

Hon'ble Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly,

It gives me great pleasure and honour to address the first session of 2025.

2. In this August House, I feel privileged to state that this year we have completed 75 years of adoption of our Constitution i.e. **Samvidhan ka Amrit Mahotsav**.

3. Let us hold the prospects provided by our Samvidhan and actively contribute to make Bharat and our lovely State **Viksit Bharat Viksit Goa @ 2047**.

4. On 25th December My Government celebrated the **Good Governance Day** i.e **Sushasan Divas** on the birth anniversary of **Bharat Ratna Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Ji**. The day reminds us to ensure responsible administration that empowers every citizen and strengthens our democracy.

5. The hallmark of this **Double Engine Sarkar** has been the remarkable and accelerated infrastructure developmental activities coupled with a strong foundation of human development through Antyodaya, Gramodaya and Sarvodaya; on all fronts, translating the policies / reforms of

our Government to instill vitality in the progressive process of the State.

6. My Government's **Saturation approach** in implementing social sector schemes continues to enhance **Ease of Living** for the people of the State.

7. I congratulate the State Administration for successful completion of the **decennial exposition** of the **Sacred Relics of St. Francis Xavier**. This is the expressive testimony of the State's capability to undertake such major programmes and present a great example of Communal harmony.

8. Goa has progressed remarkably during the last five years. The **Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP)** of the State of Goa for the year 2024- 25 (advance) at Current Prices is estimated at **Rs. 121309.02 crore** with a projected growth rate of **13.87%** as compared to **13.73%** for the year 2023-24.

9. Consequently, Goa has an estimated GSDP per capita of **Rs. 7.64 lakh** for the year 2024-25 in the country, portraying a robust and healthy economy.

10. The total **Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) equity inflow** for the State of Goa from October 2019 to September 2024 is **USD 174.79 million**. This has only been possible due to the **investor friendly policies** of our **Double Engine Sarkar**.

11. Goa's **total export value** for the year 2024-25 from April 2024 to November 2024 stood at **USD 1.61 Billion** as compared to **USD 1.52 Billion** during the same period in 2023-24, indicating that the State of Goa is progressing ahead in the right direction which in turn will lead to positive changes in socio- economic structure of the State.

12. As per the **Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Index 2024** released by NITI Aayog, Goa has maintained its **4th position** securing composite score of 77 and bagged a position in the category of '**Front Runner**'. The composite score of the State has increased to **77 in SDG Index 2024** as compared to **72 in SDG Index 2021**.

13. In SDG Index 2024, our State has ranked **1st in Four Goals** as compared to only **Two Goals in SDG Index 2021**. Between 2018 to 2024 editions of the SDG India Index, the State of Goa has positioned itself either as "**Achiever**" or "**Front Runner**" in 12 out of 16 SDGs.

14. These SDG achievements have been possible due to the strategies adopted and awareness created by My Government on propagating various beneficiary oriented schemes and implementing best practices under our flagship programme **Swayampurna Goa**.

15. The **Swayampurna Mitras** have worked tirelessly so that the benefits of schemes reaches each and every eligible beneficiary so as to **achieve Antyodaya**.

16. To achieve the dream of **Swayampurna**, i.e. everyone becomes self sufficient; regular drives and webinars are conducted on various schemes and services by several Departments.

17. Seven such live interactions/webinars have been conducted at Village Panchayat / Municipality level in 2024.

18. It is my privilege to mention that for the first time an Union Minister **Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhanji, Hon'ble Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare** interacted with our fellow Goan farmers in one of the live interactions.

19. Presently special drives are being carried out from January 2025 by various Departments across all Village Panchayats and Municipalities on various schemes and programmes along with Health check-up Camps.

20. To achieve **Viksit Bharat@2047**, empowerment of our **Nari Shakti** is of utmost importance.

21. My Government has launched the **LIC Bima Sakhi Yojana** in the State specially for our Mahilas. The **Bima Sakhis** enrolled will get specialized training and a **guaranteed Stipend** for 3 consecutive years in addition to commission of new insurance policies done.

22. To pursue excellence in governance for the benefit of all citizens and to ensure that the Citizens get responsive, accountable and transparent administration and also get their grievances addressed in a time bound manner, my Government launched **CM Helpline - 9319828581**. Presently **7 Departments** have been envisaged in this context.

23. My Government has launched the **Smart Transit Card** under the tagline '**One Card, Many Destinations**'. This card aims to revolutionise public transport in Goa by

enabling cashless travel across Kadamba Transport Corporation Limited buses, including the '**Mhaji Bus**' services.

24. The commercial operations of **Registered Vehicles Scrapping Facility (RVSF)** have started from November 2024 to carry out dismantling and scrapping operations for phasing out unfit and polluting vehicles and promoting recycling of vehicle scrap in an eco-friendly manner.

25. e-DAR (electronic Detailed Accident Report) Project has been implemented by our Government enhancing road safety, identifying black spots and providing immediate help to road accident victims.

26. Under the scheme "**Goa State Interim Compensation to road Accident Victims, 2023**" during the year 2024-25 up to November 2024 an amount of Rs. 94.60 lakh has been disbursed to the immediate kin of 50 victims.

27. The **Mhaji Bus Scheme** has provided an economical alternative to private vehicles, strengthening KTCL fleet, connecting even the remotest parts of our State with affordable & efficient transportation services.

28. An amount of Rs. 375.00 lakh has been disbursed under this scheme during the current financial year upto November 2024.

29. Goa is the foremost State implementing 100% **Direct Benefit Transfer** benefits of 166 schemes of which 61 schemes are Centrally Sponsored and 105 schemes are State Schemes.

30. All 105 State Schemes are notified under Section 7 of the Aadhar Act 2016 which will bring total transparency in implementation of Government Schemes.

31. During the year 2024-25, upto December 2024, an amount of **Rs. 275.09 crore** has been transferred through DBT to the beneficiaries pertaining to 6 major schemes related to Agriculture, Fisheries, Social Welfare and Women and Child Development.

32. My Government has ensured that the **law & order situation** in the State remained under control. The most significant features of policing during 2024-25 upto November 2024 is that the **detection percentage has gone upto 88.38%.**

33. My Government is making sincere efforts to provide safe driving environment. Special drives to rein in drunken driving and over-speeding have been launched. A total of **Four lakh Ninety one thousand seven hundred Ninety six (4,91,796) traffic violation cases** under Motor Vehicles Act have been registered and a fine of **Rs. 29.28 crore** has been collected during the current financial year upto November 2024.

34. The construction of **new Police Station Buildings** at **Quepem, Fatorda, Maina Curtorim** and Annexe building to existing **Coastal Security Police Station at Tiracol** are ongoing at an estimated cost of Rs. 36.23 crore. **New IRBn Camp** is set up near Canacona Police Station.

35. Memorandum of Understanding have been signed with **IIT_Goa and BITS_Pilani, Goa** to strengthen law enforcement and Cyber Security.

36. To ensure timely help and support, **Women Helpline (toll-free) 1091 and WhatsApp Helpline No. 7875756177** is functioning round the clock at PCR in collaboration with Women & Child Protection Unit. **Pink Force** has attended Five thousand three hundred eighty seven (5387) calls related to women in distress and other emergency calls.

37. Child friendly rooms are developed at Police Stations in North & South Goa Districts which are equipped with playing and learning material and every care is taken to ensure that the Women and Children who come for recording the complaints feel comfortable. Also, one Police officer from every police station has been designated as **Child Welfare Police Officer**.

38. DNA fingerprinting division successfully started examining and reporting of DNA cases from December, 2023 with the assistance of scientific staff thus playing a critical role in timely examination and reporting for DNA fingerprinting crime cases.

39. My Government has taken decisive action against fraudsters posing as agents for government jobs.

40. All the complaints received so far have been promptly converted into FIRs. Police have already arrested 43 accused so far. In these cases properties such as, vehicles, gold ornaments, bank accounts and other articles have been seized by the police. Already 3 such cases have been charge sheeted and are pending trials in the court.

41. I am confident that My Government will take all the cases to a logical end.

42. My Government has given free hand to the police authorities in the State to take up such matter with other appropriate agencies such as enforcement directorate and Financial Intelligence Unit. Accordingly in 16 such cases, information have been shared with relevant agencies.

43. My Government has established Goa Staff Selection Commission to ensure transparent and merit based recruitment for Government jobs and eliminated any opportunity for fraudulent individuals to falsely claim as Government job agents.

44. Our Government is **committed for upgrading the Fire and Emergency infrastructure** in the State. The construction of new building for Fire Stations at Valpoi is completed and the work at Bicholim and Vasco are ongoing.

45. With the commissioning of the **new Administrative and Training Block at the Fire and Emergency Services** at Panaji, **Goa** has now the **finest infrastructure** in the entire nation, to ensure public safety with greater efficiency.

46. From April 2024 to October 2024, the Fire & Emergency Services have collectively attended Six thousand four hundred twenty five (**6425**) **Fire and Emergency Calls** during which **353 human lives and 466 animal lives** were **saved**. Property worth Rs. 30.31 crore have been saved due to timely action of the Fire Personnel which is highly praiseworthy.

47. As it is rightly said “He who has health has hope and he who has hope has everything”.

48. Every individual has the right to enjoy the **best attainable state of Physical and Mental health**. Goa has the cutting-edge health infrastructure which includes hospitals, clinics, laboratories, and other healthcare facilities that play a vital role in addressing health challenges and ensuring the resilience of communities.

49. Under the **Pradhan Mantri TB Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan**, Infection Control Kits are provided to reduce spread of TB in community. Free rapid diagnostic tests and free treatment services are provided to TB patients in private sector.

50. Goa is the first State in country to provide rapid molecular test (NAAT) as the first diagnostic TB test for

early diagnosis of TB in the entire State through 19 NAAT machines since 2020.

51. Goa is first in Country to undertake **Culture at end of TB treatment** for Drug Sensitive Pulmonary TB Patients since May 2023 for declaring TB Patients as ‘**CURED**’ of the disease.

52. All Panchayats are sensitized and actively involved in **TB Mukh Panchayat Abhiyaan** for community engagement. I am happy to state that **Village Panchayat Usgao and Shiroda** have been declared **TB Mukh**.

53. **Mental Health** needs a great deal of attention. 02 Mental Health Care Centres have been started at PHC Corlim and South Goa District Hospital, Margao under Ayush Cell. Goa's Tele-Manas helpline provides 24/7 mental health support in multiple languages with over 10,000 calls answered since May 2023.

54. Community Health Centre (CHC) at Sankhali is the first CHC in the country to start an Ophthalmic OT.

55. **U-WIN portal** has been successfully implemented in Goa to maintain an electronic registry of routine

immunizations of pregnant women & children, streamlining the process and ensuring comprehensive coverage.

56. Goa has been awarded as the best performing State under Non-High focus category for outstanding achievement in the population & reproductive health & family planning programme at the 7th JRD TATA Memorial Conclave.

57. Under **Swasth Mahila Swasth Goa** project, more than 1 lakh eligible women are screened for breast cancer using a portable, painless iBE device and are provided free treatment.

58. Goa's **National Programme for Palliative Care** has transformed palliative care services in the State and has become the fifth State with a **dedicated State Palliative Care Policy**.

59. Goa is the third State to start with the **National Health Authority's (NHA) "100 Microsites Project"** which is aimed to on-board the private healthcare providers on the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission platform and is appreciated by NHA for being an early adopter State at the National level.

60. Giving a boost to the **Health Infrastructure** in the State, My Government has constructed new **Community Health Centre at Cacora, Curchorem and Primary Health Centre, at Siolim.**

61. My Government is targeting to achieve **Malaria Elimination** i.e Zero Indigenous cases and Zero death due to malaria, by 2025.

62. Under the flagship **Deen Dayal Swasthya Seva Yojana**, the total active cards for policy year 2024-25 is **One lakh Eighty one thousand and Seven (1,81,007)** and **Eight thousand five hundred forty nine (8549)** beneficiaries have availed the benefit of the scheme in the current financial year upto November 2024. Till date, total expenditure under the scheme is **Rs.20.53 crore** for the policy year **2024-25.**

63. The total **Ayushman Bharat Health Account** i.e **ABHA** created in Goa till 9th December 2024 are **Eight lakh seventy one thousand eighty six (8,71,086).**The total health records linked with ABHA in the State during the same period are **Three lakh forty seven thousand two hundred ninety four (3,47,294).**

64. My Government has amended the **Goa Mediclaim scheme** wherein sanction limit is enhanced to **Rs. 5.00 lakh** from **Rs. 1.50 lakh**. Further, family income limit is enhanced from **Rs. 5 lakh** per annum to **Rs. 8 lakh** per annum.

65. Under the **Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY)**, additionally, 16 hospitals in the State have been empaneled under the scheme, ensuring that beneficiaries have access to quality healthcare services. I am happy to state that Thirty three thousand four hundred fifty four **(33454) Ayushman Cards** for eligible families have been created till 16th December 2024 which is 81% of the targeted families.

66. Since its inception, **EMRI Green Health Services** has responded to (Seven lakh eighty eight thousand ninety five (7,88,095) emergencies, saving Sixty two thousand twenty six (62,026) lives, and assisting in One thousand one hundred seventy (1,170) deliveries. The average response time of fleet operation is under 12 minutes.

67. My Government has taken due care to alleviate the rural populace and create sustainable livelihood opportunities.

68. Three thousand Eight hundred four (3,804) Self Help Groups (SHGs) covering Forty Eight thousand three hundred six (48,306) households have received a total of Rs. 19.72 crore in Community Investment Fund (CIF) and Rs. 8.28 crore in revolving funds through the **Goa State Rural Livelihood Mission** (GSRLM) since inception.

69. Additionally, **184 Village Organizations** have received startup funds of Rs. 1.37 crore and 791 SHGs have availed Bank Loans amounting to Rs. 36.47 crore.

70. The **GSRLM** has created **self- employment and livelihood opportunities** for Fifteen thousand seven hundred fifty six (15,756) SHG members in farm-related activities and Seven thousand Eight hundred (7800) SHG members in non-farm activities.

71. The Pradhan Mantri Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises scheme has disbursed Rs. 3.10 crore to SHG enterprises for purchasing raw material, equipment, and machinery in the current financial year, upto November 2024.

72. In the current financial year, the Government is targeting eleven thousand SHG members under the **umbrella of Lakhpati initiative.**

73. Under "**Mukhya Mantri Annapurna Yojana**", in the current financial year, upto November 2024, 157 SHGs are empanelled under this scheme. 9 SHGs are running canteens, of which, 2 major canteens are North and South Goa District Hospitals canteens.

74. Under **Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA)**, in the current financial year, upto November 2024, Thirty Seven Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Nine (37279) mandays have been generated engaging unskilled workers. Under **Goa Grameen Urja Yojana** during the same period, 113 BPL families were benefited with domestic LPG connection.

75. My Government is encouraging and empowering farmers to adopt new technologies to enhance production and to engage in Community farming practices to build a **Swayampurna Agriculture** sector in the State.

76. In this August House, I feel privileged to congratulate, **Shri Sanjay Anant Patil** our own Goan farmer for being awarded **Padma Shri** for pioneering natural farming techniques and inspiring youth in agriculture through innovative practices and educational outreach.

77. Various schemes are being implemented by the Government in Agriculture sector. Twenty seven thousand six hundred forty three (27643) farmers were assisted for **hiring Custom Service facilities** incurring an expenditure of Rs. 4.87 crore during the current financial year upto November 2024.

78. During the same period, One thousand three hundred seven (1307) farmers were assisted to **buy various agricultural machineries/equipments** incurring an expenditure of Rs. 2.73 crore.

79. Compensation of Rs. 4.40 crore was provided to Three thousand two hundred sixty (3260) farmers who suffered losses in agriculture due to various natural calamities under the **Shetkari Adhar Nidhi** scheme in 2024-25 upto November 2024.

80. During the same period, under **Assured Price for Agriculture produce scheme** for Paddy, Coconut, Arecanut, Oilpalm, Sugarcane, Alsando and Cashewnut, One thousand three hundred sixty nine (1369) farmers have benefitted incurring an expenditure of Rs.3.29 crore.

81. My Government is vigorously promoting **Organic farming** in the State. Eight hundred fifty (850) farmers were provided assistance amounting to Rs. 74.42 lakh under various schemes of organic farming in 2024-25 upto November 2024. During the same period, **Kisan Credit Cards** were issued to Two thousand four hundred sixty (2460) farmers for Agriculture Crop loan.

82. Under the **National Mission on Natural Farming scheme**, an area of 600 Ha or 12 clusters each of 50 Ha are proposed to be considered under Natural Farming in Goa. Under **PM Kisan Samman Nidhi**, Six thousand three hundred fifty seven (6357) farmers have benefitted to the extent of Rs. 2.68 crore.

83. My Government is making all out efforts to increase milk production in the State. Under **Incentives to Milk Producers Scheme Rs. 15.58 crore** was released to dairy farmers in the current financial year upto November 2024.

84. Under the **Pashupalan Scheme** i.e Calf to Cow rearing Scheme, **587 new born calves** were registered during this year. A total of One thousand seven hundred ninety six (**1796**) beneficiaries were assisted and **Rs. 1.85 crore** has been released as subsidy.

85. Under the **Goa Stray Cattle Management Scheme**, 13 Local bodies were covered and the expenditure incurred is Rs. 8.92 crore in the current financial year upto November 2024. Since inception, Two thousand four hundred sixty (2460) **Kisan Credit Cards** have been issued to dairy farmers through various Nationalized banks and an amount of Rs. 25.89 crore has been sanctioned till November 2024.

86. My Government endeavors to bring more and more people into the Fishing business to enhance the blue economy in the State.

87. Under **Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY)**, 859 transponders are allocated for the fishing vessels in the State of Goa. 486 transponders have been successfully installed on fishing vessels in Goa till December, 2024. This will help the fishermen with respect to safety and communication at high sea.

88. One thousand and eighty (1080) fishermen have been benefitted through the 21 beneficiary oriented State schemes under Fisheries sector to the extent of Rs. 3.14 crore in the current financial year upto December, 2024.

89. Since its inception, Eight hundred eighty five (885) **Kisan Credit Cards** have been issued to our fishermen till November, 2024.

90. Goa has been awarded the **first place** under the **small states category** in the **State Food Safety Index of the FSSAI** for the 5th consecutive year.

91. A good Education is a foundation for a better future. My Government has given utmost importance for Education.

92. The implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP) will be completed in all grades by **2027-28** and the next two years will be used for **cluster formation and physical restructuring** of the institutions wherever required so as to **complete the NEP implementation in the State by 2030**. In the year 2024-25, NEP-2020 implementation was continued to Balvatika – II in Foundational Stage and Grade IX of Secondary Stage.

93. Goa is the first State to constitute the **Goa State School Standards Assessment and Accreditation Authority** to ensure that the National Education Policy 2020 is implemented to its fullest potential.

94. The State Government has introduced the **CM Suvidya Scheme** for upgradation of vibrant infrastructure and development of holistic and productive academic environment.

95. Twenty Schools have been selected under District Mineral Foundation for setting up all classes as smart classrooms, advanced digital infrastructure and other facilities. 20 other Government Schools have been selected under Corporate Social Responsibility for setting up of **STEM Labs**.

96. All 87 Government High Schools and 9 Higher Secondary Schools have been provided with 30 tabs per school preloaded with skill building software.

97. For Capacity Building of Teachers **PM e-VIDYA cell** conducted 12 Orientation/Training Sessions in different batches for more than 800 Identified Content Creators teachers teaching for Class I to Class XII.

98. **Vidya Samiksha Kendra (VSK) Goa** has implemented several initiatives that have positively impacted students and teachers. PARAKH, the weekly practice bot, has reached Ninety eight thousand eight hundred sixty one

(98,861) students from 897 schools, with students achieving an average score of 57%.

99. As a part of the Automated Permanent Academic Account Registry (APAAR) ID generation, Vidya Samiksha Kendra (VSK) has prepared Dashboard which will help all Heads of schools to ascertain the status of APAAR ID generation.

100. The State of Goa has selected 25 Schools for the **Pradhan Mantri Schools for Rising India Scheme (PM SHRI)**.

101. One lakh Fifty four thousand nine hundred fourteen students **(154914)** from Std. I to VIII have been covered under **Mid Day Meal scheme** incurring an expenditure of Rs. 20.44 crore in the current financial year upto November 2024.

102. **DISHTAVO(Digital Integrated System of Holistic Teaching and Virtual Orientations)** an initiative of Government of Goa under Higher Education was also presented at the European Union Erasmus plus Project meeting on the Internationalization of Higher Education in

India, held at the University of Deusto, Bilbao, Spain, where it received commendation from European delegates.

103. Goa is aiming to lead the nation by becoming the first State in India to implement a complete e-governance solution for the entire education system, spanning from primary schools to higher education, on a single unified platform.

104. The **Goa State Research Foundation** has trained more than 1000 faculty members of Higher Educational institutes in Goa, in various aspects of Research. Also, this has funded around 60 Research proposals of faculty members of various Higher Educational Institutes.

105. Implementation of MoU signed with **leading Industry partner IBM** is enhancing the employability of technical students, **facilitating skill building and competence development** in the areas of Information and Communication Technology (ICT).

106. **DJ-GIFT(Diamond Jubilee- Government Investment for Technical Education)** Scheme benefits over eight thousand students every year.

107. Under the **Coding and Robotics Education in Schools Scheme**, thousands of school students across the State are imparted coding skills, thereby enhancing their computational thinking abilities, creativity and innovativeness. Hundreds of teachers have been trained to impart these skills, across schools in the State. Equipments worth Rs. 15 crore are supplied to over 400 schools in the State for upgrading ICT labs.

108. **Goa College of Pharmacy** is ranked within top 100 Pharmacy institutes in the **National Institutional Ranking Frame Work (NIRF)** ranking by Ministry of Education, Government of India, for Pharmacy Colleges.

109. Skill Development is one of the primary focus areas and My Government is enhancing the scope of **Skilling, Reskilling and Upskilling** of the youth of the State. More emphasis is given on Apprenticeship.

110. The **Chief Minister Apprenticeship programme** undertaken by our Government in collaboration with various Industries, and Private Organizations has provided on field experience and Skill development to our youngsters.

111. I congratulate **Smt. Natasha Oreste Carvalho, Vocational Instructor (Cosmetology)** and **Shri Vijay Ganapati Chari, Vocational Instructor (Carpenter)** for having been awarded the **National Teacher's Award 2024 under Category II Best Skill Trainer - Long Term training of Craftsmen Training Scheme and Category III Best Skill Trainer – Short Term Training of PM Vishwakarma Yojana** respectively.

112. Goa is the only State to have Directorate of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship and all the 10 Government ITIs functioning under it **ISO certified**.

113. **Chief Minister's Kaushalya Path Scheme (CMKPS)** has become a transformative initiative, empowering Goan youth through skill development. Through this scheme, 255 individuals have been trained in a variety of short-term courses designed to enhance employability and entrepreneurship.

114. Our Government has issued a Notification to all establishments in the State of Goa, who engage any employee on regular/ temporary/contract/ apprentice/trainee etc. to issue experience certificate to all such employees/candidates so as to enable them to enroll/update their profile in the Regional Employment Exchange. This

initiative will assist in efficiently sponsoring their names against notified vacancies that require experience in Public and Private Sector.

115. **PM Vishwakarma Yojana** the flagship scheme of our **Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi** has revived our traditional businesses, paving a way for a brighter future of our artisans and craftsmen by upskilling them and by providing them financial support through Bank Loans.

116. Our Government is strengthening Skilling initiatives through the signing of MoUs with esteemed institutions to further reinforce skill development in the State with a vision of **SKILL GOA**.

117. I am happy to state that due to the boost given to the sports infrastructure by My Government, Goa is set to become a vibrant sports destination soon. This has been proved with the successful hosting of numerous national and international sporting events during the last few years.

118. I congratulate **Shri Armando Agnelo Colaco**, our own **Goan Football coach**, for being awarded the prestigious **Dronacharya Award**. He has not only guided our footballers towards excellence but has also set benchmarks

for dedication, determination, and passion in sports coaching.

119. My Government prioritizes inclusivity in the sports ecosystem be it **Fit Goa** and **Inclusive Goa**. This has been proved through the organization of the **International Purple Festival**. The **24th National Para Swimming Championship** held in October 2024 brought together 518 para-athletes from across the country showcasing their indomitable spirit.

120. I am of the opinion that Goa should also be known as the preferred Sports destination

121. Goa participated in the **68th National School Games** in the age groups of Under-14 (U/14), Under-17 (U/17) and Under-19 (U/19) years Boys and Girls, comprising of 10 disciplines and won 02 Gold and 1 Silver Medals.

122. Sixteen players participated in Goa State Yogasana team at **National Yoga Olympiad 2024-25** held at Bengaluru.

123. Rs. 24.72 lakh has been released as Financial Assistance to **56 Sportspersons in Indigent**

Circumstances in the current financial year upto November 2024.

124. **Run for Unity** was organized on the occasion of **National Unity Day** (Rashtriya Ekta Diwas) to commemorate the **150th Birth Anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel** at State Level as well as in all Talukas.

125. Our **Double Engine Sarkar** has ensured Goa's remarkable progress over the past five years in infrastructure be it is roads, bridges, airports and ports connectivity.

126. Connectivity to the **Manohar International Airport** at Mopa has got a big boost due to commissioning of the Mopa Link road at an estimated cost of Rs. 1183.16 crore.

127. Under **Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana**, Government of India has approved projects amounting to **Rs. 102.05 crore** for 62.62 km of which Rs. 61 crore will be contributed by the Central Government.

128. It's my immense pleasure to mention in this August House that India's first **cable-stayed bridge built on a curve**, connecting Sada to Varunapuri and the Goa International Airport has been commissioned. This will

transform Goa's connectivity, both within the state and beyond.

129. Further, Government of India has approved an amount of **Rs. 750.52 crore** for the road network of 7.24 km from **Margao to Cuncolim** which includes 4.45 km of 6 lane flyover.

130. The **Public Works Department** has completed **220 works** under various sectors amounting to **Rs. 1438.99 crore** during the current financial year upto November 2024.

131. **Goa State Infrastructure Development Corporation** has completed 12 infrastructure works amounting to **Rs. 480.49 crore** in this financial year. Further, 9 works are in advanced stage and will be completed during the current financial year amounting to **Rs. 222.94 crore**.

132. My Government has under-taken several works across the State for conversion of **Overhead electric system to underground cabling** at an estimated cost of **Rs. 1130.67 crore**. The conversion will drastically improve power supply quality and reliability to the consumers in the State of Goa.

133. Work of upgrading of 220KPXR line by replacement of existing ACSR DRAKE conductor with HTLS ACCC DRAKE Conductor from 220KV Ponda Substation to 220KV Xeldem Substation at the cost of about Rs. 46 Crore is in advance stage of completion. This will improve flow of power between two main receiving Substations in Goa i.e. Ponda substation connected to Western grid and Xeldem Substation connected to Southern grid.

134. My Government is promoting solar rooftops in the State for residential sector including the target set for **100 percent Renewable Energy** through the launch of **Goem Vinamulya Vij Yevjan, 2024** to ensure Zero Electricity Bill and Free Residential Rooftop upto 5 KW for Residential Consumers consuming 400 units or less per month for the last one year period.

135. The State intends to provide subsidy on first cum first serve basis to achieve a target of 10 MW of Residential Rooftop by June 2025 by dovetailing existing scheme to the **PM Suryaghar Muft Bijli Yojana**. The Goa Electricity Department will waive off all the charges in the Electricity bill for the period of 10 years.

136. Under the **PM Suryaghar Muft Bijli Yojana**, subsidy has been released to 245 beneficiaries to the extent of Rs. 2.33 crore.

137. Under “**Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam**” campaign Goa State was tasked with planting two lakh seedlings across 300 hectares of area. Against this target, 5.39 lakh seedlings were planted in an area of 450 Ha by October 2024 itself and Goa was one of the **first** State to achieve the target set by the Ministry.

138. My Government has given utmost importance on conservation and protection of Ground water and surface water.

139. Looking at the rise in the ground water extraction, our Government has taken proactive steps for **curbing the illegal drilling of borewells** by enacting legislation in this financial year.

140. Under the **Water Development programme**, construction of 100 bandharas has been taken up in this financial year of which 75 bandharas have been completed till November 2024.

141. To provide alternate raw water supply to the Water Treatment plants at Assonora, Porvorim, Chandel and Pilerne and including Manohar International Airport from Chapora river and to ensure 24x7 availability of water throughout the year for talukas of Bardez, Pernem and Bicholim, a project costing Rs. 250 crore is under implementation. 30% of the work is completed till November 2024.

142. To improve water availability in the areas of Dharbandora, Shiroda, Borim and surrounding areas, Government has taken up raw water development project across Zuari river near Mirabag in Curchorem which will store 31 lakh cubic meter of water and provide 30 MLD raw water supply to Panchawadi Dam from where it will be used for drinking water purpose. The cost of the project is Rs. 240 crore. The project has been initiated during this financial year.

143. Under **Catch the rain 2024**, '**Nari Shakti se Jal Shakti**' campaign of Government of India, awareness programmes have been initiated to establish a strong connection between women empowerment and the sustainable management of water resources.

144. Under the **PM GATI SHAKTI State Master Plan for Goa** as per the requirement, all the 30 Mandatory Layers on State Master Plan are mapped. Further, the additional Data layers mapped increased significantly from 76 to 146. Over 3000 projects have been mapped onto the PM Gati Shakti State Master Plan.

145. My Government has developed **OPEN – Online Platform for Enterprise Network**, India's first Digital Public Good (DPG) for industry governance eliminating human touch points for processes thereby significantly enhancing the **ease of doing business**.

146. **IDC Connect organised by My Government** has achieved **significant reduction in industry grievances**.

147. The **Goa Industrial Development Corporation (Allotment, Transfer, and Sub-Lease) Regulations, 2023** introduced by My Government **comprising of only 31 clauses**, replaced the earlier regulatory framework which cumulatively **comprised of 53 clauses**.

148. The implementation of these new regulations has marked a turning point for the State, **fostering a more investor-friendly environment**. Following their

introduction, the State witnessed a substantial increase in investor interest.

149. Recognizing that **ease of exit is an essential element of ease of doing business**, Government launched the **Exit Support Scheme in June 2024** to enable non-functional industries to sell their assets and leasehold rights to potential investors through a liberalised transfer mechanism.

150. All these above initiatives will help in contributing in achieving the vision of our Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modiji's **USD 5 trillion economy of Bharat**.

151. During 2024-25, upto November 2024, **Goa Investment Promotion Board** has granted approval to 15 projects with proposed investments of Rs.1459.55 crore and employment of One thousand Eight hundred Ninety four (1894) persons.

152. During the same period, Eleven thousand seven hundred sixty six (11,766) MSMEs filed online Udyam Registration with employment potential of Forty four thousand and Eight (44,008) persons.

153. Under **MSME Samadhan-Delayed Payment Monitoring System to Micro and Small Enterprises**, 79 applications have been reported in 2024-25 with an amount of Rs. 51.45 crore out of which 30 applications have been disposed of amounting to Rs. 0.85 crore.

154. During 2024-25, upto November 2024, under **Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme**, Government has disbursed subsidy amounting Rs. 81.03 lakh involving project cost of Rs. 266.29 lakh. During the same period, under **Promotion for Beekeeping Scheme**, 29 proposals for 60 bee boxes have been sanctioned.

155. Under **Goa Tribal's Employment Generation Programme Scheme, 2017** an amount of Rs. 122.60 lakh has been disbursed to 21 beneficiaries/ units out of which Rs. 81.58 lakh is subsidy.

156. Under **Chief Minister's Rozgar Yojana**, since inception, loan amounting to Rs. 255.04 crore has been disbursed to Seven thousand eight hundred ninety seven (7897) beneficiaries upto December 2024.

157. My Government has approved the **revised Goa Iron Ore Mining Dump Handling Policy, 2023**, which allows it to e-auction unclaimed ore lying in the form of dumps at

various private locations in the State. The Government is eyeing a substantial revenue from e-auction of these unclaimed iron ore heaps lying on private lands.

158. Five leases each of Basalt and laterite stone has been granted under minor minerals section for 2024-25 upto November 2024.

159. Eleven mining blocks are auctioned out of which 2 have started operation. Another 2-3 will start the operation in the next 2 months. This has resulted into Revenue maximisation and employment generation.

160. Eighteen low grade mining dumps have been put for auction with approximate quantity of 52 million tons which will earn sizable revenue to the State and will generate direct and indirect employment in the State.

161. Applications are invited for sand mapping in Mandovi and Zuari Rivers. Upon receipt of Environmental clearance, sand extraction permits will be given in 12 zones.

162. There are 1.93 lakh Insured Persons in the State of Goa covered under Employees State Insurance (ESI) Act as on 31/03/2024 availing medical treatment from ESI

Dispensaries and Hospital, besides other benefits under the ESI Scheme.

163. Issuance of social security Cards/Smart cards under the **Goa Employment (Conditions of Service) and Retirement Benefits Act, 2001** is in force. The number of **Smart Cards issued** to the workers till November 2024 is One lakh two thousand one hundred twenty five (102125). The total registration on **eSHRAM portal** is Seventy four thousand four hundred seventy seven (74477) as on October 2024.

164. My Government has given utmost importance for **Waste Management**. Goa is one of the leading State in scientific treatment and disposal of municipal solid waste, biomedical waste and hazardous waste amongst others.

165. A Floating Trash Barrier has been successfully installed at St. Inez Creek, Panaji, Goa. This innovative solution aims to capture and collect floating trash from the creek, preventing it from entering the sea.

166. The State Government is in process of notifying a policy to address the issue of unauthorized recycling units, upcycling units, or scrapyards. The policy's objective is to provide for orderly registration of existing units, facilitate

their relocation, and ensure the removal of unauthorized units.

167. The **Solid Waste Management Facility at Saligao and Cacora** has treated Eighty six thousand three hundred seventy three (86373) tons of waste and the electricity generated is 88.68 lakh units from April 2024 to December 2024.

168. The **Common Biomedical Waste Treatment Facility (CBWTF) at Kundaim** has collected and treated 1170 tons of biomedical waste from April 2024 to December 2024.

169. My Government has successfully implemented the Hon'ble PM's Mission Life program by organizing Life Pledges, nature trails and other activities like promoting Green/ Eco Ganesh idols, Recycling of old Clothes, Wealth out of Waste exhibitions, Plastic free campaigns, Beach Cleanliness drives for the eco clubs of all the schools of the State during the current financial year.

170. Goa has seen a noteworthy **21% growth in tourist arrival** in 2024 as compared to 2023 reaffirming our State's position as a preferred Tourist destination.

171. My Government has launched a series of transformative digital and tourism initiatives.

172. The newly launched initiatives include the rollout of **Free Public WiFi Hotspots at 75 locations**, ensuring seamless digital connectivity for residents across the State and the **operationalization of 11 4G BSNL towers** across the State.

173. This move aims to bridge the digital divide in remote regions ensuring My Government's vision of reliable and **efficient internet access to all**.

174. **Let's Goa portal launch** is more than just a transformative leap for Goa's tourism industry. Connecting local service providers, tourists, and officials, it promotes innovation, growth, and excellence.

175. My Government emphasises the importance of these initiatives in driving digital inclusion, promoting smart governance, and creating a modern tourism ecosystem. With these initiatives I can state that our State is moving confidently into the future with **Digital Goa** under the visionary guidance of our **Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's Digital India programme**.

176. From free WiFi hotspots, particularly benefiting students, and 4G towers ensuring seamless connectivity across the State and the **Let's Goa** platform boosting tourism and local businesses, we are building a **digitally inclusive and innovative Goa.**

177. The launch of these initiatives marks a milestone in Goa's journey toward becoming a digitally connected, tourism-driven State, further strengthening its appeal as a destination that **seamlessly blends tradition with technology.**

178. My Government is in the process of Development of **Chatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Digital Museum at Farmagudi, Ponda Goa.** This Digital Museum aims to bring the life and legacy of Chatrapati Shivaji Maharaj to modern era which will help to educate, inspire, captivate and to enrich patriotic attitude among visiting population. The Government of India has sanctioned Rs. 97.46 crore for this Project.

179. My Government has taken due care of all the weaker sections of society so that the benefit of welfare schemes

reaches the doorstep of the needy so as to attain **Antyodaya**.

180. Under **Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana**, 19399.40 Metric Tonnes Fortified Rice has been distributed free of cost to Antyodaya Anna Yojana and Priority Household beneficiaries during the current financial year upto November 2024.

181. The **PM SVANidhi** scheme has provided affordable working capital loan to our street vendors. Altogether Rs. 5.03 crore has been disbursed as loan to One thousand six hundred four (1604) beneficiaries since inception of the scheme upto December 2024.

182. My Government has initiated steps to start a **helpline in Goa for senior citizens**. This helpline will focus on providing information to resolve cases of senior citizens to offer guidance and emotional support.

183. My Government ensures that the **Forest Right Act, 2006** is implemented in letter and spirit. A total of 209 titles have been distributed in the year 2024.

184. My Government organized various events on the occasion of **Janjatiya Gaurav Divas** held on

15th November 2024 to commemorate the **150th Birth Anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda**. Mega events such as **Janjatiya Gaurav Yatra** from Patradevi to Canacona was organized to mark the occasion.

185. My Government is committed for upliftment of **Divyangs**. A separate **Department for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities** has been created in the State.

186. Goa is the first State to have a full fledged Ministry for Persons with Disabilities which is been operational since April 2024.

187. My Government has provided Unique Disability ID (UDID) Cards to ten thousand four hundred sixteen (10416) Divyangs since 2019-20 till December 2024.

188. During the current financial year, upto December 2024, through the PM Divyasa Kendra at Goa Medical College, 157 Divyangs have been provided 290 Aids/ Appliances under the **Assistive Devices to Persons with Disabilities (ADIP) Scheme**.

189. All efforts are made by our Government to ensure that women are empowered both economically and socially thus contributing to **Gender equality**.

190. Under the **Supplementary Nutrition Programme**, an average of Fifty four thousand eight hundred seventy six (54876) beneficiaries received Supplementary Nutrition during 2024-25 upto November 2024.

191. The developmental priorities of My Government are well defined. I, therefore, call upon Members of this August House to display their constructive spirit of supporting this progressive path and having a fruitful and productive sessions ahead to make our State **Viksit Goa**.

192. Before I conclude, I would once again mention that our **Double Engine Sarkar** is committed in realizing the principles of **Antyodaya, Gramodaya and Sarvodaya** so as to become **Viksit Bharat Viksit Goa @ 2047**.

Jai Hind

Jai Goa