions every month have been conducted.

Assam had been declared Polio free on 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2014 and in order to sustain this, 2 rounds National Immunization Day was conducted and 45,99,056 children were inoculated achieving 97.29% of the target.

Under Atal Amrit Abhiyan (AAA) Scheme, cashless treatment upto Rs.2.00 lakhs to the BPL and APL patient are being provided for treatment of Cancer, Cardiovascular diseases, Kidney diseases, Neo Natal diseases, Neurological conditions, Burns, ICU treatment, Trauma, Critical Care Paediatrics, Paediatric Surgery, Japanese Encephalitis & Acute Encephalitis Syndrome and Supplementary packages in the empanelled hospitals both within and outside the State. Under the Scheme 89 hospitals have been empanelled out of which 47 hospitals are within the State and 42 hospitals are outside the State. Total 1,61,78,946 beneficiaries have been enrolled under Atal Amrit Abhiyan Scheme and 1,35,778 beneficiaries have already availed free cashless treatment. During the COVID-19 pandemic, 104

private hospitals were also empanelled temporarily under the Scheme for the period April to June, 2020 so that patients are not deprived of treatment facilities under AAA scheme.

Though Assam is categorized as a low HIV prevalence state it is considered as hot bed for new infections considering its proximity to some high prevalence states in India. My Government is therefore providing fund for various AIDS related activities in the state like free transportation and investigation for people living with HIV, strengthening and upgradation of blood banks in the state, improvement of Anti-Retroviral Therapy Centres, IEC development and for welfare of the employees of Assam AIDS Control Society. Assam is the first state in the country to launch HIV intervention in correctional Homes for women.

### HIGHER EDUCATION

My Government under Rashtriya Uchchar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) has made several achievements.

1. 5 numbers of Model Degree Colleges were constructed and are now functional and another 3 Model Degree Colleges have started from this academic session.
2. Under "Infrastructure Grants to Universities" Dibrugarh University and Gauhati University were allotted Rs 40 crores during RUSA 1.0. Under this component girls' Hostels, toilets and laboratories have been newly constructed and academic blocks, administrative blocks, hostels, toilets, libraries, smart classrooms, auditorium, canteen, laboratories, computer centres and playgrounds have been renovated. Computers, laboratory equipment, E- Journals have been purchased at these 2 numbers of Universities. Again, during RUSA 2.0 these two Universities have also got approval of funds Rs 20 crores each for further development of infrastructure facilities.

3. Under "Upgradation of existing degree colleges to Model Degree Colleges" total 5 numbers of existing degree colleges were provided with infrastructure facilities to upgrade them into "Model Degree Colleges" during RUSA 1.0. During RUSA 2.0 another 12 numbers of colleges were approved for grants of Rs 4 crores each under the component.
4. Under "Equity initiatives" free bus services for girls and differently abled students have been provided to 2 colleges, disable friendly facilities to 4 colleges, finishing schools' facilities to 11 numbers of colleges, TOT on finishing schools to 3 colleges and language laboratories at 12 numbers of colleges have been established.
5. For "faculty improvement", Rs 7 crores has been approved for teachers training and basic infrastructure development of UGC- Human Resource Development Centre of Gauhati University.

My Government has signed MoA with Gauhati University to develop 2 numbers of Assamese Unicode fonts under RUSA Assam, which can be used free of cost at website, mobile phones, MS offices, E- mails etc without any "Juktakhar" errors. The name of the 1<sup>st</sup> font has been decided by Government as "Uxa".

Under the scheme 'Gyan Dipika', my Government had implemented following schemes during 2019-20: -

1. Rs.7723.13 lakh was released under fee-waiver scheme and 1,89,434 nos. of BPL students were benefitted.
2. Rs.938.98 lakh was released as subsidy on mess dues to the hostel boarders and 13,414 nos. of students were benefitted.

3. Rs.675.31 lakh was released as books grants to 67,531 nos. of UG level students. Government has also released Rs.18.64 lakh as Minority Girls Scholarship and 203 students were benefited.

Moreover, an amount of Rs.2233.85 lakh were released as Grants-in –Aid to the Universities for infrastructure development. Sports Grants was released for an amount of Rs.80.00 lakh to 6 (six) State Universities. Rs.500.00 lakh was released to Punjab University for establishment of Srimanta Sankardeva Chair. Grants of Rs.264.40 lakh was released to Science stream colleges for purchasing laboratory equipments/chemicals. Financial Grants was released to 302 nos. of Government and provincialised colleges @ Rs.1.00 lakh each for Girls' Common Room facilities.

### **HILL AREAS**

My Government is fully committed to maintain peace and harmony with sustainable development of the Hill Areas of Assam and thereby, trying to enhance the quality of life by providing basic amenities in these areas.

My Government has communicated an amount of Rs. 58,718.44 lakhs, for Hill Areas of Assam, under State Funding for Priority Development (SFPD) for the year 2020-21. This includes funds under State Own Priority Development (SOPD) and Central Share. Out of this fund, Rs. 41,267.20 lakhs are allocated for KAAC whereas, Rs. 17,451.24 lakhs for NCHAC.

The Assam Hills Medical College and Research Institute at Diphu has been inaugurated, development of Tourist Lodge at Bagori Entry Point has been completed, and various schemes have been proposed to be implemented against the sectors like Public Works and Health under North East Special Infrastructure

Development Schemes (NESIDS) in Karbi Anglong district. KAAC has proposed for setting up of one Government college for Science Stream as well as one B.Ed college at West Karbi Anglong, one Government College at Hamren, one Government Law College at Diphu, Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya Model Degree College at Deithor, upgrading SDCH to DH at Longnit Natun Bazar, Construction of Planetarium at Diphu etc.

Out of the 20-approved projects by the Government under CIDF, beautification of Haflong Market/Town, RCC drain (2.00m x 2.00 m) with footpath to divert waste water from Haflong Lake, RCC footpath with drain at different stretches at Haflong Town etc. have been commenced by the NCHAC.

### **HOME & POLITICAL**

My Government has endeavoured to develop Assam Police into a SMART Police to solve problems that affect people's safety and security. SMART Police stands for Strict and sensitive, Modern and mobile, Alert and accountable, Reliable and responsive and finally, Trained and techno-savvy.

During the agitation against Citizenship Amendment Bill/ Citizenship Amendment Act 2019, Assam Police have played a very crucial role to maintain peace and law & order in the entire state. Special Supervision Task Forces have been constituted for review, supervision & guiding the investigation of CAA related cases as well as to take steps to prevent violent agitations.

Assam Police have been providing excellent services in enforcing the restrictions and regulations issued by the Government & amid spurt in Corona cases, undertook stringent containment measures to prevent the contagion of Novel Corona Virus in the state.

My Government started the Project "Mission for Overall Improvement of Thana for Responsive Image (MOITRI)" last year to make the police more responsive, techno-savvy and people friendly, with an aim to develop the police station as a people friendly service provider for our citizens.

To realize the goal of SMART Policing, my Government is emphasizing on building a world class Assam Police Training Academy at Dergaon, in Golaghat district. Administrative Approval was accorded for Rs. 167.00 crores for Police Academy during this financial year. Construction works of SERC under ERSS Project of Government of India is completed.

The state of Assam has been fighting insurgency for more than three decades. The four-pronged strategy comprising of relentless counter insurgency operations, surrender-cum-rehabilitation, peace-process and spy operations, pursued by the Unified Command Structure has remarkably succeeded in containing militancy in the State. Large number of surrenders by hardcore militants of various outfits have taken place in the year 2020. At present 11 (eleven) extremist outfits have signed an agreement for Suspension of Operation (SoO). Talks with these groups are now progressing in the right direction.

The signing of the BTR Accord on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2020 among the Bodo groups, Government of India and Government of Assam was a great achievement. Followed by the signing of MoS, a total number of 1615 cadres/ leaders of all factions of NDFB organizations viz.- NDFB (P), NDFB (RD) and NDFB (S) surrendered en-masse on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2020 before the Government of Assam and laid down all their Arms & ammunition, explosives etc.

As a bold step towards "Santrash Mukta Assam", 64 cadres of 4(four) militant groups viz. ULFA (I)-18, UPRF-32, DNLA-13 and PDCK-1 including the SS Dy. C-in-C of ULFA (I) laid down Arms before the Government of Assam on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2020.

Under the Surrender-cum-Rehabilitation Policy of the Central Government, 3702 numbers of surrendered cadres of different outfits are receiving stipends of Rs. 6,000/- per month. Moreover, under this scheme, one time grant amount of Rs. 4 lakhs per cadre has been sanctioned to 1353 surrendered cadres of different outfits. Under the Swabalamban Scheme sponsored by Government of Assam, 1800 cadres of various outfits were given training on skill development out of which 1192 already received benefits of Rs. 1 lakh each for entrepreneurial development and self employment in small farming, fishery, piggery, poultry and other small businesses, etc.

Assam Police Sishu Mitra Programme is a unique initiative for child friendly policing in partnership with UNICEF and UTSAH, NGO. The components of the programme include reaching out to children, capacity building of Police officers, awareness generation on child protection and Sishu Mitra Resource Centre. This Centre provides technical assistance to investigating officers across the State to deal with child related cases.

The Sishu Mitra Resource Centre was formally launched on Assam Police Day, i.e. the 1<sup>st</sup> of October, 2020. It was operationalized on 20<sup>th</sup> Nov, 2020 which is also World Children's Day.

The CCTNS Project was launched by MHA in the year 2008 as Mission Mode Project under the National e-governance Plan of Government of India. It has helped the Police in quick detection of crime by sharing of information on crime & criminals

across all Police Stations; access to NAFIS for detection of Inter-state criminals; proper documentation in digital form, etc. Assam is the first state in India to implement Passport Police verification through CCTNS.

My Government, through Assam Police Border Organization and its e-governance initiative has brought in IT intervention to the existing manual process of Foreigners Tribunals and Border Police for identification, detection and deportation of illegal immigrants and suspected foreigners. This intervention will automate the end to end system of Foreigners Tribunals and Border Police Organization from identification of a foreigner to the entire trial and deportation process. The IT automation will benefit multiple stakeholders like Foreigners Tribunals (FT), Home Department, Border Police, State Election Office and Detention Centre.

The Wireless Communication Network in the Guwahati Police Commissionerate is in progress for conversion into Digital Platform to avail of all the features and facilities of UHF Digital Radio Communication.

My Government has procured various essential fire fighting as well as Search & Rescue equipment for an amount of Rs. 105.08 crores, such as Advance Rescue Tenders, Foam Tenders, Quick Response Tenders, Inflatable Rubber Boats, Fire Proximity Suits, Water Suits, Safety Helmets, Aerial Hydraulic Platforms, High pressure Breathing Air Compressor Machine Petrol Operated, etc. and also Yard Hydrant System has been installed at RTC, Sila.

Construction of 18 (eighteen) F & ES Station buildings in different places of Assam and construction of SDRF Company Headquarters building at RTC, Sila, North Guwahati has been completed during this period.

My Government attended to 17,719 fire incidents in various places of the State and saved property worth Rs. 2,329 crores (approx). During floods, the department rescued 9,036 human lives and 405 animals besides recovering 274 human dead bodies from flood, landslides etc.

His Excellency President of India has awarded 12 (twelve) personnel for Fire Service medal for Meritorious/ Distinguished service on the occasion of Independence Day and 11 (eleven) personnel for Meritorious/Distinguished service on the occasion of Republic Day during this period.

## INDUSTRIES & COMMERCE

To position the State as an investment destination considering its proximity to the ASEAN & BBN countries, the first ever Global Investment Summit "Advantage Assam" was organized on 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> February 2018. The summit was attended by representatives of 25 countries which was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Prime Minister. During the summit 263 MoUs were received with investment intent of 79,000 crores which are under different stages of implementation.

To do business easier in the State my Government has brought path breaking reforms by implementing the EODB Act 2016 and in the portal 465 services of 34 departments are available. So far 1.17 lakh applications have been received for various services of different departments and more than 75,000 applications are approved.

Considering the unemployment problem of the state my Government has taken extra initiative to attract small & budding entrepreneurs to set up their unit by enacting "The Assam MSME (Facilitation of Establishment and Operation) Act, 2020". The entrepreneurs under this Act can establish their unit without

obtaining N.O.C/permission (except fire & electricity) for the first 3 years. However, after 3 years the entrepreneurs have to take all the permission within 6 months. Assam is one of the few states in the country having such an Act for the MSME sector.

My Government is implementing the Start-Up Policy of Assam, 2017 for giving fiscal and non-fiscal incentives to the eligible Startups. Assam Startup –The Nest, a state of the art incubation centre has been inaugurated by Hon'ble Chief Minister on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2019 to provide workstation, mentoring etc to the startups. So far 75 startups have been accommodated in the Assam Startup- the Nest and fiscal incentives amounting to Rs.329.80 lakh has been disbursed to 31 nos. of startups.

To attract the prospective entrepreneurs/investors, Industrial Land Bank with detailed information on available industrial infrastructure and land thereof has been developed and uploaded in the departmental website. During the last four years, the department has added more than 3,915 bighas of land to the industrial land bank. Under the State Industrial and Investment Policy, fiscal benefits have been disbursed to 760 nos. of industrial units amounting to Rs.78.92 crores in the last four years.

To encourage the local craftsmen and handicraft artisans, the department has provided financial assistance to 2,015 nos. of such craftsmen and artisans under Mukhya Mantrir Tholua Udyog Bikash Achari (MMTUBA) and at the same time Marketing support has been given to 8,258 nos. of Micro and Small units under the Biponi scheme.

My Government has also organized skill development training for 1,595 nos. of women entrepreneurs.

## INFORMATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

My Government has been implementing “The Assam Pension Scheme for Journalists” since 2017-18 to provide retirement benefits to journalist working more than 20 years in Assam. During the Financial year 2020-21, the Government has selected 20 nos. of retired journalists for journalist pension on 30-07-2020.

My Government introduced the ‘Media Fellowship for Journalists’ to hone their professional skill and upgrade knowledge in different fields. 18 nos. of journalists have been selected for Media Fellowship @ Rs. 50,000/-each during the current financial year. My Government is also implementing the “Journalists” Medical Welfare Scheme” (JMWS) to provide financial assistance to accredited and recognized journalists for medical treatment. During the Financial year 2020-21, financial aid has been granted to 35nos. of journalists amounting to Rs. 10.25 lakh till date.

My Government has also introduced a welfare scheme for journalists i.e. “Journalist Family Benefit Fund” to provide financial assistance to the family of deceased journalists who meet with untimely death while on duty.

My Government also confers the “Republic Day Journalism Award” to journalists for his/her outstanding contribution in the field of journalism since the Year 2016-17. Under the scheme “One time grant to media personalities”, my Government has selected 20 media personalities from across the state for providing one time grant of Rs. 50,000 each.

Under the scheme “Digital Delights”, in sync with the digitally active “Generation X”, and to meet the ever-growing

demand for digital transformations, my Government has also taken up several initiatives to cater to the needs of the current times. Further, keeping in pace with the digital era, the process of installation of LED Billboards (size 6 mtr.X 3 mtr.), (two at Guwahati and one at Dibrugarh) is going on.

Under the scheme Fixed Loudspeaker System, 500 nos. of proposed units will be extended in Kamrup (M) and another 500 units to be extended in other Districts HQ's in the next financial year.

### **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

My Government has completed the implementation work of State Data Centre at Janata Bhawan Complex.

A portal for facilitating the issue of Eligibility Certificate to applicant industry units and subsequent claiming of incentives has been launched on 5th October, 2020.

Under e-District services, more than 32 Lakhs online applications have been processed and 26 Lakhs digitally signed certificates issued through a network of 1215 Common Service Centers (CSCs) and 212 Public Facilitation Centres supported by 185 ASWAN Points of Presence (PoPs). As of now 17 Government Services are made available to the citizens covering all the districts online under UMANG mobile platform within the Digital India initiative.

### **IRRIGATION**

My Government has created 10.24 lakh hectares (Minor Irrigation=7.38 lakh hectares and Major/Medium Irrigation=2.85 lakh hectares) irrigation potential (37.93%) up to March, 2020 against assessed ultimate irrigation potential of 27 lakh hectares.

In Minor Irrigation sector, my Government has created about 2.346 lakh hectares of irrigation potential through different programs, such as PMKSY-AIBP, SOPD (General, TSP, SCSP), RIDF of NABARD etc. since March' 2016.

In Major and Medium Irrigation Sector, my Government has created 7,703 hectares of irrigation potential since March'2016.

### **JUDICIAL**

My Government has always believed that democracy has no meaning without an independent and strong judiciary. Speedy justice is an indispensable part of a democratic set up. During the last 4-5 years, the Administration of Justice sector has made remarkable progress.

My Government has already sanctioned a full fledged district judiciary in the newly created districts of South Salmara Mankachar, Hojai and Charaideo which will be made functional soon. A total of 258 posts have been sanctioned for this purpose. Apart from the above, my Government has also sanctioned 10 (ten) POCSO Courts and 7 (seven) other Courts of Additional District & Sessions Judge have been redesignated as POCSO Court and presently in operation.

Administrative Approval for some major projects, namely, Court building at Dhemaji, Jonai and Chapakhowa, Sadiya amongst other projects have been accorded and projects like Court complex at Barpeta, Golaghat, Dhubri, Sivasagar, Bokakhat, Udalguri, Dibrugarh etc. are progressing well.

### **LABOUR WELFARE**

My Government has ensured various welfare measures and benefits to the workers engaged in the organized and unorganized sectors.

During the lockdown period, my Government provided Covid relief of Rs. 2000.00 each to 2,21,378 nos. of registered construction workers through DBT incurring a sum of Rs. 44.27 crores. All the registered construction workers are now entitled to financial assistance for health Check-up @Rs. 3000.00 for registered workers between 18 to 40 years and Rs. 5000.00 each to registered workers aged between 41 to 59 years. Health check up benefits have been provided to a total of 13,240 numbers of Construction Workers during the current financial year.

My Government, through the local District Administration has opened bank accounts for providing immediate financial assistance to the rescued child labourers and bonded labourers. My Government annually organizes the 'Shramik Kalyan Divas' in memory of Sontosh Kumar Topno on 23<sup>rd</sup> November for recognizing and encouraging contribution of the labourers for development of the society.

During the COVID-19 Pandemic the management of the Tea Gardens were directed to allow 'special leave' with payment of wages up to a maximum period of 14 days to the workers who were advised quarantine/home isolation due to Covid-19 infection.

During 2020, 211 nos. of new factories were registered till November, 2020 and during FY 2019-20, Rs 321.29 lakhs of revenue has been earned as registration and renewal fees, etc.

Through ESI 10, 27, 521 nos. of insured persons have availed hassle free cashless medical benefit till present and the total nos. of Insured persons increased to 3,11,816 till December, 2020.

## LEGISLATIVE

During 2020-2021 as many as 26 nos (13 nos of amended and 13 nos of new) Legislations and 9 nos (8 nos of amended and 1 no of new) Ordinances were promulgated by my Government.

In order to achieve the goal and objective of the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987, my Government undertakes various programmes like providing legal aid to the targeted beneficiaries, holding of Lok Adalats, Legal Awareness Camps etc. A total of 7,496 persons belonging to SC, ST Women, Children, persons with disability, industrial workmen and others whose annual income does not exceed the prescribed limit were provided legal services by my Government.

During the year (up to 30th November), a total of 57,636 nos. of cases were taken up for disposal through National Lok Adalat, out of which 4,814 nos. of cases were disposed off amounting to Rs. 17,56,78,157/- as settlement. Similarly, out of 2,523 nos. of cases taken up for disposal through Monthly Lok Adalat and State Lok Adalat together, a total of 255 nos. of cases were disposed off with settlement of Rs. 587.33 Lakh.

During the year, 1,877 nos. out of 2,027 persons who visited different Legal Services Clinics situated at different villages were provided assistance in solving their problems. Similarly, 887 persons who visited the Legal Services Clinics established at the Community Centres, 557 persons at the Legal Services Clinics of the Courts, 886 persons at the Legal Services Clinics in various Jails and 539 persons at various Legal Services Clinics situated at other places including Juvenile Justice Boards (JJB) were provided assistance.



## **MINES AND MINERALS**

My Government during the financial year 2019-20 has granted a total of 12 (Twelve) nos. of Petroleum Mining Lease (PML), of which 9 (Nine) nos. of PML to Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Limited and 3 (Three) nos. of PML to Oil India Ltd for production of Crude Oil and Natural Gas. Moreover, the Department approved 5 (Five) nos. of PML under Discovered Small Oil Fields and 19 numbers of PEL under Open Acreage Licensing Policy. One MoU for 10% Participating Interest (PI) of AHECL with Oil India Limited has already been signed on 21 December, 2020 in presence of the Hon'ble Chief Minister Assam. My Government also approved 543 numbers of Mining Plans for sand, stone, silt, ordinary clay, ordinary earth etc.

My Government has also auctioned 5 (five) blocks of Quartzite with a sold value of Rs. 9.87 crores. Moreover, 5 (five) blocks of limestone, 11 (eleven) blocks of granite, 2 (two) blocks of china clay, 2 (two) blocks of glass sand and 2 (two) blocks of quartzite are ready for auction.

## **PANCHAYAT & RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

My Government has created 493.13 Lakh man days against the approved labour budget of 615 Lakh till December 2020. During the Financial Year 2020-21, 56,321 nos. of new Job Cards have been issued. Percentage of women participation has increased from 41.77 % in 2019-20 to 43.65% in the financial year, 2020-21. During the current financial year, a total of 16,983 nos. of Households have completed 100 days of wage employment.

Under Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana- Gramin (PMAY-G) 3,71,121 houses have been completed so far and 84,336 houses are under construction.

Under the National Family Benefit Scheme, 1699 beneficiaries have been provided @ Rs. 20,000/- each as one-time financial grant.

Under Swahid Kushal Konwar Sarbajanin Briddha Pension Scheme a total number of 12,56,698 number beneficiaries across all districts have been provided with old age pension. And Under Indira Miri Universal Widow Pension Scheme covering widows belonging to both BPL and APL families who are deprived of Indira Gandhi National Widow Pension Schemes (IGNWPS), eligible beneficiaries are provided with monthly pension of Rs. 300/- and one-time financial assistance of Rs. 25,000/- to eligible beneficiaries. As of November, 2020, a total of 1,69,930 numbers of beneficiaries have been identified and monthly pensions are being provided to them during the current financial year.

Under Aideo Handique Mahila Sanman Achoni the unmarried, divorced and separated women would be provided with monthly pension @Rs.300/- P.M. During current FY, an amount of Rs.2000.00 Lakh earmarked in the budget for the purpose and necessary Guidelines, etc., has already issued.

My Government has covered around 45,500 participants in various training programmes after Unlock-5 and around 8000 officials involved in State Government's ambitious project "Swa Nirbhar Nari - Atma Nirbhar Axom".

So far training to 1800 militants from different cadres has been imparted by the State Institute of Panchayat and Rural Development (SIPRD).

Under Vistarita Kanaklata Mahila Sabalakaran Yojana, Rs. 50,000/- will be provided as capital subsidy to the women Self Help Groups who have availed bank loans. An amount of

Rs. 33,250 Lakh was sanctioned and released during the current FY for this program.

To deliver better service among SHGs, a total of 4240 nos. of Jeevika Sakhis under ASRLM will be provided with a two-wheeler (scooty) under the new scheme, "Jeevika Sakhi Express" during the current Financial year.

### **PENSION AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES**

My Government has launched 'KRITAGYATA' the Online Pension Submission and Tracking System w.e.f – 01.10.2020 through which 73 nos. of pension cases has already been finalised. Kamrup (M) and Kamrup (Rural) have been covered in the 1<sup>st</sup> phase. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase 7 (seven) nos. of districts namely Cachar, Dima Hasao, Hailakandi, Karimganj, Barpeta and Bongaigaon and Dibrugarh Districts will be covered under KRITAGATA scheme.

A new system is being developed by AMTRON for digitalization of the pension papers and Service Books for quick settlement of the pending pension cases.

### **PERSONNEL**

My Government has issued Office Memorandum for raising of upper age limit for entry into State Government Service for Grade-III and Grade-IV posts from 38 years to 40 years.

In order to make composition of APSC gender neutral the Assam Public Service Regulation, 1951 has been amended regarding removal of restriction of one woman member in APSC. My Government has also successfully completed the selection process for various posts including CCE 2018 for recruitment of 255 numbers of candidates to the post of ACS and other Allied Services.

Government has placed a requisition for 331 posts to the Assam Public Service Commission for recommendation towards appointment in ACS and Allied Services under Combined Competitive Examination, 2020.

### **POWER**

My Government has introduced a mobile app named 'APDCL Easy pay' on 01.01.2021. The consumers will now be able to pay their bills to authorised agents of APDCL, through the app. Government has also completed electrification of all Revenue villages in Assam under 'Deendayal Upadhyay Gramjyoti Yojna' and all eligible households in Assam under 'SAUBHAGYA' yojna. Under 'SAUBHAGYA', electrification has been done in 21,63,721 nos. households.

My Government is continuing to provide free electricity in 'Jeeban Dhara' category consumers (whose monthly electricity consumption is within 30 units) and to offer subsidy to consumers under Domestic-A, LT commercial, LT small industries etc. categories through 'Jyotisman Asom' scheme as announced in Budget 2020-21. Till now, (December, 2020), 56,518 nos. smart meters have been installed in Dibrugarh and Jalukbari (Guwahati).

A 43-kW solar power plant is installed in Guwahati Planetarium. Another 15-kW solar plant was commissioned in Jorpukhuri, Guwahati. In satras of Barpeta and Majuli 5 kW capacity solar stations have been installed. The Udalguri 25 MW plant has been commissioned and now it is delivering power.

LED bulbs were distributed to 34 lakhs (out of 52 lakh) households of Assam under Chief Minister's 'Akashdeep Yojna'.

My Government has commissioned Lakwa Replacement Power Project (LRPP) 70 MW and 9MW Myntriang Small Hydro

Electric Project (MSHEP). The implementation work of 70 MW Amguri Solar Power Project is in progress. Development of another 20 MW Namrup Solar Power Project in Namrup has been initiated and 24 MW Borpani Middle - II Small Hydro Electric Project has been taken up.

During the last four years, the capacity of AEGCL has increased remarkably.

- i. Transformation capacity increased from 5808 MVA to 6951 MVA.
- ii. Load handling capacity increased from 1671 MW to 2408 MW.
- iii. Optical ground wire (OPGW) network increased from 614 to 1373 km.

My Government has deployed a highly advanced High Temperature Low Sag (HTLS) conductor, having significantly higher current carrying capacity for re-stringing of the Rangia Barnagar line upto Nathkuchi from Rangia end.

### **PRINTING & STATIONERY**

My Government has taken up construction of multi-storied building at Assam Government Press for installation of new machineries, Museum Hall & Conference Hall for preservation of old printing machineries for up-coming generation, as well as commencement of meeting, a Colony Road to develop the premises of Assam Government Press campus, sanitary works, electrical works etc. including construction of Staff Quarters for Lakhimpur Branch Press, Electrification, fire protection measures and other renovation works including procurement of machineries at Assam Government Press and Administrative Building of the Directorate.

My Government has also started e-gazetting including uploading of Acts, Rules etc for the larger interest of the public as well as in trying to reduce the use of paper in bulk. Printing of Fortnightly Multi-Colour Magazine "Raijor Batori" is going on successfully in the Assam Government Press since March, 2017.

### **PUBLIC ENTERPRISES**

My Government formulated a common Policy for the State Public Sector Enterprises "Public Enterprises Policy" bringing all the State PSEs under a common policy framework for facilitation of State PSEs towards enhanced performance.

During 2019-20 and 2020-21 Public Investment Board (PIB) has recommended four major investment proposals of four PSEs viz. Assam Hydrocarbon & Energy Co. Ltd., Assam Tourism Development Corporation Ltd., Assam Petrochemicals Ltd., and Assam Gas Company Ltd involving Rs.486.08 crores.

A National Level workshop was held to improve performance of Assam PSEs in Cooperation & collaboration with AG Assam, IPE Hyderabad, IICA, ICAI, ICSI, ICMAI, New Delhi on 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2020.

My Government is currently working for the preparation of framework and roadmap for implementation of (i) Online Application Receipt systems for selection of candidates by Public Enterprises Selection Board for the position of Managing Directors, General Managers etc. positions and (ii) Online Performance Appraisal and Review (PAR) System for the employees of the State PSEs on the lines of GOI Best practices, towards improving the performance of Assam PSEs.

### **PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING**

My Government has implemented Swachh Bharat Mission-Gramin (SBM-G) and was declared as an ODF State on 5<sup>th</sup>

March 2019 as per BLS (Baseline Survey) list 2012 covering 244 nos. of Blocks, 2,693 nos. of Gaon Panchayats (GP) and 25,503 nos. of villages. A total of 32,66,468 nos. of Individual Household Latrines (IHHL) were constructed across the State.

The efforts of my Government towards achieving ODF status and inculcating behavioural change among the masses was recognized at National Level and awarded with Swachh Survekshan, Swachh Bharat Award, Swachh Mahotsav Award, SKOCH GOLD Award, Special Recognition award for Government Rural, Swachh Samudayik Abhiyaan Award.

To provide access to toilets in public places, my Government has constructed a total of 605 nos. of Community Sanitary Complexes (CSC) in the first phase and in the second phase 420 nos. of Community Managed Sanitary Complexes (CMSC) have been constructed.

#### **PUBLIC WORKS ROADS**

My Government under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sarak Yojana-I & II, sanctioned a total of 28,718 Km of road works for Rs. 19,401 crores upto the financial year 2019-20 and out of this 26,366 Km roadwork has been completed.

My Government will be implementing a good number of road projects under Asom Mala, Central Road Infrastructure Fund, NABARD funded RIDF, State's Own Priority Development, etc. in this year. "Asom Mala", is a flagship programme of my Government for improvement of State Highways and Major District Road network of Assam. The roads taken up under this programme will be built as high speed road corridors. So far, a total of 343 Km of road work and 25 nos. of bridges have been sanctioned and are being implemented.

The religious destinations and places visited by tourists are also getting due care through the Assam Darshan Scheme under which the roads connecting to these places are being improved.

The work of the Ganeshguri flyover at Guwahati has been completed and the work of the Supermarket flyover is going to be completed very soon. The major bridge project sanctioned to connect the North and South banks of river Brahmaputra at Guwahati is also in progress.

In addition, a good number of Railway Overbridges are also coming up which have been taken up in response to Railway Authorities' proposal to eliminate busy railway level crossings on a cost sharing basis.

#### **PUBLIC WORKS (BUILDING & NH)**

My Government has undertaken construction of new medical colleges attached with District/ Rural Hospitals at North Lakhimpur, Dhubri and Nagaon. Further Construction of New Medical Colleges and Hospitals at Nalbari, Tinsukia, Kokrajhar and another 4(four) New Colleges at Charaideo, Biswanath, Goalpara and the Second Medical College at Guwahati are being started soon.

A new Assam Bhawan at Vellore is nearing completion. Further a new Assam Bhawan at Dwarka (New Delhi) and reconstruction of Assam Bhawans after dismantling at Chanakyapuri (New Delhi) and Russel Street, Kolkata are in initial stages of planning.

Works of Sri Sri Madhabdev Kalakshetra at Narayanpur, development of Batadrava Than as a Cultural and Tourist Destination at Batadrava, Nagaon, development of Baresaharia Bhaona, Jamugurihat in Sonitpur District and development of

Martyr's Park and Convention Hall at Dhekiajuli in Sonitpur District have been started. Also, works for setting up a Swahid Smarak Khetra and Memorial Park at Paschim Baragaon in Guwahati have been started.

Also, preliminary concept and estimation for a Cultural University at Majuli is under process and work will be started soon.

Construction of Engineering College at Dhemaji has been completed. Construction of another 6 (Six) new Engineering Colleges at Sualkuchi, Bihali, Bongaigaon, Samuguri, Nalbari and Udalguri are being started soon.

Construction of 12 (twelve) nos. of Model Degree Colleges are under various stages of progress. Another 6 (six) Colleges have been recently sanctioned and work will start soon. Moreover, construction of High School for 119 Tea Gardens in various places of Assam at a cost of Rs.359.06 crores presently going on and will be completed soon. The work of Convention Centre cum State Guest House at Guwahati, Assam has been taken up and work is in progress.

Further, works for setting up of 21 (Twenty-one) Model Residential Schools in minority concentrated areas of Assam have been taken up and are in various stages of construction.

Sports Stadium at Khanikar in Dibrugarh District, Saboti in Lakhimpur District and Sualkuchi have been taken up and construction works are under progress. Under "Signature Scheme" (Uttoron), works in 61 (sixty-one) Assembly Constituencies at a sanctioned cost of Rs. 10.00 crores each, are currently under the various stages of construction.

During the current Financial Year (2020-2021), 9(nine) nos. of major highway works including bypasses have been

completed for a length of 165.14 km at a cost of Rs. 557.5 km. During the last 5(five) years APWD NH wing has completed 482.04 km of NH (O) with an expenditure of Rs. 1364.56 crores and 239.90 km under SARDP-NE with an expenditure of Rs. 1063.66 crores.

The MoRT&H has taken up construction of the following 5(five) nos. of bridges over river Brahmaputra.

1. Kaliabhomora Bridge is under construction under NHIDCL.
2. Dhubri – Phulbari Bridge under Construction under NHIDCL.
3. Work of the proposed Bridge over river Brahmaputra connecting Gohpur & Numaligarh is under DPR stage under NHIDCL.
4. The DPR for Road Connecting Majuli with Jorhat (L=27.4 km) including a major bridge over river Brahmaputra has been submitted to Ministry and the work is under tendering process at Ministry. The stretch is declared as new NH No. 715K.
5. DPR preparation for the Major R.C.C. Bridge over Brahmaputra on Morigaon-Kaupati Road is in process.

Under the SOPD scheme, 683.715 km of NH has been taken up for improvement at a cost of Rs. 534.46 crores and out of this 561.80 km has already been completed for an expenditure of Rs.295.00 crores.

#### PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS

My Government has introduced and successfully implemented a new unique and innovative scheme "Exposure

visit of Students to Assam Legislative Assembly”, beginning from January 2017 for the entire Assembly Session including the Budget Session.

2,926 students, 268 teachers from various educational institutes witnessed the working of the Assembly on several dates starting from January, 2017 to March 2020. They witnessed the Assembly Session starting from Governor’s Address to other important activities like passing of Budget, etc. During these exposure visits, the students interacted with the dignitaries viz- Hon’ble Speaker, the Hon’ble Chief Minister, the Hon’ble Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, Hon’ble Minister of Finance, Education, etc and the local MLAs of the respective districts.

#### **REVENUE & DM**

My Government has formulated the new Land Policy, 2019 with certain modifications in 2020 which emphasizes providing Land Rights to the Indigenous people of Assam, preservation and protection of prime agricultural land parcels of the State, protection of land in tribal belts and blocks, preservation of land belonging to Satras etc. To protect the land belonging to the Satras and such religious and charitable institution, suitable amendments in the form of “The Assam Land and Revenue Regulation (Amendment) Act, 2019” is brought empowering the Deputy Commissioners to evict illegal encroachers from such land.

My Government has already distributed Land Pattas and Allotment Certificates to over 3.35 lakh nos. of indigenous landless families during last four and half years. Similarly, settlement/ allotment certificates of land to more than 1,000 small tea growers for special cultivation is proposed to be distributed.

For settlement of Land to the indigenous people in the State of Assam, my Government has initiated survey of non-cadastral villages by using Modern Survey Equipment and up-to-date technology such as ETS, DGPS etc. Under Digital India Land Record Modernization Programme, 27,473 Maps out of 29,183 Maps have been digitized.

My Government has started “Arundhati Scheme” in 2019-20 with an objective of providing social and economic security to newly married girls of economically backward classes. The Scheme will provide financial assistance to the newly married brides who register their marriage under the Special Marriage Act. 1954, by way of providing Rs. 40,000/- for purchase of Gold for their marriage. As of now total 2539 nos. of beneficiaries have been approved out of this 1815 nos. of beneficiaries have received the financial assistance @ Rs. 40,000 /-.

My Government has also introduced Rehabilitation policy for Erosion affected families of Assam. In this connection Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India has been requested to include Erosion as natural Calamity and Mitigation measures towards Erosion control under State Disaster Response Mitigation Fund (SDRMF) in the NDMA’s guideline.

Considering the present pandemic arising out of COVID-19 outbreak, this disease has been included in the list of Items and Norms of assistance under SDRMF/NDRF. My Government has already released an amount of Rs. 182.59 crores to the Districts, Sub-Divisions and Assam Bhawan under SDRMF for maintenance of Quarantine Centres, taking relief measures and to meet the emergency expenditures that have arisen due to COVID-19 outbreak.

My Government has issued Notification and Guideline for payment of Ex-Gratia Grant @ Rs. 50 lakh to the next of kin /

legal hair of Doctors, Paramedical staff, Other employees of Health Department on duty, Employee on duty of private Hospitals who have signed MOU with Health Department under Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY) and Atal Amrit Abhiyan (AAA) during Corona outbreak, Policemen and other Government officers and staff on duty, journalist on duty, Home guards on duty, Casual employees of the Government of Assam and various societies on duty, Employees of Societies/Authorities/PSUs Serving under the Government of Assam who died in harness due to COVID-19 disease contracted while performing official duties in combating Covid-19 pandemic.

My Government has made budget provision of an amount of Rs. 550 lakh for payment of perpetual annuity to the Religious Institutions increasing the annuity amount by Rs. 2.00 lakh for each Religious Institution under "Asom Darshan" Scheme w.e.f. the Financial Year 2019-20 and budget provision is made of an amount of Rs. 418.50 lakh for the financial year 2020-21.

In order to provide safe and hygienic place to live during flood for the disaster affected people, my Government has initiated for construction of Multipurpose Flood Shelters in the State. Construction works for three such shelters have already been initiated one each in Majuli, Lakhimpur and Barpeta.

Thunderstorm accompanied by lightning has been posing a great risk to the life and property of people. For the first time my Government hired the services of Earth Networks, a U.S based organisation whose lightning and thunderstorm sensors are patented and implemented it in the state from April, 2020.

My Government has received annual allocation as per award of 15<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission during the current year amounting Rs. 858 crores under State Disaster Response

Mitigation Fund (SDRMF). An expenditure of Rs. 569.47 crores have been incurred so far for the purpose of GR, RG, Repairing & Restoration of damaged infrastructure, Machinery and Equipment, Ex-Gratia, Fisheries, Veterinary Care etc.

## SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

A state of the art Science City at a total cost of Rs. 183.00 crores is being built up at Tepesia near Guwahati. My Government has also taken steps to set up District Science Centres in 23 district headquarters and planetariums in 6 districts. The prestigious Kokrajhar Planetarium and Science Centre was formally inaugurated on 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2020. The process of procurement of equipments and machineries for Nalbari and North Lakhimpur Science Centres cum Planetariums are under process. It has been proposed to set up Six New Planetariums with Districts Science Centre in the State. Foundation Stone of Majuli and Bongaigaon District Science Centres and Planetarium have already been laid.

The Innovation Hub at Jorhat Science Centre and Planetarium is completed & will soon be operated and Technology Incubation Centre of Guwahati Biotech Park is 82% completed. Business Enterprise Zone at Guwahati Biotech Park is in progress and 40 % of the work has already been completed.

My Government has announced three State Science Awards viz. Achievement in Scientific Research and Innovation, State Award for Young Scientist/Innovator and State Award for Promoting Scientific/Disseminating Science among the masses. My Government also organized Assam Science Festival in association with Tezpur University at the University Campus.

Under the Scheme "Innovation, Technology Generation and Awareness" (ITGA), 55 projects have been received during

the 2019-20 showing visible impact in generation of utility based technology.

A state-wide programme titled, "Sanskar: Manuho Manuho Babe" has been declared to eradicate unscientific and superstitious beliefs through a sustained statewide campaign. Mukhiya Mantri Bigyan Darshan is a scheme, visualised by my Government to provide exposure to Panchayat and Zilla Parishad members.

My Government installed and commissioned Maintenance-free Chemical earthing at the Guwahati Planetarium in the year 2016-17. In the Year 2018-19, an Astronomy Gallery - 'Astronomy Through Ages' and a Virtual Reality Zone have been set up in the premises of Guwahati Planetarium. A Multi-Activity Centre at the cost of Rs. 12.42 crores is being established in the premises of Guwahati Planetarium and 3D Theatre Hall with modern facility is to be constructed at Guwahati Planetarium.

My Government in Science & Technology Department has completed installation of 6.50 MW (approx.) capacity of Grid Connected Rooftop Solar Projects at around 350 locations in the Institutional, Social and Residential sector and a 47 kW Rooftop Solar Project at Raj Bhawan, Guwahati. Different Research & Development initiatives like Dual Axis Solar Tracking, Low Cost Solar Egg Incubator, Solar Powered Pest Control has been executed along with a number of Research & Development initiatives.

My Government has also installed 3500 Solar Street Lights at different locations of the state under Installation of Solar Photovoltaic Street Lights Scheme and is installing Solar Photovoltaic Power Plant at Karbi Anglong and Dima Hasao District.

## SECONDARY EDUCATION

My Government has initiated various ambitious programmes with a mission to improve the quality of Secondary Education and for all round development of the students. In order to reduce school dropout rate and to ensure free, equal access to education for all children at Secondary level, the Government of Assam have provided free admission for students in Class XI & XII, free Text-Books for the students of Class-IX to XII and waiver of examination fees for poor students appearing in HSLC and HSSLC examination with parental income of Rs 2.00 lakh or below. Since inception, 3,90,585 nos. of student beneficiaries enrolled in Class-XI & XII so far have been covered under this scheme with financial implication of Rs 3368.745 lakh. During current year, my Government has decided to waive all fees for admission into Class-XI & XII of Provincialized/ Government Higher Secondary Schools and Senior Secondary Schools. No admission fees, tuition fees including any other fees including the cost of prospectus and admission forms etc, shall be charged from the students/ parents irrespective of their financial status such as APL, BPL.

For provincialization of Venture Educational Institutions, my Government enacted the Assam Education (Provincialization of Services of Teachers & Re-organization of Educational Institutions) Act/2017 amended in 2018. Accordingly, 3132 teaching staff working in 415 nos. of eligible Educational Institutions has so far been recommended for provincialization.

26 nos. of Principals, 434 nos. of Headmasters/ Superintendents and 65 nos. of Assistant Head masters/ Assistant Superintendents have been appointed during 2019-20. Government has also issued advertisement for filling up of 5746



nos. of post of Post Graduate Teachers pertaining to Science & Arts streams in Provincialized Secondary schools.

In order to make the teaching of 'Assamese' language as a compulsory subject in all English and other medium schools up-to Class-X, Government has legislated "Assamese Language Act, 2020".

Under the prestigious 'Anundoram Barooah Award scheme', my Government, during current year, has provided cash award @ Rs 20,000/-, through DBT mode, in lieu of Laptop to 16,949 nos. of meritorious students who have secured 80 Marks and above in the HSLC Examination, 2020 conducted by SEBA.

My Government has also decided for expanding the scope of providing free uniforms covering the students of class-IX & X at a cost of Rs 700/- per year. An amount of Rs 45.5356 crores has already been sanctioned for implementation of the scheme during current year. A total of 122,99,577 nos. of Free Text Books have been distributed amongst 13,36,422 nos. of students of Class-IX to XII for the academic session 2020.

The scheme of "Tele - Education through virtual classroom" has been implemented covering 250 nos. of Government/ Provincialised HS schools in the state with the help of 3<sup>rd</sup> party technical experts. A sum of Rs 4.58 crores has been released for implementation of Tele-Education programme during current year. My Government is also exploring scope for expansion of Tele Classrooms in another 250 schools.

Construction of Adarsha Vidyalaya (Model School) in 46 nos. of Educationally Backward Blocks (EBBs) have been undertaken under RMSA and out of this 20 nos. of Adarsha Vidyalayas have already been made functional. Another 10

Adarsha Vidyalayas are ready for operationalization. Total enrollment of these Adarsha Vidyalayas is 11,061.

To strengthen the capital assets of Secondary schools, infrastructure development interventions taken up under erstwhile RMSA for a total of 2279 nos. of Secondary schools, in which, 2122 additional classrooms, 1133 integrated Science Laboratories, 976 Computer Laboratories, 890 Libraries, 110 Art Craft Culture rooms and 3793 Toilet Blocks have been completed.

For providing residential facilities to the Girls at Secondary level from the marginalized families and Educationally backward communities, 100 bedded Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya-IV (KGVV-IV) are being constructed in various High and Higher Secondary school campuses in 81 Educationally Backward C.D. Blocks. Out of which, construction is completed in 50 nos. of Hostels and 35 Girls Hostels are functioning and another 14 Hostels are ready for functioning.

Opening of Bank Accounts for all students from class-I to XII of all schools (including Private Schools) have been initiated under Samagra Siksha. Accidental benefit will be provided with Bank Accounts. Samagra Shiksha, Assam has already opened Bank Accounts of about 9.00 lakh students of the state so far.

Introduction of Robotics labs in 100 Secondary and Sr. Secondary schools in Assam in a phased manner is one of the major progresses of non-civil activities of RMSA, Assam. AI based education has also been introduced. Computerization of administration in Education Deptt is initiated to make it a paperless office.

Launching of 'Gyan Brikkhya', an exclusive educational channel for students of Class-I to X, 'Biswa Vidya Assam', in

Radio broadcasting mode, Mobile App mode and through YouTube channel, DIKSHA PORTAL-One Nation One Platform, Swayam Prabha-a DTH TV channel, Artificial intelligence etc are a few special Government initiatives through RMSA, Assam during COVID-19 pandemic period.

Aadhaar Enrolment of students have been initiated to enroll all students (Including Private Schools) from Class-I to XII with Aadhaar. Samagra Shiksha, Assam is designated as Nodal agency for Aadhaar Enrolment of school students. 372 Aadhaar kiosks provided and 744 operators have been identified & trained for the purpose. The Aadhaar Enrolment has already been done for 20188 students so far.

#### **SECRETARIAT ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT**

My Government has introduced Manav Sampada/ Human Resource Management System in Secretariat and service books of all the employees under its control have been digitized. Late in the year 2019 new modules viz. Online Leave, Online Annual Confidential Report and Annual Property Return have been introduced.

With a view to deliver information & services in a consistent and accurate manner to maintain transparency in governance the ePrastuti project has been initiated. The State portal is being upgraded incorporating new features under ePrastuti.

#### **SKILL EMPLOYMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

My Government has empanelled 193 training partners (TPs) with 761 training centres (TCs) to train 86,000 candidates across 35 sectors and 179 job roles under Placement Linked Skill Training Program (PLSTP). Till date 56,193 candidates have been trained and 55,789 nos. of candidates have been certified till date and total 20,153 nos. of candidates have been placed.

My Government has also empanelled 42 Training Partner with 99 Training Centres to impart training under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikash Yojana (PMKVY). My Government is also promoting Skill training on Japanese language and in 1<sup>st</sup> phase 180 candidates are being trained.

My Government has set up North East Skill Centre (NESC) at Guwahati in collaboration with ITEES, Singapore to provide skill training at par with international standards in the sector of Retail, Hospitality and Beauty and Wellness. My Government has also envisioned the establishment of the first Assam Skill University in Mangaldoi which will be a cornerstone in reshaping all vocational skilling efforts in the state as well as the Northeastern region of India. The Assam Skill University Act, 2020 has already been in force with the financial support from Asian Development Bank with an investment of \$112 million.

Under National Career Service (NCS), a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, my Government has set up 5 (five) nos. of Model Career Centres (MCCs) at District Employment Exchanges at Guwahati, Nagaon, Jorhat, Haflong and Silchar. Job Melas were organised by the Directorate of Employment and Craftsmen Training in 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20 where 24,200 candidates participated and around 924 candidates were shortlisted against various technical and non-technical posts.

Newly constructed ITI at Golaghat has been made operational with the support of NRL and ITI Titabor with the support of Institute Management Committee of ITI Jorhat where NRL is the Industry partner. ITI Divyang has been notified for establishment at Dibrugarh and another new ITI at Sootea in Biswanath District. Further, 27 new ITIs are established under PPP mode to provide skill training to the youths of Assam to give impetus and fillip in skilling initiatives.

Under Karagaror pora Karikor, short-term skill development training on Electrical courses for the jailed inmates was inaugurated at the Central Jail Jorhat on 01-01-2018.

### **SOCIAL WELFARE**

My Government is committed to contribute towards overall development of women, children, differently able person, Senior Citizens and Welfare of Transgender Community of the society.

Under the Flagship Scheme Integrated Child Development Services Scheme, an amount of Rs. 107660.33 lakh has been released during the year 2020-21 (90:10 as Central & State Share). Under Supplementary Nutrition Programme there is a budget provision amounting to Rs.60550.96 lakh during the year 2020-21 (90:10 as Central & State Share).

Union Cabinet chaired by the Hon'ble Prime Minister has approved setting up of Poshan Abhiyan, (National Nutrition Mission-NNM) with the objective to reduce stunting, under-nutrition, anaemia (among young children, adolescent girls and women) and reduce low birth weights across all the districts of the country in a phased manner. An amount of Rs. 15,026 lakh has been released during the year 2020-21 under POSHAN Abhiyan.

Under "Deen Dayal Divyangjan Pension Achoni", my Government has benefited 1,60,612 nos. beneficiaries in 2020-21. An amount of Rs. 20725 lakhs has been released during the year 2020-21 (as SOPD) under "Deen Dayal Divyangjan Pension Scheme".

State Transgender Welfare Board, Assam has been constituted and is registered under Societies Registration Act, 1980. During the year 2020-21, Rs. 142.50 lakh is allotted for the scheme.

### **SOIL CONSERVATION**

My Government has targeted to develop about 16310.99 hectares of rainfed agricultural lands by taking up various Soil-Moisture and Water Conservation measures with a financial involvement of Rs. 2935.978 lakh under Jal Shakti Abhiyan during the year 2020-21. Accordingly, the department has developed about 6122.54 hectares of agricultural lands with a financial expenditure of Rs. 1102.058 lakh. During the year 2019-20, the department developed about 2928.00 hectares of degraded wetlands in 17 (Seventeen) different locations of Assam and put into use for composite farming with an amount of Rs. 527.0785 lakh. 12317.48 hectares of Rainfed agricultural lands have been developed with a financial involvement of Rs. 2217.3281 lakh under the programme.

My Government has implemented about 78 numbers of Projects with a financial involvement of Rs.5994.928 lakh under the programme and thereby creating valuable assets in the field of Soil and Water conservation enabling the farmers to practice from mono cropping to double cropping.

An amount of Rs. 4534.00 lakh has been released by my Government to implement different projects for Watershed Development under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) with a target of developing 37,783 hectares of rainfed agricultural lands during the year 2020-21.

### **SPORTS & YOUTH WELFARE**

To promote Assam as the Sports Hub of India and establish Guwahati as the Sports Capital of the Country, my Government has conducted the Mega event "3<sup>rd</sup> Edition of Khelo India Youth Games, 2020" (KIYG, 2020 at Guwahati from 10<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2020 where more than 12,000 participants took part from across

all the States/Union Territories of the country. This event has provided the budding sports persons of the State an opportunity to showcase their talent.

My Government has enhanced the amount of scholarship of the State Sports Talent Search Scholarship from the current financial year 2019-20.

As a part of the initiative towards developing sports infrastructure in rural areas, my Government has already sanctioned and released an amount of Rs.40.00 crores for development of 500 playfields (2 playfields per Development Block) in the entire state through Assam Youth Development Mission Society (AYDMS).

My Government has also initiated the process for setting up of a University which would be the first of its kind in the State and will offer under-Graduate and Post – Graduate courses in the areas of Physical Education, Sports Science, Sports Technology, Sports Medicine, Sports Management and Sports Coaching and research related to Sports and applied Sports areas. The Vice Chancellor and the Registrar have already been appointed and the necessary step has been taken for engagement of other Administrative and Academic Staffs.

To popularize & for preservation of the Traditional Sports Games which are an important part of our heritage, my Government had conducted Indigenous Games at District Level and State Level during 2018-19 and 2019-20.

For the first time, as an initiative to make sports for all, my Government had conducted the State Level Divyangjan Sports Meet (Special and Para Olympic) during 2018-19 at Guwahati in which more than 200 participants had participated.

## TEA TRIBES WELFARE

Under the special scheme for welfare of tea tribes initiated by my Government to support self-employed youths a scheme – “Swahid Dayal Das Panika Swaniyojan Achoni” has been taken up whereby 15,168 nos. of educated self-employed youths of Tea Tribes community are being provided with financial grant of Rs. 25,000.00 each during the current financial year 2020-21.

For preservation, development and promotion of culture of the Tea Tribes community, my Government has taken up construction of at least 75 nos. of Rangamanchas or cultural pavilions costing Rs. 15.00 lakh each in as many tea gardens. For promotion of sports among the Tea Tribes’ community, my Government has taken up construction works of Football Academies at Rangapara in Sonitpur district, Chota Tingrai in Tinsukia district and Archery Academy at Sonari of Charaideo district.

My Government has taken every effort to continually provide financial assistance to patients suffering from TB, Cancer and other malignant diseases on a year to year basis. Recognizing the role of collective self reliance, and financial inclusion through self help groups (SHGs), my Government has been providing financial grants @ Rs. 25,000/- each to Women SHGs.

My Government has also made it mandatory that each of the administrative and implementing department under Government of Assam dedicates at least 5 % of their annual allocated budget for the tea garden areas; which has resulted in departments like – PWD constructing all-weather roads in tea garden areas, NHM implementing health related schemes on PPP mode with tea garden hospitals, introduction of Mobile

Medical Units in tea gardens and such other developmental works taking place in the tea garden areas.

### **TOURISM**

My Government has taken up the infrastructure development works at Kamakhya under PRASAD scheme funded by Government of India which is almost completed.

In the Wildlife circuit of Manas-Pobitora-Nameri-Kaziranga-Dibru Saikhowa under Swadesh Darshan scheme and in the Heritage circuit of Tezpur- Majuli- Sivasagar under Swadesh Darshan scheme funded by Government of India, the construction of various components shall be completed within March 2021. Moreover, a project viz. Development of Buddhist Destination centre at Sivasagar Buddha Vihar funded by NEC is also in progress which is also likely to be completed by March 2021.

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SUHRID scheme under MLALAD was introduced during 2016-17 and under this scheme, financial support is extended towards meeting the health and educational needs of the poor

and needy people. For this purpose, Rs 50 lakh per LAC is sanctioned every year.

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of the state have performed well and secured ranks for good achievements in sectors like Agriculture, Health & Nutrition, education & Skill Development, Basic Infrastructure etc.

## **TRANSPORT**

My Government has brought transparency in collection of Motor Vehicle Revenue, cashless transactions for collection of Motor Vehicle Taxes, M.V Fees, Permit Fees etc. in all districts of the state including Commissioner of Transport by providing POS machines w.e.f 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2020.

My Government has also taken initiatives for augmentation of fleet during last couple of years and initiated construction of 18(eighteen) different capacities vessels both steel & wooden out of which 12(twelve) so far have been completed and remaining 6 (six) are in final stage of construction and to be commissioned in ferry services within current financial year.

Further, to ensure better connectivity between north & south of Brahmaputra valley especially at Dhubri, Guwahati and Majuli, the Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) under Ministry of Shipping, Government of India has provided 4(four) 38.0m long Ro-Pax vessels and launching of the same are likely to be held within current financial year. Under the AIWTDP, 20 nos. State of the Art Vessels are being procured.

Schemes such as Uberization has been launched to promote entrepreneurship, Dharmajyoti scheme for pilgrimage, electric buses have been provided as part of Swacch Kamakhya vision 2027, a luxury Benz AC bus has been provided in Mumbai for cancer patients of Assam and Bhraman Sarathi Scheme to provide safe and women-centric public transportation services. Under the Bhraman Sarathi scheme, 25 nos. of pink buses have been provided. Under infrastructure development and

upgradation, station building has been developed in Majuli, Electric bus charging station in Biswanath Chariali and ISBT at Rangapara, Tezpur and Khanapara are under construction.

I am pleased to announce that the Assam State Transport Corporation has also managed to turn around its financial health substantially since Financial Year 2016-17. From an annual turnover of Rs. 79.56 crores in FY 2016-17, it has now reached an annual turnover of Rs. 101 crores which is a remarkable improvement of 27 per cent.

## **URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

My Government has undertaken different schemes like construction of roads with paver blocks, construction of RCC covered drains, public toilets, beautification of parks, walking zones, water bodies, installation of high mast LED lights, installation of solar lights and others. An amount of Rs. 15024.97 lakh for construction of 334 km roads with Paver Block for the year 2018-19 and 2019-20 has been utilised. Under "Project Jyoti", Rs. 1000.00 lakh has been released to 92 ULBs during 2017-18. 116 nos. of LPK Tippers and 46 Skid Steer Loaders have been provided to the ULBs for solid waste disposal during 2020-21.

Under NLCPR and NEC schemes of the Ministry of DoNER, Government of India, 14 nos. of major infrastructure projects worth Rs. 26319.75 lakh are under various stages of implementation.

The Assam Urban Water Supply and Sewerage Board has taken up 76 Urban Water Supply schemes for supplying treated drinking water in 61 towns of Assam. Under 5<sup>th</sup> Assam State Finance Commission (2016-2020), the works of 9 (nine) nos. of water supply schemes have already started.

All the urban areas of Assam have been declared as "Open defecation Free" by Government of India. Moreover, in an annual survey conducted by Government of India on cleanliness, hygiene and sanitation called Swachh Survekshan-2020, Assam has become the fastest mover state among the states having less than 100 ULBs and 8 Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) were able to secure 1st rank in different categories.

Under the Mission of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban), 1.16 lakh houses have been approved and sanctioned under Beneficiary Led Construction (BLC) component by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), Government of India.

Under the Mission of DAY-NULM, Self Help Groups (SHGs) have been formed along with Area Level Federations (ALFs) and City Livelihoods Centres (CLCs). Skill training to the urban poor households have also been given for gainful employment.

Under Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT), 20 nos. of projects are being executed which include parks and water supply projects in the 4 mission cities viz. Dibrugarh, Guwahati, Nagaon and Silchar. The 3 nos. of water supply projects are to be commissioned by July, 2022 and a total of 7,07,146 nos. of persons will be getting piped water at their homes. Online Building Permission System, being one of the reforms under AMRUT Mission has been implemented in Nagaon town on pilot basis which will soon be implemented in the other towns.

## **WATER RESOURCES**

My Government has protected 16.50 lakh hectares of flood affected land out of 31.05 lakh hectares of flood prone area in the state by constructing 4486.44 Km of embankment, 1019

nos. of anti-erosion & town protection works, 101 nos. of major sluice & 545 nos. of minor sluice, 892.216 Km of drainage channels and 897.614 Km of raising & strengthening of existing dyke.

My Government has also taken up flood & erosion management as well as infrastructure development schemes under different heads of account since 2016-17 to 2020-21. These include 113 nos. of schemes under SOPD-G for Rs. 218.29 crores, 27 nos. of schemes at a cost of Rs. 46.07 crores for Rejuvenation of Kollong river in Nagaon District, 10 nos. of schemes for flood management as well as development of W.R. Complex at Majuli for Rs. 27.91 crores, 150 nos. of schemes under NABARD for Rs. 399.17 crores, 4 nos. of schemes under Signature Project (UTTARON) for Rs. 40.00 crores, 2 schemes under funding of Ministry of DoNER (NESIDS) for Rs. 48.75 crores, 15 schemes for Rs. 36.49 crores under CM package for Barak Valley and 48 schemes at a cost of Rs. 607.98 lakh were taken up during 2019-20 under SOPD-FDR for closing 38 breaches.

Further, loan against 25 schemes for Rs. 50.00 crores have been sanctioned under NABARD (RIDF-XXVI) for the year 2020-21.

My Government has also prepared the Preliminary Project Report for the proposed World Bank funded project "Assam Integrated River Basin Management Project (AIRBMP)" and the same has been approved in principle.

## **WELFARE OF MINORITIES AND DEVELOPMENT**

During the financial year 2016-17 to 2019-20 a total of 7,51,002 nos. of students under Pre-Matric Scholarship, 1,18,924 nos. of students under Post Matric Scholarship and



17,851 nos. of students under Merit-cum-Means Scholarship were benefited and for the year 2020-21 verification process is going on.

Under Centrally Sponsored Scheme, Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikash Karyakram (PMJVK), Rs.43749.0612 lakh was allocated and Rs.37418.5181 lakh has been received from Government of India during the period 2016-17 to 2019-20.

#### **WELFARE OF PLAIN TRIBES & BACKWARD CLASSES**

For specific development of various ethnic communities under the aegis of 6 (six) Autonomous Councils, Rs. 25377.31 lakh has been allocated for overall development of the 6 (six) Autonomous Councils (Mising Autonomous Council, Rabha Hasong Autonomous Council, Tiwa Autonomous Council, Sonowal Kachari Autonomous Council, Thengal Kachari Autonomous Council, Deori Autonomous Council) for the year 2021-22.

New Autonomous Councils, viz. Kamatapur Autonomous Council for the Koch Rajbongshi community residing in undivided Goalpara District excluding BTAD & Rabha Hasong Autonomous Council areas, Moran Autonomous Council and Mattak Autonomous Council have been created.

Moreover, Bill for creation of Bodo Kachari Welfare Council outside BTAD has been passed in the Assam Legislative Assembly during the winter session of Assam Legislative Assembly.

My Government has taken up for providing One Time Special Grants to Moran, Mattak, Chutiya and Tai Ahom communities under SOPD as follows:

i)	Moran Community	-	Rs. 6250.00 lakh
ii)	Mattak Community	-	Rs. 6250.00 lakh
iii)	Chutiya Community	-	Rs. 6250.00 lakh
iv)	Tai Ahom Community	-	Rs. 12500.00 lakh

My Government has issued Administrative Approval for Construction of 37 nos. of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Bhawans at different places of the District & Sub-Divisional Head Quarters during the period from 2016-17 to 2020-21 and out of which 5 (five) nos. of Ambedkar Bhawans have been completed and construction work of remaining 32 nos. of Ambedkar Bhawans are going on.

Financial Assistance has been provided to graduate unemployed SC, ST & OBC Youths @ Rs. 25,000/- per beneficiary for their self-employment & income generation during 2020-21.

Construction of Auditorium cum Ultra-Modern Public Community Hall in the memory of Baishnab Pandit Acharjya Ilaram Das at Majuli is under progress.

An amount of Rs. 1018.92 lakh has been allocated to 31 nos. of Development Councils for the upliftment of various ethnic communities for the year 2021-22. An amount of Rs. 60236.74 lakh has been allocated under SOPD for the year 2021-22 for the development works in the BTAD area.

In Agriculture, major achievements are distribution of Tractors under Chief Minister Samagra Gramya Unnayan Yojana (CMSGUY). Total 3176 nos. of Tractors distributed in BTC. Total 22,646 nos. of House Hold Latrine (HHL) completed and total 1,13,230 people have benefited under Swach Bharat Abhiyan. 417 nos. of schemes undertaken under JJM (Jal Jeevan Mission) in four districts of BTC.

My Government has been paying special attention for the development of tribal areas under Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP) and providing benefits to the Scheduled Caste people through Scheduled Caste Sub-Plan (SCSP). An amount of Rs.7735.56 lakhs under TSP and Rs.17439.10 lakhs under SCSP has been allocated for the year 2021-22.

Hon'ble Members, I have outlined the policies, programmes and achievements of my Government. My Government is committed to fulfill all the promises made to people of Assam. I request this August House to support and work together for all- round development of the State and for the benefit of all the sections of the people of Assam.

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