



Address of

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Hon'ble Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly.

I extend a very warm welcome to all of you to this session of the Assembly.

At the outset, let me congratulate you, the State administration and the people of Goa for the outstanding organization of the **37th National Games.**

Also, I would like to mention that the State successfully and peacefully organized the meetings allotted to the State under G20 Presidency in India.

It's my honour to mention that successful organization of the **International Purple Fest 2024** in Goa has left an enduring impact on the State, reverberating its message of diversity and inclusion worldwide. I congratulate the whole team of International Purple Fest for making the event a grand success.

The contribution made by the Police personnel including the Home Guards for maintaining law and order and smooth traffic management during the National Games and G20 meetings is commendable.

I feel proud to inform this August house that 30% of the vacancies of police constables are being filled by mode of absorption from Home Guard volunteers. 161 Home Guards have been appointed on absorption to the post of Police Constable in the Goa Police Department.

Our State Police ensured that the Crime, Law & Order situation in the State remained under control. This is reflected in crime detection rate which is **85.83%** and seizure of 159.17 kgs of drugs worth Rs.396.35 lakh under NDPS Act during the current financial year upto November, 2023.

The State Police is making sincere efforts to make available safe driving environment. Special drives to rein in drunken driving and over-speeding

have been launched by the Traffic Police. A total of Five lakh nineteen thousand four hundred forty three (5,19,443) traffic violation cases under Motor Vehicles Act have been booked and fine of Rs.34.39 crore have been collected during the current financial year upto November 2023 by the **Police and Transport Departments.**

To provide proper infrastructure to the Police force, 70% of works towards construction of new building for Quepem Police Station has been completed. Besides this, construction of new building for Coastal Security Police Station at Chapora is fully completed and is likely to be inaugurated soon.

Awareness was created amongst the public about cyber crime and how to seek correct redressal to mitigate the threats. In all 164 programs were conducted during 2023-24, upto November 2023 in various Government Departments, Educational Institutes, NGOs, Semi-Government Agencies, Industries and Hotels. Also,

awareness was made through Social Media, Television, Radio and Street Plays.

Women Help Desk is created at every Police Station in the State under District SPs and it is functioning round the clock and grievances are heard by Lady Police Officers.

The Fire fighters have shown commendable courage and dedication in their duties. During the current financial year upto October 2023, the Fire & Emergency Services have collectively attended five thousand five hundred twenty seven (5527) calls during which 87 human lives and 29 animal lives were saved. Due to timely action of the Fire fighters, property worth Rs. 19.47 crore have been saved/salvaged.

In order to make all Government Departments offer the cashless payment facility and make all Government services available at the click of a button, My Government has signed an MoU with **Paytm** to help various Departments go digital by

deploying the platform's features such as QR codes and POS (point of sale) devices. This in turn has shown the Government's commitment towards **Zero Tolerance to Corruption**.

For the past few years, the State of Goa has been marching ahead in each and every sector due to the boost offered by the **Double Engine Government** and has achieved milestones in various fields. This has been reflected in the **Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Index 3.0** wherein Goa has become Achiever in 2 goals, Frontrunner in 8 goals, Performer in 3 goals and Aspirant in 2 goals.

Goa has gone one step ahead in preparing its own methodology in line with NITI Aayog to compute **Goa SDG Index 2023**. As per this report, the State has become Achiever in 4 goals, Frontrunner in 10 goals and Performer in 2 goals.

Goa has also prepared its State Indicator Framework 2.0 in line with National Indicator

Framework of Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MOSPI).

My Government has created a dedicated CSS cell so as to identify new Central/Centrally sponsored Schemes (CS/CSS) as well as dovetailing of schemes and also to maximise the inflow of Central funds in the State.

The Cell will function under the overall supervision of Directorate of Planning, Statistics & Evaluation. The Cell will regularly co-ordinate with the Central Ministries and the concerned State Departments for fast tracking of approvals for Detailed Project Report/Annual Action Plan and release of funds.

The economy of the State has shown tremendous progress. This is reflected in its **Gross State Domestic Product** (at current prices) which has increased by 33% in 2023 (Projected) as compared to 2019-20. Also, the per capita income has increased by 30% during the same period.

My Government works on the principle of **Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas** and **Sabka Prayas**. With this principle, we are ultimately progressing to achieve **Antyodaya, Gramodaya & Sarvodaya**, the exclusive objective of the flagship **Swayampurna Goa Programme**.

After the announcement of **'Aatmanirbhar Bharat'** by our Hon'ble Prime Minister **Shri Narendra Modiji**, My Government came out with a slogan, **'Aatmanirbhar Bharat - Swayampurna Goa'**. Marching ahead with this slogan the State administration has shown determination to make Goa **'Aatmanirbhar'** and **'Swayampurna'** in all aspects by implementing this Programme and has also tasted success.

During the current financial year, under the programme, special drives were undertaken across various Village Panchayats and Municipalities in coordination with State Government Departments and Swayampurna Mitras with an effort to reach Government schemes/services to every eligible

citizen. More than 15000 number of residents have benefitted through these special drives.

Under Swayampurna Goa Programme 2.0, special emphasis is given on **Skilling, Re-skilling** and **Up-skilling**.

My Government is giving opportunities to talented youth to be part of the Government system through **the Chief Minister Fellowship Programme**. These talented minds are working in various Government Departments under the supervision of respective Head of Departments. They are not only skilling themselves but also helping the Government in designing new policies.

Due to the favourable prospects and the platforms the CM Fellows received at National and International level, My Government has increased the strength under **The Chief Minister's Fellowship Programme** from 10 to 20 during the current financial year.

My Government has launched the **Goa Chief Minister's Apprenticeship Training Scheme in the current financial year** wherein Eight thousand eight hundred fifty two (8,852) youths have been appointed as Apprentices in both Government as well as private sector. The apprentice scheme aims to increase the employability of the Goan youth and encourage participation of Government and Public Sector Establishments, in line with Apprenticeship Training scheme. This Apprenticeship scheme will provide the Goan youth an industry-led, practice-oriented and efficient mode of formal training in private as well as Government establishments which will lead to achieve the objective of **Skilling, Re-skilling and up-skilling** of the Government.

Our Hon'ble Prime Minister has launched a new scheme "**PM Vishwakarma Yojana**" with an aim to revive our traditional businesses, paving a way for a brighter future of our artisans and craftsmen. My Government has implemented the scheme with much vigour. Under the scheme, all

Vishwakarmas (**Shramjeevis**) practicing the 18 notified traditional trades will be identified in the State. I feel happy to state that more than Thirty three thousand (33000) Shramjeevis have been registered so far.

Further, My Government has committed that no one belonging to these 18 trades will be left behind in getting the benefits of the scheme.

Goa has become the **first** State in the Country to commence training to the Shramjeevis from 5th December 2023 which is indeed commendable. I congratulate the Swayampurna Mitras, Field Workers and Assistants of Social Welfare Department for this achievement.

As you all know, last year **Swayampurna Chaturthi Bazaar** was organized at 22 different locations in physical mode in order to inculcate entrepreneurship skills amongst the Mahilas of various Self Help Groups. This year the Government provided them an online platform

“Chavath e Bazaar” to sell their home made and handmade items.

I am immensely happy that this particular initiative has brought a kind of **Digital Kranti** in the State. First time in the Country, such an e-Bazaar was organized on the occasion of Ganesh Chaturthi.

My Government has gone one step ahead and created **Swayampurna Goa e-Bazaar**, a special digital e Commerce platform on the lines of e commerce giants such as Amazon, Flipkart etc. specially designed for Local Artisans, Mahilas, Self Help groups to sell their **Home Made and Hand Made** products not only in Goa but also across PAN India.

My Government has conducted meetings with more than 500 Mahilas in this regard to register them on Swayampurna Goa e Bazaar Platform and also provided them **training for packaging and branding their items**. Till date, 58 vendors have

been on boarded on the platform. I request all of you to kindly order these homemade and handmade items on www.swayampurnagoa.com so as to empower our women and artisans.

My Government attaches highest importance to Human Resource Development. For the first time, **2.37 lakh students** of 1st to 10th standard of all Government & Government aided schools were screened for eye check-up under CSR initiative **“Vision for all”**. The complete process of eye check up is completed in all talukas and in all Three thousand four hundred thirty nine (3439) students are found with some refractive defects. These students will be provided spectacles or referred for further treatment if required, free of cost.

In order to channelize the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds from the Donors to the Goa CSR Authority, My Government organized “Goa CSR Conclave” in the State for the first time. This Conclave was attended by representatives from around 82 Corporate Houses.

There are Three thousand six hundred seventy four (3674) Mahilas Self Help Groups registered under National Rural Livelihood Mission and around One thousand one hundred forty five (1145) groups under National Urban Livelihood Mission having a total membership of more than 40,000. To assist these groups to be financially stable and make them **Swayampurna**, My Government has introduced the **Mukhyamantri Annapurna Yojana** in the current financial year. Under the scheme, the Groups are permitted to run the canteens in various Government Departments. The rent of Government canteens is kept as low as Rs. 1000 per month. 47 Mahila Self Help Groups have been empanelled under this scheme till December 2023. One group has received approval to run the canteen at Department of Food & Drugs Administration.

My Government intends to distribute 1000 taxis to local youth under **Goencho Taxi Patrao Scheme**. With the help of Goa Miles, 120 persons are distributed taxis till December 2023 in the

current financial year. This will promote self employment among the **Goan youth**.

My Government has constituted the **Swayampurna Goa Board**. The Board will define policies to make Goa Self reliant and also develop and study strategies to ensure the vision of the Swayampurna Goa Programme is achieved in minimum possible time.

Due to the concentrated efforts of the Swayampurna Mitras, Taluka Nodal officers and Government Departments, the State has achieved **100% saturation** in 7 schemes out of 13 flagship schemes monitored by the Prime Minister's Office. In addition to above, **99% saturation** is attained in all the **State Government beneficiary oriented schemes**.

Goa has achieved an overall Aadhaar generation of **103%** with a network of 98 number of Permanent Aadhaar Enrollment Stations throughout the State extending Aadhaar enrollment and update

services, out of which 24 number of Aadhaar Enrollment Stations are operated by the State Registrar as on November 2023.

My Government provides home enrollment facilities to divyangs, constrained senior citizens and also the ailing and bedridden citizens on request. 151 number of residents have availed this facility during the current financial year upto December 2023.

In order to ensure that no resident is deprived of any Government benefit due to lack of Aadhaar, My Government is organizing Aadhaar camps with special emphasis on coverage of Women's Shelter Homes, Shelter Home for the homeless, Charity and Old Age Homes, Tribal communities, Street Providence Homes, Orphanages and Children's Homes, NGOs etc.

Under the Swayampurna Goa program, Village Panchayat-wise special Aadhaar enrollment drives are being undertaken. During the current

financial year, 79 number of Village Panchayats have been covered upto November 2023 catering to Six thousand six hundred seventy six (6,676) number of residents.

Goa has the State of art health Infrastructure. The Government is committed to provide proper health care to Goans through its various schemes specially **Deendayal Swasthya Seva Yojana (DSSY) and Mediclaim scheme.**

The total active cards under DSSY for policy year 2023-24 are Two lakh thirty thousand three hundred forty one (2,30,341). During the current financial year upto December 2023, Sixteen Thousand two hundred ninety two (16,292) number of beneficiaries availed benefits under the scheme. Under **Mediclaim scheme**, 77 patients have taken benefits amounting to Rs. 98 lakh.

Under the project **Andh Mukth Goa**, regarding eradication of blindness throughout the State of Goa, the State has made available two

additional facilities one at Sankhali Community Hospital and the other at Sub District Hospital Chicalim during the current financial year.

Under **Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana**, a flagship scheme of Government of India, Twenty seven thousand nine hundred fifty seven (27,957) families are registered. Currently 17 Hospitals (15 Public & 2 Private) are providing cashless treatment under the scheme in Goa.

Seven lakh Seventeen thousand nine hundred forty (7,17,940) **Ayushman Bharat Health Account (ABHA)** which is a unique 14 digit number have been generated in the State till December 2023.

My Government is playing a effective role in development of rural areas.

Under **Mahatma Gandhi Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGA)**, in the current financial year, upto November 2023, Thirty

thousand five hundred thirty (30,530) mandays of wage employment have been generated engaging unskilled workers. During the same period, under **Goa Grameen Urja Yojana**, 183 BPL families were benefited with domestic LPG connection.

My Government is providing assistance under Agriculture at all levels to provide substantial returns to rural populace.

The year 2023 was declared as **International Year of Millets** and as part of this programme, My Government has motivated and encouraged the Goan farmers by providing free of cost 150 kgs of Finger Millet-Ragi, certified seed of variety KMR-301 as Mini kits. Also, incentive of Rs. 20,000/- per hectare was provided to farmers for Millet cultivation.

This has increased the area under **Millet cultivation** from existing around 20 hectare to approximately 50 hectare.

My Government has on boarded 7 number of Mandis at Canacona, Margao, Curchorem, Ponda, Sankhali, Mapusa, and Valpoi on **National Agriculture Market (e-NAM) platform**. It promotes uniformity in agricultural marketing by streamlining of procedures across the integrated markets and promoting real time price discovery based on actual demand and supply.

My Government has increased the **Assured price for Paddy** from **Rs. 20/-** per kg to **Rs. 22/-** per kg, **Cashew** from **Rs. 125/-** per kg to **Rs.150/-** per kg and **Coconut** from **Rs.12/-** per nut to **Rs. 15/-** per nut. This will safeguard the farmers against any losses due to collapse in market price to keep farming at its prime level.

I am happy to inform this August house, that **Marigold cultivation** has bloomed into a remarkable success story in Goa, with a surge in demand during the festive seasons of Dussehra and Diwali for these golden blooms. The area dedicated to **marigold cultivation** has increased to **25**

hectares. Over **285 dedicated farmers** have taken to the fields to cultivate marigold.

This collective effort has yielded a bountiful harvest of approximately **125 metric tonnes** of Marigold.

My Government has recently approved six community farming projects, while additional six are set to be approved soon, marking a significant upturn in **community-driven agricultural initiatives.**

Approximately, 50 community farms are active across Goa, showcasing the growing appeal and success of collective farming endeavours in the State.

This surge in community farming initiatives not only shows the diversification of rural occupation but also signifies a collective effort towards sustainable agricultural practices and the

rejuvenation of Goa's agrarian landscape so as to attain the tag of Swayampurna.

My Government provided 50% assistance for hiring of agriculture machineries for ploughing, transplanting and harvesting to Thirty three thousand six hundred seventy two (**33672**) **number of farmers** incurring an expenditure of **Rs. 352.00 lakh** and One thousand seven hundred seventy three (**1773**) **number of farmers** were provided 50% to 90% assistance on standard cost on purchase of Agricultural Machineries and implements incurring an expenditure of **Rs. 521.52 lakh**, thereby reducing the expenditure on costly farm labour and facilitating timely completion of cultivation activities.

In order to promote local commercial **vegetable cultivation** and reducing the dependency on other States for vegetable requirement, **1051.77 tonnes** locally produced vegetables were procured by My Government worth **Rs. 384.21 lakh** benefitting **897 farmers during**

2023-24 upto November 2023 thereby giving boost for marketing.

My Government is making efforts to increase milk production in the State. For this purpose, it is necessary to conserve and increase local cow breeding.

My Government has approved **Mukhyamatri Pashuseva Yojana** with 24x7 animal ambulatory services.

Under the scheme “**Incentives to Milk Producers**” **Rs. 24.02 crore** was released to farmers as Composite Subsidy @ 40% on the proceeds of Milk supplied to the Dairy Co-operative Society/Bachat Gat/Self Help Groups during the current financial year upto December 2023.

Under the Pashupalan Scheme, One Thousand Six Hundred Seventy Five (**1675**) number of beneficiaries were assisted and total subsidy of

Rs. 2.32 crore has been released in 2023-24 upto December 2023.

Under the **Goa Stray Cattle Management Scheme, 2013 (Modified)** total **16 Local bodies (Municipalities and Panchayat)** are covered and a total amount of Grant in aid released is **Rs.14.06 crore** during 2023-24 upto December 2023.

Fishing being one of the Goa's main occupation is a crucial source of livelihood of the locals.

My Government is dedicated to implement various schemes to uplift the fishing industry in Goa as well as the hardworking fishing community in the State.

21 beneficiary oriented State Schemes, are being implemented in the State under the fisheries sector, wherein an expenditure of Rs.187.11 lakh has been incurred thereby benefiting 812 number of

fishermen for the current financial year upto November 2023.

Also, during the same period, under various components of the Centrally Sponsored scheme, **Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana**, an expenditure of Rs. 2.08 crore has been incurred covering 102 beneficiaries.

My Government is promoting Goa as a **Educational Hub** wherein students from across the world can pursue their studies be it **National Institute of Technology, All India Institute of Ayurveda, National Forensic Science University, Goa Institute of Management, Goa Medical College and Hospital, India International University of Legal Education and Research, BITS Pilani or Agriculture College.**

My Government considers education as the foundation for human development and as a source of cultivation of traits and responsible citizenship.

The Education system in the State is in line with the National Education Policy. The State Government is committed to delivering all that is possible for the sustainable quality of education by way of carrying out training, research, innovation, development of curriculum and teaching.

My Government has introduced a new scheme “**Mhaji Lab, Bari Lab**” to recognize the hard work put in by staff of the ICT Laboratory and to give an impetus and encouragement to them by conferring awards on them for their contribution in the field of ICT.

Also, **Vidhya Sahayya Scheme** to encourage community and private sector participation and to empower schools in the State of Goa has been approved by the Government for its implementation.

I feel happy to state that two Goan students Saksham Nagarcenkar and Raturaj Alornekar secured Gold in the 3rd addition of the International Vedic Maths Olympiad organised by the UK based

“Institute for the Advancement of Vedic Mathematics” wherein 5000 students from 10 different countries participated.

My Government is systematically implementing **National Skill Qualification Framework (NSQF)** in the State. 209 NSQF Instructors have been appointed. NSQF is operational in 78 Government High Schools, and 9 Government Higher Secondary Schools, 103 aided High Schools and Higher Secondary Schools with an enrolment of over Ten Thousand (10,000) students.

The State Council of Educational Research & Training (SCERT) in collaboration with Adhayan Foundation Quality Education as part of Systemic School Improvement Programme (SSIP) has implemented Career Awareness and Exposure Programme in all the Government High Schools and Read Aloud and Guru Navigator programmes in Government Primary Schools.

Goa has entered the phase of new revolution in education reflecting the vision of our Hon'ble Prime Minister for an education revolution through technology and innovation. **Vidhya Samiksha Kendra**, a Command and Control Centre for teachers, students and Institutions has been launched by My Government.

Vidhya Samiksha Kendra will present dashboards and reports for districts, blocks, and individual schools. This real-time data will offer invaluable insights into student progress, teacher training, and overall school performance.

Under the **Mid Day meal scheme**, One Lakh Sixty Three Thousand One Hundred and Twenty Three (1,63,123) students from Std I to VIII were covered incurring an expenditure of Rs.3953.49 lakh during the current financial year upto November 2023.

My Government has taken due care of Drivers and Attendants under **Balrath scheme**.

From the current financial year, the remuneration of Drivers has been increased to Rs. 17,000/- from Rs. 10,000 and for Attendant to Rs. 11,000/- from Rs. 5,500/-.

Digital Integrated System for Holistic Teaching and Virtual Orientation (DISHTAVO) has been recognized as the best Practice at the National Level. Under DISHTAVO, the whole syllabus at Under Graduate level is available online, with Thirty Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty (30,780) videos available for everyone, across the world. Recording of this academic content in Konkani is in progress.

My Government has established a Centralized Training, Internships & Placements Cell in Higher Education. 7 MoUs have been signed with industries such as IBM India, Tata Consultancy, Newton School, Mugafi (Unlu), Entri, Nav Gurukul and Yashaswi Skill Limited. 3 MoUs have been signed with academic institutes such as Indian Institute of Science, Tata Institute of Social

Sciences and The Institute of Company Secretaries of India. 133 students were offered jobs by several industries including TCS, through this Cell.

My Government is improving quality of Higher Education through NAAC accreditation and Rankings of all Higher Education Institutes in the State. 61% of accredited colleges have A or A+ grades. Government College, Borda achieved A grade in the 1st Cycle itself.

The long-term investment made by My Government in sports infrastructure has yielded results. Due to this excellent Sports infrastructure and coaching made available from grassroot level to our sportspersons, Goa secured the **9th position** in the Medal Tally for the **1st time in the history of National Games** winning a record 27 Gold, 27 Silver and 38 Bronze Medals. I congratulate all the medallists.

A total of 80 number of projects pertaining to 37th National Games amounting to approximately Rs. 280.99 crore were completed in record time.

The State deputed Teams to participate in the 66th National School Games held at Bhopal in the age groups of U/19 years Boys and Girls, comprising of 11 disciplines and won 1 Silver and 7 Bronze Medals.

16 players participated in Goa State Yogasana team at National Yoga Olympiad 2023-24 held at Delhi. The team won the Silver Medal in U/14 Girls category.

My Government has released financial assistance to 128 Sportspersons in Indigent Circumstances amounting to Rs. 52.80 lakh during the current financial year upto December 2023.

This year we saw the most spectacular infrastructure built in the State of Goa and this feat of engineering marvel now also ranks high in the major achievements of our State.

The **New Zuari Bridge**, the country's second longest Cable stayed eight lane bridge, an

engineering marvel was inaugurated on 24th December 2023.

Also, the foundation stone was laid for Observatory Towers & Viewing Galleries atop the New Zuari Bridge, accompanied by a 6-Lane Elevated Corridor on NH-66 at Porvorim.

These projects hold multifaceted benefits boosting tourism through innovative observatory features, reducing travel time between North and South Goa, facilitating connectivity to Dabolim and Manohar International Airport and Mormugao port, leading to substantial fuel consumption savings and branding Goa as a **Tourism Capital and Export Hub.**

Manohar International Airport, Mopa commenced its domestic and international operations from 5th January and 21st July 2023 respectively. The airport has completed its maiden year with flying colours connecting 25 domestic and 5 international destinations serving 3.7 Million

passengers as on 31st December 2023 . It also employed 1800 Goans in its operation of which 1200 Goans have been trained through **Aviation Skill Development Centre**. It is ranked among the top 15 airports of the country according to the reports by Airport Authority India (AAI).

Our State has stood as a role Model for drinking Water Supply and with Augmentation of various Water Treatment Plants, soon Goa will be the “**SMART UTILITY STATE**” and to sustain it, number of initiatives have been taken up and the ultimate aim of the State will be 24 X7 water for all.

All the ongoing sewerage schemes, with an aim to achieve 100% sewerage connectivity, will be commissioned during this year totalling to 42.5 MLD Sewerage Treatment Plants.

Notification for implementation of **MLA-LAD Scheme** is in place and this year we will see sanction of over Rs. 100 crore with annual ceiling limit of Rs. 2.5 crore per Assembly constituency and

to ensure all the works are completed in the same financial year, a committee is constituted to accord faster sanctions and its timely execution.

Through **Goa State Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited,** 12 Infrastructure works worth Rs. 173.20 crore have been completed till November 2023 in the current financial year and 13 works worth Rs. 601.00 crore are in advanced stages of completion and will be completed in the current financial year.

The State has done commendable progress in the development of both surface and ground water. The Tillari Irrigation project has brought around Six Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty Three (6,933) ha of land under Irrigation. The National Cyclone Risk Mitigation Project has been completed in September 2023. This will enhance the State preparedness and develop cyclone resilient infrastructure and capacity building along the coastline of 135 kms of the State. Key Projects

worth Rs. 209.35 crore have been completed in this financial year upto December 2023.

For ensuring 24 x 7 uninterrupted power supply in the State, My Government has devised 10 packages under **Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme** to include various projects aimed in improving power supply, quality and reliability. These projects are related to replacement of old / frayed Distribution Transformer Centres, providing new Distribution Transformer Centres, Re-conductoring of old / frayed 33kV overhead conductors, 11KV and LT Underground Cabling works, RMUs for 11KV cabling works along with IT/OT works. Work orders have been issued for 10 number of infrastructure works amounting to Rs. 300 crore.

The tender for installation of 7.5 lakh **Smart Metering works** under Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme is floated and the order is expected to be issued within next 2 months.

A new 220/33KV, 63 MVA transformer was commissioned at the Thivim substation at the total project cost of Rs. 40 crore to cater the increasing loads of North Goa district along with the proposed loads at Tuem Industrial estate.

A new 110/33KV, 50 MVA transformer was commissioned at Verna Substation to enhance power supply reliability and availability for the Industrial consumers at Verna Industrial estate besides catering to the loads of Sancoale, Vasco and surrounding areas. The total cost of the project is Rs. 12 crore.

Work order was issued for Design, Supply, Erection, Testing and Commission of 3x63 MVA, 220/33KV State of the Art GIS substation at Saligao along with 220KV Double circuit line from Thivim substation for an amount of Rs. 370.89 crore. The substation will drastically improve the voltage profile of North Goa district besides increasing power availability in the region.

Projects with an estimated cost of Rs.1450 crore across Goa have been undertaken for conversion of Overhead system to underground cabling.

The work of Supply, Erection, Testing and Commissioning of 220/33KV, 63 MVA transformer at Ponda is in progress and is expected to be completed by March, 2024. The total cost of the project is Rs. 42 crore. The substation will cater the loads of the Ponda taluka and the surrounding areas.

The work for Supply, Erection, Testing and Commissioning of 2x20 MVA, 33/11KV substation at Mandrem at a cost of Rs. 55 crore is completed and commissioned. The proposed substation will benefit the consumers along the coastal belt of Mandrem, Arambol, Morjim, etc.

The work for Supply, Erection, Testing and Commissioning of 2x20 MVA, 33/11KV substation at Tuem will be completed within another 3 months.

This substation will cater to the proposed industrial loads of the Tuem Industrial Estate.

The State Government has **cut the red tape** for free inflow of eco-friendly industries through the **Goa Startup Policy, Agri Export Policy, Information Technology Investment Policy.**

My Government has decided to simplify the processes for investors with single-window clearance for land allotment and construction of industries. Commercial plots will be made available to industries through a simplified auction route which will enhance **revenue & job opportunities.**

During the current financial year, Ten Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Seven (10,857) Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) filed online Udyam Registration with employment potential of Forty Three Thousand Nine (43,009) persons upto November 2023. **Goa Investment Promotion Board (Goa IPB)** has granted approval to 12 new industrial units & 9 expansion proposal of

the existing manufacturing units during 2023-24 (upto November 2023). The total investment expected from these activities is Rs. 698.53 crore with proposed employment potential of Five Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Eight (5,568) persons.

Goa-IPB has diligently worked with 40 plus State Departments to implement 300 plus reform points as mandated by Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Government of India.

Under MSME Samadhan - Delayed Payment Monitoring System to Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs), 58 applications have been reported in the current financial year upto November 2023 with an amount of Rs.746.63 lakh of which 22 applications have been disposed of amounting to Rs.105.15 lakh.

Under Prime Minister Employment Generation Programme Scheme, subsidy

amounting to Rs.172.23 lakh has been disbursed to 40 beneficiaries during 2023-24 as on December 2023.

The Government has launched the Logistics and Warehousing Policy 2023 on 8th June 2023 which confers '**Industry**' status to the **Logistics and Warehousing sector**.

My Government has notified "**Reimbursement of Green Tax and Fitness fee to the mining affected truck owners scheme 2023**" so as to provide financial assistance to the tipper truck owners who have been adversely affected due to the closure of all mining and related activities in the State of Goa. The Financial benefit available under the scheme per tipper truck is reimbursement of fitness fee/green tax amounting to Rs. 17,900/- and 50% of late fee/penalty paid, if any. In the current financial year till November 2023, 198 applications have been sanctioned.

Two leases of Basalt and one lease for laterite stone has been granted under minor minerals section for the financial year 2023-24. Government has also made a module to accept online royalty and issue of online transit passes for Minor Minerals.

The State Government has expressed its commitment towards providing all kinds of benefits under Central Government Schemes to the unorganised sector labourers.

The process of registering employees on the E-shram portal of Central Government is speedily going on. As on 17th January 2023, the number of workers registered on the portal are Sixty six thousand five hundred eight (66508).

My Government has taken due care of **Waste Management**. The Solid Waste Management facility at Saligao is treating 235-240 tonnes of waste per day and generating approximately 28,000 units of electricity and 7-8 tons of compost per day.

The facility at Cacora has been made operational in May 2023 and is treating waste approximately of 30-40 tonnes per day.

The **Common Bio-Medical Waste Treatment and Disposal Facility** at Kundaim has treated 903 tonnes of biomedical waste in the current financial year up to October 2023. The e-waste Management facility is being constructed at Pissurlem Industrial Estate and is expected to be completed by May 2024.

My Government has completed remediation at all the 11 identified sites which included the major dumps at Sonsoddo, Margao and Assagao, Mapusa. At Sonsoddo, the entire remediation of existing legacy waste has been completed and only Refused Derived Fuel (RDF) remains to be disposed.

My Government has implemented the **'POTI' scheme** in collaboration with Mormugao Municipal Council in Vasco Market on Pilot basis whereby

citizens can provide/deposit their old cloths and take back a cloth bag free of cost.

Goa Waste Management Corporation (GWMC) has been selected by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) as Swachhata Knowledge Partners (SKP) in the Country, which is testament to the expertise of the Corporation in managing different waste related issues. It has now become one of few organizations in India which is recognized by MoHUA for capacity building in field of Waste Management.

My Government has obtained **GI tag** for Goan popular produce **Goan Bebinca, Goa Mankurad Mango, Agsechi Vaiygem, Goa Cashew and Sat Shiro Bheno** during this current financial year. Besides, the GI applications for Mussarate Mango, Goan Sausage and Kunbi Saree are under process.

Goa being a major tourist destination, My Government has approved the **Homestay and Bed**

and Breakfast Policy. The Policy is formulated to develop, promote and regulate homestays and Bed and Breakfast (B&Bs) in the State of Goa and to supplement the availability of accommodation options. Incentives are provided to homestays and B&Bs in seven talukas of Goa, namely Sattari, Dharbandora, Sanguem, Bicholim, Ponda, Quepem, and Canacona.

Also, My Government has approved and notified **Caravan Tourism policy** to promote new tourism products and to cater to the changing preferences of tourists. Financial incentives are specifically designed to support Caravan tour operators for procurement/development of Caravan Vehicles, thereby fostering the growth of caravan tourism industry in the State.

With these policies, Goa tourism now leads the tourists away from the traditional sun, sand and surf to take a deep dive and engross in the shade of the magnificent, vibrant green environment,

traditions and tradecraft, festivals and culture and spiritual serenity of the State.

Our State grabbed limelight at the **Prestigious Outlook Traveller Awards -2023** by winning Award for Best Intra-State Road Trip Routes (Amboli Ghats to Goa) while Morjim Beach bagged the award for Best Beach Destination in India.

Goa is known for its natural beauty and as a perfect tourist destination. This needs to be preserved. The State Government is creating the necessary infrastructure to get the **zero carbon emission tag before 2050**. We are in the process of creating infrastructure for green energy, which includes Stations for charging.

My Government is taking due care for the welfare of Tribal population as well as SC, OBC, EWS and Divyangs.

Under “**Vidya Laxmi**” scheme for ST girl students studying in class XI, during the current financial year upto November 2023, Government has sanctioned benefit to 100 number of girl students amounting to Rs. 25.00 lakh. During the same period, Grant in aid amounting to Rs. 68.49 lakh has been provided to 8 voluntary Organizations for running hostels for ST students.

Under “**Antya Sanskar Sahay Yojana**” 449 ST beneficiaries are given benefit amounting to Rs. 89.71 lakh during the same period.

Under “**Atal Asra Yojana**” wherein financial assistance for construction / re-construction and repair of existing house is provided, 459 ST beneficiaries and 1310 SC, OBC and EWS beneficiaries have been sanctioned benefits amounting to Rs. 696.01 lakh and Rs.1965.00 lakh respectively in the current financial year upto November 2023.

During the same period, under “**Scheme to support children of widow/Orphan child belonging to ST community**” Government has sanctioned benefit to 995 number of beneficiaries amounting to Rs. 186.36 lakh.

Under our Government’s flagship **Dayanand Social Security Scheme**, monthly financial assistance has been provided to One lakh thirty nine thousand one hundred twenty four (1,39,124) beneficiaries incurring an expenditure of Rs. 185.18 crore upto November 2023 during the current financial year.

To ease the process of scholarship disbursement to students, My Government has on boarded 14 educational schemes under SC, ST, OBC, EWS and Divyang categories on **Chief Minister Scholarship Portal**.

My Government has granted approval for **creation of a Separate Department for Empowerment and Inclusion of Persons with**

Disabilities which will cater to all 21 notified Disabilities as per Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016.

The Students with Disabilities from the State represented India in various sports at the 2023 Special Olympics World Summer Games at Berlin. **19 medals including 9 Gold medals were** won by our Students bringing proud moment to India as well as our State.

It gives me immense pleasure to state that The **Goa State Minorities Finance Development Corporation** was bestowed **third rank** among the best performing States in the Western Zone by the National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation for the period 2018-19 to 2022-23. This recognition is a testament to their unwavering commitment and impactful contribution towards the minorities in the State.

My Government is making efforts for the welfare and upliftment of Women in the State.

Under the **Mamta scheme**, wherein an amount of Rs. 10000/- as one time financial incentive is paid to all the mothers who delivers a live girl child (maximum 02 deliveries) in a registered medical institution, 2114 beneficiaries have received benefits upto December 2023 during the current financial year.

During the same period, **under Griha Aadhar Scheme**, monthly assistance of Rs. 1500/- has been disbursed to One lakh thirty four thousand three hundred fifty one (1,34,351) eligible beneficiaries incurring an expenditure of ₹ 126.12 crore.

Under **Laadli Laxmi Scheme** since inception till November 2023, Eighty thousand six hundred sixty nine (80669) applications have been sanctioned Rs. 1.00 lakh each, out of which 500 new Laadli Laxmi applications have been sanctioned during the current financial year upto November 2023.

Goa is on the forefront for giving boost to IT startups. Till date, Rs. 3.51 crore has been disbursed to 123 startup beneficiaries. My Government has allotted a plot at Electronic Manufacturing Cluster at Tuem to a Technology company. This unit will generate 800 job vacancies for the youth in the State under IT sector.

While concluding, I would like to mention that our State has achieved tremendous growth and progress during the last decade only due to our Double Engine Sarkar. However, we are still aiming for faster growth and expansion so as to achieve the goal of Aatmanirbhar Bharat Swayampurna Goa.

Jai Hind

Jai Goa