



GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA

BUDGET

Part - II

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General

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PART- II (GENERAL BUDGET)

Hon'ble Speaker Madam,

Now I would take up the **General Budget**.

'Samruddhi: Growth & Employment'

1. We are laying the foundation for **Samruddha Odisha 2036** – a vision of a prosperous and empowered Odisha. For us, **Samruddhi** is more than just economic growth; it signifies job creation, inclusive development, and equitable opportunities for every citizen. To turn this vision into reality, we have meticulously crafted this Budget with special thrust on transformative sectors, like – infrastructure, urban development, agriculture & irrigation, Capital Investment, port-led development, industrialization and sports for all. At the same time, we are equally committed to holistic development of people of Odisha through a efficient public service delivery especially in education, healthcare, social security, ST & SC Development, and Women & Child Development. This budget is not just a financial plan – it is a decisive step towards a stronger, more inclusive, and future-ready Odisha.

2. We are currently investing significantly in infrastructure development. We have been able to leverage 50-year interest-free loan amounting to Rs.7,000 crore during 2024-25 from Government of India under the Scheme for Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment to increase our infrastructure spending. I take this opportunity to extend heartfelt thanks to our visionary Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji for sanctioning two key tourism development projects at **Hirakud** and **Satkosia** under the Scheme during 2024-25. This will help the transformation of these two iconic tourist destinations, elevating them to global standard.

3. With its abundant mineral resources, fertile agricultural land, and a 480 km-long coastline, Odisha is uniquely positioned to leverage port-led development as a key driver of **Viksit Bharat 2047**. Efficient ports with industrial zones are essential for cost-effective logistics and trade, making them a catalyst for high economic growth.

4. I thank Hon'ble Prime Minister for sanctioning NH projects worth Rs.3,408 crore, prominent among which include widening and strengthening of roads from Mohana to Koraput, Mangalpur to Aradi, Nuapada to Ghatipada, Koksara to Nabarangpur etc.

5. To unlock Odisha's full potential, I propose a series of strategic road projects that will enhance connectivity between major ports and districts with hinterlands, propelling the state onto a fast-track growth trajectory. These include the *Atal Expressway linking Motu in Malkangiri to Tiring in Mayurbhanj*, along with critical road corridors such as *Jharsuguda–Balasore, Nuapada–Astarang, Brundabahal–Gopalpur, Brahmapur–Jeypore, Jeypore–Rourkela, and Rourkela–Jaleswar*. These transformative infrastructure projects will not only strengthen Odisha's logistics network but also fuel industrial expansion, trade, and employment, bringing us closer to our vision of a prosperous and self-reliant Odisha.

6. Recognizing the rising traffic congestion in Bhubaneswar, we have conceptualized a **Comprehensive City Road Decongestion Plan** to ease traffic flow and improve mobility. As part of transformative redevelopment plan to modernize key infrastructure, **Outer Ring Road of Bhubaneswar** and other critical projects costing more than Rs.13,000 crore would be taken up. Additionally, a state-wide **Road Network Improvement Plan** has been meticulously designed to strengthen connectivity and stimulate economic growth across Odisha. These projects mark a significant step toward building a future-ready Odisha, ensuring seamless mobility, robust infrastructure, and sustainable urban growth.

7. State Highways would be converted to 4 lane standards for better road connectivity. Major District Roads and Other District Roads would be developed to 2 lane standards under **Road Development Programme (RDP)**. I propose **Rs.6502 crore** under Road Development Programme for improvement of 3000 Km of Road and development of **Berhampur-Jeypore 6 lane Green Field Expressway**. Further, connectivity to major tourist destinations, Ports, Railway Stations and Airports with 4 lane standard roads, and 6 lane roads to Industrial and mining clusters would also be taken up under Road Development Programme (RDP). A **ring road would be built in Barbil** to spur economic growth and ease vehicular movement in this mineral rich region.

Hon'ble Speaker Madam,

8. In order to expedite execution of highway and expressway projects, we are in the process of creation of an autonomous body "**Highways Authority of Odisha**" on the lines of "National Highways Authority of India (NHAI)". We are bringing out a progressive road policy converging the efforts of departments like Works (including NH); Rural Development; Housing & Urban

Development, Water Resources and Panchayati Raj & Drinking Water. Together, these departments will build 75,000 Kms of world class roads till 2029-30. We have also constituted a committee for comprehensive revision of OPWD code to bring in transparency and efficiency in tendering and execution of the projects. The Rural Road Connectivity Training and Research Centre will be converted to a Centre for Excellence to be used across the Engineering Departments for upgrading the skill of our Engineers.

Transport & Communication

9. Our Government is committed to providing accessible and dependable public transport services towards boosting rural connectivity. In pursuit of this effort, **Rs.1085 crore** has been allocated to repurpose **Mukhyamantri Bus Seva** for strengthening statewide bus services. Furthermore, **Rs.1266 crore** is proposed under the scheme **Atal Bus Stand** for the construction, operation, and maintenance of **133 Bus Stands** aimed at providing high quality service to passengers. To catapult women safety and empowerment in the transportation sector, our Government have decided to operate “**Women Special Buses**” on selected route with all women staff in the buses. The buses will be further expanded in the due course.

10. The Government in collaboration with IIT, Madras has outlined the comprehensive Odisha Maritime Perspective Plan. We are planning to develop new ports at **Inchuri and Bahuda**. **Mahanadi Riverine Port** has been planned for Ship repair and building. **Subarnarekha and Astaranga** ports would be developed to ensure sustainable operations in BOOST (Build Own Operate Share Transfer) model. I propose an allocation of **Rs.107 crore** for development of ports. For the inland water transport sector, **Rs.210 crore** is allocated to enhance passenger amenities through the development and modernization of jetties.

11. We extend our sincere thanks to Hon'ble Prime Minister Modiji for sanctioning new railway projects worth **Rs.73,000 crore** for Odisha and making highest ever allocation of Rs.10,599 crore for the State for timely implementation of the projects. We are grateful to the Government of India for prioritizing rail connectivity to the under-developed areas and sanctioning many pivotal projects.

12. To support these critical initiatives, an allocation of **Rs.300 crore** has been provided in the State Budget. This funding will be utilized for land acquisition and contributing to the construction costs to support the initiative of

Government of India. This reflects our unwavering commitment to improving connectivity and fostering regional development.

13. To ensure safe transportation of people and goods, my Government would be training around 10,000 new drivers and upgrade the skills of 50,000 existing drivers. For automatic inspection of vehicle fitness, Automated Testing Stations (ATS) will be established at 20 places across the State. To support the private bus operators to ensure the road safety, a new program to provide financial incentives to install Advanced Driver Assistance System (ADAS) is proposed. I am happy to announce the allocation of **Rs.285 crore** towards Road Safety related expenditure.

14. To strengthen Odisha's position as a leader in aviation infrastructure, I am pleased to announce the launch of an umbrella programme **Building & Management of Aviation Assets and Network (B-MAAN)**. This comprehensive programme envisions the modernization and expansion of airports across the state to meet growing demand, including the establishment of a **Greenfield Airport at Paradip**. Under this initiative, we will commence direct flight services to 10 new domestic destinations and 3 new international destinations, significantly enhancing Odisha's air connectivity.

15. Additionally, we will bridge the financial gap between operational costs and expected revenue for air travel services to facilitate the seamless implementation of the **Odisha New Destination Policy-2024**. These measures underscore our commitment to creating an aviation network that not only supports economic activity but also promotes tourism, trade, employment, and ease of travel. An allocation of **Rs.382 crore** has been made to support aviation infrastructure development and enhance air connectivity in Odisha.

Urbanization as an Engine of Growth

16. Odisha's urbanization is quite low. Cities are the engines of economic growth. We intent to establish a metropolitan development region of about **7000 Sq Km** encompassing Bhubaneswar, Khurda, Jatni, Cuttack, Paradip and Puri. Similar regional urban development planning shall also be undertaken for other major growth centres as well across the State.

17. Our Government envisions Odisha's cities as vibrant socio-economic hubs that uplift the lives of their citizens. To achieve this, the **Samruddha Sahara** scheme has been introduced, with an outlay of **Rs.408 crore**. This comprehensive plan seeks to transform Odisha's urban landscape into

engines of growth, powered by innovation, sustainability, and inclusivity. The “**New City Development**” scheme in Bhubaneswar has been designed to develop 322 hectares initially which will be scaled up subsequently to 3600 hectares with focus on service industry, IT, and R&D. **Rs.200 crore** has been allocated under this initiative.

18. Addressing critical urban infrastructure gaps remains a top priority. Our Government has allocated **Rs.1100 crore** under **Mukhyamantri Sahari Bikas Yojana (MSBY)** a new scheme for construction of civic amenities across all cities, creation of revenue generating infrastructures, Urban Wage Employment (Shrama Samruddhi), Water body Development (Jala Samruddhi), Animal Welfare (Prani Samruddhi) and Housing.

19. Our Government is committed to create affordable houses for all through implementation of **PM AWAS Yojana** in the urban areas. I propose a budget outlay of **Rs.795 crore** for completion of 27,000 houses this year.

Investment for Industries & MSMEs

Hon’ble Speaker Madam,

20. **UTKARSH ODISHA – Make in Odisha Conclave** has reinforced Odisha's status as the leading investment destination in the eastern region. We have received 593 proposals with investment intent of Rs.16.73 lakh crore spread over 20 sectors with employment potential of 12.88 lakhs which surpassed the total value of investments received in last three editions of the conclave. This conclave has solidified Odisha’s position as a diversified investment destination. The tremendous enthusiasm among investors to place their projects in our state is a testament to the double engine government led by Prime Minister Modiji.

21. The investment proposals are not limited to mineral based industries but spread over many allied industries like ship building and repairing, petrochemicals, renewable energy, semi-conductors, agro-based industries, textiles and tourism. The people of Odisha will get good job opportunities in Odisha to earn their livelihood.

22. As the State’s economy grows more and more jobs will need to be created in the manufacturing and services sector. The State is encouraging textiles / apparel & food processing industries and creating opportunities in Tier-II and Tier-III cities. To support and facilitate Industries IPICOL and IDCO will be further strengthened and restructured for a investor friendly

environment and thrust will be on improving “Ease of doing business”. The different departments have started taking steps in this direction.

23. To support the upcoming industries and to expedite the land allotment process and provide ready-to-use land for industrial projects, a target has been set up to acquire or alienate atleast 1000 acres of land under the **Land Bank Scheme** every year for the next five years. A budget of **Rs.106 crore** has been proposed for the scheme. Special economic zones will also be set up in areas adjacent to Industrial Parks with world class facilities.

24. State Government will develop an industrial corridor connecting Paradip – Choudwar – Dhenkanal – Angul -Sambalpur – Jharsuguda – Sundergarh – Rourkela region to ensure rapid and integrated growth by facilitating seamless multi-modal transport services. Under the **Connect Odisha** initiative, Government has planned to establish **Multimodal Logistic Parks (MMLP)** at 8 different locations of the State starting from financial year 2025-26.

25. The scheme **FDI Park in State Capital Region** was introduced during 2024-25 to develop Odisha into a robust manufacturing hub, with special focus on the automobile, EV, Semiconductor, and IT/ITES industry. During the year 2025-26, budgetary provision of **Rs.10 crore** has been proposed to start this scheme.

26. Construction of 13 Workers’ Hostels for stay of industrial workers at various Industrial Estates of the state have been undertaken with the financial support of SIDBI under SIDBI Cluster Development program. During 2025-26, an amount of **Rs.100 crore** has been provided under the scheme **SIDBI Cluster Development Fund (SCDF)** and an amount of **Rs.20 crore** has been proposed under the Scheme **Din Dayal Karmachari Niwas in Industrial Areas**.

27. For welfare of MSME Workers, it is proposed to set up 5 MSME Workers’ Hostel over a period of 4 years in locations near clusters where at least 15000-20000 workers can avail this facility. It has been proposed to set up a Mega Food Park with an outlay of **Rs.20 Crore** for providing land with all amenities to Food Processing Industries.

28. The **Industrial Infrastructure Development Fund (IIDF)** has been set up to meet the budgetary gap for timely implementation of infrastructure work in any industrial park, investment region or estate for which an amount of **Rs.60 crore** has been proposed in 2025-26. In order to attract more industries incentives like SGST reimbursement, Electricity Duty Exemption, Stamp Duty

Exemption, Employment Cost Subsidy, and Capital Investment Subsidy under Industrial Policy Resolution of the State Government for Large Industries are being extended. An amount of **Rs.144 crore** has been proposed under the scheme **Subsidy in shape of Financial Assistance against VAT/GST reimbursement in large sector** during 2025-26.

29. Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise Sector has been contributing significantly to the economy of the state. For financial assistance to MSMEs under Start up Policy and welfare of MSME workers, I propose an outlay of **Rs.60 crore**. Further, I propose an outlay of **Rs.30 crore** to reduce the interest burden of the manufacturing MSMEs/ Exporters of the State under the State Sector Scheme, “Chief Minister’s Scheme for Reimbursement of Interest to MSMEs (CM-SRIM)”. For helping the startups in MSME sector, I propose an amount of **Rs.25 crore** under Odisha Startup Growth Fund.

30. For facilitating women entrepreneurs, based on their request, we are setting up a special cell for women entrepreneurs in IPICOL. Also, we will set up an MSME park to facilitate women led businesses.

Handlooms, Textiles & Handicrafts

31. Our Government is giving top priority to the growth of Textile, Apparel and Technical Textiles Sector in the State. Given its potential to generate employment especially for women, we are implementing the scheme “Promotion of Textiles Industries” with components like Advertisement & Publicity, Training, Formulation of dynamic Textiles Policy and its operational guidelines, Incentive to Textile, Apparel and Technical Textiles Units, Establishment of Garment Units, Exposure visit, Development and Upgradation of Incubation Centre and Monitoring & Evaluation.

32. Under Promotion of Handloom Industry (POHI), Rs.122 crore is proposed with target of production of 99 Lakh sq. Mtr. of Handloom cloth in organized sector while employing around 81,000 person will get employment in cooperative fold, with support to have work sheds, skill upgradation, exposure visit, technology intervention and raw material banks.

33. For Promotion of Handicraft Industries, Rs.52 crore has been proposed during 2025-26, for imparting skill training to 6000 artisans during 2025-26. The craft list was revised to 55 crafts in consultation with Government of India and practicing handicraft artisans of the State in order to align them with that of Central Government. Proposal for GI application in respect of 9 handicraft products is there during 2025-26. There is proposal to cover 550 artisans

under the scheme “construction of work-sheds” during the year 2025-26. Bank finance and margin money assistance to artisans will be given to set up own production unit for 100 artisans. Kantilo, Pipli, Balijore, Hirakud region, Cuttack and Kotpad would be developed as Heritage Craft and Weave Villages of National Importance by creating additional infrastructure with a focus on linking Tourism with craft and weave development.

Odisha Tourism

34. I want to position tourism as a key driver of Odisha’s economic growth and an important generator of employment. By leveraging our unique heritage, empowering communities, and adopting sustainable practices, we aim to make tourism a significant contributor to Odisha’s economic and social development. I propose an allocation of **Rs.820 crore** with focus on infrastructure development, community empowerment, and sustainable tourism practices.

35. We plan to take up the development of hinterland in western Odisha as a Special Tourism Zone, leveraging magnificence of the Hirakud reservoir; breathtaking beauty of the forests; including the wildlife in Debrigarh, and the city of Sambalpur nearby, with its wonderful legacy of weaving and the vibrant Sambalpuri folk dance.

36. We also intend to specifically develop the Buddhist circuit in Odisha - reviving Udaigiri, Ratnagiri and Lalitgiri while promoting our Buddhist heritage.

37. I propose to allocate **Rs.355 crore** for the integrated development and management of tourism infrastructure, ensuring a balanced and inclusive approach. Integrated master plan will be taken up for iconic destinations, including Deomali, Dhaulī, Chilika, Khandagiri-Udayagiri, Khiching, Satkosia, and Simlipal, with a phased execution over the next five years. Development and renovation of unidentified tourist centres will also be initiated based on feasibility studies and district-level demands. Beach at places like **Gopalpur** and **Paradeep** would be developed as **Blue Flag Beach**. Adventure tourism guidelines will be formulated for positioning Odisha as a hub for adventure tourists. District Museums will be developed in 10 districts to celebrate Odisha’s legacy, heritage and promote investment opportunities.

38. Based on the visitor turn out experienced in the past years Government has planned to give a major boost to some of the most prominent eco-tourism destinations of the state. In this connection modern and Eco-friendly amenities will be developed at Satkosia with support from Government of India funding

under the Scheme SASCI, at Debrigarh under Swadesh Darshan 2.0 and from State funding at Similipal, Bhitarkanika, Mahendragiri and Chilika.

39. World renowned Chilika Lake will be developed as a Special Tourism Zone with integrated master planning scheme for replacement of engines of tourist boats making them more eco-friendly and also setting up of a Bird Museum.

40. Lord Shree Jagannath is the soul of our culture. Every Odia desires to have a glimpse of Lord Jagannath in his lifetime. In order to fulfill the wishes of very poor devotees, our Government will launch a new scheme **Shree Jagannath Darshan Yojana** whereby they will travel to Puri, have Darshan of Shree Jagannath and Mahaprasad free of cost. For this purpose, I allocate **Rs.30 crore** in the Budget Estimate.

41. We have approved the project "**Integrated Development of Maa Tarini Temple Complex at Ghatagaon, Keonjhar**" with an estimate of about **Rs.225 crore**. Our Government is committed to development of the **Mahima Gadi** at Joranda and construction of a **Bhabya Sunya Mandap** there. Apart from this, concerted efforts will be made for the overall development of Joranda, positioning it as one of the leading religious and spiritual destinations of the country. Integrated periphery development of **Sakhi Gopinath Temple** at Sakhigopal, Puri will also be taken up.

42. There is provision of **Rs.70 crore** for disbursement of subsidies under Odisha Tourism Policy, 2022 to promote private sector investment. **Rs.50 crore** has been allocated for safety, security, and sanitation measures at tourist destinations. As part of the initiative and in keeping with our focus on women led development, **Mahila Paryatan Mitras** will be deployed at 30 destinations to ensure safe and welcoming environments for visitors and there will be centralized maintenance of way-side amenities and sanitation facilities. From this year we will be celebrating our soft power of Odia tourism and culture through organization of Odisha Parab (festivals) in major cities of India.

Gramanchala Unnati

43. In the road sector for construction of new roads, improvements of the existing roads and to provide all weather connectivity to unconnected habitations including missing links I propose an out lay of **Rs.3470 crore** under the scheme **Mukhya Mantri Sadak Yojana (MMSY)** which includes, Rs.1100 crore has been proposed under MMSY-Improvement of existing

R.D. roads and Rs.1452 crore under MMSY-TRIP , MMSY-Connecting Unconnected Villages in Difficult Areas (CUVDA) and MMSY-Connection of Missing Road Links (CMRL) which envisages to bridge the Inter State Inter District & Inter Block Connectivity gaps & to take care of missing link between State, District & Blocks. **Under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY)**, the focus is now on connecting rural growth centers and agricultural markets to ensure better economic integration and development. I propose provision of **Rs.1700 crore** for PMGSY works during 2025-26.

44. Our flagship initiative **Setu Bandhana Yojana** aims to enhance rural connectivity through the construction of bridges on Rural roads and important Panchayat Samiti roads. Provision of **Rs.2000 crore** has been made in 2025-26 (BE) to meet the requirement of spill over as well as new bridge projects.

45. **Bridge-cum-weir projects** have also been taken up across the state primarily on small to medium bridges with an aim to store adequate quantity of water during Monsoon inside the water streams for the purpose of minor irrigation, domestic use, livestock feeding, ground water recharging, creating Green Environment, livelihood of the local people by pisciculture, and to control soil erosion and reduce atmospheric temperature. I propose for provision of **Rs.55 crore** under the scheme.

Rural Transformation

46. The **Bikashita Gaon Bikashita Odisha** scheme is a transformative step towards empowering Rural Odisha and fostering inclusive development. This initiative aims to enhance rural infrastructure with an investment of Rs.5000 crore in 3 years. The scheme will focus on improving road connectivity, civic amenities, educational facilities, and micro tourism development keeping development and politics separate. With a substantial budget allocation of **Rs.2000 crore** for 2025-26, the scheme is set to make a tangible impact on rural infrastructure and grassroots democracy.

47. A decent roof is a need and right of each household. Our government is committed to providing pucca houses to all eligible rural households. I propose an allocation of **Rs.4500 crore** under **Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana (PMAY) Gramin** to construct 5 lakh houses. Additionally, Rs.200 crore is proposed to be allocated under PM-JANMAN to uplift Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs).

48. A new scheme, **Antyodaya Gruha Yojana**, has been launched to provide concrete houses to the poorest families living below poverty line with an approved outlay of Rs 7550 crore. The scheme will cover families left out of previous housing programmes owing to natural and manmade disasters, displacement caused by Government projects, house hold with disabled primary earner and those eligible under forests rights Act. At least 2,25,000 new concrete houses will be sanctioned in next 3 years. **I propose provision of Rs.2603 crore for the construction of 75000 houses and the payment of incentives to beneficiaries.**

49. MGNREGS aims to provide livelihood security by guaranteeing at least 100 days of wage employment to rural households. For this, **Rs.2500 crore** has been proposed to ensure assured wage employment for the rural population. To address distress migration from 30 affected blocks, additional 200 days of wage employment under MGNREGA is proposed. The State Government has also enhanced MGNREGA wages to align with minimum wages in these blocks, providing an additional Rs.98 per day from the State's own resources. A provision of **Rs.700 crore** has been made under **State Support to MGNREGS** to fund this initiative. Similarly, the allocation of **Rs.200 crore** under the **Vana Surakha Samittee (VSS)** for construction of non-residential buildings underscores a commitment to bolstering rural infrastructure.

50. **Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DU-GKY)** aims to enhance efficiency and employment opportunities for rural youth aged 18 to 35 by providing placement-linked skill training. A budget provision of **Rs.160 crore** has been proposed under DU-GKY for this purpose. Additionally, **Rs.51 crore** has been proposed under the scheme **State Support to ORMAS** to organize block-level rural exhibitions, establish small packaging and marketing units for rural products, and offer skill development training to rural beneficiaries to make them employable.

51. The objective of **Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA)** scheme is capacity building of PRIs including provision of infrastructure for Gram Panchayats and providing training programme to PRI members conducted by the State Institute for Rural Development & Panchayati Raj (SIRD&PR). **Rs.162 crore including Rs.60 crore** for construction of GP buildings has been proposed under this scheme for 2025-26.

Drinking Water

Hon'ble Speaker Madam,

52. I will also extend my sincere thanks to Hon'ble Prime Minister for extending the Jal Jeevan Mission up to 2028 and allocating a substantial amount in the Union budget 2025-26, which will immensely help our state in completing the ongoing projects under the Scheme.

53. Access to clean and safe drinking water is a fundamental right. Ensuring safe drinking water for all households is a vital step toward improving public health and quality of life in Odisha. The ambitious goal of achieving full piped water supply coverage by 2026 demonstrates the state government's commitment to equitable and sustainable development. In this effort, I propose an allocation of **Rs.7000 crore** under **Jal Jeevan Mission** and **Rs.1600 crore** under **BASUDHA** scheme for providing piped water supply. For extending the support for 24x7 quality drinking water, my Government has allocated Rs.714 crore. This will complement the AMRUT Scheme of Government of India where the allocation of Rs.847 crore is made.

54. It is aimed to saturate all 115 cities in Odisha in a phase manner with household tap connections, ensuring 24x7 potable water supply. An investment of **Rs.2000 crore** will be made through schemes like **AMRUT**, **SUJAL**, and Finance Commission grants to enhance public health, reduce waterborne diseases, and promote sustainable urban living. This initiative reflects Government's dedication to ensuring water security for the growing urban population.

Swachha Odisha

55. Sanitation is a cornerstone of human development. **Rs.300 crore** has been proposed under **Swachha Bharat Mission (Gramin)** for implementing Solid & Liquid Waste Management (SLWM) initiatives across Rural Odisha. I propose to launch a new scheme **Swachha Odisha** with an outlay of **Rs.261 crore** to enhance solid, liquid, and wastewater management in cities and towns. Key measures include 100% bio-remediation of legacy waste, the establishment of bio-gas plants in larger cities, and strengthening solid waste management systems.

56. Provision of **Rs.600 crore** is made under **Swachha Bharat Mission** with aim to create cleaner, healthier urban environments and uphold the dignity of every urban resident. **Rs 640 crore** is allocated to develop efficient drainage

systems under schemes like “Storm Water Drainage” and “Sewerage and Drainage Project”.

Reliable Power Supply

57. Our Government is committed to implement **PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana** in letter and spirit. In order to increase coverage and encourage the beneficiaries to adopt the scheme, additional State Financial Assistance up to **Rs.60,000** will be provided up to 3 kW capacity to match the Central Assistance. I propose to provide an allocation of **Rs.890 crore** in 2025-26 under **Odisha Akshaya Shakti Bikash Yojana (OASBY)** for providing additional State assistance under PM Surya Ghar scheme.

58. Odisha is poised to become a leading producer of **Green Hydrogen/ Green Ammonia** for decarbonization of industries and heavy transport sector. We have entered into an MoU with IIT Bhubaneswar for establishing a Testing-cum-Research facility for Green Hydrogen. Similarly, a **Centre of Excellence for Green Hydrogen** is also proposed to be set up. Government of India will also provide funding support under **National Green Hydrogen Mission**. We are taking up a pilot project for extraction of green hydrogen from Sodium Hypochlorite plant for resource optimisation and green hydrogen generation. A sum of **Rs.85 crore** is proposed in 2025-26 under Odisha Akshaya Shakti Bikash Yojana (OASBY) towards development for **Green Hydrogen / Green Ammonia Projects**.

59. **Pumped Storage Projects** provide a key tool to maintain a stable and balanced grid in terms of quick and black start capability, regulation, frequency response and voltage support. Accordingly, Odisha Hydro Power Corporation (OHPC) is developing **600 MW Upper Indravati Pumped Storage Project at Mukhiguda, 500 MW Balimela Pumped Storage Project at Balimela and 600 MW Upper Kolab Pumped Storage Project at Bariniput** in its existing Hydro Electric plants. A sum of **Rs.110 crore** is allocated as **Loan to OHPC for Pumped Storage Projects** under Odisha Akshaya Shakti Bikash Yojana (OASBY).

60. Energy conserved is energy saved. Government intends to bring about a change by installing and using energy efficient appliances in Government Buildings. Existing energy inefficient conventional fans and ACs which are older than 5 years and 10 years, respectively, will be replaced with BLDC fans and energy efficient 5-star ACs. This will not only conserve energy but will also reduce CO2 emission in the State. A sum of **Rs.100 crore** would be allocated

for **energy efficiency program** under **Mukhya Mantri Shakti Sanrakhyana Abhiyaan (MMSSA)**.

61. In line with the vision of Viksit Odisha, 2036 and Viksit Bharat, 2047 and to ensure energy security of the State, OPGC is planning for Thermal Capacity addition by way of Unit 5 & 6 in its existing plant. A sum of **Rs.429 crore** is proposed to be provided as **Share Capital Investment in OPGC**.

62. Odisha is prone to severe tropical cyclones and power infrastructure is worst affected due to these disasters. Hence, building disaster resilient power infrastructure is a priority for the State Government. I propose to provide an allocation of **Rs.500 crore under Mukhya Mantri Shakti Bikash Yojana** to take up Disaster Resilient Power System.

Samanata: Inclusive Development

63. I express my deep sense of gratitude to Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modiji, for increasing the allocation for tribal welfare to Rs.14,926 crore in 2025-26, an impressive 46% increase over previous year. This reaffirms his commitment towards ensuring holistic and sustainable development for tribal communities across the country.

64. We are committed for a comprehensive development of the Residential Schools as state of art Educational Institutions. I propose to launch a new Scheme "**Saheed Laxman Nayak Adarsh Vidyalaya**" with an allocation of **Rs 100 crore** for the purpose.

65. Under **Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Unnat Abhiyan (DA-JGUA)** Scheme we have taken initiatives to include improving residential schools, managing Forest Rights Act implementation, and establishing Tribal Multipurpose Marketing Centres. I propose to provide **Rs.350 crore** under the scheme. Besides, **Rs.100 crore** is provided under Pradhan Mantri Adi Adarsh Grama Yojana (PMAAGY)

66. Construction of **Janajati Ayitihya & Swabhimani Bhawan** and **Janajati Bhasa & Sanskruti Pratisthana** has been taken up and I propose an amount of **Rs.100 crore** and **Rs.50 crore**, respectively, for the construction work at Gothapatna, Bhubaneswar.

67. An addition, **Training Research & Development Centre (TRDC)** would be established for an amount of **Rs.20 crore** during 2025-26 in the Southern

Odisha, and **Rs.24 crore** is proposed for construction of 8 hostels in the **Swabhiman Anchal** of Malkangiri District under **SETU Scheme**.

68. **Mukhyamantri Janajati Jeebika Mission** aims to improve income and living standards of over 1.5 lakh tribal households through diversified livelihoods in a cluster approach. With a total expenditure plan of **Rs.500 crore** over three years, I propose to provide Rs.210 crore for the scheme for 2025-26.

69. **Odisha Tribal Empowerment and Livelihoods Programme (OTELP) Plus** focuses on improving livelihoods and food security of tribal households through sustainable natural resource management and enterprise development. Currently operational in 5 districts, it will expand to 10 districts, covering 15 ITDAs and 2133 villages by 2025-26. For 2025-26, I propose to provide **Rs.70 crore** under OTELP Plus.

70. During the off-farm season, Kendu Leaf plucking is one of the major livelihood activities of the tribal population of our State. Our Government has always supported the measures towards the welfare of the Kendu Leaf pluckers. Taking forward this policy, I propose **Rs 120 crore** under “**Kendupatra Tolali Kalyan Yojana**” for welfare of Kendu Leaf Pluckers.

71. **Pradhan Mantri Anusuchit Jaati Abhyuday Yojana (PM-AJAY)** has been implemented in the State for improving the socio-economic conditions of Scheduled Castes (SCs). Under the **Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana** component, 965 villages have been declared Adarsh Gram. Furthermore, additional 5 hostels have been sanctioned under the **Babu Jagjivan Ram Chhatrabas Yojana (BJRCY)**. A budget allocation of **Rs.241 crore** has been proposed under PM-AJAY for 2025-26.

72. We are committed to fill up vacancies of the State Government. Special drive will be taken for recruitment against the vacant posts earmarked for ST & SC candidates.

Social Security

73. Our Government has taken steps to enhance the well-being of its most vulnerable citizens by increasing the social security pension for beneficiaries aged 80 years and above, as well as for those with 80% or higher disability. Starting January 2025, these individuals are receiving an increased pension of Rs.3500 per month, ensuring greater financial security and dignity in their

lives. I propose **Rs.9121 crore** for SS&EPD Department which is 18% more than last year.

74. I propose to allocate **Rs.8567 crore** for more than 57 lakh beneficiaries under Social Security Pension Schemes (MBPY and NSAP).

75. To ensure quality residential support and rehabilitation of the vulnerable groups, i.e. senior citizens, persons with disabilities, transgenders and beggars, **Rs.79 crore** is proposed for the establishment of an Integrated Infrastructure Complex (IICs) at District Headquarters, maintenance of Old Age Homes (Home for Aged) and implementation of Schemes for Senior Citizens.

76. In a continued effort to promote inclusivity, ensure access to essential services, resources and opportunities, and empower persons with disabilities, **Rs.271 crore** has been earmarked.

77. Recognizing the pressing need to combat substance abuse, I propose to allocate **Rs.14 crore** for Deaddiction Programs to provide rehabilitation and support for victims of substance abuse, enabling them to reintegrate into society with dignity and hope.

Labour Welfare

78. 14 districts of Odisha have been identified as migration-prone, and to suggest and monitor measures to curb distress migration at the grassroots level, a high-level task force has been constituted under the chairpersonship of Deputy Chief Minister. A total of Rs.12 crore has been provisioned under Safety and Welfare of Migrant Workers for FY 2025-26, with special emphasis on State Action Plan.

79. Seasonal hostels Anti Human Trafficking Units, Rescue & Support for Migrant Workers, etc. are the interventions supporting labour welfare.

80. Our Government have increased financial assistance to Construction Workers registered under BoCW Board from 2 lakhs to 3 lakhs for normal death, and from 4 lakhs to 6 lakhs for accidental deaths.

81. The elimination of child Labour is a key priority in our vision of a Samruddha Odisha. For FY 2025-26, Rs.12 crore have been allocated under the implementation of the Child Labour (P&R) Act, 1986.

Nari Shakti

82. As an important step in the direction, our Government has successfully implemented the historic and pathbreaking scheme for women's empowerment: SUBHADRA. This is the largest scheme in the history of Odisha and is a testimony to our commitment to rewriting Odisha's growth story with women occupying centrestage. We will give Rs. 50,000/- over a period of 5 years to all eligible women. This is the first time that more than 1.07 crore women stepped out of their homes to apply for a scheme in their own name and money has reached their individual bank account through DBT. So far more than 98 lakh women have received the 1st instalment of SUBHADRA and more than Rs.4900 crore has been transferred to them. This has also transformed digital and financial inclusion of women. But we are not going to stop at financial assistance. In line with our vision of women led empowerment, our government is going to roll out the **SUBHADRA PLUS** umbrella scheme to take up new initiatives including "Kishori Subhadra", "Subhadra Sanchay", "Subhadra Surakhya", "Subhadra Sakhi", "Subhadra Yatri", "Subhadra Sangh (Subhadra Club)", "Kuha Subhadra (Call Centre)", "Subhadra Sahyogi", "Subhadra Scholars", and "Sujogya Subhadra", further enhancing the impact of SUBHADRA on the lives of my sisters in Odisha. I propose **Rs.10,145 crore** for SUBHADRA and Rs. **Rs.153 crore** under **Subhadra Surakhya** for ensuring safety and security of women in FY 2025-26.

83. A girl child is a blessing, not a burden, and we must honour and empower them to fulfil their dreams. Weddings following Odia tradition and customs are becoming expensive. Sometimes poor families find it very difficult financially to get their daughters married with dignity. For the purpose, I am proposing a new scheme "**MukhyaMantri Kanya Bibaha Yojana**". Under the scheme, mass marriages will be performed, and the Government will bear all the expenses as well as provide the gift for the bride. I propose an allocation of **Rs.12 crore** for this purpose.

84. "Suposit Odisha Heba Suviksit Odisha". The biggest resource of any state is its people and investing in nutrition is a priority for our government. The **Mukhyamantri Sampurna Pusti Yojana (MSPY)** aims to improve the nutrition of women, adolescent girls, and children across the state with a budget of **Rs.526 crore**. As a further step in this direction, **Odisha Pusti Mission** will be established with **Rs.100 crore** funding in financial year 2025-26 to ensure effective delivery of nutritional support to the beneficiaries. This would be complemented by the **POSHAN Abhiyaan** which is another key

initiative aimed at improving the nutritional outcomes for women and children. I propose budget provision of **Rs.284 crore** under the scheme.

85. To strengthen support for pregnant and lactating women, our Government has decided to join Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY) and enhance maternity benefit from Rs.10,000 to Rs.12,000 in case of birth of a girl child. I propose **Rs.284 crore** under the **MAMATA Scheme** and **Rs.208 crore** under **Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY)** in the Budget Estimate 2025-26 for the conditional cash transfer of maternity benefits to pregnant and lactating women.

86. Allocation for Mission Shakti Department has been increased to **Rs.2775 crore** for implementation of various schemes to especially enable our women to be Lakhpati Didis.

Child Development

87. On 15th August 2025, 16.95 lakh pre-school children enrolled in Anganwadi Centres across the state will be provided uniforms under the **Malati Devi Prak Vidyalaya Paridhan Yojana**. I propose provision of **Rs.85 crore** for this scheme.

88. Through Advika, our government is in touch with about 22 lakhs adolescent boys and girls and I propose a provision of **Rs. 11 crore** for **Advika**, an adolescent centric scheme, aimed at ending child marriage and empowering adolescents. The scheme will also be expanded to cover schools and colleges to provide education on topics such as cybersecurity, financial literacy and nudge them towards skilling and future growth

89. Our Government is implementing the **Ashirbad** sub-scheme under **Jashoda** to safeguard and protect children who have lost one or both parents due to COVID-19. Our Government is responsible for the well-being of these children and we are their guardians. I propose provision of **Rs.83 crore** under Jashoda and Ashirbad for ensuring that these children who have lost parental support do not feel the absence of their parents

90. A child's development before the age of 3 years is critical. Our Government is implementing **Aama Kuni Pilla** campaign, which focuses on a home-based and parent-led early stimulation program for children under 3 years of age. This initiative aims to sensitize parents and caregivers about the importance of early childhood stimulation, education and the holistic growth of their children. **Rs.8** crore is provided under the scheme in the

Budget Estimate for 2025-26. To lay a strong foundation in children between 3 and 6 years, our government proposes to emphasize pre-school education in their mother tongue. The “**Aame Padhiba Aama Bhasare**”, would facilitate early childhood education in mother tongue in alignment with New Education Policy.

Investing in People

School Education

91. For the year 2025-26, the State Government has provisioned over Rs.31,000 crore for school education, which is an increase of 18% over the previous year and the highest allocation amongst Departments. Our Government has decided to roll out NEP-2020 from the Academic Year 2025-26. Over 45,000 pre-primary classes called **Sishu Vatika** will be opened in all primary schools.

92. **Godabarisha Mishra Adarsha Prathamik Vidyalaya**, inspired by the legacy of Satyabadi Bakul Bana Vidyalaya, is an ambitious initiative of our Government to establish holistic learning centres at the Panchayat level. Around 7000 elementary schools will be upgraded and equipped with advanced infrastructure, learning resources, and life skills education to develop children’s linguistic and arithmetic skills, preparing them for higher education. I propose to provide **Rs.2960 crore** under the scheme for 2025-26.

93. **Aitihya Vidyalaya** initiative aims to rejuvenate Odisha's heritage Odia-medium government high schools over 100 years old and the oldest ones in the district. Under this program, more than 50 heritage schools will be renovated to honour Odisha's educational legacy. Contributions from notable alumni and educators will be commemorated, blending the State's historical roots with aspirations for the future. I propose **Rs. 60 crore** under the scheme.

94. **Panchasakha Shikhya Setu Abhiyan** utilizes voluntary contributions from alumni and corporate bodies, alongside a 2 times matching contribution grant, to upgrade school infrastructure. This includes improved classrooms, separate toilets, MDM halls, kitchens, open-air auditoriums, prayer halls, drinking water facilities, and playgrounds, enhancing the learning environment for students. I propose **Rs.140 crore** under the scheme.

95. To ensure better nutritional support to students pursuing school education, it has been decided to **cover students studying in Class-IX & X** of Government and Aided schools under the Mid-Day Meal program. Under

Mukhya Mantri Poshan Yojana, one additional egg and three protein-iron rich laddoos per week will be provided to all the students covered under Mid-Day Meal program. It has been decided to increase monthly honorarium of cook-cum-helpers.

96. Under **Gangadhar Meher Shikshya Manakbrudhi Yojana**, **Rs.193 crore** is proposed for free bicycles for Class IX students, and **Rs.194 crore** is allocated for uniforms for Class I to VIII students during 2025-26. These initiatives aim to boost access to education and reduce barriers for students across the State.

97. I propose **Rs.139 crore** under **Mukhyamantri Shikshya Puraskar** scheme to reward the best-performing districts, blocks, schools, and stakeholders. The initiative promotes community engagement, fosters healthy competition, and aspires to make high school and elementary education systems more effective and aspirational, encouraging synergy among schools and administrative units for better outcomes. Considering the important service rendered by teachers, the State Government has recently enhanced the remuneration of Junior Teachers for which provision has been made in this Budget.

Higher Education

98. Our initiatives in higher education are focused on achieving excellence while prioritizing balanced growth, access, equity, and inclusivity. Key goals include improving quality learning, research, innovation, industry-academia linkages, entrepreneurship & employment, skill development, career counselling, and infrastructure modernization. With the adoption of the **National Education Policy (NEP)** from the academic year 2024-25, these efforts now align with national reforms.

99. Provision of **Rs.375 crore** is proposed to enhance **infrastructure in universities, government colleges, and non-government aided colleges**. **Rs.40 crore** is set aside to **modernize quality education**, with an additional **Rs.20 crore** for **laboratory grants**. State-run public universities will establish tribal language laboratories for the first time to preserve and promote tribal languages with budgetary allocation of Rs.10 crore.

100. **Pradhan Mantri Uchhattara Shiksha Abhiyan (PM-UHSA)** aims to improve equity, access, and inclusion in higher education. The focus areas include quality teaching, accreditation, ICT-based infrastructure, and employability. The Ministry of Education has approved projects worth

Rs.670 crore under this scheme. In compliance to NEP-2020, 4 State Universities (Berhampur University; Ravenshaw University, Cuttack, Maharaja Sri Ramachandra Bhanja Deo University, Baripada and Sambalpur University) will be upgraded to **MERU (multidisciplinary education and research universities)** with support of funds from PM USHA and State Fund. I propose to allocate **Rs.100 crore** under PM-USHA which is also for the first time.

101. **Mukhyamantri Medhabi Chatra Protsahan Yojana** helps the students pursue higher education through several initiatives. **E-medhabruti** offers annual scholarships for undergraduates and postgraduates. **Vyasakabi Fakir Mohan Scholarship** supports provides financial assistance to students pursuing Odia Honors and PG Courses within and outside Odisha. **Gopabandhu Shikhya Sahayata Yojana** provides Rs.20,000 annually to underprivileged students. Introduced for the first time, **Uttam Chhatrabruti** scheme offers 100% free scholarships for 30 SC/ST students per year for postgraduate and doctoral studies abroad. A total of **Rs.105 crore** is allocated for these schemes.

102. I propose **Rs.45 crore** for **Godabarish Vidyarthi Protsahan Yojana** to support 15,000 meritorious students completing their +2 education, with an annual cash incentive of Rs.30,000/-, **Rs.10 crore** for **Ama Gaurav Ama College** scheme to strengthen alumni relations, **Rs.10 crore** for inter-university competitions to enhance student activities, and **Rs.23 crore** for the **Chief Minister Research and Innovation Fellowship Plan (CMRIFP)** to fund research fellowships and support innovation.

103. As a new initiative we have proposed Rs.5 crore to promote global exposure, student exchanges, and the establishment of international campuses for **internationalization of education**. Besides, **Rs.20 crore** is proposed for **Odisha State Research Fund** to support faculty-student research exchange programs and to promote research and innovation in the state.

104. In line with the goal of advancing research, innovation, and learning, at least **five new centres of excellence** will be opened in state public universities. **Rs.20 crore** is allocated for infrastructure development of 18 new government degree colleges, while **Rs.50 crore** will be used to improve infrastructure accessibility and girls' toilets in higher education institutions. We are planning to increase the number of PG seats by 20% in various universities and colleges, ensuring better access to advanced education.

Education-Scholarships for ST, SC, Minorities & Backward Classes

105. Scholarship is one of our major interventions for incentivizing the educational attainment among ST, SC, OBC & EBC students. An outlay of **Rs.1426 crore** is proposed in 2025-26 for disbursement of Scholarship to these students.

106. In **Shahid Madho Singh Haath Kharcha Yojana**, an amount of **Rs.5000** is provided to eligible ST students studying in Class-IX and XI as one-time financial incentive to reduce dropout among the ST students. The Scheme will extend the incentive benefit up to 3 lakh ST students. Provision of **Rs.154 crore** is proposed for this programme in the budget.

107. To provide quality English-medium education to ST & SC students under the **ANWESHA scheme**, students are admitted to reputed private, aided, and government schools in district headquarters and urban areas. The entire cost, including tuition fees, uniforms, books, stationery, transportation, and post-school tutoring, is borne by Government. Over 22,700 students from 17 districts are already studying in 170 schools under this initiative. To further strengthen the program, **Rs.158 crore** has been proposed under the scheme. **AKANKSHYA scheme** aims to provide free residential facilities for ST/SC students pursuing post-matric courses or preparing for competitive exams in urban areas.

Skill Development and Technical Education

108. **CM-ASPIRE (Chief Minister's Augmenting Soft Skill, Promoting Innovation, Research & Excellence)** scheme aims at strengthening the skill ecosystem and improve technical education across the state. This scheme benefits ITI students to research scholars and includes components such as Employability Skills Training, Odisha Overseas Fellowships, Research Fellowships, Mukhyamantri Dakshyata Puraskar, and rejuvenated Model Career Centres. I propose an allocation of **Rs.46 crore** under the scheme.

109. **NUA Odisha Scheme** empowers youth through skilling, reskilling, and upskilling to meet workforce demands in emerging and traditional sectors. It focuses on high-quality training, industry linkages, and incentives for training providers. I propose **Rs.135 crore** for this initiative.

110. I propose **Rs.123 crore** for **World Skill Centre, Bhubaneswar**, which enhances skills training and provides international certification. With Phase I of the Odisha Skill Development Project concluding, Phase II is

proposed to be taken up with an overall outlay of **Rs.1180 crore over five years**. New campuses of World Skill Center will be established in different parts of the State with focus on AgriTech, IT/ITeS, and Semiconductors.

111. I propose **Rs.59 crore** for **Placement Linked Training Programme** under the Odisha Skill Development Authority. This initiative provides skill-based training for school and college dropouts, enhancing employability and placements.

112. **Sudakshya Scheme** has significantly increased girls' enrolment in Government ITIs and Polytechnics, fostering inclusivity and economic mobility. I propose **Rs.26 crore** to continue empowering girl students through vocational and technical education. To encourage entrepreneurship among Odisha's youth, the **Nano Unicorn** Scheme will be a game changer, supporting 1,200 entrepreneurs with refundable seed funding, mentoring, and tailored business training.

113. To upgrade Odisha University of Technology and Research (OUTR) and Veer Surendra Sai University of Technology (VSSUT) into world-class institutions, **Rs.100 crore** is proposed. Additionally, **Rs.86 crore** is allocated for infrastructure development of Government Engineering Colleges.

114. I propose to provide **Rs.100 crore** to upgrade 10 ITIs into **Zonal ITIs** with enhanced capacity, advanced infrastructure, and focus on emerging trades. Further, I propose **Rs.100 crore** for establishing **25 Centres of Excellence in ITIs**, enabling students to access industry-driven curricula and cutting-edge equipment.

115. I propose **Rs.363 crore** for upgrading ITIs and Polytechnics to ensure the availability of state-of-the-art facilities, with Rs.121 crore earmarked for Polytechnics and Rs.241 crore for ITIs. It also includes **Rs.80 crore** for constructing girls' hostels in these ITIs, ensuring a secure learning environment for girl students.

Sustha Odisha: Health for All

116. "**Sarve bhavantu sukhinah, sarve santu niramayah**"—May all be happy, may all be free from illness—guides Odisha's vision for Vikshit Odisha. Our Government strives to expand the reach of quality healthcare to the last mile. By bridging gaps in rural and urban healthcare, Odisha is building a resilient and inclusive system, securing a healthier and happier future for all.

117. Availability of doctors and paramedics is key to providing quality health service. **We have started the process for recruitment of more than 5000 doctors** to ensure availability of doctors in each state-owned medical facility including remote locations. Similarly, we will initiate process for filling up all vacancies of paramedics in the State.

118. We are thankful to our visionary Prime Minister Modiji for choosing Odisha for opening three premier national institutes namely, (i) National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER), (ii) All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH); and (iii) National Forensic Sciences University (NFSU). These institutes will bring Odisha to the forefront in these critical sectors.

119. Our Government has taken a historic decision to implement **Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana** alongside **Gopabandhu Jana Arogya Yojana**. This would enable all eligible beneficiaries to avail accessible, affordable and quality health care services at as many as 29,000 empaneled Government. and private hospitals across the country, compared to just 900 hospitals at present. This landmark decision will benefit migrant workers of the state by giving them access to affordable health care in all States and Union territories. I propose **Rs.4479 crore** for this purpose.

120. Under **National Health Mission**, major focus has been given for strengthening of healthcare infrastructure as per the Indian Public Health Standards (IPHS) norms, provision of expanded range of free drugs, diagnostic services including CT, MRI, free dialysis services, blood services, Ambulance services to reduce out of pocket expenditure. I propose an allocation of **Rs.2091 crore** under the scheme for 2025-26.

121. I propose an amount of **Rs.3881 crore** for health infrastructure projects under **Mukhya Mantri Swasthya Seva Mission (MMSSM)** and **Rs.420 crore** under **Ama Hospital**. Based on the felt need of the people, new medical and dental colleges shall be established in a phased manner.

122. **NIRAMAYA** (Free distribution of Medicines) is a scheme which aims at supplying medicines at Government health facilities free of cost to the patients with a view to reduce their out of pocket expenses. I propose a sum of **Rs.1140 crore** which includes **corpus fund of Rs.200 crore** for Medical Colleges and other Health Institutions.

123. Further, under the **NIDAN** (Free Diagnostics& Dialysis) scheme, all types of essential diagnostic services are provided free of cost to all

categories of patients in all public health facilities as per its level from sub centres to Medical Colleges and Hospitals. I propose **Rs.229 crore** under this scheme. Additionally, **EMAS (Emergency Medical Ambulance Service)** has been providing pre-hospital care and transportation service across the state for all kinds of medical emergency arising due to accident, fire, natural calamity, pregnancy or otherwise where immediate medical attention is required to provide free Emergency Ambulance Service to the people of Odisha. I propose a sum of **Rs.222 crore** for this scheme.

124. Further, Odisha **Comprehensive Cancer Care Plan** is aimed at providing Comprehensive Cancer Care Service for early detection of Cancer by application of evidence-based sample screening technology. For 2025-26, a sum of **Rs.211 crore** is provided under this scheme. Additionally, **Swasthya Sahaya** scheme aims at mitigating communicable and non-communicable diseases, managing logistics, training and research, strengthening of OPD, Public Health Laboratory and Stem cell laboratory and other support services. I propose an allocation of **Rs.270 crore** under the scheme.

125. To provide last mile health care facilities to people in the hard-to-reach areas **Mobile Health Units** are being made operational in PPP mode. **Rs.26 crore** is proposed under this scheme. Further, **Rs.997 crore** is proposed under “**Nirmal**” Scheme to ensure healthy and hygienic hospital by strengthening ancillary services (sanitation, laundry, security, lift services etc.) at Public Health Facilities.

126. I propose Rs.130 crore to promote menstrual hygiene and awareness under the **KHUSHI** scheme. Further, to provide Diet to indoor patients, in all the tertiary and primary health institutions, I propose **Rs.96 crore**.

127. I propose **Rs.364 crore** for the **Bio Medical Waste Management** scheme to ensure safe and cost-effective biomedical waste disposal, focusing on timely procurement of logistics, equipment, and consumables, capacity building of handlers, and health awareness activities. We are going to establish a **Food Testing Laboratory** at **Puri** with Central Assistance to strengthen testing capabilities.

128. I propose **Rs.100 crore** for the **Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission** to develop an integrated digital health infrastructure, bridging gaps among healthcare stakeholders. To strengthen healthcare monitoring, a **Chronic Kidney Diseases Registry** will be maintained. Additionally, the **State One Health Cell** would be set up as a dedicated facility for command, control, and

inter-departmental coordination during health emergencies. The Construction of Drug Warehouses in DHHs and Medical colleges will also be taken up to enhance medical supply management across the state, for which I propose a total of **Rs.100 crore**. **State Government resolves to cover all Gram Panchayats with Ayushman Arogya Mandirs. For this, Rs.500 crore is proposed in this Budget.**

Food Security

129. Odisha has demonstrated a standout performance in the management of the Public Distribution System (PDS), providing food security to around 80% of the state's population through the Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS). Under the NFSA Scheme, food security coverage is extended to more than 81 lakh families (covering 2.90 crore individual beneficiaries) under the Priority Household (PHH) category and more than 12.50 lakh families (covering about 37 lakh individual beneficiaries) under the **Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY)**. To address micro-nutritional deficiencies, Odisha has been supplying fortified rice across all 30 districts for the PDS, ICDS, and PM-POSHAN programmes. I propose an amount of **Rs.446 crore** for the Public Distribution System in 2025-26 (BE).

130. Odisha has made rapid strides in expanding the procurement of paddy – state's principal crop and has emerged as one of the top paddy procuring states in the country. In the ongoing Kharif Paddy procurement operation, 17.49 lakh farmers have registered to sell their paddy, with the government providing **Rs.800 per quintal in input assistance** along with the **MSP rate of Rs.2300** for common grade paddy. Priority has been given to the procurement of paddy from eligible small farmers and sharecroppers. Our government's constant efforts for the timely transfer of MSP cost and input assistance to farmers' accounts through DBT, along with measures to prevent distress selling, is benefiting the farmers. To bring transparency to the procurement process, Satellite Imagery is being utilized for the validation of registered paddy crop growing lands. For this purpose, **Rs.61 crore** has been proposed under the scheme **Village wise Plot Level Analysis of Paddy Crop Growing Areas**.

131. I propose allocation of **Rs.2000 crore** towards revolving fund for paddy procurement for ensuring timely payment to the farmers. Besides, Rs.450 crore is allocated towards assistance to Odisha State Civil Supplies Corporation for paddy procurement.

Sports for All

132. To make sports a way of life and an integral part of each citizen, we are strengthening sports infrastructure in a major way. Each block of our State will have state of the art facilities for different sports including Cricket, Volleyball, Football and Athletics. Additionally, there shall be an Indoor Hall equipped for Badminton, Table Tennis, and other Sports amenities. For these activities an amount of **Rs.4124 crore** will be spent over a period of 5 years. During 2025-26 an outlay of **Rs.825 crore** has been earmarked for **development of Block Level Stadiums**.

133. Our continued support of the cause of sports has rightly earned Odisha the title of **Sports Capital of India**. Today, Odisha is shining on the national and global stage. With every achievement, Odisha proves that it is a rising force in the world of sports. We are going to host India's first **World Athletics Continental Tour** this year amongst several other marquee events. Odisha became the national champion in Men's Hockey for the first time, while the Women's Football team is challenging the mighty team from Manipur. Our fifteen-year-old Preetismita Bhoi from Dhenkanal made history at the 2024 IWF World Youth Weightlifting Championships, becoming the first Indian to set a youth world record while weightlifter Jyoshna Sabar broke youth Asian record. Our athletes have also excelled in Kho Kho, Gymnastics and Athletics. In the recently concluded National Games, Odisha was ranked 12th with 46 medals including 12 gold. This was Odisha's best ever performance in national Games.

134. Keonjhar, Sambalpur, Berhampur and Koraput are being developed as Sports Hub to broaden access to world-class facilities across the state. In our continued effort to promote swimming as a life skill and a competitive sport, we are going to add **13 new indoor swimming pools**. Each district in Odisha will soon have a swimming pool giving our swimmers a competitive edge at Aquatic events. Two new High-Performance Centers in Rourkela – Athletics and Archery will provide world-class training facilities, cutting-edge technology, and expert coaching to nurture talent and prepare athletes for national and international competitions.

135. The CM Trophy has been launched as a transformative initiative to promote community-level sports and identify talent from the grassroots. This competition in Football, Athletics, Hockey, and Badminton will see an impressive participation of over one lakh athletes right from block to state

level. Our mission is to map talent from rural excellence to global recognition. Investing in adventure sports is also one of our key focus areas.

Climate Ready Odisha: Towards climate responsive governance

136. To increase the green coverage, our government is implementing the Schemes like Green Mahanadi Mission, Increasing the Green Cover in the State and taking up massive plantation programmes under CAMPA. I propose an amount of **Rs.1021 Crore** under CAMPA, **Rs.53 crore** under Green Mahanadi Mission, **Rs.75 crore** under Increasing the Green Cover in the State.

137. Similipal Biosphere Reserve is a vast biodiversity hotspot covering 5,569 sq km. It is home to diverse flora and fauna, including tigers, elephants, leopards, and over 230 bird species. Inhabited by tribal communities like the Santhal and Ho, it was declared a part of UNESCO's World Network of Biosphere Reserves in 2009. Despite its ecological significance, Similipal faces threats from deforestation, poaching, and forest fires, necessitating ongoing conservation efforts. One company of Armed Police Reserve (APR) Force has been created for constitution of Joint Task Force to strengthen protection measures in Similipal Tiger Reserve. In this occasion, I announce new scheme "**Ama Similipala Jojana**" with an outlay of **Rs.50 crore** for overall upkeep and development of the national biosphere reserve.

138. Keeping in view the success achieved in mitigating Human-Elephant conflict after installation of AI based fire monitoring and protection surveillance towers at Similipal and Rourkela, this AI based surveillance system will be extended to Debrigarh Sanctuary and Satkosia landscape covering Dhenkanal, Angul, Satkosia and Mahanadi Wildlife Divisions. I propose an outlay of Rs 150 crore under the schemes for conservation of the wild life and their habitats.

139. To promote eco-friendly transportation, we aim to induct **e-buses** into our fleet, targeting up to 20% adoption. Additionally, we plan to develop depots and integrate tech-driven solutions for operational efficiency of public transport. For these transformative initiatives, an allocation of **Rs.132 crore** is proposed. Further, 400 e-buses will be deployed in various cities under **PM-e-Bus Seva scheme** for which **Rs.47 crore** is provided.

140. To encourage the adoption of electric vehicles, our Government has planned attractive purchase incentives across various vehicle segments. We are proud to propose the **Green Odisha EV Policy**, which includes enhanced

incentives for electric four-wheelers, buses and trucks, aiming to achieve 20% EV registrations among all vehicles. In the first phase, public EV charging stations will be established at 100 strategic locations across the state through a Public-Private Partnership model. Additionally, the inland water transport sector will be enhanced with the introduction of solar-powered boats and launches, fostering sustainable and environmentally friendly transportation. To support Green Odisha Vision and accelerate the transition to electric mobility, an allocation of **Rs.160 crore** has been proposed in this year's Budget.

141. The **Solar-based Street Lighting Systems** scheme is a move towards sustainability and renewable energy adoption in Rural Odisha. By addressing the lighting needs of inaccessible areas with provision of **Rs.50 crore**, the initiative ensures improved infrastructure while promoting eco-friendly solutions.

Innovation: Adopting New-Age Technology

Electronics & IT

142. To contribute to the national vision of developing an indigenous semiconductor ecosystem, a comprehensive range of incentives are being offered to Semiconductor, Compound Semiconductor units and Display Fabs under the **Semiconductor Manufacturing and Fabless Policy 2023**. Odisha is the **fourth state** in the country to offer dedicated incentives to semiconductor units. Further, this policy is also providing an attractive package of incentives to semiconductor design units and supply chain units. We have already approved three mega project proposals in the compound semiconductor space under the policy.

143. For strengthening the semiconductor ecosystem in the state, our Government will launch the **Odisha Semiconductor Fab and Fabless Innovation and Acceleration Program** under the brand name **O-Chip Program** with an outlay of Rs.20 crore. Under this program, a Centre of Excellence (CoE) will be established, that will extend technology, R&D, EDA (Electronic Design Automation) tools and infrastructural support besides training, mentorship and market-connect to selected start-ups, MSMEs, academic institutions and researchers. It will ensure creation of market ready IC chips, high-end skilled manpower and indigenous IPs from the state. A dedicated space has been identified in the Odisha Technology Centre to kick start the programme. An MoU has been signed with Semiconductor

Fables Accelerator Lab (SFAL) of Karnataka during Utkarsh Odisha for operationalisation of the programme.

144. Government of Odisha aims to transform the state into one of the India's leading **AI hub**, which will contribute to the nation's progress across diverse domains, from healthcare, education, and agriculture to disaster management and climate change. As part of this objective, we have planned to set up **Odisha AI Mission** along the lines of **India AI Mission**. As part of AI strategy, we have signed an MoU with Wadhvani Foundation to facilitate AI-focused training and with NASSCOM to collaborate in setting up an AI Centre of Excellence. A provision of Rs.20 crore has been made to help us achieve our AI goals. This mission will facilitate departments in integrating AI in their functioning and schemes and work with MeitY and other stakeholders from academia and industry to build the State's AI capacity. **Odia Virtual Academy** will establish a Centre of Excellence to promote research activities to build the corpus & datasets in Odia across domains such as healthcare, education, agriculture, Animal Science etc.

145. The Government understands the significance of diversification and wants Odisha to emerge as a major FinTech destination. We will set up a dedicated FinTech cluster in the State. To make Odisha a leading FinTech hub in the country, we have also signed an MoU with the Global Finance & Technology Network (GFTN) which will facilitate setting-up of an InsurTech and FinTech hub in Odisha. These initiatives will create substantial employment opportunities in the state. We will also promote Odisha as a prominent Insurance Tech Hub of India. Steps will be taken to make the State one of the preferred location for setting up Global Capability Centres (GCC) in the country.

146. The State already has **8 Software Technology Park of India (STPI) Parks** and there is further planning to establish 8 more Tech Towers in tier II and tier III cities. **Rs.100 crore** has been proposed for the purpose.

147. Since number of applications hosted from the **State Data Centre** have rapidly increased, **two more data centre-cum-DR sites** are planned at **Keonjhar** and **Koraput**. A state-of-the-art **Cyber Security Operations Centre** has also been developed to protect the state's infrastructure, network and data. An **undersea cable landing station** is also planned at Puri to improve data reliability and affordability.

148. We shall create a Unified Social Registry Information System (USRIS) through Social Protection Delivery Platform (SPDP) to enable data-driven policy making.

Science & Technology

149. As part of our **DeepTech and frontier technology** efforts, we are supporting an ecosystem that fosters innovation in sectors like artificial intelligence (AI), blockchain, robotics, and quantum computing. The state's focus on nurturing tech startups, coupled with Government initiatives and collaborations with academic institutions, is driving advancements in these cutting-edge technologies. I propose an amount of **Rs.50 crore** for the purpose.

150. With the Biotechnology Policy, 2024, we are focusing on establishing biotechnology parks, research institutions, and incubation centers to foster innovation in areas like healthcare, agriculture, and environmental sustainability. With a rich diversity of flora and fauna, Odisha offers immense potential for biotechnological research, particularly in bioresources and traditional medicine. I propose **Rs.231 crore** for **Development of Bio-Technology** in Odisha.

151. A platform called **Odisha Marine Biotechnology Research & Innovation Corridor (OMBRIC)** will be established to bring together various stakeholders – academicians, researchers, innovators, entrepreneurs, policymakers and industry to strengthen the Marine Biotechnology Ecosystem of the state and to harness the Bay of Bengal's potential on the Eastern Coast. I propose **Rs.10 crore** for this purpose. Besides, a **Science City** will be developed for which **Rs.10 crore** is provided.

152. A network of Planetaria, Science Centres, alongwith Science Awards, tie up with Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru for training of Science and Math teachers, applying Space Applications for governance through ORSAC and mathematics through IMA, enhance the STEM component for our State.

Balanced Regional Development

153. Elected representatives are better connected to ground realities and identification of critical gaps in their localities. Over the years, MLALAD fund has been very useful in reducing regional disparity. Considering the need for increasing accessibility to funds for the elected representatives, I propose to enhance the annual allocation under **MLALAD** for each constituency from

Rs.3 crore to Rs.5 crore. An outlay of **Rs.735 crore** is proposed under MLALAD Scheme. Besides, I propose to allocate another **Rs.142 crore** towards Constituency Wise Allocation (CWA) during 2025-26. I hope, all Hon'ble MLAs would effectively utilize this fund for overall development of their localities.

154. A sum of **Rs.500 crore** is proposed under **Mukhya Mantri Swatantra Sahayata** for the Financial Year 2025-26. An amount of **Rs.126 crore** is proposed under **Critical Gap Fund** Scheme for District Plan for the Financial Year 2025-26.

155. Apart from **Western Odisha Development Council (WODC)**, for which **Rs.500 crore** has been proposed, I am happy to inform that taskforces have been constituted for the establishment of the **South Odisha Development Council (SODC)** and **North Odisha Development Council (NODC)**. Both Councils would work towards addressing regional disparities by facilitating investments, improving governance, and enhancing the quality of life for people in these areas. I propose to allocate **Rs.200 crore each** for both Councils to take forward the development activities ensuring regional parity.

156. For infrastructure development in **KBK districts** an amount of **Rs.250 crore** has been proposed for the Financial Year 2025-26.

157. **Kandhamal O Gajapati Bikash Yojana** aims to accelerate the development process and expediting poverty reduction in Kandhamal and Gajapati districts mainly in respect of Bijli, Sadak and Pani and other Livelihood Initiatives and Social Safety. An amount of **Rs.29 crore** has been proposed under this scheme in 2025-26. **Socio-Economic Transformation & Upliftment (SETU) scheme** is meant for development of erstwhile 151 cut-off villages of Chitrakonda Block in Malkangiri district called "**Swabhimani Anchala**". An amount of **Rs.50 crore** has been proposed under this scheme for the financial year 2025-26.

SUSHASAN: Citizen at Center Stage

158. Our Government follows a Good Governance model that prioritizes citizen-centric policies and programs, ensuring they address the real needs of people. The **Jan Sunani** (Public Grievance Redressal) portal provides multiple channels for citizens to register grievances, including a website chatbot, mobile app, WhatsApp chatbot, physical visits, and postal letters. The portal has been enhanced with new features, such as online registration for Public Hearings on Mondays, making the grievance redressal process more

accessible and transparent. Additionally, a **Feedback Management System** will soon be introduced to foster proactive governance and strengthen citizen participation in policymaking. To ensure that citizens get their services from the Government in time, I will make my administration accountable and responsive by ensuring effective implementation of Odisha Right to Public Services Act (ORTPSA).

159. Our Government is committed to eliminate corruption at all levels. In order to bring in transparency we would use technology at various levels of Governance. To discourage corruption in public works, every details of the works would be recorded in digital platform for public awareness. This digital record keeping would be called as '**Work Passbook**' and this will be implemented for all Departments. This will be implemented in all engineering departments in the first phase next year and expanded to all Departments subsequently.

160. We are undertaking a massive recruitment drive to fill up 1.5 lakh vacant government posts over five years in a fair and transparent manner. In 2024-25, approximately 27,000 positions will be filled through 184 recruitment tests conducted by agencies such as the Odisha Public Service Commission (OPSC), Odisha Staff Selection Commission (OSSC), and Odisha Subordinate Staff Selection Commission (OSSSC).

161. Under **Gopabandhu Sambadik Swasthya Bima Yojana**, we are providing health insurance of **Rs.5 lakh** per family per annum for working journalists working in the State and the Odisha domiciled working journalists in Delhi NCR. Besides, ex-gratia of Rs.4 lakh is also provided to the next of kins of deceased working journalists under the scheme. For this, I propose provision of **Rs.14 crore** for corpus of the Odisha State Working Journalists Welfare Fund.

Internal Security

162. To maintain internal security which is conducive environment to inclusive growth and development, an amount of **Rs.10,760 crore**, with an increase of around 20 percent over the previous year's Budget allocation.

163. I propose allocation of **Rs.416 crore** for construction of Non-residential and Residential Buildings of Courts, **Rs.254 crore** for development of infrastructure of the Judiciary, and **Rs.47 crore** for POCSO Court. For improving the police organisation, I propose allocation of **Rs.373 crore** for construction of residential and non-residential buildings, **Rs.118 crore** for

implementation of Emergency Response Support System (ERSS), and **Rs.33 crore** for strengthening Forensic Science Laboratory.

164. I propose **Rs.243 crore** towards construction of residential and non-residential buildings of the Jails which include provision for construction of Model Jail at Jamujhari, and New Jail at Jajpur and Bhadrak. I propose **Rs.123 crore** towards construction of residential and non-residential buildings of the Fire Services organisation.

165. As part of modernization initiative, **AI enabled CCTV Control Room** would be implemented for better Surveillance and Analog mode of VHF would be switched to Digital system with outlay of **Rs.29 crore** for ease of instant voice communication. I propose an allocation of **Rs.153 crore** under a new scheme **Subhadra Surakhya** to ensure women safety and security.

166. We will create 2500 additional posts of Home Guards to further strengthen the law and order in the State. We have created 2000 new posts for the traffic system. We are going to take up the recruitment drive with complete transparency which will play a key role in road safety. Increasing cyber fraud is a cause for concern. To handle the increasing cybercrime in the State, we will open 20 more cyber Police Stations in the State in addition to existing 14 to ensure that all districts have operational cyber police stations. For prevention and control of theft of Minor Minerals, a joint venture programme will be taken up for deployment of OISF (Odisha Industrial Security Force) personnel for which **Rs.58 crore** provided.

167. As part of our disaster management strategy, we are increasing the units of Odisha Disaster Rapid Action Force (ODRAF) from 20 to 30. We will also establish a state-of-the-art Natural Disaster Management Centre in Odisha for training ODRAF personnel. I propose to allocate **Rs.130 crore** for administrative expenses and implementation of disaster management schemes and programs during 2025-26.

168. An amount of **Rs.1913 crore** has been allocated for ensuring prompt delivery of public services in the field offices of the Revenue Administration, as these offices have direct public interface.

169. We are undertaking a meticulous inventory exercise to salvage deteriorating photos and AV documents through scientific restoration and digitization. Unaffected records will be e-archived. I propose **Rs.10 crore** for 2025-26 to support this initiative. We are going to produce biopic,

i.e. AV documentaries, on the lives of great men and women of the state and place of varied importance.

Odia Asmita

170. For us Odia Asmita is about embracing Odisha's legacy while striving for progress, ensuring that our unique identity is recognized and strengthened in the modern world. It embodies our cultural identity, pride, and heritage.

171. I propose to allocate **Rs.482 crore** for the comprehensive and systematic development of Odia Language, Literature and Cultural heritage of Odisha during 2025-26. This include **Rs.194 crore** under the scheme “**Mukhyamantri Kalakar Sahayata Yojana**” to provide subsistence and support to the aged artists, who despite their poverty have persistently dedicated themselves in enriching, displaying and preserving the arts and culture of Odisha, **Rs.15 crore** for **preservation and conservation of protected and unprotected monuments**, and **Rs.50 crore** under **Organisation of Cultural Function** to enhance Odisha’s visibility on global platforms, to co-host and promote key events and festivals in international cultural organisations, to scale up Bali Yatra and Dhanu Yatra to international/national level and for organization of various festivals. For installation of statues and construction of memorials including the ancestral house of **Pandit Nilakantha Das Rs.10 crore** has been provided in 2025-26.

172. I am deeply grateful to Government of India for giving Bali Yatra enhanced cultural significance. In the last edition of Bali Yatra, 15 Ambassadors from South East Asia and ASEAN countries graced the event with the support of MEA. We plan to have a tie up with the National School of Drama, New Delhi to further strengthen celebration of the World’s largest Open-Air theatre-Dhanuyatra.

173. As part of instilling the pride of Odia Asmita among people of Odisha, we are planning to **celebrate Odia New year** in a grand way henceforth. **Odia Asmita Bhawan, Odia Translation Academy, a world class Palm Leaf Manuscript Museum, and Paika Rebellion Memorial** would be established to showcase rich Odia culture and heritage.

174. **Bakulaban of Satyabadi**, a prominent symbol of the Guru-Shishya tradition, was founded in 1909 by the Panchasakha. During its early years, the school was home to several renowned scholars, intellectuals, and patriots of Odisha, who contributed to its esteemed reputation. Over time, it became recognized as one of Odisha's most prestigious educational institutions.

Today, Bakulaban remains a unique heritage-rich institution. I propose to launch a new scheme **Bakulabana Unnayan** with an allocation of **Rs.50 crore** for development of Bakulaban as an iconic heritage site and pilgrimage of learning. Similarly, to honour the contribution of Odisha's great astronomer Pathani Samanta, our baraputra, I propose to construct a planetarium at his birth place, Khandapada and upgrade the existing museum.

175. We have almost doubled the amount of pension to all category of freedom fighters. We have also decided to extend pensionary benefit to the families of the freedom fighters of the State under Kutumba scheme. We are in the process of identifying the freedom fighter families in the State and will ensure that they are given proper recognition and respect.

176. The Emergency period in India from 1975 to 1977 is one the dark periods of democracy. To honour the patriots who suffered imprisonment under the MISA Act during the period, our Government has decided to provide pension, free healthcare, and free bus passes,

177. The Padma award is given for special contribution in the field of art, education, science, sports, social work, public service, medicine, literature etc. In order to recognize the immense glory brought by the odia Padma awardees to the State, we have decided to pay a monthly honourarium of Rs.30,000 to all living Padma awardees of the State from January, 2025.

178. In recognition of the significant contributions made by renowned freedom fighter and the first chief minister of Odisha Dr Harekrushna Mahatab in steering the course of the State, we will establish memorials at different places including his birthplace Agarpada, re-publish the books written by him and bring out a biopic on his life.

179. The great freedom fighter **Dharanidhar Naik (Bhuyan)** is known for his leadership in the **Bhuyan revolt** of Keonjhar in the late 19th century against the British throne. In gratitude to his contribution and sacrifice for the nation, we will establish a memorial at his birth place, Usumita village in Keonjhar district.

180. The **Odia Diaspora** represents a vibrant and diverse community of people from Odisha who have migrated to different parts of India and the world for education, employment, and business opportunities. Spread across countries like the USA, UK, UAE, Australia, and Singapore, as well as Indian cities such as Bengaluru, Mumbai, and Delhi, the Odia diaspora has made significant contributions in fields like technology, academia, healthcare, and

entrepreneurship. Despite being away from their homeland, they remain deeply connected to their cultural roots, celebrating festivals like Rath Yatra, Utkal Divas, and Durga Puja with great enthusiasm. I propose to launch a new scheme “**Odia Diaspora: O-SAMPARK**” with an allocation of **Rs.10 crore** to have continuous engagement with people of Odisha staying abroad.

181. We successfully hosted Prabasi Bharatiya Diwas from 8th to 10th of January this year attended by large number of NRIs including NROs from 75 countries. We are proud of the achievement our people in the different parts of the world and will be formulating **NRO Policy** to help Odias staying outside the country avail various public services. We also plan to observe **Pravasi Odia Diwas** once every two years.

State Budget: Broad Contours

182. Now I propose the Budget Estimates for the year 2025-26 for **Rs.2,90,000 crore**. I propose to increase the Programme Budget to **Rs.1,70,000 crore** in the Budget Estimates, 2025-26, which is about 59% of the total Budget Estimates. Capital Outlay of **Rs.65,012 crore** estimated in this Budget is **6.1 per cent** of the Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP), which is one of the highest among all major States in the country.

183. The Administrative Expenditure is proposed at **Rs.1,08,000 crore** in 2025-26. The outlay for Disaster Risk Management Funds will be **Rs.4000 crore**. Transfers from State will have an outlay of **Rs.8000 crore**. We propose to transfer **Rs.3311 crore** on the recommendations of 15th Finance Commission and around **Rs.4559 crore** on the recommendations of the 5th State Finance Commission to the rural and urban local bodies of the State.

184. The outlay of **Rs.2,90,000 crore** is proposed to be financed mainly through revenue receipts of **Rs.2,32,000 crore** and borrowing and other receipts of **Rs.58,000 crore**. Total revenue receipts for the year 2025-26 include State’s Own tax for **Rs.66,000 crore**, Own Non-tax revenue of **Rs.60,000 crore**, State’s share in Central taxes for **Rs.64,408 crore** and grants from Centre for **Rs.41,592 crore**.

185. We will be able to generate revenue surplus of about **3 per cent** of GSDP and fiscal deficit will be limited to **3.2 per cent** of GSDP for the year 2025-26. Thus, the Annual Budget, 2025-26 would be FRBM compliant.

186. This Budget reflects our dedication to serving our motherland with steadfast commitment. Odisha is poised to move forward and play a pivotal

role in building a **Viksit Bharat** during the Amrit Kaal. Let us work together towards the effective implementation of the 10-point agenda outlined today through a robust monitoring and service delivery framework. I earnestly seek the wholehearted support and cooperation of the people of Odisha in this collective endeavor.

187. I conclude with the following lines of the female poet Bidyutprava Devi from her famous poem “*Sarbangsaha Mat*”

“ତୋର ମୁକତିରେ ମୋର ମୁକତି ମା
ତୋର ହସେ ମୋର ହସ,
ତୋହରି ଅନ୍ତର ଆଦେଶେ ଚଳେ ମୁଁ
ଘୋଷି ତୋର ମହାଯଶ ।
ଚିର ଦୁଃଖରତୋ’ ପାହାନ୍ତି ଅନ୍ଧାର
ରାତି ଆସୁଅଛି ପାହି,
ସେ ନୁଆ ସପନେ ପୁଲେ ମୁଁ ଆନନ୍ଦେ
ଜୟଗାନ ତୋର ଗାଇ ।”

I commend the Budget Estimates for 2025-26 for the approval of this August House.

// Vande Utkal Janani //

// Jai Hind //

