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ASSAM BUDGET 2022-2023

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At the outset, I bow before this August Assembly before I present the budget for the financial year 2022-23 and seek your good wishes. With all humility, I would like to recite a stanza from a poem penned by *Rupkonwar Jyotiprasad Agarwalla*:

“Tore more alokorejatra

Abyartha abyartha

Ami palo jibonor artha abhinaba

Swagata swagata xotirtha”

Strong economic structure is indispensable to bring positive change in the society. We cannot continue the journey of light without robust economic base. I am present here once again in front of you all to place the budget of 2022-23 including all about income and expenditure.

Hon’ble Speaker Sir,

1. While presenting the first budget to the people of Assam, with due humility, I said that the Budget is a vision document of the alliance government for the succeeding five years. Now at the end of the financial year, we will introspect how far we have stridden ahead. We are determined not to stop our journey before attaining our goal. I would like to echo the same spirit in presenting the Budget for coming financial year, with the objective of serving three crore thirty lakhs people of Assam. The biggest responsibility is to usher in a new horizon ensuring holistic development of the state and removing our people’s agonies. Under the able

leadership of the dynamic Chief Minister, Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma, our Government has been marching ahead.

2. Hon'ble Speaker Sir, we have been observing the *Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav* throughout the country and with it, our Government is also proposing various programs. Hon'ble Prime Minister during his Independence Day speech has dwelt on about the future vision for India @100 in Year 2047. In this context, I appreciate his endeavor towards upliftment of the country and would like to pay sincere gratitude for his special focus on Assam. We are forever indebted to Hon'ble Home Minister of our country, Shri Amit Shah ji for relentlessly working towards making Assam a peaceful region. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Hon'ble Union Finance Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman ji for her cordial and sympathetic attitude towards strengthening the economic base of the state.
3. Our government reposes deep faith and conviction in values and work ethics, instead of seeking personal gains. Whatever our government has achieved in the past nine months in transforming the administrative structure into a more dynamic, honest, just and equitable one has been possible due to the love, affection bestowed upon the Government by the people of Assam. In this regard, I must mention and pay my regards to the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Assam for leading us painstakingly. His tireless efforts and

dedication has given “Team Assam”, a new zeal and enthusiasm.

4. I had presented my first budget in the midst of one of the darkest times of human history when our state was battling the deadly COVID-19 pandemic along with the rest of the world. No stone was left unturned by our government in addressing this challenge primarily through the massive vaccination campaigns. My firm belief is that with dedicated efforts of one and all, we shall continue this momentum unabated.

Global Economic Outlook

5. As the world economy enters the new fiscal year 2022-23, the outlook seems weaker than expected. We are all aware of the ongoing subsequent waves of pandemic, new variants making inroads and Russia-Ukraine war has completely disrupted the global supply chains.
6. To address these issues, governments across the world are now expanding their policy measures from addressing only the health crisis to a more calibrated approach of using monetary, fiscal and other policies, to address the larger macroeconomic concerns.
7. Unemployment of youth, women and relatively lower skilled workers have been one of the most concerning challenges as we fight the impact of Covid-19 globally. The IMF estimated in October 2021 that the economic fallout from the pandemic pushed 65 to 75 million people

into extreme poverty. Globally countries have been significantly spending on social programs to limit of the pandemic as this could reduce the number of people falling into extreme poverty.

8. Global growth is expected to moderate from 5.9 in 2021 to 4.4 percent in 2022—half a percentage point lower for 2022 than in the October,2021. (World Economic Outlook).

Covid-19 and the Economy of Assam

9. Honorable Speaker Sir, Assam as a state looks to benefit from the ongoing paradigm shift in the economic order and be a frontrunner in the new arenas that are opening up in the post covid-19 era. However, as we march towards building a new Assam, inspired by the ideals of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya, we are very much vigilant and sensitive to the weakest strata of the society – *Antyodaya*, who is the most affected during the pandemic. Fund management and allocation towards supporting the weakest strata of the society still remains the prime focus of the government followed by investments to boost growth in the region.
10. As the pandemic recedes, Government revenues are seeing a surge. The Central Government's revenues were up by 67% YOY for the period April-November 2021 compared to the same period last year. GST collections are reaching new landmarks on a month on month basis providing the government fiscal space for

both social programs and capital expenditure to fuel growth.

11. The timely measures accompanied by the vaccination drive across the country on war mode has led to the national GDP expected to grow at 9.2 percent in 2021-22 after contracting in 2020-21.
12. Assam's economy is also recovering well from the pandemic and is in a much better position to tackle any other Covid-19 related contingencies in future with a much better health infrastructure. I will be failing in my duty, if I do not place on record our most sincere gratitude and appreciation for the day and night services rendered by thousands of our health workers and other frontline workers during the current pandemic.
13. Speaker sir, we are all aware that we are passing through one of the most challenging periods of human history. But I firmly declare, government will steadfastly drive towards development through various capital-intensive policy steps, inspired and motivated by the mission of our beloved Prime Minister to turn North East into a '*New Engine of Growth*'.
14. One of the prime reflections of the state's economy is the Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP). The GSDP of Assam at variable prices is expected to be Rs. 4,33,925 Cr in 2021-22. This is 13.89 % higher than the GSDP in 2020-21. In 2019-20 and 2020-21, in this midst of the COVID crisis, Assam is the only state showing positive growth rate while many states had

shown negative growth The trend of GSDP at *current price* during last six years is depicted in the table below:

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Year	GSDP	
	Current prices (In Rs. Cr.)	% change over previous year
2016-17	254321	11.59
2017-18	278710	9.59
2018-19	309336	10.99
2019-20(P.E)	377405	22.00
2020-21 (2 nd P.E)	381004	0.95
2021-22(Q.E)	433925	13.89

and MoSPI, Government of India

15. In 2020-21 and 2021-22, Assam is one of the few states showing tremendous growth despite Covid pandemic.
16. It may be pointed out that 15th FC has recommended Share in Central Taxes amounting to Rs. 20,600.73 Cr. to Assam for 2021-22. However, after adjustment of arrears on account of short devolution to States, Government of India released Rs. 25,176.39 Cr. during 2021-22.
17. During last five years, the trend of expenditure has been in ascending order on the budgetary allocation which signifies prudent fiscal management, meticulous planning of expenditure including large scale procurement reforms in the State. Overall expenditure of the state significantly improved from 63% during

2015-16 to 83% during 2019-20. The capital expenditure also grew from Rs. 4919 Cr. In 2015-16 to Rs. 14630 Cr. In 2020-21. The details of overall expenditure against budgetary allocation is reflected in the following table: -

Budgetary expenditure (In Rs. Cr.)

Year	Total Expenditure	Capital Expenditure
2015-16	41931.32	2951.00
2016-17	57406.81	6001.46
2017-18	65386.45	7946.91
2018-19	71850.51	11362.15
2019-20	82488.12	13501.58
2020-21	79154.76	14630.00

18. In order to accelerate the pace of economic growth, Government of Assam during 2021-22 decided to undertake several capital-intensive projects. Presently, new projects to the tune of around Rs. 11,100 Cr. under NABARD Infrastructure Development Assistance (NIDA) in rural and semi-rural areas, under Social sectors like; Health and Education, Rural connectivity, Agriculture and ancillary activities are underway. The Government has also decided to undertake new projects amounting to Rs. 1000 Cr. under Rural

Infrastructure Assistance to States (RIAS) and Rs. 2000 Cr. under Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) during 2021-22. Detailed list of approved projects under NIDA and RIAS is at Annexure-I. So far as RIDF is concerned, most of the fund has been sanctioned against roads and water resources project which are in capital nature.

19. The Government is developing an ambitious reform agenda to unlock Assam's growth potential over the medium term, focusing on policy and institutional reforms dovetailed with downstream investments in related sectors. The reform agenda focuses on three broad areas. The first area focuses on boosting trade, increasing investments, and generating jobs. The second area will increase resilience to increasingly frequent and severe climate related shocks, consolidate funds ear-marked for green initiatives and catalyze – both public and private – green investment. The third area will focus on the development of the agriculture and tourism sectors to increase their potential. In this context, the Government is engaging with external aid agencies/development partners to support its reform agenda. It is expected that the reforms identified will pave the way for development projects in the related sectors.
20. Knowledge studies are initiated in association with Multilateral Development Banks for development of logistics policy and networks. Several rounds of

discussion are completed with World Bank and ADB in this regard. There is great likelihood of Assam being sanctioned *Development policy financing* with assistance of World Bank.

21. Sir, I must highlight that presently through external assistance, projects worth close to Rs. 16,843 Cr. are under various stages of execution in sectors like Finance, Transport, Public Service delivery, Road & Bridge Infrastructure, Agriculture, Environment & Forest, Water Supply & Sewerage, Power, Skill development etc. Projects worth close to Rs. 37,578 Cr. in sectors such as Road network up-gradation and development, Power, Fisheries, Health, Water Resources are under pipeline. Further, projects over Rs. 10,000 Cr. are in the conceptual stage which are proposed to be posed to the Government of India in the upcoming Financial Year. Most of the projects are capital intensive for infrastructure development, boosting jobs and long term economic growth. The detailed list of ongoing and pipeline projects under EAPs is at Annexure-II.
22. Government of India has been supporting state of Assam through special assistance for capital expenditure amounting to Rs. 600 Cr. in the current financial year. For the year 2022-23, substantial allocation is expected from Union Government. A new scheme, Prime Minister's Development Initiative for North-East, *PM-DevINE*, has been announced in Union Budget this year, which will fund infrastructure, in the

spirit of PM *Gati Shakti* and social development projects based on felt needs of the North-East. As this scheme is over and above the existing support from Union Government, I express my deep gratitude to Government of India for unstinted support to the state.

23. Speaker Sir, financial inclusion is the first step towards inclusive growth. And our government is totally committed to ensure quality banking services to the ones who have been historically un-served. A total of around 1.9 Cr. bank accounts have been opened in the state and out of which, 60% belong to women. The number of bank branches in the state has increased by around 20 % while the Customer Services Points (CSP) has increased by around 40 % in the last 3 years. The position of credit to debt ratio (CD ratio) is also very encouraging, showing an increasing trend, year on year and we are very close to achieving the national benchmark of 60%. While the priority sector advances have been above the national benchmark of 40%. Speaker Sir, with the wave of digital payments across the country, Assam is also witnessing a manifold increase. And this government is committed to support this trend.
24. Speaker Sir, Numaligarh Refinery Limited (NRL) has been an integral part of Assam's growth story and I am sure that every one of us in this August house is emotionally connected to it. It traces its origin to the Assam Accord and signifies a promise which is etched in every heart. Our Government took a big leap of faith

and enhanced the share of Assam government in NRL from 12.3% to 26% by investing a substantial amount of Rs. 2,217 Cr. within a year, under the able leadership of our Hon'ble Chief Minister. This government firmly believes that this step will usher a new phase of productivity and efficiency for NRL.

25. Another burning problem State was facing was HPC. Now, we have decided to take over assets of HPC by discharging all its obligations to its employees as well as its other debtors as admissible under law. Total expenditure will be 700 cr. We are going to release around Rs 375 cr before 31st March, 2022 and balance in the next financial year. We have also given commitment to enhance our share in **Brahmaputra Valley** Fertilizers Corporation Ltd to 26% so that State of Assam remains active partner in the industrialization process. We have also requested Government of India to provide us minimum 5% share in Oil India Limited.
26. Speaker sir, I have just mentioned above, some of the important capital intensive projects undertaken by the State Government. These projects are mostly funded out of State's own resources. In addition, there are number of important projects which have been directly undertaken by the Central Government. All India Institution of Medical Sciences, Guwahati is one such project. I am given to understand that the project is nearly complete. Once fully functional, this important tertiary medical care centre will benefit the people of

the State. I would like to mention two more projects which are under active consideration of Central Government. One is Kaziranga elevated corridor and another is the construction of Road cum Rail Tunnel between Jamuguri and Kaliabor. Speaker sir, these Central Government projects will boost and generate local employment and add to our GDP and resources.

27. Speaker Sir, Assam is a mid-sized state. We have resource constraints like many other states. But in the last 6 years, we have started dreaming big. We have invented many schemes in the state sector and constructed many important infrastructure projects. Some of our social sector projects like *Orunodoi* primarily are fast becoming phenomenon.

Ashtadash Mukutor Unnoyonee Maala

28. Sir, we started the concept of 18 Flagship schemes – ***Ashtadash Mukutor Unnoyonee Maala***. These schemes are dynamic; they change according to the changing requirements of the State. It is a matter of immense pride for me to state that almost all such Flagship schemes have been completed successfully. Wherever we have not been able to complete them, we have been very forthright in informing this August House.
29. *Swanirbhar Nari* Scheme, dedicated to the weavers of Assam, is in formulation stage and adequate fund provision is being made in this year's budget also for

the scheme. *Schemes for students of Class IX and Class X* providing smart phone was not taken up for implementation because of improved situation due to ebbing of Covid wave and subsequent opening of the physical classes.

30. Speaker Sir, these 18 schemes are not only dynamic, but over the years, these Flagship schemes have become bigger and they subsume many smaller schemes, covering a wide spectrum.

I. Creating Growth Corridors

I am tempted to quote one of the famous lines – *“American Roads are not Good because America is Rich. But America is Rich because American Roads Are Good”*

- John F Kennedy.

31. Speaker Sir, bridges can change the face of any nation, any state. True is the case in our Assam as well. With bridges come connectivity – farmers can sell their produce easier now, families can admit their patients in better hospitals, and students can access better education. The list is endless. Not without reasons therefore, our State under the leadership of our Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma has laid great emphasis on connectivity of all kinds – surface, air and through waterways.
32. We believe that good connectivity will also have multiplier effect on the economic growth. We have completed more than 28,000 kms of road network under

Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY). In line with our ongoing steps to improve land, air and water connectivity, this year we would like to announce the following four schemes:

33. *Mukhya Mantrir Pakipath Nirman Achari*: Under this, we propose to build 3000 kms of basic all-weather roads with an estimated cost of Rs. 2550 Cr.
34. *Mukhya Mantrir Unnoto Pakipath Nirman Achari*: We propose to take up speedy implementation and upgradation of 1350 kms of roads to intermediate lane carriageway width of 5.50 metre at an estimated cost of Rs. 1485 Cr.
35. *Mukhya Mantrir Mothauri Pokikaran Achari*: We propose to build 500 km of all-weather roads over river embankments with an approximate outlay of Rs. 1107.78 Cr. This project will also strengthen our embankment system. This amount is over and above what has been sanctioned in 2021-22 already. The roads under this scheme will be selected on a priority basis from the Road Asset Management System maintained by Public Works Department.
36. *Mukhya Mantrir Path- Nobikaran Achari*: Sir, our Government proposes to upgrade and maintain 2000 km of roads constructed under PMGSY with an approximate cost of Rs. 320 Cr. for FY 2022-23. Our endeavour is to continue to maintain the roads even after the original contractual maintenance period is over.

37. We are happy to inform that the long-standing expectations of the people of Majuli to provide bridge connectivity from both Lakhimpur and Jorhat side will be implemented soon. Majuli will be connected to Bihpuria on one side and Nemati on the other. I am personally monitoring the progress of both the projects to ensure their completion in time.
38. Two major bridges over Subansiri at Dhunaguri and Luit have been taken up with the assistance of Government of India and Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) with an outlay of Rs. 1023 Cr. under Assam Secondary Road Network Improvement Project.
39. Hon'ble Speaker Sir, our Government has started ambitious '*Asom Mala*' programme in line with '*Bharat Mala Project*' with the objective of building robust high-speed corridors with highways and safety standards. To foster economic growth, four more roads remaining from the *Asom Mala* list of roads will be taken for improvement and up gradation in the financial year 2022-23:

Name of road	District	Approx. Length (km)
Salmara Andherighat Khoirabari Tangla Paneri	Darrang / Udalguri	52
Kanaibazar Anipur Durlabcherra	Karimganj	32
Thekeraguri at NH -37 to Borduwa	Nagaon/ Morigaon	32
Kalasthan Dipota	Sonitpur	27

40. Sir, in continuation of the Road over bridge (ROB) projects being implemented on a 50:50 cost sharing basis with the Railways, nineteen more ROB's at the following locations will be taken up in this financial year::

Sl.	At Level Crossing Gate No.	Location
1	Level Crossing Gate No.-ST-133	Naharkatia & Duliajan
2	Level Crossing Gate No.-ST-136	Naharkatia & Duliajan
3	Level Crossing Gate No.- SK-12	Rangia
4	Level Crossing Gate No.- SK-14	Rangia
5	Level Crossing Gate No.- SK-15	Rangia
6	Level Crossing Gate No.- SK-3	Changsari
7	Level Crossing Gate No.- SK-26	Tihu
8	Level Crossing Gate No.- SK-45	Bijni
9	Level Crossing Gate No.- ST-63	Barpathar
10	Level Crossing Gate No.- ST-77	Kamarbondha Ali
11	Level Crossing Gate No.- FM-5	Golaghat
12	Level Crossing Gate No.- ST-34	Morigaon
13	Level Crossing Gate No.- FM-83	Jorhat
14	Level Crossing Gate No.- FM-72	Jorhat
15	Level Crossing Gate No.- SK-38	Barpeta Road
16	Level Crossing Gate No.- ST-5	Bharalumukh, Kamrup(M)
17	Level Crossing Gate No.- SK-34	Bhawanipur
18	Level Crossing Gate No.- DD-21	Lahowal
19	Level Crossing Gate No.- CS-4	Lahowal

41. A new Flyover project on Mancota Road at Dibrugarh will be taken up.
42. For de-congesting traffic in Guwahati city, a new elevated road will be taken up over the GNB Road.
43. For enhancing the utility of the bridge being constructed over river Brahmaputra at Guwahati, a well-designed

Trumpet Junction will be constructed at Gauripur point of NH at North Guwahati.

44. Speaker Sir, our Government has accorded priority not only to surface transportation but also other means of transportation namely – Air connectivity and through water ways.
45. Speaker Sir, in our pursuit to improve the last mile connectivity in the state and taking forward the vision of *Adarneeeya Pradhanmantree ji - Ude Desh ka Aam Naagrik* (UDAN), our Government is committed to boost air connectivity within the State. With the aim of promoting regional air connectivity in Assam, the Government has reduced VAT rate to 1% on Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) for aircrafts operating under Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS). This reduced VAT rate has also been extended to air-strips / airport of Assam, not covered by RCS. I am happy to inform this August Assembly that two new airports are proposed at Karbi Anglong and Silchar. Further, our government is working towards setting up of 3 Heliports at Nagaon, Geleki and Haflong.
46. Sir, I would like to apprise that our Government has already started the process of land acquisition for Jorhat, Silchar and Lilabari airports. Government of Assam is also actively engaging with Government of India for a Greenfield Airport at Diphu.
47. Joint survey has been carried out at Rupsi Airport and steps have been carried for de-notification of 180 acres

of forest land for overall development and expansion of Rupsi airport.

48. We also propose to start a scheme to facilitate cheaper air connectivity of Guwahati to Lakhimpur, Dibrugarh, Silchar and Tezpur.
49. Speaker Sir, along with airways our Government is committed to promote inland waterways in Assam and several initiatives have been taken to create infrastructure for enabling safe transportation of passengers and cargo through waterways.
50. I would like to inform this House that under the World Bank funded project with an outlay of Rs. 770 Cr., Assam Inland Water Transport Development Society would develop 13 smaller terminals on National Waterway – 2 on the River Brahmaputra at Umananda, Uzan Bazar, Kurua, Guijan, Ghaghor, Kachari in Dhubri, Goalpara, Bahari, North Guwahati, Aphalamukh, Neamati Ghat, Matmora and Disangmukh.

II. Quest for Cultural Identity

51. Honorable Speaker Sir, our history is rich. Our heritage is our legacy from the past, what we are today, and what we pass on to future generations. Our cultural and natural heritage are both irreplaceable sources of life and inspirations. We must preserve them well.

Spiritual Journey of *Srimanta Sankardev*

52. Mahapurush *Srimanta Sankardeva*, the great saint of 15th - 16th Century of Assam ushered the people of the

region to a new path of Bhakti Dharma. This had enriched the region culturally and led its people to build the foundation of Assamese social life. Another great Mahapurush *Sri Sri Madhabdev* described the saint *Sankardev* in the following words : “*Tahanta Binai Nai Nai Nai Aamar Param Guru*”. Borduwa in Nagaon is the birthplace of *Srimanta Sankardev*. Government of Assam has therefore undertaken a major project in the *Borduwa Than* for its preservation and maintenance. A similar project has also been taken up at Narayanapur, the birthplace of Madhavdev and both the projects are underway at a rapid pace. Mahapurush *Srimanta Sankardev* had also established a *Satra* at Gangmou, a place at Behali area of today’s Biswanath district in 1516 AD. After a sojourn of 6 years in Gangmou, Srimanta Sankardev moved to Dhuwahata in Majuli and set up another *Satra* there. The Mahapurush, accompanied by his disciple Shri Shri Madhadeva, set out for lower Assam in 1543 AD. Reaching the erstwhile Koch kingdom, the saints had established several *Satras* at Sunpura, Ganakkuchi, Kamarkuchi and at Patbausi and continued to live there. At the request of Koch king, the saints moved to Coochbehar thereafter and set up the famous Madhupur *satra* at Coochbehar. The Gurujana ultimately breathed his last in 1568 AD at Coochbehar. Due to contributions of both Srimanta Sankardev and Sri Sri Damodardev, Assamese literature, culture, spiritual and social life ushered into a new era. Speaker Sir, it is time we develop Srimanta

Sankardev Spiritual Circuit covering all such sacred places associated with his life's journey by constructing Namghars and public amenities for the visiting pilgrims. We also propose to run dedicated bus services in the circuit through ASTC.

53. Patbausi is one of the holiest places of Assam. Mahapurush Srimanta Sankardev and Sri Sri Damodardev have endeavored some of their most valuable contributions in the holy soil of Patbausi. This include completion of many vaishnavite texts, establishment of Patbaushi Satra and Srimanta Sankardev Than. To commensurate with such a holiness of this place, our government is going to take up a project to develop the place.
54. Lachit Borphukan is one of the tallest generals of all times. I would slightly peep into history here. Sir, the 600 year long reign of Ahom Empire, introduced by Chaolung Su-Ka-Pha in 1228 was a glorious era for us. While the Mughals occupied a huge territory in most parts of India, they attempted to conquer Assam 17 times. Every time they failed during the Ahom reign. Under the reign of Swargadeu Chakraddhaj Singha, in 1669, a significant war was fought between the Mughals and Ahom soldiers near Alaboi hills of North Guwahati. In that war, it is said, 10,000 Ahom soldiers attained martyrdom. To commemorate the sacrifice of these Martyred soldiers a War Memorial shall be built which will also feature a 100 foot tall *Hengdang* (Ahom Sword) at Alaboi, Kamrup.

55. We propose to preserve and beautify Lachit Borphukan Samadhi at Hollongapar near Jorhat, along with developing a memorial park in memory of Lachit Borphukan. Funds will be made available under PWD global head. Hon'ble President of India Shri Ram Nath Kovind ji has laid the foundation of a 150 foot bronze statue of Bir Lachit Barphukan at Hollongapar, Jorhat. A digital documentary on the life and contribution of Lachit Borphukan will be created by Information and Public Relations Department. To spread stories of Lachit Borphukan's valour, we propose to organize Lachit Borphukan memorial lectures in Delhi and Mumbai.
56. *Maniram Dewan*, Assam's first tea planter and martyr has made unparalleled contribution enriching the history of the state. We propose to renovate and maintain *Maniram Dewan's Samadhi* in Chinamora, Jorhat. It will be funded from untied fund.
57. Sir, it may be recalled that in the Jorhat Central jail many great freedom fighters and social reformers were jailed during India's freedom movement under the leadership of Mahatma Gandhi. Martyr *Kushal Konwar* dedicated his life and contributed significantly in the Quit India Movement of 1942. It was *Kushal Konwar* who rose to the gallows unnerved and sacrificed his life for the sake of our country. In Assam's history, *Kushal Konwar* is known for his unwavering patriotism, sacrifice and courage and was hanged in Jorhat district Jail. The great freedom fighter *Kamala Miri* also died in this jail. Another unsung hero *Biju alias Beja Baishnav* was put

to death in this jail. Other great personalities and makers of history like Gopinath Bordoloi, Bimala Prasad Chaliha, Debeswar Sarma, Pitambar Goswami etc. were also imprisoned in this jail. As a mark of tribute to all of them, our government has announced to develop the Jorhat jail as a heritage site and into a North East Freedom Fighter's Memorial Park.

58. Sivasagar has always been an important destination of the state for historical tourism and architectural marvels, carrying lasting imprints of the Ahom dynasty. To attract national and international tourism further, a Light & Sound Show will be organized at *Rang Ghar* this financial year. 80 Bighas of land will be acquired and Rs. 20 Cr for Land acquisition will be allocated in the Department's Budget.
59. Gomdhar Konwar, an Ahom prince and martyr, led the first revolt against the British in Assam. Our Government has been making all efforts to give due recognition to this unsung hero. In the state budget for financial year 2022-23, it has been proposed to beautify and maintain the Gomdhar Samadhi at Jorhat under Untied Fund.
60. Pratima Barua Pandey popularized *goalporiya lokogeet* and made significant contributions to the revival and consolidation of this folk form in Assam. To keep doyen's memory alive her residence at Gauripur, Dhubri will be established as Pratima Pandey Barua Museum at Matiabag Palace in Gauripur, Dhubri. It will not only help to introduce her works and contribution to the new

generations but also to preserve and promote the Goalparia Folk Songs of Assam. Rs. 15 Cr. is earmarked for Land Acquisition.

61. A fourth Auditorium will be completed in *Srimanta Sankardeva Kalakhetra* Complex, Guwahati and fund will be allocated. Our Government is also exploring a possibility of building an auditorium with a seating capacity of 5000 in the vicinity of *Srimanta Sankardev Kalashetra*, Guwahati.
62. Adequate funds will be allocated to the department for preservation and beautification of various *Namghars* dispersed all over Assam under *Assam Darshan*.

III. Employment to One Lakh Youths

63. Hon'ble Speaker Sir, the COVID-19 crisis and subsequent lockdowns have significantly affected employment opportunities for our younger generation in the state. To address this issue, our Government remains committed to provide 1 lakh jobs to the State youths. The process has already begun. For example, we have handed over appointment letters to around 104 youths in Health Department, 123 in Home Department and 930 in Education Department.
64. To expedite the process, the State Government has enacted the "*Assam Direct Recruitment Commissions for Analogous Posts in Class III and Class IV Act, 2021*". Two Recruitment Commissions have been set up to conduct this process expeditiously in most transparent manner. I have been given to understand that Commission will be able to advertise posts before 31st March, 2022.

65. For the knowledge of Hon'ble Members, I am giving details of posts already in the process of recruitment.

Department Name and Posts	Number of Posts
Home Department	
Sub Inspector (UB) In Assam Police	306
Sub Inspector(AB) For Commando Battalion	320
Asstt. Deputy Controller(Jr) Civil Defence Under DGCD & CGHG	10
Civil Defence Demonstrator (Hslc & Physical Instructor Certificate)	42
Storeman Under Dgcd & Cghg	2
Constables In Apro & 5 Posts Of Asstt.Squad Commander & 12 Drivers In F & Es	487
Constable(UB)	2391
Constable(AB)	4271
Constables(APRO)	813
Constables(Fire And Emergency Services)	788
Constables/Guardsman Under Dgcd & Cghg	754
CONSTABLES IN AISF (SPOs ONLY) Under Dgcd & Cghg	154
Platoon Commander Under Dgcd & Cghg	40
68 Posts Of Sub Inspector In Apro	83
Jr. Assistant & Stenographer In Various Department	358
Const(Wo/Wt/Cy) For Commando Battalion	70
Assistant Jailor In Prison Deptt.	32
Jail Warder In Prison Deptt.	253
Grade-Iv In Assam Police	533
Grade-Iv In Commando Battalion	360
Havilder Under Dgcd & Cghg	2
Physiotheraphy	1
PST & PET for recruitment	705
Constable (AB)	1429
PST & PET Constable(AB)	2450
TOTAL	16654
Elementary Education Department	
Assistant Teacher of LPS	7242
Assistant Teacher of UPS	1719
Science Teacher UPS	307
Assamese Language Teacher UPS	60
Manipuri Language Teacher UPS	26
Hindi Teacher UPS	646

Sub-Total	10000
Education Technical	
Assistant Professor (Technical and non-technical) in Engineering College	103
Workshop Superintendent in Engineering College	6
Librarian	12
Training cum Placement Officer	2
System Analyst	2
Lecturer (Technical and Non- technical)	131
Senior instructor in Polytechnic and Engineering College	40
Sub-Total	296
Directorate of SCERT	
Lecturer	128
Programme cum Script Writer	2
Class III	55
Class IV	94
Sub-Total	279
Secondary Education	
Teachers	9360
Grade – III	1318
Grade – IV	2890
Sub-total	13568
Higher Education	
Assistant Professor	935
Grade III	327
Grade IV	629
Sub-Total	1891
EDUCATION (All Departments and Directorates) TOTAL	26034
Health Department	
Staff Nurse (Critical Care)	1024
Staff Nurse	498
Grade III (Non-Technical)	225
Grade III (Technical)	158
Grade IV	188
Sub-Total	2093
Directorate of Medical Education	
Grade III Technical	257
Grade III (Non Technical)	127
Grade IV	578
Directorate of AYUSH	
Grade III	13
Grade IV	43

Directorate of Health Services	
Grade III Technical	907
Grade III (Non Technical)	621
Grade IV	1192
Directorate of Health Services (Family Welfare)	
Grade III Technical	166
Grade III (Non Technical)	16
Grade IV	25
Commissioner of Food Safety and Drugs	
Inspector of Drugs	22
Food Safety Officer	34
HEALTH TOTAL	6094
Environment & Forest Department Total	2148
TOTAL	50930

66. Around 13,572 Class III posts and 13,787 Class IV vacancies are going to be filled up by the Assam Recruitment Commissions. Similarly the Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council (KAAC) is taking steps to fill up 800 posts.
67. Assam Public Service Commission (APSC) is also in the process of finalizing 3587 posts of Grade-I and 1568 posts of Grade-II.
68. Thus, out of one lakh jobs, we have already filled around 1157 posts and as reflected in the table and in para 66 and 67 above, recruitment of 84,244 posts is in process. The balance (1,00,000 – 1157 – 84,244 =14,599) posts will also be filled up soon. Besides this, we will also undertake recruitment in our Missions and Societies like NHM, SSA, ASRLMS, JJM, etc. Speaker Sir, we remain committed to provide one lakh jobs to our youths.
- IV. Assam Microfinance Incentive and Relief Scheme, 2021 (AMFIRS)**
69. Speaker Sir, being a woman myself, it gives me immense pleasure to apprise the August House that our government has been able to successfully deliver

on the most ambitious promise of our Hon'ble Chief Minister, that is Assam Microfinance Incentive and Relief Scheme, 2021. Its objective is to provide relief to distressed women who have been burdened with Micro-Finance loans and usurious interest rate regime across the state. Assam is the only state to provide such benefits to poor micro-credit borrower women.

70. The benefits under Category-1, that is to incentivize good credit discipline, are being provided to almost 10 lakh eligible beneficiaries of the state with total outlay of around Rs. 2,000 Cr. The disbursement under this category will be completed before this *Bohag Bihu*, by providing incentive in the remaining 7 districts of Assam.
71. Under Category 2, the borrowers whose payments are overdue upto 89 days, Government will pay their overdue amounts. All such borrowers will also be provided with incentive for good credit culture. There are around 6 lakh such borrowers to be benefited.
72. Category 3 contains all the stressed borrowers whose account have become Non-Performing Assets (NPA). Government is committed to clean the outstanding debt. We are working out the modalities and devising criteria for extending this huge benefit to our distressed sisters.
73. I hereby earmark Rs 2500 Cr for this scheme and commit to provide additional funds, as per final analysis of Credit Bureau.

V. Orunodoi

74. Speaker Sir, *Orunodoi* has literally given women of the state a ray of hope, symbolized by the rising Sun. This

is an unprecedented development milestone achieved by our Government, which has had multiple benefits – economic empowerment, financial literacy, extension of nutritional support and above all, taking development to each and every home and heart.

75. A committed transfer of Rs. 1,000 to around 20 lakh beneficiaries is going on currently. This transfer gets credited directly into the account of the beneficiaries on the 10th of every month. This remains one of the prime women centric flagship programs of the Government of Assam.
76. Sir, when *Orunodoi* was first introduced in 2020, by the then Hon'ble Finance Minister, Dr Himanta Biswa Sarma, the assistance was scientifically fixed at Rs 830 per beneficiary per month with the following components:

Component	Amount
Medicines	Rs. 400
50% subsidy of 4 kgs of pulses	Rs. 200
50% subsidy of 4 kgs of sugar	Rs. 80
Fruits and vegetables	Rs. 150
Total	Rs. 830

77. Later, amount of the assistance was enhanced to Rs. 1000 to make this a lumpsum amount. Last year, 1.22 lakh new beneficiaries have been added, mostly in BTR

areas. This year, I propose to bring 6 lakh additional beneficiaries under the umbrella of this scheme.

78. This time, I want to provide additional amount of Rs 250, as subsidy for 50 units of electricity directly being credited into the account of the poor. Thus, each beneficiary will be eligible to get Rs 1250 per month in next financial year. Our effort will be to enhance *Orunodoi* entitlement with strengthening of the state economy.
79. Government decided to observe '*Orunodoi* Month' last year, but this could not be organized due to COVID induced pandemic. We are committed for Social Audit of beneficiary list through organizing '*Orunodoi* Month' next financial year.
80. I hereby earmark Rs. 2000 Cr. for this scheme till Supplementary Demand.

VI. Taking Care of Our Indigenous Communities

81. Speaker Sir, our Government's commitment towards protecting the rights of our indigenous communities is unparalleled. A slew of policy measures has been envisioned which focus around holistic development of our indigenous people. The Indigenous and Tribal Faith and Culture Department has already been created for promotion, formulation and implementation of policies and programmes for welfare and all-round development of the indigenous tribal people of the state.

82. Be it the *Bagurumba* of the Bodos, *Gumrag* of the Mishings, *Nimso Kerung* of the Karbis, *Baidima* of the Dimasas, *Bohuwa* dance of the Sonowal Kacharis, the list of such hidden cultural gems is endless. Likewise, indigenous games played by the people of the different communities of our State for many centuries are also unique in their own ways. Assam alone will have more than fifty indigenous games. We are working relentlessly to promote our hidden gems and showcase them before the world.
83. Speaker Sir, we propose to organize a North-East festival of Indigenous and Tribal Culture and Games with an aim to present this vivid culture before a large world audience and specially the new generation so that they can connect and appreciate our centuries old heritage. I am earmarking Rs. 10 Cr. for the purpose.
84. Sir, Welfare of Tea Tribes has been on the top of agenda of our Government. This year, we are proposing a significant step towards improving the quality of education at primary level within tea garden areas. It gives me immense pleasure to inform this August Assembly that we will be bringing 436 schools located in the various tea gardens under state government management this year.
85. *Kalyani Sumangala Asoni*: Recognizing the need for taking a holistic approach to address host of problems associated with girl child education in tea garden areas, a comprehensive plan is envisaged. Under this

programme, Education Department, in close coordination with Tea Tribe Welfare Department and Social Welfare Department will identify, map vulnerable girl children. It is aimed to prepare customized plans to provide child-specific interventions to ensure that every girl child's right to quality education is secured and *zero drop-out* is achieved. Conditional cash transfer linked with achievement of pre-defined milestones is one of the significant interventions under this scheme.

86. To improve access to education at secondary level, we have set up 117 Model High Schools in Tea Garden areas. All these schools would be made operational from 10th May, 2022.
87. With twin objectives of skilling youth in tea garden and to facilitate organizing various community based cultural events and marriages, our Government would be building "*Mahaprabhu Jagannath Community and Skill Centre*" in prominent locations of the 800 tea gardens in a phased manner. Accordingly, I am earmarking Rs. 200 Cr. towards this.
88. To take forward the vision of *Har Ghar Jal* of our Honourable Prime Minister, we have prioritized providing piped drinking water connection to the tea gardens. It gives me immense pleasure to inform this Assembly that piped drinking water connection to 1.4 lakh households in the Tea Garden areas has been provided till date. Our Government will ensure that the remaining 2.9 lakh households in the tea gardens are

also connected with functional household tap connection by the end of FY 2022-23.

89. Sir, we are working out a disinvestment strategy for Assam Tea Corporation Ltd (ATCL) to relieve the people from their long-standing uncertainties. In order to ease the distress of the employees, out of total fund requirement, I am earmarking Rs. 142.50 Cr. this year against payment of outstanding liabilities of the Provident fund. The balance liabilities will be paid in 2023-24.
90. To sustain the gained momentum towards holistic development of five ethnic communities of the State, namely *Tai Ahom, Moran, Muttok, Chutia* and *Koch-Rajbonshi*. We committed Rs. 125 Cr. for wellbeing of these communities. Out of this, Rs. 25 Cr. was earmarked last year and Rs. 25 Cr. to each in this budget.
91. Additionally, our Government has promised to streamline issuance of caste certificates. OBC communities will now have their own authorized organizations for recommending issuance of caste certificates to their respective community members. *Muttok* community has already been authorized to issue the same and in this lines other communities shall also be empowered soon. DC and SDO (Civil) may issue caste certificate on the basis of this authorization.

92. The Assam Land Policy, 2019 will also be revisited suitably to secure rights of tribal people over their hereditary land. We propose to allow up to 50 bigha per such tribal family by removing the upper ceiling of eight bigha under Assam Land Policy, 2019.
93. Sir, I would like to emphasize that our Government is taking various steps to empower the Sixth Schedule areas in the true spirit of Memorandum of Settlement. We would be transferring the entitlement grants under single Head of Account to Councils. This step will enable councils of these areas the much needed autonomy in spending, by prioritizing their own developmental needs. This was hitherto done by the Development Commissioner of Hill Areas of Assam.
94. Sir, I am happy to apprise this Assembly that we would be provincializing 10 colleges in BTR.

VII. *Pragyan Bharati*

95. Speaker Sir, our Government accords the highest priority to human resource development. With educational institutions remaining closed for the most part in last two years, we are taking up the challenge of bridging the learning gap due to COVID pandemic in the right earnest.
96. Through *Pragyan Bharati*, we will continue to support our students through the followings:
- providing free text books and textbook assistance to students upto graduation

- hostel mess dues waiver of upto Rs. 2000 per month for under-graduate and post-graduate courses in degree, medical, polytechnic colleges
 - continuing admission fee waiver to all BPL students
 - continuing education loan subsidy under *Abhinandan* scheme
 - providing scooters to all meritorious boys and girls who secure first division in higher secondary examination
 - a mobility grant of Rs. 10,000 per year to girl students pursuing post graduate courses
 - continuing *Anundoram Borooh* award to eligible students passing HSLC
97. Speaker Sir, to guide our bright young minds on the right path, we are re-launching *Aarohan*. Star girls and boys securing first position in Class IX will be taken up for mentoring by the respective Deputy Commissioner. To inspire them to reach greater heights, Deputy Commissioners will arrange exposure visits to premier academic institutes such as IIT Guwahati and frequent interaction with leading academicians, career counsellors. All star students will be provided with Rs. 2000 book grant, mobility grant. Deputy Commissioner will be provided with Rs. 1 lakh per district.
98. I earmark Rs. 410 Cr. for *Pragyan Bharati* activities.\

VIII. *Seuj Axom Abhijan*

99. Sir, the climate action as enunciated in the '*Panchamrit*', announced by our beloved Prime minister is also an important reflection of Assam Government's strong

commitment towards sustainable development. It gives me immense pleasure to announce that we are launching the 'Assam Green Mission' to improve the green cover of the State from 36% to 38 % over a span of 5 years by adopting the *Miyawaki* model.

100. Sir, we have already notified *Raimona and Dehing Patkai* as National Parks and with this, our state is now home to the second highest number of National Parks in the country. It is pertinent to mention that the Government under the dynamic leadership of our Hon'ble Chief Minister is committed to create sufficient infrastructures in the newly notified National Parks.
101. Our Government has been persistently working towards making the *Kaziranga* National Park, a safe habitat for our wild life. This is evident from the significant reduction in number of poaching activities in the last few years. To further strengthen our efforts, we have undertaken renovation of 241 anti-poaching camps across four districts of Golaghat, Nagaon, Biswanath and Sonitpur.
102. To ensure safe passage to wild animals crossing from *Kaziranga* to Karbi Anglong across the NH-715, an elevated corridor of 35 km, 4 lane road with tunnels has been proposed. The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 4,865 Cr.
103. An additional area of 832 hectares had been acquired as 2nd, 3rd and 5th addition to *Kaziranga* National Park and notified during year 1985. The land acquisition has

affected 1085 number of families residing in the area. Our government is committed to pay total amount of Rs. 48.08 Cr. as land compensation and Relief & Rehabilitation package during 2022-23 and help them relocate. Nine elephant corridors will be notified soon after consultations with the stakeholders.

104. The Eco Sensitive Zone (ESZ) of Integrated *Kaziranga* National Park and Tiger Reserve encompassing Eight Protected Areas and reserved forests covering over 3256 sq. km has also been finalized through a multi layered screening and consultation process. This is being submitted to Government of India for notification soon. This will facilitate the harmonious preservation of wildlife & flora, planned growth and development of eco- tourism.
105. In line with the central government's boost to agroforestry in the Union Budget, our Government is also committed to promote agroforestry by raising plantations on culturable wastelands, farm bunds and creating assets for the village panchayat. This will be implemented in the state by involving our farmer friends and the private sector. Towards this, we have already approved establishment of the Assam Agro-Forestry Development Board, as a Not-For-Profit Section 8 Company to incentivize growers to take up tree planting on their lands. Accordingly, I am proposing to earmark an initial fund of Rs. 10 Cr. for 2022-23 for these activities.

106. In line with Government of India's vision to improve Ease Of Living in Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities across the country, we are introducing 200 electric vehicles at a cost of around Rs. 250 Cr. through Smart City project in Guwahati along with an additional 100 CNG buses. Fossil-fuel based buses will be phased out in time to come with a planned strategy.

IX. *Su-Swasthyare Samriddhi*

107. Speaker Sir, our Government has shown its commitment to providing state-of-the-art health care facilities to the people of Assam. Our intent is evident in the way we handled COVID, the advancements we brought into medical education sphere and the special initiatives for cancer treatment, to name a few.

108. Be it our Covid-19 management being praised by the WHO or *NITI Aayog* ranking us as the most improved state in their health index rankings, we have come a long way as a state trying to make a paradigm shift in our health infrastructure. The latest figures of NFHS-5 clearly reflect Assam's big journey of success in the health sector.

109. With respect to Covid-19 management, carrying out vaccination drive on a war footing has been one of our key highlights. We understand that a robust vaccination drive will not only prevent future outbreak of COVID but will also be crucial to opening up the economy completely. Total vaccine dose administered now stands at 4,36,24,953 (1st dose: 2,34,27,101; 2nd dose:

1,99,23,458 and 2,74,394 Precaution Doses) as on 13th March, 2022.

110. To fight cancer incidence in the state, our government has been expeditiously taking steps towards building adequate cancer treatment facilities in the state.
111. In the first phase, ten cancer hospitals are under construction, of which seven hospitals in Dibrugarh, Barpeta, Lakhimpur, Tezpur, Jorhat, Mangaldai and Kokrajhar will be ready for commissioning by May, 2022. The hospital at Silchar and the State Cancer Institute Guwahati will be completed by October, 2022. Diphu Cancer Hospital is targeted to be completed by May, 2023.
112. I am happy to inform the Hon'ble Members that in the second phase, 7 (seven) more cancer hospitals at Dibrugarh, Barpeta, Kokrajhar, Tezpur, Jorhat, Lakhimpur and Darrang as per MoU with Tata Trusts. These construction works will commence within 2022-23.
113. Sir, we propose to introduce Robotic Surgery unit in State Cancer Institute, GMCH.
114. Speaker sir, our Government, in line with the vision of Hon'ble Prime Minister, aims to establish one medical college in every district of Assam. At present 8 Medical College and Hospitals are fully functional. Ongoing works are near completion at Dhubri, Nalbari, Nagaon, Kokrajhar and Tinsukia. The civil works have

commenced at Biswanath, Charaideo and Pragjyotishpur Medical College, that is second medical College at Guwahati. Detailed Project Reports for Dhemaji, Bongaigaon, Morigaon, Golaghat and Tamulpur have been prepared and works will start this year.

115. We propose to establish three new medical colleges in the districts of Sivasagar, Karimganj and Goalpara.
116. A high end super specialty hospital will be set up in the campus of IIT Guwahati for the people of the state. The very idea for creating the super speciality hospital is to boost research and development in biomechanics, bioengineering and robotic surgery alongwith General medicines in the state. This is the first time that a state has come together with an IIT and is set to form a company under the Companies Act, 2013.
117. Sir, our district hospitals are the back bone of secondary health care in the state. With upgradation of these hospitals to Medical Colleges, a perceived gap of quality secondary care will be addressed. We plan to start Super Speciality wings in the state at Barpeta, Silchar, Diphu, Jorhat, Tezpur and Lakhimpur Medical College District Hospitals. The cost of this JICA project is Rs. 3798 Cr. With assistance of World Bank, 10 new district hospitals with high end nursing college and augmentation of other services is also in pipeline with the project cost of Rs. 2197 Cr. We will also be introducing telemedicine, tele-ICU and e-Hospital

facilities in these hospitals to make the best healthcare facilities to the people living in remotest corner of the state.

118. Sir, we are also proposing to attach one BSc Nursing College/ GNM Nursing School to each Medical College in order to cater the increasing needs of highly qualified nurses in the state.
119. Sir, I am happy to inform this Assembly that our Government has fulfilled its promise of establishing fully functional government hospitals in the ATC Gardens. Fourteen hospitals have already been established, and one more will be made functional during the next financial year.
120. Our Government, as part of ambitious expansion of primary care near to home, has initiated establishment of 1000 *Buniyadi Swasthya Kendras* in the state. In the first year, work on 100 such centres has started and in FY 2022-23, we will be taking up another 200 Sub centres for upgrading them into *Buniyadi Swasthya Kendras*.
121. In sync with Union Government's renewed focus on traditional system of medicines, two new Ayurveda colleges at Dudhnoi and Palashbari will be set up in Assam.
122. Speaker Sir, the pain and agony that parents go through in case they have a child who suffers from Cerebral palsy is absolutely unfathomable. It appears, as if life

has come to a stop for such families. The families have to bear recurring costs towards medical treatment and physiotherapy which in some cases, maybe lifelong. The Government cannot be a silent spectator. Our Hon'ble Chief Minister has taken that extra foot forward to help all such families in need – both financially and emotionally. A *Sneha Sparsh Plus* scheme is hereby proposed to support the children who suffer from Cerebral palsy. Parents of such children incur huge costs in their rehabilitation and the Government stands with these children who are special gifts of God. We truly believe in the dictum – *With you, for you, always*.

X. Mission Basundhara

123. As the Hon'ble members are aware, one of the most important schemes of the present Government, Mission *Basundhara*, was launched on October 2, 2021, with the aim to transform land related service delivery.
124. In the implementation journey of the mission, over 8 lakh applications received across 9 services offered, out of which over 5 lakh have already been disposed and rest of them are on their way to disposal before the completion of the first year of the present Government on May 10, 2022. Since its launch, the mission has witnessed unprecedented support of people which has reaffirmed the felt need for streamlining land records ecosystem as land is at the core of inclusive, resilient, and sustainable development.

125. The polygon survey of 664 non-cadastral villages has been completed and the detailed survey of these villages is being chartered to mainstream the digitized land records, maps and conferring property rights to the inhabitants. It is strived not to leave any area un-surveyed in the State.
126. To further build on the people movement, Government will launch Mission *Basundhara 2.0* to offer next generation land related services with a roadmap to conclusive titles which are not only secure and immutable but also amenable to extend title guarantees in future with a forward-looking Legislative framework. This Mission 2.0 will enable realization of land revenue from the rightful owner and enable her to use land as collateral which shall unlock the value of the land. Under this mission, the state government shall bring about technology so that once a land is registered in the name of a person the mutation in the Record of Right (RoR) shall happen directly.
127. The services of the mission offered in the first phase will continue under Mission *Basundhara 2.0* considering the necessity of updation and purification of land records to eliminate all legacy issues.
128. It is also a fact that in many Village Grazing Reserve (VGR) and Professional Grazing Reserve (PGR) indigenous people have been living since generations but the Government has not been able to provide them land rights due to various reasons. We are considering

earmarking new VGRs and PGRs in some other part of the district and giving land rights to such persons on the existing occupied land.

129. I would like to grant my sincere appreciation to all the officers and staffs working under this Mission. I am earmarking Rs. 75 Cr. towards Mission *Basundhara* in this financial year.

XI. Standing with Our Employees

130. Speaker Sir, I have the pleasure to inform this August House that the State Government has provided additional Dearness Allowance (DA) of 11% to its employees and pensioners. It would cost the state exchequer an additional Rs. 195 Cr. a month. Another 3% increase in DA has been announced, which will involve further expenditure of Rs. 58.26 Cr. per month.
131. To reduce the hardship faced by the pensioners, our Government has launched *KRITAGYATA* portal for online processing of pension orders. *Pension Seva Kendras* are being set up all over the state to facilitate processing of pension applications and its timely sanction.
132. Going forward, we will provide all the post-retirement benefits – payment of GPF, Gratuity, Leave Encashment and GIS through single window interface. The requisite delegation to field offices / DDOs is on anvil.
133. A total amount of Rs. 129.89 Cr. has been earmarked this year towards interest subvention for state

government employees under *Apun Ghar* and *Bidyalakshmi* scheme at subsidized rate of interest. *Apon Ghar* in itself has facilitated cheaper home loan worth Rs. 4307 Cr. benefitting 33,030 employees till date.

134. Our Government in its continued efforts to facilitate better health care facilities for the State Government employees and pensioners along with their dependents intends to adopt a simplified process through a digital platform for facilitating medical reimbursement to the employees and pensioners in a time bound manner. *Atal Amrit Abhiyan* Society will be the nodal agency under which a dedicated IT portal would be launched which will facilitate all processing of proposals for release of the admissible amount to the employees/pensioners within a specified time limit. The concept of empaneled hospitals will be withdrawn so that employees can avail medical service from quality hospitals of their choice.
135. The salaries of computer and additional teachers under Directorate of Secondary Education will be made ceiling exempted, enabling timely monthly payment.
136. Keeping in line with the Assam Elementary & Secondary School Teacher's (Regulation and Transfer) Act 2020, mutual transfer, inter-district transfer and intra-district transfer of single teacher will be done online hosted at <https://hrmsassam.in> ensuring no human interference.

XII. Climate Resilient Agriculture

If Conservation of Natural Resources goes Wrong, Nothing else will go Right

...MS Swaminathan

137. Hon'ble Prime Minister has given a clarion call for promoting natural farming which is based on production of natural cow-based fertilizers and pesticides at low/ no cost at the farm itself. This approach is climate friendly and highly sustainable as it eliminates the requirement of chemical fertilizers. Government of Assam proposes to carry out extensive training and demonstration for popularizing of natural farming among farmers.
138. To address key issues of creating and aggregating agricultural value chains in Assam, Government is notifying an Agriculture Commission headed by a scientist of international repute. The Commission will identify bottlenecks and devise a road map to resolve all the issues constraining production and productivity in the agriculture and allied sectors in next five years. This will immensely benefit our farmers and boost the rural economy.
139. Year 2023 has been declared as the *International Year of Millets* by United Nations, Government of Assam would also observe 2023 as the year of millets in full and true spirit. Millets can address the problem of malnutrition particularly in children and women. The

Karbi belt of the state already cultivates millet. It is proposed to set up Assam Millets Mission for further increasing the production and productivity of Millets along with development of recipes for adoption of millet products in the diet of the people of Assam.

140. The State has a large population of livestock but the area under fodder crops is very limited. Currently, most of the animal feed comes from outside the state draining farmer's hard earned money. Therefore, to ensure self-sufficiency in fodder production, Assam Fodder Mission is proposed to be set up.
141. Realizing the huge scope and potential of seed production of many crops in the State, it is proposed to revive 40 seed farms under Assam Seed Corporation Limited and Directorate of Agriculture with an allocation of Rs. 10 Cr. this year. These farms after strengthening will be utilized mainly for breeder and foundation seed production. This will help in ensuring long term self-sufficiency of the State in many crops.

XIII. Food Security

142. Sir, our Government has always put welfare of the vulnerable sections of the society above any fiscal mathematics and spent extensively towards providing a safety net of food security through implementation of *Affordable Nutrition and Nourishment Assistance (ANNA) Yojana*. In the current year, 2.5 Cr. beneficiaries under National Food Security Act (NFSA)

have been provided rice free of cost every month. Moreover, all beneficiaries under NFSA have been provided additional 5 Kg of Rice per person per month free of cost under *Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana* (PMGKAY). We will continue ANNA Yojana in the year 2022-23 with a financial outlay of Rs. 488.68 Cr.

143. In order to ensure inter-state and intra-state portability e-POS devices have already been installed in 28,492 of FPS dealers against a target of 33,987 across the state under *One Nation One Ration card scheme* (ONRC).
144. As a major financial reform for faster release of payment to the transporters and FP shop dealers, the state share of the transportation cost and Dealers' margin has been exempted from ceiling and the financial power has been delegated to the Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Department. Further, for smooth and uninterrupted lifting and distribution of food grains allocated under ANNA Yojana and PMGKAY, the State Government has released about Rs. 688 Cr. to the districts for payment as transportation cost and FPS dealers' margin during the financial year 2021-22.
145. The Government of Assam is going to commence the Decentralized Procurement Scheme (DCP) from the Kharif Marketing Season 2022-23. It is proposed to set up 150 Paddy Procurement Centres (PPCs) and at least 30 Rice receiving depots (RRD). It is expected that about Rs. 1940 Cr. shall go directly to the farmers

through DCP operation, eliminating middlemen. A rolling fund of Rs. 350 Cr. under Chief Minister's *Samagra Gram Unnayan Yojana* (CMS-GUY) will be created. To promote this in a systematic manner and achieve the target of 10 lakh MT Paddy procurement, we are creating necessary infrastructure by providing 50% capital subsidy. Under CMS-GUY, 84 mills, 110 godowns and 200 drier units are going to be set up soon. To incentivize participation in paddy procurement, Rs. 70 per quintal is proposed to be given as subsidy to rice millers over and above Rs. 10 per quintal, presently being given by the Government of India.

146. Around 10000 model *anganwadi* centres that are set to come up in the state will purchase rice directly from Food Corporation of India. The money saved by this process will be utilized to supply other food items. Adequate fund has been provisioned for setting up 2000 centres.

XIV. POWERing Assam

147. Speaker Sir, firstly, I would like to thank our Honourable Union Finance Minister, Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman ji for allowing states an additional 0.5 percent borrowing tied to power sector reforms in the recently presented budget. This has given us a substantial headroom to carry out structural reforms in the power sector.

148. The State Government since the past several months has been very keen to introduce several key reform measures in the sector.
149. These include converting Rs. 4290 Cr. of State Government loan and grant given to APDCL in past years to equity. It has resulted into additional claim of RoE by Rs. 270 Cr. annually.
150. State Government has further written off Rs. 346 Cr. of unpaid interest. It has increased the creditworthiness of the balance sheet of APDCL.
151. Government of Assam has released Rs. 500 Cr. as power purchase subsidy and Rs. 480 Cr. as targeted subsidy to APDCL to keep the tariff at lower levels to provide relief to consumers.
152. In sync with India's *Panchamrit* commitment at COP-26, Government of Assam has decided to launch *Mukhya Mantri Souro Shakti Prokolpo* to increase the generation of clean energy in the state by installing solar power generation plants with an aggregated installed capacity of 1000 MW across the state in the next three years. The solar power projects will be implemented on unused Government land and water bodies. Survey works for identification of suitable sites has already begun. Amguri Solar Power Project of 70 MW capacity will be commissioned soon with an investment of Rs. 300 Cr in this regard. Work on Namrup Solar Power of 20 MW and Majuli Solar power of 20 MW will be

commencing soon with a funding of 200 Cr. The total cost of the Project will be Rs. 4000 Cr.

153. APGCL has taken up a Hydro Power Project namely 120 MW Lower Kopili Hydro Electric Project with a cost of Rs. 2127 Cr. in Dima Hasao District with assistance of Government of India and ADB. The work has already been started on the project. Two hydro power projects of 46.5 MW along the Borpani River in Karbi Anglong district have also been planned for implementation shortly. A major Thermal Power Project of 100 MW Namrup Replacement Power Project Phase-II (NRPP Phase-II) and 100 MW Namrup Gas Engine Project are also in the pipeline. Total financial outlay for this project would be Rs. 2500 Cr.

XV. Creating Ecosystem for Industrial Growth

154. Speaker sir, today states are competing with each other for investment. Because of geographical disadvantages, the state of Assam has a challenge to attract more investment. Therefore, instead of having a general Industrial Policy, customized Industrial Policy will be developed.
155. In order to promote investment and accelerate industrial development State Government is bringing out new Industrial and Investment Policy 2022. The policy will cover all verticals for industrial growth in Assam. Apart from hospitals, hotels and cruise services, other two services namely, Ship Building and Vehicle Scrap

Processing Facility will also be included in industrial sector for various incentives under the new policy.

156. Capacity Expansion of Existing Manufacturing units will also be eligible for incentives under the policy.
157. Enhanced incentives will be provided under the new policy for units established in the Hilly Areas of Karbi Anglong and Dima Hasao Autonomous Councils.
158. Customised and special incentives like tax incentives, capital subsidy, production linked incentives (PLI) amongst others will be provided to the Mega Industries, with investment of Rs. 100 Cr. or more. Based on the nature of industry, quantum of investment and job creation by the mega industries, Government will provide enhanced incentives, relaxation and exemption. All these aspects will be considered by an Empowered Group of Secretaries who will examine the specific proposals and then submit their recommendation for consideration of the State Government.
159. Speaker Sir, to ensure long term financial sustainability of the Tea industry and to increase Orthodox tea production, this government under the able leadership of Honourable Chief Minister has come up with the scheme "*Assam Tea Industries Special Incentives Scheme*" (ATSIS). I am extremely happy to inform this August House that we have sanctioned around Rs. 45 Cr. till date as Interest subvention, production and capital subsidy. This scheme will continue this year also.

XVI. Tejasvi Navadhitamastu Edu-Infra Funds (TNEIF)

Higher Education is the Strongest, Sturdiest ladder to increased Socio-Economic Mobility

.....Drew Faust

160. Speaker Sir, in continuing with Government's focus on improving the higher educational eco-system in the state and creating centres of excellence through universities to promote research and innovation. We are allocating funds from NIDA to following six universities:

Sl.	University	Amount (Rs. in Crore)
1	Majuli University	50
2	Rabindranath Tagore University	50
3	Bhattadev University	50
4	Madhabdev University	50
5	<i>Birangana Sati Sadhini State</i> University	50
6	<i>Aniruddhadev Sports</i> University	50

161. We will elevate Sibsagar college, Kokrajhar Government college, Bongaigaon college, Jagannath Barooah College, Jorhat, North Lakhimpur College, Handique Girl's college, Nagaon college into Universities in the coming three years. Infrastructure development will be initiated by engaging architects to

design state-of-the-art infrastructures. Towards this, I am earmarking adequate sums in the Budget.

162. Acknowledging the historic role played by Guwahati University in building modern Assam and on the occasion of its platinum jubilee, we are allocating Rs. 25 Cr. for start up ecosystem.
163. In the spirit of co-operative federalism, for the first time, our Government is contributing to the infrastructural development of central universities in Assam. We propose to provide Rs. 15 Cr. each to Assam University, Silchar and Tezpur University, Tezpur during the financial year 2022-23.
164. We are allocating Rs. 25 Cr. to Assam Agriculture University, Jorhat for up-gradation of infrastructure of colleges under it.
165. Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Guwahati, which has been set up at the behest of Government of Assam, has been contributing to the development sector in the North East enormously since the year 2009. To give a boost to its infrastructure, we propose to provide Rs. 15 Cr. in financial year 2022-23.
166. We propose Rs. 10 Cr. in financial year 2022-23 towards building infrastructure in Indian Institute of Information Technology (IIIT) campus. IIIT has an immense role to play, as Assam makes a paradigm shift towards using tech-based services for governance.

167. An amount of Rs. 10 Cr has also been earmarked for building a Science block in Haflong College. This year our Government is also proposing a new Science College at Kaliabor.
168. *Mahapurusha Srimanta Sankaradeva Viswa Vidhyalaya* has been striving to impart value-based education harmonizing technical excellence with spiritual and moral values. Recognizing the significance of this university, our Government proposes to provide grants-in-aid support for payment of 75 per cent salary of its faculty members.
169. The salaries of faculty members and staffs of universities are processed through the ceiling route due to which they face challenges in receiving salaries in time. From now on, the allocated budget can be drawn in 12 equal installments throughout the year without the requirement of any ceiling.
170. Speaker Sir, it is with great pleasure, I announce that the meeting of Hon'ble Chief Minister with Chairman of Tata Sons in February, 2022 proved to be very productive. The Government of Assam and Tata Technologies Limited is entering into an agreement this month to upgrade the Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) and Polytechnics in the State. Tata Technologies along with 20 plus industry partners would invest Rs. 2,000 Cr. in the said project, which includes introduction of new short-term & long-term trades, providing advanced equipment for workshops/technology labs, and training

of faculty members. The ITIs and Polytechnics will be developed as Centres of Excellence for Industry 4.0 required skill sets. The Government of Assam would provide built-up space of 10,000 Sq. ft. in each of the institutes for setting up Technology labs and Workshops, besides water and electricity provisions.

171. The *Bhasha Gourab* Scheme has been implemented to promote and preserve different languages of Assam. Under this scheme, the Government has enabled a corpus fund for 21 indigenous *Sahitya Sabhas* and provide a one time assistance to authors under *Lekhak Sambardhana*. This year Rs. 28 Cr. is budgeted for this scheme.

XVII. Youth Commission and *Mukhya Mantri Vikas aru Niyog Asoni*

The Youth of Today are the Leaders of Tomorrow

.....Nelson Mandela

172. Speaker Sir, our Government has already decided to set up a Youth Commission under *Mukhya Mantri Vikas aru Niyog Asoni*. Under the scheme, candidate will be enrolled in intensive coaching for employment in all India/State/ Civil services /SSC/ Banking/ Insurance sectors/ PSUs/ Central Armed Police Forces – to have longer representation of our youths in these services. All such training, to be conducted under experienced hands, will be free, coupled with the lodging and boarding the candidates for such training module will be carefully selected from across the districts.

173. Besides this, the Government has already constituted the Assam State Youth Commission, which will also help our youths in getting gainful employment and skill upgradation. The commission will also provide a platform for interaction and handhold support to the youths from the state who are employed outside. The Commission will actively engage with the youth clubs, NSS, NCC cadets etc.
174. To provide teeth to its functions, the youth Commission will have quasi-judicial powers on the lines of other such Commissions. The Commission has been constituted with one Chairperson and eight other members.

XVIII. Amrit-Guwahati Integrated Global City (*Amrit GiG City*):

175. Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi in his Independence Day speech called for making the next 25 years a glorious *Amrit Kaal* with “*new thresholds, aspirations, and dreams*”. Assam is the gateway to other northeastern states and other countries in Southeast Asia. Assam's *Amrit Kaal* moment is proposed to be introduced with its new aspiration to create a new-age, world-class integrated business city- *Amrit-Guwahati Integrated Global City (Amrit-GiG City)*. The new *Amrit-GiG* city will encompass new ambitions, new hopes and a new dawn of the new Assam but deeply rooted in our culture.
176. The proposed *Amrit-GiG* city would be fully planned in an area of 1000 acres and integrated with a blend of

world class infrastructure for next generation industries along with new age residential and social infrastructure.

177. Sir, as announced by Union Finance Minister in her budget speech 2022-23, a new legislation shall replace the Special Economic Zones Act, 2005 enabling states to encapsulate its new provisions and making way for states to become partners in Development of Enterprise and Service hubs (ESH). Our state is expected to benefit from ESH and it will be a vital component of *Amrit-GiG* city.
178. Our State is gradually moving towards climate friendly initiatives and sustainable energy sources. As an attempt to reduce the carbon footprint, zero-emission-based green systems would become the central pillar of the infrastructure envisioned in *Amrit-GiG* city. This would tap climate finance from the global markets, and the finance from the State Government would help catalyze the mobilizing of private investment. World-renowned consultants will be entrusted to prepare the master plan. Phase-I is proposed to be completed by 2030 and Phase-II by 2035.

MAJOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

I. Tea and River Tourism

179. Assam is home to one of the oldest and best tea gardens in the world. Some of these tea gardens are located in picturesque surroundings with potential to become great tourist destinations. However,

accessibility and lack of lodging facilities around the tea garden come in the way and normal tourists are not able to enjoy the bounty of nature surrounding these tea gardens. We propose to provide capital infrastructure support for building guest houses/tourist facility inside the tea garden upto Rs 2 Cr each to 50 selected tea gardens during 2022 -23 to promote tea tourism. The tea gardens will also be permitted to undertake non tea cultivation activities such as agro forestry, solar power projects etc which will also add to their income. I am earmarking Rs 50 Crore this year for this purpose.

180. River tourism circuit will be developed along Brahmaputra covering Manas and Kaziranga Parks. River cruise including the luxury ones will be plying on this route.

II. Assam Knowledge Network

181. Sir, this Government intends to build a high speed - Assam Knowledge Network on the lines of National Knowledge Network for equipping state Institutions with high speed internet. AMTRON is operating the Assam State Wide Area Network (ASWAN), built between 2008 to 2010 as a part of NeGP infrastructure to facilitate as a common internet backbone for e-Government applications. As a part of ASWAN, 280 points of presence (PoPs) created across Assam to connect mainly Block and Circle offices with a 2 Mbps bandwidth and in operation since then. AMTRON has laid 2000

km optical fiber and 250 wireless communication towers for connecting Offices. Under the proposed programme, 1500 institutions will be connected, covering all colleges and Higher Secondary Schools. Accordingly, an amount of Rs. 95 Cr. is provisioned to be spent over the next 3 years and towards this I am earmarking 23.75 Cr in this financial year.

III. **Ensuring Protection of Our Children**

182. Sir, we propose to establish a dedicated **Orphan Care Centre** in every district of Assam. These will be run through qualified NGOs to be identified in every district.
183. We are also reconstituting the **District Child Rights Committee** in every district making them broad-based with inclusion of elected representatives and members from the community.

IV. **Family Identity Card**

184. Speaker Sir, at the time of extending benefits under certain schemes, family becomes a very distinct unit. Our Government proposes to introduce the Assam Family Identity Card with the objective to know the number of families so that beneficiary oriented schemes can be better targeted.

V. **Augmentation of Corpus of Contingency Fund**

185. Sir, under Article 205 and 206 of the Constitution of India, we have decided to raise the corpus of the *Contingency Fund* from the present Rs. 200 Cr. to Rs.

2000 Cr. This will enable us to meet the expenditure related to unforeseen events like natural calamities, pandemic and provide much needed cushion for fulfilling state's commitment in Mission/programs/ big ticket projects.

VI. Boosting Sports Infrastructure

186. Sir, under the able leadership of our Hon'ble Chief Minister, we are boosting the sports infrastructure in Assam to groom budding sportspersons from the state. It gives me immense pleasure to inform this August House that the Rajiv Gandhi Indoor stadium at Amingaon is being upgraded as National Badminton Academy constituting world-class infrastructure. The existing field at Amingaon will be upgraded as per the norms of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI). A new football stadium and synthetic track are proposed to be developed as per standards of Sports Authority of India to accommodate around 10000 spectators.
187. The stadium at Jorhat will be upgraded for Indian Premier League and other international matches along with the facilities for football field and synthetic track of international standards. Further, indoor stadium for badminton, basketball, volleyball etc. will be upgraded as per standards of Sports Authority of India.

VII. Beautification of Circuit House

188. Sir, we would be renovating all old circuit houses in phased manner. We propose to construct the Circuit

Houses in 11 Districts and Sub Divisions namely, Bajali, Dhemaji, Sadiya, Nagaon, Hailakandi, South Salmara, Biswanath, Majuli, Lakhimpur, Titabar and Lakhimpur. These Circuit houses at suitable locations will be designed along the lines of heritage bungalows.

VIII. One General Budget Head

189. We are taking several budgetary reforms to increase transparency and expedite execution of various schemes. During this year, we have notified new financial architecture, empowering departments and directorates to implement budgetary promises expeditiously. As another step in this direction, a Global Head of Account is created under Public Works (Building) to facilitate smooth implementation of construction work under various departments within the state. I am earmarking around Rs. 2035 Cr for the same.

IX. Excise Reforms

190. Sir, our Government proposes to allow the option of conversion of the existing IMFL 'ON' licenses to IMFL 'OFF' licenses in the rural areas in a limited manner with a conversion fee. Further, we propose to develop different fee slabs for shops situated in Municipal Corporation/Municipal Board/ Town Committee areas.
191. In order to reduce compliance burden, the Government proposes to empower the Deputy Commissioners to transfer the IMFL shop licenses to the legal heir or next of kin of the deceased license holder without any reference to the Government.

192. To strengthen enforcement by Excise Department, we are setting up a Modern Assam Excise Chemical Laboratory at Guwahati Biotech Park (GBP), Amingaon. An MoU has been signed between Excise Department, GBP and Assam Society for Comprehensive Financial Management System to leverage the existing infrastructure and skilled manpower of GBP to set up this state of the art lab.
193. As per the provision of the Assam Excise Rule, 2016, affixing of tampering -free high security holograms with QR code on liquor bottle has been introduced for the first time in the state. This step will facilitate *tracking and tracing* of products with twin objectives of protecting consumers from buying counterfeit liquor and curbing evasion of duty through sale of smuggled liquor.

X. Swanirbhar Naari

194. To boost the local handloom weavers, our Government proposes to procure local hand woven products like *Gamocha, Aronai, Dumer* under the *Swa-nirbhar Nari* scheme with an initial fund of Rs. 80 Cr. Under this scheme, the procurement would be done online through 87 procurement Centers all over the state from weavers registered in a dedicated portal and the payment shall be made into the account of the weavers within 24 hours. All procedural formalities for the same have been completed. Sir, this scheme will go a long way in protecting the originality of Assamese design and textile along with improving the financial condition of weavers

and developing a good electronic data base of weavers engaged in the handloom sector. Towards this I am earmarking Rs. 76 Cr in this Financial year.

XI. Garukhuti Project

195. Speaker Sir, one dedicated and pro-indigenous experiment of our Government was to free 77,420 bighas of land in Garukhuti under Sipajhar Block in Darrang district and we have been able to achieve this objective. 134 Ecological Task Forces have already been deployed and massive afforestation activities are going on in this area. Further, 108 Gir cows have been imported so far from Bhavnagar, Gujarat and 500 more will be brought shortly. We will continue to support this initiative this year too.

XII. 10 Lakh Litre Milk Everyday

196. The State Government and National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to form a joint venture for holistic development of the dairy sector in the state. The aim is to create capacity to process over 10 lakh litres of milk every day in the state. This will benefit more than 1.75 lakh dairy farmers and will cause huge employment generation across the milk value chain. The joint venture will be responsible for setting up six dairy processing facilities across Assam where milk from more than 4100 dairy cooperative societies will be processed, packed and marketed. I am allocating Rs. 37.25 Cr towards this purpose.

XIII. Urban Infrastructure Development Fund

197. Speaker Sir, City Infrastructure Development Fund (CIDF) scheme has not been successful in living up to our aspirations of developing Urban infrastructure and it lacks visible impact on the ground. Our Government has decided to discontinue the scheme but remain committed to clear all past liabilities. Instead, there will be Urban Infrastructure Development Fund. This fund will be available to all Municipal towns of the State and will be used primarily for shifting of old Jails and creating open spaces, building Auditorium, with a seating capacity of upto 1000, water supply projects and Solid waste management schemes and Inter State Bus Terminus. This Fund will be available on first come first serve basis. I will encourage Hon'ble MLAs to come up with good modern infrastructure. We are going to spend 1000 Cr on this project within three years starting with Rs. 250 Cr. allocation in 2022-23.

XIV. Creation of Municipal Service Cadre

198. Sir, urban local bodies had officials working in additional capacity for long. We propose to create three municipal cadres under the "Assam Municipalities (Amendment) Act, 2017" to improve the efficiency and professionalism within the municipal boards of the state. The proposed municipal cadres are:
- a. The Assam Urban Administrative Service,
 - b. The Assam Urban Administrative Engineering Service and

c. The Assam Urban Financial Service.

XV. Axom Adarxo Gram Yojana

199. Speaker Sir, the *Axom Adarxo Gram Yojana* was taken up for creating 250 model villages for promoting holistic development. So far 27 districts have completed the base-line survey of the villages and 17 districts have completed the entry point activities. For the financial year 2022-23, I have earmarked an amount of Rs. 118 Cr. This fund is provided to improve infrastructure in institutions like schools, Anganwadi centres, health sub-centres, water supply schemes, veterinary sub-centres and community assets like *naamghar*, community centers, cremation ground, *ranga mancha*, amongst others. One young Assam Civil Service officer from the state headquarter will adopt a village, guide the village community and act as their guardian at the state level.

XVI. Mukhya Mantrir Bijnan Pratibha Sandham

200. Sir, our Government proposes to launch the "*Mukhya Mantrir Bijnan Pratibha Sandham*" to identify and nurture 100 young scientific minds, including 50 girls, every year from Secondary level through different level of selection procedure. The selected students will undergo one year mentoring in a chosen institute (National Chemical Laboratory, Indian Institute of Science, Defence Research and Development Organization, Indian Space Research Organization, Tata Institute of Fundamental Research) primarily and accordingly, adequate remuneration will be provided to the mentor.

XVII. Chief Minister's Fellowship for Climate Resilient Villages

201. We propose to launch a fellowship programme to explore solution for developing climate resilient villages in Assam. Graduate and Post Graduate students from Science and Engineering stream will be encouraged to participate in this programme under guidance of assigned Scientific institution. The Fellowship will be Rs. 20,000.00 per month for a period of 1 year. We propose to engage 100 fellows who will be adopting 10 villages initially.

XVIII. One District One Product (ODOP)

202. In order to align with clarion call of '*Atmanirbhar Bharat*' by our beloved Prime Minister, the Department of Industries is propagating the **One District One Product (ODOP)** movement. The objective of this ambitious movement is to identify one product per district based on the potential and strength of a district, develop a cluster to produce world-class product with quality, scalability and a brand. A detailed exercise has been undertaken in the State and one product for each district has been duly identified. The products identified for the districts relate to the food processing sector and items like silk, tea, handicrafts, cane and bamboo primarily.

203. In order to further develop the MSME ecosystem and promote ODOP concept in the State, Government of Assam and SIDBI have signed a Memorandum of

Understanding. Key objectives of this MoU include providing equity support, interest subvention, evaluation of potential infrastructure projects, facilitation of credit inflow into MSMEs. SIDBI has committed an amount of Rs 350 Cr. to support the initiative of State Government in development of several Primary Processing Centers and other industrial infrastructure. It is also proposed to organise a State Level Exhibition to show case district wise identified products and their export potential.

XIX. Start up Mission

204. Speaker Sir, we propose to implement the *Start-up Policy* in this financial year. Government will provide financial grant for developing their ideas into prototypes and for launching of the pilot projects for testing their viability in the market. It is proposed to create a Start-up investment fund for providing venture capital to the aspiring youth. We are earmarking Rs. 9.50 Cr. for this.

DEPARTMENTS

Act East Policy Affairs Department

Growing together with the natural partners

205. Sir, it is very important to leverage our geo strategic significance. Our state is blessed to be located at the confluence of South East and South Asia, which makes ASEAN and the Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal Initiative (BBIN) countries our natural partner. Realizing this, Department of Act East policy has been set up in the year 2017 and within a short span of time, this Department has been able to play an instrumental role in improving ties with our eastern neighbours.
206. A Round Table Conference of ambassadors and high commissioners of ASEAN and BBIN bloc countries were held in the year 2019. Also a SAMPARK Yatra was organized where Hon'ble MLAs and beauracrats travelled to Bangladesh and Myanmar in the same year. Due to Covid Pandemic the activities of the Department suffered extensively in last couple of years. However, this Department plans to launch *Kumar Bhaskar Varma Scheme* for promotion of Act-East Policy to provide financial support to individuals and institutions conducting research, seminars, cultural exchange programmes etc. A mega cultural meet involving BBIN and ASEAN bloc countries and all the eight north-eastern states is also being envisaged along with SAMPARK Yatra 2.0.

207. I hereby propose Rs. 2.34 Cr.

Administrative Reforms, Training, Pension and Public Grievance Department

Minimum Government Maximum Governance

208. Speaker Sir, to ensure an efficient administration, it is quintessential to have a transparent and responsive system which would cater to the needs of time. In view of this, the department has started a slew of initiatives, the most notable amongst which is the *Project Sadbhavana* launched by our Hon'ble Chief Minister Dr Himanta Biswa Sarma. It will be a mission mode project to dispose of old pending files in Assam Secretariat within 10th May, 2022. An online portal has been developed through which citizens may submit their grievances.
209. Under the World Bank funded Assam Citizen Centric Service Delivery Project, significant progress has been made in streamlining and augmenting service delivery with seamless digital experiences at every touch-point. Currently, 55 services under Right to Public Service (RTPS), related to seven departments are in the portal and 40 more services will be onboarded very shortly.
210. Four training institutes for grade III and grade IV staff have been taken up in Guwahati, Majuli, Bongaigaon and Silchar. Another laudable initiative of this department is the *Mukhya Mantir Yuva Vikasharu Niyog Achoni*, under which, the effort is to develop the

professional capacities of talented youth of marginalized sections and to enable them to get employment in the diverse sectors across the country.

211. The Pension and Public Grievance department have been recently merged with the Department. It has launched an online portal *Kritagyata* for state Government pensioners to submit and track their pension proposals.

212. I hereby propose to allocate Rs. 9588.19 Cr.

Agriculture Department

Doubling farmer's income

213. Speaker Sir, every walk of Assamese life is centred around agriculture, which forms the basis of our social, economic and cultural lives. Therefore I am happy to say that a significant increase in agricultural production and productivity has been observed in the last couple of years. Under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana, 11 lakh farmers have been enrolled. And an amount of around Rs. 1100 Crores have been disbursed amongst 13 lakh eligible farmers under PM-Kisan. Under the RIDF, distribution of around 19,000 Tube Wells (STWs) have been taken up in the current financial year.

214. This department also looks after the horticulture sector and two new schemes, namely the Floriculture Mission and Backyard Kitchen are also proposed to improve the production of commercial flowers and vegetables respectively.

215. I therefore propose Rs. 1823.13 Cr this year.

Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Department

Leveraging the animal wealth

216. Speaker Sir, this sector plays a vital role in the rural economy and is a key to double farmers' income in coming years. In lean agricultural period, the animal wealth acts as a shield to the rural folks and therefore, in order to facilitate doorstep delivery of services to the farmers, mobile veterinary ambulatory clinics have been procured.

217. State of the art critical Veterinary hospitals are being established at Guwahati, Dibrugarh and Bokakhat to provide 24*7 services with modern diagnostics, treatment and emergency facilities. In order to fulfil the market demand of pork within the state ,2 lakh farmers will be assisted through credit linked capital subsidy for scientific breeding. Similarly, under Chief Minister's Special Intervention Programme in poultry sub sector, 281 entrepreneurs will be supported to establish poultry farms. Also, various milestones have been achieved this year in the Dairy Development Sector. A 5000 litre capacity milk processing plant is also being planned at Dhemaji.

218. I therefore propose Rs. 589.49 Cr this year.

Border Protection and Development Department

Protecting our land, our borders, our tomorrow

219. Assam shares internal boundaries with six sisters of North East, with a total length of around 2,600 kms. Such border areas are languishing behind in terms of development. With an aim to make an all round progress and instill a sense of security to the residents of the areas, top priority is assigned to providing better road connectivity.
220. This Government has taken all possible steps to come close to settle the border disputes with the neighbouring states once for all. The negotiations with Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Mizoram and Meghalaya are moving in a positive direction.
221. Construction works of border outposts (BOP) are going on in both Assam-Meghalaya and Assam-Arunachal borders. Steps have also been taken to constitute the BOP management committees for proper management and infrastructure development. It is worth apprising the August House that border festivals at Kaziranga, Tezpur and Hailakandi, involving the seven sisters of North east and West Bengal, are proposed to be organized in this financial year to exude bonhomie.
222. I hereby propose to allocate Rs. 53.33 Cr.

Cooperation Department

United we stand

223. Speaker Sir, the cooperative movement of Assam has immensely contributed to the economy of the state. In order to motivate the cooperative societies in different

categories, an award has been constituted in the name '*Bishista Samabai Manyata Bota*'. With the aim to enhance and create self-sufficiency in rural storage, this department has taken up construction of rural godowns under the RIDF program. The department is also planning to set up agriculture and allied farming cooperative societies in line with the Gorukhuti model in this financial year.

224. I hereby propose to allocate Rs. 192.76 Cr.

Cultural Affairs Department

Preserving Heritage

225. Speaker Sir, this Government realizes the importance of preservation of the state's vibrant culture in its pure form and content. Therefore, this department has organized many national and state level cultural programs in various parts of the country. Due to the recurring waves of COVID-19 pandemic, the mobile theatre industry has been badly affected. Extending support to this sector, financial assistance of Rs. 10 lakh has been provided to 17 theatre groups. Development activities have also been taken up by this department and most of them have been referred to under the Flagship scheme.- Quest for cultural identity.A studio with state of the art technology is planned to be established in Khumtai.

226. I hereby propose to allocate Rs. 204.14 Cr.

Education (Elementary) Department

Aai'r matot xuriya xaikhob

227. Speaker Sir, Goal 4 of the Sustainable Development Goals seeks to ensure inclusive, equitable quality education and promoting lifelong learning opportunities for all. In line with this, the Education (Elementary) Department strives to provide free and compulsory education by creating inclusive spaces for all. In this year, free textbooks are provided to more than 40 lakh learners of Government and provincialized schools in the state. Special interventions have been taken up to mainstream the 'out of school' children by providing bridge courses and establishing training centers for their integration to the formal schools. In this year, more than 80,000 such children were identified and provided support. This department also looks after the learning requirements of the children with special needs. Around 60,000 such children were identified and extended support.

228. With an aim to transform 1,000 selected schools into centers of excellence, a programme called *Pratyahaban* has been initiated by this department. *Nipun Axom Mission* was launched with an objective of creating an enabling environment by focusing on foundational literacy and numeracy. Under the *Shiksha Khetra* Scheme, this department has initiated the merger of elementary schools to improve outcomes in terms of school management, attendance and presence of teachers at school.

229. This department is planning this year to develop an Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) application which will be a single source of all information and communication with regard to this department.

230. I hereby propose Rs. 9554.87 Crore.

Education (Secondary) Department

Kushal Koukhuror Prayakh

231. Speaker Sir, reduction of drop-out rates and equal access to quality education at secondary level, are the twin objectives of this department. Therefore, *Adarsha Vidyalayas* were set up and *Adarsha Vidyalaya Sangathan*, Assam have been constituted. One *Adarsha Vidyalaya*, each in all legislative assembly constituencies of Assam is also envisaged. We also propose to develop 'science hubs' in the *Vidya Mandirs*, in the similar structure of the Central Government's 'biotech hub program'. Around 120 model schools are under construction in the tea garden areas. Sir, other initiatives of Education department has already been listed by me under Flagship scheme.

232. I hereby propose to allocate Rs. 6930.03 Cr.

Education (Higher) Department

Udhbhavana aru Khombhavnar Ayujon

233. Speaker Sir, I have already spoken extensively about a slew of initiatives under *Pragyan Bharati* and this department will play a major role in their implementation.

Work is under process for construction of five new Government law colleges. A Shrimanta Sankardev University at Nagaon has been sanctioned recently. Under the Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan, the infrastructure grants have been issued to universities and existing degree colleges have been upgraded to model colleges.

234. Technical education is also one of the most prioritized areas of this department. Three new engineering colleges at Bongaigaon, Behali and Sualkuchi, and three new polytechnics at Hajo, Majuli and Tingkhong are currently underway.
235. Sir, in order to streamline the recruitment of faculty and other technical staff in the government engineering colleges, the Assam Engineering Service Recruitment Board (AESRB) has been made functional.
236. I hereby propose to allocate Rs. 3498.02 Cr.

Environment and Forest Department

Moving towards achieving Panchamrit

237. Speaker Sir, this Government gives the highest priority to save the earth and its ecosystem. In this financial year, we will undertake a three year master plan for greening Greater Guwahati. Steps will also be taken to free the hills and forest areas of Guwahati from illegal encroachments.
238. The State has a huge area under forests, where human and animal have been in peaceful coexistence since time immemorial. But in recent times, there have been various cases of man-animal conflict and our

Government is determined to mitigate it. In this direction, The Anti Depredation Squads have been activated and a system for coordination with other stakeholder departments like Railways, Power etc has been put in place.

239. Therefore I allocate Rs. 980.07 Cr.

Excise Department

240. Speaker Sir, this department is vested with twin responsibilities of revenue collection and law enforcement, as per provisions of Excise Act and Rules. An amount of atleast Rs. 1800 Crs of excise revenue is collected this year till date. In the enforcement part, this department was successful in detection and registering more than 18,000 cases so far, which has led to arrest of more than 2,800 persons and seizure of more than 2,60,000 litres of illegal liquor. In order to curb transportation of illegal liquor from other states, this department has introduced a transit pass mechanism, being issued online. Through strategic rationalization of prices of different products, department aims to enhance its collection beyong 2000 Cr. mark soon.

241. I hereby propose to allocate Rs. 90.50 Cr.

Finance Department

Kosh Mola Dand

242. Speaker Sir, Financial management forms the backbone of an administrative system. In view of this, many reforms eyeing towards systemic improvements have been taken up under World aided project Assam State Public Finance Institution Reforms (ASPIRe). With better forecasting of cash flow, the state has been successful in benefitting Rs. 342 Cr, as notional savings.

243. A new Financial Architecture to expedite the process of issuing Administrative Approvals and Financial Sanctions through special standing Finance Committees has been notified.
244. Assam Public Procurement Act, 2017 and Assam Public Procurement Rules, 2020 have been made effective since September, 2021. This Government has also made procurement on GeM portal mandatory for procuring all goods and services available on GeM.
245. Several Budgetary reforms in the form of Gender Budget, Child Budget, *Divyang* Budget and Outcome Budget have been introduced in the recent times. In the next year, we plan to introduce Research and Development Budget.
246. Besides this Department is also nodal for all DBT schemes in the state. It also implements Orunodoi, ATISIS (Assam Tea Industry Special Incentive Scheme, 2020), AMFIRS (Assam Microfinance Incentives and Relief Scheme, 2021), *Apon Ghar*, *Bidyalakshmi* and *Abhinandan*.

Fishery Department

Moving for Blue Revolution

247. Speaker Sir, fish plays a very important role in the nutritional security, as it forms an integral part of the staple diet of the state, but also the sector has a pivotal role in the state's economy.
248. Under the *Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana* (PMMSY), new aquaculture techniques have been introduced in the state which has shown a tremendous impact on fish production. I am happy to announce that

this department has been able to bag 3 national awards in the year 2021 from the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairy. This has been possible only due to consistent efforts put in by the fish farmers of the state. Under the ambitious '*Matsya Jagaran: Ghare Ghare Pukhuri, Ghare Ghare Maach*' initiative of Hon'ble Chief Minister, a comprehensive watershed management approach with people's participation has been undertaken to revive the derelict jalatok water bodies for fishing. Under Chief Minister *Samagra Gramya Unnayan Yojana* (CMSGUY) efforts are on to construct one community tank of minimum one hectare in every revenue village of the state. The *Garukhuti Bahumukhi Krishi Prakalpa*, in Darrang is also a notable initiative for enhancing fish production and fishery infrastructure.

249. This department has been progressing in the technological front as well. The geo tagging, geo mapping and development of Management Information System (MIS) of fishery resources and a gene bank for scientific conservation of indigenous fishes are worth mentioning here. Department is envisaging to establish a state of the art aquarium house in Guwahati.

250. I hereby propose Rs. 143.96 Crore.

Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department

ANNA for Vipanna

251. Speaker Sir, e-POS devices has been installed in the Fair Price Shops for biometric authentication and Aadhaar seeding against the ration cards. In order to make the *Samabai Samitees* financially robust a new scheme *Samabai Sabalikaran Yojana* has been started

in which Grants-in-aid is to be provided to the *Samabai Samitees* for their services rendered in supply chain management of food grains. In order to ensure a streamlined and more transparent paddy procurement this department has developed an Online Paddy Procurement System (OPPS) which shall ease the efforts of the procuring agencies.

252. I therefore propose Rs. 1028.30 Cr. for this department.

General Administration Department

Governance with Sadbhavana

253. Speaker Sir, this department strives to improve the functioning of the district and sub-divisional administration, which act as the fulcrum of Government services in the field. The department plans to construct integrated DC offices at Kamrup Metro, Dhemaji, Golaghat, Bongaigaon, Biswanath, Nalbari, Cachar, Baksa, Karbi Anglong, Charaideo and Bajali. An integrated DC office shall comprise of many major departmental district offices along with in the same building which would ensure a one stop-shop(OSS) for all Government services in the district.

254. Aiming to display the legacy of our golden past, this department has decided to install statues of Kumar Bhaskar Varman, Chaolung Siu-Ka-Pha and Maharaj Naranarayan in the Janata Bhawan Complex, Dispur. The Government has also decided to construct an additional six storied office building in Janata Bhawan complex. Project *Swachhata* is on to ensure better ecosystem and hygiene in State secretariat. A host of IT initiatives have also been taken up by this department- the *Manav Sampada* for Human Resource

Management, e-Prastuti for standardization of all Government websites to deliver information and services.

255. I hereby propose to allocate Rs. 1153.75 Cr.

Handloom, Textile and Sericulture Department

Weaving the Future

256. Speaker Sir, the handloom weavers of Assam have kept alive the age old traditions of designs and patterns of woven fabric and more importantly an overwhelming proportion of such weavers are women. The weavers were adversely affected due to the recurrent waves of Covid - 19 during which the sights of Gamosha, Aronai, Mekhela and Dumer lying unsold was not uncommon. Keeping this in mind, this department started the *Swanirbhar Nari* with an initial corpus of Rs. 80 Cr was started..

257. I therefore propose Rs. 422.46 Cr. for this department.

Health and Family Welfare Department

Swastha se Samriddhi

258. Speaker Sir, the contribution of this department during the recurring waves of COVID-19 is inexplicable in words. This department has signed an MoU with Tata Trusts, to set up the Assam Cancer Care Foundation. The first Tomotherapy machine in eastern India is made functional at the State Cancer Institute, Guwahati. The Government of Assam has also contributed Rs. 1050 Cr. for construction of cancer hospitals across the state. This Government has entered into an MoU with GOI for establishing a multi-specialty high end medical facility

in IIT Guwahati. This facility will boast research and development in biomechanics, bio engineering and robotic surgery. With a view of reducing the Infant and under-five mortality rate, a dedicated pediatric hospital with all sub- specialties is proposed to be established at Guwahati. All district hospitals shall be upgraded to telemedicine centres with tele ICU and e-Hospital units. The on-going work on Medical colleges and *Buniyadi Swasthya Kendras* have already been mentioned by me earlier part of the speech.

259. I hereby propose to allocate Rs. 7154.57 Cr.

Hill Areas Department

God's Gift

260. Speaker Sir, the Hills area department administers the functions of Karbi Anglong and NC Hills Autonomous Councils and our Government is committed to maintain peace and harmony with growth and development. In the Cabinet meeting held at Dima Hasao, our Hon'ble Chief Minister has made a major announcement for a special package for greater Haflong Water Supply Scheme amounting to Rs. 110 Cr. The then Hon'ble Finance Minister had committed Rs. 10 Cr. per autonomous council constituencies and so far Rs. 173 Cr. has been released, while additional Rs. 45 Cr. is under process.

261. A Dimasa Bhawan in Dwarka, New Delhi is also proposed and it has got the in-principle approval of Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India. The construction of inter-state bus terminus at Diphu is also a noteworthy project under this department.

262. I therefore allocated Rs. 2845.04 Cr. for this department.

Home and Political Department

Striving towards a peaceful society

263. Speaker Sir, our Hon'ble Prime Minister vouches for a SMART police – Strict, Sensitive, Modern, Mobile, Alert, Accountable, Reliable and Responsive and Trained and Tech- Savvy. In sync with this, our Government strives to develop Assam Police as an ace police force in the country.
264. Our Hon'ble Chief Minister Dr Himanta Biswa Sarma has started a first-of-its-kind SPs and OCs conferences, in which various issues regarding policing in Assam are discussed and solved. The last one year has particularly been very eventful for our police force and I heartily congratulate the Assam police for its contribution during the second and third wave of the COVID-19 pandemic and mitigating the drug menace across the state.
265. Speaker Sir, in the last one year, the insurgency scenario in the state has been by and large under control. Assam police is also making use of the latest technology for resolving the citizen's grievances and complaints. The Citizen Financial Cyber Fraud Reporting Management System (CFCFRMS), with helpline number 1930 is a notable step to help people in cases of fraudulent stashing away of their money by hackers. The Cyber Forensic Lab cum Training Centre along with Cyber Crime First Responder Kits are notable initiatives for capacity building in the technological front.
266. With a view of enhancing women safety in the state, four anti human trafficking units have been newly set

up at Morigaon, Nagaon, Udalguri and Biswanath, and there is a plan to set up one such unit in every district of Assam. This Government is also envisaging an e-Governance initiative to automate the end to end system of Foreigners Tribunals through a project named e-FT. Under the project Moitri, soft skills training has been imparted to the police officers of various ranks, with an aim to make them more responsive to the public needs.

267. In this financial year, the Government has a priority of improving the conditions of jails across the state. Sustainable Rehabilitation in the Jails of Assam (SRIJAN) has been proposed for prison reforms and rehabilitation of inmates. There is also a plan to establish high security prisons of 100 capacities each, and a proposal of shifting 12 jails in Assam is also underway. On the occasion of the *Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav*, Hon'ble Chief Minister Dr Himanta Biswa Sarma has already declared that 100 bighas of land of Central jail Jorhat will be preserved as a heritage site. There is also a proposal for an Assam Prison Academy for capacity building.
268. Various infrastructure projects for Police like construction of District Police official quarters, Police Stations and Barracks shall be undertaken in all districts this year through District Police Welfare Committee. Under this, Rs. 40 Cr. will be provided. For Police Training Academy Rs. 50 Cr. have been provisioned in next year budget.
269. I hereby propose to allocate Rs. 8035.06 Crore.

Housing and Urban Affairs Department

Towards sustainable cities

270. Speaker Sir, with a view towards making our urban spaces more livable and inclusive, the PM Street Vendor's *Atma-Nirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi)* under which collateral free working capital loans of up to Rs. 10,000 to the street vendors have been provided. So far out of a target of 52,000 disbursement has been made to 50,721 street vendors under this scheme.

271. I hereby propose to allocate Rs. 3666.67 Cr.

Implementation of Assam Accord Department

A homage to our martyrs

272. Speaker Sir, the contribution of the martyrs of the Assam Movement in crafting the greater Assamese Society is unparalleled. Their memories are still etched in the hearts and our Government gives the highest priority in keeping the promises of the accord.

273. The construction of the *Sahid Smarak* and Park in Paschim Boragaon Guwahati is underway. The first phase will be completed in this financial year.

274. The fencing work in Indo Bangladesh Border in Assam is also approaching completion with a progress of more than 98%. In order to ensure effective rehabilitation of the victims of Assam Agitation and their family members, this department has set up Assam Agitation Victim's Welfare Trust which was formally launched by our Hon'ble Chief Minister on the Swahid Divash.

275. I allocate Rs. 12.48 Cr. in this year Budget.

Indigenous and Tribal Faith and Culture Department

Preserving Customs and Traditions

276. Speaker Sir, this government is aware of the fact that preservation of indigenous and tribal faith requires a focussed approach and therefore under the able leadership of Hon'ble Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma a laudatory step of creating this new department was taken last year. In October 2021 ,a new directorate of Indigenous and Tribal Faith and Culture of Assam has been notified. Under this directorate, Indigenous and Tribal Culture festival and games are being proposed in this financial year. The war memorial at Alaboi and Lachit Barphukan maidam at Hologapara, Jorhat, an iconic site museum at Sivasagar district are proposed for construction works.

277. I wish to propose an allocation of Rs. 96.65 Cr.

Industries, Commerce and Public Enterprise Department

Creating an Ecosystem for Investment

278. This department has notified the Assam Ethanol Production Promotion Policy, 2021. To make establishment and operation of MSMEs even easier, the Assam MSME (Facilitation of Establishment and Operation) Act, 2020 has been enacted. Under this, MSMEs can be established without obtaining any NOC/ Permission/Clearance (except Fire & Electricity) and operate for three years. Introduction of Electric Vehicle Policy 2021 is an effort towards boosting both demand as well as easing supply through incentivizing manufacturing and support infrastructure development.

279. Establishment of new industrial parks and promotion of MSMEs in the state are also important priorities of this department and a large number of initiatives have been taken in this regard.

280. I therefore allocated Rs. 789.44 Cr. for this department.

Information Technology Department

Leveraging the Digital Technologies

281. Speaker Sir, the adoption of Information Technology in the Government processes is advancing at a very rapid pace. In this scenario, the mandate of this department is to provide support on technological enhancement in public service delivery. A laudable initiative in this regard is the SWIFT (Startup World for Innovation in Future Technologies) center. This initiative seeks to enhance digital literacy by setting up such centers in every assembly constituency of the state. The 'Skill Development and Training on IT' scheme is aimed at imparting knowledge of IT to the youth in order to increase employability. This department has been successful in building a state of art 'State Data Centre' (SDC). With an exponential increase in Government data and online portals, there is a huge requirement of secure storage capacity, and this data centre shall cater to such needs. Additionally, there is work going on to onboard the International Internet Gateway (IIG), which will bring high speed connectivity to the state.

282. I hereby propose to allocate Rs. 100.30 Cr.

Information, Public Relations, Printing and Stationery Department

Communication is the key

283. Speaker Sir, this department plays the key role in ensuring mass outreach of Government programmes and initiatives. To support journalists in their pursuit of excellence, 20 of them are awarded with Rs. 50,000

every year under 'One Time Grant to Media personality' scheme. This department is also implementing the 'Journalist medical welfare' scheme to provide financial assistance to them for medical treatment. The dependent family members of the journalists are also covered under these schemes. Under the 'Assam pension scheme for journalists', pension is awarded to 100 recognized journalists of the state.

284. The Directorate of Printing and stationery has been recently subsumed under this department. As the publisher of the Assam Gazette, this directorate has started publishing the *e-gazette* for the first time. A newly constructed branch of the Assam Government Press has been started at Lakhimpur.

285. I hereby propose to allocate Rs. 151.43 Cr.

Irrigation Department

Water to every field

286. Speaker Sir, accessibility of water at the farms determines the agricultural productivity and this department is the key to it. It is essential to appraise the house that a major restructuring exercise has been undertaken in this department, by which each and every LAC has been provided with a sub-divisional office. There would also be a divisional office covering 2 - 3 sub-divisions to ensure greater administrative convenience and coordination.

287. Under the *Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana*, 5,000 tube wells have been distributed across the state. This department has so far been successful in creating irrigation potential of 10.41 lakh hectare with a mission

to achieve ultimate irrigation potential of 27 lakh hectare by yr 2030. Another laudable initiative is to conduct LiDAR (Light Detection and Imaging) survey for the entire state to create a comprehensive database for any type of infrastructural development activities of this department.

288. I hereby propose to allocate Rs. 945.24 Cr.

Judicial Department

289. Speaker Sir, our Government is committed to eradicate the menace of sexual abuse of children. Our Government has already approved setting up of 10 new exclusive POSCO Court, of which 9 has been made functional.

290. Vulnerable Witness Deposition Centres will be setup in every district of the state with the view of giving due protection of the witnesses.

291. Therefore I allocate Rs.709.32 Cr

Labour and Welfare Department

Towards zero child labour

292. Speaker Sir, there is not an iota of doubt that one of the worst affected sections due to the Covid- 19 pandemic were the migrant labourers. Taking their perils into consideration, the Labour and Welfare Department has notified the Axom Migrant Labour Food Security Scheme, to provide relief in the form of dry rations to the migrant workers of this state during the period of lockdown.

293. In order to ensure better service delivery, the Department has taken a host of IT initiatives like the e-

Shram portal in which the unorganised workers are registered for various benefits under different schemes. Aadhaar- enrolment centres were set up for facilitating the workers. Online registration of construction workers is also going on along with end-to-end digitisation of the various DBT schemes.

294. Also in line with the priority of the Government of India, the Labour Department has notified the draft Rules under the Social Security Code, Wages Code and Industrial Relation Code to reduce the compliance burden and simplify the processes.
295. I therefore propose to allocate Rs. 116.06 Cr. for this Department.

Legislative Department

Rule of Law

296. Sir, keeping up with necessities of the time, the Legislative Department has been successful in enacting 11 new laws and making 29 amendments during the current financial year.
297. Extending free legal aid to the poor is one of the greatest priorities of this department. Accordingly about 5000 awareness camps have been organised under the Assam State Legal Services Authority in which around 57 lakhs participated and got benefitted.
298. In order to reduce burden on courts and ensure faster and more efficient justice administration system five Alternative Dispute Resolutions Centres have been constructed and seven more are in the pipeline in the coming year.

299. Speaker Sir, therefore I propose to earmark an amount of Rs. 19.19 Cr.

Mines & Minerals Department

The Pillar of Development

300. Speaker Sir, Mines & Minerals have been an engine for growth and generator of revenue for the state in the form of royalty collected on production of crude oil, natural gas, coal, limestone. The total royalty collection for the year 2021-22 is Rs. 2281 Cr. As per the Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act, 2015, the District Mineral Foundation (DMF) trusts have been constituted in all the districts and the total accrual till December, 2021 is Rs. 110.35 Cr. A museum and remote sensing laboratory to display the various rock and mineral samples for public is also underway.

301. I therefore propose Rs. 25.52 Cr for this department

Panchayat & Rural Development Department

Strengthening Gram Swaraj

302. Speaker Sir, this department's flagship programme MGNREGA has ushered a new era of natural resource management in the rural areas by the way of plantation activities, creation of new fisheries and guaranteed income to the tea garden workers during lean periods.

303. Under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Gramin), a new innovative idea of cluster house approach is adopted in certain districts. Additional seven lakh poor rural beneficiaries will get houses under this scheme. Along with the National Social Assistance Programme, the state government is also providing monetary

assistance under *the Swahid Kushal Konwar Sarbajanin Briddha Pension Asoni* to the last mile. Under the *Bistarita Kanaklata Mahila Sabalikaran Yojana* around 90,000 SHGs have been provided capital subsidy on bank loans amounting to a total of Rs. 400 Cr. With an aim to facilitate mobility in rural areas, scooties have been provided to more than 4000 Jeevika Sakhis.

304. Volunteers of National Service Scheme (NSS) and National Cadet Corps (NCC) will be involved for monitoring of the schemes of this department.

305. I therefore allocate Rs. 7971.02 Cr

Personnel Department

Grooming the Human Capital

306. Speaker Sir, the department is actively working with two Recruitment Commissions to fill in vacant positions and realise objectives of Hon'ble Chief Minister to provide one lakh jobs.

307. In recognition of the service rendered by ex-servicemen to the nation, the Assam ex-Servicemen (Reservation of Posts in States Services and posts of Grade III and Grade IV) Rules, 2021 has been approved which provides for two percent reservation for ex-Servicemen in Grade III and Grade IV posts. It is also worth noting that out of this two percent reservation, one - fourth is reserved for disabled ex-servicemen whose disability arose in service.

308. This department has taken up the mission of expediting the eligible pending cases under the Compassionate Appointment scheme.

309. Speaker Sir, therefore I propose to earmark an amount of Rs. 46.21 Cr.

Power Department

Greening the Power

310. Speaker Sir, Assam is the only State till now which has got approval from Ministry of Power for revamping the existing infrastructure to bring down the AT&C losses to 15% by FY 2024-25 under Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme. The project outlay approved for Assam is Rs. 8727 Cr.

311. To ensure the reliable power and voltage improvement, Government of Assam has approved project to be forwarded to Department of Economic Affairs, Government of India for external funding. Total outlay for this project is Rs. 3284 Cr facilitating APDCL to construct 200 new sub-stations and other infrastructure.

312. During the period from June, 2021 to February, 2022, more than 3.61 lakh left out BPL households were electrified under DDUGJY-New (additional). More than Rs. 1200 Cr. was spent on implementation of this project in the state. Under the Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana and Saubhagya Scheme, around 26,000 revenue villages of Assam have already been electrified. Under the Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana and Saubhagya Scheme, around 26,000 revenue villages of Assam have already been electrified.

313. To facilitate the rural consumers, APDCL has introduced the digital wallet system namely EasyPay which has shown significant improvement in energy dues collection in rural areas and has also generated

employment. APDCL has been able to collect Rs. 4964 Cr. against demand of Rs. 4720 Cr. during the period from June'21 to February'22 which is 105% in terms of collection efficiency.

314. AGECL will continue the implementation of renovation and upgradation of 48 no. of Grid Sub-Station under Government of India's PSDF and construction of 220 KV DC line with two nos. of 220KV line bay.
315. APDCL is in the process of settling power arrears of around Rs. 1500 Cr. with consumers once and for all keeping in view the recovery potential and financial capacity of its consumers.
316. Speaker Sir, therefore I propose to earmark an amount of Rs. 1945.99 Cr. in this year Budget.

Public Health Engineering Department

Har Ghar Jal

317. Speaker Sir, ensuring clean drinking water and sanitation are prerequisite for a healthy society. In view of this, our Hon'ble Prime Minister has launched the ambitious Jal Jeevan Mission to provide piped drinking water to all Households by 2024. under which till date a total of 20 lakh households have been provided with Functional Household Tap Connection (FHTC) and all household in 2500 villages have been connected to piped drinking water. The *Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin)* is currently in the second phase which aims to achieve ODF Plus with the twin objectives of sustainable and visual cleanliness through solid liquid waste management.

318. Therefore, I wish to propose an allocation of Rs. 1395.27 Cr.

Public Works (Building & NH) Department

Building Infrastructure for a Stronger Assam

319. Speaker Sir, this government is clear about the fact that physical infrastructure has a multiplier effect on the overall economic growth. All sectors of the economy require a strong infrastructural base and this department acts as the fulcrum of infrastructure creation in the state of Assam.

320. In order to extend the support to the people of Assam going for treatment in Vellore, a new Assam Bhawan at Vellore is also nearing completion.

321. A congenial ambience with all modern facilities in the educational institutions is basic prerequisite for creating a knowledge economy and grooming the future generations to become the flag bearers of development. A major thrust is also given to set up new schools, colleges and universities. Two engineering colleges at Golaghat and Dhemaji have been made functional, while six new engineering colleges at Sualkuchi, Behali, Bongaigaon, Samaguri, Nalbari and Udalguri are in pipeline. Ten new law colleges and Polytechnics at Majuli and Tingkhong are underway. With a view of creating world class sports infrastructure, an ambitious initiative for setting up 10 district stadiums and 40 mini-stadiums has been taken up. The indoor stadium at Amingaon is envisaged to be upgraded as National Badminton Academy with all state of art facilities.

322. Sir, this Government is aware of the fact that a good communication network can be a single determinant factor for making development reach to the *Antyodaya*. The work on bridge over river Brahmaputra connecting Majuli with Jorhat has already commenced. Additionally, big ticket infrastructure projects comprising of Mangaldai by-pass, four lane flyover at Mission Chariali at Tezpur, also feasibility study for construction of bridge over Brahmaputra connecting Darrang and Marigaon at Kaupati are being undertaken.
323. I am sure the implementation of these infrastructure projects would give a new face to our state and fulfil the dream of our Hon'ble Chief Minister to see Assam being placed in top five most developed states of India.
324. I therefore propose Rs. 2913.44 Cr for this department

Public Works (Roads) Department

By building roads, we build the State

325. Speaker Sir, in Assam surface connectivity is the most important means of movement of people and goods. It has a multiplier effect on the economy. The Government has started an ambitious *Asom Mala* programme with an aim to create high speed corridors with state of art safety standards for efficient transportation. The project of construction of the bridge of Brahmaputra connecting Guwahati and North Guwahati is going towards completion in August, 2023. Other most noteworthy projects- Assam Bridge Project 2 connecting Palashbari and Sarthebari across River Brahmaputra with assistance from NDB and Assam State Bridge Infrastructure Project with assistance from WB are to be sanctioned soon.

326. 14 roads of length of about 261 km were taken up under SOPD leg, out of which one package of 28.9 km has been completed and another package of four laning of Singimari-Sualkuchi of length 11.4 km is substantially completed. 6 roads of length of about 250 km have been taken up under Assam Secondary Road Network Improvement Project (ASRIP) which includes the two major bridges over Subansiri at Dhunaguri and Luit to provide connectivity to Majuli from Lakhimpur side. Another 6 roads of length of about 312 km have been taken up under Assam Road Network Improvement Project (ARNIP). It includes one arterial road each in Dima Hasao, Karbi Anglong and Bodoland Territorial Region. Under NIDA, 7 roads of length 237 kms have been taken up including two major bridges - one at over Subansiri at Ghunasuti along with two minor bridges and road works for connectivity between Lakhimpur town and Bebejjal.
327. I hereby propose to allocate Rs. 8576.25 Cr.

Revenue & Disaster Management Department

Protecting Rights over Basundhara

328. Sir, this Government started the ambitious *Arundhati* Gold Scheme in the year 2019-20. It was conceptualised to provide economic security to newly married girls. A financial assistance of Rs. 40,000 has been disbursed to around 7000 beneficiaries under this.
329. This government is firmly committed to save our *Satra* land from illegal encroachments. In view of this, a three member commission, namely the Commission for Review and Assessment of Problems of Satra land in Assam have been constituted.

330. In a bid to give the land classification a more systematic face, a Revenue Enhancement Action Plan (REAP) has been proposed under this department. This will ensure a uniformity in land revenue rates and scientific framework for zonal valuation and other rates associated with it.
331. Speaker Sir, therefore I propose to earmark an amount of Rs. 2646 Cr.

Science, Technology and Climate Change Department

Building Scientific Temper

332. Speaker Sir, with a commitment towards creating a climate change resilient society, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has announced the renaming of this department from 'Science and Technology' to 'Science, Technology and Climate Change'. To give an impetus to the use of geospatial technology for governance and development, the Assam State Space Application Centre is set up. MoU has also been signed with North East Space Application Centre (NESAC) to spearhead space based activities in the state. Construction work of 11 district science centres and six science centres and planetariums have been taken up. The Guwahati Biotech Park, a first of its kind in North East India - will have a business enterprise zone which will facilitate the large biotech players on setting up manufacturing and research facilities. Also, a technology incubation centre to help the entrepreneurs convert their ideas into commercializable products is also a reality today. An educational meta-verse as an extension of virtual reality in collaboration with IIT Guwahati is also being planned

and this scheme would provide direct benefit in the field of science, education, research and tourism.

333. I therefore propose Rs. 56.57 Cr for this department.

Skill, Employment and Entrepreneurship Department

Reaping the Demographic Dividend

334. Speaker Sir, it is said that skill is the new currency and our youth needs to be skilful for *Sundor Assam*. Therefore, in order to be a pioneer in quality, technical and vocational education and training (TVET), this government has taken up the initiative to establish the Assam Skill University at Mangaldoi, with an approximate outlay of Rs. 1000 Cr. The multidisciplinary skill development centres (MDSD) have been made functional under PPP mode which has strongly enhanced the skilling capacity of the state. Five ITIs namely Biswanath Chariali, Rangia, Pathsala, Dudhnoi, Sootea and a special ITIs for skilling opportunities to the *Divyangians* have been made operational in the last academic session. An online registration portal for application of jobs seekers in different employment exchanges of the state has been started in both Aadhaar and non-Aadhaar mode.

335. I therefore propose Rs. 237.91 Cr for this department

Social Welfare Department

Transferring Direct Benefits to the Antyodayas

336. Speaker Sir, the Anganwadi centres have been playing a pivotal role in nutrition and health of children, pregnant women and lactating mothers.

337. Various schemes aiming towards all round development of women are underway. Under the scheme for adolescent girls, around 70,000 girls are benefited. Around 7 lakhs women have been covered under the *Pradhan Mantri Matriya Vandhana Yojana*. It is also to be noted that a women helpline 181 has also been made functional to ensure a safe and secured space for women.
338. Under Deen Dayal Divyang Pension Scheme Rs. 1000 is given every month as an assistance to all Divyangjans with 40% or more of benchmark disability. Till date, about one lakh people have been benefitted. We propose to continue this scheme in this financial year.
339. Speaker Sir, therefore I propose to earmark an amount of Rs. 2039.44 Cr.

Soil Conservation Department

Protecting the Microbiota

340. Speaker Sir, land degradation has a far reaching impact on every walk of human life and preservation of the soil along with its micro-biota is quintessential for human survival and development. The Soil Conservation department plays the pivotal role in conserving the land, water and it's vegetation.
341. This department has completed 280 watershed projects under the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY). This department also has brought around 2500 hectares of land under horticulture and afforestation.
342. Flash floods are becoming recurrent and they have a destructive effect especially in urban areas. To fight with

this disaster a new scheme namely 'Mitigation of flash flood through ecological management practices' has been taken up by this department at Kahilipara sub-watershed, Kahilipara Hills, Guwahati.

343. Speaker Sir, therefore I propose to earmark an amount of Rs. 131.05 Cr.

Sports and Youth Welfare Department

A fitter Assam for a better tomorrow

344. Speaker Sir, with an objective to make the upcoming generations strong, healthy and disciplined, the sports and youth welfare department has been playing a quintessential role. Special credit is due to this department in this special year, when Assam made India proud by winning the Olympic medal for the country. We thank Lovlina Borgohain for inspiring the generations to come.
345. In order to boost the sports for new buds, the mission Grassroot Olympics at GP, Block and District level has been envisaged. On the day of conferment of *Arjuna* Awards to Lovlina Borgohain, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Assam announced the scheme for construction of Lovlina Boxing Academy cum Sports Centre at Sarupathar, Golaghat, to be implemented by NIDA.
346. MoU has been signed between the department and Sports Authority of India for implementing the *Khelo India* State Centre of Excellence. I would also like to hereby thank the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India for the support it has rendered for its establishment.

347. Speaker Sir, therefore I propose to earmark an amount of Rs. 226.60 Cr.

Tea Tribes Department

Pride of Assam

348. Speaker Sir, the tea garden workers have contributed enormously to the social and economic enrichment of the state and they have been able to give an unique identity to the state by their own right. This Government realises that in true sense and accords the highest priority to their welfare. Under the *Swahid Dayal Das Panika Swaneyojan Achoni*, 15,000 educated self-employed of tea tribes community have been provided with financial grants of Rs. 25,000 each. The Government has also taken up construction of *rang manchās* (cultural pavilions) costing Rs. 15 lakhs in 75 numbers of Tea Gardens. Additionally financial grants and scholarships have also been provided for overall development of the community.

349. I hereby propose to allocate Rs. 301.70 Cr.

Tourism Department

Awesome Assam

350. Speaker Sir, I am sure that it gives all of us a sense of pride and fulfilment to find the logo of *Awesome Assam* wherever we go. Assam is known for its natural and cultural resources which cater to a huge number of tourists every year supporting a vibrant industry. However, at the wrath of the successive wave of Covid-19 pandemic, this industry has suffered in the last couple of years. Hence, this department has released ex-gratia

grants under the *Sanjeevani scheme* to 114 registered tour operators and 600 tourist guides.

351. Under the *Amar Alohi* scheme, more than 60 homestay facilities have been set up across the state which have become very popular amongst the tourists.
352. Sir, theme based tourism is the future of this sector. Accordingly, the department has earmarked certain thematic areas like tea and golf tourism, river tourism, pilgrimage tourism.
353. I propose to earmark an amount of Rs. 113.09 Cr.

Transformation and Development Department

Ensuring Sustainable Development Goals

354. Speaker Sir, this department is the nodal for overall monitoring and coordination of a large number of Government schemes vital to the state.
355. Hon'ble Prime Minister had launched the "Transformation of Aspirational Districts Programme" for all round development of the districts languishing behind in terms of various indicators. Seven districts of Assam namely; Barpeta, Baksa, Darrang, Dhubri, Goalpara, Hailakandi and Udalguri have been selected.
356. Untied fund is playing a very important role in the fulfilling aspirations of local needs of infrastructure. In the year 2022-23, Rs. 100 Cr. are provisioned for it.
357. This department is also the key for Assam to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) till 2030. A team of experts is also being planned for monitoring and implementation.

358. With the push given to PM *Gati Shakti* in this year, the role of this department is envisaged to increase manifold in the years to come.
359. Therefore I have earmarked Rs. 863.93 Cr. for this Department

Transport Department

Realising the dream of Gatishakti

360. Speaker Sir, It was really heartening to see Hon'ble Chief Minister of Assam on the streets of Guwahati at the midnight of 31st December wishing the people and sensitising them about the importance of not drinking while driving. Owing to these initiatives there was not a single reported case of accident on the new year's eve after a long time.
361. This Department is also encountering a paradigm shift in terms of Government process reengineering a major step of contact-less Aadhaar based services for issue of learner licence and renewal of driving licences and more than four lakh beneficiaries have already benefited from this initiative. Road safety is of utmost priority to this Government and for this Department has started electronic monitoring and enforcement to discourage over speeding across the state.
362. The Assam State Transport Corporation (ASTC) with a goal of creating pollution free Assam has started FAME I and II Initiatives under *Praduxon Mukh Axom*. 200 additional electric buses and 20 Charging stations are expected to be on the roads. The *Bharaman Sarathi* scheme for free transport of women and elderly within Guwahati is a noble initiative under which 25 numbers

of pink coloured buses are plying across the cities. Under the Uberisation Scheme, the Government is providing seed money to the extent of 25% for purchase of Buses to young entrepreneurs, small businesses and SHGs.

363. Government is making efforts to create lean organisational structure in ASTC through offering VRS to its employees, proposing role change and attracting private partnership.
364. Inland Water Transport is also a major part of this department and there is a lot of priority. Under the Jaavan Dinga initiative the private ferry services have been incentivised for upgrading into semi mechanised country boats. E-ticketing system has been started in Majuli and Guwahati based ferry services.
365. I hereby propose an amount Rs.553.88 Cr

Water Resources Department

366. Speaker Sir, our state is blessed with a very rich riverine resource. The mighty Brahmaputra, with its numerous tributaries criss cross a huge swathe of the state, from east to west. This department is the nodal department dealing with the various aspects of rivers and flood control activities.
367. During the last 5 years, this department has taken up more than 200 schemes under NABARD, focusing on flood, erosion management and infrastructure development amounting to around Rs. 700 Crores. Under the Assam Integrated River Basin Management Project, an amount of Rs. 900 Crore will be utilized for river basin planning of prioritized and identified tributaries of Brahmaputra and Barak with assistance from Gol and World Bank. The Brahmaputra Flood and River

Bank Erosion Risk Management Project (BFRERMP) is being undertaken with a project value of Rs. 3,600 Crores for a span of 10 years under the aegis of Asian Development Bank. The focus of the project is the mainstream stabilization of river Brahmaputra through structural interventions. In this financial year, this department will be executing projects worth Rs. 1000 Cr, with part contribution from NIDA too.

368. Therefore, I propose an amount of Rs. 1282.61 Crore to this Department.

Welfare of Bodoland Department

Respecting Autonomy

369. Speaker Sir, this department has proposed to impart residential coaching to 50 meritorious students of BTR who intend to pursue engineering degree courses at IITs and NITs. Under the mission '*Dugdhadharas*', cross-breed cattle yielding 12 - 13 litres of milk per day will be provided to cooperative farming societies to enhance livelihood. Apart from other activities to ensure holistic development of the Council areas, this department also aims to start the Bodoland Handloom Mission, with handloom clusters at block levels for regular income generation for the weavers.

370. I hereby propose to allocate Rs. 3512.25 Cr.

Welfare of Minorities and Development Department

On the path of Inclusive Development

371. Speaker Sir, the mandate of this department is to formulate and execute schemes for upliftment of various religious and linguistic minorities and people living in *Char Chapori* Areas.

372. Eyeing towards an all-round development of Indigenous Assamese Muslim community this Government has taken a new initiative “*Alaap-Alochana*” in which the intellectuals and leading citizens of the Community are brought to single platform for discussion on various issues.
373. The department is also implementing pre-matric, post Matric and merit-cum-means scholarship. New IT intervention has been undertaken for better service delivery and transparency at all levels.
374. Therefore, Speaker Sir, I propose an amount of Rs. 184.71 Cr.

Welfare of Plain Tribes and Backward Classes Department

Strive towards a rightful share

375. Speaker Sir, the Directive Principles of State Policy vests upon the state with the responsibility to promote educational and economic interests of the weaker sections and to protect them from social injustice and all forms of exploitation. With this mandate, the department strives to ensure holistic development of the backward classes of the state.
376. For specific development of various ethnic communities, under the aegis of the 10 statutory department strives to ensure holistic development of been allocated in this financial year. This department also proposes to provide a one-time special package for socio economic development of SCs, STs and OBCs of the state. The pre matric and post matric scholarships to more than one lakh beneficiaries under SC, ST and OBC

categories have been provided during the year 2021-22. This department has extended financial incentives of Rs. 50,000 for inter-caste marriages per married couple.

377. Sir, all such kind of initiatives will continue next year also and I hereby propose Rs. 943.19 Cr.

Part-II

1. Speaker Sir, our Government has marked a new era in the transformation of the revenue sector. The strong guidance of our Hon'ble Chief Minister, Dr Himanta

Biswa Sarma has invigorated us to take the State revenue collection mechanism to an enviable height.

2. Now, I would like to highlight a few achievements of our Government while also mentioning some of the initiatives that we have proposed for the upcoming year.

COMMERCIAL TAX

3. Speaker Sir, during the current fiscal of 2021-22 (up to February, 2022), the Tax Department has mopped up an amount of Rs. 14,470 Cr. compared to Rs. 12,101 Cr. in the same period of the previous financial year 2020-21 despite second and third wave hitting of COVID-19 during the current fiscal.
4. Our government has taken few measures worth mentioning here:-
 - Our Government reduced VAT by seven rupees per litre on Diesel and Petrol from November, 2021, in addition to existing concession of five rupees per litre.
 - The Government of Assam notified the Assam Industries (SGST Reimbursement for Eligible Units) Scheme, 2021 in order to provide SGST reimbursement to the new eligible industrial units, offering livelihood to a large number of people.
 - In order to support the project of bridge between Jorhat and Majuli, our Government has approved a scheme to reimburse the SGST paid for this bridge construction.
 - Hon'ble Union Finance Minister Smti Nirmala Sitharaman launched a new software for Non-GST taxation named as ATReMS (Assam Tax Revenue Management System) enabling taxpayers to do their business processes in electronic mode.

- In order to have a liquidation Scheme for payment of arrear dues, our Government is introducing the Assam Taxation (Liquidation of Arrear Dues) (Amendment) Bill, 2022 during the current session of Assembly.
- Sir, tea industry of Assam is the source of livelihood for a large chunk of our populace. In consideration of the problems plaguing the tea industry, we had earlier kept in abeyance the levy and payment of tax on green tax leaves for a period of three (3) years with effect from 1st January, 2019 till 31st December, 2021. Now, I propose to extend this exemption for a further period of three years from 1st January, 2022.

EXCISE

5. We propose to optimize excise revenue collection with an additional target of Rs. 500 cr, totaling Rs. 2500 cr in financial year 2022-23 through a slew of measures like restructuring of the excise duties for all categories of liquor, upward revision in the license fees for urban areas, adopting technology driven *track and trace initiative* combined with strict enforcement to prevent cross border smuggling.

REVENUE

6. Our Government is taking several measures to digitize payment methods under Revenue Department. Further, a detailed study is conducted under Assam Society for Comprehensive Financial Management System to enhance revenue by implementing scientific land classification and zonal valuation using IT systems. We will be implementing pilot project based on the findings of this study in the next financial year.

7. A citizen centric software would be developed under the National Generic Document Registration System (NGDRS) for online document registration, online estimation of property valuation, calculation and payment of registration fees, online stamp duty, online registration appointments with the SRO which would be rolled out in a pilot mode in Kamrup and Darrang district and subsequently in the entire state.

FOREST

8. Our Government is committed to augment contribution of forestry sector to State's exchequer, while maintaining its focus on sustainable conservation of natural flora and fauna of the State, through implementation of Assam Minor Mineral concession (Amendment) Rules, 2021. We are working on bringing another 100 stone and sand *mahals* into operation; upward revision and rationalization of royalty rates of forest produce as well as various entry fees etc collected by the National Parks, Wildlife Sanctuaries, Social Forestry Parks. Our Government is committed to take all steps to regularize and revive the *Agar* Wood-Based industries by creating right ecosystem through declaration of new Wood-Based Industrial Estates across the state for this purpose.

TRANSPORT – GREEN TAX

9. With a view to generate environmental compensation charges, we would be levying a Green Tax on the use of old vehicles to discourage people from continuing use of such vehicles as these are detrimental to the environment. Green Tax increases the overall well-being of society, by reducing pollution ensuring that the cost of pollution is borne by the polluter. We propose to utilize

the revenue collection from such tax for implementing measures to tackle air pollution.

10. Motor vehicle taxes collected through Transport Department is one of the major sources of state's own revenue. If the residents of the state register their vehicles in the neighbouring States, our State exchequer loses considerable revenue. *I therefore appeal to the people of Assam to register their vehicles within Assam and contribute towards overall development of the State.*

Hon'ble Speaker Sir, the hallmark of the Annual Financial Statement under the able guidance of our Hon'ble Chief Minister has been to place it without any additional tax burden on our people of Assam. Accordingly I place my Budget before this August House.

BUDGET ESTIMATES

The Budget Estimates of 2022-23 show a receipt of Rs. 119027.95 Crore under the Consolidated Fund of the State. Out of this, Rs.96374.59 Crore is on Revenue Account and the remaining Rs. 23673.71 Crore is under Capital Account. I have shown the estimated receipt in the Consolidated Fund from different sources at Table-1. After adding the receipt of Rs.162886.83 Crore under Public Account and Rs.2000Crore under Contingency Fund, the aggregate Receipts amount to Rs.283914.78 Crore. As against this, total expenditure from the Consolidated Fund of the State in 2022-23 is estimated at Rs.119551.06 Crore of which Rs. 96367.05 Crore is on Revenue Account and Rs.23184.01 Crore is on Capital Account. The estimates of Grant-wise Expenditure from the Consolidated Fund during 2022-23 have been shown in Table-2. Taking into account the expenditure of Rs.163743.58 Crore under Public Account and Rs.200 Crore under Contingency Fund, the aggregate expenditure for the year is estimated at Rs. 283494.64 Crore. Thus, estimated transactions during the year will result in an estimated surplus of Rs.420.14 Crore. This, together with the opening deficit of Rs.1020.50 Crore will lead to a Budget deficit of Rs.600.36 Crore at the end of the year 2022-23.

The all-round development of the people of Assam is our soul aim and objective. Sahityarathi Lakshminath Bezbaroa said in his poem 'Been Boragi'

Ga been ga Axom Sangeet

Xukane melok Kuhi

(Oh veena sing the song of Assam, so that the wilted
may bud to sprout)

Optimism is the vitality of our life. I would like to conclude
my budget speech here. At the end, let's say together in
the same tune of Rupkonwar Jyotiprasad -

*'Joyo alokomoy
Anadi ananta prasari
Biswa jiwana jyoti.*

*Joyo joyo xundoro
Satya sanatono
Siro prasanta biswapati.*

*Koti biswa byapako
He moha mona dhipo
Biswa Jiwan Jyoti
Pranati pranati pranati.'*

Jai Hind
Jai Aai Axom
Bharat Mata Ki Jay!
Bharat Mata Ki Jay!

Table-1

**Estimated of Inflows into the Consolidated Fund of the State
during 2022-23**

(Rs. in Crore)

Component	2022-23 BE	% of Total against 2022-23
State Tax Revenue	22385.24	18.81
Non-Tax Revenue	6676.66	5.61
Share of Central Taxes	25544.80	21.46
Centrally Sponsored Schemes	30412.53	25.55
Finance Commission Grants	10515.33	8.83
Other Transfer/Grants to States with Legislature	4127.96	3.47
Public Debt	19353.59	16.26
Recoveries of Loans & Advances	11.84	0.01
Total	119027.95	100.00

Where Rupee Comes From

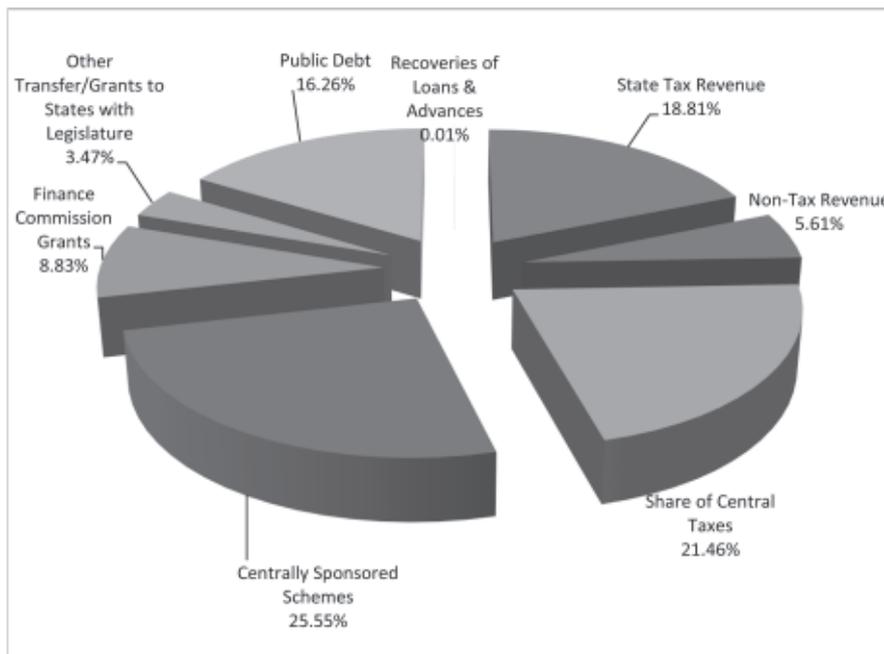


Table - 2					
Estimates of Grantwise outflows from the Consolidated Fund & a part of the Public Account of the State during 2022-2023					
<i>(Amount in Rupees)</i>					
Grant No./ Appropriation	Title of Demand/ Appropriation		Voted	Charged	Total
C1	Public Service Commission	Revenue	0.00	245807000.00	245807000.00
C2	Head of State	Revenue	0.00	106382000.00	106382000.00
C3	Appropriation to Contingency Fund	Capital	0.00	18000000000.00	18000000000.00
PD	Public Debt And Servicing Of Debt	Revenue	0.00	85336504000.00	85336504000.00
		Capital	0.00	27227380000.00	27227380000.00
1	State Legislature	Revenue	1028792000.00	11900000.00	1040692000.00
		Capital	828150000.00	0.00	828150000.00
2	Council of Ministers	Revenue	158535000.00	0.00	158535000.00
3	Administration of justice	Revenue	5157804000.00	874407000.00	6032211000.00
		Capital	1252941000.00	0.00	1252941000.00
4	Elections	Revenue	1832106000.00	0.00	1832106000.00
		Capital	125239000.00	0.00	125239000.00
5	Sales Tax & Other Tax	Revenue	6651883000.00	0.00	6651883000.00
		Capital	342872000.00	0.00	342872000.00
6	Land Revenue	Revenue	4976109000.00	0.00	4976109000.00
		Capital	19000000.00	0.00	19000000.00
7	Stamps and Registration	Revenue	1066806000.00	0.00	1066806000.00
8	Excise & Prohibition	Revenue	889840000.00	0.00	889840000.00
		Capital	15200000.00	0.00	15200000.00
9	Transport Services	Revenue	3994782000.00	0.00	3994782000.00
		Capital	1544095000.00	0.00	1544095000.00
10	Other Fiscal Service	Revenue	36318000.00	0.00	36318000.00
11	General Administration (Secretariat and Attached Offices)	Revenue	9461359000.00	0.00	9461359000.00
12	General Administration (District and Sub-Divisions)	Revenue	4931542000.00	0.00	4931542000.00
		Capital	1685015000.00	0.00	1685015000.00
13	Treasury & Accounts Administration	Revenue	1162687000.00	0.00	1162687000.00
		Capital	141360000.00	0.00	141360000.00
14	Police	Revenue	64860724000.00	5200000.00	64865924000.00
		Capital	4340045000.00	0.00	4340045000.00
15	Jails	Revenue	862504000.00	2000000.00	964504000.00
		Capital	633320000.00	0.00	633320000.00
16	Printing & Stationery	Revenue	354242000.00	0.00	354242000.00
		Capital	25200000.00	0.00	25200000.00
17	Administrative and functional Buildings	Revenue	3826785000.00	0.00	3826785000.00
		Capital	21624910000.00	0.00	21624910000.00
18	Fire & Emergency Services	Revenue	1856236000.00	1000.00	1856237000.00
		Capital	544350000.00	0.00	544350000.00
19	Vigilance Commission & Others	Revenue	3235223000.00	0.00	3235223000.00
		Capital	80750000.00	0.00	80750000.00
20	Civil Defence and Home Guards	Revenue	3135762000.00	0.00	3135762000.00
		Capital	49400000.00	0.00	49400000.00
21	Guest Houses, Government Hostels	Revenue	532922000.00	0.00	532922000.00
22	Administrative Training	Revenue	164407000.00	0.00	164407000.00
		Capital	112010000.00	0.00	112010000.00
23	Pension & Other Retirement Benefits	Revenue	110594720000.00	0.00	110594720000.00
24	Aid Materials	Revenue	90000.00	0.00	90000.00
25	Miscellaneous General Services & others	Revenue	58631135000.00	0.00	58631135000.00
		Capital	3439975000.00	0.00	3439975000.00

Grant No./ Appropriation	Title of Demand/ Appropriation		Voted	Charged	Total
26	Education (Higher)	Revenue	32829491000.00	0.00	32829491000.00
		Capital	2134704000.00	0.00	2134704000.00
27	Art & Culture	Revenue	945694000.00	0.00	945694000.00
		Capital	1095686000.00	0.00	1095686000.00
28	State Archives	Revenue	21432000.00	0.00	21432000.00
		Capital	5035000.00	0.00	5035000.00
29	Medical & Public Health	Revenue	65473878000.00	10500000.00	65484378000.00
		Capital	6061235000.00	0.00	6061235000.00
30	Water Supply & Sanitation	Revenue	4760581000.00	0.00	4760581000.00
		Capital	9192085000.00	0.00	9192085000.00
31	Housing & Urban Affairs (Town and Country Planning)	Revenue	9417876000.00	0.00	9417876000.00
32	Housing & Urban Affairs (Housing Schemes)	Revenue	69891000.00	0.00	69891000.00
		Capital	36154000.00	0.00	36154000.00
33	Residential Buildings	Revenue	16591000.00	0.00	16591000.00
		Capital	5225000.00	0.00	5225000.00
34	Housing & Urban Affairs (Municipal Administration)	Revenue	17495245000.00	0.00	17495245000.00
		Capital	19000000.00	0.00	19000000.00
35	Information and Public Relations	Revenue	1134907000.00	0.00	1134907000.00
36	Labour Welfare, Skill, Employment & Entrepreneurship	Revenue	2431308000.00	0.00	2431308000.00
		Capital	1108346000.00	0.00	1108346000.00
37	Food Storage & Warehousing	Revenue	9989664000.00	0.00	9989664000.00
		Capital	88416000.00	0.00	88416000.00
38	Welfare of SC/ST & OBC	Revenue	8121164000.00	0.00	8121164000.00
		Capital	4327727000.00	0.00	4327727000.00
39	Social Security, Welfare and Nutrition	Revenue	19901950000.00	0.00	19901950000.00
		Capital	492479000.00	0.00	492479000.00
40	Social Security & Welfare (Freedom Fighter)	Revenue	645116000.00	0.00	645116000.00
41	Natural Calamities	Revenue	19163018000.00	0.00	19163018000.00
42	Other Social Services (Welfare of Minorities & Development)	Revenue	1840681000.00	0.00	1840681000.00
		Capital	6460000.00	0.00	6460000.00
43	Co-Operation	Revenue	1078453000.00	0.00	1078453000.00
		Capital	849106000.00	0.00	849106000.00
44	North Eastern Council Scheme	Revenue	10000000.00	0.00	10000000.00
		Capital	4001000000.00	0.00	4001000000.00
45	Census, Survey & Statistics	Revenue	455497000.00	0.00	455497000.00
		Capital	28500000.00	0.00	28500000.00
46	Weights & Measures	Revenue	200566000.00	0.00	200566000.00
		Capital	4346000.00	0.00	4346000.00
47	Trade advisor	Revenue	17058000.00	0.00	17058000.00
48	Agriculture	Revenue	14172495000.00	0.00	14172495000.00
		Capital	1169008000.00	0.00	1169008000.00
49	Irrigation	Revenue	7218685000.00	0.00	7218685000.00
		Capital	2233747000.00	0.00	2233747000.00
50	Other Special Area Programmes (Border Protection & Development)	Revenue	42030000.00	0.00	42030000.00
		Capital	491233000.00	0.00	491233000.00
51	Soil & Water Conservation	Revenue	926826000.00	0.00	926826000.00
		Capital	383662000.00	0.00	383662000.00
52	Animal Husbandry and Veterinary	Revenue	4481701000.00	0.00	4481701000.00
		Capital	589611000.00	0.00	589611000.00
53	Dairy Development	Revenue	737765000.00	0.00	737765000.00
		Capital	85884000.00	0.00	85884000.00
54	Fisheries	Revenue	1135401000.00	0.00	1135401000.00
		Capital	304191000.00	0.00	304191000.00

Grant No./ Appropriation	Title of Demand/ Appropriation		Voted	Charged	Total
55	Environment & Forest	Revenue	9630676000.00	0.00	9630676000.00
		Capital	170051000.00	0.00	170051000.00
56	Panchayat & Rural Development (Panchayat)	Revenue	22246897000.00	37886000.00	22282583000.00
		Capital	19000000.00	0.00	19000000.00
57	Panchayat & Rural Development (Rural Development)	Revenue	57408662000.00	0.00	57408662000.00
58	Industries & Commerce	Revenue	4087046000.00	0.00	4087046000.00
		Capital	3084450000.00	0.00	3084450000.00
59	Village & Small Industries Sericulture and Weaving	Revenue	3975184000.00	0.00	3975184000.00
		Capital	249448000.00	0.00	249448000.00
60	Cottage Industries	Revenue	721874000.00	0.00	721874000.00
		Capital	1030000.00	0.00	1030000.00
61	Mines & Minerals	Revenue	214578000.00	0.00	214578000.00
		Capital	40660000.00	0.00	40660000.00
62	Power (Electricity)	Revenue	10432999000.00	0.00	10432999000.00
		Capital	9026861000.00	0.00	9026861000.00
63	Water Resources	Revenue	3933544000.00	0.00	3933544000.00
		Capital	8892557000.00	0.00	8892557000.00
64	Roads & Bridges	Revenue	14634098000.00	0.00	14634098000.00
		Capital	74789288000.00	0.00	74789288000.00
65	Tourism	Revenue	407009000.00	0.00	407009000.00
		Capital	723906000.00	0.00	723906000.00
66	Compensation & Assignment to Local Bodies & Panchayat Raj Institutions	Revenue	7262700000.00	0.00	7262700000.00
67	Horticulture	Revenue	2878435000.00	0.00	2878435000.00
		Capital	11400000.00	0.00	11400000.00
68	Loans to Govt. Servant etc	Capital	1000.00	0.00	1000.00
69	Science, Technology and Climate Change	Revenue	199988000.00	0.00	199988000.00
		Capital	365750000.00	0.00	365750000.00
70	Hill Areas	Revenue	86375000.00	0.00	86375000.00
		Capital	21650000.00	0.00	21650000.00
71	Education (Elementary, Scy Etc.)	Revenue	158204457000.00	0.00	158204457000.00
		Capital	6660509000.00	0.00	6660509000.00
72	Social Security & Welfare	Revenue	190144000.00	0.00	190144000.00
73	Housing & Urban Affairs (Gurwahati Development)	Revenue	3554100000.00	0.00	3554100000.00
		Capital	6074390000.00	0.00	6074390000.00
74	Sports & Youth Welfare	Revenue	1342495000.00	0.00	1342495000.00
		Capital	923477000.00	0.00	923477000.00
75	Information & Technology	Revenue	1003003000.00	0.00	1003003000.00
		Capital	1000.00	0.00	1000.00
76	Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council	Revenue	17298994000.00	0.00	17298994000.00
		Capital	1018000000.00	0.00	1018000000.00
77	Dima Hasao Autonomous Council	Revenue	8397305000.00	0.00	8397305000.00
		Capital	1628119000.00	0.00	1628119000.00
78	Bodoland Territorial Council	Revenue	33831073000.00	0.00	33831073000.00
		Capital	1241434000.00	0.00	1241434000.00
79	Welfare of Bodoland	Capital	50000000.00	0.00	50000000.00
80	Indigenous And Tribal Faith And Culture	Revenue	862378000.00	0.00	862378000.00
		Capital	104125000.00	0.00	104125000.00
Total		Revenue	877039891000.00	86630587000.00	963670478000.00
		Capital	186612749000.00	45227380000.00	231840129000.00
Grand Total			1063652640000.00	131857967000.00	1195510607000.00

Annexure
Abstract of Transactions

(Rs. in crores)

		Actuals	Budget	Revised	Budget
		2020-21	Estimates	Estimates	Estimates
			2021-22	2021-22	2022-23
		[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]
A. RECEIPTS					
I	Consolidated Fund	82844.93	107317.54	119423.04	119027.95
	Revenue Account	65896.19	88979.40	96042.36	96374.59
	Capital Account	16948.74	18338.14	23380.68	23673.71
II	Contingency Fund		200.00	200.00	2000.00
III	Public Account	149056.68	182253.14	182054.71	162886.83
	Total (I + II + III)	231901.61	289770.68	301677.75	283914.78
B. EXPENDITURE					
I	Consolidated Fund	79154.76	107556.29	136554.69	119551.06
	Revenue Account	64519.59	84405.47	99752.92	96367.05
	Capital Account	14635.17	23150.82	36801.77	23184.01
II	Contingency Fund		200.00	200.00	200.00
III	Public Account	152030.29	181610.81	169640.32	163743.58
	Total (I + II + III)	231185.05	289367.10	306395.01	283494.64
C. TRANSACTIONS DURING THE YEAR					
	Surplus (+)	716.56	403.58		420.14
	Deficit (-)			-4717.26	
D. OPENING BALANCE					
	Surplus (+)	2980.20		3696.76	
	Deficit (-)		-969.78		-1020.50
E. CLOSING BALANCE					
	Surplus (+)	3696.76			
	Deficit (-)		-566.20	-1020.50	-600.36

Annexure- I

List of schemes to be implemented under NIDA and RIAS

Sl. No.	Sectors	Scheme	Estimated Amount (In Rs. Cr)
A	Education	Engineering College	
		1. Behali Engineering College	54.71
		2. Sualkuchi Engineering College	54.71
		3. Bongaigaon Engineering College	54.71
		9 Model College	
		(1) Sonai, Cachar, (2) Chenga, Barpeta, (3) Batadrava, Nagaon, (4) Mangaldoi, Darrang, (5) Golokganj, Dhubri (6) Jaleswar, Goalpara, (7) Bilasipara, Dhubri, (8) Hailakandi (9) Karimganj	207.50
		Const. of 209 HS/HSS (@ Rs.3 Cr)	627.00
		2500 LP Schools State of art (@Rs.50 Lakh) (Original 5000 reduced Rs. 1250 Cr.)	1250.00
		Universities	
		1) Majuli University of Culture at Kamalabari, 2) Rabindranath Tagore University at Hojai, 3) Bhattadev University at Bajali, 4) Madhab Dev University at Narayanpur and 5) Birangana Sati Sadhini State University at Golaghat, Assam	300.00
		6) Anirudha Sports University	
		7) Jorhat Women College	25.00
		9 Women Colleges	225.00
	Sub-Total (A)	2798.63	
B	Health & FW	Medical College	
		1. Biswanath Medical College	564.43
		2. Charaideu Medical College	557.00
		New Medical College	
		1. Dhemaji Medical College	500.00
		2. Golaghat Medical College	500.00
		3. Bongaigaon Medical College	500.00
		4. Tamulpur Medical College	500.00
5. Morigaon Medical College	500.00		
	Sub-Total (B)	3621.43	
C	Agriculture	State of the Art Cold Storage - Guwahati Airport, Azara GP area for transporting Agro Exports	50.00
D	AH&Vety	Regional Milk Processing Unit (3x4)	12.00

E	Sports	40 Sports Complex (12 Cr. Each)	480.00
		Const. of Chandrapur Stadium	120.00
		10 District Stadium @ Rs. 50 Cr.	500.00
F	Tourism	Const. of Jongalbolohu Khetra at Jongalbolohu Archaeological Site (Const. of Auditorium, Museum, Land Scapping etc.)	50.00
G	GAD	Integrated DC Office (10 Districts)	500.00
H	Handloom Textiles & Seri.	College of Sericulture	20.00
I	Social Welfare	Model Anganwadi (@ Rs.25 lakh /2000 nos)	500.00
J	PWD (R)	Bridge at Ghunakhuti	304.00
		Bridge at Pagladiya	200.00
		Overbridge Project at Mission Chariali	100.00
		Kokrajar to Rupsi Airport Road	1644.00
		Rowta to Misamari Road	
		Gohpur-Dholpur road via Ghagrabasti Road	
		NH-52 (Dirak gate) Building Pengeree	
		Sub-Total (C to K)	4680.00
		Total under NIDA	11100.06
		Under RIAS	
K	Fishery	2000 Village Community Tanks	200.00
	Health & FW	Buniyadi Swasthya Kendra (@ Rs.1.60 Cr. X 125 nos)	200.00
	Social Welfare	Old Age Home at Boko	100.00
		Grand Total under NIDA + RIAS	11600.06

Annexure- II

SI	Project name	Projects Cost (In Rs. Cr)
	ONGOING PROJECTS (9 Nos)	
1	JICA funded Guwahati Water Supply Project	1427.00
2	AfD funded Assam Project on Forest & Biodiversity Conservation phase II	500.00
3	WB funded Assam State Public Finance Institutional Reforms (ASPIRe)	294.52
4	ADB funded Assam Power Sector Investment program (Tr III)	2127.53
5	AIIB funded Enhancement of Intrastate Transmission System of Assam Phase-I	4560.92
6	WB funded Assam Citizen Centric Services Delivery Project	292.73
7	WB funded Assam Inland Water Transport	770.00
8	WB funded Assam Agribusiness & Rural Transformation Project (APART)	1833.20
9	NDB funded Assam Bridge Project (Brahmaputra Bridge connecting Guwahati to North Guwahati)	2608.69
	Sub-total	14414.59
	PIPE LINE PROJECTS (12 Nos)	
1	Assam Urban Infrastructure Investment Project (AUIIP)-II to be funded by NDB	840.42
2	Assam Power Distribution System Enhancement & Loss Reduction Project to be funded by AIIB	3284.04
3	Guwahati Sewerage Project to be funded by JICA	1712.00
4	Assam Integrated River Basin Management project Tr.-I to be funded by WB	740.00
5	Brahmaputra Flood and River Bank Erosion Risk Management Project to be funded by ADB	3600.00
6	Assam Road Network Improvement Project to be funded by ADB	2756.25
7	Assam Secondary Road Network Improvement Project (ASRIP) to be funded by AIIB	2800.00
8	Assam Bridge Project II (Palashbari Sualkuchi) to be funded by NDB	3094.00
9	Assam State Bridge Infrastructure Project (ASBIP) to be funded by WB	4360.00
10	Assam Skill University to be funded by ADB	1036.00
11	Strengthening Health System and Excellence of Medical Education in Assam to be funded by JICA	3875.00
12	Assam Fisheries Development and Livelihood Project to be funded by JICA	3391.50
	Sub-total	31489.21
	Grand Total	45903.80

Annexure- III

SI No	Parameters	Financial Year		
		2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022
1	No. of Bank Accounts in Assam	1,48,71,109	1,63,26,240	1,82,63,197
2	No. of Bank Branches in Assam	2,531	2,972	2,992
3	CD ratio	52%	51%	56%
4	Priority Sector Lending	45,156	49,832	57,098