

Hon'ble Speaker and Hon'ble Members of the Goa Legislative Assembly,

My greetings to all for the New Year and a warm welcome to all the Members in the August House on my first address during the eleventh session of the Goa Legislative Assembly.

2. With a sense of deep sorrow, my heartfelt condolences on the sad demise of former Chief Minister of Goa and ex-Defense Minister of India, Shri Manohar Parrikar ji, who was a dynamic leader, an administrator par excellence and a visionary who led the State in achieving sustainable growth of the State of Goa.

3. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all the Officers and officials for the free, fair, transparent and smooth conduct of the General Elections 2019 for the Parliament of India and the bye-elections for the casual vacancies of the State Legislative Assembly.

4. Safety and security of the tourists, women and children are the top most priority of my Government. Also, the overall law and order situation in the State has remained under control. Crime rate has declined by 10.4% in 2019 as compared to the previous year. At the same time, crime detection rate has increased to 84% in 2019 as against 82% in 2018 due to better staffing and implementation of various preventive measures and adoption of modern technology. Actions against drug menace has been intensified which has led to registration of 213 cases and a seizure of 84 kgs of drugs worth Rs. 5.65 crore. Recently, drugs worth about Rs. 3.00 crore was seized in a single raid.

5. In order to create an awareness about road discipline, Traffic Sentinel scheme has been upgraded to "Goa Traffic Sentinel", which is the best example of citizen's participation in traffic management. Goa Police has launched e-challan system which would not only enhance transparency but also enable the traffic offenders to pay fine by credit/debit cards which would also enable quicker analysis of traffic related data.

6. I would take this opportunity to congratulate the State as the Bicholim Police Station has been adjudged the 9th Best Police Station in the country by an independent survey conducted by BPR&D.

7. My Government is aware that the Home Guard service is primarily a volunteer service, and is rendering valuable assistance to Police in performing law and order, conduct of elections and traffic regulations on various occasions.

Hon'ble Members,

8. Goa was awarded the National Award 2017-18 under the category of Best State for Adventure Tourism by Government of India, Ministry of Tourism and also the Best Destination Leadership Award 2019 by WTTCII at New Delhi.

9. My Government is conscious about Mhadei, an issue which affects every Goan. Mhadei water dispute between Maharashtra, Karnataka and Goa is about sharing water of interstate river "Mahadayi". Efforts of my Government is to prevent water diversion outside the river basin. The tribunal which was appointed in November 2010 gave its award on 14/08/2018.

10. Goa requested for a clarification from the tribunal U/S 5(3) of the ISWD Act, 1956. Goa has also filed a SLP in Supreme Court praying for review of the tribunal award besides filing a necessary contempt proceedings before the Hon. Supreme Court.

11. We are witnessing progress of the State towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. Goa is ranked at 7th position, as per the recent report "**SDG India Index 2019-20**" published by NITI Aayog. Goa is a frontrunner in respect of zero hunger, quality education, clean water and sanitation, affordable and clean energy, decent work & economic growth,

sustainable cities & communities, life on land and peace, justice & strong Institutions. Goa needs to improve on the goals such as gender equality, industry, innovation & infrastructure, reduced inequalities and climate action and life below water. The Members of this August house may appreciate the way Goa has progressed remarkably and has emerged as a frontrunner in the Country. I would like to inform this August House that my Government would lay more stress on being achievers of Sustainable Development Goals in a time bound manner for achieving all round development of the State.

Hon'ble Members,

12. My Government was successful in preventing a likely disaster due to the grounding of a naphtha laden vessel Nu-Shi Nalini in the shallow waters near Goa Raj Bhavan. I would take this opportunity to congratulate the disaster management team for monitoring the operations continuously which led to early recovery of the vessel and safe transportation of naphtha out of the State.

13. You are all well aware that in spite of the mining ban, global economic slowdown and revenue resource reduction in the State, the Gross State Domestic Product estimates of Goa has registered a growth rate of 11.08 per cent for the year 2017-18 (Provisional) and expected to achieve a growth rate of about 9.8 per cent during 2018-19 (Quick) with a per capita income of Rs. 5.04 lakh, which is highest in the Country, more than three times of the National average, thus portraying a robust and healthy economy.

14. My Government is committed to transfer the financial benefits directly to the beneficiaries through digital payment. Goa is a frontrunner in successfully implementing UID/Aadhaar Project in the State with an Aadhaar generation of over 101%. Focus is on to cover the children in the age group 0-5 years on a mission mode by utilizing the services of Anganwadi workers in co-ordination with the Directorate of Women & Child Development.

15. I am happy to say that Goa is performing well with regards to the Human Development Index with respect to health, education and living standards. We aspire to develop Goa as one of the best States in the Country.

Hon'ble Members,

16. My Government is working meticulously to improve the revenues of the State. The revenue collection through GST was Rs. 2558.40 crore till December 2019. The excise revenue collection up to December 2019 has touched Rs. 351.55 crore showing a growth of 7.6 per cent compared to the same period of the previous year. Revenue of Rs.194.10 crore has been collected towards registration of vehicles during the current year till December 2019.

17. My Government has also focused on completing all Infrastructure facilities in a time bound manner for the forth coming National games scheduled during the later part of this year.

18. Hon'ble Members may recall that the development journey so far was not easy and it is only due to our determination, self respect and self confidence that the State has become a role model in certain areas, due to astute leadership and support and co-operation of the people of the State.

Hon'ble Members,

19. My Government envisages sustainable development of the agriculture sector and making agricultural activity more viable due to better economies of scale of cultivation and efficient marketing of the produce. The State's vision is now focused on organic farming and about 10,000 ha. of area is planned to be converted into organic farming by formation of 500 clusters (20 ha. each) in 3 years covering 12,000 farmers.

20. My Government has provided subsidy to the tune of Rs. 71.06 lakh for procuring 456 number of agro machineries such as tractors, power tillers, etc.

2720 farmers were provided an assured price of Rs. 427.47 lakh for 4 major crops i.e. paddy, sugarcane, coconut and oil palm. In order to motivate and encourage rural youth on cultivation of horticulture crops, Government has procured 550 MT locally produced vegetables through Goa State Horticultural Corporation Ltd., worth Rs. 231.00 lakh.

21. My Government is successfully implementing Pradhan Mantri Kissan scheme (PM-KISSAN) and Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana in the State. Under Pradhan Mantri Kissan scheme, 6994 farmers were covered and Rs. 298.70 lakh has been disbursed as an income support in agriculture and under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana, 740 farmers have been insured covering an area of 102.92 ha. during kharif season of 2019.

Hon'ble Members,

22. My Government is focused on achieving self sufficiency in milk production by making continuous efforts among rural youth to take up dairy farming. The average milk collection has increased from 81,655 litres per day in 2018-19 to 82,339 litres per day till December 2019. More than Rs. 8.46 crore subsidy was released under Kamdhenu scheme for purchase of 875 milch animals and around Rs. 18.77 crore subsidy was provided to farmers as incentives on milk and feed based on milk poured to Dairy Co-operative Societies and Batchat Gats of SUMUL. Under Pashupalan scheme, subsidy of Rs. 4.53 crore was released to 1855 beneficiaries.

23. Fish, curry and rice is the staple food of Goans. Fisheries is an important sector of food production providing nutritional security besides livelihood support and gainful employment to the people engaged in the sector. In order to provide better infrastructure for landing and berthing of fishing boats and vessels, various infrastructure projects have been undertaken. The construction/upgradation of Cutbona fishing jetty of 226 meters has been completed.

24. **Green Goa - Clean Goa:** Goa is well known for its scenic beauty, flora and fauna. As per the Forest Survey of India Report 2019, 68% of the area is under forest and tree cover. Forest department is reaching out to people with intensive plantation drives and free distribution of seedlings in various towns and villages through various panchayats and municipalities. As a part of Jal Shakti Abhiyan launched by Union Government, my Government has given high priority for soil and water conservation measures and for creating water bodies in forest and wildlife sanctuaries. Plantation of fruit bearing trees is also being undertaken in order to minimize the movement of wild animals to habitation.

25. My Government is committed to Zero Hunger which is one of the Sustainable Development Goals. National Food Security Act has been successfully implemented in the State. Consumer awareness programmes were conducted through educational institutes and Taluka Civil Supplies offices. Goa State Food Commission Rules, 2019 and the Goa Food Security (Grievance Redressal Mechanism, Transparency and Accountability) (Second Amendment) Rules, 2019 have been notified.

Hon'ble Members,

26. My Government is sensitive towards the aspirations of every section of the society and has implemented various schemes for upliftment of backward classes. Financial assistance is provided to the needy senior citizens, single women, disabled persons, persons with mental illness and immune deficiency persons. An amount of Rs.228.18 crore has been disbursed as financial assistance to 1.37 lakh beneficiaries. Stipends/Scholarships are granted to SC/OBC/Minority community for studying at pre-matriculation and post secondary stage to enable them to complete their education. An expenditure of Rs. 158.61 lakh has been incurred benefitting 1337 students and three institutions.

27. Under various other welfare schemes for the welfare of disabled and needy components an expenditure of Rs. 245.51 lakh has been incurred benefitting 373 beneficiaries, 25 centres and 13 Institutions.

28. Under National Rural Livelihood Mission, 59 New Self Help Groups (SHGs) have been formed, while 140 old Self Help Groups have been revived for building gainful self-employment and skilled wage employment opportunities whereas, one new Village Organization has been formed. 134 SHGs were provided with Revolving Fund. Start-up funds were given to 33 Village Organizations and Community Investment Funds were given to 18 Village Organizations.

29. Under Mahatma Gandhi Rural Employment Guarantee scheme, wage employment of 2756 mandays has been generated whereas 27 new job cards are issued. 16 works have been completed out of the works sanctioned during last and current year. Under National Family Benefit scheme 42 families have been given a lump sum assistance of Rs. 20,000/- on the death of its primary bread winner. 290 BPL families have been provided LPG connection in order to minimize the use of firewood under Goa Grameen Urja Yojana scheme. Under Goa Gram Samrudhi Yojana scheme, 31 works in the rural areas have been completed out of the works sanctioned during last and current year.

Hon'ble Members,

30. The financial assistance under the scheme "Atal Asra Yojana" has been enhanced upto Rs. 1.50 lakh for repair of existing house and Rs. 2.00 lakh for new construction/re-construction. About 512 beneficiaries were provided financial assistance for construction and repair of houses up to December 2019. My Government is aiming to achieve "Housing for all by 2022". With this objective, Goa Housing Board has constructed and allotted 1648 units for economically weaker sections, 2230 units for lower income groups, 1235 units for middle income groups and 520 units for higher income groups. In addition to this 2638 residential plots have been developed at various locations.

31. The 2nd Adivasi Vidhyarthi Sammelan was organized for the students of ST community at Rajiv Gandhi Kala Mandir, Ponda. Around 1200 ST students from all over the State witnessed the event.

32. ST Corporation has been appointed as implementing agency for Goa Tribal's Employment Generation Programme (GTEGP) scheme of Directorate of Industries, Trade and Commerce for which an amount of Rs. 2.00 crore has been sanctioned to the ST Corporation.

Hon'ble Members,

33. **Health for all** is one of the priorities of my Government. The health indicators of the State are the best in the Country. My Government has introduced Deen Dayal Swasthya Seva Yojana scheme for providing better and affordable healthcare facilities to the poor and middle class in order to reduce the financial burden on treatment of diseases. As on date, 2.32 lakh active families have been enrolled under the scheme. Goa is awarded as one of the best performing State in Reproductive Child Health portal by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India. Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Jan Aushadhi Pariyojana scheme has been successfully implemented in the North Goa District; initially covering 5 hospitals. I am pleased to inform that my Government is focused on strengthening the infrastructure and improving the quality of medical facilities provided at Goa Medical College & Hospital.

34. Ayushman Bharat and Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY), the flagship schemes of Hon'ble Prime Minister of India were launched in the State. As on date, 20,688 golden records have been created. In all, 11 public Hospitals and 13 private Hospitals are empanelled under the scheme. I am happy to say that, no new microfilaria cases have been detected in 2019. As regards HIV, number of persons detected HIV positive have declined from 1094 in 2007 to 267 in 2019 due to successful implementation of the various targeted intervention programmes.

35. STEMI-GOA project was launched with the aim of reducing cardiac mortality and morbidity. The project includes diagnosis of heart attack in peripheral health centres (Spokes) using Tele-ECG, thrombolysis using newer thrombolytic agents and prompt referral to Goa Medical College, (PCI Centres or “Hub”) using cardiac/ALS ambulances of 108. Under this project, 768 number of STEMIs were diagnosed and 583 thrombolysed.

Hon'ble Members,

36. **Vidya Dhanam Sarva Dhana Pradhanam** - Quality education is the back bone for development of human resource of the Country. My Government is committed for inclusive and equitable quality education which is one of the Sustainable Development Goals and promotes lifelong learning opportunities to all sections of the society. In order to achieve this goal, efforts are being made to provide quality infrastructure, innovative tools, enhance learning skills, identifying slow learners and provide counseling and remedial teaching facilities to them.

37. My Government supplies free uniforms, text books and rain coats to the primary Class students in the State. Under Mid Day Meals scheme, a flagship scheme, hot cooked food is supplied to all students studying in Class I to VIII benefitting 1.62 lakh students. Task of serving meals is allotted to 103 Self Help Groups/Mahila Mandals, PTAs. During the year, till December 2019, Rs. 1714.32 lakh has been utilized. In order to provide quality education various initiatives have been taken.

38. Khushi Tide programme, a multi grade, multi level programme enabled by group learning and technology has been implemented in 24 Government primary schools across the State. Kardipath scheme introduced to create an English environment for classrooms, to help children learn the language through a process of discovery about Indian culture and rich experiences has been implemented in 100 Government primary schools in the State.

39. Safety of students is the priority of my Government. Measures have been taken for implementation of the directives of the Supreme Court Committee on Road Safety with regard to display of the carrying capacity both inside and outside the vehicles for ferrying school children.

40. To improve the quality of teaching and put forth a modern pedagogy for the holistic educational experience, 60 smart classrooms and 4 virtual classrooms have been installed in 4 Government colleges. This new technology allows the resource persons to deliver lectures to audiences at remote places. Government has selected 20 candidates as Goa Scholars and a total of Rs. 2.49 crore has been disbursed.

41. My Government endeavours to use Information Technology extensively and work towards providing various benefits of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) to the masses of Goa. Government has approved the setting up of Electronics Manufacturing Cluster under the Electronics Manufacturing Clusters (EMC) Scheme of the Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY), Government of India, in Tuem village, Pernem Taluka, in an area admeasuring about 5.97 lakh sq. meters. 14 schemes for the incentives mentioned in the Start-Up Policy and 18 schemes under the IT Policy have also been notified and are being implemented since July, 2018. Registration of 17 new Start-Ups and incentives amounting to Rs. 81.84 lakh were approved in the High Powered Committee in 2019. Government has signed a **MoU with M/s STPI** for establishment of state-of-the-art Incubation facility at a land measuring about 14,800 sq. meters of village Taleigao, Tiswadi taluka, at Dona Paula, Goa.

Hon'ble Members,

42. My Government has successfully implemented Flagship scheme 'Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana' (PMKVY) in the State. At present, 10 Government ITI's and 5 private training partners are providing training under this scheme in the State. A total of 1459 trainees were enrolled; out of which 932 trained, 586 assessed, 470 certified and 28 placed. In order to provide

demand based job oriented courses, three new job oriented courses namely Multimedia, Animation & Special Effect, Solar Technician (Electrical) and Digital Photography have been introduced in the academic year 2019-20.

43. In order to educate officials and elected members on Village Panchayat Development Plans, awareness trainings have been conducted during November 2019 at GIPARD, Ela Old Goa in which 2497 personnel were trained. Under Deendayal Infrastructure Development scheme, 11 projects have been completed through GSIDC & GTDC. Under Swachh Bharat Mission Gramin, steps are being taken to motivate and educate communities in making village clean with the theme “Nital Ghar, Nital Gao, Nital Goecho Raakhno Haanv”.

44. Under Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban, Goa has been certified as “Open Defecation Free” by the Quality Control of India (QCI) team which is the certifying agency notified by Government of India. Under Credit Linked Subsidy scheme of PMAY-U, 640 applicants have been benefitted with subsidy amounting to Rs. 10.00 crore.

45. My Government has appointed the Permanent Authority for Goa Real Estate Regulatory Authority (RERA) vide notification dated 16th October 2019.

Hon'ble Members,

46. **Naari Shakthi** - Priority of my Government is to create women empowerment. Each and every Mahila Mandal should become an entrepreneur. Equity and equality is our motto. In this regard, Universal Women Helpline is established at Goa Medical College Bambolim round the clock to support women affected by violence, both in private and public spaces, including in the family, community, workplaces, etc.

47. Financial assistance is provided to the Mahila Mandals/SHGs for providing training under various trades in order to encourage women to undertake income generating activities and become self reliant. Around 13,830 activities were carried out reaching 2,25,942 beneficiaries under the Poshan Maah 2019.

48. In order to maintain reasonability of standard of living, financial support is provided to 1,33,240 home makers till December 2019 under the Griha Aadhaar scheme. In order to come out of the myth that a girl child is a burden to the family, my Government has introduced Ladli Laxmi scheme benefitting around 65,724 beneficiaries.

49. Mining industry was a major revenue and employment generator for the State. My Government has extended all possible support to mining dependents for which financial assistance of Rs. 108.4 crore has been sanctioned. Under One Time Settlement scheme (OTS), an amount of Rs. 96.64 crore has been disbursed to 4543 beneficiaries. Under Umbrella scheme, financial assistance of Rs. 170.82 crore has been disbursed to 9020 beneficiaries. Government has deliberated on the issue with Union Ministers on several occasions and has submitted four representations so far. Government has also suggested possible alternative for amendment of the Goa, Daman and Diu Mining Concessions (Abolition and Declaration as Mining Leases) Act, 1987, where in its implementation is sought to be prospective in nature. In the meanwhile, the State is exploring all the possible lawful options to resume mining operations. The State has also filed review petition before Hon'ble Supreme Court to review its order dated 7/02/2018.

Hon'ble Members,

50. My Government is very optimistic in resuming mining operations in Goa during the ensuing season thereby rejuvenating State's economy and lives of citizens. My Government has left no stone unturned to explore all possible ways and means for resumption of mining in Goa. In order to give relief to the people affected by mining closure, my Government has exempted motor vehicles engaged in transportation of mineral ore from the payment of tax payable under the said Act for the period from 01/04/2018 to 31/03/2020.

51. Under Udyog Aadhar Memorandum, till date, 6260 units have been filed/registered online with a proposed investment of Rs. 2328.07 crore with an employment potential of 71,091 persons. Goa Investment Promotion Board has granted approval to 179 projects in principle with total investment of Rs.13043.48 crore with employment potential of 28,606 persons.

Hon'ble Members,

52. Under Goa Tribal Employment Generation Programme (GTEGP) scheme, the Corporation has financed 16 applicants and sanctioned an amount of Rs.142.96 lakh and disbursed Rs.28.37 lakh. Since inception of the scheme, Corporation has sanctioned financial assistance to 30 applicants for an amount of Rs.238.07 lakh and disbursed Rs.195.54 lakh. Under MSME Samadhan-delayed Payment to Micro, Small Enterprises (MSE), 58 cases have been reported with an amount of Rs.872.26 lakh out of which, 24 cases have been disposed off amounting to Rs.261.41 lakh. Under CMRY scheme, loan of Rs. 1317.39 lakh has been sanctioned of which Rs. 892.16 lakh has been disbursed till November 2019. During the year (till November 2019), 94.64% of the loan has been recovered.

53. Various schemes have been implemented in order to ensure orderly growth of cooperative movement in the State and to strengthen it as a self sustaining instrument of socio economic development in implementing national priorities and policies. 5044 cooperative societies have been registered. To protect the interest of cane growers and financial difficulties faced by them, my Government has invested Rs. 7.50 crore in Sanjivani Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana in the form of Share Capital during the current year. The total investment of the Government by way of share capital contribution to the Sugar Factory stands at Rs. 98.00 crore and Rs. 10.75 crore by way of Medium term loan.

Hon'ble Members,

54. My Government has laid utmost priority for maintenance of roads, bridges and national highways and also monitors the execution of various NH

projects sanctioned & fully funded by the Union Government. The two projects namely; Khandepar Bridge costing Rs. 297.00 crore and Canacona by-pass with Talpona & Galjibag Bridges costing Rs. 280.16 crore have been completed.

55. Construction of two lane Bridge connecting Kharwada & Caranzalem village in Madkai Panchayat in Madkai Constituency at a cost of Rs. 1104.04 lakh, improvement, widening and hot mixing of road from Patradevi (Goa boundary) to Sasoli (Maharashtra boundary) in a length of 16.05 kms in State of Goa interstate connectivity at a cost of Rs. 3515.96 lakh, improvement of the riding quality of the stretch of state highway No.5 from Ambora to Borim ch 5400 to ch 6690 in Salcete Taluka for an amount of Rs. 452.37 lakh, construction of 10 MLD water treatment plant at Maisal Dam Panchawadi Shiroda constituency, supplying, laying, jointing, testing & commissioning of conveying main of various diameters from water treatment plant & MBR towards Shiroda & Panchawadi village at a cost of Rs. 5200.00 lakh, shifting of water pipeline along NH 17 B from ch.0.0 km to ch. 3.90 km at a cost of Rs. 5168.71 lakh and improvement of water supply schemes in Mormugao Constituency phase-I at a cost of Rs. 611.94 lakh & in Pale town in Sanquelim Constituency, 20 MLD Water Treatment Plant at Ganjem at a cost of Rs. 773.19 lakh have been completed.

56. My Government is making efforts to provide facilities to all by optimum utilization of rainwater and ground water resources. Under Tillari Irrigation Project, out of 11,830 ha. irrigation potential created, 6663 ha. have been utilized till date. A Task Force Committee and a Committee for implementation of Water Security Plans for integration and synergizing of various water related activities under Jal Shakti in the State have been constituted. The lift irrigation scheme at Dhamce in village panchayat Guleli in Satari Taluka is completed.

Hon'ble Members,

57. My Government is committed to provide uninterrupted quality power supply to domestic, commercial and industrial units as well as enhancing the

transformation capacity. During the current financial year till date, the transformation capacity has increased by 3.7% and the total consumer base has increased by 1% as compared to previous year. The total sale of electricity has increased by 3% as compared to last year. As on December 2019, 281 kms of HT cabling has been carried out throughout the State. Under tribal sub-plan, works worth Rs. 48.00 crore has been taken up for execution during the current financial year. The Electricity Department has achieved an aggregate and commercial losses of around 12% as against the target of 15% set for the State by the Ministry of Power, as against the national average of 21%. About 1.76 lakh LED street light fittings have been replaced under phase-I.

58. The services rendered by the Fire and Emergency service personnel have been remarkable in preventing untoward incidents arising due to fire disasters. During the year 2019-20 (up to Dec'19), the fire personnel have attended 8808 Fire and Emergency incidents saving 326 human lives and 593 animal lives. Property worth Rs. 55.25 crore have been saved/ salvaged. As a part of strengthening the Fire and Emergency Services, five Quick Response Fire Tenders with fire fighting equipments have been procured under MPLAD scheme and placed at Canacona, Margao, Verna, Vasco and Ponda.

59. My Government is continuously encouraging and motivating artisans and institutions. Under the Kala Samman scheme, an amount of Rs. 502.27 lakh was released to 2525 artists. Financial assistance amounting to Rs.478.15 lakh was released to 352 cultural institutions for organizing various programmes. Annual maintenance grants of Rs. 35.64 lakh was released to 93 cultural institutions for conduct of cultural activities. Grants of Rs.4.36 lakh was released to 218 schools towards maintenance of musical instruments. Dr. Premanand S. Ramani, internationally acclaimed neurosurgeon has been bestowed with the prestigious Gomant Vibhushan award.

60. Goa is well known worldwide as a tourist destination due to its mesmerizing beaches, churches, temples, heritage sites and most importantly for its hospitality. Tourism industry is the mainstream of the Goan economy. In the year 2018, arrival of domestic tourists increased by 2.70% and foreign tourist increased by 4.87% as compared to 2017. During the first half of the year (January 2019 to August 2019) 37.07 lakh and 4.94 lakh domestic and foreign tourists respectively visited the State.

Hon'ble Members,

61. Emphasis is laid to create state-of-the-art facilities in the State. As a part Swadesh Darshan programme, beautification and upgradation of Mayem lake, providing foot bridge and handicap friendly access, illumination across the creek near mandrem beach, illumination at Calangute beach, improvement of infrastructural facilities by way of parking facilities and development of Morjim Khind and Ashwem beach parking have been completed costing Rs. 33.26 crore.

62. The State witnessed radiant competition from neighboring States as well as the overseas destinations in tourism sector. Efforts are being made to introduce new tourism related activities such as; bungee destination at Mayem Lake which is second in India, and hot air balloon services as a part of adventure tourism. In order to provide employment opportunities for unemployed Goan youth, Beach Shack Policy has been formulated and allotted 257 beach shacks in North Goa and 100 beach shacks in South Goa.

63. My Government has launched a new vessel along with supply and installation of oil spill equipment to tackle oil spill in the rivers of Goa. Final report of Environmental Impact Assessment study for initiating Phase-II of the de-silting of river Sal, the Marine Environmental Impact Assessment study in association with the Dredging at the mouth of river Galgibag and the Rapid

Marine Environmental Impact Assessment study of the proposed dredging at the mouth of river Talpona have been submitted by the National Institute of Oceanography, Dona Paula, Goa. Dredging across the sand bars at the mouth of river Chapora has been completed at the cost of Rs.610.08 lakh. Captain of Ports has handled 1,850.00 M.T cargo traffic and collected revenue of Rs.477.69 lakh during the current year (till December 2019).

64. It is my pleasure to bring to the notice of Hon'ble Members that Goa has won 9 Gold, 10 Silver and 27 Bronze medals at the National School games and has also won 77 Gold, 50 Silver and 66 Bronze medals at the Zonal level, federation cup, national and international championship.

65. In view of heavy rains and release of water from Tillari dam, flood like situation was faced in the Talukas of North Goa district. Necessary rescue and relief measures were undertaken by the District Disaster Management Authority for evacuating the affected persons to safer places. Assessment of loss was immediately carried out by joint teams comprising of talathi, PWD engineer and Panch member and an amount of Rs 67.88 lakh was disbursed as relief to the affected persons.

66. My Government has been instrumental in bringing about ban on single use plastic as well as burning of plastic with the enactment of Goa Non-Biodegradable Garbage (Control) Amendment Act, 2019.

67. My Government is keen in climatic change and encourage optimum utilization of alternate energy. As a part of this, Government has simplified Goa solar Policy 2017 and notified the Amendments. 3.83 MW capacity roof top installation has been completed. A trial of small wind and solar hybrid system was successfully carried out.

68. We gather once again to celebrate democracy, a cherished value and culture that have prospered throughout the long history of our nation. Indeed,

a culture that guides my Government towards Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas aur Sabka Vishwas. I am confident that together we can make **Green Goa to Golden Goa.**

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