

Hon'ble Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly

1. A warm welcome to you all in this August House to the first Session of the Goa Legislative Assembly of 2026. This is my first Address in this Legislative Assembly.

2. I feel happy to state that My Government, keeping in mind the identity, culture, rich heritage and aspirations of the Goan Community, has formed a **new district - Kushavati** to ensure inclusive development, focused administration and preservation and promotion of their unique social and cultural legacy.

3. The creation of a third district in Goa will strengthen administrative efficiency and bring governance closer to the people, by reducing the workload on existing districts and enabling faster, more responsive delivery of public services.

4. The creation of a new district is a notable step towards decentralization, good governance and balanced regional development. Further, headquarters of different Departments and related offices will stimulate economic growth by generating employment opportunities and strengthening local businesses.

5. It will ensure quicker access to district-level services for citizens, reduce travel time to district headquarters, enhance effective implementation of welfare schemes and enable more focused attention on local issues including infrastructure development, environmental protection and tourism in hinterland areas.

6. Overall, it would reinforce transparency, and citizen-centric administration, in line with Goa's vision for Viksit Goa @ 2037.

7. It gives me immense pleasure to bring on record that Goa has achieved a significant milestone with the first-ever publication of the **State Map in Konkani** by the Survey of India. The initiative is a proud step towards promoting Goa's heritage, culture and mother tongue. Further, it would give Konkani world-wide recognition and strengthen its use on global stage.

8. I congratulate **Shree Samsthan Gokarn Partagali Jeevottam Math** for reaching a historic milestone of its 550th anniversary celebrations and inauguration of a major landmark i.e a 77-foot bronze Lord Ram statue, one of the tallest in Asia at the hands of our **Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modiji**. This is a symbol of **cultural and spiritual resurgence of our Bharat's heritage**.

9. I congratulate the Goa Shipyard Limited for building the Indian Coast Guard's first indigenously designed and constructed pollution control vessel "**ICGS Samudra Pratap**", commissioned at the hands of **Shri Rajnath Singhji, Hon'ble Raksha Mantri**. It is a significant milestone for India's maritime capabilities. The ship is designed to play a vital role in enforcing marine pollution control norms, conducting maritime law enforcement, supporting search and rescue missions and protecting India's Exclusive Economic Zone.

10. A home is more than just shelter. It represents a family's hope, stability, dignity and pride. To ensure that every Goan gets a legally secured shelter and a long-cherished dream of owning a home, My Government has introduced the **Mhaje Ghar Scheme** which will enhance the happiness of the Goan populace by fulfilling their long-cherished dream of owning a home. The Scheme was launched at the hands of **Shri. Amit Shahji, Hon'ble**

Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, in October 2025.

11. To address the difficulties faced by families residing in houses constructed prior to 1972 without formal license, My Government has issued Circular to treat structure reflected in Form I and XIV to be standing on settled land and shall not require any conversion Sanad. This measure has brought closure to decades of uncertainty and enabled lawful repairs and constructions.

12. My Government has amended **Section 38-A of Goa Land Revenue Code** to provide one time measure for the regularization of encroached land on which dwelling houses were constructed prior to 28th February, 2014.

13. This measure is a humanitarian intervention to address the plight of landless persons in long standing occupation of such land.

14. Also, the Goa Legislative Diploma No. 2070 has been amended wherein Article 372-B has been introduced to provide one time regularization of dwelling houses constructed on Comunidade land prior to 28th February, 2014.

15. Further, Amendment has been made to the Goa Regularization of Unauthorized Construction Act, 2016 which provides two year opportunity for people who could not apply earlier due to rejection of their applications for specific reasons. Under this amendment it also permits to increase the built-up area for regularization upto 600sq.mtrs. in Village Panchayat area and 1000sq.mtrs. in Municipal Council or Corporation areas. These benefits are available to applicants residing in Goa for at least 15 years immediately preceding 28th February, 2014.

16. Our Double Engine Sarkar always works on the “**Nation First**” principle which focuses on Bharat's growth,

security and integrity. As we celebrate **150 years of Vande Mataram**, we believe that it is not just a song but it rejuvenates our energy that awakens us to our duties towards our Bharat.

17. Our Bharat also celebrated the 150th birth anniversary of **Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel** and **Bhagwan Birsa Munda**, who fought valiantly for our nation's integrity. The sacrifices made by them will serve as a source of inspiration for every successive generation to come.

18. I commend the State Election Commission for successfully conducting the **Zilla Panchayat Election** in a very enthusiastic manner and I congratulate all the newly elected Zilla Panchayats Members. I am confident that the Members of both the Zilla Panchayats will work with dedication so as to strengthen our rural Goa and ultimately contribute towards overall development of the State.

19. I congratulate the State administration for conducting the **Special Intensive Revision (SIR) drive** of Election Commission of India and the political maturity shown by the Goans by participating in this drive.

20. I congratulate the District Collectors and their teams for completion of 100% pre-test in all blocks of the State towards conducting **decennial Population Census 2027**.

21. I congratulate the Government for successfully organizing the **International Purple Fest 2025**. This festival has shifted the focus from sympathy to empathy, and from awareness to action. Goa is building a model of inclusion which is now being replicated by others.

22. I congratulate **Smt. Libia Lobo Sardessai**, for being conferred with the prestigious **Padma Shri Award 2025**. Her courageous contributions to Goa's liberation movement continue to inspire Goans.

23. Also, I congratulate renowned Goan singer **Shri. Ajitkumar Kadkade** for being honoured with the prestigious **Gomant Vibhushan Award**, for his significant contributions to Indian classical music.

24. I am happy to mention that My Government has facilitated the organization of the 10th edition of the **Serendipity Arts Festival 2025**. This landmark edition beautifully showcased Goa's vibrant creative spirit on the world stage. I commend the organizers for curating a remarkable celebration of arts, ideas, startups, and children's initiatives and making it a grand success.

25. Also, My Government successfully organized the 56th **International Film Festival of India**. This Festival was a convergence of technology and innovation. It showcased our **State's world-class infrastructure** and hospitality, positioning Goa as a "Creative Capital" for the global film industry.

26. I thank our Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modiji for implementing the **Next Generation GST reforms**. These reforms will bring more savings to every household and strengthen **Ease of living** as well as **Ease of Doing Business**.

27. I am happy to state that Goa's economy continues to show a positive growth trajectory of 14.94% in 2023-24 (provisional) as per the estimates received from Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation.

28. The preparation of Vision Document "**Viksit Goa @ 2037**" is in its final stages of completion. This document will act as an all-inclusive, long-term blueprint for transforming Goa into "Viksit Goa" by aligning with the vision of our **Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modiji** of **Viksit Bharat@ 2047**.

29. The enthusiasm and passion in which My Government is functioning, I am confident that the targets of becoming a developed State will be achieved by 2037.

30. In this August house, I would like to mention that the law and order situation in Goa is under control. This is proved by the fact that Goa maintains a high crime detection rate of 87.72%, ensuring that individuals involved in criminal activities are apprehended through collaborative efforts of Goa Police and other Law Enforcement Agencies.

31. I congratulate the Bicholim Police Station on being ranked as the **fifth best Police Station in India** as declared by the Union Ministry of Home Affairs. This achievement is a testament that this Government stays committed to robust vigilance and citizen-focused policing.

32. The State Police is making sincere efforts to provide safe driving environment. Special drives are conducted by the Traffic Police to control drunken driving and over-speeding.

33. My Government is aware of the growing threat of cybercrime amid increasing digitalization. The Cybercrime Centre is being further strengthened with an AI-based investigative intelligence tool which helps Officers trace identities using structured identifiers such as mobile numbers, UPI IDs, PAN numbers, and vehicle registration data. It has been instrumental in expediting profiling in cyber and financial fraud cases.

34. To provide upgraded infrastructure to the Police force, the construction of new buildings for Maina Curtorim Police Station and Talpona Coastal Security Police Station are underway. Also, construction of new building for Sanguem Police Station will commence soon.

35. I compliment the **Goa Staff Selection Commission** for recruiting candidates in a technology-driven manner ensuring fair and equal opportunities for every aspiring Goan youth. During the year 2025, extensive recruitment across key Government Departments of Education, Public Works, Water Resources, Electricity, Agriculture, Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services, Panchayats and others were undertaken by the Commission. The Commission's efforts to conduct CBTs to carry out recruitment reflect the Government's commitment to timely, transparent and merit-based recruitment, strengthening the public service delivery mechanism and creating a talented pool in Government Service.

36. As part of the development of the **AI-enabled CM Helpline**, My Government is building a multilingual speech-based system that allows citizens to communicate grievances in local languages, i.e. Konkani, Marathi and Hindi, to enhance the system's performance ensuring it is

culturally accurate, inclusive and responsive to the linguistic diversity of Goa.

37. Also, Government is planning to launch a **new Android & iOS App** for general public to register their grievances/ complaints directly through their smartphones with the functionality of location, photos, videos in addition to existing facilities of registering public grievances. This Android & iOS App shall be made available to the general public in addition to the existing online services.

38. Due to timely action of **Fire** Personnel, seven thousand one hundred eleven (7111) Fire and Emergency Calls have been collectively attended by the Fire & Emergency Services from January to October 2025 during which 140 human lives and 690 animal lives were saved and property worth Rs. 29.54 crore has been saved.

39. The newly constructed Fire Station at Valpoi will be inaugurated soon and the construction of Fire Stations at Bicholim and Vasco are under process. The Fire Department has taken over the building at Pernem in its possession from the Department of Information Technology, Electronics and Communications and it shall be ready for inauguration soon.

40. Government is determined in providing modern, sustainable, and citizen-focused transport facilities combining technological advancement to transform mobility across Goa.

41. The **Goa Road Safety Policy, 2025** has been notified so as to reduce road accidents, strengthen enforcement mechanisms, and ensure the safety of all road users.

42. The scope of the **Mhaji Bus Scheme 2025** has been expanded thereby extending the scheme to cover all routes across the State of Goa. This will ensure uniformity in service delivery, broader route coverage, and streamlined access to subsidized public transport for eligible beneficiaries across the State.

43. Under the Scheme, "**Goa State Compensation to Road Accident Victims, 2023**", during the current financial year upto November 2025, an amount of Rs. 1.18 crore has been disbursed to 59 beneficiaries.

44. The progress of the State depends on empowering our rural communities especially our Mahilas by providing them better economic opportunities.

45. Under **Goa State Rural Livelihood Mission**, more than 3,200 Self Help Groups comprising of 46 thousand Mahilas have availed loans amounting to Rs.380 crore.

46. Under various livelihood initiatives like **Startup Village Entrepreneurship Program (SVEP)** four thousand three hundred eighty seven (4,387) Lakhpati Didis have been created. Nineteen thousand three hundred forty (19,340) members were identified for structured mentorship and 181 Swayampurna Sakhis were trained. Also, more than two thousand eight hundred (2,800) enterprises were established.

47. Marketing initiatives generated Rs. 93 lakh through State-wide bazaars, Rs. 156 lakh in sales during nine SARAS fairs and Rs. 10 lakh through single day Kunbi products sales.

48. My Government is empowering women entrepreneurship through **Drone Didi** initiative in the field of agriculture. From digital literacy to technology skills, these initiatives foster a gender – inclusive economy.

49. Goa has achieved a significant milestone by becoming the **first State in the country to operationalize Deen Dayal Upadhyay Grameen Kaushal Yojana 2.0 (DDU-GKY)**. As part of this major initiative, the State has successfully onboarded 15 Project Implementation Agencies (PIAs). These Agencies will undertake high-quality skill development and placement – linked training for rural youth across Goa. In addition, the State has executed Non-Financial Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs) with 12 employers, thereby strengthening the placement ecosystem and ensuring better employment opportunities for trained candidates.

50. Under **Viksit Bharat – Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) Act 2025 (VB–G RAM G)** in the current financial year, upto November 2025, forty eight thousand four hundred ninety three (48,493) mandays have been generated engaging unskilled workers. During the same period, 26 BPL families were benefited with

domestic LPG connection under **Goa Grameen Urja Yojana**.

51. Under **Goa Gram Samrudhi Yojana**, during the current financial year upto November 2025, 26 infrastructural works have been completed amounting to Rs. 10.65 crore and another 16 infrastructural works will be completed in rural areas.

52. In this August house, I would like to proudly state that Goa has been declared a "**Fully Literate State**", marking a transformative milestone under the **New India Literacy Programme (NILP)**. This achievement is not merely a statistical milestone but the culmination of a dedicated, people-powered movement towards universal adult literacy, aligning with the National Education Policy 2020 and driven by the **ULLAS – Nav Bharat Saksharta Karyakram**.

53. In a commendable community-based approach, 191 Village Panchayats and 13 Municipalities actively participated in the ULLAS programme. This collaborative momentum propelled Goa's overall literacy rate to an astounding 99.72%, exceeding the 95% national benchmark to be declared "Fully Literate" by the Ministry of Education.

54. The action plan was finalized for implementation of **the National Education Policy - 2020** at Baalvatika 3, Grade 3, Grade 6 and Grade 10 during 2025-26.

55. My Government successfully undertook the major academic task of preparing and distributing *Common Examination Question Papers* for Grades 3 to 8 for Government, Government-aided, and Government-recognised un-aided schools across the State of Goa in October 2025 for the academic year 2025-26. This initiative was aimed at ensuring uniformity, quality, and

standardization in student assessment, in alignment with the principles of the **National Education Policy (NEP) 2020**.

56. I congratulate **Shri Vilas Satarkar, Principal, Dr. K. B. Hedgewar High School, Cujira, Bambolim**, on being conferred with the prestigious **National Teachers' Award 2025**. This remarkable achievement stands as a source of motivation for students, teachers, and society at large.

57. My Government has been at the forefront of advancing academic innovation, capacity building, and technology integration in higher education through a series of impactful programs conducted in collaboration with leading institutions.

58. My Government has signed an MoU with AI4Bharat, IIT Madras, to actively support the **Digital India Bhashini Mission** with a focused commitment to Konkani language technology development. The MeitY-stipulated targets for Automated Speech Recognition and Machine Translation for Konkani on the Bhashini platform were achieved by the Directorate of Higher Education. The initiative significantly strengthened Konkani language within Bharat's digital language ecosystem, contributing meaningfully to its long-term preservation, accessibility, and technological inclusion.

59. The Advanced Level Research Workshops, aimed at enhancing the research competencies of faculty members from higher education institutions were conducted in 2025, emphasizing collaborative learning and peer engagement. This initiative reflects the Government's commitment to fostering a strong research culture and empowering faculty with the skills required to contribute

effectively to knowledge creation and academic excellence in the state.

60. The **Shiksha-Udyojak Sangam**, an Academia-Industry Summit, aimed to bridge the skill gap and align academia with industry needs through extensive academia-industry interactions was organized with 400 industry leaders delivering expert talks across 40 colleges and reaching over 15,000 students across Goa.

61. The initiative had a significant impact by strengthening linkages between Higher Education Institutions and Industries, empowering students with practical knowledge, industry exposure, and skills essential for future readiness.

62. Under the **PM-USHA initiative**, My Government has inaugurated the **Futsal Court, Building of the School of Physical and Applied Sciences, Research**

Laboratories for Analytical Chemistry and Biochemistry. Also, inauguration of **smartboards, computers, and advanced scientific instruments,** was carried out in virtual mode.

63. I am proud to mention that the installation of high-end instruments such as the **Atomic Force Microscope (AFM)**, costing approximately Rs. 90 lakh, and the **BD FACSMelody™ Cell Sorter**, valued at nearly Rs. 1.35 crore, at Goa University, shall enable **Goa's researchers** to compete at national as well as international levels.

64. My Government has taken up the work of construction of three Hostels having all the facilities at par with international standards at Government College Sanquelim, Khandola and Quepem. The hostel at Sanquelim having intake capacity of 100 students has been inaugurated and occupied from academic year 2025-26.

The hostel at Khandola having intake capacity of 60 students is in the final stage of completion and shall be made available to occupy soon.

65. My Government has Introduced a new scheme **"Traditional Occupations and Skills: Documentation and Research for Improving Local Livelihoods" (TOS-DRILL) scheme.** The scheme basically focuses on documentation of dying traditional skills, cultural and/or occupational practices of Goa, and their revival, if possible, for sustainable economic development.

66. Through the various schemes implemented by My Government under Higher Education sector, during the year, approximately 306 students and Teachers from different Government and Aided Colleges all over Goa were benefitted incurring an expenditure of Rs. 77.67 lakh. In addition to this, Rs. 64.39 lakh were sanctioned to 15

Government aided colleges for Quality improvement through Seminars/Workshops/Training programmes and short term courses. Also, Rs. 20.30 lakh were released to **Goa State Higher Education Council** for establishing Research Chairs in various institutions.

67. My Government is dedicated in nurturing young minds and preparing them for a thriving career in Skilling, Re-Skilling and Up-Skilling.

68. Memorandum of Understanding has been signed with Siemens Limited and GIZ India to continue with implementation of the **Indo German Initiative for Technical Education (IGNITE)** project in Government ITIs which is based on the German Dual VET model.

69. Under this project, a State-of-the-art “Manufacturing Technology Lab” has been set-up at

Farmagudi Government ITI to train and up-skill the Goan youth.

70. A State-of-the-Art **Centre of Excellence** in Refrigeration and Air conditioning Sector has been set up by **Daikin India Limited** at Farmagudi Government ITI to provide students and industry professionals firsthand experience of the latest advancements in **Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC)**.

71. **Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII)**, Goa, has conducted Entrepreneurship Awareness Program (EAP) for 959 trainees from all the ten ISO certified Government ITIs and conducted various sensitization programmes for instructors.

72. I am happy to mention that, **Shri. Deepak Dhaimode**, a Group Instructor (COPA) of Mapusa Government ITI has been **awarded** with the **National Best**

Teacher's Award 2025 in the trade of Computer Operator and Programming Assistant **at the hands of Hon'ble President of India.**

73. I also congratulate **Miss Shruti Sanjiv Agarwadekar, Master Rohit Ramesh Parsekar and Miss Reesa D'Souza**, trainees of Mapusa ITI, for scoring 100% marks in Computer Operator and Programming Assistant trade and topping the National Level CTS Mains Exam 2025.

74. The Government has started a new course "**Waste Management Technician**" from Academic Year 2025-26, under State Council of Vocational Training (SCVT) to develop skilled manpower and meet the emerging needs of Waste management.

75. Under **Goa Chief Minister's Apprenticeship Policy for Government Establishment - 2023**, three thousand eight hundred one (3,801) Apprentices have been engaged in various Government Establishments in this financial year upto November 2025.

76. One thousand two hundred forty four (1,244) trainees from nine Government ITIs have been trained on fundamental and applied Artificial Intelligence (AI) concept to empower ITI trainees with digital and AI skills and encourage learner-led innovation projects aligned with the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

77. Government has signed an MoU with India AI, a Company under the Ministry of Electronics & information Technology, for setting up of an India AI Data Lab at Margao Government ITI under the India AI Mission. As per

the MoU, the Data Lab will receive a funding support of Rs. 68.98 lakh for a period of three years.

78. My Government aims for self-sufficiency in Agriculture by boosting yields and expanding cultivation through the **Goa State Amritkal Agriculture Policy, 2025**.

79. Under the **Assured Price for Agriculture produce scheme** for major agricultural produce like Paddy, Alsono, Oil Palm, Arecanut, Coconut and Cashew, three thousand and forty eight (3,048) farmers were benefitted incurring an expenditure of Rs. 239.48 lakh in the current financial year upto November 2025.

80. During the same period, to **boost productivity and the Seed Replacement Rate (SRR)**, the Government provided 261.13 metric tonnes of quality seeds of Paddy, Groundnut and Pulses to five thousand one hundred eighty four (5,184) farmers at a cost of Rs. 64.69 lakh.

81. Under the scheme **Watershed Development Component – Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (WDC-PMKSY) 2.0**, Government of India has sanctioned five watershed projects for Goa, viz. Dharbandora, Ponda, Quepem, Sanguem and Canacona covering an area of nineteen thousand nine hundred eighty five (19,985) hectares with financial outlay of Rs. 55.95 crore over a period of 5 years. Under the scheme, 551 farmers were provided subsidy amounting to Rs. 4.42 crore during the current financial year upto November, 2025.

82. My Government has provided marketing support to the farmers through the procurement of 1385.51 metric tonnes of local produce of vegetables benefitting one thousand two hundred sixty three (1,263) farmers incurring an expenditure of Rs. 450 lakh during the same period.

83. The '**Kera Suraksha Insurance Scheme**' addresses the risks faced by coconut climbers. A total of 139 beneficiaries have insurance coverage under the scheme.

84. Under the **Shetkari Aadhar Nidhi Scheme**, crop compensation worth Rs. 3.27 crore has been handed over to three thousand twenty four (3,024) farmers who suffered losses due to unseasonal rains. By extending this relief to even non-Krishi Card holders, My Government reaffirms its commitment in making farming in Goa secure, sustainable, and transparent venture. Similarly, six thousand four hundred fourteen (6,414) farmers have been benefitted under the **Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-Kisan)** Scheme which offers direct support of Rupees Six thousand annually.

85. Interest subsidies for agricultural loans up to Rs. 5.00 lakh have also been provided to 276 farmers, reducing their financial burden and encouraging sectoral investment amounting to Rs. 9.16 lakh.

86. My Government is promoting **Organic farming** vigorously through various schemes. 282 farmers have benefitted with an expenditure of Rs.18.08 lakh in 2025-26 upto November 2025. Nine thousand one hundred ninety eight (9,198) soil samples from agricultural lands were analyzed and soil health cards issued under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme “**National Project on Management of Soil Health and Fertility**”.

87. With an aim to double the farmers’ income, reduce labour costs and promote new technologies like agri-drones and mechanized paddy transplanting, twenty one thousand six hundred ninety nine (**21,699**) farmers

received assistance for custom services incurring an expenditure of Rs. 483.11 lakh during the current financial year upto November 2025. Similarly, during the same period, 982 farmers were provided assistance for purchasing new agriculture machinery and equipment with an expenditure of Rs.199.01 lakh. Furthermore, **khazan bunds** (9.09 R.kms) were strengthened incurring expenditure of a Rs. 27.94 crore thereby protecting an area of 384 hectares of Paddy fields from ingress of saline water.

88. Goa has achieved a milestone in safeguarding its agricultural heritage with the registration of five new Geographical Indication tags, namely **Taleigao Vayingim, Goa Hilario Mango, Goa Korgut Rice, Goa Kaju Apple, and Goa Mussarad Mango**. These GI tags will help in conserving our State's unique varieties, augment its market recognition, and showcase Goa's identity to the world.

89. My Government has taken up the re-development of the Sanjivani Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana on PPP basis.

90. Under the Animal Husbandry sector, in the current financial year, upto November 2025, one lakh thirty five thousand three hundred fifty eight (1,35,358) animals have been vaccinated and one lakh seven thousand two hundred eighty (1,07,280) animals have been treated.

91. As per the **Integrated Sample Survey** conducted by the Government, the estimated Milk production has been sixty seven thousand three hundred ninety (67,390) tonnes during 2024-25.

92. During 2025-26, under **Mukhyamantri Sudharit Kamdhenu Scheme**, Rs. 66.58 lakh was released as Subsidy to 27 farmers for purchasing 95 animals while, under **Incentives to Milk Producers Scheme**, Rs. 12.23 crore

was released to farmers as Composite Subsidy on the proceeds of milk supplied to the Dairy Co-operative Society/Bachat Gat/Self Help Group.

93. Under **Pashupalan Scheme**, 429 new born calves were registered during the current financial year upto November 2025. Rs.64 lakh was released as subsidy to 671 dairy farmers. Similarly, during the same period, 4 local bodies have availed assistance under the **Goa Small Animal Rescue Management Scheme, 2014**, incurring an expenditure of Rs. 1.15 crore.

94. My Government is aware of the serious problem of stray cattle causing road accidents and is simultaneously working with Panchayats and civic bodies to relocate stray cattle to Gaushalas effectively. 10 local bodies have availed the **Goa Stray Cattle Management Scheme (Modified) 2013** incurring an expenditure of Rs. 9.70 crore.

95. Under the **Gomantak Govsamvardhan Yojana** for the Conservation of Local Breeds of Cattle in the State of Goa, 142 farmers were assisted with Rs. 29.51 lakh for 507 animals.

96. During the year 2025, new buildings of Veterinary Dispensary at Mollem and Veterinary Hospital at Sonsodo, Margao, have been inaugurated which shall provide better veterinary services to livestock farmers. Government is in the process of establishing Goa College of Veterinary Science at Curti, Ponda Goa.

97. Under the Fisheries sector, through innovative schemes, development of modern infrastructure, regular training programmes, and a strong focus on sustainable aquaculture, My Government is balancing economic progress with environmental responsibility in alignment with the vision of “**Blue Growth**”.

98. The fish catch for 2024–25 is 1,37,443.56 tonnes, reflecting a 1.17% increase over 2023–24, underscoring the positive impact of the Government’s efforts.

99. The Government of India has sanctioned Rs. 4.34 crore for installing Artificial Reefs in 14 fishing sites **under Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana.**

100. Rs. 1.60 crore has been released as subsidy to 549 fishermen under the scheme “**Financial Assistance for Purchase of Fuel (Petrol) for Operation of Outboard Motor,**” providing substantial support to the fishing community.

101. Several infrastructure works are in the pipeline to further support the fishermen community, including the repair and maintenance of the Khariwada Fishing Jetty, Construction of the Ramp and Net Mending Shed at

Dhaujowado, Cundaim, repair of Chapora Fishing Jetty and Auction Hall, Construction and Upgradation of Fishing Jetty at Malim – Phase I, work of design, construction, supply, installation, testing, commissioning, and operation and maintenance of a 100 KLD Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) at Cutbona Jetty and the development of Climate Resilient Coastal Fishermen Villages (CRCFV) at Arambol and Cacra. These initiatives will significantly improve safety, hygiene, and infrastructure across key fishing centres in the State.

102. Under **Pradhan Mantri Matsya Kisan Samridhi Sah-Yojana (PMMKSSY)**, two thousand seven hundred twenty six (2,726) fishermen have been registered.

103. My Government has taken up the re-development of existing Fish Hatchery at Benaulim Goa into a Multispecies Marine Fish Hatchery, on PPP basis.

104. My Government is committed to modernize the cooperative sector, expanding financial inclusion in rural areas and enabling cooperatives to assume a pivotal role in the development of agriculture and allied sectors in Goa.

105. Fifty eight Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) have been covered under the initiative for end-to-end computerization and business process automation under the scheme **Computerization of Primary Agricultural Credit Societies**. 27 PACS have already achieved full e-PACS operational status.

106. During April 2025 to November 2025, Rs. 31.70 lakh has been released as financial assistance under various schemes to strengthen cooperative institutions.

107. As rightly said by our Hon'ble Prime Minister, **“Reform, Perform and Transform”**, My Government is

abiding by this principle to achieve industrial growth by enhancing ease of doing business.

108. During 2025-26, upto November 2025, eleven thousand two hundred fifty three (11,253) MSMEs filed online Udyam Registration with employment potential of forty four thousand three hundred thirty eight (44,338) persons.

109. The State of Goa has demonstrated exemplary progress in Ease of Doing Business and regulatory reforms, reflecting its commitment to transparent, time-bound clearances, sustainable industrial growth, and employment generation. During 2025–26, the Goa Investment Promotion and Facilitation Board (Goa IPB) approved 17 projects with proposed investments of Rs. 397 crore and employment potential for two thousand four hundred forty nine (2,449) persons. In addition, Goa IPB secured firm commitments

from three mega industrial projects involving investments of Rs. 2,544 crore and employment for one thousand seven hundred sixty seven (1,767) persons.

110. Under the Business Reform Action Plan (BRAP) 2024, Goa achieved a 93% implementation score and ranked first nationally in the services sector, receiving recognition from the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India. Further, under the deregulation exercise led by the Cabinet Secretariat, Goa achieved 21 of 23 priority reforms and was ranked 6th nationally. These initiatives collectively underscore Goa's leadership in reform-driven governance and its emergence as a transparent, efficient, and business-friendly destination.

111. Under MSME Samadhan – Delayed Payment Monitoring System to Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs), 59 applications have been disposed off amounting to

Rs.134.93 lakh. Similarly, under Prime Minister Employment Guarantee Programme Scheme, subsidy amounting to Rs.102.40 lakh has been disbursed to 22 persons involving project cost of Rs. 343.02 lakh with employment potential of 98 persons.

112. Under **Goa Tribal's Employment Generation Programme Scheme, 2017**, an amount of Rs. 301.75 lakh has been disbursed to 34 beneficiaries / units out of which Rs. 120.00 lakh was released as subsidy during the current financial year upto November 2025.

113. Similarly, loans amounting to Rs. 17.02 crore have been sanctioned to 37 individuals by the banks and subsidies amounting to Rs.1.21 crore have been released to beneficiaries under the **Prime Minister Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises Scheme**.

114. My Government has successfully auctioned 12 Iron ore blocks in first, second and third Notice Inviting Tender (NIT), out of which five blocks have become operational. Seven more Blocks are under the process of obtaining Environment Clearance (EC) and other permissions. The State Government has earned revenue of Rs. 252.83 crore as upfront payment towards all 12 blocks. Further, the Government is in the process to float 4th NIT soon. For the financial year 2024-25, Government earned total revenue of Rs. 226.33 crore.

115. Further, Government has floated NIT for e-auction of 10 dumps. Goa has secured first rank in Category B States in **State Mining Readiness Index based Reforms** as published by the Ministry of Mines, Government of India for the year 2025-26.

116. One lease of Basalt and Two leases for laterite stone have been granted under minor minerals section for the financial year 2025-26.

117. My Government has given utmost importance to Infrastructure development in the State. In this financial year, upto November 2025, fifty nine projects worth Rs. 1,410.87 crore have been completed under roads, water supply, buildings and sanitation sectors. Also, 15 projects worth Rs. 1,002.48 crore are at various stages of execution.

118. In addition to above, comprehensive maintenance of various Government Schools across North and South Goa has been carried out amounting to Rs. 75 crore. Also, essential furniture has been supplied to Government Schools in all 12 Talukas of Goa amounting to Rs. 5.01 crore. Around 3,800 benches and desks have been

provided to enhance classroom facilities and ensure greater comfort for students.

119. My Government is aware of the hindrances caused to our fellow Goans due to some of the ongoing infra projects i.e. Construction of six lane Elevated Corridor from Sangolda Junction to Majestic Hotel Porvorim including approaches on NH-66 and Construction of Flyover at Dhargal on NH-66. But once these projects are completed it will drastically improve inter - district connectivity, easing traffic congestion and cutting travel times.

120. The work of installation of tertiary treatment systems for Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs) in the State has been taken up to improve quality of treated water from STPs and encourage re-use of treated STP water for non-potable purposes thereby reducing the load on fresh water.

121. Presently Installation of tertiary treatment system is installed in 2 MLD STP at Patto Panaji and same shall be commissioned shortly. Similarly, work is in progress for installation of tertiary treatment System at 5.6 MLD STP, at Baga. In addition to above, works are tendered for installation of tertiary treatment System for 12.5 MLD STP and 15 MLD STP at Tonca, Panaji Goa.

122. Augmentation of Water Supply Schemes through new water treatment plants for improved water supply is already initiated for additional 325.6 MLD in the State. A comprehensive proposal and mechanism is being prepared for replacement of age old pipelines which have outlived its useful life in consultation with respective Village Panchayats.

123. Projects which include flood protection work, Kushavati raw water schemes, and Mirabag raw water scheme worth Rs. 365.84 crore have been inaugurated.

124. The project to provide alternate raw water supply to Water Treatment Plants at Assnora, Porvorim, Chandel and Pilerne from Chapora river during the closure of Tillari Canals in Maharashtra for maintenance purpose costing Rs.350 crores is nearing implementation.

125. My Government has taken up augmentation of water of Kalna River to secure un-interrupted raw water supply for drinking, agricultural and industrial purpose. The total augmentation under this project is 115 MLD for supply to the villages of Chandel, Kasarvane, Nagzar, Dhargal at a cost of Rs. 28 crore. This project will cater to a command area of 150 hectare for agriculture purpose.

126. Construction of 30 MLD raw water pumping station at Calangute at the cost of Rs. 24 crore to cater to the water needs of Pilerne Industrial Estate and surrounding villages of Calangute and Saligao is expected to be completed by March 2026.

127. A 50 MLD raw water pumping project at Quepem from Kushawati river to supply raw water to Verna, Cuncolim and Sancoale Industrial Estates, Zuari Agrochemicals, and also for Water Treatment Plant at Cuelim and surrounding areas at a cost of Rs. 158 crore has been taken up. 50% work has been completed.

128. The commencement of the state-of-the-art **RoRo ferry vessels**, “Gangotri” and “Dwarka,” on the Chodan-Ribandar route, with higher capacity and improved technology, has replaced the conventional boats, substantially reducing wait times and service interruptions

while enhancing commuter comfort and strengthening Ease of Living across the State.

129. Two new bigger non-conventional ferryboats are being introduced at Panjim-Betim route and services will start from the end of February 2026.

130. My Government has successfully completed the bid process for re-development of Existing Maritime School into a World-class Institute on Design, Build, Finance, Operate, and Transfer (DBFOT) basis. The Concession Agreement has been signed with M/s. Goa Institute of Maritime Excellence (GIME) Foundation. The implementation of the project is currently underway.

131. Also, My Government has floated the tender for **Development of International Convention Centre at Dona Paula, Goa** on DBFOT basis.

132. My Government has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the National Buildings Construction Corporation Limited (NBCC India Ltd.), a Government of India enterprise. Through this collaboration My Government has decided to take up re-development and construction of Junta House in Panaji, Government Garage in Panaji, Prashashan Stambh at Chimbhel, Circuit House at Altinho, Government Quarters at St. Inez and KTC Bus Stand, Vasco at an estimated cost of Rs. 1,721 crore.

133. My Government has undertaken various development projects under the Integrated Development of Major Towns (IDMT) scheme such as recreational spaces, parks, sports facilities, fish markets, parking areas, etc. with a total amount of approximately Rs. 100 crore during this financial year.

134. Under the Swachh Bharat Mission 2.0, Government has taken up and completed the works of Aspirational Toilets, Material Recovery Facilities for dry waste, Bio-methanation Plants for wet waste amounting to Rs. 12 crore. Under the Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) 2.0 Scheme, Government of India has approved an amount of Rs. 173.42 crore for a total of 24 projects. The projects are aimed at enhancing water supply, sewerage network and water body rejuvenation.

135. **The Pradhan Mantri Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) Scheme**, originally launched in June 2020 has benefited 1,585 street vendors in Goa. The PM SVANidhi scheme has been relaunched from September, 2025 and is restructured to broaden its impact by deepening financial inclusion, promoting digital

adoption, building capacities and ensuring socio-economic upliftment of vendors and their families.

136. City Investments to Innovate, Integrate and Sustain 2.0 (CITIIS 2.0) program has been approved by the Government of India under the Smart Cities Mission for 18 Cities in India which includes Panaji. 100 Smart Cities participated in the Challenge, out of which 18 cities were shortlisted based on their project proposal, Panaji being one of the selected cities is eligible to seek assistance of Rs. 135 crore under the CITIIS 2.0 program. The programme would span over a period of four years from 2023-2027.

137. Under the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act 2016, 115 projects and 74 agents have been registered with Goa RERA during 2025-26 upto December, 2025.

138. Under the Deregulation & Compliance Reforms, the duration for issue of Construction License & Occupancy certificates for structures in Municipal areas shall be within 15 days and the same shall be deemed granted in case the stipulated time-line is breached. Also, Trade License will be issued within 24 hours failing which it will be deemed to have been granted.

139. An amendment is carried out to Section 258 of the City of Panaji Corporation Act 2002 whereby the time period to sanction construction licence is reduced from 60 days to 15 days.

140. Ordinance has been carried out to Section 184 of the Goa Municipalities Act 1968 and Section 256 of the City of Panaji Corporation Act 2002 wherein any building appearing in official land records and the first promulgated survey plan prepared under the provisions of the Goa Land

Revenue Code, 1968 (9 of 1969) shall be deemed to have been constructed/ erected with due permission of the Chief Officer/ Commissioner.

141. Under the **Swachh Bharat Mission**, Goa has achieved 100% door-to-door waste collection. Further, Panaji has attained the status of a Garbage-Free City with a 7-star rating and has also got Water+ City Certification. Additionally, all the ULBs in Goa have been declared Open Defecation Free Plus (ODF+).

142. Under the reform “**Revitalising the Central Business Districts/Historic Core of Major Cities**”, the project “**Integrated Infrastructure Development of Vasco Historic Core**” has been proposed. This project aims to revitalise, restore, and reorganise the historic urban fabric of Vasco, enhance the public realm, promote

pedestrianisation, enhance economic viability, and develop blue-green public spaces.

143. Under the reform “**Theme-Based Greenfield Cities**”, the project on ‘**Development of New Mopa Ayush City**’ at Mopa, Pernem, with a total area of 93.14 hectares has been proposed. The vision of the project is to create a world-class Sports and Wellness City in Goa that celebrates the spirit of healthy living, community and sustainable growth.

144. In the **Swachh Survekshan Awards 2024**, the Corporation of the City of Panaji was awarded RANK 01-Swachh Sheher in India in the population category (20k-50K). Sankhali Municipal Council was also awarded the “Promising Swachh Shehar of Goa” award.

145. Our State has received the **National Energy Conservation Award 2025** from The Bureau of Energy Efficiency, Ministry of Power, Government of India, for the 3rd time in a row. The award is in recognition to the State's commitment in the field of Energy Efficiency.

146. My Government has under taken several projects across the State for conversion of Overhead system to **Underground Cabling** for an estimated cost of Rs. 1,341.51 crore. Besides this, 90% of project work under separate 10 packages under Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme of Government of India amounting to Rs. 292 crore has been completed.

147. My Government has waived off the application fees, testing charges, installation of metering equipment and cost of meters in respect of the application for Solar Rooftop Installation under the **PM Suryaghar Muft Bijlee**

Yojana for accelerating the penetration of Renewable Energy in Goa.

148. Projects namely, a 63 MVA 220/33KV, Power Transformer along with fully digitalized outdoor 220KV GIS and 33KV AIS Switchgear at Thivim Sub-station and upgradation of new 220/110/33KV, 63 MVA transformers at Ponda Sub-station have been completed at the cost of Rs. 123 crore. Further, the project related to erection of 3x63 MVA, 220/33KV State of the Art GIS Sub-Station at Saligao along with 220KV Double circuit line from Saligao is in progress at the cost of Rs. 370.89 crore.

149. My Government has taken a significant step towards expanding its renewable energy footprint by signing a 30 MW Power Purchase Agreement with M/s. MAHAPREIT for the solarisation of 383 Government buildings across the State. Under this initiative, rooftop solar installations will be

developed and maintained by M/s. MAHAPREIT at their own cost for a period of 25 years from the date of commissioning, ensuring long-term sustainability and efficient operation.

150. The Government has approved the installation of a 2 MW rooftop solar photovoltaic system and the promotion of flexible solar sheets for power generation through the RESCO mode by M/s. MAHAPREIT Limited.

151. This project marks an important step towards the adoption of advanced solar technologies and the strengthening of rooftop solar infrastructure in the State.

152. Under **Pradhan Mantri Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana**, 807 beneficiaries have availed subsidy of Rs. 12.41 crore. As on December, 2025, the State of Goa has

achieved a cumulative installed solar power capacity of 83.20 MWp (Megawatt-peak).

153. The Coastal Zone Management Plan (CZMP) 2011 has been approved and draft CZMP 2019 is being finalized and the same will be placed for public consultation in a month. The CZMP 2019, once finalized, will benefit the fisherman community at large and will give relief to people residing in coastal areas.

154. My Government has formulated a **comprehensive Scheme for Revival and Support to Salt Pan Owners/Cultivators** through the Goa State Biodiversity Board (GSBB). Currently, Government is working on the provision for funding support to salt pan owners/cultivators, enabling initiation of on-ground revival measures and livelihood support.

155. My Government will be co-hosting the 4th edition of **India Energy Week** from 27th - 30th January 2026 wherein energy ministers, leaders and captains of global energy sector will attend the brand new world class exhibition and conference venue at **ONGC Limited** Advanced Training Institute.

156. Through the Goa Waste Management Corporation (GWMC), My Government is dedicated in facilitating scientific management of various types of waste.

157. The **Solid Waste Management Facility at Saligao**, has treated a total of 5.60 lakh tons of waste and generated around 4.22 crore units of electricity from August 2016 to September 2025. Similarly, the **Solid Waste Management Facility at Cacora, South Goa** has treated a total of 51 thousand tons of waste and generated around 73 lakh units of electricity during May 2022 to September 2025.

158. The **Common Biomedical Waste Treatment Facility at Kundaim IDC, Ponda** facility scientifically treated a total of Five thousand nine hundred twenty eight (5,928) tons of biomedical waste from October 2021 to September 2025. The **Common Hazardous Waste Treatment, Storage and Disposal Facility at Pissurlem** has treated 29 thousand tons of waste from April 2021 to September 2025. My Government has directed all Industries generating hazardous waste within the State to dispose off this waste at Pissurlem.

159. Further, Government has taken up the initiative of development of a **Centre of Excellence** to provide training to Urban Local Bodies and other local bodies in waste management across the country. Also, empanelment of project management consultants for Environmental Consulting, Integrated Solid Waste Management Projects, Specialized Waste Management, Waste Management

Planning, Training and Capacity Building, Civil and MEP Works Consultancy, and Social Media and Advertising Consultancy is under process.

160. My Government successfully organized three **Vehicle Scrap Melas** for the condemnation of Government scrap vehicles from various Government Departments and Autonomous Bodies. These Melas resulted in condemnation of 372 vehicles and generated revenue of Rs. 2.12 crore.

161. Goa enthusiastically participated in the **Swachhata Hi Seva 2025** campaign from 17th September to 2nd October 2025 highlighting clean and green festivities with an emphasis on zero-waste celebrations setting an example of how festivals can be celebrated without harming nature.

162. **Good health** is the foundation of every thriving society. My Government has given paramount importance for the health sector.

163. Goa has achieved 107% TB Notification Targets (1763/1650) till November 2025. Annualized presumptive TB examination rate has increased by 44% from 2,061 per lakh per year in 2024 to 3,132 tests per lakh population as on November 2025.

164. All consented patients are provided with Poshan Kits by Nikshay Mitra under **Pradhan Mantri TB Mukh Bharat Abhiyan**. 3,664 Poshan Kits have been distributed in 2025.

165. Twelve Panchayats have been declared TB free during the year 2024. 149 Panchayats have TB notification of less than 1 TB case per 1000 population. 49 Panchayats

are fulfilling all criteria for achieving TB Mukht status as on November 2025. Efforts have been intensified for achieving TB Mukht Status for the remaining Panchayats.

166. The Institutional deliveries in Goa stand at 99.7%. The Maternal Deaths reported during this period are only 4 and the Infant Mortality Rate for Goa is 5.6 per 1000 live births. The State's Full Immunization Coverage (FIC) is 108%.

167. Five facilities i.e. Goa Medical College, 2 District Hospitals and 2 Sub-District Hospitals have been taken up under **LaQshya** which is an initiative to provide quality health care to all delivering patients. Currently, the hospital at Chicalim is National LaQshya Certified from June, 2025.

168. Under **Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan (PMSMA)** during the current financial year upto

November, 2025, eleven thousand eight hundred seventy six (11,876) beneficiaries have availed antenatal care.

169. Government of Goa has signed MoU with HLL Infra Tech Services Limited. (HITES) under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, in November 2025 to develop online solutions in various domains like Healthcare, IT infrastructure and online services in the State.

170. Under **Early Detection of Lung Cancer Project**, since its inception in February 2024, ninety five thousand seven hundred two (95,702) scans have been performed identifying one thousand three hundred seven (1,307) suspected nodules and 16 confirmed lung cancer cases. All these cases are under treatment.

171. The total active cards for policy year 2025-26 under **Deen Dayal Swasthya Seva Yojana** are one lakh seventy eight thousand twenty eight (1,78,028) and eight thousand six hundred seventy one (8,671) have benefited under the scheme upto November 2025 incurring an expenditure of Rs. 33.03 crore. 278 patients have taken the benefit under the **Goa Mediclaim scheme** incurring an expenditure of Rs. 2.58 crore during the same period.

172. Call Response Efficiency of **Emergency Management and Research Institute (EMRI)** has improved from 96% to 99%, ensuring calls are answered promptly with average response time under 12 minutes.

173. Goa is set to significantly enhance its healthcare infrastructure with a new state-of-the-art **Goa cancer hospital**. This facility is being developed in collaboration with the prestigious Tata Memorial Centre, Mumbai.

174. In a landmark move towards transforming cancer care through integrative medicine, **the Integrative Oncology Research and Care Centre (IORCC)** was inaugurated at the All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA), Dhargal, Goa. Through the collaboration of the Government of Goa, AIIA Goa, and Advanced Centre for Treatment, Research and Education in Cancer (ACTREC) of Tata Memorial Center, My Government is creating a model of care that blends modern treatments like surgery, chemotherapy, and radiation with evidence-based Ayurvedic therapies.

175. My Government created a CSS Cell under Directorate of Planning & Statistics in April 2024. With the involvement and support of CSS Cell, projects worth Rs.1,225.96 crore have been approved by Government of India under the Departments of Fisheries, Handicrafts, PWD, Panchayats, Tourism, Education, Women & Child,

Tribal Welfare, Agriculture, Sewerage and Infrastructural Development Corporation of Goa limited (SIDGCL), Goa State Urban Development Agency (GSUDA). Also, projects amounting to Rs. 569.04 crore are submitted to Government of India and are awaiting approval.

176. I am delighted to share that under the State Support Mission, NITI Aayog has sanctioned an amount of Rs.2.08 crore for the State of Goa towards establishment of State Institution for Transformation, based on the proposal submitted by Directorate of Planning and Statistics. Under the State Support Mission, hiring of Sector Experts is underway which shall provide the State with the expertise needed to implement transformative initiatives effectively. I am confident that with this support, Goa will continue to emerge as a model of innovation, sustainable growth, and inclusive development.

177. Utmost care is being taken of the underprivileged in the State through various schemes of the Government.

178. Under the **Kala Samman Scheme**, financial assistance has been provided to two thousand five hundred eighty seven (2,587) elderly artists who are in indigent circumstances incurring an expenditure of Rs. 514.47 lakh.

179. Traditional occupations play an important role in the economy of Goa. But, in recent times these activities including agriculture have seen a downfall due to preference white/blue collared jobs. However, in the globalized economy, these occupations have a great scope for development given the fact these activities cater the individual needs of the people. My Government is in the process of designing a system to incorporate our Goan artisans engaged in traditional occupations into a formalized set up. The process to identify the existence of

traditional occupations/businesses, so as to create a database is under process.

180. During the current financial year, upto December 2025, one lakh twenty three thousand forty six (1,23,046) underprivileged people have taken the benefit of **Dayanand Social Security Scheme (DSSS)** incurring an expenditure of Rs. 250.11 crore. My Government has initiated procedure to make 100% Aadhaar based payment of Dayanand Social Security Scheme.

181. Under **Atal Asra Yojana**, 848 ST, SC, OBC and EWS have taken the benefit under the scheme incurring an expenditure of Rs. 12.72 crore. My Government has made tremendous efforts to sanction all the incomplete applications by organising camps at various Talukas across the State so as to reach at saturation level to the application received.

182. Three villages have been covered under the **Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan** in North Goa. Various training programmes have been conducted for developing the Village Action Plans. Special camps have been conducted in these villages for saturation of various Government schemes. In recognition of this, the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, New Delhi, has conferred the best performing district award upon North Goa.

183. The Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India, has approved the proposal of "**Upgradation of ICT infrastructure of Government Primary and Secondary Schools functioning in ST dominated areas in the State of Goa**" for an amount of Rs. 493.28 lakh. Under the said project, the Directorate of Education shall procure computers, laptops, printers, copiers, smart boards and establish STEM labs for 103 schools in ST dominated areas

of the State which shall help in upgradation of schools towards implementing **New Education Policy (NEP)**.

184. Various events were organised on the occasion of Janjatiya Gaurav Pakhavada from 3rd November, 2025 to 15th November, 2025 to celebrate the 150th Birth Anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda. Mega events such as Janjatiya Manthan, Janajaytiya Mukhiya Sammelan, Janajatiya Khel Utsav and a Mega Bike rally in honour of Bhagwan Birsa Munda was organized to mark the occasion.

185. My Government has launched a new scheme **Bhagwan Birsa Munda Lakshya Siddhi Yojana** with an aim to facilitate students from ST community pursuing NEET and JEE examinations by providing financial assistance of up to Rs. 3.00 lakh to study in private coaching institutes. 60 applications have been sanctioned during the current financial year upto October 2025.

186. All efforts are made to ensure that women are empowered both economically and socially.

187. Under **Griha Adhaar scheme**, one lakh twenty seven thousand one hundred seventy (1,27,170) beneficiaries have availed the benefit during the current financial year upto October 2025. Similarly, three thousand five hundred sixty two (3,562) eligible applications have been sanctioned under **Laadli laxmi Scheme**. Also, two thousand two hundred thirty (2,230) beneficiaries have been sanctioned under the **Financial incentive to mothers who deliver a girl child (MAMTA) Scheme** during the same period.

188. For the year 2025-26 upto November 2025, Relief Compensation of Rs. 1.68 crore has been disbursed to 431 victims of natural calamities in the State.

189. Our Hon'ble Prime Minister said, "Sports is not just about medals or records, it is about mindset, fostering confidence, discipline, and unity".

190. My Government successfully hosted the **FIDE Chess World Cup 2025** in the State. The event organized under the aegis of the All India Chess Federation (AICF), which is affiliated with the Federation International des Echecs (FIDE) and recognized by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India, was represented by 206 players from 70-80 countries.

191. State Teams were deputed to participate in the 68th National School Games in the age groups of U-14, U-17 & U-19 years Boys and Girls, comprising of 50 disciplines. The State Team won one Gold in Swimming and one Gold in Taekwondo U-14 Girls, one Silver in

Swimming U-14 Girls, one Bronze in Boxing U-17 Girls and one Bronze in Beach Volleyball U-17 boys categories.

192. Financial Assistance has been released to 56 **Sportspersons in Indigent Circumstances** during the current financial year upto November 2025 incurring an expenditure of Rs.29.02 lakh. During the same period, financial Assistance was released to Educational Institutions & Village Panchayats to organize Diet Coaching Camps in 45 Disciplines. So far, 930 students have participated in 13 disciplines.

193. Goa has witnessed a growth in tourist arrivals as compared to last year. During 2025 (upto November) the Domestic arrivals has increased by 4.81% while international tourist arrivals increased by 17.67% and the overall growth is 5.35% as compared to the same period last year.

194. I am pleased to announce the successful commencement of direct flight services between Goa and Uzbekistan, marking a significant milestone in enhancing the State's international connectivity. This initiative will strengthen tourism, foster cultural ties, and create new economic opportunities, contributing positively to the growth of Goa's tourism sector and overall development. It also aligns with Goa's continued efforts to broaden its international reach through sustained partnerships and targeted global promotion initiatives.

195. Under the Single Window System, during the same period, permission was granted for two major events namely **“Rain forest Challenge India (RFC)-An International Off road Motorsports Challenge”** and **“IRONMAN 70.3 Goa 2025”** and 68 minor events generating a revenue of around Rs. 54.64 lakh and attracting a large number of international as well as domestic tourists.

196. My Government is providing Lifeguarding and Beach Safety Services at 54 nominated beaches and 4 inland water bodies in the State of Goa. During the year 2025-26 (upto November 2025), 292 people were rescued by the lifeguards.

197. Beach cleaning is being carried out at 51 nominated beaches of the State. During the year 2025-26 (upto November 2025) the beach cleaning contractor collected and transported wet waste of two lakh eighty five thousand four hundred thirty (2,85,430) kgs, dry waste of six lakh thirty one thousand four hundred fifty (6,31,450) kgs to Solid Waste Management Facility at Saligao for further treatment.

198. To supplement the availability of accommodation options and to enhance hinterland tourism, three

beneficiaries have been assisted with Rs. 2.00 lakh each during the year 2025-26 under the Homestay Policy.

199. Fifteen Infrastructure projects across the State under tourism sector have been completed during the current financial year upto November 2025. Also, work on 25 projects which includes the “Beautification and providing Tourist facilities at Rudreshwar Temple premises” shall be completed during this financial year.

200. The work on Development of Chatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Digital Museum at Farmagudi at Ponda and Development of Town Square in Porvorim is ongoing at an estimated cost of Rs. 192.34 crore.

201. My Government has created the Goa CSR Authority in the Directorate of Planning and Statistics, to serve as a channel through which CSR funds are channelized to execute with an emphasis that the projects

shall benefit the Goan community and contribute towards the betterment of local society. The Goa CSR Authority has been successful in getting CSR projects approved and executed through various Corporates/PSUs, Central Government Institutions. An amount of Rs. 21.77 crore has been received from various entities and has been utilized in the execution of community based initiatives.

202. I would like to extend my deepest condolences to the families of the deceased who lost their lives in the tragic stampede at the **Lairai Devi Jatra** in Shirgao, the **Arpora fire** incident and human lives lost in **road accidents**.

203. The Government is continuously striving for excellence in governance and saturation of government schemes & services in the best interest of the people through its flagship programme of **Swayampurna Goa**. Through this programme the Government is making direct

contact with people at grassroot level through the efforts of dedicated Officers from different fields.

204. With effect from 1st January, 2025, special intensive drives were conducted in all 191 Village Panchayats and 14 Municipalities / Corporation taking Government schemes and services to the unreached in the vicinity of their homes. 25 Departments have conducted special drives and continue to create awareness, provide services and address grievances of residents. Over 40,000 residents have benefited through these drives.

205. Under the **Swayampurna Goa Programme**, on the occasion of **Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modiji's** birthday and the Birth Anniversary of **Mahatma Gandhiji** during September – October 2025, a special **Public Live Interaction** was organized wherein 205 Senior Officers of Central Cadre and State Cadre were appointed as

Paryavekshaks at all the 191 Village Panchayats, 13 Municipalities and 1 Corporation. These Paryavekshaks including Officers of senior most ranks i.e. including the Chief Secretary and Principal Conservator of Forests, were deployed at field level in order to have an interaction with the Swayampurna Mitras, Village Panchayat Secretaries, elected members and the general public to assess the functioning and level of awareness of Government schemes & services and address the grievances of the people providing them access to concerned Government Departments so as to resolve their issues swiftly.

206. Further, through theme-based webinars and various programmes conducted so far, over 7 lakh individuals have benefited. The programme has successfully completed 5 years gaining recognition across the country.

207. True progress is measured not only by economic growth or infrastructure, but by the happiness of our people. Happiness is not a luxury - it is the foundation of a thriving and resilient society.

208. I am proud to announce that my government will take a concrete step in this direction by preparing a first-of-its-kind **Happiness Index for Goa**. This index will assess the well-being of our residents across health, education, environment, culture, community life, etc.

209. By embedding happiness at the base of our Viksit Goa vision, My Government aims to ensure that growth is inclusive, sustainable, and deeply connected to the well-being of every resident.

210. All the achievements which I have highlighted today in my address is a testament which reflects our **Double Engine Sarkar's** commitment of working on the

principle of **Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayaas** so as to make our Goa a **Swayampurna Goa, a Viksit Goa.**

Jai Hind

Jai Goa