

ॐ असतो मा सद्गमय । तमसो मा ज्योतिर्गमय ।
मृत्योर्मा अमृतं गमय । ॐ शान्तिः शान्तिः शान्तिः ॥

*Mr. Speaker and Hon'ble Members of the Goa
Legislative Assembly.*

I extend a warm welcome to all of you to this First Session of the Assembly for the year 2018.

2. At the outset, I take this opportunity to congratulate Padmashree Laxman Pai for being awarded Padmabhushan for his valuable contribution in the field of Art.

3. It is the utmost concern of my Government that more than 300 people lose their lives in road accidents each year, besides more than 1000 getting injured in these accidents. This severely traumatizes the families of the deceased and those injured besides causing financial distress. My Government is sensitive and

understands irreplaceable value of human life and therefore has taken various measures with assistance from NGO's for proper road management. My Government will take all steps; including educating, training, conducting awareness amongst school and college students, regulating and to improve road and traffic management and reduce accidents. These steps will go a long way in ensuring discipline on roads. As one of such measures, Goa Police has launched Traffic Sentinel Scheme to rope in netizens against traffic violations and negligent driving.

4. The overall law and order situation in the State has remained under control. The crime rate has declined, at the same time crime detection rate has increased. Further, the Goa Police has implemented the CCTNS. My Government has successfully conducted the coastal security exercise 'Sagar Kavach' and also successfully hosted the U-17 FIFA World Cup without any breach in security. To further strengthen the policing activity, 41 new vehicles and 32 motorcycles have been added to the existing fleet.

5. My Government is aware that the Home Guard service is primarily a volunteer service. However, over the years it has become a paid service. I am happy to inform that Home Guards have been granted minimum of honorarium of Rs. 626/- per day. In years to come, my Government desires to revive the Home Guard service by maintaining at least 10% of the strength being Volunteers so as to preserve the original essence of Home Guard services.

Hon'ble Members,

6. All of us have to appreciate the way Goa has progressed remarkably during the last 56 years and has emerged as one of the progressive forward looking and prosperous State. I would like to inform this August House that my Government would lay greater emphasis on overall sustainable development in all the spheres of the State.

Hon'ble Members,

7. At the core of all my Government's policies is, the welfare of the weaker sections of the society and more

stress is laid on Yuva to take up National programmes by giving wings to young entrepreneurs leveraging the tolls and templates, knowledge, learning programmes and more to gear up for existing startup journey.

8. In line with the concept of “*integral humanism*” propounded by Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyay, my Government focuses on wholesome development of the human resource. Therefore, it was appropriate to observe the centenary year of Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyay as ***Garib Kalyan Varsh***.

9. My Government is guided by the fundamental spirit of the Constitution and committed to the welfare of weaker sections and working towards strengthening social justice and economic parity and usher ease of living of the common man.

10. My Government has notified the Goa Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act, 2017 and the same has come into force with effect from October 19, 2017. In order to avoid hardships to the citizens, my Government

has procured additional 100 Aadhaar enrollment kits which will be placed at various Government Departments for setting up Permanent Enrolment Centres for extending Aadhaar enrolment and allied services to the beneficiaries and local population in line with the Policy of Government of India.

11. My Government is focused **to end Hunger, achieve Food Security and improved nutrition**. To achieve this, the National Food Security Act has been strictly enforced and 5.43 lakh deserving population has been covered. In order to bring transparency and to curtail diversion and leakages in the Targeted Public Distribution System the Department of Civil Supplies is in the process of installing Point of Sale devices at all Fair Price Shops. Almost cent percent Aadhaar seeding of ration cards has been completed.

12. Under Dayanand Social Security Scheme, around 1.40 lakh beneficiaries have been benefitted. More than Rs. 6.00 crores has been disbursed towards financial assistance benefitting around 30000 students belonging to SC, ST, OBC and Minorities. My

Government organized assessment camps under Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana, identifying the needs of living assistive devices for senior citizens under BPL category. About 3000 senior citizens/disabled beneficiaries were provided with assistive living devices.

13. In order to **achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls**, my Government is giving highest priority for improving female sex ratio at birth by monitoring the implementation of PNDT Act in the State. One of the most important flagship scheme of my Government is "*Laadli Laxmi*" which has been introduced with the intention to allay the mistaken and wrong apprehensions of parents regarding the girl child being a burden. The scheme has also been suitably expanded to take care of higher education or entrepreneurship needs of the young girl. Till date, nearly 52,000 beneficiaries have availed the benefit. Nearly Rs. 520.00 crores has been spent on this scheme.

14. My Government believes in **Empowerment of Women** and is strongly committed to achieve this

goal. As part of this mission and in order to address the problem of spiraling prices and to support the homemakers, my Government is successfully implementing the Griha Aadhar Scheme. An amount of around Rs. 220.00 crores has been disbursed till date during the financial year to nearly about 1.51 lakh beneficiaries.

15. My Government has successfully implemented various nutrition programmes for children, pregnant women and lactating women covering around 70,000 beneficiaries. Besides my Government has covered, around 4900 beneficiaries under MAMTA Scheme and around 35000 beneficiaries under SABLTA Scheme.

16. In order to protect the Scheduled Tribe community from all forms of social injustice and exploitation, my Government is taking utmost care to look in to the grievances of Scheduled tribes for better enforcement of their Constitutional Rights and give impetus to the implementation of various welfare schemes. Besides, 500 beneficiaries are given financial

assistance either for construction of new house or repair of house under Atal Asra Yojana. All the schemes of Tribal Welfare are effectively implemented on Aadhaar based link to the beneficiaries.

17. My Government is committed to provide free legal aid to the weaker sections and excluded communities. During the year, free legal aid was provided to the citizens in more than 30 legal aid camps conducted. In order to deliver speedy justice to the litigants in Sanguem taluka, my Government has sanctioned Gram Nyayalaya in Sanguem.

18. My Government is committed to make Goa “*Open Defecation Free State*” by 2nd October 2018. As a part of Information, Education & Communication, camps are being held to create awareness by organizing street plays, by way of wall painting, billboard, hoardings, distribution of pamphlets, stickers, foam boards, etc. As a part of Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban, my Government has constructed around 130 community toilets and around 15 public toilets for different Urban local bodies. Toilets having bio-degradable facilities like

bio-digester are being established. Four projects under AMRUT have been taken up and completed in Panaji City.

Hon'ble Members,

19. Local bodies are the best schools of Democracy which develops the quality of citizens. My Government has taken concrete steps to strengthen the local bodies. We have successfully completed elections to all Gram Panchayats. E-Governance software has been implemented successfully to keep track on various transactions through fund management and progress of development and welfare schemes. Under Deen Dayal Infrastructure Development Scheme, more than 16 projects have already been taken up for execution and another around 40 new projects is under consideration.

20. The commitment of my Government is doubling the real income of the farmers by 2022 which is one of the targets of Sustainable Development Goals of the State. In order to achieve the target, my Government is making efforts to identify waste land and put the same to

use for cooperative farming by providing technology, modern tools, financial support by way of subsidies for cultivating various types of crops and purchasing agricultural machinery and encourage the youth to take up agriculture. Fallow land mapping has been completed and studies to put them to productive use have begun. In order to provide demand for the local products, my Government is encouraging the youth to establish food parks in the State as a part of Startup programme. Further, my Government will carry out branding of Goan agricultural produce and establish integrated Horticulture and floriculture estates.

21. The vision of my Government is to make the State self-sufficient in milk production. The Kamdhenu scheme has been successfully implemented in the State. During the last year itself, the average milk collection has gone up by 6,000 litres/day. Subsidy of more than Rs. 22.00 crores was released to farmers as incentives on milk and feed based on milk poured to dairy co-operative societies and Batchat Gats of SUMUL.

22. My Government intends to enhance socio economic conditions of the fishing community by utilizing available aquatic resources of the State for which continuous efforts are being made by implementing various schemes and promote marine techniques; thereby providing livelihood to fishermen by creating awareness about the aqua culture schemes like ornamental fish farming, crab farming, mussel and oyster farming, promoting fish culture *via* fresh water, open sea cage, brackish water and estuarine farming

23. A drop of water is worth more than a sack of gold to a thirsty man. The **thrust** of my Government is **to conserve every drop of water**. “*Nital Goem, Nital Baim*” scheme has been introduced to help promote the conjunctive use of water and also maintain the ground water structures in the State by individuals and group of individuals by extending them grant-in-aid in the form of subsidy. My Government is aware of the rise in cases of ground water pollution, on account of seepage of various domestic and other pollutants; and therefore a number of sewerage and sewage treatment schemes

have been established at Navelim, Margao, Mormugao, Taleigao, Fatorda, Calangute, Porvorim, Mapusa and Sanquelim areas.

24. My Government is committed to **ensure Healthy lives and promote well-being in all ages**. Goa has already achieved most of the parameters of the Sustainable Development Goals under Health Sector. It is a matter of great pride for my Government as the health parameters of the State are excellent. Infant Mortality Rate, Maternal Mortality Rate and Total Fertility Ratio are the lowest in the country and on par with many a developed nations. The priority of my Government is to improve the quality of medical facilities.

25. My Government has initiated and successfully implemented the Deen Dayal Swasthya Seva Yojana Scheme which provides health insurance cover to every family, enabling them to avail treatment in the Government and empanelled hospitals. I am happy to inform that this flagship scheme of my Government is proposed to be replicated across the country as

announced in the Union Budget for the year 2018-19. My Government is in the process of constructing a super specialty block and Cancer treatment block under PMSSY at Goa Medical College.

26. My Government is committed to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities to all section of the society. In order to achieve the goal, efforts are being made to provide quality infrastructure, innovative tools, enhance learning skills, identify slow learners and provide counseling and remedial teaching facilities. About 52000 laptops are being distributed under Cyberage scheme during 2017-18. My Government has introduced Integrated Voice Response System (IVRS) for the first time to check the quality and leakage of Mid-Day meals. Approximately, 1,65,000 students are benefitting from Mid-Day Meal scheme.

27. In order to encourage the students to learn Marathi and Konkani in local schools, Special Grants have been released to 134 primary aided schools. In order to

provide a better learning environment, playground facilities, common areas and to provide better infrastructure to the schools in Panaji area, the Cujira educational complex has been established. This complex is being developed as Model educational complex. On these lines two more complexes at Mapusa and Margao will be established.

28. Goa University emerged among the top 2.2% universities in the BRICS Region at the QS World University Rankings. The first ever Sanskrit BA Degree College "*Shree Brahmanand Sanskrit Prabhodhini*" at Tapobhoomi in Kundaim has been granted NOC to offer BA in Sanskrit.

29. In order to provide quality infrastructure, Government College of Khandola, Quepem, Sanquelim & Margao have been upgraded, while work of upgradation at Government College at Pernem and Goa College of Home Science, has commenced. My Government managed to get a sanction of Rs. 12.00 crores under RUSA.

30. In order to encourage young entrepreneurs to take up new projects, soft loan of around Rs. 13.00 crores has been sanctioned under the Chief Minister's Rojgar Yojana (CMRY) Scheme, benefitting more than 230 beneficiaries during the current financial year. Under Udyog Aadhar Memorandum, nearly 810 units have been registered online with a proposed investment of over Rs. 350.00 crores with an employment potential to nearly 8400 persons. The Goa Investment Promotion Board has granted in principle approvals to 146 projects with total investment of more than Rs. 10500.00 crores with employment potential of more than 22000 persons.

31. In order to simplify the regulation, transparency of operation and making information accessible, the Ease of Doing Business has been initiated and Business Reforms Action Plan is being implemented. Various line departments are working to comply with the reforms.

32. Labour relations with the industry plays a key role in the development of the State

and efforts are being made to maintain balanced environment between labour and industry. Under ESI Scheme more than 1,65,000 families have been covered. The ESI Hospital at Margao has been upgraded with 100 beds and part of the hospital has started functioning.

33. My Government has notified the Goa Start up Policy 2017 with a vision to make Goa as one of the most preferred destinations of India and feature Goa in top 25 startup destinations in Asia by 2025.

34. Goa is having a good net work of inland waterways. In order to reduce air pollution and road traffic congestion, my Government is exploring to make optimum use of inland waterways. My Government has taken up the work of construction of 03 new ferryboats which will be ready by February 2018. National Institute of Oceanography, Goa has undertaken the Environmental Impact Assessment Study for initiating the second phase of de-silting river Sal so as to facilitate free movement of passenger boats.

35. My Government is making efforts to providing quality drinking water to each every household which is one of the agenda points of the Sustainable Development Goals. The Improvement of water supply system across the State is being undertaken.

36. In order to encourage budding talented musicians, my Government has implemented “Scheme for Establishment of Music Centres in Schools” towards imparting music education in schools and to improve the overall standard of learning music. Around 290 schools have been benefitted under the scheme.

37. My Government is in the process of commissioning Safe Goa 24x7 Emergency Monitoring System which will ensure the objective of saving life and property by real time and also creating Goa Disaster Response Cadet Corp for which volunteers from the State shall be enrolled under the National Skill Development Corporation.

38. As part of land reforms and facilitating citizens in accessing revenue services, the integration of

GAURI-DHARNI Software for the purpose of mutation of land has been launched. *E-teor* Project has also been introduced which will allow online Birth & Death certificate issuance and correction service of the year 1914 to 1970, which is being made available in the all Taluka Civil Registrar-cum-Sub-Registrar offices.

39. My Government has prepared the Draft Master Plan for Eco sensitive Zones of Goa. Town Planning Scheme at Mapusa is being implemented.

40. “*Atithi Devo Bhava*” has always been the attitude of Goa and Goans. Goa is one of the famous tourist destinations. Tourism industry contributes a major portion in State income. The total tourists’ arrival in Goa is more than four times of the population of Goa. My Governments priority is to provide quality infrastructure and promote tourism sector in all spheres of the State. The Union Ministry for Tourism has sanctioned nearly Rs. 200.00 crores under *Swadesh Darshan*, a scheme for upgrading basic amenities and tourist friendly infrastructure along the coastal circuit of the State.

41. The present airport at Dabolim is already overloaded due to increasing passenger traffic as well as Naval restrictions. While the dual status of Dabolim airport is retained, My Government is committed to have its own International Airport at Mopa in Pernem Taluka catering round the clock operation of both domestic and international flights within the next 3 years. Goa will become an unique State to have two international airports conducting civilian operations in close proximity. The work of improvement, widening and strengthening of existing approach road to Mopa Airport site to facilitate two-way movement of vehicles is almost completed.

42. To ensure quality power supply to the people and industry, the replacement of overhead 11 KV conductors with Aerial Bunched Cables (ABC) of around 1000 kilometers in the State amounting to Rs. 145.00 crores is under progress. As part of Demand Side Management (DSM) measure, around 1.95 lakh of all types of conventional Street light fixtures have been replaced by high quality efficient smart LED light fixtures.

43. With the efforts of my Government, the Ministry of Power has allocated additional 50 MW from the un-allocated share of the Central Sector power at the prevailing rates of the respective stations and the power is being purchased with effect from 21st November, 2017.

44. I am immensely pleased to inform that Goa was chosen to host the Nobel Prize Series India 2018 in collaboration with Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India and Nobel Media, Sweden. This prestigious series saw a healthy interaction with students and teachers. We hope to increase such scientific awareness about the Nobel Prize Series and simultaneously inspire engagement in science and inculcate scientific temperament amongst the students.

45. My Government has been working proactively on the issue of solid waste management. In order to maintain the **State clean and litter-free** and to ensure proper Solid Waste Management across the State, various

initiatives have been taken. The first state-of-art facility functioning at Saligao is being expanded to handle 250 tonnes per day of waste. On similar lines, another facility is being established at Cacora during the end of this year. My Government is also in the process of setting up of Common Biomedical Waste Treatment Plant at Kundaim Industrial Estate.

46. To ensure orderly growth of the cooperative movement in the State and to strengthen it as a self sustained instrument of socio-economic development, my Government has agreed to support the Goa State Co-operative Bank by contributing Share Capital of Rs. 20.00 crores and has invested Rs. 5.00 crores in Sanjivani Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana in the form of Share Capital during the current financial year.

47. National Games are being held in Goa and the State Government has the stupendous task of hosting these Games successfully for which Indoor Stadium at Navelim Salcete, Sawalwada Pernem and Campal-Panaji, Indoor Stadium at Fatorda and Ponda will be constructed and renovated.

48. My Government expects whole hearted participation and co-operation of the people, in realizing its programme of “*Swaach Bharat, Nital Goem*”.

Now the time has come for all of us to dedicate ourselves to the cause of nation building. Let us have the sense of coordination and synchronization in thought process to make Goa, a Golden Goa.

49. We gather once again to celebrate democracy, a cherished value and culture that has prospered throughout the long history of our nation. Indeed, a culture that guides my Government towards *Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas*. I am confident that together we can make it possible.

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Let everyone be happy and healthy

Jai Hind – Jai Goa