

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

It gives me immense pleasure to address this august House during this Budget session of the Assam Legislative Assembly. Please accept my greetings on this auspicious occasion. It is indeed a very proud moment for all of us that our Sudhakantha Dr. Bhupen Hazarika has been conferred with the highest civilian award the 'Bharat Ratna' posthumously. Dr. Bhupen Hazarika was a playback singer, lyricist, musician, poet and film maker. His songs have mesmerized, inspired and guided generations. His songs were based on themes of communal amity, universal justice and empathy. His each and every song touched the various facets of our life. He popularised the culture and folk music of Assam and North East India at national and international level. He was the recipient of National Film Award for the best music director, Sangeet Natak Academy Award, Padma Shree, Padma Bhushan, Padma Vibhushan, Dada Saheb Phalke Award and was also the member of this august House from 1967 to 1972.

The days since the last Budget session have been quite momentous for our State; we are grateful for all the blessings of peace, harmony, fraternity, and promise of a brighter future that these herald for us all. Hon'ble Members, completion of Bogibeel bridge is a landmark achievement for my government, it connects the people of north east and will have immense effect in all the aspects of physical, financial, along with law and order system of the north-east. You will agree, Hon'ble Members, another affirmation of the immense potential of Assam comes from our younger generation's participation and performance in the sporting and other fields. The laurels brought to our State by Miss Hima Das and others like Rima Das going for Oscar for her movie are examples of great stride made by our people, we greatly appreciate their efforts and achievements.

My Government is eager for making Assam the sporting capital of India by facilitating the sports activities in all possible ways.

Padmashree Shri Jadav Payeng from Dhemaji who is renowned internationally for conservation of forest as well protection of green environment has been awarded the international USTM Social work excellence Award in December, 2018 bringing another laurel to the State.

The vision and the values, based on the principal of 'Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas' have been guiding force of my Government. With this vision in mind, Government has resolved to make Assam free from corruption, illegal migrants, terrorism and pollution and to strengthen the bond of brotherhood among the people living in Barak-Brahmaputra Valley, hills and plains of Assam. My government is also deeply committed to uphold the pride and prestige of the people of Assam. With these visions in mind, Government has taken up several initiatives during last two year eight months to make Assam free from corruption, illegal migrants, terrorism and pollution as well as to strengthen the bond of brotherhood among the people of the state.

Hon'ble Members, I would now like to share with you some details of the policies and programmes of my Government. I am sure, our collective efforts will make them a success.

Here is a look at some important activities and priorities of my Government.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND TRAINING**

My Government has formulated the State Training Policy with a mission to develop capacity building of the employee of various Government Departments and organizations. For setting up of a World Class Training Academy for State Civil Service Officers, Dima Hasao Autonomous Council has allotted 1000

Bigha land on the bank of Umrangshu lake. Work order for the construction of Training Institute for Grade-III & Grade-IV at Majuli has been issued & Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) has been issued for Training institute at Silchar, Bongaigaon and Guwahati. Training policy for ACS officers has been approved by the Hon'ble Cabinet. This Policy is aimed at systematic and continuous training of ACS cadre and equipping them with required skill and knowledge for effective governance.

## **AGRICULTURE**

Agriculture is the principal occupation of majority of the population and the socio-economic condition of Assam largely depends on its agricultural development. 27.20 lakh farm families are directly involved in 29.22 lakh ha operational area. There has been an increase in the production of total food grain, rice and pulses in the state. As against 51,27,435 MT of rice produced during the year 2016-17, 52,83,713 MT of rice was produced during the year 2017-18 an increase of 3.05%. Similarly, as against 53,52,581 MT of food grain produced during the year 2016-17, 55,59,720 MT of food grain was produced during 2017-18 an increase of 3.24%. In order to increase the production of pulses and oilseeds, my government has taken up massive programme under centrally sponsored schemes to expand pulse areas and cover Sali Rice in fallow areas in the state. Pulses production of 1,07,541 MT during 2016-17 has increased to 1,15,760 MT in 2017-18 indicating an increase of 7.64% from the previous year.

Under Mukhya Mantri Krishi Sa Sajuli Yojana, my Government has decided to help the farmers with an amount of Rs. 5,000/ per farmer for purchase small agricultural implements. A total of 5 Lakh farmers will be covered under the scheme. Under Chief Minister Samagra Gramya Unnayan Yojana (CMSGUY) distribution of 26,000 numbers of tractors, one in each revenue village has been planned. Around 6300 numbers of tractors have already been distributed in the first phase.

My Government has given thrust on Horticulture with the help of central sector schemes like Horticulture Mission for North East and Himalayan States, Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojna, Prime Minister's Krishi Sinchai Yojna' etc.

Under the 'Per drop More crops' programme of Govt. of India, emphasis is on micro irrigation system comprising drip and micro sprinklers. The centrally sponsored scheme 'Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojna' is under implementation in the State and 782 ha of area under various horticultural crops has been covered under drip irrigation during 2017-18.

Introduction of climate resilient technology of selected vegetables, fruit crops and potato and value addition of these horticultural commodities for development of agri-horti entrepreneurship are emphasized under Assam Agri-Business and Rural Transformation Project under horticulture sector. Mechanization of horticulture sector is also another goal of this project.

## **ANIMAL HUSBANDRY & VETERINARY**

Animal Husbandry & Dairy can play a pivotal role for creation of self-employment. Assam is deficient in production of meat, milk, eggs and other animal products and large quantities of these commodities are being imported from other states. This is despite the fact that there is huge potential for development of these sectors in the state. In recognizing the above potential of the Animal Husbandry and Dairy Sector considerable efforts have been made in the budget for improvement of the sector by my Govt.

My Govt. has prepared a road map cum vision document of the department. Massive Foot & Mouth Disease Vaccination in cattle and PPR vaccination in Goat has been completed in the state. Insurance of Livestock has been taken up in the entire state. The Department plans to start a massive vaccination programme to make the state free from FMD, Classical Swine Fever & PPR. There is plan to establish demonstration units in each Govt. livestock and poultry farms for hand holding the new entrepreneurs. The department has also planned fodder seed distribution among the dairy farmers, formation of 30 numbers of FPO (Farmers Producers Organization) among the piggery farmers and establishment of mini mill feed plant to support the livestock and poultry farmers. The department also will implement the Rashtriya Gokul Mission. Under Dairy development in addition to existing 312 Dairy Cooperative Societies, Dairy Development Assam is organizing 200 more Dairy Cooperative Societies in 21 districts of Assam during 2018-19 at the total cost of Rs.353.61Lakh.

## **ASSAM ACCORD**

Many steps were initiated by my Government for speedy and effective implementation of Assam Accord which includes visit to Indo- Bangladesh border by the Chief Minister for firsthand status of border fencing and sealing, payment of ex-gratia for an amount of Rs. 5.00 Lakh each to the family of martyrs of Assam Agitation. My Government has also decided to pay an amount of Rs. 2.00 Lakh each to the persons who suffered bullet injury, serious injury and rape victim women of Assam Agitation. Construction of Swahid Smarak and Park at village - Paschim Boragaon under Kamrup (M) district in the allotted land measuring 98B-1K-13L has started.

Inauguration of Bogibeel rail-cum-road Bridge by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India on 25th December, 2018 added a new milestone in the implementation of Assam Accord which is an outcome of the tripartite meetings held on Assam Accord in between the Government of India, Government of Assam and All Assam Students Union (AASU).

The updating of NRC has been carried out jointly by the Registrar General of India, Central and State Government under the supervision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. I take this opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude to the people of Assam for their unstinted support which helped in preparation of this significant document. NRC updating process when completed will prove to be a powerful safeguard to make Assam free from illegal foreigners.

## **BORDER PROTECTION & DEVELOPMENT**

The Govt. is taking all the necessary steps to reach out to the neighboring states of Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura, Nagaland and West Bengal with which the boundary of 2743 km is shared. On the other hand, for the International Border Areas with Bhutan & Bangladesh, developmental schemes have been taken under BADP(CSS) to meet the special needs of the people and fill in the critical gaps in development works.

Priority is given to connect all border districts with proper road network keeping in mind both security and development of the region. Administrative Approval & Financial Sanction have been issued against 28 Nos. of new BOPs out of approved 34 Nos. of BOPs to be established along the Inter-state border. The Border Protection & Development Department has initiated two new schemes namely 'Model Village' and 'Simanta Gyan Aahoran Achoni' in the International Border Areas of Assam. Eight villages have been identified for developing them into Model villages.

Regarding 4.35 Km. Stretch of unfenced Indo-Bangladesh Border in Karimganj town area, Govt. of India has taken up the matter with Govt. of Bangladesh for early resolution. To plug vulnerable gaps along India's borders, work is being done for sealing the borders in time bound manner. As a result, works for physical barrier at land areas and technological barrier at riverine areas are going on at much faster speed. Once border gets completely sealed the fresh illegal migration to the country will stop.

Along the Indo-Bhutan International Border, a border road with a length of around 300.00 KM from Jamduar in Kokrajhar district to Shikaridanga in Udalguri district is being constructed under PWD (NH). The Udalguri-Bhairabkunda road which is being constructed at the cost of Rs. 1500.00 lacs are under BADP is near completion. There are 918 Border Pillars along the Indo-Bhutan border area of Assam out of which 221 of Border Pillar has been repaired/ re-constructed.

## **CHIEF MINISTER'S SECRETARIAT**

### **Chief Minister's Relief Fund**

My Government provides financial assistance to persons having health problems requiring expensive medical care, persons facing hardships due to old age as well as physical disability and persons affected by natural calamities such as floods etc. Under Chief Minister's Relief Fund financial assistance have been extended to 16921 nos. of beneficiaries during the tenure of the present Government from May, 2016 till December, 2018.

### **MyGov Assam**

After our Government came to power, Assam became the third state in India to promptly adopt the MyGov.in initiative that was started by Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2014. Now MyGov Assam is a popular social media platform that popularizes various government schemes and brings awareness on vital social issues. MyGov Assam team comprising professionals from varied backgrounds are wholeheartedly

engaged in communicating the government messages to the masses by publicizing government schemes and initiatives through online media. Besides publicizing schemes, the portal runs campaign on important social issues and organizes online contests. The Clean and Green Village campaign in all the 33 districts is one of the key outreach programmes run by MyGov Assam.

## **COOPERATION**

With a view to empower women through Cooperatives, my Government has taken up a scheme "Samannit Mahila Samabay Biponi" for Women Multipurpose Cooperative Societies (WMPCS). The scheme provides subsidized credit for non PDS items along with the PDS items under PDS/TPDS system from the financial institutions.

Further, my Government has decided to implement Whole State Integrated Cooperative Development Project (ICDP) in Assam through National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC). The NCDC has earmarked an amount of Rs. 6000.00 Crores (Rupees Six thousand crores) for the project and preparation of DPR, training, etc. has already been initiated by engaging Laxmanrao Inamdar National Academy of Cooperative Research and Development (LINAC).

To boost rural storage capacity, 222 Nos. of Rural Godowns have been constructed till date against targeted 244 nos. under NABARD sponsored RIDF program.

## **CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

My Govt. lays emphasis on protection, preservation and development of Archaeological Sites and Monuments of the State. Accordingly, the Directorate has conserved 127 nos of Archaeological Sites and Monuments. Some of these Archaeological Sites have already been developed as tourist spots.

The Directorate of Archaeology, Assam, has taken up restoration works of 3(three) Heritage Police Stations namely Chatia, Gohpur and Dhekiajuli with an amount of Rs.150.00 lakh. My Govt. proposes to take up restoration work at Madan-Kamdev Archaeological site, Kamrup District and Sankhyadevi Archaeological site, Hojai District and to initiate proposals for declaring Charaideo Archaeological site as World Heritage Site.

## **ELEMENTARY EDUCATION**

My Govt. has taken up number of initiatives to universalize Elementary Education in the State. Two Flagship Programmes namely Mid-Day Meal and Sarba Siksha Abhijan are being implemented by the Elementary Education Department. My Govt. is providing free text books to all girls, SC, ST and BPL boys in all Govt./Provincialized schools in every academic year. For the academic year 2019, Free Textbook (FTB) will be provided to the 48,66,703 children of Govt./Provincialized schools under elementary education.

My Govt. provided merit scholarships to the 33,509 students during the year 2016-17, and appointed 13,023 nos. of TET qualified teachers in regular basis in the LP & ME school

from the month of June/2016 to the month of July/2017. For better administration and quality education under Elementary Education, 1885 Lower Primary Schools were amalgamated with Upper Primary Schools, 1267 Lower Primary Schools merged with nearby Lower Primary Schools and 2837 LP/UP schools amalgamated with High/Higher Secondary Schools.

The 2nd round of Gunotsav was conducted in 33 districts covering 35,94,803 children from Class-II to Class-IX. My Government has decided to establish 10 Govt. B.Ed. colleges at Karbi Anglong (West), Bongaigaon, Baksa, Nalbari, Kamrup (Rural), Morigaon, Sivasagar, Biswanath, North Lakhimpur and Dima Hasao under the Directorate of SCERT, Assam. My Government is also conducting 2 years Diploma in Elementary Education (D.El.Ed.) course (Pre-Service Teacher Education) in NCTE recognized Teacher Education Institution (TEIs) of the State for generating professionally qualified prospective teachers.

## **ENVIRONMENT & FOREST**

With an aim to provide robust armed support to the anti-poaching infrastructure of the Forest Department, a special combat force called Rhino Protection Force has been created, and the recruitment of 90 (ninety) constables for the force has been completed on 11th July, 2018. Modern and sophisticated arms were procured, and the requisition for adequate ammunition stock has been placed with the ordinance factories. At the same time, Biswanath Wildlife Division headquartered at Biswanath Chariali has been created under Kaziranga National Park for

consolidating anti-poaching measures on the northern bank of River Brahmaputra, and Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV) i.e., Drones. Forty-three (43) Highlands in Kaziranga National Park have been created for saving the life of wild animals during flood.

Work pertaining to the setting up of Interpretation Centre-cum-Forest Museum at Digboi and Manas has commenced, with a total financial involvement of Rs.42 Crores.

### **EXCISE**

During the financial year 2017-2018, Excise Department collected revenue of Rs. 1117.65 crores which is Rs.151.32 crore more in comparison to the previous year. During the current financial year up to Nov./18, the department has a revenue growth of 32 %(appx.) as compared to corresponding period of last year.

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

### **FINANCE**

The Finance Department has been able to maintain its unique position through collection of major Tax Revenue for the State. The Commercial Tax Department alone contributes more than 80 percent of the State's own tax revenue.

During the last fiscal 2017-18, the Tax Department had collected Rs. 12055.87 crores with a decent growth of 17 percent over the preceding year collection of Rs. 10293.75 crore. The

Department has so far collected an amount of Rs. 8955.22 crore during the current financial year up to the month of November,2018

Some of the achievements of my Govt under GST :

E-way bill for movement of goods from one State to another State has been introduced w.e.f. 1st April, 2018.

In order to refund the State GST amount under the area based Industrial re-imbusement Scheme in the State, the Assam Industries (Tax re-imbusement Scheme for eligible Units,2017) has been framed. The Assam is the first State in the North-Eastern Region to implement the area based industries scheme in order to attract and induce investment in the State. Under the scheme, an amount of Rs. 175.96 crore has been reimbursed so far to the eligible Industries.

The Assam Taxation (on Specified Land) Act, 1990 : The Government has recently exempted the small tea growers from burden of tax on green tea leaf under the Assam Taxation on Specified Lands (Amendment) Act, 2018 from ten paisa to nil in order to promote the cultivation and manufacturing of tea by marginal and small tea growers. This step will ensure the growth of employment and economic activity in the State.

Moreover my Govt, in view of doubling farm income within a span of 5 years launched the Mega Mission called Chief Minister Samagra Gramya Unnayan Yojana (CMSGUY) targeting to cover 25425 villages and transfer Rs1.20 crores to each revenue village during 5 years period. An amount of Rs.1700

crore (Rs.1500 crore during 2016-17 and Rs.200 crore during 2017-18) has already been released to the Mega Mission Society- Chief Minister Samagra Gramya Unnayan Yojana (MMS-CMSGUY).

To ensure financial inclusion of all citizens 1,35,60,704 nos of accounts opened under Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana(PMJDY) 9,74,780 nos of enrolled under Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY), 25,01,865 enrolled under Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY), 2,33,666 enrolled under Atal Pension Yojana (APY) and 9,44,902enrolled under Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY).

In order to encourage the tea worker to open bank account my Govt. has started Chah Bagicha Dhan Puraskar Scheme (CBDPS), 2018 with an incentive of Rs.2500/- for opening Bank Account after demonetization.

My Government has also abolished the application fees in respect of all Grade III and Grade IV posts vide Government Notification NO. FEG.32/2016/12, Dated, 21st May, 2018.

## **FISHERIES**

During 2018-19, my Government has taken many initiatives to increase fish production which includes 132 ha through input supply for fish culture, 5 ha for production of fish fingerling in rearing tank, 12 ha for integrated pig cum fish culture, 7 ha for new pond creation and input supply for fish and fish seed production in 11 Departmental Farms. In addition to this my

Government has also initiated a flagship programme, "Ghare Ghare Pukhuri Ghare Ghare Maach" with the financial loan assistance from NABARD-RIDF for an amount of Rs 100.10 Cr throughout the state. Training and Fish Input will be assisted through convergence with Chief Minister Samgra Gramya Unnayan Yojna. Additionally, under Centrally Sponsored Scheme- Blue Revolution, the activities proposed during 2017-18 are being implemented during 2018-19 including insurance of 1,57,325 fishermen under Group Accident Insurance as one of its component. The Fishery Ecotourism Development in GopinathBordoloi Tank, Guwahati and Gene Bank Project to be implemented by College of Fisheries, Raha are being initiated by my Government.

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

My Govt. is implementing the "National Food Security Act, 2013 (NFSA, 2013) in the State since December'2015. Two third of state's total population i.e. 2,52,18,001 population of the state have been covered under NFSA, 2013. All the eligible beneficiaries under PDS/TPDS i.e. AAY, BPL, APL and Mukhaya Mantri Anna Surakshaya Yojana have been covered under NFSA, 2013. AAY households are getting subsidized rice@ 35 kilogram per month @ Rs.3.00 per kg and Priority households are getting subsidized rice @ 5 kilogram per month per member @ Rs. 3.00 per kilogram at present. A total 2,48,83,967 numbers of beneficiaries have benefitted in both AAY and PHH categories under the scheme of NFSA'2013.

The government of Assam launched "Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana" (PMUY) scheme in the state of Assam on 13/05/2017 and the Oil Marketing Companies have installed 23,22,950 nos. (up to 12/12/2018) of free LPG connections amongst the selected women beneficiaries under BPL households in the State.

The Government of Assam has selected 192 numbers of un-employed youths under the scheme of "Aamar Dukan on Wheels" during this year 2018-19 for selling 23 nos. of essential commodities at much lesser cost compared to prevailing market price.

#### **GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**

My Government has completed construction of Assam House, Chennai and Construction of an additional new multi-storied Assam Bhawan at Kolkata, New Delhi and Vellore are nearing completion. Extension of Assam House Shillong has been completed. The process for land acquisition is under process for Assam Bhawan at Hyderabad. Similar initiatives for setting up of Assam Bhawans at new locations such as Pune, Chandigarh, Kochi, Thiruvananthapuram, Bhopal, Jaipur, Ahmedabad and Bhubaneshwar have been taken up.

Administrative Approval has been accorded for an amount of Rs.198.355(L) for "Construction of 2-storied RCC Building (G+1)Creche at Janata Bhawan, Dispur.

My Government has given special emphasis for Construction of Office Buildings, Residential Quarters, Circuit Houses etc., at newly created districts. Administrative Approval for Construction of DC Office for West Karbi Anglong district, Hamren, has been accorded at estimated amount of Rs. 672.27(L).

### **GUWAHATI DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

In order to provide open space to the citizens of Guwahati, GMDA is developing a new park at the site of Assam State Housing Board complex at Adabari, Maligaon at an estimated cost of Rs.8.74 crore and it is expected to be completed by 30/07/2019.

The Multilevel Automated Car Parking adjacent to MMC Hospital Campus at Panbazar is expected to be completed by 30th January, 2019. The Passenger Ropeway Project between Guwahati and North Guwahati is expected to be commissioned in April'2019.

For the Mass Rapid Transit System (MRTS), the preparation of Comprehensive Mobility Plan (CMP) and Alternative Analysis Report (AAR) for Guwahati is being carried out by M/s RITES Ltd and It is expected to be completed within a period of 5 months.

Guwahati Smart City Ltd has decided to Develop the Brahmaputra Riverfront stretching 6.3 Km at an estimated cost of Rs. 1,164.00 Cr. Guwahati Smart City Ltd. has also taken up projects like LED Street lighting project in Spine Roads and LED Street Lighting Project under Project Jyoti Phase I.

## **HANDLOOM TEXTILES & SERICULTURE**

My Govt. has sanctioned and released Rs.1215.00 lakh for establishment of 27 nos. of Yarn Banks in the State, to make available quality yarns at reasonable price on regular basis. Out of which 23 nos. of Yarn Banks have already been operationalized in the 23 Districts Head Quarters and process for operating the remaining 4 nos. of Yarn Banks are going on. Till date a total 4,56,90,350 Kgs of Yarn amounting to Rs. 2,75,03,351 have been provided to 81,750 nos. handloom weavers through these Yarn Banks at 20% subsidized rate.

Under the scheme for Economic Upliftment of weavers, 100 nos. of groups comprising of 2000 nos. of Handloom weavers have been proposed to be assisted with new looms, Jacquard, skill upgradation, raw materials, workshed etc. during this financial year 2018-19 with an estimated cost of Rs. 500.00 lakh.

A new scheme Handloom Model Village at Barun Chitadar village at Majuli and Teliapathar at Moran in Dibrugarh district has been taken-up with a budget provision of Rs.200.00 lakhs.

## **HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE**

Although many things need to be done to elevate the health sector, my Govt is working hard towards improving the scenario in the Health Sector.

My Govt. is establishing 4 (four) new Medical College & Hospitals at Dhubri at an estimated cost of Rs.326.59 crore, Nagaon at an estimated cost of Rs.189.00 core, North Lakhimpur

at an estimated cost of Rs.378.11 crore and Diphu at an estimated cost of Rs.245.5 crore. The construction works on all four sites are going on in full swing. The academic session of Assam Hills Medical College & Research Institute (AHMC&RI), Diphu will commence from 2019-2020 and other three will commence from 2020-21.

Further, construction of three more new Medical College & Hospitals, one at Nalbari, one at Tinsukia and another one at Kokrajhar respectively will be started very soon.

Priority has been given for strengthening of all Medical Colleges, Assam in terms of infrastructure development, recruitment of expert manpower alongwith installation of a number of high end equipment. While a 1.5T MRI machine at FAAMCH, Barpeta is already operational, PET-MRI for State Cancer Institute, Guwahati, 1.5 T MRI machine at TMCH, 128 slice CT Scan machine at AMCH, 3T MRI and 128 slice CT scan machine at GMCH, new Cath Lab at GMCH and JMCH are some of high end equipment which are being procured and installed.

The 200 bedded cancer hospital attached to the GMCH with state of the art equipment like PET-SCAN, Linear accelerator, Cobalt-60 Machine and Brachy therapy machine etc. is being upgraded as State Cancer Institute (SCI) during 2018-19 under the scheme of strengthening of Tertiary Care Scheme of NPCDCS with a Grant in Aid of Rs.119.90 Crore. More so, as per MoU signed between Government of Assam

and Tata Trust to augment the Cancer care/treatment across the state, preliminary works have already been started to establish 19 (nineteen) Cancer Hospitals incorporating with State Cancer Institute, Guwahati as level-I centre and five Cancer Hospital in other Medical Colleges will be designated as Level-II centre.

345 nos. of doctors were appointed under Health & F.W. Department and another total of 1449 nos. nurses and other paramedics were also appointed in newly created Model Hospitals and different Health Institutions in the State during 2018.

For infrastructure development and to provide quality AYUSH education and to produce quality AYUSH doctors, Govt. of Assam has allocated an amount of Rs.2 crores each for 3 Homoeopathic Medical Colleges over a period of 2 years and an amount of Rs.10.00 crore for Govt. Ayurvedic College over a period of 3 years under TNEIF Scheme.

My government has implemented various strategies to improve the healthcare status of Tea Garden population of the State. Comprehensive Primary Health Care Services with free drugs and diagnostics facilities to the people of Tea Garden areas started on 20th June, 2018 by deploying 80 dedicated Mobile Medical Units (MMUs) who were deprived of basic healthcare services even after 70 years of independence. My government is in the process to operationalise 1,000 Health & Wellness Centres (H&WCs) under Ayushman Bharat to provide 12 packages of services of Comprehensive Primary Health Care including screening of Common Non-Communicable Diseases. My

government has achieved 90.3% immunization coverage during 2018-19 up to December, 2018.

Measles Rubella Vaccination campaign was conducted successfully in the state of Assam in the current year and more than 90 lakh (98% of the target) children in age group 9 months to 15 years were vaccinated and protected from Measles Rubella virus.

To promote Voluntary Blood Donation in Assam, Government plans to procure 5 nos. of Blood Collection Van which will be shortly placed into service.

Establishment of AIIMS at Changchari, Guwahati is another milestone in Health care sector in Assam, accordingly necessary land has already been handed over to the concerned authority. Further, Govt. of Assam has also accorded administrative approval for construction of approach road, land development and electricity for AIIMS.

## **HIGHER EDUCATION**

During the current financial year 2018-19 an amount of Rs.56868.29 lakhs has been provided under SOPD budget in respect of Higher Education for implementation of various development following schemes. These include Infrastructure grant to Six State Universities, Srimanta Sankardev University and Krishnaguru Adhyatmik University, Establishment of Srimanta Sankardeva Chair in the leading Universities in the Country, Grant to three newly upgraded Universities, Grant for

purchasing Laboratory equipment to newly introduced 50 Science stream Colleges, Excursion grants to 273 Colleges @ Rs. 1.00 lakh each and Sports grants of Rs. 80.00 lakhs to six State Universities etc. 2,76,397 BPL students have benefited under fee waiver scheme and Rs 925.32 lakhs has been earmarked for providing Bicycles to 20428 nos. of girls' students who have secured 1st division in HS final examination, 2018.

In the last one and a half years there has been remarkable development in the facilities available for those aspiring to pursue Technical Education in the State of Assam. Two new Engineering Colleges have been opened in Golaghat in upper Assam and Karimganj in Barak Valley and 11 new polytechnics in different parts of the state creating widespread access to technical education in the State. I understand that academic programmes in 6 more new engineering colleges and 13 new polytechnics are being started in the coming years.

### **HILL AREAS**

My Govt. has taken up numbers of schemes for the development of people in the hill districts of Assam. Some of the notable schemes are (1.) Construction of RCC Dam at Upper Dighalpani Biswanath Pathar village, (2). Construction of Karbi Traditional Cultural Hall under Rongkhang Development Block at Ranghang Rangbong, (3).Bagori Tourist Lodge at Kaziranga Entry Point (4). Construction of Community Health Centre (30 Bedded Model Hospital) including residential quarters for

Medical Officers and other staff at Kheroni SHC Campus, (5). Rongkhelon Public Water System supervision (PWSS) (6). CEM Bunglow at Diphu and (7). 114 Nos. of AIBP Schemes have been completed in Karbi Anglong District.

Further, the construction of the 100 Bedded Girl's Hostel at Bhoksong, Karbi Anglong district under Rastria Madhyamik Shiksha Abhijan (RMSA) as well as the General Nursing Midwife (GNM) Training School & Hostel in Haflong Civil Hospital campus, Dima Hasao district are another significant activities in respect of Hill Areas of Assam.

Some of the new and innovative schemes proposed to be implemented during 2018-19 pertaining to NCHAC are: A medical College in Dima Hasao district, Construction of Dimasa Bhawan at Dwarka (New Delhi), Setting up of a solar power plant of three M.W. each at Harangajao and Dilaima Hadi, Construction of HELIPAD at Haflong to give air connectivity and Construction of multilevel car parking at Haflong.

## **HOME DEPARTMENT**

### **Law & Order :**

My Government has been fighting insurgency for more than three decades. The multi-pronged strategy adopted by my Government under the Unified Command Structure in the form of sustained counter-insurgency operation against active militant groups, peace overtures to groups which are willing for negotiated settlement. Rehabilitation of misguided youths has paid rich

dividends which has been reflected in the suspension of operation agreements with as many as 13 (thirteen) extremist outfits. These include (1) NDFB (P), (2) ULFA (PT), (3) KLNLF, (4) NDFB (RD), (5) ACMA, (6) BCF, (7) KRA, (8) UKDA, (9) KLO/KLA, (10) HPC (D), (11) APA, (12) AANLA and (13) STF. Talks with these groups are now progressing on right direction.

The extremist outfits viz. KPLT, NLFB, ADF, NSLA, UDLF (BV), BRAU, TLA, UPLA, UGPO, UPRF, KLF have also expressed their willingness to join peace process and my Government is also hopeful that ULFA (I) & the NDFB (S) faction will also come forward to solve their problems through negotiation.

For rehabilitation of the surrendered and SoO (Suspension of Operation) group cadres, my Govt. has undertaken a scheme called 'Swabalamban' in the last year (2017-18) budget to impart skill and self-employment training to these youths so that they can lead a productive life. Under the Swabalamban Scheme, skill developmental training programme for 1800 nos. of surrendered/ SoO cadres has been imparted by the State Institute of Panchayat and Rural Development (SIPRD).

A Counter Insurgency & Jungle Warfare (CI&JW) School has been established at Mandakata within the campus of Assam Commando Battalion. A team of 26 Nos Trainers of Assam Police under the leadership of Dr. B.M Rajkhowa, APS, Comdt. Commando Battalion have attended a ToT Course on CIJW at CRPF CIAT School, Silchar. The services of these 26 trainers are being utilized for conducting the CIJW courses.

My Government is also upgrading the Police Training College, Dergaon to Assam Police Academy.

To make the police friendly, accountable and effective, Nagarik Committees have been formed in all Police Stations with representatives from cross sections of the society and to redress the complaints of women with sensitivity 64 (Sixty-four) nos of Women Cells have been formed in all District and Sub-divisional headquarters. Special Juvenile Police Units have been formed in all districts headquarters for the care and protection of Juveniles.

To effectively tackle the increasing cybercrime my Govt. has engaged M/s Ernst& Young LLP as PMC through the NICSI route to implement Cyberdome project. Cyberdome project once operational would provide a holistic solution for cyber related aids to policing. An amount of Rs. 3,87,87,702/- has been released to NICSI for engagement of the consultant.

In the drive against corruption, my Government in the APSC Case, has arrested 64 persons including the then Chairman of APSC and two other members of APSC along with 56 nos of Government Officials belonging to ACS, APS and other services.

In pursuance of the Governments' policy of "zero tolerance to corruption," my Government has been working proactively to curb corruption. The measures taken include laying of traps, registration of cases under Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 and taking up regular enquiries against corrupt public servants on receipt of complaints. Recoveries in connection with these

cases include Rs. 3,67,06,991.00 (three crores sixty-seven lakhs six thousand nine hundred ninety-one) only in Cash, Gold Ornaments worth Rs. 58,91,649.00 (fifty-eight lakhs ninety-one thousand six hundred forty-nine), a tiger skin, two elephant tusks and large numbers of property and investment related Documents.

## **INDUSTRIES & COMMERCE**

As a result of 'Advantage Assam' held in Assam for the first time, a lot of interest has been generated in the business community of the country. 27 MOUs with projects worth Rs. 11,961.36 crores have been grounded and are in various stages of implementation. This has been a big boost for the Industrial growth of the State.

My Government recognizes the role played by private sector enterprises in economic development of the state in general and employment generation in particular. In order to make doing business in the state easier, my Government is implementing "The Assam Ease of Doing Business Act, 2016" ushering in path breaking reforms. The system of offline clearances for different services have been stopped and total 405 Services of 35 Departments are available online. So far, there are more than 28,200 registered users in the online portal and more than 18,500 approvals have been issued online.

For attracting investors to the North-Eastern Region, Govt. of India has declared a Package of Fiscal Incentives under "North East Industrial Development Scheme (NEIDS)". To complement

the Central Govt. policy, Industries & Commerce Department, Assam has formulated three new policies viz. State Industrial & Investment Policy, Logistics Policy & Export Promotion Policy, which are expected to be declared soon. These policies are expected to boost private investment in both manufacturing & services sector, investment in Industrial Parks & Logistics parks and encourage exports from the state.

For providing self-employment opportunities, my Govt. is implementing "Swami Vivekananda Assam Youth Empowerment Yojana (SVAYEM)". Under the scheme, loan up to Rs.1.00 lakh will be provided to new entrepreneurs and up to Rs.2.00 lakh to the existing entrepreneurs. Government subsidy will be @ 20% of the project cost subject to a maximum of Rs.40,000. The scheme is applicable to all the youths of Assam above 18 years of age having a minimum educational qualification of VII Pass. So far, more than 1 Lakh applications have been received under the scheme and out of which more than 68,000 applications were sponsored to different Banks for sanction & disbursement.

## **INFORMATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS**

My Government is implementing a good number of welfare schemes for the welfare of media persons as well as for general public. The Assam Pension Scheme announced for welfare of the Journalists with a view to provide retirement benefits to journalists working more than 20 years in Assam. In

the current financial year, 20 nos. of Senior Journalists alongwith 20 nos. of existing Senior Journalists (selected in the last financial year) have been considered for Pension @ Rs.8,000/- per month.

To recognize and encourage journalists who are exceptionally good in their profession, my Government is awarding 20 nos. of fellowships every year @ Rs.50,000/- for their continuous improvement of professional skills and up-gradation of knowledge in the various field of journalism.

My Government has also introduced a welfare scheme for the media person called "Journalist Family Benefit Fund" to provide financial assistance to the family of deceased journalist upon their untimely death, while pursuing journalistic duties. An amount of Rs.110.00 lakh has been fixed deposited as Corpus Fund in the State Bank of India, Dispur Branch for this purpose.

### **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

The Directorate of Information Technology, Electronics and Communication (DITEC) has started fully functioning from May, 2018 under Information Technology Department and within a short span of time, a total of 39 Consultants (9 Consultants and 30 District Managers) have been appointed.

There are a number of ongoing Projects/ Activities being undertaken by my Government under the auspices of IT Department, viz Development of IT Park/Tech City at Bongara, near LGBI Airport, Guwahati comprising of Electronic Manufacturing Cluster at the core and development of a

Greenfield Electronics Manufacturing Cluster (EMC) in Tech City. The umbrella program of Digital India a project of Rs.119.89 crores was approved by the MeitY, Govt. of India. On 11<sup>th</sup> August, 2018, my Government laid the foundation stone of the two identical G+4 Administrative cum Common Facility Centre building of around 1,20,000 sq.ft to be named as Start-up World of Innovation in Future Technologies (SWIFT) Centre.

A Society has been formed in the name and style of Broadband and Citizen Service Mission Society (BCSMS) under the Mega Mission Society, Chief Minister Samagra Gramya Unnayan Yojana (MMS-CMSGUY) to promote Broadband Connectivity. The focus areas include International Internet Gateway, Assam Fibrenet Project and Village Resource Centres. A Consultant namely Ernest and Young LLP has been engaged to conduct the detailed Project Report of Assam Fibrenet Project and Village Resource Centres and the study is in progress.

A number of New Schemes will be taken up by my Government in FY 2019-20 to significantly increase access to ICT and strive to provide universal and affordable access to internet and promote research and innovation.

## **IRRIGATION**

My Government has created 9.96 Lakh hectares (Minor Irrigation 7.23 L.Ha. and Major/Medium Irrigation 2.73 L.Ha.) irrigation potential up to March, 2018 against assessed ultimate irrigation potential of 27 Lakh hectares.

Since April'2016, my Government has completed 549 nos. of Minor irrigation schemes under different programs, such as AIBP, NLCPR, NABARD, TSP, SCSP, CMs Spl. Package etc. and created additional irrigation potential of 2.19 lakh hectares.

The remaining work of Dhansiri I/P (Major) were taken up with an amount of Rs. 118.43 crores and target to be complete it by March'2019. The funding is from NABARD under Long Term Irrigation Fund (LTIF) and on completion, irrigation potential from this project will be 38,615 hectares.

## **JUDICIAL**

'Rule of law' is one of the basic parameters of a democratic country and role of a strong, independent and impartial judiciary is pivotal in ensuring Rule of Law. My Government, therefore, has always been committed to make the justice delivery system more efficient and people friendly. Therefore, development of infrastructure for the District Judiciary has been a priority of my government. During the financial year 2018-19, we have completed and handed over possession of court building in Baksa and Cachar district and another 7 nos of projects of major construction works are going-on. Apart from the above, during the financial year, my government has accorded administrative approval for some major works which include 2nd phase of construction of Assam Judicial Academy and National Law University at an estimated cost of 46.22 crores.

The increasing incidents of crimes against women and children must be checked. With that in mind, government has

taken initiative and a proposal to establish "Fast Track Court" in all 33 districts for trial of offenses of rape, murder against women and children is under consideration.

## **LABOUR WELFARE**

Labour Welfare Department addresses multi-dimensional socio-economic aspects concerning labour welfare, living standard and social security of workers through enforcement of various labour legislations.

My Government through the Commissionerate of Labour has enhanced the welfare benefits of construction workers and their dependents. The Assam Building & Other Construction Workers' Welfare Board has covered 78,284 nos. of registered workers under Converged Aam Admi Bima Yojana. The collection of cess under Assam Building & Other Construction Workers Cess Act, 1996 is Rs. 143,57,03,853.00 during 2018 (till Nov). The Board has disbursed Rs. 18,30,82,842.00 to 19,100 nos. of construction workers and another 5574 nos. of construction workers have been trained. Massive awareness programmes on statutory provisions of various labour laws has been initiated through print and electronic media. Shramik Kalyan Divas was observed at Rangapara, Sonitpur on 23rd November, 2018.

My Government has registered nearly 270 nos. new factories during the year 2018 and also 300 lakhs of revenue had been earned as registration and renewal fees etc. Despite the increase of no. of factories, the ratio of accident in the factories

has come down considerably. In the interest of Employees State Insurance beneficiaries, tie-up arrangement has been made with 25 private hospitals in the State. A new ESIC Dispensary has been opened in Mangaldoi in 2018.

## **LEGISLATIVE**

During the year 2018-2019 (January 1st, 2018 to till 27<sup>th</sup> December, 2018) as many as 29 nos (13 nos of amended and 16 nos of new) Legislations have been made at the instances of various Administrative Departments and have been published in the Assam Gazette.

My Government undertook various programmes like providing legal aid to the targeted beneficiaries, holding of Lok Adalats, Legal Awareness Camps as a part of the National Legal Services Authority's mandate. A total of 8,164 persons belonging to SC, ST, women, children, persons with disability, victims of trafficking and others whose annual income does not exceed the prescribed limit were provided legal aid by the District Legal Services Authority (DLSAs) under the guidance of Assam State Legal Services Authority.

During the year (up to 30th November), a total of 2,43,733 nos. of cases were taken up for disposal through National Lok Adalat and out of which 36,083 nos. of cases were disposed off with the total settlement amount of Rs. 86,94,72,973/-. Similarly, out of 1, 83,551 nos. of cases taken up for disposal through

Monthly Lok Adalat and State Lok Adalat together, a total of 78,591 nos. of cases were disposed off with settlement amount of Rs. 6,93,32,729/-.

Construction of Alternate Dispute Resolution (ADR) Centres have been completed in the districts of Darrang, Nalbari, Tinsukia, Sonitpur, Cachar and Dhemaji and about to be completed in the districts of Bongaigaon, Golaghat, Jorhat, Dibrugarh, Kokrajhar and Barpeta which were started during the 13th Finance Commission Award and new construction of ADR Centres in the remaining Districts will be taken up in a phased manner under the 14th Finance Commission Award.

## **MINES & MINERALS**

The Directorate of Geology & Mining under the administrative control of the Mines & Minerals Department is the second largest revenue earning Department of the Government of Assam. The Department has been taking significant initiative and has made remarkable achievement in the development of mineral resources of Assam in recent years. During the financial year 2017-18, the Department granted total Thirteen (13) numbers of Petroleum Mining Leases (PML) of which Ten (10) Nos. Petroleum Mining Leases (PML) to Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. Covering total area of 431.94 sq. km. and Three (3) Nos. of PML to Oil & India Ltd. covering total area of 686.00 sq. km. for production of crude oil and natural gas.

The Directorate of Geology & Mining Assam has approved total 430 Nos of Mining Plan for sand, stone, silt, ordinary clay, ordinary earth etc. during the financial year 2017-18 and collected Rs. 22.73 Lakhs as Fees and this year 2018-19, till November Department has approved total 361 Nos Mining Plan and collected Rs. 18.85 lakhs as fees.

My Government has created the department of ACT EAST POLICY AFFAIRS to act as a stakeholder integrator, policy generator, and expeditious implementer of key projects for meaningful engagement with our neighbors in South Asia and South-East Asia, within the larger objective of economic integration of the North-Eastern region.

Hon'ble Members, I have outlined the policies and programmes of my Government. My Government is committed to implement them. I request this august House to support the same for all-round development of the State and for the benefit of all the sections of the people of Assam.

### **PANCHAYAT & RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

The Panchayat & Rural Development Department has attained (MGNREGA) flagship program, over 481.26 lakh mandays have been generated during 2017-18 and 276.10 lakh mandays have been generated so far during current financial year, 2018-19. More than 43.58 lakh rural households have been provided Job Cards.

Under Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G) 2,59,814 beneficiaries have been targeted for providing housing

with the unit cost of Rs.1.30 lakh per house along with toilet facilities @ Rs. 12,000/- in convergence with State Public Health Engineering Department/ MGNREGA and a benefit of Rs. 17,290/- provided for 95 days of work in convergence with MGNREGA. The Department has completed more than 127,091 nos. of PMAY-G houses till January this year.

My Govt. provides old age pension to 7,00,061 nos. of beneficiaries, widow pension to 1.10 lakhs beneficiaries and disability pension to 33,824 beneficiaries under National Social Assistance program. These pensions are given to the beneficiaries every month through DBT.

The above scheme did not cover all the elderly people who are eligible to receive Old Age Pension and therefore to provide universal coverage my Govt launched a new scheme namely Swahid Kushal Konwar Sarbajanin Briddha Pension Achoni on 2nd October, 2018 for universal coverage of all the deserving old aged beneficiaries of the State. Two lakhs new beneficiaries have started receiving this pension and another 5 lakhs applications are being examined and these beneficiaries will also start receiving monthly pension soon.

Assam State Rural Livelihood Mission (ASRLM) is working towards alleviation of rural poverty through empowering rural women by formation of Self Help Groups (SHGs), their higher-level federations and extending financial support.

There are 2.29 Lakh SHGs enrolled under ASRLM, where one woman from more than 24 lakh poor families is member.

Many SHGs have been successful in improving their livelihood, and some of the success stories are growing hill brooms and maize collectively in Karbi Anglong, production and marketing sanitary napkins in Tinsukia & Golaghat, formation of handloom clusters in Lakhimpur & Majuli and cultivation of mushroom in Kamrup Metropolitan etc.

My Govt. has institutionalized the participatory Gaon Panchayat Development Planning Process under the title "AMAR GAON AMAR ACHONI" "(OUR VILLAGE OUR SCHEME)". This process was undertaken again on campaign mode for 30 days in each of the 2200 Gaon Panchayats of the State covering 22000 wards and villages during the year.

The State Institute of Panchayat and Rural Development (SIPRD) organized 1789 training programmes and covered 1,05,709 officials and other stakeholders. The Home Department of Assam in association with State Institute of Panchayat and Rural Development has also started an employment generating scheme for surrendered militants of Assam. In the first phase, 1800 militants will be given bank loans with Govt. subsidy for starting small enterprise.

## **PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS**

The Department of Parliamentary Affairs has introduced and successfully implemented a new unique and innovative scheme "Exposure visit of Students to Assam Legislative Assembly", beginning from Jan 2017 for entire Assembly Session including of the Budget Session.

2133 students, 201 teachers from 118 colleges witnessed the working of the Assembly on several dates starting from 30th January, 2017 to September, 2018. They witnessed the Assembly Session starting from Governor's Address to other important activities like passing of Budget etc. During these exposure visits, the students interacted with the dignitaries viz- the Hon'ble Speaker, the Hon'ble Chief Minister, the Hon'ble Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, Hon'ble Minister of Finance, Education etc. and the local MLAs of the respective districts. They also visited the Raj Bhawan and few groups got the opportunity to interact with me as well. They also visited Jyoti Chitaban, Bhupen Hazarika Samadhi Khetra, IIT Guwahati and they seem to have been benefited immensely as can be gathered from the feedback they have sent.

### **PASSPORT**

My Government is giving emphasis on implementation of mission mode project 'Immigration, Visa and Foreigners Registration and Tracking' (IVFRT) in the State of Assam for the year 2019-2020. This project has been initiated by the Ministry of Home Affairs under the National e-Governance Plan and has been approved by the Union Cabinet on 13.05.2010 for modernization of Immigration services.

Now 15 places including 14 districts (FRO) and Special Branch of Police were selected as Hubs while rest 20 FRO districts were selected as spokes. IVFRT project is currently running in 12 Hubs.

Visa Centre at Guwahati for people of Assam as well as NE States is in high demand. This has been taken up by my Govt. with the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India for consideration so that the people of Assam and NE States need not to visit other major cities for application of visa.

### **PENSION & PUBLIC GRIEVANCES**

My Government has extended the benefits of invalid pension / disability pension and family pension / extra ordinary family pension and DCRG on provisional basis to the State Government employees appointed on or after 01/02/2005 under the NPS (New Defined Contributory Pension System) and to those who died in harness or discharged on invalidation/disability.

My Government has also amended Rule 143(a) (b) (c) in Sub -Rule 2 of AS(P) Rule 1969 to include unmarried dependent daughter for allowing family pension beyond 21 years of age. Besides the above, the family pension as admissible, shall be divided among the family members in equal shares, if there are 2 or more family members present at the time of death of the widow / widower.

### **PERSONNEL**

Process has been initiated for appointment of 95 (Ninety-Five) ACS officers and 60(sixty) ALRS officers under Assam Public Service Commission and Assam Land & Revenue Service respectively.92 (Ninety-Two) nos. posts have been created in ACS Junior Grade.

## **POWER DEPARTMENT**

Due to grid network up-gradation, the power handling capacity has been increased from 1972.50MW(during 2017-18) to 2160.40 MW (during 2018-19).

Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana 'SAUBHAGYA' was launched by the Hon'ble Prime Minister on 25th September 2017. Under this scheme all un-electrified Household of Assam including remote areas are to be electrified by providing last mile connectivity. It is expected to be completed within the targeted date. My Govt. has implemented the four-digit helpline number 1912 for receiving electricity complaints from all over the state.

For replacement of existing Bamboo/wooden poles in HT/LT network of APDCL, my Govt. of Assam has earmarked Rs. 25.00 crores during 18-19.

## **PRINTING & STATIONERY**

My Government has taken up construction of a four storied building at the Assam Govt. Press for installation of new machineries, construction of Museum Hall for preservation of old printing machineries and establishment of a branch of Assam Govt. Press at Silchar for Barak Valley as per recommendation of Departmentally Related Standing Committee.

The Assam Gazette is now also available in the official website of Directorate of Printing & Stationery, [dpns.assam.gov.in](http://dpns.assam.gov.in). The fortnightly multi-colour magazine 'Raijor Batori' published by my Government is now printed at the Assam

Government Press since March, 2017. The Assam Government Press and its branches under the Printing & Stationery Department are going to be equipped with modern digital printing technology.

## **PUBLIC ENTERPRISES**

There are 39 State Level Public Enterprises (SLPEs) under the administrative control of 22 Administrative Departments. During 2018-19 Public Investment Board (PIB) approved a proposal of Co-operation Department on expansion of Assam Co-operative Jute Mills Ltd. with financial allocation of Rs. 4440.15 lakh from National Co-operative Development Corporation. The expansion project is for setting up a Composite Processing Unit at Bihdubi for production of jute sack, hessian cloth and multifold yarn with installed capacity of 30TPD which will create employment opportunity for more than 500 unemployed local youths. Another investment proposal of Rs.1223.44 crore for 120 MW Lower Kopili Hydro Power project to be implemented by Assam Power Generation Corporation Ltd. has also been approved by the Public Investment Board.

For administering the State PSUs efficiently and for making them self-reliant so as to accelerate development of the State, my Govt. has prepared a draft "Public Enterprises Policy". Steps have been initiated for empanelment of Consultants for valuation of assets of PSUs/ valuation of Enterprises so as to make the PSUs competitive and market oriented with listing, disinvestment and relinquishing of non-priority enterprises.

## **PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING**

Provision of clean drinking water, sanitation and a clean environment are vital to prevent water borne diseases and thus to improve the general health of people.

During 2018-19, my Govt. proposes to cover 634 nos. disease affected habitations and 495 nos. partially affected habitations by providing safe drinking water by implementing 192 nos. of pipe water supply scheme. An ambitious programme to commission more than 100 water supply schemes was launched in the month of September 2018 .

For mitigation of 1438 nos. Arsenic affected habitations and 7 nos. Fluoride affected habitations covering a population of 4,95,326 persons under National Water Quality Sub-Mission programme, a detail Project Report (DPR) for 122 nos. surface sources based piped water supply schemes is under preparation and will be taken up by my Government within this financial year.

My Govt. will also complete NITI Aayog funded 96 nos. Community Water Purification Plants for mitigation of Arsenic problem in 96 habitations. Out of this 63 nos. have already been completed.

Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation (MoDWS), Government of India and my Government have jointly developed a dedicated project, "Neer Nirmal Pariyojana", to improve piped water coverage and sanitation services in the rural areas. In the

year 2019-20, two projects in Sivsagar and Morigaon are proposed to be started under Batch - II of Neer Nirmal Pariyojana with an estimated investment of Rs. 400.00 Crores.

Swachh Bharat Mission, a flagship programme of Government of India, envisages on achieving Open Defecation Free (ODF) and clean villages by 2nd October 2019. To accomplish this twin goal in the state, my Government has made all out efforts so as to usher sustained behaviour change among various communities of Assam. In the rural areas of the State under the Mission, the sanitation coverage has increased to 99.37% as on 26th December 2018 as compared to 37.65% on 2nd October 2014.

Also 28 Districts, 204 Blocks, 2411 Gaon Panchayats covering 22,418 villages have been declared as Open Defecation Free (ODF) under the Mission so far. And I am happy to inform that our state will be declared Open Defecation Free (ODF) very soon.

#### **PUBLIC WORKS (ROADS)**

For development of the road network in Assam, my Govt. is arranging required fund from Govt. of India, NABARD, and its own resources. Since the beginning of Financial Year 2016-17, a total amount of Rs. 8192 Crores have been sanctioned under PMGSY for construction of 9843 Km of all-weather roads along with 1069 nos of RCC Bridges to connect 3821 nos of rural habitations. Another amount of Rs. 842 Crores has been sanctioned under Central Road Fund for 332 Km of road improvement work along with 26 Nos of RCC bridges.

My Govt. has arranged sanction of Rs. 1767 crores from NABARD comprising of 90% loan under RIDF for 367 Km of roadwork and 373 nos of RCC bridges since 2016-17. A new project has been taken up for construction of a bridge over river Brahmaputra at Guwahati to connect North Bank with South Bank of the river and proposal has been sent for funding of New Development Bank (NDB).

Today the State of Assam has about 30,000 Kms Pucca Roads in addition to the National Highways.

### **PUBLIC WORKS BUILDINGS & NH**

Road infrastructure particularly the Highway network plays an important role for overall economic development of the State. My Govt. has stressed for integrated development of the Highway network in the State which will boost for development of other sectors like Agriculture, Tourism, Health, Education etc. My Govt. with necessary support from Govt. of India has given due emphasis for up-gradation of many important roads and also for construction of a numbers of new National Highways. Preparation of Detail Project Report (DPR) of a number of New NH and "In Principle" NH together with widening of few NH to 4-Lane under "Bharatmala" has already been taken up.

Opening of the Bogibeel Rail cum Road Bridge on 25th December, 2018 by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India will definitely have a far reaching impact on the Economic Scenario of both Assam and Arunachal Pradesh.

The Building Wing of Assam Public Works Building & NH Department has completed many prestigious projects during the year 2017-18 and many are in progress.

The construction of Assam Houses at Shillong and Chennai has been completed. Assam Houses at Delhi, Kolkata (Salt Lake) and Mumbai are on the verge of completion. Construction of Assam Houses at Vellore & Bangalore are in progress.

Construction of new Engineering College at Golaghat is completed. Construction of 11 nos. of Polytechnics and 7 nos. of ITIs are completed. Construction of 10 nos. of Polytechnics and 8 nos. of ITIs are in progress. Construction of 3 New Medical Colleges at Nalbari, Tinsukia and Kokrajhar and Construction of Judicial Court buildings at Udalguri, Mangaldoi, Gohpur & Dhubri has been taken up.

For Improvement of Infrastructure of the River Island Majuli, construction of Integrated Office Complex cum Residential Building has been started.

## **REVENUE & DISASTER MANAGEMENT**

My Govt. has already launched web based intergraded Land Record Management System (ILRMS) for maintenance of authentic and timely updation of land record and to make people free from harassment. This system (ILRMS) brings interconnectivity among the Registration Offices, Revenue Circles, Deputy Commissioner Offices and Directorate of Land Records & Surveys etc. for ensuring optimum efficiency, transparency and accountability in the Revenue Administration.

For protection of land right to the indigenous people in the State of Assam, a Committee under the chairmanship of Sri Hari Shankar Brahma, Retd. IAS was constituted and the committee has submitted the detail report to the Government and State Government is in the process of formulating a new land rights policy which is to be implemented very soon. We firmly believe the new Land Policy will completely safeguard the indigenous peoples' exclusive rights on land.

E-stamping has been introduced in 47 Registration Offices out of total 77 nos. of Offices and in remaining 30 offices, it will be introduced soon.

Survey of altogether 100 villages has been completed out of 1030 non-cadastral villages and 72 villages have been taken up for survey this year. My Govt. has now taken up a new initiative of preparing the finalized list of Satras presently functional in the State (based upon the Survey conducted by the Directorate of Archeology, Assam & by the District) so that the present status of Satras i.e. total number of Satras, total area under Satras, total area acquired from the Satras, total area of Satras under encroachment etc. could be drawn out for kind appraisal of the Govt.

My Govt. is committed to providing land pattas to the landless people and as a measure of this total of 8,130 nos. of families have been given land pattas and 3,748 nos. of families have been given land allotment certificated in the state. In Kamrup

district 225 nos. of families affected by IIT Guwahati Project were given settlement of land measuring 511B - 2K - 8L . Besides this a total land measuring 553B-2K-10L has been allotted to various organization / Govt. Departments in Kamrup, Karimganj, Jorhat, Tinsukia, Kamrup (M) and Majuli District.

My Govt. has introduced online Management Information System in the department for better record keeping and reporting and new updates of Revenue Department are being uploaded regularly.

My Govt. has also taken up projects for the digitization of village maps, integration of maps with record of right through the software Bhu-Naksa and upgradation of Dharitree and e-Panjiyan for implementation.

My Govt. has constituted Assam Land Management and Information Society for effective implementation of National Land Record Modernization Programme in the State.

## **SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY**

The Govt. of Assam has given high priority to sustainable development of Science & Technology. Initiatives have been taken to promote science among the masses and establish new institutions of excellence in the state.

An ISRO research Centre has been proposed to be set up in Guwahati for start-ups, academicians, environmentalists and entrepreneurs. The purpose to set up such centre in this region is to explore the possibility of use of geospatial technology which

will include data generation through Global Positioning System (GPS), Geographical Information System (GIS) and Satellite Remote Sensing for expediting development of Assam. 15 Bighas of land has been identified in Abhyapuri village of Silasundari Ghouka Mouza and the same has been visited by experts from NESAC and NRSC in order to inspect the feasibility of the land for the Centre.

The Government, in an attempt to generate and spread awareness amongst the General public and especially the students, has planned to set up District Science Centers in 23 districts of Assam. These science centers will cater to the scientific needs of the local people of the concerned districts. Preliminary process has been started and land has been identified. These centers will also be district level entities of S&T Department.

Administrative Approval for Rs 29.48 crores has been accorded by the Science & Technology Department for the Construction of Common Infrastructure of Business Enterprise Zone. Government has approved leasing of allotted/settled land at Guwahati Biotech Park to Private Parties to promote biotech entrepreneurs, biotech start-up companies and setting up of biotech and allied industries and also for generating employment.

In a revolutionary move to enhance the biotechnology growth in the state, the Government of Assam has launched the Biotechnology Policy for the State of Assam which was released during Advantage Assam 2018. To implement this policy, the

formation of Assam Biotechnology Council (ABTC) is under process which will act as the Implementing Agency.

## **SECONDARY EDUCATION**

With an objective to provide free education to the underprivileged and the poorer section of students my Government has waived the admission fees/tuition fees etc. for the students taking admission in both Higher Secondary schools and Colleges. A sum of Rs.771.909 Lakh has so far been released for reimbursement of admission fees, tuition fees etc. for 88,934 students enrolled in Class-XI & XII during 2018-19. The examination fees and center fees in respect of students of the poorer section of the society appearing in HSLC and HSSLC examination will also be exempted under the scheme.

The scheme for distribution of Free Text-book has been extended for the students upto Class-XII covering five core subjects for Science, Arts, Commerce and Vocational Education streams. So far total 1,18,00,000 nos of free textbooks have been distributed covering 12,23,438 students of class-IX to XII during 2018-19. A sum of Rs. 2658.21 Lakh has so far been sanctioned for implementation of the scheme.

Under Anundoram Barooah Award scheme, free Laptops will be provided to the meritorious students securing Star marks and above in the HSLC/AHM examination,2018. Anundoram Barooah Award scheme was successfully implemented during last year covering 15,850 meritorious students.

For reducing the school dropout rate and empowerment of Girls students at Secondary level, my Government is providing free bicycles to school going Girls up to Class-X studying in Govt. and provincialized High/Higher Secondary Schools of Assam. Total 2,23,255 nos of beneficiary girls were covered during last year. Another 1,40,000 beneficiary girls are targeted to be covered under the scheme during current year.

My Government has initiated 'Saptadhara' in 324 Higher Secondary Schools and 65 Senior Secondary Schools for students to gain knowledge on skill based innovative teaching learning tactics. For providing Residential facility to the girls from the marginalized families and educationally backward communities, 72 nos. of 100 bedded Girls Hostels are being constructed in various High & Higher Secondary school campus in Educationally Backward C.D. Blocks. 19 Nos. of Girls Hostels have been operationalized with 705 enrolment in total in phased manner since January, 2016. Another 10 hostels will be operationalized in the new academic year 2019.

To strengthen the capital assets of the Secondary schools, infrastructure development interventions have been taken up by my Government for a total of 2,422 Nos. of Secondary schools. RMSA emphasizes on Skill Education at Secondary level and therefore National Skill Qualification Framework (NSQF) has been introduced in the State.

## **SECRETARIAT ADMINISTRATION**

The file management system (e-office) after its successful implementation in all departments in the Secretariat is now proposed to be extended to all Directorates, Commissionerates and District Offices.

All websites developed by the various departments are being standardized under e-Prastuti with the sole purpose of making the administrative machinery completely transparent to the common citizen. To instill confidence and augment the capabilities of the employees, exposure visits to different parts of India are now a regular feature.

A major achievement of Secretariat Administration Department during the year has been the creation of a sizable numbers of posts in various cadres ranging from Additional Secretary to Senior Administrative Assistant. For ensuring convenient and safe transport of women employees Staff bus for women employees of Janata Bhawan have already been provided.

## **SERICULTURE**

Rearing of Eri, Muga and Mulberry Silk Worm are playing an important role in the economic development of a large section of rural population of the State. The State is also a major producer of Eri Silk and accounts for 65% of the national production. Assam has also achieved GI in respect of Muga, the Golden Silk.

The Assam Silk Outreach Mission is a flagship programme of the Department. Govt. had already accorded administrative

approval of Rs. 45607.775 lakh for implementation of the project in the next 10 years and there is progress of various components under the project.

The proposal for establishment of a Eri Spun Silk Mill under North Eastern Textile Promotion Scheme has been approved by the Ministry of Textiles for an amount of Rs.2153.00 lakh and the preliminary works under the project is under progress.

Another proposal under Silk Samagra amounting to Rs.1174.00 lakh has been submitted to Ministry of Textiles, Govt. of India for development of Eri Silk Industry of Assam.

### **SKILL, EMPLOYMENT & ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

Assam Skill Development Mission (ASDM) is directly implementing the state funded 'Placement Linked Skill Training Program (PLSTP) and the centrally funded state managed component of 'Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY). Currently ASDM has empaneled 193 Training Organisations having 474 Training Centers across the State under the PLSTP to provide training to 50,000 candidates. Under the PMKVY 2.0, ASDM has further empaneled 33 Training Organizations with 80 Training Centers in which training will be provided to more than 18,000 candidates. To work for the development of the Scheduled Caste, ASDM has signed a MoU with National Schedule Caste's Finance & Development Corporation (NSFDC).

## **SOCIAL WELFARE**

My Government is committed to contribute towards overall development of women, children, persons with disability, senior citizens and infirms with deformity etc. as these groups need special care & intervention for their growth and development. Over the years, my Government has undertaken several programmes/schemes to provide support to these groups.

Under Integrated Child Development Services Scheme an amount of Rs. 48537.9 lakhs has been released during the year 2018-19 for Supplementary Nutrition Programme and an amount of Rs. 74709.07 lakhs has been released for Child Development Services Scheme.

My Government has also implemented the "scheme for Adolescent Girls"(SAG) to improve the nutrition and health status of girls in the age?group of 11 to 14 years (Out of School), to equip them to improve their home?based and vocational skills and to promote their overall development. 54,352 nos School dropout Adolescent girls in age group of 11 to 14 years in 23 nos districts of Assam have been assessed under Nutrition component @ Rs.9.5/- per day per beneficiaries and an amount of Rs. 1889.11 lakhs have been earmarked during the year 2018-19.

A few other Schemes implemented by my Government are

"Deen Dayal Divyangjan Sahajya Achoni":- Launched on 3rd Dec, 2017 in conformity with the "International Day for Persons with Disabilities" under this scheme one-time grant of

Rs.5,000 is provided to each of the persons with disabilities having Disability Certificates.

An amount of Rs. 20000 lakhs have been released during the year 2018-19 (as SOPD) under "Deen Dayal Divyangjan Sahajya Achoni".

Welfare of Transgender community:- This is a new scheme which is introduced in 2018-19 and includes preparation of data-base on transgender community, skill development training, entrepreneurships etc. so as to bring about a transformative change in their lifestyle and livelihood activities with proper rehabilitation. An amount of Rs 200 lakhs has been released by State Govt. (as SOPD) during the year 2018-19 under "Welfare of Transgender community"

## **SOIL CONSERVATION**

Soil conservation is one of the most important sectors among all the Agriculture and allied sectors of Assam dealing with most effective and gainful management of the three vital inter-dependent natural resources: soil, water and vegetation by implementing various activities. Development of waste land and agricultural land for sustainable agricultural production is also another main objective of the department. All the schemes implemented are labour intensive and production oriented and hence contributing a great deal in rural employment generation as well as upliftment of socio economic condition of the rural people in the entire state. My Government has identified following

prioritized areas for implementation of various projects like Wetland Development under signature project in the district of Barpeta, Kamrup(M), Jorhat, Golaghat & Nagaon district. Mitigation of Flash Flood as Pilot project in Guwahati city

My Government is taking initiative with the help of NESAC, Meghalaya to map the entire state of Assam.

### **SPORTS AND YOUTH WELFARE**

The Government of Assam in the Sports and Youth Welfare Department is committed to realize the vision of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of making Guwahati the Sports Capital and develop Assam as the emerging Sports Hub of the Country.

Working towards this, the Government of Assam in Sports & Youth Welfare Department has formulated and notified an Integrated Sports Policy to address all issues for overall development of Sports and to bring about a systemic transformation in the entire sports ecosystem.

In order to nurture, facilitate and encourage sportspersons, my Government has formulated a Cash Award Policy for outstanding sportspersons who bring laurels and glory to the state and country by winning medals at national and international level.

In tune with Hon'ble Chief Minister's vision to promote Assam as the Sports Hub of India and providing support to the youth in all categories of sports to develop their skills and abilities, the Government in the Sports and Youth Welfare Department will start a State of the Art Sports Academy in the name of Arjun

Bhogeswar Baruah in six Olympic sports disciplines in the year 2019 and shall also facilitate the setting-up of Sports Academies by private partners in Olympic Sports disciplines.

The Government of Assam has also initiated the process of setting-up of a State of the Art Multi-Disciplinary Sports Complex at Khanikar Gaon, Dibrugarh and this project for Rs. 137.00 crore has already been sanctioned by the Ministry of DoNER. Similar projects shall be commissioned at Saboti in Lakhimpur and Sualkuchi, Kamrup to be funded from SOPD.

To commemorate the successful holding of the 12th South Asian Games at Guwahati, a Theme Park in the name of "Tikhor", the official Mascot of the 12th South Asian Games, Guwahati is being developed at Gauhati University and for this an amount Rs 100.00 lakh has already been released by Govt. of India and Administrative Approval for an amount of Rs. 200.00 lakh has already been accorded. The Park shall be dedicated to the citizens before June, 2019.

Further, Sports & Youth Welfare Department proposes to take up the following new schemes during 2019-20 for all round development of Sports in the State.

1. Mukhya Mantrir Mohila Kriya Protiyogita' 2019 to promote games and sports among women and facilitate mass participation and scouting of sporting talents
2. State School Olympiad at District and State level to promote school sports in Olympic Sports Disciplines and to identify talents.

3. ASEAN Football Championship among ASEAN countries to project Guwahati as the emerging sports capital and to promote sports tourism in tune with the "Act East Policy"

### **TEA TRIBES WELFARE**

There are many schemes taken by my Govt. for the welfare of the tea tribe community in the state.

Continuing the scheme of Pre-Examination Coaching for the Civil Services examinations taken up in the year 2017-18, a more extended and in-depth training for extended duration of 6 months with increased capacity of 50 students have already begun under Assam Administrative Staff College, Guwahati. A special course for GNM training has been modeled to provide free-of-cost training to selected 200 candidates in all medical and nursing institutions of the Government of Assam.

An innovative programme has been initiated by Tea Tribes' Welfare Department for providing job-oriented training to 840 candidates of Tea Tribes' community in 9 (nine) Industrial Training Institutes of Assam in partnership with Skill, Employment & Entrepreneurship Department.

For promotion of sports among the Tea Tribes' community, Tea Tribes Welfare Department has proposed to establish Football Academies at Rangapara in Sonitpur district, Chota Tingrai in Tinsukia district and Archery Academy at Sonari in Charaideo district.

The Chief Minister's Tea Tribes Football Tournament, which has become an annual event, is providing major impetus

to identify the sports talents from the community. This year, it is proposed to hold more than 750 Football games spread over 51 LACs in 26 districts.

The department has taken efforts to provide financial assistance to patients suffering from cancer and malignant diseases with pool of fund kept with Assam Tea Employees Welfare Board. A Patient Guest house at the Guwahati Medical College premises exclusively for the tea tribes people has been planned to be constructed during this year. The Tea Tribes Welfare Department in partnership with Public Health Department and the Tea Garden Management has taken up Mini Rural Water Supply schemes in 20 tea gardens of the State for implementation in 2018-19.

Recognizing the role of collective self-reliance, and financial inclusion through self-help groups, a onetime grant of Rs. 25,000/- to 1,000 women Self Help Groups of the Tea Tribes' community shall be provided in 2018-19.

## **TOURISM**

Government of Assam has identified tourism as one of the most emerging and focus sector for investments and Tourism Department has taken different strategy for the promotion and development of Tourism Industry.

Some of the major achievements of the Tourism Department during the last one year in Assam are as under : 1. Branding and Promotion of Assam Tourism, 2. Punaydham Yatra, 3. Aamar Aalohi, and 4. Ambubachi Mela etc.

My Govt. has also submitted to the Ministry of Tourism, Govt. of India for according approval and sanction.

1. Concept proposal for North East India Circuit- Dima Hasao, Assam for consideration under Swadesh Darshan.
2. Concept proposal for North East Circuit- Bodoland Territorial Council, Bodoland, Assam for consideration under Swadesh Darshan.
3. Concept proposal for development of Krishnaguru Sewashram, Nastra as a centre of excellence on spiritual tourist destination under the scheme of Swadesh Darshan.

## **TRANSFORMATION & DEVELOPMENT**

The "Assam Agenda 2030" has been prepared as a document of medium term planning with timelines to achieve SDGs in the state based on inputs from the 7 years Strategic Plan and 3 years Action Plan(SPAP) from various departments.

Hon'ble Prime Minister of India launched the programme "Transformation of Aspirational Districts" in January,2018 with the aim to quickly and effectively transform some backward districts. NITI Aayog, Govt. of India has identified 115 backward districts in the country for convergence, integration and focused attention including seven districts of Assam viz. Darrang, Barpeta, Dhubri, Goalpara, Baksa, Udalguri and Hailakandi. The Deputy Commissioners(DC) of the Aspirational Districts have formulated and submitted their district Action Plan(DAP) keeping in view

the development indicators and identified the key sectors and thrust areas. The Transformation and Development department is closely monitoring the programme so that desired results may be achieved in time.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched his ambitious multi-purpose and multi-modal platform, PRAGATI (The Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation) on 25th March '2015. PRAGATI is aimed at focusing on the common man's grievances and monitoring important programmes and projects. E & M division of T & D Department is the Nodal Department for PRAGATI. In the current year total 5 Nos of Video conference on PRAGATI were held up to month of Sept.'18.

A total of 652 projects (including BTC Packages, KAATC Package & DHATC Package) have been sanctioned for the State of Assam by Ministry of DoNER with total approved cost of Rs.4771.05 crores. The Ministry has released Rs.3313.82 crores (upto 21st December, 2018) and against which State of Assam has utilized Rs.2882.25 Crores.

North Eastern Council has allocated Rs.136.00 crores as normative allocation for Assam during 2018-19. As per revised guidelines of NEC the thrust areas for funding are Bamboo, Piggery, Regional Tourism, Higher Education, Tertiary Healthcare, Telemedicine, Science and Technology etc and funding pattern has also been changed to 100% central funding during the period 2017-18 to 2019-20 instead earlier pattern of 90:10.

## **TRANSPORT**

The Commissionerate of Transport, Assam is a major revenue earning wings under the Transport Department of the state. The Department of Transport provides the people of the state safe and affordable transportation system, while enhancing Govt. revenue. The department has shown a consistent increase in its revenue (up to November, 2018).

The waterways are key drivers of our economic possibility. During the current financial year, IWT Assam has completed the construction of 5(five) new vessels having carrying capacity of more than 100 passengers, fair number of two wheelers and vehicular traffic for operation in Majuli and Guwahati based ferry services.

## **URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

The main activities of the Urban Development is to support the Urban Local Bodies by providing financial assistance for creation of civic amenities and for up-gradation of the urban livelihoods. So far, Town & Country Planning has prepared 40 Nos of master plans both Final & Draft and 45 master plans are under preparation. My Govt. has launched a new Urban Development scheme namely City Infra Development Fund (CIDF) for the infrastructure development of the major towns of Assam excluding Guwahati. The projects which have been considered under CIDF are river front development, landmark roads, Public parks, Marriage Halls, District Libraries, District Stadium etc.

In order to improve the infrastructure of the ULBs, schemes viz. Construction/improvement of roads with Paver Blocks for Rs. 200.00 crore, Construction of public toilet for Rs. 10.00 crore, Energy bill of ULBs for Rs. 10.00 crore, Grants-in-Aid to ULBs for Rs. 20.00 crore, High Mast Light to ULBs for Rs. 14.00 crore under SOPD-ODS have been undertaken in the general areas of Assam during the year 2018-19.

In order to improve the urban infrastructure, the 5th Assam State Finance Commission has recommended Rs. 281.18 crore for the period from 2016-17 to 2019-20 for Solid Waste Management, construction/improvement of Markets, Bus stands, Sulabh Toilets, to the ULBs in General areas of Assam. Under 5th Assam State Finance Commission, an amount of Rs. 36.24 crore has been released to 53 ULBs.

The Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban), Assam, has carried out a numbers of activities to achieve the goal of the mission which includes Construction of twin pit sanitary toilets for individual households, construction of Community and Public toilets to restrict open urination and open defecation.

The Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM), Assam is a flagship Mission of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Govt of India whose main Mission is to empower and organise women and revival of Women Self Help Group and Area Level Federations. So far, 10312 Nos of Women Self Help Group (SHG) and 460 Nos. of Area Level federations (ALF) have been registered under Assam Cooperative Act, 2007.

## **WATER RESOURCES**

Flood control activities in Assam started after announcement of National Policy for Flood in 1954 by the Govt. of India. So far the Water Resources Department has protected 16.50 lakh hectares of flood affected land out of 31.05 lakh hectares of flood prone area in the state by constructing 4486.44 Km of embankment, 983 nos. of anti-erosion & town protection works, 100 nos. of major sluice & 545 nos. of minor sluice, 881.97 Km of drainage channels and 875.64 Km of raising & strengthening of existing dyke.

Under NABARD (RIDF-XXIV), 49 schemes costing Rs. 100.00 crores has been sanctioned by NABARD for execution during the year 2018-19 and the Administrative Approval of the schemes are under process.

## **WELFARE OF MINORITIES AND DEVELOPMENT**

During the financial year 2018-19, my Government has taken up schemes like Distribution of Bi-cycles (11500 nos.), Solar Home lights (4700 nos.), Tara Hand Pumps (1380 nos.), Ladies Umbrellas (14000 nos.), Sewing Machines (3250 nos.) through the Directorate of Char Areas Development Assam. Further, for the welfare of religious minorities, during 2018-19 my Government has implemented training schemes like ANM, GNM, Diploma in Medical Laboratory Technician (DMLT), Diploma in Physiotherapy (DPT), Bachelor in Physiotherapy

(BPT), Bachelor in Medical Laboratory Technician (BMLT), B.Sc. Nursing, ICU/OT/Dialysis Technician Training, Coaching for Combined Entrance Exam (medical & Engineering), Distribution of Wheel Chair to dibyang, Distribution of Solar Street Lights and Distribution of E-Rickshaws to unemployed youths through Assam Minorities Development Board.

Under Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikash Karyakram (PMJVK) (erstwhile MsDP), the Ministry of Minority Affairs, Govt. of India has allocated an amount of Rs.11911.00 Lakh for the State of Assam during 2018-19.

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

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

During 2018-19, a total of Rs. 950.14 lakh) has been allocated for Pre-Matric Scholarship and Rs. 10985.00 Lakh for Post- Matric Scholarships to SC, ST and OBC students for development of the education of the backward sections of the State.

Various training programmes for Skill Development for self-employment are being imparted to the unemployed youths of backward classes communities. During 2018-19, Rs. 810.00 lakh has been allocated for Skill Development Scheme for benefit of SC and ST youths of the State.

For specific development of various ethnic communities under the aegis of 6 (six) Autonomous Councils (MAC, RHAC, TAC, SKAC, TKAC, DAC) Rs. 25729.00 lakh has been allocated during 2018-19. Similarly, an amount of Rs. 930.00 lakh has been allocated socio-economic development through the 31 nos. of Development Council during 2018-19.

My government is paying special attention for development of Tribal areas through Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP) and providing benefits to the Scheduled Caste people through Scheduled Caste Sub-Plan (SCSP). During 2018-19, Rs. 8008.00 lakhs and Rs. 18695.00 lakhs has been allocated for special development programme under TSP and SCSP respectively.

Hon'ble Members, I have outlined the policies and programmes of my Government. My Government is committed to implement them. I request this august House to support the same for all-round development of the State and for the benefit of all the sections of the people of Assam.

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