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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 in this special session of Assam Legislative Assembly. As we embark into a new decade, we take a moment to look back into the past decade gone by.

My Government has overcome many a challenges, human and natural, with fortitude and resilience to achieve many a milestones in last few years. My Government has been able to script a new development narrative for the State. The State has witnessed tremendous push in infrastructure sector whether roads, bridges, schools, colleges, medical colleges, housing etc. My Government has implemented a number of welfare programmes on an unprecedented scale whether old age pension, disability pension, widow pension, housing for poor, cooking gas connections, electricity connections, food security etc. The past years have seen many daughters and sons of Assam bringing laurels in various spheres of human endeavour from sports to entertainment to culture. As I speak, the 3rd Khelo India Youth Games are being held in Guwahati. I am sure that our boys and girls will bring laurels to the State. Their performance will inspire many more youth to take up sports.

My Government has given top priority to safeguard the rights of indigenous people of Assam and preserve and promote our cultural, social, linguistic identity and heritage. My Government has taken expedient measures for implementation of Clause 6 of Assam Accord. The Government of India has set up a High Level Committee under the Chairmanship of Justice Biplab Kr. Sarma to suggest measures for implementation of Clause 6 of Assam Accord. The Committee is expected to give its report shortly. In order to safeguard the rights of indigenous people over land, my Government has adopted a new land policy. The Assam Land and Revenue Regulation, 1886 has been amended to facilitate removal of encroachment from all religious institutions like Sattras. My Government proposes to bring a law to protect the rights of indigenous people of the State over land. My Government has taken up an ambitious Bhasa Gaurav Achni to preserve and promote Assamese and other indigenous languages. My Government will bring a legislation to make it mandatory to teach Assamese language as a compulsory subject in English and other schools soon. My Government has taken a number of steps to fulfill aspirations of various ethnic communities of the State.

Hon'ble Members, I would now like to highlight some achievements attained by my Government in all the spheres of the administration.

ACT EAST POLICY AFFAIRS

The Act East Policy Affairs Department was created in 2017 to give shape to the vision of our Hon'ble Prime Minister

regarding the proactive Act East Policy. In the last two years the Department has undertaken a number of path-breaking steps.

The Department organized "Sampark Yatra" - a bus tour of Hon'ble Members of Assam Legislative Assembly and senior bureaucrats to Bangladesh and Myanmar from 26th June to 5th 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.

The Department also organized the India-Bangladesh Stakeholders' Meet in Guwahati on 22nd and 23rd of October 2019, in association with the Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce, Government of India - which was able to generate awareness about the opportunities made available to exporters and transporters on connectivity and trade, and harness comprehensive cooperation of all relevant stakeholders to achieve synergy on that count.

The Department had organized a round table conference of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Assam with Ambassadors, High Commissioners of ASEAN and BBN countries, and their representatives; and discussed ways and means to develop business and cultural relations with these countries.

The Department plans to charter newer territories in the coming financial year. With Transport Department, it plans to

upgrade the Guwahati Airport into a global airport; and also, launch 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, India-Bhutan Stakeholders' Meet in Guwahati. Besides, it 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, it also plans to organize an ASEAN-BBN Mega Cultural Meet with a Food Festival and Exhibition of Ethnic Textiles.

ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS & TRAINING

The foundation stone for the Anundaram Borooah Academy of Administration at Umrangshu was laid by the Chief Minister in February 2019. Construction of the Jogging park and Boundary wall of the Academy will be finished by March 2020.

Under the Mid-Career Training, officers of 30 years seniority and 20 years seniority are to be sent to the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy (LKYSPP), Singapore for training during 2019-20. This would help in developing the innate qualities of our Civil Servants and boost up their morale which would further gear them up in the sphere of service delivery.

It is heartening to inform that the Administrative Approval for Rs. 1000.00 lakh has been issued for setting up of the

permanent office building for Assam State Information Commission during 2018-19, the foundation stone for which was laid by the Chief Minister on 26th June 2019.

Assam Right to Public Services (Amendment) Act 2019 has been issued. State Commission for Public Services will be set up on the pattern of Assam State Information Commission which will further strengthen the Public delivery of notified services under ARTPS ACT.

AGRICULTURE

Assam has succeeded in increasing total food grain production from 55.26 Lakh MT in 2017-18 to 56.82 Lakh MT in 2018-19. A total of 54.37 Lakh MT of rice was produced in 2018-19 against 52.84 Lakh MT in 2017-18. Similarly pulse production in 2018-19 has been increased to 1.13 Lakh MT. Although Assam is not known for Maize production yet, the Maize production in the State has been increased to 1.05 Lakh MT against 0.98 Lakh MT in 2017-18.

To provide information like soil reaction and nutrient contents of farmer's field, the Agriculture department has been distributing Soil Health Cards to each farmer of the State. From 2017-18 to 2018-19, 11,48,058 Nos. of Soil Health Cards have been distributed amongst the farmers and another 65,000 Nos. are ready for distribution.

Under PM Kisan Samman Nidhi, an amount of Rs. 1,598.09 Crore has been transferred to 79,90,467 Nos. of beneficiary's

account in 4 instalments. Under Prime Minister Fasal Bima Yojana farmers in the State are now able to insure notified crops like paddy, jute, black gram, sugarcane and rape and mustard just by paying Rs. 1.00 against 1.0 Ha. of cultivation.

Establishment of 19 nos. of new Soil Testing, Quality Control and Input Testing Laboratories in 19 districts is going on along with renovation of 7 nos. existing Soil Testing Laboratories under RIDF scheme. To encourage scientific cultivation of different crops Agriculture department is providing Rs. 5000/- to each farmer to procure farm implements. It is decided to offer benefit to 6 Lakh farmers during the year 2019-20. In the field of agricultural mechanization, a total of 14,653 nos. of Power Tillers, 174 nos. of Rotary Tillers, 313 nos. of Rice Mills, 7576 nos. of STWs have been distributed at subsidized rate along with other machineries and equipment during 2016-17 to 2018-19.

With an aim to provide adequate and timely credit for the comprehensive credit requirement of farmers for their cultivation, State agriculture department has given priority on distribution of KCC to farmers. During the year 2019-20 (till 21st December, 2019) more than 1.12 Lakh nos. of KCCs have been issued to farmers.

To promote organic agriculture, Agriculture department has given thrust to popularize organic cultivation amongst the farmers and has taken up a scheme to make Majuli as Organic Hub. Moreover, 220 clusters under Paramparagot Krishi Vikash Yojana (PKVY), have already been PGS certified.

Horticulture

My Government is giving thrust on Horticulture as priority sector. Support under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes like Horticulture Mission for North East & Himalayan States (HMNEH), Rashtriya Krishi Vikash Yojana (RKVY), Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana, (PMKSY) Per Drop More Crop as well as State plan Schemes have significantly increased.

Micro Irrigation i.e. Drip and Sprinkler irrigation system has become popular amongst farmers during implementation of the Prime Minister Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY). Government of India has allocated Rs. 42.00 Crores during the year 2019-20. The State Government has provided additional 30% subsidy as top up from CMSGUY.

Introduction of new high value fruit crops like Strawberry, Water Melon, Apple Ber and Dragon Fruits has become popular and accepted by farmers as commercially profitable crop in the state.

Directorate of Horticulture and Food Processing with support from the Scheme of Rashtriya Krishi Vikash Yojana has promoted 20 nos. of Farmers Producer Organization of which 15 of them were Registered under the Company's Act and become Farmers Producers Companies (FPC).

To promote Organic Farming in the State, approximately 10,000 hectare of land is covered under Organic Certification Programme with support from Central Sector Scheme of "Mission Organic Value Chain Development in North Eastern Region"

(MOVCDNER). The produces so far received marked IC-2 Certificate (2nd year Organic) from competent authority of Government of India.

Organic Ginger and Turmeric produced by Tetelia Agro Producer Company Ltd. (FPC) promoted under MOVCDNER has exported 150 MT produce to Swaziland, South Africa by local Entrepreneur "Green Cover Overseas".

Sankar Azan FPC promoted under RKVY exported fresh vegetables to countries like Dubai.

Under "Assam Project on Agri business and Rural Transformation" (APART) a World Bank aided project, few new technologies were adopted in demonstrations viz. Zero Tillage Potato farming, use of Potato planters and Potato harvesters for the benefit of farmers.

As per Budget announcement, work for setting up of an Orchid Park has already been initiated at Kohora near Kaziranga, which is biodiversity hot spot of Assam and a new College of Horticulture will be set up near Maibong in Dima Hasao district.

ANIMAL HUSBANDRY & VETERINARY

Assam government has approved the OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY-FINANCIAL STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE (OE-FSOP) in the Cabinet which will facilitate departmental farms as best demonstration units for extension as well as training purposes by bring in a Financial Standard Operating Procedure (FSOP) to allow for optimal operational and maintenance support.

Government has also approved the 1. POLICY FOR PRIVATE INVESTMENT PROMOTION IN LIVESTOCK SECTOR IN ASSAM, 2. GOAT BREEDING POLICY, 3. PIG BREEDING POLICY in the Cabinet 2019. The POLICY FOR PRIVATE INVESTMENT PROMOTION IN LIVESTOCK SECTOR IN ASSAM will encourage private investment in livestock & poultry sector of the state.

The Dept. has revitalized the disease detection lab network in the state and made them compliant to FSSAI standards for animal based products and the Regional Feed Testing Laboratory for testing the feed standards.

The Dept. has also institutionalized "Dhenu" an online portal as a one-step online resource for information, monitoring and instant feedback through call center and grievance redressals. "Dhenu" aims at Reinvention and Transformation of the Department by automating both its functional and administrative activities.

Livestock Insurance programme is being implemented by the Dept. for protection of farming community against probable losses of their Livestock arising out of death due to diseases, flood or any other natural disasters under National Livestock Mission (NLM).

Sixteen numbers of Milk and milk products testing laboratory will be established in 16 districts of the state at the total cost of Rs.160.00 lakh for testing of milk and milk product for the consumers as well as producers and traders in conformity with food safety standard of milk and milk products.

ASSAM ACCORD

The Implementation of Assam Accord has come a long way in the last three decades with tangible achievement such as fencing of the Indo-Bangladesh border with border roads and floodlight for patrolling, establishment of IIT, Guwahati and two Central and four State Universities, establishment of the Sankardeva Kalakhetra at Guwahati, modernization of JyotiChitran Film Studio, commissioning of the Numaligarh Refinery and Brahmaputra Gas Cracker Project Ltd., Construction of Bogibeel Rail-cum Road Bridge over river Brahmaputra as well as preservation and promotion of cultural & linguistics heritage of the people of Assam -through assistance to Satras and various institutes of art and culture.

As per decision of the State Government, a financial assistance @ Rs. 5.00 lakhs has been paid to the 804 Nos families of martyrs during the year 2016-17 as a token of recognition of those who made the ultimate sacrifice during the Assam Agitation.

During the year, 2018-2019 the State Government has also given an amount of Rs.2.00 lakhs (Rupees Two lakhs) each to the 268 number of bullet injured persons/next-of-kin of the bullet injured person of Assam Agitation with a total financial assistance of Rs. 5.36 Crores.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Assam had laid the foundation stone of the proposed "Swahid Smarak Khetra & Park" at PaschimBoragaon, under Kamrup (Metro) District in the memory of the martyrs of Assam Movement on 10th December, 2019.

Regarding speedy implementation of clause 6 of Assam Accord, 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. The Committee will suggest measures for effective implementation of clause 6 of the Assam Accord.

BORDER PROTECTION & DEVELOPMENT

The Border Protection & Development Department aims at providing all round development in the remotest corner of the State of Assam and to instil a sense of security to the border population.

My Government is taking all necessary steps to reach out to the neighbouring states of Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura, Nagaland and West Bengal.

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

The Border Protection & Development Department has taken up two new schemes namely, 'Model Village' and 'Simanta Gyan Aahoran Asoni' in the International Border Areas of Assam. Eight villages have been identified for developing them into Smart / Model villages and development works in these villages are now in progress.

During the Financial Year 2020-21, priority will be given for covering the border areas of 24 Districts along the Inter-state

Borders with good road connectivity. For this purpose, it is proposed for a new scheme namely, "Mukhya Mantri Simanta Sarak Yojana" for construction/ repair of the dilapidated roads in the Inter-state Border Areas.

To promote peaceful co-existence amongst the people living in the districts sharing borders with Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Tripura, Mizoram and West Bengal Border Festivals will be organized in the Inter-state Border Areas of the state.

CHIEF MINISTER'S SECRETARIAT

The Chief Minister's Relief Fund (CMRF) provides financial assistance to persons having health problems requiring expensive medical care, persons facing poverty due to old age as well as physical disability and persons affected by natural calamities such as floods etc. CMRF has provided financial assistance to 16,921 nos. of beneficiaries from May, 2016 till December, 2019.

Assam is the third state in India to promptly adopt the MyGov.in initiative that was started by Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2014. MyGovAssam is a popular social media platform that popularises various government schemes and brings awareness on vital social issues. The MyGovAssam team comprising professionals from varied backgrounds is wholeheartedly engaged in passing on government messages to the masses. By publicising government schemes and initiatives through online media MyGovAssam has helped ensure transparency in governance in remotest part of the State. Besides

publicising schemes, the portal runs campaign on important social issues and organises online contests. The Clean and Green Village campaign in all the 33 districts is one of the key outreach programmes run by MyGovAssam.

CO-OPERATION

The Co-operation Department has been at the forefront of the movement for socio-economic development of the people of Assam, especially the people living in rural areas and people living below the poverty line. This is done through formation of co-operatives in various income generating sectors like Dairy, Fishery, Horticulture, Agricultural products, Handloom & textile, Agro-processing, etc. MyGovernment have decided to implement Whole State Integrated Co-operative Development Project (ICDP) in Assam through National Co-operative Development Corporation (NCDC).

Warehousing as a component of logistic infrastructure plays a very key role as it bridges the demand supply gap, ensures timely supply and is instrumental for minimizing cost by reducing waste and turnaround time. A scheme for 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 based on the Agricultural produce and demand. Another project for construction of 2 Multi Commodity Cold Storage units of 5000 MT each in two districts of the state under Warehouse Infrastructure Fund (WIF) programme of

NABARD has been initiated with the release of an amount of Rs. 474.18 lakh. Another amount of Rs 469.67 lakh has been sanctioned for construction of multi commodity cold storage unit of 5000 MT at Hojai district.

Rural Godowns are being constructed under NABARD sponsored RIDF program to enhance and create sufficient rural storage capacity. A total of 244 rural godowns have been constructed under the RIDF-XVIII programme by March, 2019. In the meantime steps have been initiated for construction of another 33 scientific rural godowns.

Administrative approval has already been given for the total project cost of Rs 4673.85 lakh towards setting up a composite Jute Mill with capacity of 30 MT per day by the Assam Co-operative Jute Mill, the only Jute Mill of the co-operative sector in India. This project will create job opportunities for large number of skilled educated unemployed youth of the region.

Co-operation Department has released an amount of Rs. 158.71 lakh to initiate the works for up-gradation of the 50 MTPD capacity By-pass Protein Cattle Feed Plant and 12 MTPD capacity Mineral Mixture Plant at Changsari under RIDF to WAMUL for production of cattle feed and mineral mixture locally in the State which shall benefit the dairy farmers of the state.

Best performing Co-operative Societies in different categories have been awarded since 2016-17 under the scheme of "Bishista Samabai Manyata Bota".

CULTURAL AFFAIRS

The major activities and achievements of Directorate of Cultural Affairs for the year 2019-20 are :

- ◆ Financial assistance for supporting Artists, Technicians of Mobile Theatre @ Rs. 50,000 each to 1000 nos. artists and Silpi Sambardhana @ Rs. 50,000 each to 1000 nos. artists.
- ◆ The number of beneficiaries of Artists Pension has been increased from 100 nos. to 125 nos (@ Rs. 8,000 each/month), one time Ex-gratia grants from 70nos. to 95 nos. (@ Rs. 50, 000/- each) and one-time Special Financial Assistance to families of deceased artists from 15 to 20 respectively.
- ◆ The 3rd Guwahati International Film Festival 2019 was held at Guwahati from 31st Oct to 6th Nov, 2019.
- ◆ Bhimbor Deori Award was introduced and conferred on the 30th Nov, 2019 at Sivsagar. Also Biju Phukan Award, 2019 was held on 18th Feb, 2019 at Chowkidingi field, Dibrugarh.
- ◆ State Kati Bihu Utsav held on the 18th Oct, 2019 at Majuli.
- ◆ Among new projects, Renovation of Ban Theatre Auditorium, Tezpur, Bhimbor Deori Samannya Kshetra at Bihpuria, Lakhimpur, Sati Radhika Samannya Kshetra at Majuli, Statue construction of Sui-Ka-pha, Naranarayan, Bhaskar Barman at Dispur, Swargadeou Smriti Kshetra at Charaideo in memory of 42 Swargadeos etc. have been undertaken.

The Directorate of Archaeology, Assam, has received an allocation of Rs.4,694.15 Lakh including 13 Major Works under SOPD-G for the Financial Year 2019-20.

The Directorate has received an allocation of Rs.262.00 lakh for Protection, Preservation and Development of 12 (Twelve) Nos. of Archaeological Sites and Monuments of Assam. The Directorate has also received an allocation of Rs.3500.00 lakh for Protection, Preservation and Development following 2 (Two) Nos. of Schemes, i.e.

- ◆ Restoration of Batadrawa Than, Nagaon District for an amount of Rs.1000.00 lakh and
- ◆ Charaideo Archaeological Site, Charaideo District, for an amount of Rs.2500.00 lakh. Initiative has been taken to inscribe Charaideo as "World Heritage Site". In this connection, an expert has been invited for preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR), Dossier etc.

The foundation stone of a museum which shall preserve the collections of artifacts at Dakhinpat Sattrra, Majuli, has been laid. Works for a museum at Silchar, Barak valley has commenced. The works for the Patharughat Memorial Museum is also progressing. The construction works of the new District Museum at Dibrugarh is nearing completion and shall be opening soon. The District Museum at Nagaon has been inaugurated in the year 2019-20. The renovation of the Nilima Barua Folk Art Museum at Gauripur has also been completed. The major renovations of existing District museums at Jorhat and Mangaldai are also being done.

The Directorate of Library Services has received Rs. 1216.00 Lakh under SOPD-G and Rs. 1223.30 lakh under Revenue Account (EE. Est.) during the year 2019-20. Construction of library building at Silchar and up-gradation of Nabin Chandra Bordoloi Hall Library are going on. Construction of Sub-Divisional Library at Kaliabar, Titabor and Nazira are on process. The proposal for creation up-gradation of Sub-Divisional Library to District Library at South Salmara, Hojai, Biswanath Chariali & Majuli is under process.

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

The Elementary Education Department have implemented schemes such as providing Free Text Books to all girls, SC, ST and BPL boys across the State in all Government/ Provincialized schools in every academic year. For the academic year 2020, Free Text Books will be provided to 48,66,703 children of Government/ Provincialized schools covering all categories of students from 'Ka-Sreni' to Class VIII.

The 2nd round of Gunotsav was conducted in 33 districts covering 35,94,803 children from Class II to Class IX, to assess the qualitative achievement level of learners in terms of scholastic and co-scholastic aspect and infrastructural assessment of the school and remedial measures on the gaps identified and to provide remedial Support thereof. The per cent age (%) of schools in A+, A and B Grades has increased whereas % of schools in C and D Grades has decreased from 1st round in 2017 to 2nd round in Gunotsav 2018. The 3rd round of Gunotsav will be conducted during the month of February, 2020.

Among other activities, two Flagship Programmes namely "Mid-Day Meal" and "Sarba Siksha Abhijan" are being implemented by the Elementary Education Department with a view to improving the enrolment rates in schools and to improve the learning outcomes of the students.

EXCISE

The Excise Department is responsible for regulation of sale of alcohol and other approved intoxicants and the prevention of illicit distillation and clandestine trade of illicit liquor. The Department is also responsible for additional resource mobilization to the state. During the financial year 2018-2019 the amount of Excise revenue collected by the Department is Rs. 1400.03 Crores which is Rs. 282.39 crores more in comparison to the previous year. During the current financial year up to Nov/19, the department is having a revenue growth of 26.25 % (appx.) as compared to corresponding period of last year.

My Government is taking steps for introduction of Barcode containing holographic label on the liquor bottles which will ensure easy tracking of liquor bottles and curb evasion of excise revenue.

The Assam Excise Act, 2000 has been amended to make certain excise offences non-bailable and to make the penalty provisions more stringent. This is expected to curb excise law violations and revenue leakages. Police has also been given the power for search and seizure in respect of certain excise offences under the Excise Act, 2000. The Assam Excise Rules, 1945 was

replaced by the Assam Excise Rules, 2016. In the new rules, provisions were made to plug loopholes to prevent leakage in excise revenue. The point of levy of Excise duty was shifted from the retail to wholesale level. This has ensured that only duty paid liquor comes out from the manufactures to the wholesale warehouses.

The State Anti-Drug and Prohibition Council has been launching regular campaigns and mass awareness meetings in the tea garden and peripheral areas to create awareness among the public regarding the evils of consuming *Sulai*.

The Assam Excise (Amendment) Bill, 2019 has been passed by the Assam Legislative Assembly which will facilitate the introduction of relevant rules to control and regulate the production, control and regulate the production, storage, distribution, possession and sale of molasses in the State to deal effectively with the challenges posed by the rampant production, trade and consumption of the spurious liquor.

FINANCE

The Finance (Taxation) Department is the pivotal department in respect of collection of revenue for the State. The Commercial Tax Department of the State contributes more than 80% of the total tax revenue of the State. During the last financial year 2018-19, the State Government had collected Rs. 14050.02 crores with a growth of 17 % over the previous financial year. The growth rate under GST was 14%. In the current financial

year, up to November, the provisional figure indicates a 9 (nine) per cent growth in tax collection compared to the same period of last year. The growth rate under GST is 17%(including GST compensation)

- ◆ **RIDF** : The State Government diversified the projects under RIDF and decided to include Roads & Bridges, Irrigation, Flood Protection, Soil Conservation, Beel Fisheries, Marketing Infrastructure (Vegetable processing), Rural Godowns, Veterinary Hospitals & Sub-Centers, Cattle Feed Plant, Modern Abattoirs, Sericulture, Small Hydel Power, Agriculture etc.

During 2019-20, Finance Department has given sector-wise allocation against the sectors of Agriculture (Rs. 25.00 cr), Soil Conservation (Rs. 75.00 cr), A.H&Vety. (Rs. 60.00cr), Water Resources (Rs. 100.00cr), Irrigation (Rs. 60.00cr), Elementary Education (Rs. 100.00cr), PWD (Roads) (Rs.545.00cr), Public Health Engineering (Rs. 25.00cr) and Fishery (Rs. 10.00cr) against tentative normative allocation amounting Rs.1000.00cr communicated by NABARD under RIDF XXV.

- ◆ **Abhinandan**" the Education Loan Subsidy Scheme was first announced in the budget 2019-20. This new Education Loan Subsidy Scheme has the main objective to facilitate easy Education Loan for the permanent citizen of Assam. The State Government will deposit Rs. 50,000 in each and every existing education loan account to ensure that the parents and the students get the benefits in one stroke. Further,

Rs. 50,000 will also be provided as subsidy against each and every educational loan being sanctioned by the banks during the financial year 2019-20 also. An amount of Rs.75.00 crore has been earmarked in the budget in the current financial year 2019-20.

The housing loan scheme namely " AponGhar" launched in the year 2017-18 is also continuing and for this purpose in the current year (2019-20) an amount of Rs.50.00 crore has been earmarked for interest subvention. As per latest report, a total sum of Rs.2545.83 crore has been sanctioned against 22,264 nos. of Government employees.

- ◆ **Chief Minister Samagra Gramya Unnayan Yojana (CMSGUY)** which is targeted to double the farm income in five years' beginning from 2016-17 intervening in the crucial nine sectors in the rural areas. To realize this objective in terms of the 25,425 villages State Government has earmarked investment to the tune of Rs.1.20 crore to each revenue village during the 5 years period. The Governing Council of the Mega Mission Society under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Chief Minister decided to implement the following three important entry-point activities :
 - Supply of new tractors for farm mechanization.
 - Football field development in convergence with MGNREGA.
 - Establishment of Knowledge Centres.

My Government has started the practice of 18 flagship schemes taking inspiration from the 18 chapters of Bhagvad Gita. The composition of these flagship schemes is dynamic. After assessing each of the schemes at the end of one financial year, we decide to retain some schemes and revise some others. In the current year we have finalized a progressive set of 18 schemes. Many of these flagships have already been implemented like Abhinandan, Deen Dayal Divyang Sahayjya Asoni, Swahid Kushal Konwar Sarbajanin Briddha Pension Asoni, ANNA Yojana, Vistarita Atal Amrit Abhiyan, Krishak Kalyan Achoni, Mahabir Lachit and Chiralai Setu Nirman Achoni, Uttoron etc. Many schemes have been launched recently and are at various stages of implementation like Asom Maala Cancer Care Foundation, Arundhuti. While some schemes like Anandaram Minority Girls scholarship schemes etc. are in the process of being launched.

The World Bank aided ASPIRe project, reforms in cash and debt management has been effectively initiated and accordingly the cash flow projection on a weekly basis and forecast for monthly and annual has been stabilized in the State, which enables to manage the limited resources in a prudent manner. Medium term securities with a tenure of 3, 4, and 5 year has been issued depending upon the cushion available for repayment capacity of the State and the market conditions for issuance of such securities. Under the Commissionerate of Taxes, Assam has been selected for the development of a new e-governance software (for all non-GST taxes) which is expected

to increase the revenues of the State by an additional Rs 200-300 crores each year, giving more resources to carry on developmental work. This year steps have been taken further towards reforms in public finance in the state. As a progression to online ceiling, online salary bill, e-budgeting, etc. which were successfully introduced in the earlier years, the Finance Department is also working towards full-fledged implementation of financial sanctions and pilot implementation of Administrative approvals in the state. Government is also trying to build a common IT platform to enable faster implementation of DBT schemes in the state. This will enable the better visibility of the schemes to the citizens, and faster delivery to benefits to the citizens from the state. In line with the Digital India initiative of Government of India, my Government has started GRAS(Government Receipt Accounting System) a platform for collections various tax and non-tax revenues. The Lead Externally Aided Projects (LEAP) Cell was established in the Finance Department in February, 2017, as a part of the Restructuring Systems and Technology for Augmentation of Resources for Transformed Assam (ReSTART).

Two Farmers Incentives Schemes implemented in the last FY as per budget announcement, 2018-19 which are extended up to 31.03.2020.

- ◆ **Assam Farmers' Credit Subsidy Scheme (AFCSS), 2018 :-** Deposit of 25% of farmer's outstanding dues subject to a maximum limit of Rs.25,000/- in each loan account. The

scheme is extended up to 31.03.2020. Total no. of beneficiaries covered are 1,13,546 as on November, 2019.

- ◆ **Assam Farmers' Interest Relief Scheme (AFIRS), 2018 :-** Special support to the prompt paying farmers by providing interest subvention of 4% on short term crop loans so that the farmers get the crop loans at 0% interest. The scheme is extended up to 31.03.2020.

FISHERIES

Assam is endowed with vast fishery resources in the form of rivers, ponds, derelict water bodies and beels/ wetlands covering total water spread area of over 2.38 lakh hectare excluding 4820 KM riverine fisheries. The state is also rich in diverse fish-fauna with 216 fresh water species available and more than 150 fish species having ornamental importance and 50 species with overseas ornamental value.

Considering the importance of the sector, fishery sector has been identified as one of the Ratnas among the selected Navaratnas under the 'Chief Minister's Samagra Gramya Unnayan Yojana (CMSGUY)'.

Keeping in view the priorities of the government and the SDGs, the department has also oriented the activities/ programmes.

NABARD assisted Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) : Altogether 21 Fish Landing centers completed and 2 under process of completion and 9 Fish marketing

infrastructures completed and 2 under process of completion under RIDF XXI. 5 Government Farms taken up for development under RIDF XXI, one completed and rest under different stages of progress and likely to be completed in the month of March, 2020.

There are different stages of Development of 16 Beel Fisheries Projects (Rs. 2025.59 lakh) under implementation by AFDC Ltd with 52% progress under RIDF XXI, to be completed by March/ 2020.

The Fisheries Department have extended benefit to 278 Community Tank (7.5 bigha to 37.50 bigha) groups & 9041 individual ponds (1 bigha to 1.5 bigha) covering about 13,460 bighas (1795 ha) in all 126 LAC till date against the scheme *Ghare Ghare Pukhuri Ghare Ghare Maach*.

CMSGUY : For imparting training to the beneficiaries under RIDF XXIII, Ghare Ghare Pukhuri Ghare Ghare Maach, an amount of Rs. 100.00 lakh was released to College of Fisheries, Raha (Assam Agricultural University). Training already imparted to 10 batches of farmers (about 500) from different districts so far. It is expected that rest 1500 farmers will be imparted training within March/ 2020.

APART (Assam Agribusiness and Rural Transformation Project) : Under the scheme Polyculture Demonstration, 727 beneficiaries with water area 198.91 ha have been implemented in 13 APART districts and Rs.397.82 lakh has already been spent for 2018-19. For implementation of the scheme, 88 Fish Producing Groups (1590 beneficiaries) selected in 12 Districts during 2019-20.

For the scheme Paddy cum fish culture, 91 beneficiaries selected in 7 APART districts during 2018-19 and amount of Rs. 71.28 lakh has been released and spent. For current financial year 100 ha water area covering 206 beneficiaries in 9 districts selected for 2019-20. Altogether 4 of Beels (Sivasagar-2, Jorhat-1 and Majuli-1) have been sanctioned under the beel fishery development scheme till date in the year 2019-20.

Centrally Sponsored BLUE REVOLUTION : The Department has completed construction of 50 houses for SC/ST Fishermen. Under the scheme Creation of Fingerling rearing area, 587 beneficiaries with 90 ha water spread area have been selected in some selected districts of Assam and the progress is more than 75%. Under Blue Revolution, my government has also taken initiative for establishment of 20 Fish Seed hatcheries, 10 Medium Re-circulatory Aquaculture Systems, 2 Large Feed Mill of 10 tons capacity per day. For installation of cages, the Department has already released fund to the College of Fisheries, Raha (Assam Agricultural University) where 80 fishermen will be benefitted. The entire work will be completed by March/ 2020.

State Owned Priority Schemes (SOPD) : Under SOPD, 7 ha of new individual ponds constructed covering 50 beneficiaries in 3 districts of Barak valley, Fish culture inputs like fish feed and fish seed distributed in 74 ha covering about 600 beneficiaries, Inputs for Fish Seed Rearing and Fish-cum-pig culture distributed in Majuli for 17.5 ha covering 116 beneficiaries and 54 training programmes completed covering more than 1400 beneficiaries during 2018-19.

17 ha of water bodies under SC co-operative societies/ community/ group targeted for development in 7 districts covering 16 communities. Fishery Eco Tourism Development programme taken up in Lokapriya Gopinath Bordoloi Tank in Guwahati, which will be completed in February, 2020. The Department has provided Grants-in-aid to AFDC Ltd for Creation of Capital Asset through development of beel fisheries.

Rashtriya Krishi Vikash Yojana (RKVY) : Major activities taken up under RKVY which are under implementation: (i) Development of 45 ha of Beel fisheries (ii) Development of 25 ha of low lying areas into community tanks (iii) Distribution of 5 nos of fish transport refrigerated vans and 10 solar dryers to SHG/ community/ entrepreneur (iv) Installation of 2 GI cages in beels (v) Construction of two Magur hatcheries in departmental farms (vi) 210 water testing kits for Departmental staff which will be completed within March, 2020.

FOOD, CIVIL SUPPLIES & CONSUMER AFFAIRS

The Government of Assam has implemented the National Food Security Act, 2013 (NFSA.2013) in the State of Assam since the month of December'2015 with the target of 2,52,18,001 nos. of population. AAY beneficiaries are being provided @35 kg rice per Ration Card per month and the PHH beneficiaries are being provided @5 kg rice, per beneficiaries per month. Till date, a total of 2,48,90,547nos. of beneficiaries covering 57,87,215 nos. of families have been benefitted under this scheme.

Since March, 2019 the Government of Assam has implemented Affordable Nutrition and Nourishment Assistance (ANNA) Yojana. Under ANNA Yojana, the Government is providing Free rice to the Tea Garden beneficiaries and Rice @ Re.1/- per kg to the beneficiaries other than Tea Garden beneficiaries under NFSA. The Government of Assam has also decided to provide @ 2 Kg free Sugar per family per month to the Tea Garden beneficiaries under the ANNA Yojana. Necessary online e-tender is already floated e-tender for the purpose.

The Government of Assam under the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) has installed 34,93,544 nos. of free LPG connections in the name of woman head of selected poor families in the State till 28/12/2019 which includes 7,04,098 during the current year.

The Government of Assam has selected 202 numbers of un-employed youths under the scheme of Aamar Dukan on Wheels during the year 2018-19 in the state by providing financial assistance @ Rs.50,000/- per beneficiary to purchase modified eco-friendly e-Rickshaw for distribution of non-PDS essential commodities at much lesser cost compared to prevailing market prices. Further, a total 5,623 nos. of F.P. Shops are functioning as Aamar Dukan in different districts in the state which are providing 22 non-PDS essential items to the consumers, at much lesser cost compared to the printed MRP.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Achievement of the Government in the General Administration Departments are:

- Assam Bhawan in Chennai has been inaugurated in December, 2018 with project cost of Rs. 1008.00(L) and is fully functional now.
- The work for re-Construction of Assam House, New Delhi has been completed and inaugurated in March, 2019.
- Assam Bhawan, in Mumbai has been completed and already functional with project cost of Rs. 472.58 (L).
- Work for construction of Assam Bhawan in Vellore is undertaken in full swing with project cost of Rs. 971.08 (L). There has been a physical progress of 100% for "Interior Works for Construction of Assam Bhawan at Vellore (Phase-I)" amounting to Rs. 441.76000(L).
- The balance work of Construction of Assam Bhawan at Vellore, Tamil Nadu (Main Building) (Phase II)" with project cost of Rs. 641.62495(L) is under process.
- The construction work of the Assam House in Shillong with project cost of Rs. 573.5213L has been completed and fully functional.
- Work for Construction of Assam House in Bangalore at a cost of Rs. 3427.00(L) is under progress.
- Construction of Additional Assam Bhawan at Kolkata, Salt Lake has been completed with a project cost of Rs. 2208.04000(L).

- Mini Secretariat at Barak Valley, Silchar: Administrative Approval amounting to Rs. 13507.10 Lakh has been already accorded in respect of the proposal "Establishment of Mini Secretariat at Barak Valley, Silchar, Assam". Further, Administrative Approval amounting to Rs. 413.63 lakh is also accorded separately for land development and retaining cum boundary wall for establishment of the same.
- Revised Master Plan for Capital Complex, Dispur with an amount of Rs. 242.71 Crore (Rupees Two hundred and forty two Crore seventy one lakh) only is already approved for preparation of DPR by P.W.D (B&NH). The master Plan includes Hon'ble Chief Minister's Residence, Ministers' Residences (six Blocks), Officers' Quarters, Grade-III Quarters, Grade-IV Quarters, Additional Office Block etc.

Aami Asomiya Initiative : This initiative envisages to set up information and facilitation Centres (IFC) in Tier-I (6) and Tier-II cities (12) having sizeable Assamese population in the first phase. The centre will act as a single point of contact for the Assamese diaspora in different parts of the country and will act as an repository of valuable information.

GUWAHATI DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
Guwahati Metropolitan Development Authority

Guwahati Metropolitan Development Authority (GMDA) had proposed for Metro Rail based Mass Rapid Transit System in 2012. RITES which is a Government of India undertaking, is

assisting GMDA in preparation of all necessary documents and technical designs.

Increase of parking infrastructure and ensuring decongestion is a priority of the Government. The parking facility at Shradhanjali Kanan is operational now and the one on MG Road is nearing completion and expected to be put in service within the first half of 2020.

The Guwahati Metropolitan Drinking Water & Sewerage Board (GMDW&SB) has designed a project to meet domestic, commercial and industrial water demand up to the year 2025 comprising a population of 147,809 million in North Guwahati and 1,004,604 million in South central Guwahati. The total project cost is estimated at INR 2,337 Crores. The project comprises construction of two (2) water treatment plants, one of capacity 37 MLD in North Guwahati, another of capacity 191 MLD in South Central Guwahati and a total of 1,033 km of pipelines and 9 Reservoirs.

The area based development projects under Guwahati Smart City Ltd. which are being undertaken are :-

- Development of Brahmaputra Riverfront
- Development of Borsola Beel

HANDLOOM TEXTILES & SERICULTURE

The Department of Handloom Textiles & Sericulture, Assam has been implementing various schemes both under the State Sector Schemes and Centrally Sponsored/Central Sector Schemes

by providing different intervention assistance for uplifting the sector in the State.

Under the Scheme for setting up of Yarn Bank to make available quality yarn at subsidised price on regular basis, the Government had sanctioned and released Rs.1485.00 lakhs for establishment of 33 nos. of Yarn Banks in the State. 33 nos. of Yarn Banks have already been operationalised in the 33 Districts and Sub-Divisions. Till October, 2019, total 83,279.00 kgs. of Yarn amounting to Rs. 3,39,04,639.00 has been provided to 1,03,110 nos. handloom weavers through these Yarn Banks at 20% subsidized rate.

To provide a platform for Production, Marketing and Brand promotion, an innovative Scheme of "Handloom Cluster Development Programme" has been taken up and accordingly, 6(six) nos. Projects with a total cost of Rs. 399.91 lakhs has been sanctioned during the financial year, 2018-19 and Rs. 400.00 lakhs has been provided during the year 2019-20.

Under National Handloom Development Programme an amount of Rs.9648.33 lakhs have been sanctioned for implementation of 59 nos. of Block Level Clusters in the State by the Development Commissioner for Handlooms, Ministry of Textiles, Government of India covering 51,066 nos. of weavers and released Rs. 3982.784 lakhs as 1st instalment of Central Share.

It is proposed to provide skill upgradation training on Fly-Shuttle Frame loom, Jacquard weaving and Hand Dyeing

operator to 50,000 nos. of weavers of the State under the Scheme of SAMARTH under Ministry of Textiles, Government of India during 2019-20 and 2020-21.

Sericulture Sector :

During the year 2019-20, the Government of Assam has allocated an amount of Rs.1797.24 lakhs to the Department of Sericulture for development of Sericulture Sector in Assam by giving thrust on timely implementation of the schemes/ projects.

The Following 2 (two) nos. of Flagship programmes has been implemented by the Sericulture Department, Assam :-

- Assam Silk Outreach Mission - for Augmentation of Muga Silk production.
- Support to weavers of Sualkuchi for providing of Mulberry Yarn at 20% subsidised rate through Mulberry Yarn Bank, Sualkuchi.

For Empowerment of Women, under Gender budget, Rearing Equipment/ Appliances to 450 nos. Eri and 228 nos. Mulberry individual women progressive farmers will be distributed for their support, under SOPD-G during 2019-20. Financial support to 61 nos. individual progressive Eri farmers and to 20 nos. Rural Seri Entrepreneurs will also be provided.

The project namely "Establishment of a Eri Spun Silk Mill" under NERTPS (North Eastern Regional Textiles Promotion Scheme) at Borgong in Biswanath District is under process.

HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE

The process of establishment of AIIMS in Guwahati is a major milestone in the tertiary sector of Health care in Assam. Along with AIIMS, Government of Assam is trying to reduce the gap in availability of adequate doctors and is establishing 4 (four) new Medical Colleges under Centrally Sponsored Schemes, 1 (one) under NLCPR funding, 1(one) under AIFA funding and 2 (two) from States own resources. The OPD at Diphu Medical Colleges at Diphu has already been started from November, 2019. Another medical college at Lakhimpur is expected to start functioning from the academic session 2020-21. The construction of Medical Colleges at Dhubri, Nagaon, North Lakhimpur, Nalbari, Tinsukia, Kokrajhar are at advance stage of completion. Beside all these new medical colleges, significant achievement have been made under the scheme Strengthening and Up-gradation of State Government Medical Colleges for starting new Post Graduate disciplines and increasing post graduate seats, at AMC, Dibrugarh, GMC, Guwahati and SMC, Silchar under CSS. With the establishment of these medical institutes, the Government of Assam will be able to make health-care available, affordable and reliable for the common people of the society.

The State Cancer Institute has also started fellowship programme in 6 (six) various cancer specialities to bridge the gap of expert professionals in order to render services to cancer patients across the State. Further, in order to boost the Cancer care facility in the State, an MoU has been signed between

Government of Assam and Tata Trusts to augment cancer care/ treatment across the state. Preliminary works have already been started to establish 19 (nineteen) Cancer Hospitals incorporating State Cancer Institute Guwahati and cancer Hospital attached to AMCH, Dibrugarh as level-I centre, and rest of the Tertiary Care Hospitals of cancer wing attached to Medical Colleges would be designated as Level-II under the Assam Cancer Care Foundation (AACF). Simultaneously, two new Dental Colleges at Dibrugarh and Silchar have been established. Academic sessions of these two new Dental Colleges have commenced from the year 2018 with admission of 50 students per year in each college.

Inspired by our Honorable Prime Minister's vision of "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas", Atal Amrit Abhiyan is one of the Assam Government's flagship schemes for health assurance. The ambitious scheme provides comprehensive coverage and cashless treatment benefits up to Rs.2.00 Lakhs to every individual from BPL and Low income households across Assam for the Treatment of twelve commonly prevalent and high cost disease groups under Atal Amrit Abhiyan and Vistarita Atal Amrit Abhiyan. Providing hassle free and best-in class treatment coverage for 703 approved procedure's within the twelve Specialties, Atal Amrit Abhiyan scheme is cashless at the point of delivery. The cashless transaction is facilitated by laminated card within unique identification number for each adult member of eligible family. Till date 105 numbers of Hospitals have been empanelled under the AAA Scheme. Out of these 63 hospitals are within Assam (29

Government and 34 Private) and 42 hospitals are located outside Assam. 70,544 pre-auths have taken place in AAA till 1st January, 2020. 1790 beneficiaries in case of AAA have been treated in Hospitals outside Assam. 1062 beneficiaries have been treated under Vistarita AAA till 2nd January, 2020. Till date 37 hospitals have been empanelled under Vistarita Atal Amrit Abhiyan in the first phase.

In February 2018, the Government of Assam has announced the creation of 15,00 Health and Wellness Centres (HWCs) by transforming existing Sub Centres and Primary Health Centres as the base pillar of Ayushman Bharat. These centers would deliver Comprehensive Primary Health Care (CPHC) bringing healthcare closer to the homes of people covering both maternal and child health services and non-communicable diseases, including free essential drugs and diagnostic services.

One new scheme of free Dialysis Programme under Pradhan Mantri National Dialysis Programme of the National Health Mission has been introduced. This scheme is operational at 13 Free Dialysis Centres. A total of 9,890 nos. of free dialysis sessions has been conducted as on 20th November 2019.

Universal Immunization Programme (UIP): I am happy to state that Immunization coverage of children and pregnant women, and thereby, prevention of vaccine preventable diseases in Assam, we have achieved the SDG goals of 90% and above. With the special effort through Mission Indradhanush (MI), Special Immunization Drive (SID) campaign by the Health Department,

Assam is now leading in Full Immunization coverage with " the highest increase in coverage was reported in Assam with 31 percentage point" as per Intensified Mission Indradhanush Coverage Evaluation Survey, December, 2018 Ministry of Health & Family Welfare. A very successful Measles Rubella Vaccination Campaign in 2018 has ensured that every child of age 9 months - 15yrs have been inoculated against Measles Rubella. This was achieved by vaccinating 90.25 lakh children in a campaign mode. In Polio vaccination too, Assam is leading rest of India with coverage of 99% of children 0-5 years. Some districts of Assam are JE endemic and in special efforts have been made to ensure all children receive JE vaccine in Routine Immunization, free of cost.

The Directorate of AYUSH, Assam celebrated the 5th International Day of Yoga on 21st June, 2019 in a befitting manner centrally at Sarusajai Stadium Complex, Guwahati and at District & Sub-divisional level in the State. There are 100 number of Yoga centers in the State and 19 more are established to cover all developmental; blocks. Administrative Approval for Rs.10.00 Crore has already been issued for infrastructure development of Government Ayurvedic College, Guwahati.

Commissionerate of Food Safety

The Food Safety & Standards Act, 2006 (FSS Act) was promulgated as an umbrella Act, consolidating all the existing laws of food safety and standards etc. The Act established Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) for laying down science based standards for manufacture, storage, distribution,

sale and import of various kinds of foods, and provided for a licensing and registration regime at the Centre and the States for Food Business Operators(FBOs) along with penal provisions. The rules and regulations framed under the Act cover a wide variety of foods. Government of Assam has also notified the Food Safety Appellate Tribunal and Special Court under Act.

2 (two) no. of Food Safety on Wheels (Mobile Food Testing Laboratory) have been received and commissioned in the state from FSSAI, New Delhi. These FSWs is being utilized for spot testing of food articles and also for awareness programme on Food Safety in different districts of the state.

HILL AREAS

The Government of Assam has been doing tremendous work for the development of hill areas in the two District Councils i.e., Karbi Anglong District Council and North Cachar Hills District Council through Hill Areas Department. The Government is fully committed to all round development of hill districts maintaining peace and harmony among all the sections of people living in the area . My government has given thrust to narrow the gap in respect of socio-economic parameters between the plain districts and the hill areas by providing more funds under State Funding for Priority Development (SFPD) including State Own Priority Development (SOPD) and Central Share. In the current financial year 2019-2020, budget amount of Rs.58,687.88 Lakh has been earmarked under SFPD to the hill areas. Recently Assam Hills Medical College and Research Institute at Diphu has been

inaugurated. Three water bottling Plant at Deithor, Manja and Halflong under Assam Hills Small Industries Development Corporation (AHSIDC) Ltd. and GNM Training School & Hostel in Halflong Civil Hospital Campus are some of the major achievements to be cited.

HOME & POLITICAL

Policing constitutes a distinctive set of a wide spectrum of functions and services which are vital for safety of the society. My government fully recognizes the complexity of task that Assam Police performs and pitches for qualitative change in police through better training and also emphasizes on the importance of technology and human interface for the police to keep progressing. Some of the major achievements of Assam Police in the recent days have been smooth and peaceful conducting of the Parliamentary Election, 2019, N.C. Hills Autonomous Council Election-2019, Rabha Hasong Autonomous Council Election-2019, Missing Autonomous Council Election-2019, Sonowal Kochari Autonomous Council Election-2019 and Bye-Election to 4 nos. of LAC in October, 2019.

Assam Police have taken up initiatives to install modern traffic signal system in all the cities of Assam to make journey happier and life safer. Another major initiative taken up by Assam Police has been the Emergency Response Support System (ERSS) for which Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India has already released an amount of Rs. 7.94 Crores to the State. As a part of the ERSS-Dial 112, a State Emergency Response Centre is to be set up in Guwahati by March' 2020.

Government has been running a scheme named Digital Investigation Training and Analysis Centre (DITAC) to provide IT skills to personnel of Assam Police. Already 5000 (five thousand) personnel of Assam Police have been screened for their IT skills and are being facilitated with further skill upgradation trainings with support from Government of India. It is envisaged to take the project to the next higher level in the ensuing financial year for making a futuristic step for predictive policing based on the Artificial Intelligence Technology.

Under the 'Swabalamban' scheme, the Government has been making its effort to offer skill development trainings to the surrendered militants. Till date 1800 (eighteen hundred) nos. of such cadres have completed the skill development training imparted by SIPRD and 1125 (eleven hundred twenty five) trained cadres have been given financial aid of rupees one lakh each. Further, the Assam Skill Development Mission has envisaged a plan to offer training to 30,000 persons including the misguided youths in the extremist prone areas and to the family members of the terror victims.

In pursuance of the Governments' policy of zero tolerance to corruption, the Directorate of Vigilance & Anti-Corruption, Assam has been working proactively to curb corruption in public life.

INDUSTRIES & COMMERCE

My Government is committed to make the state an attractive investment destination. The Assam Ease of Doing Business Act,

2016 was enacted ushering in path breaking reforms to create an investment friendly climate in the state. All the clearances required for doing business are made available online & timelines have been notified under Assam Right to Public Service Act. The system of offline clearances for different services have been stopped and total 405 Services of 35 Departments are available online. So far, there are more than 45,500 registered users in the online portal and more than 34,000 approvals have been issued online.

For attracting investors to the North Eastern Region, Government of India has declared a Package of Fiscal Incentives under "North East Industrial Development Scheme (NEIDS)". To complement the Central Government policy, Industries & Commerce Department, Assam has declared three new policies viz. Industrial and Investment Policy of Assam, 2019 (effective for five years from 01-09-2019), The Export and Logistic Policy of Assam, 2019 (Effective for five years from 01-11-2019), & The Bamboo and Cane Policy, 2019 (Effective for five years from 01-01-2020). These policies are expected to boost private investment in both manufacturing & services sector, investment in Industrial Parks & Logistics parks and encourage exports from the state.

For facilitating Industrial Development in the state my Government has created an Industrial land bank. 1825 Bighas at Nagarbera in Kamrup (R) district, 1600 Bighas at Rangjuli in Goalpara district, 241 Bighas at Lokrai in Darrang district, 115

Bighas at Mangaldai in Darrang district & 134 Bighas at Gohpur in Biswanath District have recently been added to the Industrial Land bank. Further, 1309 Bighas of land belonging to 9 closed Public Sector Undertakings have also been handed over to Industries & Commerce Department for creation of Industrial Infrastructure. I hope, in the coming days we will be able to increase our land bank & attract more investors.

To complement the Startup India initiatives of Government of India, Industries & Commerce Department is implementing Startup Policy of Assam, 2017. Under the policy, various fiscal & non fiscal incentives are available to the eligible Startups. "Assam Startup the Nest"- State owned Incubation Centre for Startups is functional at Ambari, Guwahati. Out of the 52 Startups selected for first Cohort, 25 were physically incubated with access to co-working space, while remaining 27 were virtually incubated. To attract the youths towards Startup, Startup Yatra was organized covering 10 districts of Assam reaching out to 1200 students. Outreach activities were also organized covering 22 districts touching 3500 students/entrepreneurs.

INFORMATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

The Department of Information and Public Relations, Government of Assam ensures smooth and uninterrupted flow of information regarding Government policies, programmes and scheme to the citizens, including media and promotes regular feedback to the Government about people's perception. Besides implementing several welfare schemes, the department establishes

communication links between Government and people by using various kinds of Information Education Communication (IEC) means.

The Government has implemented a welfare scheme i.e. "The Assam Pension Scheme for Journalists" since 2017-18. The aim and objective of this scheme is to provide retirement benefit to journalist working more than 20 year in Assam on their retirement. During the Financial year 2019-20, the Government has selected 20 nos. of retired journalists for journalist pension on 8/8/2019. From the Financial year 2017-18 to 2019-20, the Government has awarded Pension to 60 nos. of Journalists @ 8000.00 per month.

The Information and Public Relations Department introduced the 'Media Fellowship for Journalists' to hone their professional skill and upgrade knowledge in different fields directly related to the welfare of the people of the State. On 6/09/2019 selection letter of Media Fellowship @ Rs.50,000/- each was awarded to 16 nos. of journalists by the Chief Minister.

The Government has introduced a welfare scheme for journalists i.e. "Journalist Family Benefit Fund" to provide financial assistance to the family of deceased journalists met with untimely death while on duty. During 2019-20, the Government has sanctioned Rs. 11.00 lakh and the amount will be kept as Fixed Deposit in the SBI, Dispur Branch. Moreover, the Government had already sanctioned Rs.100.00 Lakh and Rs.10.00 Lakh during the financial year 2017-18 and 2018-19.

The amount has already been fixed at Dispur State Bank to form as Corpus Fund.

The Department is going to implement a new scheme for the Journalist fraternity i.e. "Insurance scheme for Journalist". The main aim of the scheme is to ensure the life security to the Journalist of the state to some extent. Necessary preliminary steps have been initiated to frame its rules/guidelines etc.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

The IT Department has finalized the guidelines for implementation of the IT & Electronics Policy 2017 and many units in general and particularly BPO units employing local youths will be benefitted.

The IT Park at Bongra village, Mirza, IT Park is in advance stage of implementation. The first building of the IT Park is expected to be completed by March, 2020. My Government is concerned about the growing cyber-crime and frauds in the State and also attaches great importance to securing the ICT assets of the Government from cyber-attack. In view of the same a comprehensive draft cyber security policy is being drafted and same will be finalized soon.

IT Department is also planning to augment the ASWAN project and to connect more offices and proposal is currently being worked out to cover around 8000 offices. The e-District project is currently delivering many RTPS and non-RTPS services electronically and has delivered more than 20 lakh services. The project is being further strengthened for delivery of more services.

IRRIGATION

The Irrigation Department has created 10.07 Lakh Ha. (AIA) (Minor Irrigation=7.34 L. Ha. and Major/Medium Irrigation=2.73 L. Ha.) with irrigation potential (37.30%) up to March, 2019 against assessed ultimate irrigation potential of 27 Lakh Ha. through both completed and ongoing Major/Medium and Minor Irrigation Schemes.

In Minor Irrigation sector, the Deptt. has created about 2.88 lakh hectare of irrigation potential through schemes taken up under different programs, such as AIBP, SOPD (General, TSP, SCSP), RIDF of NABARD, TSP, SCSP etc. during last few years. Total potential achieved in Minor Irrigation sector is 7.34 lakh hectare up to March'2019. In Minor Irrigation sector, works have already been started for installing 71 nos. of hybrid powered (powered by solar and electric) Tube Wells as a pilot project under "Chief Minister's Samagra Gramya Unnayan Yojana (CMSGUY)" in four clusters to irrigate 142 ha. of agriculture land. Giving priority to harnessing ground water potential in the State, the Dept. has taken up ambitious scheme under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana-Har Khet Ko Pani (PMKSY-HKKP)-Access to Ground Water, under which the Government of India has already sanctioned 4779 nos. of Tube Well points in the first phase during 2019-20 which will create irrigation potential of 19,116 Ha.. Works in the field are likely to be completed by Feb'2020 benefitting 18,577 nos. of farmers.

LABOUR WELFARE

The Labour Welfare Department, Assam ensures various welfare benefits to the workers of unorganized sector. Minimum wages have been fixed for more than 103 scheduled employments. The Assam Building & Other Construction Workers Welfare Board has provided different benefits to 66,118 nos. of registered workers who are entitled for welfare benefits under the scheme.

In respect of unorganized workers, the State Government has also observed "Pension Week" from 30/11/2019 to 06/12/2019 for enrolment of Unorganized Workers and Traders in to the self-contributory Pension Scheme namely PM-SYM & NPS-Traders and 3181 Nos. of workers/traders were enrolled. In spite of having insufficient registration of Aadhaar, Assam has secured 4th place in enrolment under PM-SYM and 5th position under NPS-Traders during the said Pension Week.

The Department has registered "Assam Labour Welfare Society" for various activities like Awareness, Survey, payment of Compensation to the identified Bonded labours, rescued Child labours, Welfare benefits to different section of unorganized workers. The Society has conducted the Registration Mela in the District of Kamrup (M), Nagaon, Sonitpur, Jorhat, Dibrugarh, Tinsukia and Cachar for Spot Registration under various Labour Acts.

Inspectorate of Factories, registered 210 Nos. new factories during the year 2019 and Rs.200.00 lakhs of revenue was earned as registration and renewal fees etc.

LEGISLATIVE

With a view to arrive at the goal and objective of the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987, the Assam State Legal Services Authority (ASLSA) undertakes various programmes like providing legal aid to the targeted beneficiaries, holding of LokAdalats, Legal Awareness Camps etc.

A total of 6129 persons belonging to SC,ST, Women, Children, persons with disability, victims of trafficking and others whose annual income does not exceed the prescribed limit were provided legal aid by the DLSAs under the guidance of Assam State Legal Services Authority.

And out of 78,216 nos. of cases taken up for disposal through Monthly LokAdalat and State LokAdalat together, 33,479 nos. of cases were disposed of with settlement amount of Rs. 4,30,54,200/-.

MINES AND MINERALS

The Directorate of Geology & Mining under the administrative control of the Mines & Minerals Department is the second largest revenue earning Department of the Government of Assam. The primary work of the department is exploration and establishment of mineral resources in the State for which extensive geological investigation programmes are carried out. The department is involved in realization of non-tax revenue in terms of royalty, rents and fees on production of minerals like crude oil, natural gas, coal and limestone etc. The department looks after the various aspects like grant of Mining Lease.

There has been significant contribution in the revenue earning of the State in the form of royalty collected on the production of crude oil, natural gas, coal and limestone. The royalty collection was Rs. 2562.80 crores during the period 2018-19, achieving 125.98% over the target and this financial year 2019-20 till December, this collection is Rs. 1785.00 crores. During the financial year 2018-19 the Department granted Seven (7) numbers of Petroleum Mining Lease (PML) of which five (5) Nos of PML to Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Limited covering a total area of 160.23 sq. km. and two (2) Nos of PML to Oil India Ltd. covering a total area of 12.997 sq. km. for production of Crude Oil and Natural Gas.

During the year 2019-20 the Directorate of Geology & Mining, has taken up various investigation programmes like Geological Investigation of Coal deposit in and around Klur Dung area near Bokolia Town, Karbi Anglong District, Preliminary Geological Investigation of Limestone deposit in Voterolansho area, Dima Hasao District, Geological Investigation and detail mapping with contouring of Granite deposit at Bheleuguri near Kothiatoli, Nagaon District, Geological Investigation and detail mapping with contouring of Quartzite deposit near Parakhowa area, Karbi Anglong District, Geological Investigation and detail mapping with contouring of Granite deposit at Kakira Hills, Goalpara District, Geological investigation and detail mapping with contouring of Sillimanite deposit at Samilangso Valley area, Karbi Anglong District. MOU has been signed with Mineral

Exploration Corporation Limited (MECL) for exploration of two numbers of Coal Blocks funded by CMPDI.

In pursuance of the MMDR Act, 1957 (amended in 2015), District Mineral Foundations (DMF) Trust, a non-profit body has been constituted in all 33 districts of the State to work for the interest and benefit of the families/areas affected by mining related operation under Pradhan Mantri Khanij Khetra Kalyan Yojana (PMKKKY). Total DMF accrual till 31st October, 2019 is Rs.76.4610 crores. Under PMKKKY various projects have already been started in mineral rich districts like Dima Hasao and Tinsukia District.

The Directorate has taken several initiatives to augment additional resources during the year 2019-20 such as -auctioning of mineral blocks of glass sand, china clay, granite, limestone etc. through e-auction. Framing of The Assam Minerals Dealers' License Rule, 2019, is under process to regulate illegal mining, transportation, and storage of minerals. Mining Surveillance System (MSS) for major minerals has been developed by the Ministry of Mines through IBM. The Assam Government has also taken initiative to develop this system with the help of Bhaskaracharya Institute of Space Application and Geo-Informatics (BISAG), Gujarat under Ministry of Information & Technology for monitoring of mining activities to curb the incidences of illegal mining.

The Directorate proposes to establish five full-fledged district offices at Dibrugarh, Tinsukia, Goalpara, Karbi Anglong and Dima

Hasao, in order to curb illegal mining, transportation and storage along with better investigational work of different minerals.

PANCHAYAT & RURAL DEVELOPMENT

The Panchayat & Rural Dev. Department is responsible for alleviation of rural poverty, enhancement of rural livelihoods by providing self-employment to the people living below the poverty line through implementation of various programmes and to strengthen the Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs). Department is presently implementing the schemes namely Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana- Gramin (PMAY-G), National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP), 14th Finance Commission Grant, 5th State Finance Commission Grant, etc. The significant achievements of the Department during the current financial year, 2019-20 indicated below :

Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee act (MGNREGA) :

During the current financial year, 400.29 lakh man days have been generated up to December, 2019 and more than 51.12 lakh rural households have been provided Job Cards. The women participation in the scheme has gone up to 41.23% during the current year. A total of 2.47 lakh assets created under this scheme have been geo-tagged.

Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana - Gramin (PMAY-G) :

A total of 459814 nos. of PMAY-G beneficiaries have been targeted across the State from 2016-17 to 2019-20. The Dept.

has already completed more than 2 lakh houses and aims to complete another 2 lakh houses by March 2020.

National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) :

Under the National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP), altogether 853669 nos. of beneficiaries have been provided financial assistance to the tune of Rs. 246.77 crore in the current financial year up to Dec.' 2019. Moreover, under the Swahid Kushal Konwar Sarbajanin Bridha Pension Achoni (SKKSBPA), 11,10,818 nos. of beneficiaries have been benefitted upto Nov.' 2019 through utilization of Rs.491.83 crore.

14th Finance Commission Grant :

Under this Grant, an amount of Rs.3775.40 crore has been disbursed during 2015-16 to 2018-19 for utilization against some core basic services delivery like primary health care, primary education, safe drinking water, street light, rural sanitation, drainage and sanitary maintenance of burial/cremation ground, creation of community assets like market shed, community hall, etc.

5th State Finance Commission Grant (SFC) :

The period covered by this programme is from 2015-16 to 2019-20. Funds are released to the PRI districts for creation of assets and community services. Large numbers of rural assets including roads, culverts, community halls, market shed, passenger waiting sheds, etc. have been constructed under the 5th State Finance Commission Grant. So far, an amount of Rs.249.69 crore has been released to the PRI districts till the end of the financial year 2018-19.

Assam State Rural Livelihoods Mission (ASRLM) :

ASRLM is organizing women from rural poor households and excluded families into SHGs fold and later elevates them to higher level federations like Village Organizations and Cluster Level Federations providing a common platform for collective action for socio-economic development. Till November, 2019; a total of 2,70,352 SHGs, 15,351 Village Organizations and 415 Cluster Level Federations have been promoted by ASRLM.

'Kanaklata Mahila Sabalakaran Yojana' (KAMS), a flagship scheme under the Government of Assam has helped the SHG group financially. Under KAMS, 1,74,753 SHG have received amount of Rs. 271.98 till November, 2019. By imparting various training programmes all SHGs are continuously nurtured to become self-sustainable community institution hence further promoting Women Empowerment.

State Institute of Panchayat And Rural Development (SIPRD)

As a main thrust of the SIPRD, Assam the institute has imparted training to 2,20,864 persons under 4650 training programmes on different subjects covering both elected representatives of PRIs and officials upto December, 2019. The institute has actively participated in preparation of Gram Panchayat Development Plan by the Gram Panchayats through building the capacity of the different stakeholders. So far, the institute has also imparted training to 1800 militants from different. Due to concerted effort of the SIPRD, Assam in the field of Training

and capacity building, the state is adjudged in various awards such as 2nd best state in E-Panchayat and first best state in DBT of NSAP programme.

PASSPORT

Under the Passport Department of Government of Assam the implementation of Immigration, Visa and Foreigner Registration and Tracking (IVFRT) is going on in the State of Assam to develop and implement a secure and integrated service delivery framework that facilitates legitimate travellers while strengthening security. The IVFRT is aimed not only at providing an effective on-line system to track the activities and movements of foreigners in the country but also at facilitating their Visa application, Visa & extension & Visa conversion etc.

PENSION AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES

The Government in PPG Department has allowed proportionate pension & other admissible pensionary benefits to the Ex- Servicemen who had retired from Assam Police Border Organization under Prevention of Infiltration of Foreigners (P.I.F) Scheme rendering more than 10 (ten) years but less than 20 years of service from the date of their initial appointment.

For quick disposal of pending Pension cases through DPIS, a new parallel system is being developed by AMTRON which digitizes the pension papers and Service Books for quick settlement of the pending pension cases. 4002 Nos. of Commutation of Pension have been Sanctioned during the Financial Year 2019-20 up to 30-12-2019.

PERSONNEL

The Personnel (A) Department has appointed 95 officers of Assam Civil Services in the year 2019 and after completion of Induction and Foundation training they have been posted in various Districts of Assam as Assistant Commissioner.

The Department has also appointed 60 officers of Assam Land & Revenue Services in the year 2019 and after completion of Induction and Survey and Settlement training the officers have been posted in various circles of State as Circle Officer (Attached).

The Department has issued Office Memorandum providing of 4% reservation for persons with disability in appointment and promotion and for providing of 10% reservation for Economically Weaker Sections in Government Services and Educational Institutions.

The Department has amended the Assam Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 2019 by inserting the "Rule 24B. Small Family Norms" & "Rule 24C. Child Marriage." The Dept. has also formulated Assam Public Services Rules 2019 (Application of small Family Norms and no violation of the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006 in direct recruitment).

Personnel (B) Department has also taken action on Small Family for Government post and services and has raised the quantum of gross annual income from Rs. 6.00 Lakhs to Rs. 8.00 Lakhs for Economically Weaker Section (EWS) in respect of reservation

POWER

Power Dept. has three Companies / Corporations for Power Distribution, Transmission and Generation, namely Assam Power Distribution Company Limited (APDCL), Assam Electric Grid Corporation Limited (AEGCL) and Assam Power Generation Corporation Limited (APGCL).

Currently, the total installed capacity of APGCL is 380.2 MW. More over Namrup Replacement Power Plant (100 MW) is on the verge of completion. APGCL has completed construction of "Myntriang Small Hydro Electric Project" of 13.5 MW capacity at Karbi Anglong. APGCL has undertaken the project of Lower Kopili Hydro Electric Plant (120 MW) and also a project of 70MW AC Solar Plant at Amguri, which will be completed by March' 2021. Moreover, tenders have been invited for choosing suitable EPC contractor for development of 25 MW AC Namrup Solar Park within the NTPS campus. The following are in the initial stage of development - (i) Borpani Middle -II Hydro Electric Plant (24 MW) & (ii) Borpani Middle -I Hydro Electric Plant (22.5 MW).

The present transmission capacity of AEGCL is 6880 MVA. AEGCL has 66 nos. of Extra High Voltage Grid Sub-stations and 5701 Circuit Km of Extra High Voltage Transmission Lines. APGCL has completed 2nd Circuit of Salakati - Kokrajhar line using modern High Tensile Low Sag (HTLS) conductors. Moreover AEGCL is taking up construction of 24 numbers of 400 KV, 220 KV & 132 KV voltage level class Grid Sub-stations along with 27 numbers of new transmission lines.

APDCL has completed electrification of all eligible revenue villages as per definition of Power Department, Government of India. The herculean task of electrification of all eligible households in Assam under SAUBHAGYA scheme is also completed. In Assam, grid-connected and Off Grid solar projects with a cumulative capacity of 35 MW have been taken up. Moreover APDCL has signed PPA to procure 100 MW solar power under 'Build, Own, Operate' (BOO) mode.

Under RAPDRP scheme, infrastructure development and IT implementation work is completed in 67 towns. APDCL has also completed IT implementation in 5 more towns by own funding. Now APDCL bills can be paid through android app, such as apdcl.org and myBijulee and also by wallet such as PayTM, PhonePe, GooglePay etc. There are also seven Kiosk machine in Guwahati for Bill payment. Under IPDS scheme, various steps have been taken up to upgrade infrastructure and to facilitate IT services in 88 towns and overall progress as of now is 77 %. SCADA system is implemented in Guwahati for minimum interruption of Power Supply. Smart meter pilot project has been completed successfully in Guwahati. Contemporarily, work has been initiated to install 70,000 smart meters in Dibrugarh town and Jalukbari.

APDCL has already replaced 37,558 bamboo poles with PSC poles. Under MMADY scheme, free LED bulbs have been distributed to 26,77,218 households. IT Engineers of APDCL have developed a new billing application ARMS for efficient and

fast billing. E-subhidha app has been implemented in Rural as well as few urban areas which helps in door to door spot billing. APDCL will also go paperless with introduction office in-house developed E-Office system. A customer relations department has been recently formed to provide better services to our esteemed customers. This department helps the consumers in early and easy redressal of their complaints.

Inspectorate of Electricity, Assam is a Directorate under the Power (Electricity) Department of Government of Assam and it is headed by the Chief Electrical Inspector -cum- Adviser. Since 15th October 2017 till date, all G2B Services in relating to this Inspectorate of Electricity are online and operational within the Single Window Clearance System (EoDB) Assam.

Under provisions of Section 161(2) of the Electricity Act, 2003, during the year till now, a total of 12 inquiries on electrical accidents were conducted as per direction of Hon'ble Gauhati High Court and Government.

PRINTING & STATIONERY

The Printing & Stationery Department deals with printing works of various Government Departments in the state, which include various Schedule and Non-schedule Forms, Confidential matters like printing of Ballot papers, Budget, Assembly matters, etc. The Directorate of Printing & Stationery under the Department supplies various stationery articles and forms to the offices of the State Government, Assembly Secretariat, High Court and Lower Judiciary etc. as per their requisition.

The schemes taken up with a total budget provision of Rs.290.00 lakh for implementation during the financial year 2019-2020 in Printing & Stationery Department are :- 1) Rs.121.00 lakh was allocated for construction of four storied building at Assam Government Press for installation of new machineries, construction of Museum Hall & Conference Hall. 2) Rest of the Rs.169.00 lakh was allocated for procurement of modern printing machines for better quality printing.

The Assam gazette is now available online in the official website of Directorate of Printing & Stationery, dpns.assam.gov.in. Fortnightly Multi-Colour Magazine "Raijor Batori" published by the Directorate of Information & Public Relations is now printed in Assam Government Press since March, 2017.

The Assam Government Press and its branches under Printing & Stationery Department are going to be equipped with modern digital printing technology which will help in executing the printing works of the Government more efficiently in near future.

PUBLIC ENTERPRISES

Public Enterprises Department is a nodal Department and is involved in monitoring, supervising and controlling the commercial and management aspects of State Public Sector Enterprises. This Department is not involved in implementation of any developmental scheme. Public Enterprises Department acts as the secretariat in the matter of approval of Public

Investment Board (PIB) for investment proposal of Rs.200.00 lakh (presently Rs.500.00 lakh) or above in the State PSUs and in selection of Chief Executives/ top level Executives of the State PSUs through the Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB).

During 2018-19 & 2019-20, Public Investment Board (PIB) has recommended five major investment proposals viz. (i) Expansion Project of Assam Co-operative Jute Mills Ltd. with financial accommodation of Rs.4440.15 lakh from National Co-operation Development Corporation, (ii) 120 MW Lower Kopili Hydro Power Project to be implemented by Assam Power Generation Corporation Ltd. (iii) Enhancement of Authorised Share Capital of Assam Power Distribution Company Ltd. from Rs. 250.00 cr. to Rs. 5000.00 crore and (iv) Formation of a Joint Venture Company Ltd. by Assam Gas Company Ltd. with GAIL Ltd. and Oil India Ltd. for City Gas Distribution Project in Kamrup, Kamrup (Metro), Cachar & Hailakandi District, (v) Investment of Rs.210.06 crore by Assam Gas Company Ltd. towards Natural Gas Pipeline Project from Nambor GGS of ONGCL in Golaghat district up to Numaligarh area.

For disposal of immovable assets of closed PSEs, the Task Force for Public Sector Reforms under Public Enterprises Department has recommended for allotment of land of closed PSUs for various productive as well as alternative use. For disposal of movable assets of closed PSEs, the MSTC Ltd. has been appointed by the Asset Management Cell under Assam Industrial Development Corporation Ltd.

PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING

Provision of clean drinking water, sanitation and a clean environment are vital to prevent water borne diseases and to improve the health of people. There are 88,076 nos. of habitations in the rural areas of Assam. Out of these 55,801 nos. have been fully covered, 23,742 nos. are partially covered and 8,533 nos. are quality affected habitations up to Dec, 2019.

Arsenic and Fluoride contaminated habitations are of great concern for us. In Assam, under National Water Quality Sub-Mission (NWQSM), 3726 habitations are affected by Arsenic, of which 692 habitations are already mitigated. 1,711 habitations will be covered by 211 nos. on-going schemes and remaining 1,356 habitations will be covered by newly approved 824 nos. of NWQSM PWSS/CWPP schemes. There are 155 habitations affected by Fluoride, of which 122 habitations are already mitigated. 7 habitations will be covered by 3 nos. on-going schemes and remaining 26 habitations will be covered by newly approved 19 nos. of NWQSM schemes.

Government of India has launched the ambitious mission named JalJeevan Mission (JJM) to provide clean and safe drinking water to all the rural households of India through house connection by 2024. The target for JJM in Assam is to provide house connection in FY 2019-20 to 4.5% i.e. 2.6 Lakhs rural households, of which already 1.5 lakhs rural households have been covered.

With an objective to improve piped water coverage integrated with sanitation services in the rural areas through decentralized service delivery systems, Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation (MoDWS), Government of India and Government of Assam have jointly developed a dedicated project "Neer Nirmal Pariyojana" with the assistance from the World Bank. Environmental sanitation and Solid & Liquid Waste Management (SLWM) is also identified as priority sector under Neer Nirmal Pariyojana. As part of this component in the year 2019-20, 103 Gram Panchayats in 5 districts (both Batch-I & II) are proposed to be taken up for implementation of Solid & Liquid Waste Management Project.

Under Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin), Flagship Programme of Government of India, Assam has been declared as Open Defecation Free (ODF) on 5th March 2019 as per Base Line Survey 2012 covering 2693 nos. of Gaon Panchayats (GP) and 25,503 nos. of villages. Under the programme till 5th March 2019, a total of 32,66,897 nos. of families have been provided with sanitary toilets.

PUBLIC WORKS ROADS

The Public Works Roads Department, Assam has been implementing various schemes with funding from Government of India, World Bank, NABARD, ADB and the State's own resource to manage a road network of 53,958 Km.

Under PMGSY, Rs. 8192 Cr was sanctioned from the financial year 2016-17 to 2018-19 for construction of 9825 Km

of roads and 1069 Nos of RCC bridges and out of that, 5640 Km roadwork and 42 Nos of bridges have been completed the remaining works are in progress.

Under Central Road Fund, Rs. 842 Crore was sanctioned from 2016-17 to 2018-19 for 356 Km of road improvement work along with construction of 26 nos. of RCC Bridges and out of that, 179 Km of roadwork and 9 nos. of RCC Bridges have been completed.

Under NABARD assisted RIDF scheme, total 374 nos. of RCC Bridges and 367 Km of roadwork were sanctioned from 2016-17 to 2018-19 and out of that, 30 bridges and 282 Km of roadwork have been completed.

To ease the traffic congestion in Guwahati City, two flyovers- one at Ganeshguri and one at Supermarket junction have been taken up. Work of the Ganeshguri flyover is in progress and the work of the Supermarket flyover has also started.

A new project has been taken up for construction of a bridge over river Brahmaputra at Guwahati to connect North Bank with South Bank of the river and the project has been sanctioned for an amount of Rs. 2608.69 crore under loan of New Development Bank (NDB).

PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS :

The Parliamentary Affairs Department is the Nodal Department for any Assembly activities, i.e. Act & Policies meant for the legislators (People's representatives) and also various other

activities like Oath taking of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Ministers, MLAs and any other amendments etc. has been implementing various schemes namely "Exposure visit of Hon'ble MLA's of State to other State, Youth Parliamentary Competition, Mock Parliament etc. Setting up of the "Assam Institute of Parliamentary Studies and Training, Setting up Assam Legislative Council (Upper House), Which is laid before the Parliament.

It has also taken up a scheme known as 'Exposure visit of students of our State to the Assam Legislative Assembly in collaboration with the Assam Legislative Assembly and the Education Department to learn the Assembly procedure & interact with MLA's along with Hon'ble Chief Minister, to the extent possible since 2017.

In pursuance of this and in consultation with Assam Legislative Assembly Secretariat Groups of about 50 students (in each Group) from High School up to College level visit the Assam Legislative Assembly during the sessions. During the last fiscal year, a total of 1022 nos. Students; along with 71 nos. of Guide Teachers; from a total of 38 batches of institutions visited the Assembly during the 3(three) Assembly Sessions viz. Budget Session, Summer Session and Winter Session, 2019. The students had a very active interaction with the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Minister Parliamentary Affairs Department etc.

REVENUE (REFORMS) & D.M.

My Government has already launched web based Integrated Land Record Management System (ILRMS) for maintenance of

authentic and timely updation of land records and to ease up the process of providing the copy of RoR to the public. Further it will bring integration among Circle Office, Deputy Commissioner's Office and Registering Office of the State to make the process of transferring land easy, transparent and accountable. In ILRMS, a new addition has been made with a view to prepare revenue demands online for which people will be able to pay online revenue and this will make the collection system more effective.

As announced in the Budget 2019-20 and with an objective of providing social and economic security to newly married girls, my Government is implementing a new scheme called 'Arundhati Gold Scheme; which has become effective from 1st January, 2020. Under this scheme, the Government will provide financial assistance of Rs.30,000/- to newly married brides of the State of Assam for purchase of gold who register their marriage under Special Marriage Act, 1954.

My Government has started a project called "Discovery of Assam" for the study of history of settlement in Assam and Omeo Kumar Das Institute of Social Change and Development has been entrusted this responsibility and the institute has started the initial process and the work of field study is already under way.

My Government has decided to distribute 1 (One) Lakhs Land Pattas / Allotment Certificates to the indigenous landless families within the Financial year 2019-20. Government has decided to pay Rs. 2 lakhs each to the 160 nos of Satras and Religious Institutions under 'Assam Darshan" Scheme for the proper maintenance and creation of infrastructure facilities for the devotees in addition to their dues as Annual perpetual Annuity.

Government has introduced modernization of the land survey operation, using modern survey equipment such as ETS, DGPS etc. to ensure swift and accurate land survey assessment in the State.

My Government on 21/11/2019 has released the New Land Policy, 2019 which emphasizes on the protection of Land Rights of indigenous people of Assam. The New Land Policy, 2019 emphasises upon restriction on the transfer of Agricultural land for non-Agricultural purposes and protection of land belonging to indigenous communities of the State, preservation of Satra, Places of Historical Importance and Ancient Monuments, Tanks etc., and on eviction of encroachment over Government Land and protection of land in Tribal Belt & Blocks.

Today Assam has a fully operational SDMA at State level and DDMA in all 33 districts.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

The Government of Assam has given high priority to the sustainable development of Science & Technology and to the promotion of science by inculcating scientific temper among the masses of the state.

My Government is going ahead to set up a "Science City" with an estimated cost of approximately 175 crores at Guwahati in collaboration with the Ministry of Culture, Government of India. The Government of Assam is providing additional cost of boundary walls, external development works, water supply facilities, electricity facilities and approach road etc. to the site.

The "2nd Assam Science Festival - 2019" was organized by Assam Science Technology and Environment Council in association with Tezpur University during 23rd - 25th March, 2019 at the University campus with the prime objective of developing scientific mentality among the common mass and to showcase Assam's contribution in the field of science and technology over the years.

More than 50 projects have been received towards technology generation for the year 2019-20 under the Scheme "INNOVATION, TECHNOLOGY GENERATION AND AWARENESS (ITGA) FOR THE STATE".

Assam Energy Development Agency, an organization under Science & Technology Dept., during this year, is going ahead with installation of Grid Connected Rooftop Solar Plant in the Residential Sector to an aggregated capacity of 8 MW and 4 nos. of small Off-Grid Solar Power Plants with battery backup. These small off-grid Solar Power Plants will be in Karbi Anglong and Dima Hasao districts.

SECONDARY EDUCATION

The mandate of Secondary Education is to make good quality Secondary Education accessible, affordable and available for all children in age group of 14 to 18 years irrespective of religion, caste, community, gender, economic level, disability etc. in the state.

With an objective to provide free education to the underprivileged and the poorer section of student the Government of Assam waived the admission fees/tuition fees etc. for the students taking admission in Higher Secondary Schools.

Likewise previous years the examination fees and centre fees in respect of students of the poorer section of the society appearing in HSLC and HSSLC examination will be exempted under the scheme of 'waiving of examination fees'.

The scheme for distribution of Free Text-book has been extended for the students upto Class-XII covering five core subjects for Science, Arts, Commerce and Vocational Education Streams..

Distribution of free Laptops amongst the meritorious students securing Star marks and above in the HSLC/AHM examination under 'Anundoram Barooah Award scheme' will be continued and an amount of Rs 60.00 Cr has been earmarked in the state budget for implementation of this prestigious scheme. Last year, 20,800 nos. of meritorious students securing star marks in HSLC examination benefitted under 'Anundoram Barooah Award scheme'. This year an estimated 17100 beneficiaries are targeted to be covered under the scheme.

Tele-Education is an advanced technology solution to address problem of poor quality education that students in the present Government schools face, especially in rural areas. To take advantage of this technology "Tele - Education through virtual

classroom" has been implemented with budget provision of Rs 4.5789 Crore, covering 250 Nos. of Government/ Provincialized HS schools in the state with the help of 3rd party technical experts.

Construction of Adarsha Vidyalaya (Model School) in 46 nos. of Educationally Backward Blocks (EBBs) have been undertaken under RMSA out of which 20 nos. of Adarsha Vidyalayas have already been made functional from class-I to X and were affiliated under CBSE from the year 2017.

SOCIAL WELFARE

The Social Welfare Department plays key role in implementing various schemes for the welfare of the women and children as well as for the persons with disabilities, senior citizens and transgender community in the State. The Department executes various schemes under the Ministries of Women & Child Development and Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India and some schemes of the State Government

Union Cabinet has approved setting up of Poshan Abhiyaan, (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 phase manner. The special feature of the POSHAN Abhiyaan is that, this aims at creating synergy, and linking the schemes with each other in order to arrive at the common goal of reducing malnutrition in India. The

goal is to reduce stunting by 2%, under-nutrition by 2%, anaemia by 3%, and low birth weight by 2% per year. An amount of Rs.13333.34 lakhs has been released during the year 2019-20 under POSHAN Abhiyan.

National Flagship Schemes namely Integrated Child Development Services Schemecovers all the Dev. Blocks, of the State, to provide benefit to the targeted beneficiaries under the scheme. An amount of Rs 70000.00 lakhs has been released during the year 2019-20 (90:10 as Central & State Share) under Supplementary Nutrition Programme and Rs 97996.47 lakhs has been released during the year 2019-20 (90:10 as Central & State Share) under Child Development Services Scheme.

To ensure safe delivery and provide good nutrition to the pregnant women the social welfare department is implementing Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY). It is a conditional cash transfer scheme for Pregnant Women and Lactating Mother (PW&LM) for first live birth only. It provides partial wage compensation to women for wage-loss during childbirth and childcare and to provide conditions for safe delivery and good nutrition and feeding practices. An amount of Rs 1000.00 lakhs has been released during the year 2019-20 (as Central & State Share) under PMMVY.

Social Welfare Department, Assam also has schemes for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs), Elderly Persons and Transgenders.

Deen Dayal Divyangjan Pension :- It is a new scheme which was launched by Hon'ble Chief Minister, Assam on 10th of January, 2019. The objective of the scheme is to provide monthly pension of Rs.1,000/- to each of the persons with disabilities for taking care of their health. An amount of Rs 20000 lakhs has been released during the year 2019-20 (as SOPD) under Deen Dayal Divyangjan Pension Scheme.

Welfare of Transgender community :- This is a new scheme which is introduced in 2018-19.

SOIL CONSERVATION

Soil Conservation Department deals with scientific management of the most vital natural resources namely Soil, Water & Vegetation. All schemes taken up by the department are labour intensive, production oriented and employment generating for the rural people. The priority areas are; improvement of Agricultural Land, Waste Land, Degraded Wetland, Fallow cultivable Lands and Riverine Land Development, through different activities like construction of Check Dams, Contour Bunding & Trenching, Graded bunding, Decongestion of Drainage Channel, Farm Ponds, Percolation Tanks, Boulder Revetment, various Plantation programme, etc., with primary objectives to reduce land degradation, enhance soil moisture regime, conserve rain water so as to increase agricultural productivity, net cropped areas and thereby facilitating farmers to take up double cropping.

During 2018-19, the department has developed about 1712 hectares of degraded wetlands in 6 (Six) different locations of Assam with an amount of Rs. 308.00 lakh and put into use for composite farming. Similarly, this year too, the department has proposed to develop about 2000 ha of degraded wetlands with an investment of Rs. 1000.00 lakh.

The department has been associating in various programme of mitigation of flash floods in the Guwahati city. Presently, the Department is implementing the project on Mitigation of Flash Floods at Geetanagar Hill as Pilot Project in collaboration with IIT(G) with an outlay of Rs. 300.00 lakh.

SPORTS & YOUTH WELFARE

In tune with Hon'ble Chief Minister's vision to promote Assam as a Sports Hub of India and Guwahati as the Sports Capital of the country, the state has hoisted several National and International events successfully. Guwahati is chosen to host the 3rd edition of Khelo India Youth Games 2020, which was inaugurated on 10th January and is scheduled till 22nd January, 2020. In this mega event more than 12000 participants including 6456 players, 1058 technical staff, 1000 volunteers, 371 sports specific volunteers are expected to participate from across the country.

Sports & Youth Welfare Dept. has enhanced the amount of scholarships of the Sports Talent Search scholarship from the current financial year. Rs. 12000/- for Gold medallist, Rs. 10,000/-

for Silver medallist and Rs. 8000/- for Bronze medallist in the State Sports competition. At the National level competition the amount of award has also been enhanced to Rs. 20,000/-, Rs. 18,000/- and Rs. 16,000/- for Gold, Silver and Bronze medal winners respectively.

The Government has also announced cash prize to the medal winners in the 3rd Khelo India Youth Games 2020 at Guwahati with Rs. 1.00 lakh, Rs. 0.75 lakh and Rs. 0.50 lakh for Gold, Silver and Bronze medal winners. In respect of team event the medal winners will receive 50% amount of the individual prize amount.

For development of Sports infrastructure in rural areas, the Mega Mission Society under Chief Minister Samagra Gramin Unnayan Yojana (CMSGUY) has sanctioned and released an amount of Rs. 40.00 Crore for development of 500 nos. of play fields in the entire state.

The Sports & Youth Welfare Dept. has taken steps to popularize indigenous games and had conducted indigenous games at District and State level during 2018-19 and intend to organize the indigenous games in the month of February, 2020.

In order to make Sports inclusive the dept. had conducted State level "Divyangan Meet" (Special Para Olympic) at Guwahati in 2018-19 where more than two hundred participants had participated. We intend to organize another such event in February, 2020. Projects like Arjun Bhogeswar Baruah State Sports School

at Sarusajai Sports Complex, Guwahati, Sri Sri Anirudhadeva Sports University at Chabua, Dibrugarh and State of the Art Multi-Disciplinary Sports Complex at Khanikar in Dibrugarh District are well underway for developing progressive sports infrastructures in the state and similar infrastructures are also being constructed at Saboti, District Lakhimpur and Sualkuchi, Kamrup District which would go a long way to create excellent platform for training in Olympic disciplines, providing Undergraduate and Post-graduate courses in Physical Education & Sports Science, Sports Technology, Sports Medicine etc.

The Sports & Youth Welfare Dept. is going to organize Mukhya Mantrir Gaon Panchayat Prajayar Mohila Kriya Protiyugita at District and State level during the month of February, 2020 to promote games and sports amongst women and also to spot fresh talents. The game would also facilitate mass participation of women.

The Government of Assam in Sports & Youth Welfare Dept. is going to award One Time Financial Assistance of Rs. 50,000/- to One thousand Sports Personalities who have shown excellent performance in National and International sports events.

TEA TRIBES WELFARE

The all-round socio-economic development of tea tribes community in Assam is the mandate of the Tea Tribes Welfare Department. The department has taken up many initiatives during 2019-20.

A new scheme has been initiated in which students who have passed HSLC examination as well as Higher Secondary Final Examination in 2019 will be provided one-time special scholarship of Rs. 10,000/- in addition to the normal scholarship provided to them.

This year 250 nos. of students from Tea Tribe community will be given free of cost GNM training in the Medical Institutions of Assam. In order to encourage self-employment and entrepreneurship among the tea Tribe community, a new scheme named Dayal Das Panika Swaniyojan Achoni has been initiated. Under this scheme more than 15000 youths from age group of 20 to 40 years engaged in petty business /activities would be provided one time financial grant of Rs. 25,000/- each to expand their business/activities etc.

Students of 429 Tea Garden Managed Schools of Elementary level would be provided breakfast, uniforms, shoe & socks and afternoon tea along with Teaching Learning Materials (TLM) in a day-boarding mechanism to inculcate interest among the students for formal education and minimise drop out.

About 3769 Kutcha houses of the workers belonging to Assam Tea Corporation Ltd. would be converted into Pucca houses at the cost of Rs.1.30 lakh per house as per Prime Ministers Awas Yojana Model.

Hon'ble Chief Minister also inaugurated a scheme to provide Pre-Examination Coaching for Civil Services Examination to tea

tribes students where 50 nos. of students are being provided free coaching for 6 (six) months in Assam Administrative Staff College, Khanapara, Guwahati.

The existing schemes of scholarships i.e. Pre-matric, Post-Matric, Financial Assistance for Higher Studies and ANM/GNM training and Technical Education will continue like previous years.

TRANSPORT

The Department of Transport is committed to provide the people of the state a fast, safe and affordable transportation system, while enhancing Government revenue. The Government of Assam is at the forefront of key developments in public transport, in line with technology led interventions that are shaping the future of mass transit across the world. The transportation sector is being revolutionized.

In terms of revenue earning, the Transport Department has always been contributing a substantial amount of M.V. Revenue to the State exchequer. An amount of Rs. 737.55crores was collected in the financial year 2018-19, an increase of 10% over the last year's collection.

Assam State Transport Corporation, the facilitator of public transport in the State is committed to providing effective and efficient services to citizensthrough several ongoing initiatives for transformation of internal governance, infrastructure, IT enabled services and accessibility.

The Transport Department has procured 14 Traffic Interceptor vehicles and allotted the same to District Transport

Officers for utilization and 10 more Traffic Interceptor Vehicles are being procured during current financial year.

Software Vahan' 4.0 and 'Sarathi' 4.0 have been upgraded in almost all the districts thereby enabling online registration of vehicle at dealer point through SBI-e payment. The Road Safety Policy outlines the initiatives to be taken by State Government at all level to improve the Road Safety activities in the State Government and thereby targeting a reduction in Road accident and fatalities by 50% by 2020.

60 Bigha land has been allotted at Amingaon in Kamrup District for establishment of State of Art Driving Training institute under establishment of D.T.O Office, Kamrup District.

The waterways are key drivers of our economic prosperity. In order to develop the infrastructure & institutional mechanism of the Inland Water Transport Sector in the State to international standard, the Inland Water Transport, Assam has been providing transportation services through waterways over the 106 nos. of Notified ferry services on the river Brahmaputra, Barak and their tributaries.

Meanwhile the Government of Assam has set-up "The Assam IWT Regulatory Authority" under the umbrella of Transport Department, Government of Assam to ensure safe, efficient, reliable and environmentally sound inland water transportation for the benefit of ferry users, freight consigners and water tourism in the State of Assam.

The Inland Water Transport, Assam is also implementing the "Assam Inland Water Transport Project" under World Bank funding to transform the infrastructural & institutional development of the IWT Sector at an estimated project cost of Rs. 770 crores.

Initiatives taken by ASTC for development of public transport :

Uberization :- Under this scheme, our government will encourage young entrepreneurs, small businesses and Self-Help Groups (SHGs) to enter the industry. Additionally, this initiative will provide employability for local youths in the state. Under this scheme, Government of Assam has decided to add 1000 buses to the existing fleet of ASTC for public transport in current financial year, thereby almost trebling the availability of buses in the public transport system in our State.

Dharmajyoti scheme :- The existing subsidy of 50% to pilgrims for visiting holy places has been increased to 75% by our government. This scheme is formulated to assist all the pilgrims to visit all the holy places of Assamese culture and heritage located within and outside state.

Gyan Deepika Scheme :- ASTC is also supporting in the implementation of the Gyan Deepika Scheme of the Government of Assam. ASTC support is envisaged in the procurement to suitable battery operated E-Bikes for girl students in Assam who have secured 1st division or above in their higher secondary examinations in 2019.

URBAN DEVELOPMENT

The main activities of the Urban Development is to support the Urban Local Bodies by providing financial assistance for creation of civic amenities and for upgradation of the urban livelihoods.

Under Town and Country Planning 28 numbers of physical Master Plans have been prepared. Also, another 12 numbers of Draft Master Plans are prepared and 45 Draft Master Plans are under preparation. 10 Master Plans are brought to GIS platform and another 15 Master Plans are under process for bringing to GIS platform. GIS based Master Plans are very essential for Urban Local Bodies in Assam which will facilitate Online Building Permission System with minimise human intervention.

The Government of Assam in Urban Development has launched a new urban development scheme namely - City Infrastructure Development Fund (CIDF) for the infrastructure development of major towns of Assam excluding Guwahati. The projects which have been considered under CIDF are river front development, landmark roads, public parks, marriage hall, District Libraries, District stadium etc. Since inception, 17 towns have been considered under this flagship programme under SOPD.

Under 10% Central Pool Fund provided for NE Region including Sikkim, till date 20 projects have been completed out of total 62 sanctioned projects.

Under Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR) & NEC some major infrastructure development schemes like

Drainage, Road, Truck/ Bus Terminus, Town Hall, Water Supply etc. are being implemented through Urban Local Bodies and Development Authorities availing financial assistance under Non Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR) & NEC.

The Government of India have approved and sanctioned a Water Supply project in Tinsukia Town (Phase - III) for a total estimated amount of Rs. 2873.46 lakhs under North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (NESIDS) during 2018-19.

Further, 491 nos. of High Mast Lights has been installed in 35 ULBs while installation of 947 nos. High Mast Lights in 65 ULBs is going on. On the other hand, out of 125 nos. of units of public toilets, 45 nos. has been constructed in 27 ULBs during the year 2019-20.

The Assam Urban Water Supply and Sewage Board has entrusted with the responsibilities of execution, implementation, operation and maintenance of Water Supply and Sewerage facilities in the Urban areas. Till date 68 Urban Water Supply Schemes has been taken up by the Board for supplying treated drinking water in 59 towns of Assam under various source of funding from State Own Priority Development (State Plan), Accelerated Urban Water supply Programme, Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources, Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small and Medium Town, Additional Central Assistance and 5th Assam State Finance Commission.

The Assam State Housing Board has under taken a project for Construction of Multi-storied Office cum Commercial Building

at Head Quarter Office Complex with an estimated cost of Rs.116.00 crores with HUDCO Finance Government has given "go ahead" for the project. A project management consultant has been engaged for implementation of the Project.

Amrut Mission : The 4 Mission Cities are-Dibrugarh, Guwahati, Nagaon and Silchar State Annual Action Plan (SAAP) 2015-16 for an amount of Rs.188.16 crore, SAAP 2016-17 for an amount of Rs.218.67 crore and SAAP 2017-20 for an amount of Rs.250.14 crore had been approved by Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA), Government of India and Rs. 73.14 crore has been released as 1st installment (20%) of SAAP 2015-16 & 2016-17. Government of Assam released the amount to Mission Directorate along with its matching state share amounting to Rs.8.14 Crore. In principle approval has been accorded to SAAP 2017-20 for an amount of Rs. 250.31 crore.

The Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana- Housing For All (URBAN): is aimed with the objective of Housing for All by 2022 when the Nation completes 75 years of its Independence. And in order to achieve this objective, Government of India launched the flagship program "Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana- Housing for All (Urban)" PMAY-HFA (U) on 25th of June 2015 to meet the housing shortage among the urban poor.

The mission strategy is to achieve the motto "Housing for All" by 2022 through four verticals, i.e. Subsidy for Beneficiary-Led Individual House Construction or Enhancement (BLC/BLE), Credit Linked Subsidy Scheme (CLSS), Affordable Housing in

Partnership (AHP) and "In situ" Slum Redevelopment of existing slum dwellers using land as a resource through private participation (ISSR).

Through extensive 'Angikar Campaign' aimed at bringing beneficiaries of PMAY(U) into the fold of other Government schemes and help them live a healthy life and secure life, need assessment has been done for more than 10000 beneficiaries.

THE NATIONAL URBAN LIVELIHOODS MISSION UNDER DEENDAYAL ANTYODAYA YOJANA is working from last 4 years to eradicate poverty and reduce the vulnerability of urban poor households in city and town areas of Assam and is being able to create employment opportunities and enhance livelihoods of the targeted sections. DAY-NULM in Assam is dedicated to urban poor and needy people residing in cities and towns of Assam, making them empowered and providing meaningful employment thereby contributing in building a strong State.

DAY-NULM is undertaking activities to support livelihoods of street vendors. Survey of Street Vendors in 25 towns of Assam is completed and Town Vending Committees have been formed to bring the street vendors in the organized sector. DAY-NULM further provides shelters for urban homeless for which survey of urban homeless is done in 23 towns and a total no. of 1347 homeless persons have been identified and one Shelter in Guwahati is operational.

Under Swachh Bharat Mission (U), Assam : The Urban Local Bodies of Assam have now been declared 100% Open Defecation Free. It is indeed a great achievement for the State as the Swachh Bharat Mission (U) took up the initiative to build Individual Household Latrines, Community Toilets/ Public Toilets and Solid Waste Management to assure that no one need to defecate in the open.

WATER RESOURCES

Water Resources Department, through implementation of various projects have 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, 983 nos. of anti-erosion & town protection works, 100 nos. of major sluice & 545 nos. of minor sluice, 881.97 km of drainage channels and 875.64 km of raising & strengthening of existing dyke.

The Department has received the approval for execution of 11 schemes for Rejuvenation of Kollong river at a cost of Rs.14.50 Crores for the year 2018-19 and the works for the schemes are under progress.

Under NABARD (RIDF-XXIV), 49 schemes costing Rs.100.00 Crores were sanctioned by NABARD for execution during the year 2018-19 and the schemes are under progress.

4 (four) nos. of schemes at a total cost of Rs.40.00 Crores were proposed under UTTORON Signature Project of the Hon'ble MLAs for the year 2018-19 and the schemes are in progress.

The department has received sanction for 50 nos. of schemes for a cost of Rs.113.08 Crores under SOPD-G for the year 2019-20 and the works for the schemes are going to start soon.

Under CM Package for Barak Valley, 16 schemes at a cost of Rs.38.00 Crores has been sanctioned and the schemes are under process of accordance of Administrative Approval.

WELFARE OF MINORITIES AND DEVELOPMENT

The welfare of Minorities and Development Department (WMD) is the Administrative Department dealing with the affairs of minorities sections including linguistic minorities and people living in Char-Chapori areas in Assam..

During the financial year of 2019-20 the department has taken up schemes like distribution of e-Rickshaw, Solar Street Light, Construction of Open Rangamancha with Auditorium Hall, Renovation of Haji Musafir Khana Building, Construction of Community Hall-cum-Auditorium for Jain, Christian & Sikh Communities, ANM training and DMLT, DPT, BMLT courses for the notified communities. Further, schemes like distribution of Hybrid Vegetable Seeds, Bio Organic Soil Enricher and construction of Cultural Stage has also been taken up for the people living in Char Areas.

For the year FY 2020-21, priority schemes proposed are, Distribution of bicycles, Distribution of Sewing Machines, Distribution of Tarahand Pumps, Solar Home lights, Agricultural inputs, Distribution of E-Rickshaws, Solar Street Lights, ANM training, Coaching for APSC/UPSC/Entrance Exam, etc.

WPT & BC

WPT & BC Department of Government of Assam has been implementing various welfare schemes/projects for the upliftment of SC, ST(P) and OBC people of the State.

Several schemes have been taken up for Self-Employment, Quality Education, Support Health Care, Infrastructure Development and Socio-Economic empowerment of SC, ST and OBC people.

During 2019-20, a total of Rs. 580.31 lakh (SC=121.00 lakh, ST= Rs. 348.27 lakh and OBC= 111.04 lakh) has been allocated for Pre-Matric Scholarship and Rs. 9555.00 Lakh (SC= Rs. 2000.00 L, ST= Rs. 5555.00 lakh and OBC=Rs. 2000.00 lakh) for Post- Matric Scholarships to SC, ST and OBC students for development of the education of the backward sections of the State. An amount of Rs. 638.30 lakh (SC= Rs. 133.10 lakh, ST=Rs.383.10 lakh and OBC=Rs. 122.10 lakh) for Pre-Matric Scholarship and Rs. 10510.50 lakh (SC= Rs. 2200.00 lakh, ST= Rs. 6110.50 lakh and OBC= Rs. 2200.00 lakh) for Post-Matric Scholarship to SC, ST and OBC students are proposed to be awarded for the year 2020-21.

Various training programmes for Skill Development for self-employment are being imparted to the unemployed youths of backward classes communities. During 2019-20, Rs. 960.00 lakh (SC= Rs. 350.00 lakh and ST= Rs. 610.00 lakh) has been allocated for Skill Development Scheme for benefit of SC and

ST youths of the State. An amount of Rs. 1056.00 lakh (SC= Rs. 385.00 lakh and ST= Rs. 671.00 lakh) for Skill Development Scheme for benefit of SC and ST youths are to be proposed for the year 2020-21.

For specific development of various ethnic communities under the aegis of 6 (six) Autonomous Councils (MAC, RHAC, TAC, SKAC, TKAC, DAC) Rs. 27422.70 lakh was allocated during 2019-20 and it is proposed to allocate an amount of Rs. 30167.97 lakhs for the year 2020-21. Similarly, an amount of Rs. 1089.00 lakh has been allocated socio-economic development through the 31 nos. of Development Council during 2019-20 and an amount of Rs. 1197.90 lakh has been proposed for the year 2020-21.

An amount of Rs. 67178.10 lakh has been allocated under State Own Priority Development Fund during the financial year 2019-20 and an amount of Rs. 73895.91 lakhs has been proposed for the year 2020-21 for the development works in the six schedule BTAD area.

WPT & BC Department has proposed to be provided One Time Special Package of Rs. 500.00 crore for Socio-Economic Development of SC/ST/OBC people of the State for the year during 2020-21.

State Government resolves to request Government of India to grant Constitutional status to all Tribal Autonomous Councils,

namely, Mising, Rabha Hasong, Tiwa, Sonowal Kachari, Deuri and Thengal Kachari so that they can receive fund from both Central and State Government and obtain other rights and privileges.

Further, a new Autonomous Council for Koch Rajbongshi community (Kamatapur Autonomous Council) residing in undivided Goalpara District excluding BTAD and Rabha Hasong Autonomous Council area will be constituted. Similarly, two new Autonomous Councils for Moran and Mattak communities will be created.

In addition, Tai Ahom Development Council, Chutiya Development Council and Koch Rajbongshi Development Council will be restructured with substantial budget allocations.

State Government has taken up the decision for providing of fund of Rs. 500 crore special package in budget for Moran, Mattak, Chutiya and Ahom communities which will be divided equally and each community will get Rs. 125 crore.

Moreover, Special onetime assistance of Rs. 250 crore will be given to the Tai Ahom Development Council.

Government has been paying special attention for development of Tribal areas through Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP) and providing benefits to the Scheduled Caste people through Scheduled Caste Sub-Plan (SCSP). During 2019-20, Rs. 8267.00 lakhs and Rs.19707.60 lakhs has been allocated for special development programme under TSP and SCSP respectively. An

amount of Rs. 9093.70 lakhs under TSP and Rs. 21678.36 lakhs under SCSP has been proposed for the year 2020-21.

Hon'ble Members, during last three and a half years, my Government has always been committed to its goal of making Assam a corruption free, insurgency free, foreigners free and pollution free Assam. My Government has pursued its avowed goal of protecting and promoting the rights, privileges and interests of indigenous people of Assam. My Government has made utmost efforts to take the pace of development of the State to greater heights. As a result of my Government's sincere efforts, Assam is experiencing a new age of peace and progress today. I am confident that the Hon'ble Members and the people of Assam will stay united and cooperate with the State Government in this new journey of development to make Assam as one of the front ranking States of the country.

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