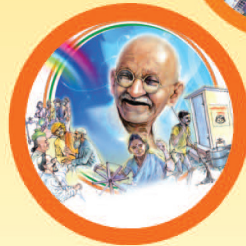




BUDGET

2017-2018



15th March 2017

Presented by
Sri Siddaramaiah
Hon'ble Chief Minister



Hon'ble Speaker,

1. I present the Budget for the year 2017-18 before the people of the State through you.

2. On the threshold of our Government completing the fourth year in another two months, I feel that it is my duty to place before the people of the State not only perspective for the ensuing financial year but also an account of our achievements.

3. Ours is an all-inclusive, universal development model with a human face. To supplement this, in my last four budgets, I have put forth before the people, an extensive economic framework for social justice, one of the objectives of our Constitution. I have made an honest effort to further extend and enhance the same in this budget.

4. It is my desire that the impact of development should reflect in the lives of people. I believe that this is the true measure of achievement of our Government. We always have an open mind to public opinion. "Janamana" programme with beneficiaries of the schemes is a testimony for this. By respecting the public opinion expressed there, we have made our schemes more useful for the people by modifying them.

5. Ramarajya is a concept representing hunger-free, exploitation-free, overall development with deep rooted harmony. Be it inspiration behind the Constitution drafted by Ambedkar, life of Gandhiji saying 'my life is my message' or anna Basavanna's ideals, all say the same. Therefore, it is my belief that, Ramarajya cannot be built by those who oppose the concept of social justice.

6. Somehow, juvenile and narrow minded impressions have crept in the economic sector that pro-people Government means anti-development Government! But, our Government has succeeded in dispelling that myth. I wish to say with humility that the Government that has been identified by the common man as a pro-people Government, the same Government's administration and policy-programmes have succeeded in raising Bengaluru to the stature of most dynamic city in the world.

7. It should not be forgotten that the same Government, which has been acknowledged as pro-social justice, has propelled the State to the first position in the Country in terms of investment intention.

8. There is a section of people amongst us, which believes that providing infrastructure itself is development. This is only a partial truth. Whatever it is, the section which believes so should also not have much reservations about the performance of our Government. During the tenure of our Government, schemes for development of infrastructure in the State and Bengaluru are not merely on paper but are before the people. Be it Bengaluru Metro, State Road Transport Corporation, which is getting award after award, upgraded State Highways across the State, which has raised eyebrows of many, Industrial Parks, which have come up all over the State, nobody can easily deny that these are the face of development.

9. Darkness will not cast on the future of the land where women and children are the focus of development. This is a simple truth which I have found out by experience. Today, even reputed private institutions are

appreciating the steps taken by the State with regard to empowerment of women and in shaping the future of the children. I wish to bring to the notice of this House that, recently an international organization has accorded 'Most Encouraging State Government – 2017' award for the steps taken by Karnataka to encourage women entrepreneurs and remove gender inequality.

10. I am proud to state that this is the face of our development. Commitment of women in carefully building the society as daughters, mothers, and sisters is unquestionable. Therefore, gender sensitive features are deeply rooted in our fiscal policy, which will provide equal opportunities and choices by removing gender inequality.

11. Last four years of our journey was not a bed of roses. We are facing an adverse situation because of slump in economic activities, including continuous drought since two years and recent demonetization, which is being countered through fiscal discipline, commitment to resource mobilization and efficient administration.

State's Economy

12. The Gross State Domestic Product in the year 2016-17 grew at the rate of 6.9 percent as against the rate of 7.3 percent during 2015-16. Agriculture sector is estimated to grow by 1.5 percent. The cause for decline in overall growth rate is attributable to decline in growth rate of industry and service sectors. The industry sector is expected to grow at 2.2 percent compared to 4.9 percent during previous year while the service sector is expected to register a growth of 8.5 percent during the current year as compared to 10.4 percent the previous year.

Effect of Demonetisation

13. Any public policy, apart from the purpose of achieving the intended target, should also be very efficient in its execution. Demonetisation caused huge amount of distress to the public but the Union Government is yet to disclose what outcome has been achieved by it. The entire cooperative sector that is so critical in servicing the farmers and the rural folk, virtually came to a stand still. The manner of implementation betrayed a lack of preparedness, with the banking system just not geared up for this responsibility given to them. The goal posts were changed mid-way and the rules were repeatedly modified. While the need for demonetisation itself is debatable, I think that the Union Government and the Reserve Bank of India could have at least foreseen the exigencies and could have put in practical and robust systems in place to insulate the common man from these hardships.

State's Financial Position**Plan Performance in 2016-17**

14. The State's plan size for 2016-17 was fixed at Rs.85,375 crores. This included support of Rs.75,665 crores from State Government's resources and Rs.9,710 crores as resource of the Public Sector Enterprises. As against this, as per the Revised Estimates, the plan size for the year 2016-17 is expected to be Rs.85,933 crores. We are confident of achieving this higher target set in Revised Estimates.

Removal of Plan and Non Plan distinction from FY 17-18

15. The distinction between Plan and Non-Plan expenditure in the budgetary system was brought in when the plan model of economic growth was adopted in the country. Over the period, the Plan and Non plan bifurcation of expenditure has contributed to fragmented view of resource allocations to various programmes and schemes. C.Rangarajan Committee and the Administrative Reforms Commission (ARC) 14th Report recommended that distinction of Plan and Non Plan to be done away with. In line with the above, Government of India has done away with Plan, Non-plan classification from 2017-18 budget. In line with the National initiative, the State Government has decided to remove the distinction between plan and non-plan from FY 17-18.

Amendment to the Karnataka Scheduled Castes Sub-Plan and Tribal Sub-Plan (Planning, Allocation and Utilization of Financial Resources) Act, 2013

16. Till now, 24.10 % of Plan was considered for earmarking under SCSP/TSP and Non-Plan expenditure was not considered in the base. This will change as Plan and Non-plan distinction will no longer be there from FY17-18. From this base, the exempted expenditure that includes salary, salary GIA, pension, administrative expenditure, principal repayment and interest payment on account of the State government's borrowing and off-budget borrowings by the State Government Undertakings and any such expenditure of

administrative nature so notified by the Government will be excluded. Allocable budget, which is the Total Consolidated Fund expenditure less Exempted expenditure, will be used as a base to calculate the SCSP/TSP allocation. 24.1% of this base will be earmarked for SCSP/TSP. An amendment to this effect will be moved in this Session.

Agriculture

17. Achievements in the last four years.

18. Drought Proofing and Risk Mitigation:

- Limited use of water is key to sustainable agriculture. In this context, thrust has been given to micro irrigation by providing 90% subsidy and tripling the allocation for the same during the last 4 years. Community micro irrigation projects like Ramthal have been taken up on large scale. Under this programme, drip and sprinkler irrigation units have been distributed to 3.9 lakh farmers covering an area of 4 lakh hectares.
- To ensure protective irrigation in rainfed areas, Krishi Bhagya Yojane has been implemented and has been largely acclaimed by farmers throughout the State. Under this programme, 1.2 lakh farm ponds and 2546 polyhouses/shade-nets have been constructed. For this an amount of Rs.1121 crore has been spent.
- “Kere Sanjeevini” scheme for rejuvenation of tanks and large scale watershed area

development has augmented drought tolerance. For the first time in the country, a project has been formulated and being implemented to treat 8 TMC of waste water of Bengaluru flowing from Kormangala-Challagatta valley to fill up 126 tanks of Kolara and Chikkaballapura districts to be used for irrigation at an estimated cost of Rs.1,280 crore. The work is in progress.

- To mitigate the risks from natural calamities and to compensate for crop loss, action has been taken for speedy computerized settlement of claims of the farmers under Karnataka Raitha Suraksha Pradhana Mantri Fasal Bhima Yojane. Under this scheme 22.2 lakh farmers covering an area of 29.8 lakh hectares will be benefited. The State Government has its 50% share amounting to Rs.876 crore.
- I propose to take up the long pending Mekedatu and Upper Krishna Projects in the current year.

19. **Improving and Stabling farmers' income:**

- To enhance farmers' income, thrust has been given to Animal Husbandry through Pashu Bhagya and Ksheera Dhare schemes. This has increased the income of marginal farmers and also increased milk collection in the state. Under Pashu Bhagya scheme, 50% subsidy to SC/ST communities and 25% subsidy to general category is being given. During 2015-16 and 2016-17, 27,869 beneficiaries have been benefited at a cost of Rs.91 crore.

- To reduce cost of production and overcome deficit in availability of farmer labour, thrust is given to farm mechanization by substantially increasing the allocation. In addition to this, custom hiring centers have been set up for renting farm machinery. Under this scheme farm machinery and agro-processing equipments have been distributed to 10.5 lakh farmers. 305 Krishi Yanthra Dhare centers have been set up to provide farm machinery on rental basis. 4.3 lakh farmers have availed the services from these centers.
- 28 lakh quintals of high quality seeds have been distributed at subsidised rates to 100 lakh farmers and 135 lakh tons of fertilizers have been efficiently distributed.
- Under “**Soil Health Mission**”, 16 lakh soil samples have been collected and 30 lakh Soil Health Cards have been distributed to the farmers.
- In order to protect farmers from the vagaries of fluctuation in market price, budgetary support to the revolving fund has been enhanced. Establishment of transparent online market system has enhanced income of farmers by making competitive prices available to them. Grants have been provided at record levels for constructing godowns for storage of agricultural produce.

20. Farmers empowerment through Informatization and Institution Strengthening:

- For providing market information, crop advisories and weather forecasts to farmers through electronic media, Information Communication Technology (ICT) has been adopted. Information is being provided to farmers by setting up Integrated Help-Line and “Community Radio Centers” in Agriculture Universities.
- Agriculture related programmes will be directly monitored by “Karnataka Krishi Abhirudhi Parisath” under the chairmanship of Chief Minister.

New Schemes for the year 2017-18

21. “**Krishi Bhagya**” scheme has played a pivotal role in providing protective irrigation to crops during critical stages to combat drought effectively and to obtain higher income. Taking into account the success, the scheme will be extended to Coastal and Malnad areas (excluding command areas) covering all the taluks in the year 2017-18. For this purpose, a grant of Rs.600 crore will be provided.

22. The State is continuously facing drought for the last 5 years and “Karnataka Raitha Suraksha Pradhana Manthri Fasal Bima Yojana” has proved to be a boon to overcome this situation. For the year 2017-18, an amount of Rs.845 crore has been provided along with central assistance to cover a total area of 31.5 lakh hectares.

23. In order to emphasize judicious and efficient use of water, drip and sprinkler irrigation units will be distributed at 90% subsidy for up to 2 hectares and 50% subsidy for up to 5 hectares covering an area of 1.8 lakh hectares. For this purpose, an amount of Rs.375 crore is provided.

24. Since a large number of farmers have been benefited from the “Krishi Yanthradhare Programme”, the programme will be further extended to the remaining hoblis. It is proposed to set up 250 more centers at hoblis. For this purpose, Rs. 122 crore has been earmarked.

25. For the first time in the State, the incentives will be directly transferred to the farmer’s account for promoting adoption of improved technologies especially in paddy, pulses and oil seeds with an intention to increase production and reduce the cost of cultivation. Incentive will also be given to technology promoters. For this purpose, Rs.100 crore is provided.

26. To attract rural youth towards agriculture by providing employment opportunities and to encourage usage of farm machineries alongwith facilitating manufacture of small agricultural implements locally, it is proposed to established 174 “Rural farm machinery Repair/Service Centers”, one in each taluka. Rs.10 crore is provided to establish these centers with Bank linkage at a subsidy of Rs.5 lakh per center or upto a maximum of 50% and for SC/ST community subsidy upto 75%.

27. In 2017-18, a total amount of Rs. 5080 crore is provided to Agriculture Department.

Horticulture**28. Achievements in last four years**

- Though severe drought situation was prevailing in the state during the last four years, there has been an increase of area under horticultural crops from 18.35 lakh hectares to 21.36 lakh hectares. This has led to increase in production from 149.6 lakh tons to 178.6 lakh tons. Rs.2500 crore has been provided in the form of subsidy to 8 lakh beneficiaries for implementation of various schemes. Schemes have been implemented for production of 77.5 lakh graft and seedlings, adoption of drip irrigation system in 1.3 lakh hectares and rejuvenation of horticulture crops in 36,094 hectares. Karnataka State has been declared as the best Horticulture State in the country for 2015.
- 87 Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) covering 87,000 farmers have been formed to augment horticulture production and output business activities. These organizations have started input business, custom hire business and output business.
- In 2016-17, 2422 tons of certified seed potato were procured from Jalandhar through National Seeds Corporation and distributed to 2817 farmers through Farmer Producing Organizations (FPOs) and HOPCOMS. This programme will be continued even in the next kharif season.

New Schemes for the year 2017-18

29. Grant of Rs.200 crore will be provided for implementation of “Krishi Bhagya” scheme under Horticulture Department for the first time.

30. For expansion of horticultural area by 20,000 acres, 40 lakhs of planting materials including Tissue Culture plants will be provided to 20,000 farmers, for which Rs.5 crore will be provided.

31. Horticulture Department has 418 farms over 16,000 acres, which need to be improved. Our government will take up development of 100 model farms in next 5 years and for this purpose a budget of Rs.10 crore will be earmarked.

32. It is proposed to start “Cashew Development Board” for developing 10,000 hectares of good quality of cashew orchards over next 5 years in the State to benefit more than 10,000 farmers. For this Rs.10 crore will be provided.

33. It is proposed to take up rejuvenation of coconut plantations and enhance productivity in an area of 10,000 hectares, which will benefit 10,000 farmers. For this purpose, Rs.10 crore has been earmarked.

34. It is proposed to take up rejuvenation of 5,000 hectares of Mango orchards benefiting around 5,000 mango growers in increasing productivity. For this purpose Rs.10 crore is provided.

35. For production of high quality mangoes, initiatives are proposed to encourage mango growers to adopt Global GAP (Good Agricultural Practices)

Certification and to provide scientific ripening facilities in 100 APMC markets across the State, for which Rs.10 crore will be provided.

36. Assistance will be given for providing post harvest and marketing facility to spice growers, especially that of dry chilly, pepper and turmeric etc., through the Spice Development Board set up by them. This will benefit 7000 farmers and Rs.3 crore will be provided.

37. To support coconut growers, 'Neera Policy' has been approved. The Excise Act, has been amended to implement it. Licenses will be issued to select Coconut Producer Companies and Farmer Producer Companies to make 'Neera' as a nourishing drink and its processing for other uses. They will be supported for creating marketing and other facilities. For this Rs.3 crore is provided.

38. It is proposed to renovate Indira Gandhi Musical Fountain in Bengaluru using new technology and rain-proof shelter for visitors.

39. Drip irrigation facility will be provided to 35,000 farmers with 90% subsidy, at a cost of Rs.233 crore.

40. To mitigate water scarcity to crops due to severe drought for the last 3 years, 50% subsidy (maximum of Rs.50,000) will be provided to 10 farmers per taluka to purchase water tankers.

41. In 2017-18, a total provision of Rs 1091 Crore is made to Horticulture Department.

Animal Husbandry**42. Achievements during the last 4 years**

- Animal husbandry is an important occupation in the rural areas of the State. The State is at 2nd place in milk collection, 7th place in production of eggs, 4th place in rearing of sheep and goat and 11th place in the production of meat.
- During 2015-16, approximately 6344 thousand tonnes of milk, 476 crore eggs and 2 lakh tonnes of meat has been produced. There are sufficient opportunities for growth in these areas. Therefore, the State is encouraging rural farmers through the schemes like 'Kurigahi Suraksha Yojane', 'Ksheera Bhagya', 'Pashu Bhagya' etc. Number of beneficiaries have increased from 7.7 lakh in 2013-14 to 8.8 lakh in 2016-17. Daily procurement of milk has increased from 52 lakh Kg in 2013-14 to 68 lakh kg in 2016-17. The incentive has been increased from Rs.2/- to Rs.5/- per litre after our Government came to power.
- 16387 dairy units have been provided to Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe beneficiaries during 2013-14 to 2016-17 out of the grant of Rs.100 crore under Scheduled Caste Sub Plan/Tribal Sub Plan.
- Under the 'Amrutha Yojane' scheme, dairy units have been distributed to 9672 widows and destitute women to achieve the self-reliance

during 2013-14 to 2016-17 by incurring an expenditure of Rs.28 crore.

New Schemes for the year 2017-18

43. With an objective of extending the expert and improved veterinary services to all the villages of the State, it is proposed to upgrade 1,512 Primary Veterinary Centers to Veterinary Dispensaries in a phased manner. 302 such centres will be upgraded during the year. I feel proud that with this, the State has taken the first step towards having Veterinary Centres with graduate veterinary doctors in the country.

44. "Certified Elite Breed Ram Producing Units" will be established in the State for the development of 10,000 elite lambs by selecting 'True to the breed' lambs of three months' age and providing good quality feed for 12 months.

45. It is proposed to establish a modern abattoir in each revenue division at unit cost of Rs.7.25 crore through Karnataka Sheep and Goat Breeding Co-operative Federation. Construction of two abattoirs will be taken up during the year.

46. To provide clean and hygienic meat to public, existing meat stalls will be modernized at unit cost of Rs.5 lakh. A subsidy of Rs.1.25 lakh per stall will be provided for this purpose.

47. 40 godowns for storage of wool and hide will be constructed over 2 years for the use of registered Sheep Co-operative Societies of the State at a cost of Rs.10 lakh with Rs.7.5 lakh subsidy and remaining Rs.2.5 lakh as contribution by the societies.

48. To make efficient use of wool procured in the State, 4 Wool Processing Units will be established to carry-out scientific processing and production of value added products, at a cost of Rs.2.45 crore each over 3 years.

49. It is proposed to make the State self-reliant in Foot-and-Mouth (F&M) vaccine production by establishing a Vaccine Production Unit at a total cost of Rs.100 crore over a period of three years.

50. It is proposed to establish 3 diploma colleges in Koravengala in Hassan district, Baragi in Chamarajanagar district and Yadgir at an estimated cost of Rs.7.5 crore.

51. Compensation of Rs. 10,000 will be provided to farmers to mitigate the distress caused due to the death of uninsured bullock /cow.

52. Compensation of Rs. 2,500 will be provided for the death of sheep/goat less than 6 months old and Rs. 5,000 for more than 6 months old.

53. For Sheep Breeding in Ballary a "Ballary Sheep Breeding Centre" will be commenced in Kurikuppe village of Ballary District. A grant of Rs.1 crore will be earmarked for this.

54. During 2017-18, a total grant of Rs. 2245 crore is provided for Animal Husbandry Department.

Sericulture**55. Achievements during the last four years**

- Various plan schemes have been taken up for the development of sericulture in the State. The State has maintained first place in the country by producing 36,147 metric tonnes of silk during the last four years. The State's contribution in the country is 48%. It has provided employment opportunities to about 12 lakh people.
- During 2015-16, 9,823 metric tonnes of raw silk has been produced by producing 76,436 metric tonnes of cocoons. It includes 1,344 metric tonnes of bivoltine silk. Total of 4,589 metric tonnes of bivoltine silk is produced in 4 years, which is an all-time record.
- 2 cold storages have been established in Tumkuru and Channapatna grainages. Action has been taken to establish 2 cold storages in Hassan and Mandya grainages in 2016-17.
- Integrated e-auction system has already been implemented in Kollegal, Ramanagar, Shidlaghatta and Kanakapura markets. During 2016-17, necessary action has been taken to implement integrated e-auction system in Channapatna, Kolar and Vijayapura markets.
- Government has provided production incentive of Rs.214 crore during the last 4 years to encourage increase in production of silk.

New Schemes for the year 2017-18

56. It is proposed to establish Silkworm Egg/Chawki Quality Control Authority to ensure the quality control in seed production and chawki rearing and for the comprehensive development of silk industry.

57. Our Government proposes to provide financial assistance to train the rural diploma holders for a period of one month in post cocoon activities especially to develop skills in reeling activities under entrepreneurs development programme conducted by the Central Silk Board.

58. It is proposed to establish Sericulture Training Institute in Hassan district to impart training to the farmers and the departmental employees on the recent technologies and new innovations in the sector.

59. A grant of Rs.5 crore will be provided to Karnataka Silk Industries Corporation (KSIC) to establish Second Composite Weaving Factory in the premises of Mysore Silk Weaving Factory, at an estimated cost of Rs.24 crore.

60. During 2017-18, a total grant of Rs.429 crore is provided for Sericulture department.

Fisheries**61. Achievements for the last four years**

- The fish production of the Karnataka State increased from 5.26 lakh metric tonnes during the year 2012-13 to 5.81 lakh metric tonnes in the year 2015-16 (10.40%). The state is in the 6th position in fish production of the Country.

- 4 lakh metric tonnes of marine products valued at Rs.4,404 crore were exported.
- Emphasis has been given for provision of infrastructure facilities to benefit the coastal mechanized fishing. During this period, an amount of Rs.225 crore has been spent on construction of fishing harbor and landing center, dredging, coastal link roads and bridges.
- 1.5 lakh kilo litre of diesel exempt from sales tax was being provided to mechanized fishing boats. An amount of Rs. 184 crore equal to the sales tax, is being credited to the bank account of 3,500 owners of mechanized fishing boats as subsidy, from the year 2015-16.

New schemes for the year 2017-18

62. To handle congestion due to increase in number of boats at Malpe and Mangalore fishing harbours, extension of jetty for an extent of 75 meters will be taken up, for safe landing of boats, at an estimated cost of Rs. 5 crore.

63. Under “Matsya Krishi Asha Kirana” scheme, to increase fish production and to encourage fish culture in an area of 2,500 hectare in major tanks across the state, it is proposed to give 50% of the unit cost upto a maximum of Rs.27,000 as subsidy to purchase 4,000 fingerlings per hectare and 2 tonnes of artificial feed. For this purpose Rs.6.75 crore will be provided.

64. Farmers holding land with adequate water resource will be encouraged to construct a pond to take-up intensive fish culture. At a unit cost of Rs.8.5 lakh for construction of fish pond including capital

expenditure, 50% subsidy subject to a maximum of Rs.4.25 lakh will be provided to promote fisheries.

65. It is proposed to assist fishermen co-operative societies in construction of Fish Collection and Marketing Building of a minimum size of 500 sq feet, on their own site with water, electricity and other facilities by providing 75% subsidy at an estimated unit cost of Rs.10 lakh. Initially construction of 20 buildings will be taken up.

66. In order to assist 200 ice plants and 35 cold storages in 3 coastal districts, it is proposed to increase the subsidy on electricity to Rs.1.75 per unit from the existing Rs.1.5 per unit and the ceiling to Rs.3.5 lakh from the existing 3 lakh per plant per year. Rs. 6 crore will be provided for this purpose.

67. Under “Matsyashraya Scheme” 3000 beneficiaries will be selected by Fisheries Department. Scheme will be implemented through Rajiv Gandhi Housing Corporation.

68. During 2017-18 a total amount of Rs.337 crore is provided to Fisheries Department.

Co-operation

69. Achievements for the last four years

- During 2012-13, agricultural loan of Rs.6,560 crore was disbursed to 16.7 lakh farmers through the co-operative societies. During 2016-17, loan amount has increased to Rs.11,500 crore to 23.5 lakh farmers. In last four years, agricultural loan of more than Rs.4,940 crore has been disbursed to 6.8 lakh

new farmers. From 2013-14, the limit for short term agricultural loan disbursed at zero percent has been enhanced from Rs. 1 lakh to Rs. 2 lakh. From 2014-15, our government has helped the farmer community by enhancing the said limit to Rs. 3 lakh.

- In the backdrop of severe drought for the last 2 years, Government have implemented 2 schemes to come to the rescue of farmers. The time limit for payment of instalments for short term and long term agriculture loan payable by farmers to co-operative societies during 2015-16 has been extended by one year. Through this, interest subsidy of Rs.45 crore has been paid by the Government on behalf of the 2 lakh farmers. The due date for all kinds of agricultural loan outstanding as on 30.09.2015 was extended to 30.09.2016, which was further extended to 31.03.2017 in the light of continuing drought situation in 2016-17. Due to this, benefit of Rs.125 crore as interest waiver will be available to 74,525 farmers.
- Out of the crop loan obtained by the farmers from the co-operative societies from 01.07.2011 to 25.07.2012, loan amount upto Rs.25,000 was waived. During this period, grant of Rs.940 crore was released to 4 lakh farmers. During the tenure of our Government, Rs.2,359 crore was released for waiver of loans relating to 10.7 lakh farmers.
- From the year 2014-15, Yashaswini Scheme has been extended to city co-operatives also. 163

lakh members have been enrolled under the scheme in the past four years. 5.9 lakh beneficiaries have undergone surgery and 7.8 lakh out patient beneficiaries have been treated at the expenditure of Rs.831 crore.

- More than 10 lakh persons belonging to BPL, SC/ST, women, physically challenged, minorities and backward class categories have been enrolled as members in various co-operative societies during the past four years with an assistance of Rs.44 crore.
- During the tenure of our Government, executive body of all the cooperative societies having individual membership was modified by reserving one seat for schedule caste and one seat for schedule tribe and two seats for backward classes, from the earlier one seat for schedule caste/schedule tribe and one seat for backward class. Due to this, members of these communities have been given an opportunity to effectively participate in the administration.
- As announced in 2013-14 Budget, the recommendations of Agricultural Marketing Reforms Committee have been implemented. Accordingly, the agricultural produce marketing committees in the state have been brought under the ambit of online sales. Out of 162 agricultural produce marketing committees of the state, already 156 committees have been linked to the unified market platform. The unified market platform has become a model in the country.

- As announced during the last budget, the representation of women has been enhanced in each APMC from 1 to 3, as a prominent measure towards women empowerment.
- Outstanding bank loans amounting to Rs. 11.76 crore obtained through PCARD banks in the state for digging of bore wells and open well for agricultural purpose to 4,622 farmers that have become outstanding due to failure of bore wells, have been waived.

New schemes for the year 2017-18

70. The scheme of disbursing short term agriculture loans upto Rs.3 lakh at zero percent interest rate and medium term and long term agriculture loans upto Rs.10 lakh at 3% rate of interest will be continued. A target has been fixed to disburse Rs.13,500 crore of agriculture loans to 25 lakh farmers.

71. Action will be initiated to establish Primary Agricultural Co-Operative Societies (PACS) in every Grama Panchayath where it is financially viable.

72. Loan at 4% rate of interest being disbursed thorough co-operative societies to the women self help group will be disbursed at zero percent rate of interest from this year.

73. With the assistance of NABARD, DCC banks will provide Micro ATM cum POS machines to Primary Agricultural Co-operative Societies that have internet connectivity. For this purpose, State Government will be providing 25% assistance.

74. It is proposed to implement the following special programmes in Agricultural Produce Markets

1. Rs. 5 crore for the establishment of onion godown at Gadag.
2. Rs. 5 crore for the modernization of facilities in livestock markets.
3. Rs. 5 crore to provide sophisticated facilities such as crate, trolley and electronic weighing machines to vegetable markets.

75. During 2017-18, a total amount of Rs.1663 crore is provided to Co-operation Department.

Water Resources

76. Achievements during the last four years

- During the Budget Speech of 2013-14, it was announced that a grant of Rs.50,000 crore will be provided for irrigation sector in the coming 5 years. Accordingly, grant of Rs.48,096 crore has been provided to irrigation sector during the last 4 years. Irrigation capacity for 6.2 lakh acres has been created and field drains for 4.4 lakh acre, have been built.
- 5 head works and around 437 km main/branch canal construction works among all sub projects coming under Upper Krishna Project Phase-3 have been completed. Expenditure of Rs.5,076 crore has been incurred so far.
- Around 24000 hectares has been covered under Ramathala Phase-2 Project, which is an important project that uses drip irrigation. This project is ready to be dedicated to people.

- Under lift irrigation component of Ethinahole Project, 8 weir works have been taken up and remaining 6 works are in progress at different stages. Rising Main of 34 km has been completed and remaining works are in progress.
- Modernization of 23 dam canals under Cauvery Basin, which are a century old, has been taken up at a cost of Rs.1588 crore, out of which 13 works have been completed.
- Out of 19 new canal works taken up at a cost of Rs.1,614 crore, 8 works amounting to Rs.810 crore have been completed and 11 works are under progress.

77. During 2017-18, the following approved projects will be taken up at an estimated cost of Rs.6,000 crore:-

- Implementation of SCADA Based Automation under the modernization project of Narayanapura Left Bank Canal Network.
- Kempawada (Basaveshwara) Lift Irrigation Project.
- Chilavara Bandi Lift Irrigation Project in Hagaribommanahalli Taluk.
- Sasvehalli Lift Irrigation Project.
- Tank filling project in Muttinamulisoge village in Periyapatna.
- Garalapura and other 12 tanks filling projects in Kanakapura Taluk.
- Rejuvenation of 6 Lift Irrigation Projects and 16 tanks filling projects in Maddur Taluk.

- Modernization of Hanagodu canal network.
- Rangenahalli and other 22 tank filling projects in Holenarasipura Taluk.
- Hura and other 25 tank filling projects in Nanjanagud Taluk.
- Yaragola and other 5 tank filling projects in Gurumitkal and Yadgir Taluks.
- Peerapura-Budihal Lift Irrigation Project to provide irrigation facility to 20,472 hectare area in Muddebihal Taluk.
- Chadachana Lift Irrigation Project to provide irrigation facility to 9,278 hectares area in Indi Taluk.
- Nandawadagi Lift Irrigation Project.
- To provide micro irrigation system in 20,000 hectare area during the current year under Koppal and Singatalluru Lift Irrigation projects.
- Action will be taken to lift water, after completing the lift component already taken up under Ethinahole Project. Construction of Bairagondu Reservoir and Conveyance will be commenced.
- Irrigation facility to 68,264 hectare area during 2017-18: Construction of field irrigation canals for 35,000 hectare area, construction of field drains for 28,000 hectare area and development of saline and alkaline lands of 12,500 hectare area.

New Schemes proposed for 2017-18

78. It is proposed to take up following works at an estimated amount of Rs.3,000 crore during 2017-18.

- (1) Nagarabetta Lift Irrigation scheme in Muddebihal Taluk of Vijayapura District.
- (2) Scheme to provide water to Yalligutti village of Bilagi taluka in Bagalkot district.
- (3) Installation of modern gates and rejuvenation works of Yadgiri and Yadagira of Kalaburagi district, Choladahedagi-Gudura, Ghattaraga and Kalluru-B barrages.
- (4) Project to fill 35 tanks of Yadgir taluka through Sannathi Scheme.
- (5) Modernisation of Alamatti left bank canal.
- (6) Project for filling up of Chulkinala Reservoir and tanks by lifting of water from Kongali barrage of Basavakalyana Taluk.
- (7) Supplemental project for stabilization of atchcut area by providing water from Manikeshwara and Halahalli barrage at 60 km and 90 km of the right bank canal in order to supplement deficiency of inflow to Karanja Reservoir.
- (8) Modernization of Gandorinala and Mullamari Upper Bank Projects of Kalaburagi District.
- (9) Project to fill water to 17 tanks of 10 villages of Rayabhaga taluka in Belagavi district from Krishna River.

- (10) Project to fill Doddakere tank of Ranebennuru in Haveri district.
- (11) Project to fill tanks through Guddada Mallapura Lift Irrigation Project of Byadagi Taluk in Haveri District.
- (12) Project to fill water to Durgadevi and Bahugrama tanks of Hirekerur town from Madaga Masuru tank of Hirekerur taluka in Haveri district and to fill tanks from Kumudhvati River.
- (13) Project to fill the tanks near Itagi village of Shirahatti taluka in Gadag district from Tungabhadra River.
- (14) Project to supplement deficiency in inflow of water to Malavi Reservoir by supplying water from Tungabhadra River.
- (15) Project to fill 60 tanks of Harapanahalli Taluk from Tungabhadra River.
- (16) Project to fill water to tanks of Kitturu Constituency of Belagavi district from Malaprabha River.
- (17) Project to fill water to 19 tanks of 10 villages falling under Kudachi Constituency of Rayabhaga taluka in Belagavi district from Krishna River.
- (18) Project to fill tanks in drought prone villages of Tadakoda, Bokapura, Garaga, Haletegura, Bogura and Neeralakatti of Dharwad taluk in Dharwad district from Thupari Halla.

(19) Project to fill excess water of Bheema River to Amarja Reservoir.

(20) Reconstruction of Sri Ramadeva Dam in Holenarasipura taluka of Hassan district.

(21) It is proposed to take up canal developmental works of 374 km length in Cauvery basin at an estimated cost of Rs.509.55 crore.

- Modernization of Harangi Left Bank chain from 27.083 km to 149.38 km.
- Modernization of Kanva canals.
- Modernization of R.B.L.L. of K.R.S. Project.
- Modernization of Markonahalli left and right bank canal.
- C.C. lining works of D.D. Urs canal from 0.00 km to 75.00 km.
- Development of Sir Cotton canals, Hampapura and Guppamma canals of Kollegal Taluk.
- Modernisation of Harohalli high level canal.
- Lift Irrigation from Hebballa to affected atchcut area of Hebballa Chennaiah canal of Malavalli taluka.

79. Cloud seeding will be taken up in the areas facing severe drought. An amount of Rs.30 crore will be provided for this purpose.

80. In 2017-18, a total amount of Rs.15929 is allocated to Water Resources Department.

Minor Irrigation**81. Achievements during last four years**

- Grant of Rs.5236 crore has been provided between 2013-14 and 2016-17. New achcut area of 1.14 lakh hectares has been created using this. Irrigation facility has been restored in 46,398 hectare atchcut area.
- During 2014-15, to improve the ground water, check dam/barrage works have been implemented in 10 districts at a cost of Rs.200 crore.
- 193 comprehensive tank development works have been implemented under **“Keregala Abhivrudhi Naadina Shreyobhivrudhi”** scheme.
- Irrigation facility has been provided to 14,436 beneficiaries from Schedule Caste and Schedule Tribes by digging bore wells and installing solar pump set under **“Suryajyothi Raithara Baalina Paranjyothi”** scheme.
- Lift Irrigation Project has been taken up at an estimated cost of Rs.883.5 crore to fill up 65 minor irrigation tanks in Chickballapur, Bengaluru urban and Bengaluru rural districts.
- Developmental works of Belavadi Doddakere of Chickmagalur district has been taken up and will be completed in 2016-17.

New Schemes for 2017-18

82. **“Kere Sanjeevini”** scheme for de-silting of tanks has been successfully implemented under Rural Development and Panchayath Raj Department. This scheme will be scaled up to tackle recurring drought conditions in the State and **“Kere Sanjeevini”** scheme will be implemented through Lake Development Authority by bringing tanks presently under Rural Development and Panchayath Raj Department to Minor Irrigation Department. Rs.100 crore will be provided for the works to be taken up by the Authority.

83. Vented dams will be constructed under **“Paschima Vahini”** project to collect and store water flowing in west-flowing rivers of costal districts. For this purpose, Rs.100 crore is provided during this year.

84. It is planned to construct check dams in Bidar, Haveri, Chamarajanagar, Chickmagalur and Hassan districts at a cost of Rs.50 crore, where ground water is severely depleted.

85. Special project for groundwater development will be taken up in Alanda Taluk of Kalaburagi District.

86. In 2017-18, a total amount of Rs.2099 is allocated to Minor Irrigation Department.

Forest, Environment and Ecology**87. Major Achievements in last four years**

- With 407 tigers and 6072 elephants, Karnataka stands at first position in the country.
- There is an increase of 289 sq.k.m. in forest cover in Karnataka as per India Forest Survey Report-2015.

- 10 crore saplings have been distributed for planting in private and farmers' lands.
- For the saplings that have survived out of those distributed among 63,939 beneficiaries, incentive of Rs.29 crore has been given under Agriculture Forest Incentive Scheme.
- Under SCP/TSP schemes, 1.6 lakh LPG connections, construction of 1,168 bio gas plants, installation of 6,276 solar water heaters, distribution of 1,801 bee-keeping boxes, installation of 52,457 solar lamps and construction of 18,561 improved fuel efficient simple ovens has been undertaken.
- Title deeds have been distributed to 13,049 persons under the Forest Right Act and right to enjoyment of 42,901 acres of land has been granted.

New schemes for 2017-18

88. Thrust will be given to following programmes to grow more trees.

- It is proposed to develop 'Salumarada Thimmakka Vruksha Udyanavana' in every Assembly Constituency. In the first phase, 50 Tree Parks will be developed in forest land.
- 6 lakh sandalwood saplings will be raised and 700 hectares of sandalwood plantations will be developed as an alternative to eucalyptus in the districts of Kolar and Chikkaballapur.
- 6 crore tall and good quality saplings will be raised for Vanamahotsava.

- Incentive amount will be enhanced from Rs.45 to Rs.100 for the each surviving seedling plant under Krishi Aranya Prothsaha Yojane.
- Road side plantations will be raised along 4,720 k.m. roads under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme and by using 1% of the grant earmarked for this purpose under different schemes.

89. Nursery Development Agency will be established for development of all the nurseries on a scientific basis.

90. It is proposed to establish “Poornachandra Tejaswi Prathishtana” in memory of late Poornachandra Tejaswi, a renowned novelist and environmentalist to carryout research on environmental issues at a cost of Rs.5 crore and to develop a Forest Information Centre near Bengaluru in Chikkamannugudda Research Centre on Bengaluru-Mysuru Road at a cost of Rs.5 crore.

91. To prevent the migration of wild animals from forest areas to human habitations due to shortage of water, it is proposed to fill 100 water bodies/tanks in deep forest with the help of self operating solar pumps at an estimated cost of Rs.10 crore.

92. During 2017-18, a total amount of Rs.1732 crore is provided to the Forest, Environment and Ecology Department.

Primary and Secondary Education

93. Achievements for the last four years

- The policy goal of the government, “**Every child in school and learning well**”, guides our efforts to focus on improving education quality,

inclusiveness and affordability. For achieving these objectives, programmes for education quality improvement and assurance, technology assisted learning, incentives to students and students motivation are being implemented in government schools. The government has also facilitated admission of 4 lakh children belonging to weaker sections and disadvantaged groups in private schools with quality education to the satisfaction of their parents, and has been reimbursing fee for them. To provide a wider selection of schools for such students, the criteria of neighborhood has been relaxed.

- The government has been providing free textbooks to 63 lakh students, uniform to 47 lakh students, bicycles to 5 lakh students every year besides mid-day meals every day and milk in three days in a week to 60 lakh students.
- An Information Technology based “**Shikshana Kirana**” system has been established to monitor attendance and the learning achievements of about 1 crore students in all the schools. With a view to identify the students in the need of supplementary teaching, an external examination is being held for the students of 4th and 6th standards in government schools.
- 7,911 teachers have been recruited during 2016.
- Effective partnerships with reputed NGOs like Azim Premji/Akshara/Shikshana/Central Square Foundation and Pratham have been forged to improve education quality and teacher’s capacity.

New schemes for the year 2017-18

94. As reform measures, **Karnataka School Education Policy** and objective, transparent and unobtrusive regulations covering infrastructure norms, fee, teaching resources and safety and security of students in all schools to achieve the policy goal will be formulated.

95. The following initiatives will be taken-up to strengthen the quality of education in government schools.

- Use of practice and activity books;
- Objective learning assessments in classes 1 to 8;
- **Vishwasa Kirana** – supplementary teaching during summer and other vacation periods;
- Introduction of revised text books in classes 1 to 10 and N.C.E.R.T textbooks for selected subjects in class 9 to 12;
- Effective teaching of English language from class -1.
- 176 consolidated schools upto class 12 at Grama Panchayath head quarter;
- IT @ School for additional 1,000 high schools and PU colleges.
- Comprehensive improvement in SSLC and PUC examinations by utilizing Information Technology.

96. For motivation of students, following measures will be taken up.

- Distribution of Shoes and Socks;
- Distribution of milk 5 days in a week from July.
- Extension of Fortified Rice for 4 lakh children to 4 districts in mid-day meal programme in decentralized mode;
- Distribution of chudidhar uniform for girls in class 8 to 10.
- Story books with social message for school libraries.
- Eye sight testing and provision of spectacles.

97. In respect of teachers, need based restructured medium to long term training of 50 thousand teachers and lecturers will be taken up for specific core subjects and languages including English. After comprehensively reviewing the work performance of District Education & Training Institutions their performance will be strengthened. Recruitment of 10,000 trained graduate teachers for Primary Schools, 1,626 High School Teachers and 1,191 P.U Teachers will be taken up in two stages.

98. For improving school management and sector governance, the use of technology initiated under “Shikshana Kirana” will be strengthened including biometric attendance of teachers.

99. During 2017-18, a total amount of Rs.18266 crore is provided to Primary and Secondary Education Department.

Higher Education

100. Achievements during last four years

- Approval has been granted for setting up of **“Bengaluru Dr. B.R.Ambedkar School of Economics” (BASE)** in Bengaluru for Higher Education and Research in Economics, on the lines of “London School of Economics”, where Dr. B.R.Ambedkar has studied.
- State Government has sanctioned 470 acres of land to the “Indian Institute of Technology” (IIT) sanctioned to Karnataka state.
- In last 4 years, action has been taken to establish 52 First Grade Colleges including 4 Government Engineering Colleges, 3 Government Polytechnics and 26 Women’s Colleges.
- Skill Development Centre has been established in Dandeli with a grant of Rs.50 crore and work is under progress.
- Tution and laboratory fee has been exempted for 1.19 lakh girl students of aided higher education institutions.
- Higher Education Academy has been established in Dharwad.
- 10 SC/ST hostels, 10 general hostels and 3 women hostels in Government Engineering Colleges and 47 SC/ST hostels in Government Polytechnics have been constructed.

- Sanction has been accorded to M.M.Kalaburagi Research Centre in Karnataka University of Dharwad and Dr. U.R. Ananthamurthy Study Chair in Mysore University.
- Recruitment process for appointment of 2034 Assistant Professors in Government First Grade Colleges has been completed and appointment orders will be issued shortly.

New schemes for 2017-18

101. With the objective of encouraging higher education in Hyderabad-Karnataka region, Raichur University will be established. All the colleges of Raichur and Yadgir districts will be brought under the jurisdiction of this University.

102. To bring transparency in administration of Universities and to enforce common provisions of the Karnataka State Universities Act, 2000 amendments will be brought to the said Act.

103. To encourage rural, backward and economically poor students to acquire technical education, 25 new Government Polytechnics will be started across the rural areas of the State at a cost of Rs.4 crore each.

104. To increase the Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) of girl students, 23 girls' hostels will be constructed in Government Polytechnics in phased manner at a cost of Rs.2 crore each.

105. 10 model schedule caste/schedule tribe residential first grade colleges will be established along with girls' and boys' hostels.

106. Rs.25 crore to century old University Vishweswaraiah College of Engineering (UVCE), Bengaluru and Rs.5 crore to Dharwad Karnataka College will be provided for infrastructure upgradation and renovation.

107. On the occasion of silver jubilee of Hampi Kannada University, Rs.25 crore will be provided for basic infrastructure and development.

108. Rs.3 crore grants will be provided to Mahayogi Vemana Chair of Karnataka University.

109. Study Chair will be established in Karnataka University, Dharwad in the name of revolutionary Rajashree Saahumaharaj who introduced reservation for the first time in the country to ensure social justice.

110. Free laptops will be supplied to students getting admission in the year 2017-18 to Engineering, Medical, Polytechnic and First Grade Colleges. From this, around 1.5 lakh students will be benefitted.

111. It is important that our higher education institutions should have world class infrastructure in order to provide high quality education to our youth. To fill the gap in the basic infrastructure, medium term financial plan will be formulated and implemented.

112. Byari Study Chair will be established in Mangalore University.

113. In 2017-18, an outlay of Rs.4401 crore has been provided to Higher Education Department.

Health and Family Welfare**114. Achievements during the last 4 years**

- Health and Family Welfare department is having the mission of providing quality health services. Infant mortality rate has reduced from 31 to 28. The maternal mortality rate has been brought down from 178 to 133 per 1 lakh live births. The mortality rate of infants below 5 years is 31 per 100 live births. Karnataka is one among 6 States to have achieved the millennium target of 35. Under the vaccination programme, the rate of fully vaccinated children has been increased from 80 to 91.4.
- Under 'Vajpayee Arogyashree' scheme, 1.5 lakh beneficiaries have been treated for chronic diseases.
- Under 'Shuchi' scheme, 13 packets containing 10 sanitary pads have been provided per annum free of cost to 72.7 lakh adolescent girls to maintain hygiene during menstruation.
- Under 'Arogya Kavach (108)' scheme, 1.7 crore patients have obtained ambulance services.
- Under Dialysis scheme, dialysis has been carried out 1.6 lakh times for 31,561 patients having renal failure.
- Under Non-Epidemic Diseases' diagnosis programme, 66.5 lakh people have undergone investigation and treatment is being given to the persons diagnosed with Diabetes and High B.P.

New Schemes for the year 2017-18

115. It is proposed to pay honorarium of Rs.1,000 to ASHA workers in addition to the existing payment of incentive to reduce the rate of infant and maternal mortality.

116. It is proposed to bring co-ordination among various health insurance schemes of the Government and to include all the families under Universal Health Coverage. Yashaswini Arogya Suraksha Scheme will be continued as per the existing rules. But, this scheme will be brought under the control of Health and Family Welfare Department.

117. Five Super Speciality Hospitals will be established in Davanagere, Ramanagara, Tumakuru, Vijayapura and Kolar at a cost of Rs.25 crore to treat the patients suffering from Cancer, Heart diseases and other lifestyle diseases.

118. Wenlock hospital, Mangalore, will be upgraded at a cost of Rs.10 crore.

119. Regional Advanced Children Health Institute will be established in Wenlock hospital, Mangalore, on the lines of Indira Gandhi Children Hospital, Bengaluru, at a cost of Rs.3 crore to provide additional health facilities to the children of Mangalore and the surrounding areas.

120. To provide treatment for spinal injury and trauma care, 20 bedded poly trauma centre and 10 bedded ICU having ventilator facility will be established in Sanjay Gandhi Accident, Trauma and Rehabilitation Centre at a cost of Rs.14.32 crore.

121. At a total cost of Rs.15 crore, 150 Health Extension Dispensaries having one doctor, one nurse and one pharmacist will be established each at a cost of Rs.10 lakh in villages where the distance from the Primary Health Centre is more than 10 kms,

122. One ambulance service will be provided for a radius of 10 to 15 km for population of every 35000 by integrating 711 ambulance working under GVK EMRI and 827 ambulance working under State health department.

123. To provide health services to the people of 1200-1300 villages having 40% or more population of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe, 64 Mobile Health Units will be commenced during the next 2 years at a cost of Rs.25.34 crore using SCSP/TSP grants.

124. Ayush Drugs Manufacturing Centre will be established in the premises of Belagavi City Immunization Centre at a cost of Rs.5 crore.

125. Mortuaries will be constructed in 150 Community Health Centres each at a cost of Rs.3 lakh, at a total cost of Rs.4.5 crore.

126. Integrated Ayush Hospitals having 50 beds will be established in Chitradurga and Chickmagaluru District hospitals at a total cost of Rs.6 crore.

127. Under 'Jana Aushadi Generic Medical Stores' scheme, 200 generic medical stores will be commenced to provide good quality generic medicine to the people at a lower price.

128. A Pilot project will be implemented for using Pharmacopeia in Heggadadevana Kote. Rs.2 crore is

provided for the effective maintenance of health and relief at the local level.

The following projects will be taken up under National Health Mission

129. At present, Dialysis Centres are established in 20 district hospitals, 3 major hospitals and 34 taluk hospitals. During the year, dialysis centres will be established in the remaining 114 taluks.

130. It is proposed to establish Intensive Care Units having 3 bedded capacity having ventilator facility in all taluk hospitals to provide treatment in cases having respiratory problem, serious illness and accidents. The project will be taken up with funding from MPLADs, MLA grants and grants from NHM.

131. To overcome the deficiency of specialized doctors in Government hospitals, it is proposed to commence DNB post graduate course in Government colleges.

132. Blood Transfusion Units will be established in 10 district hospitals of Bagalkot, Vijayapura, Chamarajnar, Chickmagaluru, Chitradurga, Haveri, Kodagu, Kolar, Tumkuru and Uttara Kannada at a cost of Rs.6 crore to cater to the needs of the patients suffering from dengue, malaria and other diseases.

133. Ayush Treatment Centres will be established in all taluk hospitals to provide integrated, comprehensive health service.

134. Totally 188 RO+UV drinking water facility will be provided in all 21 district hospitals, 146 taluk hospitals and 21 Community Health Centres.

135. At present, e-Hospital programme has been implemented in 3 hospitals of the State. During the year, this programme will be extended to 206 Community Health Centres and 2353 Primary Health Centres at a cost of Rs.13.78 crore.

136. Under National Free Diagnosis Programme, free diagnosis facility will be provided in all Government hospitals. CT scan facility in 14 district hospitals and MRI scan facility in 6 district hospitals will be provided.

137. Under Mother and Child Tracking System, to reduce the rate of maternal and infant mortality, Computer Tabs will be provided to 16,500 junior female health assistants for data collection, storage and transmission.

138. During 2017-18, a total grant of Rs.5118 crore is provided for Health and Family Welfare Department.

Medical Education

139. Achievements during the last 4 years

- 6 new medical colleges with 150 seats each have been commenced in Bidar, Kalaburagi, Koppal, Karwar, Kodagu and Chamarajnagar.
- MBBS seats have been increased from 2155 to 3291 during the last 4 years. During the same period, 2708 additional beds have been added in Government Teaching Hospitals and Super Speciality Hospitals of the State.
- 2 units of Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research have been commenced in Kalaburagi and Mysuru.

- One Trauma Care Centre having 210 bed capacity has been established in the premises of Victoria Hospital, Bengaluru.
- Peripheral Cancer Care Centre has been established in Kalaburagi and Kidwai Cancer Institute has been upgraded as State Cancer Institute at a cost of Rs.120 crore which will be functioning from the current year.

New Schemes for the year 2017-18

140. As announced in the budget 2014-15, the construction of Super Specialty Hospitals having 250 bed capacity will be commenced during this year at a cost of Rs.310 crore in three revenue divisions of Kalaburagi, Mysuru and Belagavi- with 40% of assistance from the Government of India.

141. A new Karnataka Institute of Endocrinology will be established in Indiranagar, Bengaluru, using own resources, at an estimated cost of Rs.35 crore.

142. A unit of Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research will be started in the premises of KIMS, Hubballi, at an estimated cost of Rs.5 crore.

143. Minto Super Speciality Hospital will be developed at an estimated cost of Rs.10 crore.

144. Institute of Dermatology will be commenced in the premises of Tuberculosis Hospital, Bengaluru, at an estimated cost of Rs.10 crore to provide good treatment to poor and needy patients.

145. VIMS Teaching Hospital, Bellary, will be renovated at a cost of Rs.25 crore.

146. Nephro Urology Units will be commenced in Kalaburagi and Mysuru with an estimated cost of Rs.10 crore each.

147. Construction work of 6 medical colleges in Chitradurga, Bagalkot, Haveri, Yadgir, Chikkaballapur and in Chickmagalur will be commenced.

148. Karnataka Knowledge Commission has developed unique simulators for Nursing Training. This will help the trainee nurses in creating awareness in critical, terminal and heart related illness. It is proposed to deploy such simulators across the State. For this purpose, Rs.5 crore is earmarked.

149. During 2017-18, a total grant of Rs.2004 crore is provided for Medical Education department.

Women and Child Development Department

150. Achievements in the last 4 years

- Revolving Fund being given to empower “Stree Shakti Groups” (SHGs) has been increased from Rs.5,000 to 25,000. 1.31 lakh groups have been given revolving fund.
- For all Anganwadi children, alongwith supplementary nutrient food, full cream milk is distributed under “Ksheera Bhagya” scheme for 3 days in a week. This has benefited 38.21 lakh children.
- Compensation for death being paid to Anganwadi Workers and Helpers has been increased to Rs.50,000.
- “Karnataka Makkala Nidhi” has been setup to meet medical expense and to provide immediate

compensation to children below 18 years of age, subjected to sexual assault.

- Children Protection Policy has been implemented for the educational institutions setup in Karnataka.
- Reservation for Women in Karnataka Civil Services direct recruitment has been increased from 30% to 33%.
- Principal amount of loan advanced by Karnataka State Women Development Corporation to 10,788 women under 9 different schemes implemented by it up to March 2013, alongwith interest aggregating to Rs.8.25 crore has been waived off.
- Monthly pension being paid to ex-Devadasis has been increased from Rs.400 to 1500. Cost of construction of residential unit has been increased from the existing Rs.40,000 to Rs.1.5 lakh for rural areas and Rs.1.8 lakh urban areas. An expenditure of Rs.17 crore has been incurred for income generation activities.
- Monthly unemployment allowance of Rs.1,000 is being paid to differently abled persons.
- Assistance for undergoing surgeries has been increased from Rs.35,000/- to Rs.1 lakh under Medical Relief Fund.
- Under “Vivaha Prothsaha Dhana” scheme, an assistance of Rs.50,000/- is being given to a normal person marrying a differently abled person.

- 27 ladies hostels are functioning in 24 districts to enable differently abled women/girl students to get education/training.
- An expenditure of Rs.906 crore is being incurred towards monthly nutrition allowance for 8.4 lakh differently abled persons.
- A committee constituted under the chairmanship of Dr. Jayamala to make comprehensive study about the conditions of sex workers in Karnataka has submitted its report to the Government. Important recommendations of this committee are incorporated in the current budget.

New Schemes in the year 2017-18

151. To meet the nutrition needs, it is proposed to extend “Matru Poorna” scheme to all 30 districts of the State where hot cooked meal is provided to pregnant and lactating mothers from coming July. For this purpose Rs.302 crore will be provided.

152. All children in Anganwadi will be provided eggs for two days in a week from coming June. Rs.47 crore will be spent for this.

153. Milk currently being distributed for 3 days in a week under “Ksheera Bhagya” scheme will be distributed for 5 days from coming July.

154. Honorarium of Anganwadi worker and helper has been increased by Rs.1500 and Rs.750 between 2013-14 to 2016-17. In the current year this amount will be increased by Rs.1000 and Rs.500 respectively. For this purpose budget of Rs.115 crore is provided. To

provide security to Anganwadi Workers and Helpers, Accident Insurance Scheme will also be implemented by Government of Karnataka.

155. In line with Special Treatment Units established at District Hospitals, 145 Special Treatment Units at Taluka Hospitals will be established for women and children who are victims of rape and other atrocities, over the next 2 years in association with Health Department.

156. Under "Paalane" scheme, financial assistance being given to HIV infected and affected children will be enhanced from Rs.800 to Rs.1000 for 25,000 children.

157. Rs.4 crore will be provided for making the Special Children Court child-friendly and for construction of court in Bengaluru Urban District.

158. Following programs will be implemented by the Differently Abled and Senior Citizens Empowerment Department.

- Honorarium of 6022 Village Rehabilitation Workers (VRW) will be enhanced from 2,000 to 3,000, honorarium of 176 Multiple Rehabilitation Workers will be enhanced from Rs.5,000 to 6,000 and 613 Urban Rehabilitation Workers will be appointed on an honorarium of Rs.3,000 per month.
- Under "Swavalambana" insurance scheme 1.12 lakh differently abled persons will be covered by paying the annual premium of Rs.357 per beneficiary for which budget of Rs.4 crore has been provided.

- Aids and appliances will be distributed to 20,000 Senior Citizens.
- Financial assistance provided under “Sadhane Scheme” will be enhanced from Rs.30,000/- to Rs.50,000/-.
- Day Care Centers for children with autism, cerebral palsy, mental retardation and multiple disability will be set up in 4 divisions.
- Monthly grant per child given to Special Schools run by Non-Governmental organizations (NGOs) for hearing impaired and blind and mentally retarded children under Child Centric Scheme will increased by Rs.1200.
- Improved two wheelers given to Differently Abled will be increased from 2000 to 4000 in the current year.

159. Rs.148.74 crore is provided to Karnataka Women Development Corporation for implementing the following new programs apart from ongoing ones.

- **“Saviruchi”** mobile canteens will be established in all 30 districts through **“Zilla Stree Shakti Okkutas”**.
- Necessary equipments will be provided by purchasing at unit cost of Rs.5,000 for 10,000 Fair Price Shops owned/jointly owned by women under **“Parikara Sahayadhana”** scheme.
- An incentive of Rs.20,000 per head given to ex-devadasis, sex workers and transgenders under SCSP is modified and a subsidy of Rs.25,000 and a loan of Rs.25,000 per capita

will be given. The same pattern will be extended to “Dhanashree” Scheme also.

160. In 2017-18, a total amount of Rs.4926 crore is provided to Women and Child Development Department.

Social Welfare

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161. Achievements in the last 4 years.

- For the all-round development of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe communities, a historical law, The Karnataka Scheduled Caste Sub-plan and Tribal Sub-plan Act, 2013 has been implemented. Funds are reserved in proportion to the population at 17.15% and 6.95% for these communities. During 2008-09 to 2012-13, Rs.26,840 crore was provided and Rs.22,261 crore was spent under Scheduled Caste Sub-plan and Tribal Sub-plan. During the period from 2013-14 to 2016-17, Rs.60,350 crore has been provided and Rs.47,186 crore has been spent under this plan.
- All SC/ST students are given admission in the Hostels. Number of pre-matric and post-matric hostels has increased to 2,205 from 2,095 in 2012-13. The number of students who have taken admission in these hostels has increased from 1.42 lakhs to 1.68 lakhs. Rs.995 crore has been spent for construction of 157 new hostel buildings and upgradation of 1,338 hostels by

undertaking repair works, construction of 686 additional rooms, 873 bath rooms and 883 toilets.

- 363 Morarji Desi Residential Schools/Kitturu Rani Chennamma Residential Schools are functioning for SC/ST students. Additionally 145 new schools were sanctioned last year and 125 schools sanctioned in the name of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar totalling 270 schools will function from the next educational year. 1.6 lakh students will get admission in these schools. During last 4 years, Rs.1,160 crore has been spent for construction of 108 residential school complexes and in 85 residential schools repair works have been taken up.
- Prize money ranging from Rs.20,000 to Rs.35,000 was disbursed to about 68,863 SC/ST students who have passed in first attempt in First Class in PUC to Post Graduate courses. For this purpose Rs.137 crore has been spent.
- During last 4 years, Rs.1,457 crore has been spent for providing loan and subsidy to 1.9 lakh beneficiaries from Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Development Corporation and Karnataka Maharshi Valmiki Scheduled Tribe Development Corporation.
- During last 4 years, 36,661 borewells were drilled and 34,851 borewells were provided with electricity connection. Under Land Purchase scheme, 3,380 landless agriculture labourer

families were given 4,502 acres of land by purchasing at a cost of Rs.186 crore.

- Rs.1,190 crore has been sanctioned for the construction of 7,600 Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Bhavans, Dr. Babu Jagajeevan Ram Bhavans and Valmiki Bhavans for the benefit of the SC/ST Communities.
- In last 3 years, infrastructure facilities have been provided for development of SC/ST colonies under SCSP/TSP at a cost of Rs.2,485 crore by Public Works Department and Social Welfare Department.
- During last 4 years, 1,133 SC/ST entrepreneurs were given loan of Rs.572 crore at 4% interest by Karnataka State Finance Corporation.

New schemes in the year 2017-18

162. 30 Morarji Residential Schools will be upgraded to PUC level with science and mathematics subjects, at a cost of Rs.1 crore to each district.

163. In 2012-13, the diet charges for pre-matric and post-matric hostel students was Rs.750 and Rs.850 per month respectively. During the present year, this amount has been fixed at Rs.1,400 and Rs.1,500.

164. Skill development training will be imparted to 1 lakh SC/ST unemployed youth.

165. Book Banks will be established in SC/ST pre and post-matric hostels for use of these students.

166. The Scholarship amount being paid to SC/ST pre-matric day scholar students studying in 1st to 8th classes will be increased by Rs.250. 6 lakh students will

be benefited by this programme at an estimated cost of Rs.15 crore.

167. For effective implementation of programmes, 5 Districts Schedule Tribe Welfare Offices will be opened in addition to the existing 14 District Offices.

168. The unit cost for drilling of borewells will be raised from Rs.2.5 lakhs to 3 lakhs under Ganga Kalyana scheme for SC/ST communities and subsidy will be enhanced from Rs.2 lakhs to Rs.2.5 lakhs. In addition to this, assistance will be given to these beneficiaries for Drip and Sprinkler irrigation and for construction of Farm Ponds through Agriculture and Horticulture Departments.

169. The existing unit cost of Rs.10 lakh will be raised to 15 lakh under Land Purchase Scheme for SC/ST landless agricultural labourers.

170. 1400 professionally qualified SC unemployed youths 600 professionally qualified ST unemployed youths will be given subsidy of Rs.2.5 lakh or 50% of project cost, whichever is less, for starting self-employment units with unit cost up to Rs.5 lakhs.

171. 3500 SC unemployed youth and 1500 ST unemployed youth possessing driving license will be given a subsidy upto Rs.3 lakh or 50% of the vehicle cost, whichever is less, for purchasing Tourist Taxis. The remaining amount can be availed as loan from Banks.

172. 5 Beggar's Relief Centers will be opened in Haveri, Chamarajnagar, Hassan, Koppal and Yadgir Districts by Central Relief Committee in addition to the existing 14 Beggar's Relief Centers.

173. All basic infrastructures will be provided in the Safai Karmacharis localities, jointly with Urban Development Department. Preference will be given to children of Safai Karmacharis in admission to residential schools run by Karnataka Residential Educational Institutions Sangha (KREIS).

174. Health facilities will be provided to Safai Karmacharis on the lines of Jyothi Sanjeevini Health Protection Scheme.

175. Monthly training allowance paid to SC/ST law graduates will be increased from Rs.2,000 to Rs.5,000.

176. Rs.15 crore grant will be provided for the construction of Adhivasi Samudaya Bhavana in localities where tribal people are residing in large numbers.

177. A corpus fund of Rs.5 crore will be provided to Davangere Sevalal Trust.

178. Under Chief Minister's Model Village programme, grant will be provided for comprehensive development of villages having population of 50% or more of SC/ST communities by clubbing the welfare schemes of various departments.

179. The unit cost for construction of houses for BPL families of SC/ST communities will be increased from 1.5 lakh to 1.75 lakh in rural areas and from 1.8 lakh to 2 lakh in urban areas. The differential cost shall be met out of SCP/TSP grants allocated to the Housing Department.

180. Rs.3 lakhs incentive will be given to widows belonging to SC/ST communities in case they remarry.

181. Rs.2 lakhs incentive will be given to SC/ST youth who marry among SC/ST inter sub-castes.

182. Considering the difficulties faced by the SC/ST entrepreneurs in furnishing collateral security to Banks and KSFC while availing loans, the Government has formulated a scheme for establishing a corpus fund of Rs.100 crore with assistance from Credit Guarantee Fund Trust for furnishing collateral security.

183. Special coaching will be provided in Computer Education, English, Mathematics and Science subjects for the students of SC/ST Hostels to enable them to qualify in Competitive examinations.

184. Pre-examination coaching will be imparted to SC/ST students for appearing in JEE/NEET/GATE/GRE and other examinations for seeking admission in National level educational institutions.

185. A proposal will be sent to the Government of India under the provisions of Schedule V to the Constitution of India, seeking approval for constitution of Karnataka Tribal Advisory Council to give guidance and advice to the State Government in formulating and implementing developmental plans for Schedule Tribes.

186. The Cell constituted under the SCSP/TSP Act for effective implementation of various welfare schemes will be strengthened.

187. Assistance will be provided for the development of Jenukuruba, Koraga, Soliga, Kadukuruba, Erava, Gowdalu, Hasaluru, Iruliga, Siddi, Malekudiya, Hakki-Pikki, Thoda, Meda and other tribal communities and for taking up self employment. For this, a grant of 200 crore will be provided.

188. Special rules will be framed for appointment of the above tribal communities who live in forest and on forest boundaries and possess knowledge about forest conservation, for the posts of Guard, Watcher and other posts, as their representation in Government employment is low.

189. Rs.300 crore is provided to distribute Buffalo-Cow or Sheep-Goat to 1 lakh SC/ST at unit cost of Rs.40,000 comprising subsidy of Rs.25,000 and loan of Rs.15,000 at 4% interest, from Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Development Corporation and Sri Maharshi Valmiki Schedule Tribe Development Corporation, for the economic development of SC/ST community.

190. Rs. 100 crore is provided for giving LPG connections to 2 lakh SC/ST BPL families in collaboration with Food and Civil Supplies Department.

191. In 2017-18, a total amount of Rs.6363 crore is provided to Social Welfare Department.

Backward Classes Welfare Department

192. Achievements in the last four years

- Scholarships of Rs.319 crore have been given to 2.7 lakh students under Vidyasiri Scheme.
- Fees of Rs.1,106 crore have been reimbursed to 20.5 lakh backward class students.
- Scholarships of Rs.547 crore have been credited to bank accounts of 38 lakh pre-matric and 12.1 lakh post matric students.
- IAS/KAS/Banking pre-examination training has been given to 2,799 candidates at a cost of

Rs.27 crore, out of which 107 candidates have been selected for IPS/IRS/Banking services.

- 99 students have been given Foreign Education Scholarship at a cost of Rs.16.6 crore.
- 33,400 students have been benefited by construction of 533 new post-matric hostels.
- Rs.230.5 crore has been given to 1,741 organisations for the construction of Community Halls and student hostel buildings under various community development schemes.
- Construction of own buildings for 230 backward class hostels has been taken up at a cost of Rs.271.3 crore, out of which construction work of 56 hostels has been completed and work for 174 hostels is under progress.
- Rs.238 crore has been given for the financial, educational and infrastructure facilities to 1.63 lakh beneficiaries of nomadic/semi-nomadic communities.
- For the economic development of Backward Communities, loan/subsidy of Rs.765.2 crore has been given to 2.10 lakh beneficiaries under various schemes of D.Devaraj Urs Backward Class Development Corporation.
- Irrigation facility has been provided to 50,267 acres of land of 20,107 small and marginal farmers under Ganga Kalyana Irrigation Scheme at a cost of Rs.284 crore.

- Arrears of loan and interest amount due for recovery from 4.98 lakh beneficiaries under all the schemes of the Corporation from 1977 upto 13.5.2013 have been waived at a cost of Rs.514 crore.

New schemes in 2017-18

193. Construction of 300 post-matric hostels will be taken up in phased manner and priority will be given to completion of ongoing works. Rs.279 crore is provided for construction of hostels.

194. Digital Libraries will be established at 202 Professional, Post-Graduate, Medical and Engineering hostels with the help of e-Governance Department.

195. It is proposed to give one-time incentive of Rs.2 lakh each to the students of Backward Class Communities getting admission to IIM, IIT, IISc and other reputed national education institutions.

196. Incentives being given to the SSLC/PUC/Degree and PG hostel students, who secure first class in first attempt, will be increased from Rs.200 to Rs.1,000, from Rs.300 to Rs.1,500, from Rs.400 to Rs.2,000 and from Rs.500 to Rs.3,000 respectively.

197. Books and stationery, cutting and uniform charges will be increased from Rs.200 to Rs.400, Rs.150 to Rs.300 and Rs.499 to Rs.1,000 respectively for hostel students.

198. Monthly diet charges will be increased by Rs.100 per student per month at Government hostels/Residential and Ashram schools.

199. To enhance the chances of getting selected to the Armed Forces, it is proposed to train 3,000 candidates.

200. The following programmes will be taken up through D.Devaraj Urs Development Corporation.

- Financial assistance of Rs.40,000 (Rs.10,000 subsidy and interest @ 4% on loan of Rs.30,000) will be provided to backward class widows to take up economic activities.
- Rs.60 crore grants will be provided for the development of Madivala, Savitha Samaja, Thigala and Kumbara communities.
- For 1000 backward class unemployed youth having driving license, subsidy of Rs.3 lakh or 50% of the cost of the vehicle, whichever is less, will be provided for the purchase of taxi. The balance amount can be availed as loan from the banks.
- Financial support will be given to arrack vendors, Murthedara, Ediga, etc. communities, which have lost employment due to ban on arrack sales, to take up self-employment.

201. Rs.25 crore will be provided to Vishwakarma Development Corporation. Alongwith the programmes under implementation, the following new programmes will be taken up.

- Under Women's Micro Credit Loan Scheme, loan of Rs.10,000 at 4% interest and subsidy of Rs.5,000 will be provided at a unit cost of Rs.15,000.

- A grant of Rs.1.5 lakh each will be provided to 300 persons of Vishwakarma Community working as blacksmiths, goldsmiths and carpenters to upgrade their professional skills and to buy modern equipments.
- Under 'Panchavrutthi Financial Assistance Scheme' the unit cost of Rs.50,000 will be enhanced to Rs.1,00,000.

202. Karnataka Uppara Development Corporation will be established for the comprehensive development of Uppara and its sub-castes.

203. Ambigara Chowdaiah Development Corporation will be established for the comprehensive development of Bestha, Kabbaliga, Koli, Gangamatha, Mogaveera and their sub-castes.

204. Sangolli Rayanna Sainik School will be established in Bylahongala Taluk in collaboration with Union Defence Ministry.

205. Monthly training allowance to law graduates will be enhanced from Rs.2,000 to Rs.4,000.

206. The programmes will be conducted at taluk levels to enhance the awareness and guide the students of post-matric hostels about IAS, IPS, KAS, Banking, etc. competitive exams. Rs.2 crore is provided.

207. The academic management of 1st to 5th standards of Ashram/Residential schools being managed by Departments of Backward Class, Social Welfare and Schedule Tribe Welfare will be transferred to Education Department.

208. D.Devaraj Urs Research Centre will be made an autonomous institution.

209. Rs.100 crore will be provided for the development of Budbudke, Gondhali, Helava, Pichakuntla, Jogi, Golla, Shikkalgar, Haavugara, etc. nomadic and semi nomadic tribes.

210. Foreign education scholarship will be sanctioned to 100 students.

211. During 2017-18, a total amount of Rs.3154 crore is provided to Backward Classes Welfare Department.

Minority Welfare and Haj

212. Achievements in last four years

- As the procedure for renewal application has been simplified after the adoption of user-friendly online system, the number of students receiving pre-matric, post-matric and merit cum means scholarships has considerably increased from 5.5 lakh to 13.18 lakh. In India, Karnataka is the only State providing scholarship to all the eligible students.
- Under Foreign Education Scholarship Scheme, scholarship of Rs.20 lakh is provided to each student, the number of students has increased from 20 to 357.
- In last 13 years, only 124 pre-matric, post-matric hostels were functioning. In last four years, 150 new hostels have been opened and 16,300 students have benefitted.

- In last 13 years, 47 Morarji Desai Residential Schools and 3 pre-degree colleges for Minorities were functioning. In last four years, 40 new Residential Schools/Colleges have been opened for Minorities and 17,210 students have benefitted.
- Rs.125 crore has been spent in the last 4 years under Bidayi Scheme and 25,000 beneficiaries have been benefitted.
- For the Shadimahals/Community Halls, Rs.137 crore has been provided in last 4 years and 580 organisations have been benefitted. Action has been taken to complete 200 incomplete Shadimahals with an allocation of Rs.50 crore.
- Under 'Arivu' scheme, financial assistance of Rs.230 crore has been provided, due to which 78,536 students receiving technical and medical education have benefitted.
- Under Muezzins and Pesh Imam Honorarium Scheme, honorarium of Rs.108 crore has been given and 5111 Imams and 4,964 Muezzins are getting the benefit every year.
- Rs.79 crore allocation has been made for the protection of Wakf properties in the State and 3,653 organisations have benefitted. Digitisation work of Wakf properties is under progress and second survey work has also been taken up. Out of total 12,090 Wakf properties, survey of 8,129 properties has been completed and survey of 3,217 properties is in progress.

- In last 4 years, allocation of Rs.267 crore has been made under Christian Development Scheme which has been spent on subsidy for repairs/renovation of 59,036 churches, community halls, skill development programme, scholarship to Christian students, orphanages/old age homes and nursing.
- Construction of Haj Bhavan in Bengaluru has been completed with an additional grant of Rs.47 crore and opened to Haj Yatris.

New schemes in 2017-18

213. Rs.20 crore will be provided to construct Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Bhavan, with an auditorium, to house all offices of Minority Department in Bengaluru, Urdu Convention Hall and Cultural Centre.

214. A Training Centre will be opened in Bengaluru to impart training to the Management and staff of the Wakf institutions.

215. To bring back the drop out children of minority community, 200 Moulana Azad Model Schools will be opened in next 2 years in the places where Government Urdu schools have been already closed.

216. With a view to provide protection to working women, 10 working women hostels at a cost of Rs.2 crore each will be opened in Bengaluru and other Corporation areas.

217. Subsidy is being provided to Wakf, semi-Government Organisations and Trusts under the Shadimahhal scheme. In future, for the Wakf and semi Government Organisations, Shadimahhal/Samudaya

Bhavan will be constructed by the Department with a subsidy of Rs.2 crore at district headquarters, Rs.1 crore at taluk headquarters and other areas, which will eventually be handed over to the concerned organisations.

218. Financial assistance will be provided to the other minority community organisations on the lines of financial assistance being given to Christian Organisations, which are striving for welfare of differently abled persons, HIV/Aids patients, orphanages and old age homes.

219. It is proposed to provide one-time incentive of Rs.2 lakh each to students of minority community who join reputed national level education institutions like IIM, IIT, IISc, etc.

220. Along with the above mentioned programmes, the following programmes will be implemented.

- 20 new Minority Morarji Desai Residential Schools, 5 pre-University colleges, 2 Adarsh Schools and 25 Post Matric Boys/Girls Hostels will be opened for the students of the minority communities.
- 15 Hostels/Model/Adarsh Schools/Residential Colleges will be started in the places where own buildings have been constructed under MSDP Scheme.
- Food allowance will be increased by Rs.100 to each student at Government Pre Matric, Post Matric and Residential Schools/Colleges.

- Digital libraries will be opened at 100 Minority Community Hostels/70 Residential Schools/11 Colleges in collaboration with KSWAN.
- To organise various programmes and to protect the culture and tradition of Sikh community, a Cultural Centre will be set up at Bidar on the occasion of 350th Birth Day Celebration of Guru Govind Singh Ji, for which Rs.5 crore will be provided.
- A grant of Rs.10 lakh will be provided for the renovation of Sikh Gurudwaras.
- Rs.175 crore will be provided for the development of Christian Community. Alongwith the ongoing schemes, compound wall and basic infrastructure will be provided for the Christian graveyard.
- Under Skill Development Scheme, incentives will be provided to the unemployed youth for training in journalism, students who are getting comprehensive training for the competitive exams for IIT/IIM and degree level. Preparatory training will be given to 1,000 candidates to join Armed Forces and preparatory training will be given to minority students through various Government organisations.
- A grant of Rs.2 crore will be provided to Muslims Boys' and Girls' Orphanage, Ashok Road, Mysuru for improvement of basic amenities and academic facilities.
- A grant of Rs.2 crore will be provided for infrastructure development of Religious

Pilgrimage Centre and Rehabilitation Centre at Murugamalla, Chinthamani Taluk, Chikkaballapur District.

- Honorarium to Pesh Imams will be increased from Rs.3,100 to Rs.4,000 and honorarium to Muezzins will be increased from Rs.2,500 to Rs.3,000.

221. A grant of Rs.330 crore will be provided to Minorities Development Corporation, in which, along with the ongoing schemes, the following new schemes will be taken up.

- For the minority small and marginal farmers, modern agriculture implements like tillers, rot iron plough, drills, weeding machines, pumpset tractor, etc. will be given at a unit cost of maximum Rs.1 lakh with 50% subsidy.
- Thrust will be given to animal husbandry and financial assistance at a unit cost of Rs.40,000 with 50% subsidy will be given for agriculture related activities like dairy farm, poultry farm, sheep rearing, etc. to create a means of sustained income for the members of religious minority.
- Training incentives and infrastructure support will be provided for auto service, automobiles, bidri and silk activities.
- Under “Mane Malige” scheme, it is proposed to implement a loan scheme at a unit cost of Rs.5 lakh with subsidy of 50% and loan of 50%, for the person belonging to special/weaker sections.

- Subsidy of Rs.3 lakh each will be given to 500 beneficiaries to buy taxies and bank loan will be given for the balance amount.

222. Rs.800 crore action plan will be formulated and implemented for providing basic infrastructure facilities in the areas predominantly inhabited by the minorities.

223. Guarantee will be given by the Government to enable Karnataka Minority Welfare Community to avail loan of Rs.150 crore from National Minorities Development Corporation for its activities.

224. A programme on Kerala Model will be implemented to create self-employment for the unemployed persons returned after working from the Gulf countries.

225. Monthly training allowance of law graduates will be enhanced from Rs.2,000 to Rs.4,000.

226. Under Chief Minister Skill Development scheme, training will be given to 75,000 minority youth.

227. Rs.10 crore grant will be provided to establish Haj Bhavan in Mangaluru.

228. During 2017-18, with a provision of Rs. 2,200 crore for development of Minorities, a programme for Rs. 2,750 crore will be taken up.

Housing

229. Achievements during last four years

- As announced in the election manifesto, in order to make Karnataka hut-free State, with a target of construction of 3 lakh houses every year, it was targeted to construct 15 lakh houses during

5 years. By the end of March 2017, construction of 11 lakh houses will be completed. By the end of March 2018, construction of 15.5 lakh houses will be completed.

- Under House Sites Scheme, 44,500 house sites have been distributed.

New Schemes for 2017-18

230. 7 lakh houses will be sanctioned under different schemes. Out of which, 6 lakh houses in rural areas and 1 lakh houses in Bengaluru will be constructed.

231. To commemorate 125th birth anniversary of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, during the year 2017-18, housing facility will be provided to all eligible houseless Schedule Caste/Schedule Tribe beneficiaries having sites, who apply under Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Nivas scheme.

232. **Chief Minister's 1 Lakh Bengaluru Housing Scheme** will be implemented in Bengaluru. As per this scheme, amount realized from the sale of plots/houses developed in an area of upto 25% of the available land will be utilized to subsidize affordable housing for urban poor in Bengaluru. Similar model will be extended to provide affordable housing facility in other cities/towns.

233. It is proposed to develop house sites in partnership with private land owners in 60:40 ratio under **"Indira Rural House Sites Scheme"**.

234. Construction of 50,000 houses will be taken up through Karnataka Slum Development Board.

235. In 2017-18, a total outlay of Rs.4708 Crore is provided to housing department.

Labour

236. Achievements during last four years

- Minimum wages have been revised for 47 scheduled employments thereby benefiting 2.4 crore employees.
- 7.3 lakh building and other construction workers have been registered. Out of which, 1.43 lakh registered construction workers have been provided financial assistance of Rs.139 crore.
- In order to implement Ease of Doing Business norms and to bring transparency in the compliance system, on-line services have been introduced under various Acts.
- Facilities under ESI Scheme have been expanded to the areas of all the 30 districts including Bidar, Chikkamagaluru, Chikkaballapura and Kodagu districts during current year. Till 2016-17, 22.46 lakh insured persons and 112 lakh dependents have been provided with medical facilities under ESI scheme in the State.

New schemes for 2017-18

237. Government will initiate steps for ensuring 100% preference in the employment of Group C & D jobs to Kannadigas and 5% for differently abled in the private sector.

238. **“Rajya Balakarmika haagu Kishora Karmika Paddhathi Nirmulana Parishkrutha Kriya Yojane”** will be formulated during 2017-18. Through this action

plan, steps will be taken to declare Karnataka as “Child labour and adolescent labour free” State in next 5 years.

239. ‘Ashadeepa Yojane’ will be implemented with a noble objective to provide employment to the workers belonging to schedule caste and schedule tribes in private enterprises. Under this scheme, government will bear employee’s share of ESI and provident fund contribution of newly employed scheduled caste and scheduled tribe candidates. Initially Rs.5 crore will be provided for this purpose under schedule caste sub plan/schedule tribe sub plan.

240. It is proposed to provide benefits to hamals, street vendors, domestic workers and rag pickers under “Accident Relief Scheme” and “Provident Fund Pension” by providing smart card at a cost of Rs.10 crore. **“Comprehensive provident fund cum pension scheme linked with housing scheme”** will be implemented for registered building construction workers.

241. “Karnataka State Commercial Vehicle Drivers’ accident benefit scheme” will be revised as **“Karnataka state private commercial transport workers accident benefit scheme”** by including conductors and cleaners along with drivers to bring in 30 lakh additional beneficiaries under this scheme in coming 2 years. For this purpose, Rs.33 crore will be provided.

242. Action will be taken to increase the retirement age of private sector employees from 58 to 60 years.

243. **e-surakshathe-2 scheme** will be implemented to provide services of Factories, Boilers, Industrial Safety and Health departments in a fault-free, speedy and friendly manner.

244. **Training and Skill Development Cell** will be established to prevent industrial and chemical accidents and occupational health hazards.

245. Action will be taken to establish “**Hazardous Industries Monitoring Cell**” in Boilers, Industrial Safety and Health departments to stop loss to environment and workers/public health hazardousness by controlling disasters that may happen due to hazardous chemicals.

246. Employees State Insurance services in all districts within the resources limit provided by Employees State Insurance Corporation will be reformed. This will benefit 1.2 crore registered in-patients and their family members. Following activities will be taken up in the next three years.

- Commencement of 61 new ESI dispensaries in the State.
- Increase and upgrade bed capacity of Davangere, Hubli and Belagavi ESI hospitals to 100.
- Upgradation of Indiranagar ESI hospital and commencement of Super Specialty Departments.
- Commencement of Ayush departments in all ESI hospitals.
- Maintenance of Dialysis, ICU, MICU, PICU departments in all ESI hospitals by out-sourcing.

247. In 2017-18, an outlay of Rs.469 crore has been provided to Labour Department.

Skill Development

248. Achievements during last year

- Skill Development, Entrepreneurship and Livelihood Department has been established to bring all skill development programs of all the departments of the State under one department.
- By pooling grants of all departments under “**Chief Minister’s Kaushalya Karnataka Scheme**”, skill development programmes of all departments have been converged and are being implemented from 2016-17. With a grant of Rs.395 crore, 1.18 lakh beneficiaries have been trained.
- During the last four years, 2.2 lakh students have joined the work force by obtaining training in Industrial Training Institutes in the State.
- Equipment kits, stationary, books and laptops have been provided to 68,500 scheduled caste/scheduled tribe students at a cost of Rs.224 crore.
- 100 new Government Industrial Training Institutes have been started and 8400 candidates have been facilitated to get training.
- 258 Government Training Institutes have been modernized at a cost of Rs.78 crore by providing equipments.

- Buildings are being constructed for 64 Government Industrial Training Institutes under NABARD – RIDF programme at a cost of Rs.166 crore and sanction has been accorded for 43 building construction works at a cost of Rs.88 crore.
- 11,835 short term training and 19,500 long term training programmes have been taken up by GTTC

New schemes for 2017-18

249. Skill Development Mission will be launched with an allocation of Rs.200 crore, with following objectives-

- i. 5 lakh youth will be trained under existing different skill development schemes under Chief Ministers' Karnataka Skill Development Programme based on demand survey. Under this, 20% scheduled caste, 7% scheduled tribe and 15% minority youth will be trained.
- ii. To empower and facilitate gainful employment to youth, it is proposed to provide vocational skill training under Chief Minister's Kaushalya Karnataka Yojane. Under this scheme, 2.50 lakh youth will be skilled and employment opportunity will be made available to at least, 70% of them.
- iii. **“Chief Minister's Karnataka Livelihood Scheme”** will be started as a “Local to Global” initiative. Skill training, support in design and marketing will be provided to 50,000 local

- artisans, especially women, in local handicrafts, handloom and other sectors for their livelihood.
- iv. To encourage apprentice training programme under Karnataka Apprenticeship Scheme, State Government will reimburse stipend of Rs.1,000 per month to each apprentice to impart training to 50,000 students in stages.
 - v. “Centres of Excellence” in relation to skill development will be established to enhance quality, sustainability, accessibility, and industry linkages with focus on placements. It is proposed to upgrade 34 employment exchanges by providing necessary infrastructure and human resources in order to provide skilled persons as per the demand of the industry.
 - vi. Skill University will be established under Public Private Partnership model for promoting research on vocational training, training of trainers, development of curriculum etc.
 - vii. A grant of Rs.5 crore will be provided for extension of skill development centres established under Schedule Caste and Schedule Tribe Industrialists and Entrepreneurs’ Association.

250. New Industrial Training Institutes will be established at Chinthamani, Gubbi, Karkala, Narasimharajapura, Mudigere, Rayabhaga, Yallapura, Mudhol, Shahapur, Surpur and Manvi taluks where there are no Government or aided ITIs.

251. One time upgradation of all existing equipments of ITIs as per normative standards with an expenditure of Rs.228 crore will be taken up.

252. In 2017-18, an outlay of Rs.1332 crore has been provided to Skill Development Department.

Kannada and Culture

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253. Achievements during last four years:

- Head office and district offices of Kannada and Culture Department have been brought under a user-friendly and environmental-friendly, transparent e-administration.
- On the occasion of 125th birth anniversary of Dr.B.R.Ambedkar, compendium of all writings and speeches of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar have been printed in 22 volumes through Kuvempu Bhasha Bharathi Authority and have been freely distributed to all the hostels in the state.
- About 21,644 Vachanas of 259 Vachanakaras of 12th century Vachana literature genre that are available, have been uploaded to a user-friendly medium. Out of this, music has been composed for 1000 vachanas and the audio is available on the web-site.
- About 13967 Keerthanas of 157 Keerthanakaras of 16th century Daasa literature genre that are

available, have been converted into Unicode system and uploaded to a user-friendly web-site.

- Collection and publication of Thathvapadas in 50 volumes has been taken up through National Saint-Poet Kanakadasa Study and Research centre and printing/publication of volumes are in different stages.
- Considering the requests of writer-artists who are in the final years of their life, 5130 persons have been sanctioned monthly pension. Annual sanction limit of monthly pension has been enhanced from 400 to 1000. Monthly pension has been enhanced from Rs.1000 to Rs.1,500.
- B.V.Karant award has been instituted to recognize and honour amateur theatre performers and is being conferred by identifying achievers.
- Sangolli Rayanna award has been instituted to recognize and honour strugglers and organizers and is being conferred by identifying achievers.

New schemes for 2017-18

254. To encourage literary talent in youngsters, to help young and upcoming writers and to write stage plays with regard to the subject matters relating to challenges and problems faced by children, a platform will be created at a cost of Rs.3 crore.

255. Lakkundi Development Authority will be established at a cost of Rs.3 crore to develop Lakkundi which was the capital of Chalukya dynasty and also the birth place of Atthimabbe, the patron of Kannada literature.

256. To conserve and popularize the Bayalata art form, separate Bayalata Academy will be established in North Karnataka.

257. Complete literary works of Sri M.M. Kalaburgi will be published through Fa.Gu. Halakatti Research Centre of Vijayapura.

258. Corpus fund will be set up to maintain the Kannada Study Centre established by the department at Jawaharlal Nehru University. For this purpose, Rs.5 crore will be earmarked.

259. Rs.20 crore has been earmarked for completion of auditorium and other construction works and construction of auditoriums in new districts.

260. Rs.20 crore will be provided to organize World Kannada Conference to commemorate 60 years of unification of Karnataka State.

261. 6 new well equipped class rooms will be constructed at a cost of Rs.10.96 crore at Charamarajendra Government Audio Video College, Mysore.

262. Rs.2 crore will be provided for the construction of memorial at Yadgir in memory of freedom fighter Sri Kollur Mallappa.

263. To commemorate the memorable services of the former Union Minister and the first Chief Minister of the State, Sri K.C.Reddy, a memorial will be established at a cost of Rs.2 crore.

264. Rs.50 crore will be provided to the Border Area Development Board.

265. In 12th century, Manteswamy, Siddappaji, Rachappaji and other *sharanas* brought a revolution by striving hard to uplift the exploited and the downtrodden. To study the principles and ideas contributed by them to the society, it is proposed to establish study centre in their name. Rs.3 crore will be provided for development of this place and to provide lodging and other infrastructure for the devotees.

266. Grant of Rs.2 crore will be provided for the development of tomb of Sri Shahaji Maharaj, father of Chathrapathi Shivaji and to develop it as tourist centre.

267. In 2017-18, an outlay of Rs.424 crore has been provided to Kannada and Culture Department.

Youth Empowerment and Sports

268. Achievements during last four years

- In the last four years, Youth Empowerment and Sports Department has established international standard synthetic athletic tracks at Mysuru, Udupi, Mudabidare, Kalaburagi and Dharwad district stadiums; synthetic football turf in Bellary city; synthetic hockey turf in Ponnampete in Coorg district and Mysuru; modern swimming pools at Madikeri, Udupi, Mudabidare, Gangavathi, Harihara and Vidhyanagar - Bengaluru; sports hostels at Chamarajanagara, Mysuru, Udupi, Davanagere, Haliyala and Dharwad; indoor stadiums at Gundlupet, Jamakhandi, Bhadravathi, Hirekeruru, Chikkaballapur, Kolar and Vidhyanagar - Bengaluru and four new sports schools have been constructed at Kalaburagi,

Chikkaballapur, Madikeri and Bellary at a cost of Rs.64.8 crore.

- Since 2014-15, 'Karnataka Kreedha Rathna' award has been established with a cash price of Rs.1 lakh to encourage rural Desi sports. Financial assistance of Rs.1 lakh each has been distributed till now by identifying 335 youth organizations that have made considerable contribution to development of their local school.
- Monthly pension paid to former wrestlers and sportspersons has been doubled in 2014, which has helped 1,400 former sportspersons. Sports scholarship has been enhanced from Rs.1,000 to Rs.10,000.
- To encourage and to provide necessary support to the young sportspersons, Karnataka State Olympic Games has been organized in Hubli-Dharwad city after 7 years.

New schemes for 2017-18

269. To encourage best performance at national and international level, Rs.10 crore will be earmarked to give assistance of Rs.1 lakh each to select 1000 qualified talented sports persons.

270. Four Sports Academies for basket ball at Vidhyanagar - Bengaluru, swimming at Udupi, tennis at Mysuru and mountaineering at Chitradurga will be established at a cost of Rs.1 crore each. In addition, Badminton and Golf Academies will be established on Public Private Partnership model. 2 Sports Science Centres will be established at a cost of Rs.2 crore each.

Rs.5 crore grants will be provided to develop Aqua Sports Centre at Varuna Lake in Mysuru on Public Private Partnership model.

271. Rs.8 crore grants will be earmarked to provide modern state of art gymnasium facilities in four sports hostels.

272. Fully furnished sports hostels will be provided separately for women athletes at a cost of Rs.1 crore in each division. Rs.4 crore will be provided to establish modern gymnastic facilities at Belagavi and Mysuru at Rs.2 crore each.

273. To encouraged differently abled sportspersons, Rs.2 crore allocation will be made towards providing sports kits and another Rs.2 crore to make sports infrastructure differently-abled friendly.

274. Cash prize for the Olympics medal winners will be increased to Rs. 5 crore for gold, Rs. 3 crore for silver and Rs.2 crore to bronze medals. Olympic medal winner will be given group 'A' posts and Asian and Commonwealth Games medal winners will be given group 'B' posts in State Government departments.

275. **'Karnataka Kreedha Poshaka Prashasthi'** with Rs.5 lakh each will be instituted from this year to identify and honour 10 sports promoters annually.

276. All ongoing taluka stadium works will be completed on priority. Grant Rs.20 crore is provided for the same.

277. A new scheme named "Yuva Chaithanya" will be launched to create a conducive environment for participation of rural youth in healthy activities. In coming 3 years, sports materials and fitness equipments

will be provided to youth in all grama panchayaths at a unit cost of Rs.1 lakh. In this regard, Rs.20 crore grant will be provided in the current year. Rs.5 crore grant will be provided to revolving fund to enable youth clubs to take up economic activities.

278. Sports IT Cell will be established at a cost of Rs.1 crore for complete digitization of sportspersons' profiles. This will help in identifying sports talent at a very young age, in providing required training facilities and in bringing transparency in awarding cash prize, incentives and in distribution of seats in professional courses.

279. Monthly pension given to former state, national and international wrestlers will be increased from Rs.1500 to Rs.2500, from Rs.2000 to Rs.3000 and from Rs.3000 to Rs.4000 respectively.

280. In 2017-18, an outlay of Rs.285 crore has been provided to Youth Empowerment and Sports Department.

Food and Civil Supplies

281. Achievements in last 4 years

- The ambitious Annabhagya scheme of the State Government to free the State from hunger has been successfully implemented. 1.08 crore families below poverty line have been benefitted by this scheme.
- Distribution of 1 kg. of pulses per ration card for the families below the poverty line has been started from the current year as a part of the

Annabhagya scheme to ensure availability of proteins in this nutritious intake.

New schemes in 2017-18

282. On demand from people, food grains being distributed under Annabhagya scheme will be increased from 5 kg to 7 kg per person.

283. 20 lakh poor families have already been brought under Annabhagya scheme through Public Distribution System. By simplifying the eligibility criteria, new ration cards will be delivered at the doorstep of applicants within 15 days through speed post by bringing distribution of ration cards under Sakala Scheme.

284. Free food grains will be distributed to welfare institutes like nariniketans, old age homes, schools for blinds, hostels for poor students, Beggars Rehabilitation Centres, etc. on Annabhagya model.

285. With a view to provide free gas connection to all the LPG-less poor families in the State and to make our State a PDS kerosene free State, "Anila Bhagya Scheme" will be implemented, with the incentive amount received from the Central Government. Incentive of Rs.1,600 per beneficiary will be given for free gas connection to about 5 lakh eligible poor families which have not qualified under Central Ujjvala scheme. Option will be given to ration card holders in rural areas with gas connection to choose either kerosene or free re-chargeable LED sets.

286. Further, following reform measures will be undertaken:

- Fair price shop level Awareness Committees will be strengthened to get the social audit done through them.
- All fair price shops will be converted into “Sevasindhu” centers in collaboration with the Department of e-Governance.
- Additional Consumer Dispute Benches will be set up at the State and District levels to enable the disposal of all the pending disputes within the statutory period of 3 months.

287. During 2017-18, a total amount of Rs.3636 crore is provided to the Department of Food and Civil Supplies.

Rural Development and Panchayath Raj

**Villages are soul of India without the
progress of villages development of India
is only a dream**

-Mahatma Gandhiji

288. Achievements in last 4 years

- The Department has received the Annual National Award from the Central Government for its achievements in matters pertaining to decentralisation, sanitation, e-Governance and transparency. Abdul Nazir Saab Rural Development Institute has received appreciation from the World Bank for its capacity building programme.

- The revolutionary “Grama Swaraj and Karnataka Panchayath Raj Act, 2015” has been implemented.
- Formation of 460 new Grama Panchayaths.
- 4,023 “Bapuji Seva Kendras” have been set up in Grama Panchayath offices itself. 18.5 lakh land records, 2.4 lakh Nada Kacheri applications and 2,802 applications for services of Department of Rural Development and Panchayath Raj have been distributed through Bapuji Seva Kendras.
- 9,300 pure drinking water units were installed: pure drinking water has been supplied to 1.6 crore rural people.
- 190 Multi Village Water Supply Schemes have been implemented with an expenditure of Rs.1,554 crore. Water is being supplied to 40 lakh people which has provided permanent drinking water to 2,539 villages.
- The number of rural families with toilet facility has been increased from 35.41% to 70%. A novel programme “Shouchalayakkagi Samara” was launched for constructing 28 lakh personal toilets out of the 55 lakh unconstructed toilets.
- Establishment of Rural Development and Panchayath Raj University at Gadag to strengthen the Panchayath Raj System at the primary level, to improve rural development programme, rural education, economic, health and sanitation system, to support skill

development and for conducting higher study and research.

- Under Namma Grama Namma Rasthe scheme, approval has been given for roads of 9,583 km. Out of this 8,288 km roads have been completed with an expenditure of Rs.4,167 crore.
- Rs.589 crore grant has been given to Task Force Committee under the Chairmanship of Member of Legislative Assembly for the maintenance of roads.
- 1,300 villages remaining under Suvarna Grama scheme have been developed at a cost of Rs.946 crore. Under Grama Vikasa scheme, 700 villages have been developed.
- Under Mahatma Gandhi NREGA Scheme, 52.7 lakh families have registered for employment card; creation of 24.8 crore man days employment with an expenditure of Rs.7,056 crore. Under Chief Minister 21 Point Programme, creation of 11.89 lakh assets.
- Under Namma Hola Namma Daari Scheme, in collaboration with farmers, 5,000 km of mud road has been constructed under NREGA.

New schemes in 2017-18

289. Rs.20 crore will be provided for Namma Grama Namma Yojane (GPDP). Taluk and District action plans will be prepared by consolidating the plans prepared by Grama Panchayaths. Out of 22.5 lakh activities earmarked for the next 5 years, 3.9 lakh activities will be taken up during the current year action plan.

290. Rs.2,200 crore will be provided for Rural Water Supply Scheme.

291. To eliminate the ill effects of chemical contamination of water on the health of rural people and to achieve sustainability in the supply of drinking water by using surface water as source of drinking water, priority will be given to Multi Village Drinking Water scheme by our Government.

292. 2,500 pure drinking water units will be established during the year.

293. For ensuring rural sanitation and with a view to create open defecation-free State, Rs.1,585 crore will be provided. Incentive will be given to all toiletless rural families to build individual toilet and in cases of non-availability of space, community toilet complexes will be constructed. Treatment of solid and liquid waste will be done to maintain village hygiene.

294. 'Rural Road Maintenance Policy' will be implemented based on National Rural Development Authority guidelines.

295. Under Namma Hola Namma Daari, 25 km of long mud roads to reach the farms in each Legislative Constituency will be constructed under NREGA in collaboration with farmers. Rs.100 crore will be provided for this purpose.

296. By aligning the grant of Rs.1 crore for each village under Chief Minister's Grama Vikasa Scheme with Chief Minister's 21 point programmes, it is proposed to comprehensively develop 1,000 villages in 2 years.

297. By commencing Namma Grama Namma Rasthe Scheme Phase-IV during the year, 4,386 km roads will be developed. Rs.1,765 crore will be provided for this purpose.

298. It is proposed to provide Rs.5 crore to set up Bio Fuel Generation Unit with 1,000 ltr. per day capacity and Central Bio Fuel Quality Test Laboratory.

299. Under Mahatma Gandhi NREGA scheme, in 2017-18:

- Target for creation of 12 crore man days.
- Women worksheds will be constructed in collaboration with National Livelihood Scheme to take up productivity or service activities through women self help groups.
- Opportunity will be created for construction of community cattle sheds to help cattle/ livestock of families facing non availability of space.
- By integrating with the programmes of the Horticulture Department, a minimum of 200 plantation area development works will be undertaken.

300. District Panchayath Development grant will be increased from Rs.2 crore to Rs.4 crore.

301. Honorarium amount to the elected members of Zilla, Taluk and Grama Panchayath will be raised as under.

- Zilla Panchayath member – from Rs.3,000 to Rs.5,000

- Taluk Panchayath President – from Rs.4,500 to Rs.6,000
- Taluk Panchayath Vice President – from Rs.3,000 to Rs.4,000
- Taluk Panchayath Member – from Rs.1,500 to Rs.3,000
- Gram Panchayath President – from Rs.1,000 to Rs.3,000
- Gram Panchayath Vice President – from Rs.600 to Rs.2,000
- Gram Panchayath member – from Rs.500 to Rs.1,000

302. A model Heritage Village will be developed at MGIREED premises at a cost of Rs.3 crore.

303. During 2017-18, a total amount of Rs.14061 crore is provided to the Department of Rural Development and Panchayath Raj.

Planning and Area Development

304. Achievements for the last four years

- As announced during 2014-15 budget, online registration system of births and deaths has been implemented in rural areas throughout the state.
- Special Development Programme in accordance with Dr. D.M.Nanjundappa's Committee recommendation to reduce regional imbalances has been extended for another 5 years from 2014-15.

- To prevent regional imbalance and for the purpose of development of Hyderabad – Karnataka region, Hyderabad – Karnataka Regional Development Board was established under the article 371-J of Constitution of India. For this purpose Rs. 2503 crore have been provided in last three years.

New schemes for the year 2017-18

305. During the year, programmes amounting to Rs.1,500 crore will be implemented through the Hyderabad – Karnataka Regional Development Board for the development of basic infrastructure and to reduce regional disparities.

306. Rs. 60 crore, Rs. 50 crore and Rs.20 crore will be provided to Malanad Area Development Board, Bayaluseeme Development Board and Karavali Development Board respectively.

307. Rs. 600 crore will be provided under Karnataka Legislative Area Development programme.

308. It is intended to continue the implementation of Special Development programme in the State with a view to reduce the regional imbalance. For this purpose Rs. 3000 crore will be provided. This grant will be utilized in all 114 backward talukas to improve the Human Development Index in those talukas.

309. A special provision of Rs.2.25 crore will be provided to undertake development works in 9 Naxal affected talukas.

310. In 2017-18, a total outlay of Rs.1828 crore is provided to Planning and Area Development Department.

Urban Development

Bruhath Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike

311. Approved and programmes under implementation

- Bengaluru accounts for the lion's share of Karnataka's commercial production. Keeping the same in mind, several developmental projects essential for Bengaluru will be taken up.
- During last year, Rs.7300 crore has been made available for development of infrastructure of Bengaluru city and welfare of Bengaluru's citizens. The said grant, being spread over 2016-17 and 2017-18, the action plan of the works has been approved and these works are at different stages of implementation. The entire amount will be spent by March-2018.

312. In continuation of the systematic City Road Upgradation Policy of our government in previous years, preparatory work on the following action plans will be taken up in 2017-18.

- Select 43 major roads of about 80 KM length will be white topped and the pedestrian facilities will be upgraded at a cost of Rs.690 crore.
- 25 interconnected roads of 25 KM length in "Bengaluru's Central Business District (CBD)" will be comprehensively upgraded under

3rd stage of Tender Sure model at the cost of Rs.250 crore.

- 12 high traffic density corridors have been identified and Rs.150 crore will be earmarked for the development and maintenance of these corridors.
- Keeping in view the safety of pedestrians, Rs. 200 crore will be allocated for developing footpaths along various roads of 200 K.M length.
- To ensure seamless vehicular movement in the city; grade separators will be constructed in 9 select busy junctions of Bengaluru City for which Rs.421 crore will be provided. In addition, Rs.150 crore will also be made available to BBMP for Railway Over Bridge and Railway under Bridge construction to enable uninterrupted movement of vehicles.
- Grant of Rs. 300 crore will be provided for the development of storm water drains within the limits of BBMP.
- Grant of Rs. 200 crore will be provided for Traffic Engineering Works, such as construction of road humps, lane marking, signage, median, junction improvement, etc.
- It is an essential to construct skywalks in various location of city to make crossing of roads by pedestrians safe. To make construction of skywalk on PPP model attractive, Rs.80 crore is being provided to

BBMP for Viability Gap Funding in construction of skywalks.

313. At the cost of Rs.50 crore, 1000 public toilets will be constructed.

314. “Namma Canteen”, a novel programme will be started to supply breakfast, lunch and dinner to the common man at affordable price. One canteen in each of 198 wards of Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike will be opened, wherein breakfast at Rs.5 and lunch & dinner at Rs.10/- will be provided. For this purpose, Rs.100 crore will be provided.

Bengaluru Metro Rail Corporation Limited

315. **Phase-1:** The entire track length of 42.3 km length of first phase project will be completed by April-2017.

316. **Phase-2:** Bengaluru Metro Rail Project Phase-2 has a total length 72.095 km and its estimated cost is Rs. 26,405 crore of this, Reach-4 extension (from Puttenahalli to Anjanapura) and Reach-2 extension (from Mysore road to Kengeri) works are under progress.

317. Under Bengaluru Metro Rail Project Phase-2A, work for an additional new line (17 kms length) from Silk Board to K.R.Puram junction is being funded through innovative financing and the project will be commenced at a cost of Rs.4,200 crore.

318. Feasibility study for Namma Metro Phase-3 is complete. Suitable alignment to connect Kempegowda International Airport is under finalization.

Directorate of Urban Land Transport:

319. A Memorandum of Understanding has been entered into with Ministry of Railways to undertake Sub Urban railway projects to avoid traffic congestion in Bengaluru city through Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV). The phase-1 of this programme will be taken up at the cost of Rs.345 crore.

320. The scheme of providing hired cycles has been implemented successfully in Mysore to provide healthy, non motorized, environmental friendly transport system to the citizens. The said scheme will be taken up in select clusters of Bengaluru city.

Directorate of Municipal Administration

321. Under Nagarothana (City Corporation) Phase-3 project, all 1565 approved works at a cost of Rs.1,000 crore will be completed during this year.

322. Under Chief Minister's Small and Medium Towns Development Scheme (CMSMTDP) Nagarothana (Municipality/City Municipal Council) Phase-2, all approved 2050 works at a cost of Rs.2,060 crore will be completed during this year.

323. Under Nagarothana (Municipality/City Municipal Council) Phase-3, drinking water supply scheme for citizens for Small and Medium towns and infrastructure works at a cost of Rs.2,886 crore will be started on priority during this year.

324. Construction of 22133 houses (DUs) at a cost of Rs.550 crore under Rajeev Awas Yojana will be completed during this year.

325. Under “Housing for All” abhiyana, construction of 60,000 houses at a cost of Rs.2,612 crore will be implemented through Urban Local Bodies and Rajeev Gandhi Rural Housing Corporation.

326. Under Solid Waste Management Scheme, works will be started in 134 urban local bodies in the year 2017-18. It is targeted to construct 3.29 lakh personal toilets, 9104 capacity community toilets, 4522 capacity public toilets.

327. Under “AMRUTH” abhiyana, an amount of Rs.4,953 crore has been allocated from 2015-16 to 2019-20. Out of this, the State Government’s share is Rs.1080 crore. Implementation of 36 schemes at a cost of Rs.2,314 crore will be started.

328. Advanced ‘Web Application’ will be put in place for online receipt of application, approval and delivery of service relating to Jalanidhi (Water/Underground drainage connection approval), Nirman (Building construction approval), Vyapar (Trade License), e-Asthi (Transfer of property ownership rights) and Janahitha (Public Grievances Management). Mobile version of the web application will also be developed.

329. Necessary amendments will be carried out to Karnataka Municipal Act, 1964 and Karnataka City Corporation Act, 1976 to bring all local bodies in the State under one enactment.

330. Urban Development Department will undertake computerization of all citizen services to achieve transparency and delivery of layout approval and building plan approval services by developing end to end online system based on Auto DCR and also initiating

action for micro planning and introduction of participatory town development in 10 towns. For this Rs.20 crore will be provided.

331. Preparation of Master Plans of all 274 Urban Local Bodies of the state will be taken up during this year.

332. Steps will be taken to construct Ring Roads in all the District Headquarters as per Town Planning Scheme through partnerships without any capital investment. Rs.2 crore will be provided for the preparatory work.

333. To mitigate drinking water scarcity in Mangaluru, Desalination Plant will be established with public-private-participation.

Karnataka Urban Water Supply and Drainage Board

334. 6 Water Supply schemes at a cost of Rs.290 crore and 3 underground drainage schemes at a cost of Rs.45 crore have been completed in 2016-17.

335. It is targeted to take up a total of 27 schemes at a cost of Rs.865.41 crore (14 water supply and 13 drainage schemes) and complete the same during 2017-18.

Bangalore Development Authority:

336. In the year 2017-18, construction and allotment of 3000 flats will be completed. 5,000 sites will be distributed in Nada Prabu Kempegowda Layout which is under implementation.

337. Bangalore Development Authority has proposed to develop Modern Model Township in an area of 166 acres in Konadasanapura village.

338. It is proposed to construct 10.7 km major arterial road connecting Mysore road and Magadi road through Kempegowda Layout at a cost of Rs.350 crore and it is also proposed to develop Commercial Hubs in 5 places on the said road under public private partnership.

339. Integrated development of 12 lakes has been completed at a cost of Rs.75 crore. In the year 2017-18, integrated development 10 lakes will be completed at an estimated cost of Rs.42 crore. During 2017-18 Bellanduru and Varthuru tanks will be comprehensively developed.

340. Construction of Under bridge and widening of Over bridge at Hebbal junction of outer ring road will be taken up at an estimated cost of Rs.88 crore.

341. Overbridge presently under construction at a cost of Rs.44 crore, at Doddanekundi Junction of Outer ring road will be made open to public by June 2017.

342. Silk board junction and K.R. Pura junctions, which are very important from traffic view point in Bengaluru city, will be developed in collaboration with BMRCL.

Bangalore Water Supply and Drainage Board

343. Unaccounted for water (UFW) which was at 49% during 2012-13, has come down to 44% now. By end of 2017-18, this will be further reduced to 40%.

344. In the last 4 years 2.43 lakh new water connections have been given. This is an increase of 35% over connections provided previously.

345. Board has taken up construction of 12 sewage treatment plants of 340 million litre capacity at a cost of Rs.845 crore. This work is nearing completion.

346. Water Supply Project for 110 villages of the city has been proposed to be taken up at a cost of Rs.1886 crore. This work will be started in April 2017 and completed within next 2 years.

347. The State Government has approved Cauvery 5th stage and underground drainage project for 110 villages at a cost of Rs.5,052 crore with assistance from JICA (Japan International Cooperation Agency). This project will be started in the current year. From this project 775 million litre drinking water will be available from Cauvery River.

348. Under the State Government Mega city project, construction of 4 sewage treatment plants of 440 million litre capacity, at a cost of Rs.1209 crore will be started and under "AMRUT" scheme construction of 5 sewage treatment plants of 75 million litre capacity will be started at a cost of Rs.129 crore. This project will be completed by 2020. With this, the sewage treatment capacity will be 1576 million litre from the existing 721 million litre.

349. Government has decided to provide 10,000 litres of water every month, free of cost to the residents of slums living in 30 x 20 sites and water charges for these residents will be waived off.

350. A project will be taken up by the Board for rejuvenation of Thippagondanahalli reservoir.

Karnataka Urban Infrastructure Development and Finance Corporation Limited:

351. Under Karnataka integrated urban water management investment programme (KIUWMIP), water supply and underground drainage development has been taken up in 8 towns at a cost of Rs.2187.72 crore. Underground drainage projects in 4 towns and will be completed in this year.

352. Under North Karnataka Urban Investment Plan (NKUSIP), works for 24 x 7 water supply in 12 towns and underground drainage works in 7 towns will be completed in 2017-18.

353. Under Karnataka urban water supply modernization programme (KUWSMP) operator contract for 12 years has been given for supply of water to Hubli-Dharwad at a cost of Rs.252 crore. Contracts in Belagavi and Kalaburgi will be finalized in 2017-18.

354. Rs.800 crore will be provided to 6 cities of Belagavi, Davanagere, Hubballi-Dharwada, Shivamogga, Mangaluru and Tumkuru selected under Smart City Abhiyana. Works will be started in the current year.

355. In 2017-18, a total amount of Rs.18127 Crore is provided to Urban Development Department.

Revenue

356. Achievement during the last 4 years

- Sections 94C and 94CC have been inserted to the Karnataka Land Revenue Act, 1964 to regularise the unauthorizedly constructed

residential houses on the Government lands in rural areas, towns and cities.

- For one time regularization of Government gomala lands under Section 94A and 94B of the Karnataka Land Revenue Act, rule 97 of the Karnataka Land Revenue Rules, 1966 has been amended.
- To prevent organized attempts to encroach Government land and lands of Government owned agencies, the **Karnataka Prohibition of Land Encroachment Act, 2011** has been enacted and a special court has been set up to prosecute the offences committed under the Act.
- Encroachments in 2.02 lakh acres of government land have been evicted in the State. Encroachments in 5,325 acres of government land valued at Rs. 1 lakh crore have been evicted in Bengaluru Urban district alone.
- A Special Cell has been created in the revenue department to convert many residential areas without documents of title into revenue villages where people of backward classes like Lambani (Banjara), Golla, Bhovi, Nayaka, Soliga, Kadu Kuruba etc., are residing. As of now, preliminary notification has been issued in 339 cases.
- Transfer of input subsidy and payment of other compensation amounts directly to the account of farmers through a new software 'Parihara' is being done.
- 'Phody Muktha Abhiyana' has been started from 2015. As of now 6.28 lakh single owner pahanis

have been created by completing survey work of totally 8.36 lakh blocks of 3782 villages.

- A scheme for providing pension of Rs.2,000 has been implemented to widow of the farmers who have committed suicide. Order has been issued to reimburse the hostel fee, tuition fee and residential expenses to the dependent children to continue the education up to graduation, alongwith the pension.
- Government has taken up various development works of 17 temples at a cost of Rs.201 crore under '**Bruhat Devalayagala Poornabhivruddhi Scheme**' to develop large temples coming under the department of endowments.
- The time limit for sanction of pension has been reduced from 70 to 45 days from this year.

New schemes for the year 2017-18

357. 'Less Paper Office' scheme has already been implemented in 15 Deputy Commissioner offices, 15 Assistant Commissioner offices and 15 taluk offices. This scheme will be extended to all the offices of revenue department in the next 2 years. For this purpose, Rs.10 crore will be provided.

358. Under the Digital Land Records Management Project (DLRMP), the following programmes will be undertaken with the assistance of Government of India:-

- Old revenue record rooms in all taluk offices will be modernized.

- Parcel Maps of all taluks of the State will be digitized using 'Bhoo Nakshe or Colab Land' software developed by NIC.
- 'Aakaarbundh', an important document, will be digitized. A special software will be developed for this purpose. This programme will be completed during 2017-18.

359. A grant of Rs.5 crore each will be provided to Banavasi Development Authority and Sarvajna Development Authority to take up various developmental programmes.

360. A branch office will be opened to give assistance in providing medical facilities, help line and rescue for more than 50 lakh pilgrims of Karnataka visiting Shabarimalai.

361. A grant of Rs.175 crore will be provided for the grand celebration of Bhagawan Babhubali Maha Masthakabhishekha celebrated once in 12 years in Shravanabelagola.

362. Sri Mylara Lingeshwara and Sri Devaragudda Development Authority will be formed in Mylara with a grant of Rs.5 crore.

363. Action will be taken to survey all the lakes of the State by forming district level task force headed by Deputy Commissioner at a cost of Rs.10 crore.

364. Considering the Geographical and Administrative necessities, 49 new taluks will be created as specified in Annexure-A during the year to fulfil the long pending demands for creation of new taluks.

365. By the end of March 2018, around 1100 residential areas, having no document of titles will be converted into revenue villages.

366. Old Age Pension being given to the persons with age between 60 and 64 years will be enhanced from Rs.200 to Rs.500.

367. During 2017-18, a total grant of Rs.5900 crore is provided for Revenue Department.

Energy

368. Achievements during the last 4 years

- Total of 5,848 M.W. capacity has been added from all sources to supply adequate electricity to attain self-reliance in energy sector in the State.
- To attain self-reliance in power sector, government is giving more thrust to renewable energy sources and solar energy production. Solar Policy 2014-21 has been launched. Accordingly, 'Solar Energy Park' of 2000 M.W. is being constructed in Pavagada, which is the biggest in the World.
- To strengthen the transmission network, 107 new electricity sub stations have been established and 2485 circuit k.m. transmission lines have been incorporated to the electricity network.
- 58,145 bore wells have been provided with electricity connection under Ganga Kalyana Scheme.

- 37,251 drinking water plants have been provided with electricity connection.
- Infrastructure has been provided for 1.55 lakh regularised pumpsets.
- The State's transmission and distribution loss of electricity network has been reduced from 3.81% to 3.22% and 16.10% to 14.09% respectively in the last 4 years.
- 3-phase electricity for 7 hours in batches is being provided to the irrigation pumpsets of farmers of the State.

New Schemes for the year 2017-18

369. It is proposed to add 3975 MW capacity during the year 2017-18 including 1600 MW from Yaramaras project, 1000 MW from Solar Energy Park of Pavagada and 1375 MW from renewable energy sources.

370. The electricity arrear bills of Gram Panchayats pending for long time have created much financial crises for ESCOMs and Karnataka Power Corporation. We have decided to pay arrears of Rs. 3,766 crore pending as on 31-3-2015. This will provide financial leverage to these companies to invest in infrastructure facilities and upgradation.

371. Under Bhagya Jyothi Scheme, the electricity supply being given free of cost will be increased from 18 to 40 units.

372. 5 villages in each MLA constituency will be converted into Model Electricity Villages by taking steps for the efficient usage of electricity.

373. 40 new sub stations will be established to strengthen the transmission network.

374. During 2017-18, a total grant of Rs.14094 crore is provided for Energy Department.

Public Works, Ports and Inland Water Transport

375. Achievements during the last 4 years

- Under various schemes, 9,644 k.m. State Highway Development works have been completed at a cost of Rs.9,616 crore through Public Works Department, State Highway Development Project, KSHIP and KRDC.
- State Highway of 1,854 k.m. has been declared as National Highway and Central Government has approved, in-principle, to upgrade 6,262 k.m. of State Highway into National Highway.
- Development works of 20,733 k.m. District Main Roads have been completed at a cost of Rs. 8,190 crores.
- 136 bridges on District Main Roads and 163 bridges on State Highways have been constructed/re-constructed at a cost of Rs.372 crores.
- Under Scheduled Caste Sub Plan and Tribal Sub Plan, concrete roads of 2,663 k.m. and 1,190 k.m. have been constructed in Scheduled Caste and Schedule Tribe colonies, respectively at a cost of Rs.2,900 crores.
- Under NABARD aided RIDF scheme, development of 2,420 k.m. rural roads and

construction of 307 bridges have been completed at a cost of Rs.1,210 crores.

- During 2016-17, approval has been given for construction of 195 bridges through KRDCCL at a cost of Rs. 1,396 crores.
- Coastal Protection Scheme is being implemented with the assistance of ADB at a cost of Rs.911 crore.
- Under PPP model, 49 k.m. Devanahalli-Vijayapura-Kolar road is being developed through KRDCCL at a cost of Rs.148 crore.

New Schemes for the year 2017-18

376. Under KSHIP-III (ADB 2nd loan) following 418.5 k.m. roads will be taken up at a cost of Rs.5,310 crore to develop core road network of the State:-

- Kollegal-Hanur road – 23.8 k.m.
- Chintamani-Andhra Pradesh border road – 39.8 k.m.
- Bengaluru-Magadi-N.H.-75 (Nelamangala Mangalore) – 50.7 k.m.
- Magadi-Somwarpet road via Huliurudurga-Nagamangala-K.R. Pet – 166 k.m.
- Gadag-Honnali road – 138.2 k.m.

377. In order to ease the traffic congestion in Bengaluru, it is proposed to develop the following 150 k.m. roads in and around Bengaluru through KRDCCL at an estimated cost of Rs.1,455 crore:-

- Hoskote – Budigere – Mylenahalli - Devanahalli International Airport road
- Nelamangala – Madhure - Byatha Road
- Anekal – Attibele – Sarjapura – Varthur – Whitefield - Hoskote road
- Harohalli – Uruganadoddi - KIADB Industrial area – Jigani - Anekal road

378. It is proposed to develop 22 k.m. road around Mysore city at an estimated cost of Rs.117 crores.

379. 2.5 k.m. road on Mangalore-Athradi State Highway-67 connecting Mangalore International Airport will be developed at an estimated cost of Rs.50 crores.

380. In order to promote Import/Export activities in Karwar Port, a Detailed Project Report will be prepared to construct an additional dock measuring 1508 meter for stationing 5 ships of 14 metres depth.

381. Rs.50 crore special package will be given for the development of roads in Kodagu district.

382. During 2017-18, a total grant of Rs.8559 crore is provided for Public Works, Ports and Inland Transport Department.

Infrastructure Development

383. Achievements in last 4 years

- Rs.1,637 crore grant has been released for Rail Over/Under Bridge works under progress from 2013-14 to 2016-17.
- Construction of Railway Wagon Factory in Yadagiri is in final stage and it will be commissioned by April, 2017. Rs.15 crore has

been released by the Government for the acquisition of land.

- Construction of Hasana-Bengaluru railway line is already completed; Bidar-Kalaburgi and Ramanagar-Mysuru double line works will be completed by April, 2017.
- 27 k.m. Munirabad-Mehaboob Nagar railway line from Ginigera to Chikkabenakal will be opened during the year.
- On Kudachi-Bagalakote new railway line, 30 k.m. railway line from Bagalakote to Khajjidoni will be opened during the year.
- Necessary land acquisition process for 156 k.m. long Gadaga-Vadi new railway line is in progress. For this project, the Government will give free land and 50% of total project cost of Rs.1,922 crore will be borne by the Government.
- The State Government has provided 588 acres of land for upgradation works of Hubballi Airport and 370 acres of land for Belagavi Airport.
- City Gas Distribution Project is in the final stage in Bengaluru. Industries, city transport and domestic consumers will get the benefit of the distribution of gas through pipes.

New schemes in 2017-18

384. Kempegowda International Airport has become the third largest Airport in the country in terms of passenger traffic. The development of second runway is in progress to reduce the traffic congestion. Construction of Terminal-2 will be taken up.

385. Development of air strip at Karawar, Madikeri and Chikkamagaluru will be taken up.

386. For the expansion of Mangaluru International Airport, proposal for land acquisition of 286 acres has been submitted to Airport Authority of India. Necessary support to this expansion project will be provided by the Government.

387. Tadadi seaport project will be taken up under Public-Private Partnership.

388. During 2017-18, a total amount of Rs.790 crore is provided to the Department of Infrastructure Development.

Commerce and Industry

389. Achievements in last 4 years

- New Industrial Policy 2014-19 has been announced in the State to achieve growth rate of 12% per annum by attracting investment of Rs.5 lakh crore and generate employment for 15 lakh persons during the Policy period.
- 124 projects approved by the State High Level Clearance Committee/ State Level and District Level Single Window Clearance Committee, with an investment of Rs.17,293 crore, creating employment for 1.6 lakh persons, were implemented and 1,492 projects with an investment of Rs.2.8 lakh crore are under implementation.
- “Invest Karnataka-2016”, the global investors meet was successfully conducted in February, 2016. During this, MoUs have been signed for

112 projects with investment of Rs.1.27 lakh crore. Out of these, 4 projects with an investment of Rs.164 crore have already been implemented and 41 projects with an investment of Rs.32,480 crore have been approved.

- As per the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion, Government of India, Karnataka stands first in the country as an investment destination by attracting investment of Rs.1,54,173 crore during January to December of 2016.
- Pravasi Bharatiya Divas-2017 has been organised successfully to motivate investors to invest in Karnataka in which 7,200 delegates including 2,000 from overseas, participated.
- “Make in India” conference was successfully organised in February, 2017.
- From 2013-14 onwards, 1.16 lakh small and very small industrial units have been registered with investment of Rs.22,175 crore and employment was created for 10.3 lakh persons.
- In last 4 years, 2,807 living-cum-worksheds have been constructed under Scheduled Caste Sub Plan and Tribal Sub Plan. Initial capital investment to 230 entrepreneurs and 60% investment subsidy to 627 very small industrial units were given. Skill development training has been provided to 15,350 youth under different schemes.

- Under New Textiles Policy 2013-18, Rs.1,918 crore has been invested creating employment opportunity for 96,568 persons.
- To approve mining lease in a transparent and judicious manner, e-tender system has been adopted. Through tendering, 7 iron ore blocks have been cleared.
- To protect the ecosystem along the river bed, the State Government is encouraging M-sand production. M-sand production, which was at 1.5 million tons in 2013-14, has increased to 20 million ton in 2016-17. At present, 164 M-sand units are functioning.
- Under Karnataka Minor Mineral Concession (Amendment-2016) Rules-1994, reservation is provided for allotment of contract works to Schedule Caste, Schedule Tribe/Economically Backward/ Differently Abled people who are depending solely on quarrying for livelihood.
- Plots/sheds are being allotted/distributed to the Schedule Caste and Schedule Tribe communities by KIADB/KSSIDC at 50% discount rate.

New schemes in 2017-18

390. Under Chennai-Bengaluru-Chitradurga Industrial Corridor Project, one-time grant of Rs.400 crore will be provided for Tumakuru Industrial Node for land acquisition by the KIADB.

391. In consultation with Indian Machine Tool Manufacturer Association and with the assistance of

Ministry of Heavy Industry, Government of India, it is proposed to develop “Machine Tool Industry Park” in 542 acres of land at Vasanthanarasapura in Tumakuru district.

392. It is proposed to set up a Precision Metrology Lab in association with Central Machine Tool Industry in their premises, on 50% cost sharing basis with Government of India, to give fillip to the engineering manufacturing industries in the State.

393. It is proposed to form a ‘Vision Group’ headed by sectoral experts for Pharma and Medical equipments to formulate the necessary programmes to encourage Pharma and Medical Devices Units in the State.

394. An Award will be instituted to encourage the best performing manufacturing unit in Karnataka.

395. It is proposed to conduct Vendor Development Event at a national level to bring together MSMEs and Large Manufacturers/Public Sector Undertakings for giving marketing support to MSMEs.

396. Karnataka intends to formulate a policy for hi-tech and frontier industries like 3D printing, Robotics, Nano Technology, IOT, Big Data Analytics, Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning, Stem Cell Research, Bespoke DNA Medicine and other areas which will define the next 20 years.

397. Our Government wishes to make Bengaluru the Electric Vehicle Capital of India.

398. Employment creation is the focus of our industrial policy. This year we intend to focus on employment intensive sectors like toy manufacturing for

exports, manufacturing of mobile phones, tablets, electronic components and assemblies, etc.

399. It is proposed to pay the matching wage incentives to coir artisans working in Coir Development Corporation.

400. Rs.25 crore will be provided for development of roads within the limits of sugar factories in 2017-18.

401. Rs.4 crore will be provided to set up Citizen Service Centres with a view to encourage Khadi and Gramodyoga Industries.

402. It is proposed to establish Khadi Plaza in Bengaluru and Belagavi at an estimated cost of Rs.10 crore each, with the assistance of Government of India.

403. To encourage entrepreneurs from Schedule Caste and Schedule Tribe, the following schemes will be taken up:

- For the new MSMEs to be established by the Schedule Caste and Schedule Tribe entrepreneurs, power subsidy of Rs.2 per unit will be given in first 5 years.
- For the first time, processing fee, legal fee, one time loan disbursement fee and other fee levied by financial institutions will be borne by Government for MSMEs established by Schedule Caste and Schedule Tribe entrepreneurs.
- For Schedule Caste and Schedule Tribe entrepreneurs, 100 C-type and 100 D-type sheds will be constructed at subsidized cost by KSSIDC.

- Loan amount of Rs.46 crore availed under seed capital investment plan by the Schedule Caste and Schedule Tribe entrepreneurs from 2010-11 to 31-03-2017 will be waived.

404. Instead of the existing 99 year lease basis, industrial land/site will be distributed upto 2 acres to small and very small entrepreneurs by the Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board and Karnataka State Small Industries Development Corporation on 10 year lease/sale basis.

405. A special grant of Rs.5 crore will be given to KASSIA to establish Centre of Excellence at Dabaspet.

406. Plots/sheds to be allotted/distributed to the persons belonging to Backward Class Category-1, Category-2A and Category-2B by KIADB/KSSIDC will be given at 25% discount. Discount will be limited to 1 acre in Bengaluru Urban and Rural Districts and to 2 acres in other districts.

407. To encourage women entrepreneurs, the limit of loan being disbursed by Karnataka State Finance Corporation at 4% interest will be enhanced from existing Rs.50 lakh to Rs.2 crore.

408. A Business Incubator will be established exclusively for women entrepreneurs.

409. Rs.150 crore will be provided to weavers' package. In addition to the ongoing projects, the following new projects will be implemented:

- Electronic Jacard and pneumatic facility for handlooms.
- Revival and capacity building of wool sector.

- Recurring funds for Handloom Weavers Co-operative Societies.
- 50% power subsidy for rapier looms connected to low tension power supply.
- Establishment of Silk Mega Cluster in Mysuru in collaboration with Government of India.
- Establishment of power loom complex in Haveri, Hosadurga, Banahatti and Gowribidanur through KSTDC and godown and Citizen Service Centre in Panthabalekundri, Belagavi District.
- Power subsidy of Rs.2 per unit to encourage co-operative yarn mills.
- 5% subsidy to co-operative yarn mills on cotton purchased from Cotton Corporation of India.

410. A new Directorate will be established to support medium, small and micro enterprises.

411. During 2017-18, a total amount of Rs.2250 crore is provided to the Department of Commerce and Industry.

Information Technology, Bio Technology and Science & Technology (IT, BT and S&T)

412. Achievements during the last 4 years

- During the year 2016-17, the premier IT and Electronics event of the State, **Bengaluru ITE.biz** was conducted with the theme 'Define the Next'.

- A Centre of Excellence in Internet of Things (IoT) has been set up in collaboration with Government of India and NASSCOM,.
- An AVGC Venture Fund of Rs.20 crore is being set up to provide Venture Capital to companies in AVGC (Animation, Visual Effects, Gaming and Comics) sector.
- K-GIS Portal Version-I was launched which will enable for geo tagging, mapping of assets, beneficiary tracking, collection of soil samples etc.
- Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium has been upgraded with a modern opto-mechanic and digital projection at a cost of Rs.12 crore.
- Approval has been given to establish a modern 3-D digital planetarium in Dharwad Regional Science Centre located in the premises of Karnataka University, Dharwad at an estimated cost of Rs.22 crore.

New Schemes for the year 2017-18

413. It is proposed to set up 'Centre of Excellence in Data Sciences and Artificial Intelligence' and 'Cyber Security' Centre keeping in mind the emerging technologies and to create necessary technical resources, skill development, in collaboration with entrepreneurs to give thrust to capacity building.

414. A new programme 'Yuva Yuga' will be implemented to train 1,10,000 persons in IT, Electronics, Animation and other sectors by pooling

funds from grants of Government of India, SCP/TSP and Entrepreneurs to give thrust to skill development.

415. It is proposed to establish VLSI Incubator and Brown Field ESDM Cluster in Hubballi in collaboration with Entrepreneurs to create new conceptual innovative environment system and vibrant technology in 2/3rd phase cities.

416. It is proposed to provide free Wi-Fi facility in all Gram Panchayats. This programme will be implemented under PPP lead by KEONICS providing Viability Gap Funding in 2500 Gram Panchayats in first phase at a cost of Rs.50 crore.

417. A state-of-the-art planetarium located at Pilikula Regional Science Centre in Mangalore will be operationalized before December 2017 at an estimated cost of Rs.35.69 crore.

418. With a dome size of 10 m, a 3-D mini planetarium will be established in Madikeri and Gadag at an estimated cost of Rs.5.75 crore each.

419. During the year, construction work of International Level Science Gallery in Bengaluru will be commenced at an estimated cost of Rs.30 crore.

420. During the financial year, mobile planetarium programme will be implemented in all the districts of the State by deploying one mobile planetarium van for every five districts.

421. Karnataka Knowledge Commission has identified artificial intelligence and robotic development as technology of the future and for adoption of data analytics in decision making. Accordingly, it is proposed to establish artificial intelligence and robotics centre at

IIIT, Bengaluru. An expenditure of Rs.5 crore will be incurred for this.

422. In order to explore the potential of Unmanned Aerial System (UAS) through a coordinated pilot in agriculture, urban Development and heritage destinations, an amount of Rs.2 crore will be provided.

423. During 2017-18, a total grant of Rs. 299 crore is provided to IT, BT and Science & Technology Department.

e-Governance

424. Achievements during the last 4 years

- **'Mobile one Project'** is the nation's first and one of the largest integrated mobile governance platform in the world for multi-purpose citizen services of Government and private sector.
- 39 Karnataka-One Centres have been established in line with Bengaluru-One project in 09 major cities of the State viz., Hubballi-Dharwad, Mangaluru, Shivamogga, Belagavi, Ballari, Mysuru, Davanagere, Kalaburagi and Tumkuru.
- World Bank assisted Human Resource Maintenance System (HRMS) has achieved more progress. HRMS-2.0 is in progress. In this, salaries of 5.5 lakh government employees (State, AIS, AICTE, UGC, FNJPC) and of 100% aided educational institutions are being maintained.

New Schemes for the year 2017-18

425. During the financial year 2017-18, every district will be brought under the scope of service process by establishing 'Karnataka One' Centres in more than 18 district centres.

426. KSWAN-2 will be implemented in the next 5 years at a cost of Rs.800 crore. The number of offices being included in this network will be increased to 10,000. All the government offices and their functionaries will get fast and reliable connectivity from this project.

427. During 2017-18, a total grant of Rs.189 crore is provided to e-Governance Department.

Tourism**428. Achievements during the last 4 years**

- New Tourism Policy-2015 has been launched. In the said policy, 20 tourism destinations have been identified to encourage private investment.
- During 2015-16, 472 home guards including 92 women were trained and deputed to important tourism destinations of the State to ensure the security of domestic and foreign tourists.
- 111 tourist guides including 9 women have been trained through Universities and guide licenses have been issued.
- In the past 3 years, 3804 tourist taxies have been distributed with a subsidy of Rs.2 lakh each to the unemployed candidates belonging to SC/ST, Backward class and Minorities to get self-employed.

- 38th PATA International event was held during 2015 for the first time in Bengaluru. 57 Countries and 19 States have participated in this event.
- Jungle Lodges and Resorts Limited has developed Jungle Camps for middle income tourists at an affordable cost in Bhagavathi of Chickmagaluru district, Sakrebailu of Shivamogga district, Anejari and Seetha Nadi of Udupi district.

New Schemes for the year 2017-18

429. To popularize wilde life tourism and eco-trails across the State, 2017 has been declared as the 'Year of the Wild' for the tourists to explore the forests and wildlife in Karnataka.

430. A programme will be launched in association with hospitality industry to increase skilled man power in the sector at a cost of Rs.5 crore.

431. As a part of the plan to promote Karnataka coastline as an international surfing destination, a 'National Annual Surfing Festival' will be organized at Sasihitlu beach, Mangaluru, from this year.

432. Rs.385 crore will be provided for the development of tourism infrastructure and the following projects will be taken up: -

- Integrated development of Heritage Tourism infrastructure including conservation, preservation of monuments in collaboration with ASI and the Department of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage.

- Construction of hygienic toilet facilities at important tourist destinations.
- Earmarking a certain portion of this amount as Maintenance Fund for proper upkeep of tourist destinations.
- Development of roads connecting to World Heritage sites and other most important destinations.

433. 16 tourist centres will be developed into World Class Tourist Destinations.

434. Historical places of Lakkundi, Hampi, Badami, Pattadakallu, Aihole, Banavasi etc. of North Karnataka will be revived and made attractive by establishing 'Belli Shrunga' from Karwar to Vijayapur, from Belagavi to Ballari and from Bidar to Koppal.

435. It is proposed to construct an Aero Sports Hub in Mysuru.

436. During the year, a total grant of Rs.572 crore is provided for Tourism Department.

General Administration

437. Government employees play an important role in development of the State. As per the Pay Committee's recommendations, benefit of previous pay revisions was extended to Government employees from 01.04.2012. There is a demand by the Government employees for pay revision. In the meanwhile, Central Government has also revised pay for their employees. In this background, pay commission will be formed to examine the request of the Government employees.

438. Monthly pension for freedom fighters will be increased from Rs.8,000 to Rs.10,000 and monthly pension for Goa liberation fighters from Rs.3,000 to Rs.4,000.

Information and Public Relations

439. Achievements during last four years

- **“Jana-Mana”** programme has been organized in all the districts for direct interaction of the beneficiaries of the State Government programmes with the Ministers.
- Photography exhibition was organized to celebrate 125th birth anniversary of Jawaharlal Nehru and birth anniversary of Devaraj Urs and statewide **“Bharatha Bhagyavidhatha”** sound-light show has been organized on account of 125th birth anniversary of Dr. B.R.Ambedkar.
- Subsidy given to Kannada and regional feature films has been enhanced from 75 to 125 feature films.
- Film city is being constructed at Himmavu village of Mysore for the development of Kannada Film Industry.
- Dr. Rajkumar memorial has been set up and is dedicated to the public. Dr. Vishnuvardhan memorial is under construction in Mysore.
- Bangalore International Film Festival hitherto being organized in Bengaluru has also been extended to Mysore city since last two years.

New Schemes for 2017-18

440. Three day “**Zilla Mahithi Utsava**” programme will be organized in all districts to provide information about various schemes implemented by various departments. For this purpose, grant of Rs.16 crore has been earmarked.

441. Digital display boards will be installed in KSRTC bus stations and other public places of all taluks. Rs.17 crore has been earmarked for this purpose.

442. 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhiji will commence from 2nd October 2018. Prior to this, statewide “**Mahatma Gandhiji**” sound and light show will be organized. For this purpose, Rs.5 crore has been earmarked.

443. Rs.2 crore has been earmarked for the development of Kasturba Ashram at Arasikere where ashes of Mahatma Gandhiji are kept.

444. Free bus pass will be distributed to journalists in district headquarters for travel in respective city transport buses within the district.

445. Monthly pension given to former journalists in distress will be enhanced from Rs.8000 to Rs.10,000.

446. Amount given to charitable fund established for medical benefits to workers, technicians and artists of film industry will be enhanced from Rs.1 crore to Rs.10 crore.

447. Exhibiting Kannada and Regional language films in one screen of multiplex cinemas of the state in prime time between 1.30 pm to 7.30 pm will be made compulsory.

448. It is proposed to implement uniform admission fee policy in all cinema theatres including multiplexes in the State, by prescribing Rs.200 as maximum admission fee.

449. In 2017-18, an outlay of Rs.283 crore has been provided to Information and Public Relations Department.

Home

450. Achievements during the last four years

- 12,000 officials of the Police Department have been promoted that will enhance their morale.
- 20,487 P.S.I. and P.C. posts have been filled. 3,274 posts will be filled in coming one month.
- Out of 11,000 quarters required to be built under 'Police Gruha-2020' scheme, 4,016 quarters have been built and construction of 4,198 quarters in the second stage has commenced.
- Annual medical checkup at Rs.1000 for each police official has been commenced.
- Allowances for posts of police constable to police sub inspectors have been enhanced by Rs.2,000 per month.
- 2 new woman police companies have been established keeping in view the safety of women.
- 27 new fire stations, 40 new fire station buildings have been established and 308 fire engines have been procured from 2013 till date.

- State Disaster Management Force has been established in 2013.
- Under Prisons Modernization Programme, CCTVs, solar lights, mobile jammers, prisoner information kiosks, prison call system and video conferencing facility for under-trials has been provided.
- In Karnataka, Home Guards strength has been increased from 25,000 to 30,000 and daily allowance given by the state to Home Guards has been increased from Rs.300/- to Rs.400/- in Bengaluru city and Rs.250/- to Rs.325/- outside Bengaluru.

New schemes for 2017-18

451. To strengthen and increase basic infrastructure for women in Police Training Schools, Rs.10 crore will be earmarked.

452. Separate toilet facility will be provided for lady staff in all the police stations of the State.

453. Technology based police accessories including downloadable Apps will be installed to enable early response of police, especially where offences against women and children are involved.

454. "Dial 100" system will be further strengthened and will be extended to districts.

455. TRAC programme presently existing in 5 cities for traffic management will be further strengthened and this programme will be extended to Bengaluru and Mysore railway stations and to cities including Kalaburagi and Tumkur.

456. Police Commissionerate will be established in Kalaburagi.

457. The Forensic laboratories will be modernized by upgrading basic infrastructure in order to bring improvement in crime detection and crime conviction rate. For this purpose Forensic Sciences & Technology Centre will be established in Bengaluru at a cost of Rs. 20 crore.

458. To provide housing facility to the Police personnel deputed during legislative sessions, construction of multipurpose building along with barracks will be taken up in Belagavi at a cost of Rs.3 crore.

459. FG-1 security pole will be procured for 8 central prisons and hand metal detector, door frame detector and basic medical checkup equipments will be provided to all central and district prisons.

460. For ease of administration and safety in prisons, video conference facility will be strengthened.

461. Construction of new prisons will be taken up at Karwar, Tiptur, Virajpet, Gangavati, Bidar and Tarikere.

462. 3rd stage works of women and convicted prisoner's prison of Bengaluru Central Prison will be taken up.

463. In 2017-18, an outlay of Rs.4938 crore has been provided to Home Department.

Transport**464. Achievement in the last 4 years.**

- Under Computerization and Smart Card Scheme, 226 lakh Smart Cards, Driving Licenses and Registration Certificates have been issued in all Regional Transport Offices.
- 4 Transport Corporations of the State have operated 23,746 buses covering 67 lakh kms and carrying 112 lakh passengers per day. During the last 4 years a total of 6,957 buses have been added.
- 21 new Depots and 21 new bus stations have been established. 1793 city bus services were inducted in all the district centers and important cities of the State.
- Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation is the only State Road Transport Corporation in the country which has earned 164 national and international awards for the unique initiatives and good practices.
- BMTTC has earned 100 national and international awards so far. North West Karnataka Road Transport Corporation (NWKRTC) has won National Level Urban Mobility Award 2016 for its efficient city operations and North East Karnataka Road Transport Corporation (NEKRTC) has won India Bus Award for innovative city transport.
- To maintain the social obligation, the Road Transport Corporations have issued

concessional and free bus passes to the different categories and citizens and issued concessional passes to 17.79 lakh students, 1.50 differently abled persons and 18,000 blind persons.

New Schemes for the Year 2017-18.

465. Under “**Raitha Sarathi**” scheme, training will be imparted to farmers and learner license and driving license will be issued to facilitate the drivers of agricultural tractors and trailers. Additionally, two wheeler licenses will be issued and training will be imparted to create road safety awareness for which Rs.2 crore will be provided.

466. To reduce road accidents and to improve road safety, Karnataka State Road Safety Authority will be constituted. For this Rs.5 crore will be provided.

467. To reduce Air and Noise Pollution in Bengaluru City, it is proposed to ban two stroke auto rickshaws with effect from 01.04.2018 and replace with 10,000 four stroke LPG auto rickshaws, for which Rs.30 crore will be provided as subsidy at Rs.30,000 per auto rickshaw.

468. 3 new RTO offices will be started in Chinthamani, Ranebennuru and Bantwal.

469. Road Transport Corporations

- It is proposed to substantially increase the number of buses in BMTC to reduce traffic congestion and to provide reliable transport services in Bangalore city. 3000 new buses will be inducted during the current year. Out of which 1500 new buses will be purchased and

remaining 1500 buses will be procured on lease basis. State Government will provide support to BMTC for purchase of buses by undertaking to bear the repayment burden on the loans availed by it.

- In the current year a total of 3250 new buses will be purchased by transport corporations. 1050 buses by North West Karnataka Road Transport Corporation (NWKRTC), 700 buses by North East Karnataka Road Transport Corporation (NEKRTC) and 1500 buses by Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) will be purchased.
- It is proposed to introduce 150 Electric Buses in Bengaluru City and 50 Electric Buses in Mysuru City with central assistance.
- New Division will be opened at Shivamogga to enhance operational efficiency.
- 44 new bus stands, 14 new bus depots and training centers are proposed to be established through all the Transport Corporations.
- Free bus passes will be issued to Goa Liberation fighters of the State. Free bus passes will also be issued to Arjuna and Khel Rathna Awardees.
- To provide greater safety to women passengers, a new feature of SOS button and tracking will be provided in the BMTC Mobile application.
- Smart Cards will be issued to beneficiaries of free and concessional bus passes.

- Skill Development Centers will be established for enhancement of capabilities of drivers and mechanics. Additionally the existing centers will also be upgraded to facilitate training of 25,000 candidates every year.

470. In 2017-18, a total amount of Rs.2354 crore is provided to the Transport Department.

Law and Courts

471. Achievements for the last four years

- In order to double the number of courts in the state and with a view to provide quick justice to clients, in last four years, 252 new courts of various types have been established.
- Special courts have been established in all district headquarters of the State for the disposal of cases relating to atrocity on women and children.
- Around 200 additional posts of notary, on an average one per taluk, in 176 revenue taluks of the State, have been created.
- The stipend amount being paid for 24 months at Rs.1000 per month to eligible law graduates has been enhanced to Rs.2000/- per month from 2015-16.
- In Lok Adalaths held upto November-2016, 21 lakh cases have been disposed through mutual consent.
- The grant being given to bar council for the welfare of advocates in the state has been enhanced from Rs.2 crore to Rs.5 crore during 2016-17.

New schemes for the year 2017-18

472. “Karnataka Integrated Government Litigation Management System” (KIGLMS) will be established with a view to have an effective supervision, management and control over all types of government litigations and to monitor the work and performance of law officers. It will be integrated with the portals of the Courts, Tribunals and Bar Councils.

473. Grid connected solar roof tops will be installed on PPP mode with the assistance of KREDL in Mysore, Gadag, Kalburgi, Tumkur and Mangalore District Court Complex.

474. Pure water units will be established in all taluks court complexes at the cost of Rs.8.12 crore for the benefit of public and advocates.

475. In 2017-18, a total amount of Rs.731 crore is allocated to Law and Courts department.

Parliamentary affairs and Legislation

476. A project “E- Vidhana Mandala” to bring in paperless legislative proceedings at a cost of Rs. 60.84 crore is proposed. Rs.20 crore will be provided in 2017-18 towards initial activities.

477. In 2017-18, a total amount of Rs.256 crore is allocated to Parliamentary affairs and Legislation department.

Public Sector Enterprises

478. In order to appreciate, recognize and motivate, the 4 best performing enterprises will be given the Chief Minister’s Rathna award every year, consisting of

Rs.3.75 lakh cash award and a commendation certificate.

479. Department of Public Enterprises will conduct a strategic evaluation of the working of Public Sector Enterprises in Karnataka to prepare a roadmap for the optimization of their operational efficiency and effectiveness.

480. In 2017-18, a total amount of Rs.250 crore is allocated to Public Sector Enterprises Department.

TAX PROPOSALS

GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

481. Goods and Services Tax is proposed to be introduced in the country with effect from 1st July 2017. The necessary Constitutional amendments have been carried out and the crucial taxation bills are ready. The GST Council has already given its stamp to these taxation bills.

482. Karnataka has always been at the forefront in supporting early introduction of GST and shaping its policy contours. We have actively participated in exercise for formulating the policy framework for GST. Even before introduction of GST, we had introduced various e-initiatives, like e-UPaSS, that will help smooth transition in our State.

483. The migration of existing taxpayers to GST is already underway and the taxpayers in Karnataka have shown exemplary enthusiasm in getting themselves migrated to GST. Due to their initiative and the support of the Government, Karnataka has achieved highest level of migration in the country. I would use this opportunity

to thank the taxpayers of our State and seek their support in implementation of GST in our State.

484. For smooth introduction of GST, we have undertaken a massive outreach programme through more than 100 workshops and roadshows for interaction with taxpayers and professionals in making them aware about the proposed tax reform. We have also taken steps for building adequate capacity within the Commercial Taxes Department. Till now, more than 3000 officers and staff of the department have been trained.

COMMERCIAL TAXES

485. The Budget Estimates for the current year was fixed at Rs.51338 crore. Despite adverse impact of demonetization on the economy and tax collections in the current year, we are making all efforts to mobilise necessary resources to meet our expenditure requirements and expect to reach the target for the current year. Keeping in view introduction of GST in the ensuing year, the Budget Estimate for Commercial Taxes is pegged at Rs.55000 crore.

VALUE ADDED TAX

Relief and Rationalization

486. In the light of introduction of GST, I do not propose to make any major changes in the rate structure. I propose to continue the tax exemption on paddy, rice, wheat, pulses and products of rice, Ragi Rice (processed Ragi) and wheat. I also propose to exempt flour of Navane, Same, Aaraka and Baragu (*Siridhanyagalu*) from tax. I also propose to exempt tax on husk of coconut and pulses.

Administrative Measures

487. The limitation period for assessment and reassessments pertaining to tax periods of 2012-13 and 2013-14 would be ending along with that for 2010-11 and 2011-12 respectively. This will put undue pressure on taxpayers as well as the tax administration, especially when we will be working to implement the largest indirect tax reform. To ease this pressure, I propose to bring necessary amendments to section 40 of the KVAT Act, 2003 to extend the period of limitation for assessments or reassessments pertaining to tax periods of 2012-13 and 2013-14 by one year. I also propose to amend section 40 to exclude period taken for disposal of revision proceedings in computing the period of limitation for assessment or reassessment.

488. As we are moving towards replacing the existing Value Added Tax with the proposed Goods and Services Tax, I propose a *Karasamadhana* scheme to waive 90% of penalty and interest on payment of full tax and remaining 10% of penalty and interest by 31st May 2017. This will enable trade and industry to clear their pending tax liabilities and start with a clean state in GST.

EXCISE

489. We had fixed a revenue target of Rs.16510 crore for the Excise Department for the year 2016-17. We expect to achieve this target.

490. The Administrative fee of Rs. 2 per litre on export and Re. 1 per litre on import levied on Spirit (excluding Ethanol) is proposed to be withdrawn.

491. We have 17 declared slabs of Additional Excise Duty. As a measure of rationalisation, I propose to

increase the Additional Excise Duty on the 5th and 11th slabs by 6% and on the remaining 15 slabs by 10% and 16% as per Annexure-I. In view of these changes, VAT on liquor including beer, fenny, liqueur and wine will be removed with effect from 01.04.2017.

492. With this and with effective enforcement and regulatory measures, the department would be achieving the target of Rs.18050 crore fixed for the financial year 2017-18.

STAMPS AND REGISTRATION DEPARTMENT

493. For the year 2016-17, Revenue target of Rs.9,100 crores was fixed and we had expected to achieve the same. However, the decision of the Union Government to demonetize large currency notes had a major adverse impact on the performance and from November 2016 onwards the number of documents registered decreased by 25%. As a result, we expect shortfall of almost Rs.1350 crores and expect to achieve Rs.7750 crores by March end.

494. Amendment to the Karnataka Stamp Act, 1957

- It is proposed to rationalize Article 37 in the Schedule to the said Act as described in Annexure - II enclosed herewith.
- It is proposed to amend Article 20(4), consequent upon change in the Companies Act, 2013, for amalgamation of companies.
- It is proposed to amend Section 30, to specify the persons who are liable to pay the stamp duty on certain instruments.

- It is proposed to amend Section 52-A, to prescribe the time limit for use of stamps and refund of stamps.

495. The revenue collection target for 2017-18 is fixed at Rs.9000 crores.

TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT

496. The Revenue Target for 2016-17 was Rs.5160 Crores. Due to increase in the registration of vehicles we may exceed the target by achieving Rs.5450 crores, an excess of Rs.290 crores.

497. Motor Vehicle Taxes on two wheelers have not been enhanced since 2010. Hence, it is proposed to enhance taxes on two wheelers which are costing more than one lakh only from the present rate of tax 12% to 18% on the cost of the vehicle, as per Annexure- III. Additional revenue to the Government of Rs.60 crores is expected from the proposal.

498. The Revenue collection target for 2017-18 is fixed at Rs.6006 crores.

Revised Estimates 2016-17

499. As per the Revised Estimates 2016-17, the Total Receipts are Rs.1,64,104 crore compared to the Budget Estimates of Rs.1,61,956 crore. The revenue mobilization efforts of the State stand at Rs.1,32,867 crore, out of which the Own Tax Revenues are estimated at Rs.82,211 crore.

500. As per the Revised Estimates, the Total Expenditure is Rs.1,64,479 crore. As per the Revised Estimates of 2016-17, the Plan outlay is Rs.85,933 Crore of which Rs.75,769 crore is from State Budgetary

Resources and Rs.10,164 Crores is from Public Sector Enterprises. This is an increase of 19.43 percent over 2015-16.

Budget Estimates 2017-18

Hon'ble Speaker Sir,

501. The Total Receipts are estimated to be Rs.1,82,119 crore during 2017-18. The Budget Estimates envisage Revenue Receipts of Rs.1,44,892 crore and Capital Receipts of Rs.37,227 crore including Borrowings of Rs.37,092 Crore. The Total Expenditure is estimated to be Rs.1,86,561 crore consisting of Revenue Expenditure of Rs.1,44,755 crore, Capital Expenditure of Rs.33,630 crore and debt repayment of Rs.8,176 crore.

502. Revenue Surplus is estimated to be Rs.137 crore. Fiscal Deficit is expected to be Rs.33,359 crore, which 2.61 % of GSDP. Total liabilities at Rs.2,42,420 crore at the end of 2017-18 are estimated to be 18.93% of GSDP. This is within the limit of 25% for 2017-18 mandated in Karnataka Fiscal Responsibility Act.

503. Therefore, all these three fiscal parameters are within the mandate of the Karnataka Fiscal Responsibility Act and this reflects fiscal prudence of the State.

Resource Mobilization

504. The States Own Tax Revenue for 2017-18 is estimated to be Rs.89,957 crore which is an increase of 9.42 % over the Revised Estimate of 2016-17.

505. Rs.6,945 crore is expected to be collected from Non-Tax Revenues. The State Government expects to receive Rs.31,908 crore by way of the share in Central Taxes in the Budget 2017-18 and another Rs.16,082 crore as grants from Government of India. These revenue receipts are estimated to be supplemented by gross borrowings of Rs.37,092 crore, non-debt capital receipts of Rs.75 crore and recovery of loans to the extent of Rs.60 crore.

506. Various State owned Boards and Corporations and Local bodies are expected to mobilize Rs. 11,279 crore through internal resource generation and borrowings made on the basis of their own financial strength and own revenues.

Hon'ble Speaker Sir,

507. This budget reflects our priorities. It expresses our aspirations. In this regard, I seek co-operation of all the Hon'ble Members of this August House for its implementations.

508. Now, I commend the budget for consideration of the August House and seek approval for Vote on Account for the expenditure upto 30th June, 2017 as per budget estimates.

Jai Hind

Jai Karnataka

BUDGET AT A GLANCE

BUDGET AT A GLANCE*(Rs in
Crore)*

Item	Budget Estimates	Revised Estimates	Budget Estimates
	2016-17	2016-17	2017-18
Opening Balance	-139.36	-74.89	-176.04
A. REVENUE ACCOUNT			
I. Receipts			
State Taxes	83864.45	82210.82	89956.56
Share of Central Taxes	26978.84	28759.94	31908.05
Grants from Central Government	13694.34	14797.69	16082.31
Non-Tax Revenue	6220.45	7098.82	6944.62
TOTAL-A.I	130758.08	132867.27	144891.54
II. Expenditure			
Social Services	50960.26	53662.74	55887.39
Economic Services	38277.08	39160.69	43671.14
General Services	35018.42	33091.78	38009.10
Grants-in-aid and Contributions	5980.31	5889.55	7187.37
TOTAL-A.II	130236.07	131804.76	144755.00
Revenue Account Surplus/Deficit	522.01	1062.51	136.54

Item	Budget Estimates 2016-17	Revised Estimates 2016-17	Budget Estimates 2017-18
B. CAPITAL ACCOUNT			
I. Receipts			
Loans from Central Government	1798.00	1798.00	1670.74
Open Market Loans	25537.00	28007.00	34716.51
Loans from NSSF,NCDC and RIDF	3701.00	1231.00	705.00
Misc Capital Receipts	75.00	97.00	75.00
Recoveries of Loans and Advances	86.99	104.14	60.20
Public Account	343321.25	341281.56	513869.86
TOTAL-B.I	374519.24	372518.70	551097.31
II. Disbursements			
Capital Outlay	25715.90	24773.54	32033.04
Repayment of Central Government Loans	964.92	962.42	1083.22
Repayment of Market Loans	3981.21	3981.21	4750.17
Repayment of Loans to LIC,GIC,NSSF,NCDC and RIDF	1895.28	2312.69	2342.26
Disbursements of Loans and Advances	625.19	643.97	1597.40
Public Account	342035.92	341008.53	509623.76
TOTAL-B.II	375218.42	373682.36	551429.85
B. Capital Account Surplus/Deficit	-699.18	-1163.66	-332.54
C. Overall Surplus/Deficit for the Year	-177.17	-101.15	-196.00
D. Closing Balance	-316.53	-176.04	-372.04

Annexure-A

1. Bagalkot District – Guledagudda, Rabakavi-Banahatti and Ilakal
2. Belgavi District – Nippani, Mudalagi, Kagawad
3. Chamarajnagar District – Hanuru
4. Davanagere District-Nyamati
5. Bidar District-Chitaguppa, Hulasuru and Kamalanagara
6. Ballari District-Kurugodu, Kotturu and Kampli
7. Dharwad District-Annigeri, Alnavar and Hubli City
8. Gadag District-Gajendragad and Lakshmeshwar
9. Gulbarga District-Kalagi, Kamalapura, Yadravi and Shahabad
10. Yadgir District-Hunasagi, Vadagera and Gurumitkal
11. Koppal District-Kukanuru, Kanakagiri and Karatagi
12. Raichur District-Maski and Siravara
13. Udupi District-Brahmavara, Kapu and Byndooru
14. Dakshina Kannada District -Moodabidire and Kadaba
15. Bangalore Urban District -Yelahanka

16. Vijayapura District-Babaleshwara, Nidagundi,
Thikota, Devarahipparagi, Talikote,
Chadachana and Kolhara
17. Haveri District-Rattihalli
18. Mysuru District-Saraguru
19. Chickmagalur District-Ajjampura
20. Uttara Kannada District -Dandeli
21. Kolar District-K.G.F.

ANNEXURE - I
(PARA-491)
EXISTING AND PROPOSED ADDITIONAL
EXCISE DUTY (AED) RATES ON IML.

Sl. No.	Declared Price (per Carton Box)	Existing AED (per B.L.)	Proposed AED (per B.L.)
1	0 - 449	125	138
2	450 - 499	159	175
3	500 - 549	199	231
4	550 - 599	256	297
5	600 - 699	364	386
6	700 - 799	407	472
7	800 - 899	434	503
8	900 - 999	468	543
9	1000 - 1099	490	568
10	1100 - 1199	549	637
11	1200 - 1299	700	742
12	1300 - 1399	744	863
13	1400 - 1799	804	933
14	1800 - 2199	898	1042
15	2200 - 4924	1026	1190
16	4925 - 7650	1198	1390
17	7651 and above	18% on Declared Price	21% on Declared Price

Annexure -II**(Para - 494)****Existing and proposed rate of stamp duty**

Sl No	Article No.	Description of Instrument	Proper Stamp Duty	
			Existing	Proposed
1	2	3	4	5
1	37	Note or Memorandum or record of transactions (Electronic or otherwise).- Sent by a broker or agent to his principal intimating the purchase or sale on account of such principal or effected by a trading member (agent) through stock exchange or association or otherwise on behalf of the client (principal) resident in the State of Karnataka or otherwise.		

Sl No	Article No.	Description of Instrument	Proper Stamp Duty	
			Existing	Proposed
1	2	3	4	5
	(a)	Of any goods or commodities or currencies	One rupee for every ten thousand or part thereof on the value of goods or commodities or currencies, subject to a maximum of fifty rupees	Thirty paise for every ten thousand or part thereof on the value of goods or commodities or currencies.
	(b)	Of any share, scrip, stock, bond, debenture, debenture stock or other marketable security of a like nature, not being a Government Security	One rupee for every ten thousand or part thereof on the value of such security at the time of its purchase or sale, as the case may be, subject to a maximum of fifty rupees	Thirty paise for every ten thousand or part thereof on the value of such security at the time of its purchase or sale, as the case may be.
	(c)	Of a Government Security	one rupee for every ten thousand or part thereof of the value of the security, at the time of its purchase or sale, as the case may be,	Thirty paise for every ten thousand or part thereof on the value of the security, at the time of its purchase or sale, as

Sl No	Article No.	Description of Instrument	Proper Stamp Duty	
			Existing	Proposed
1	2	3	4	5
			subject to a maximum of rupees fifty	the case may be
	(d)	Of securities other than those falling under clause (b) above, in respect of either delivery or non delivery based (jobbing and trading) transactions	one rupee for every ten thousand or part thereof subject to a maximum of fifty rupees	Thirty paise for every ten thousand or part thereof
	(e)	Of futures and options trading, of securities other than those falling under clause (b) above	one rupee for every ten thousand or part thereof subject to a maximum of fifty rupees	Thirty paise for every ten thousand or part thereof
	(f)	Of forward contracts of commodities	One rupee for every ten thousand or part thereof subject to a maximum of fifty rupees	Thirty paise for every ten thousand or part thereof
		Explanation: For the purposes of		

Sl No	Article No.	Description of Instrument	Proper Stamp Duty	
			Existing	Proposed
1	2	3	4	5
		clauses (b), (d) and (e), "securities" means, the securities as defined in clause (h) of Section 2 of the Securities Contracts (Regulation) Act, 1956		
		Exemptions: (1) Note or Memorandum sent by a broker or agent to his principal intimating the purchase or sale on account of such principal or a Government security or a share, scrip, stock, bond, debenture, debenture stock or other marketable security of like nature in or of any		

Sl No	Article No.	Description of Instrument	Proper Stamp Duty	
			Existing	Proposed
1	2	3	4	5
		<p>incorporated company or other body corporate, an entry relating to which is required to be made in clearance lists described in clauses (1), (2) and (3) of Article 18-A</p> <p>(2) Note or Memorandum sent by a broker or agent to his principal in any of the above cases, when the amount stated in the instrument is less than rupees one hundred.</p>		

Annexure-III**(Para - 498)****“Part A1”****(Taxation Schedule)****(See Section 3 (1))****Lifetime Tax for Two Wheelers**

Sl No.	Class of vehicles	Motor cycles whose cost does not exceeds Rs. 50,000/-	Motor cycles cost of which exceeds Rs.50,000/- but does not exceeds Rs. 1,00,000/-	Motor cycles cost which exceeds Rs. 1,00,000/-
A	At the time of Registration of New Vehicles	10 percent of cost of the Vehicle	12 percent of the cost of the Vehicle	18 percent of the cost of the Vehicle
B	If the vehicle is already registered and its age from the month of Registration is:	Percentage of the Life Time Tax levied under Clause A	Percentage of the Life Time Tax levied under Clause A	Percentage of the Life Time Tax levied under Clause A
1	Not more than 2 years	93%	93%	93%
2	More than 2 Years but not more than 3 Years	87%	87%	87%
3	More than 3 Years but not more than 4 Years	81%	81%	81%

Sl No.	Class of vehicles	Motor cycles whose cost does not exceeds Rs. 50,000/-	Motor cycles cost of which exceeds Rs.50,000/- but does not exceeds Rs. 1,00,000/-	Motor cycles cost which exceeds Rs. 1,00,000/-
4	More than 4 Years but not more than 5 Years	75%	75%	75%
5	More than 5 Years but not more than 6 Years	69%	69%	69%
6	More than 6 Years but not more than 7 Years	64%	64%	64%
7	More than 7 Years but not more than 8 Years	59%	59%	59%
8	More than 8 Years but not more than 9 Years	54%	54%	54%
9	More than 9 Years but not more than 10 Years	49%	49%	49%

Sl No.	Class of vehicles	Motor cycles whose cost does not exceeds Rs. 50,000/-	Motor cycles cost of which exceeds Rs.50,000/- but does not exceeds Rs. 1,00,000/-	Motor cycles cost which exceeds Rs. 1,00,000/-
10	More than 10 Years but not more than 11 Years	45%	45%	45%
11	More than 11 Years but not more than 12 Years	41%	41%	41%
12	More than 12 Years but not more than 13 Years	37%	37%	37%
13	More than 13 Years but not more than 14 Years	33%	33%	33%
14	More than 14 Years but not more than 15 Years	29%	29%	29%
15	More than 15 years	25%	25%	25%

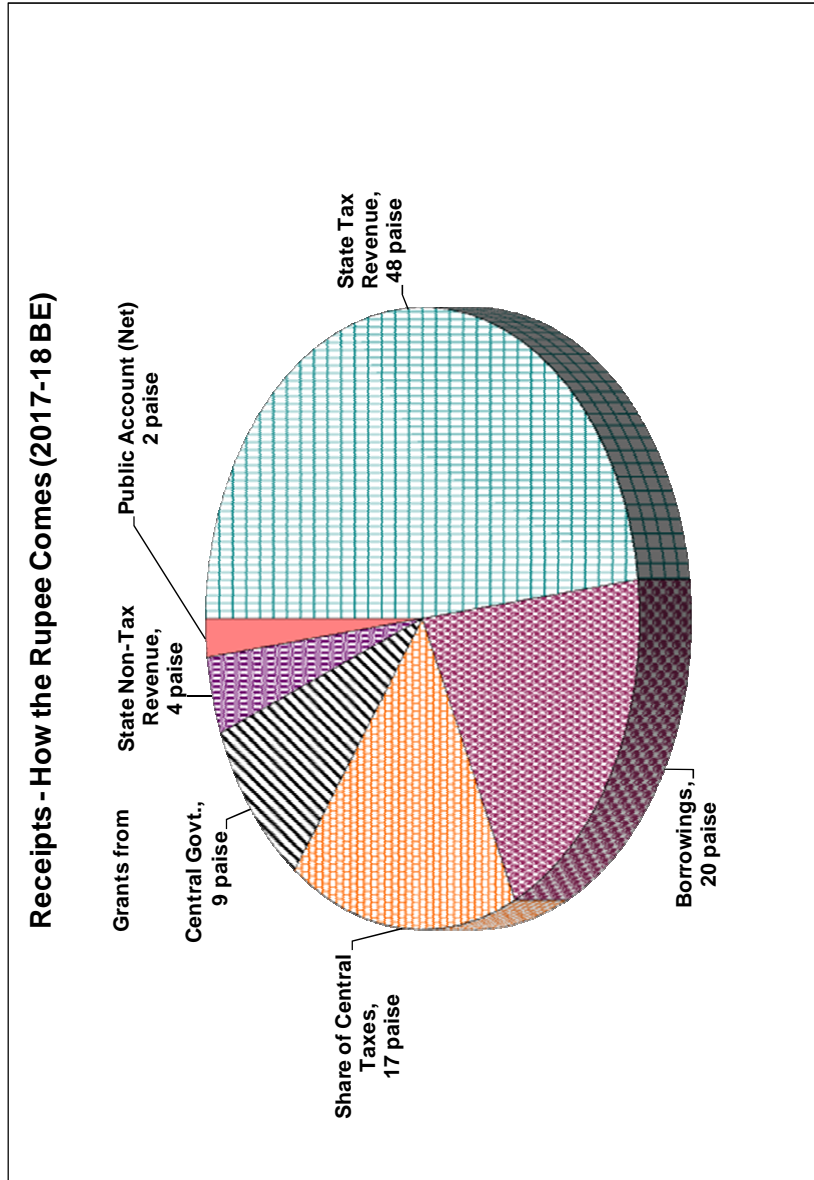
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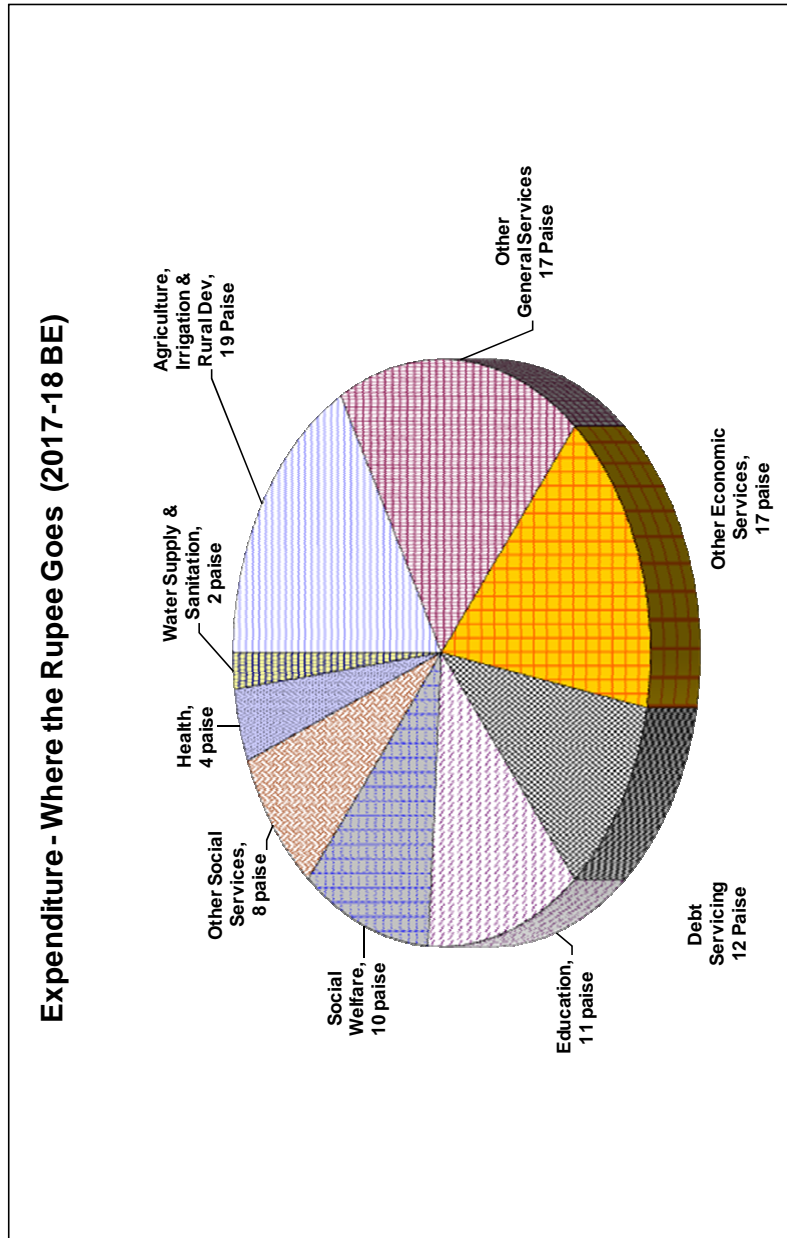
1. In respect of vehicles of which a life time tax was due prior to the first day of April 2017, but has not been paid, such tax shall be collected at the rates prevailing prior to such day along with the penalty due, if any.

2. Purchase Invoice shall be produced in respect of vehicles which are registered on or after 1st day of April 2007.

3. Cost of the vehicle in relation to a motor vehicle means –

- (a) In respect of a vehicle manufactured in India, cost of the vehicle as per the purchase invoice issued either by the manufacturer or by the dealer of the vehicle including the excise duty, sales tax, surcharge or cess, entry tax etc., as payable in the State of Karnataka; and
- (b) In respect of an imported motor vehicle, irrespective of its place of manufacture, the total cost incurred in importing the vehicle, that is to say, the value of the motor vehicle as endorsed in the Bill of Entry or such other document and assessed as such under the Customs Act. 1962, together with the Customs Duty levied, freight charges incurred and other taxes levied thereupon including additional duty/penalty levied if any, by the Customs Department or any other Department.”





**Break-up of State's Own Tax 2017-18 BE
(Rs.in Crore)**

