



**ADDRESS  
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**Hon'ble Speaker, Hon'ble Chief Minister,  
Hon'ble Ministers, Hon'ble Leader of  
Opposition & Hon'ble Members -**

**Ellavarkkum ente Namaskaram.**

1. I have immense pleasure in addressing the fourth session of the 14th Kerala Legislative Assembly.
2. My Government was voted to power on the aspirations of the people of Kerala that they need a government sworn to fight corruption but yet determined to usher in a new paradigm of vibrant growth. In the last nine months, my Government has truly demonstrated how the State can move ahead on a well thought out development agenda with steadfast adherence to principles of transparency and integrity. Before the policies and strategies of my Government are laid out before this august house, it is necessary to outline the major challenges ahead.

3. My Government is happy to announce that the slew of measures announced last year to bring in transparency and accountability in Governance are in significant progress. In order to bring the initiatives within a rights-based framework, my Government proposes to bring a comprehensive law covering Citizens Charter, Transparency, Accountability and Social Audit, the core of which would be public service delivery.
4. In the last four months, my Government has had to contend with one of the most devastating catastrophes in India's financial history. On November 8, 2016, Government of India came out with a wildly impulsive version of demonetisation that simply and selectively took Rs.500 and Rs.1000 notes out of circulation without putting in place a system to replace these notes in the economy. Ostensibly, the measure was bandied about as a means to flush out black money in circulation. On top of this, a draconian curb that there would be no money withdrawals over Rs. 24,000 per week from bank accounts was imposed overnight on a nation. Our rights, safeguarded by the Constitution were thrown to the wind through a mere executive fiat.

86% of the money in circulation was sucked out by an executive order. The Reserve Bank of India – that has to function as our independent monetary authority- was also compelled to be a silent partner, acquiescing to this travesty.

5. But what was even worse is that prior to this ill-conceived decision the implication of this move on the poor, the lower middle class and the salary and wage earners was not even considered worthy of any serious analysis. Credit and debit card holders with access to net banking managed to hold up through the crisis. But the vast teeming majority of less fortunate Indians who had no such access, scrambled from pillar to post for the currency that they needed for their daily existence - be it for their agricultural operations or for their small businesses. Heart rending stories from various parts of the State are still coming in - of how crops had to be dumped by farmers or allowed to rot in the fields and of how inventories built up by small and marginal businesses and households had to be given away for the asking or at throwaway prices. Around two hundred deaths including suicides

have been reported on account of exhaustion, delayed medical assistance and sheer helplessness.

6. The entire co-operative structure which is the major backbone of the agricultural economy of the State was immobilised overnight. In Kerala, more than one third of the bank deposits are in the cooperative sector. The co-operative sector largely takes care of the credit needs of the poorer sections of society in the State. There has never before been such a frontal attack on the co-operative sector that has served as the vital life system of the State for well over a century. There has never been any single other instance of expropriation of the purchasing power of a population of this magnitude. The biggest question that Kerala has to address is how long it will take for the co-operative banking system to be back on the rails. Needless to say, my Government is determined to stand by our co-operatives as they go through this painful process and will render all support to it.
7. By mid December, when the Central Government realised that almost all the demonetised currency had come back into the

treasury chests of the Reserve Bank - it knew that it could no longer continue to raise the bogey of combating black money. The slogan then was changed almost overnight to ushering in a cashless or a digital economy. Curiously, to date, the actual quantum of demonetised currency recovered in the process too has not been disclosed.

8. My Government is seriously worried about the impact of all these observed facts on the State's economy in the last quarter of this year as well as in 2017-18. Already, it has affected the revenues of the State significantly. Estimation on the effect of demonetisation on the national economy is yet to be firmed up. Conservative estimates are that there will be a contraction in growth by 1-2% of the national GDP. The latest figures released by the Central Statistical Organisation shows that India's industrial production contracted by 0.4% in December. Investment demand in the economy contracted 3% in December. There has been 5% contraction in production of consumer non-durables and 10.3% fall in production of durables, indicating that consumption demand in both rural and urban demand has been significantly impacted.

Reserve Bank of India's industrial outlook survey reveals that there has been sharp slowdown in bank credit to industry and continuing sluggishness in the investment climate in some sectors.

9. My Government realises that our State is facing a severe drought situation, unprecedented in the last 115 years of recorded history. Rainfall during the South West Monsoon season was 34% less than normal and rainfall during the North East Monsoon season was 61% less than normal. Water level in major reservoirs as on February 2017 cumulate to only 41% of the maximum storage, when it should have been at least 60%. Ground water level in most parts of Kerala is showing a drastically reducing trend. As much as 30,116 hectares of cropped area has been reported to be damaged in the state due to the drought situation.
10. My Government has put in place a meticulous contingency plan to reduce risks due to the drought situation from October 2016. Sufficient funds have been released to District Collectors for tackling the drinking water scarcity arising due to the drought. Adequate

funds have also been released to Agriculture Department for compensating farmers, to the Kerala Water Authority and to the Ground Water Department.

11. My Government realises the enormity of the crisis that the cash crops sector in Kerala faces now. In the area of rubber, small growers and farm labourers, who constitute a large segment of the State's plantation workforce, are the hardest hit. There are over 10 lakhs rubber growers, who are affected in Kerala, the country's rubber capital. Though the price of rubber has seen a moderate but salutary rise in the recent past, the Damocles sword of the fear of recession still hangs over the head of the farmers. The situation is no different in other cash crops like coconuts, tea and coffee, pepper and cardamom, cashew, arecanut, nutmeg and spices. My Government's support in rubber and coconut procurement continues, but without the active intervention of the Union Government, no easy respite from the crisis is visible in the horizon.
12. My Government is faced with yet another serious issue that Non Resident Keralites who face the heat of the economic crisis in the



Middle East have begun to return. This has not yet affected the volume of foreign remittances into the State in rupee terms, largely on account of the exchange rate cushioning. But a perceptible increase in the number of NRKs who return is evident. If this trend continues, it will not only affect domestic consumption but will also add to the number of educated and skilled unemployed and underemployed in the State.

13. Ironically, after the National Food Security Act, 2013 has been implemented, the Universal PDS has been severely compromised with serious implications on price levels of essential food commodities.

### **Nava Kerala Karma Padhathi**

14. Kerala is a land that has witnessed many socio-economic revolutions – the land reform movement, the total literacy campaign, the reforms in education and the historic decentralisation of power to Local Self Governments (LSGs) are some of these. These movements and the rich historical traditions on which they stand, no doubt, have propelled the State to a level of growth on several fronts that is still unmatched by other States.

15. My Government realises that what is needed for Kerala is yet another vigorous wave of reforms that should help squarely address the many pressing needs of our people. It is in this backdrop, that my Government has launched the Nava Kerala Karma Padhathi. This is a programme that will be backed by strategic thinking, systematic planning, meticulous execution and focused delivery. This programme calls for a design that will touch the lives and livelihoods of all people of the State and transform governance to meet their aspirations. The Nava Kerala Karma Padhathi encompasses four Missions which will span across six priority sectors to be implemented with the full participation of the people, especially the excluded.
16. Quality basic socio-economic services will be ensured to those who have so far been excluded from various development initiatives of the past. There will be a clear targeting of the poorest of the poor, the most vulnerable sections of the society including widows without support, the aged, the terminally ill, the tribal population and so on. The implementation strategy hinges around

convergence of various developmental programmes at the level of local self-government institutions.

- i. The **Haritha Keralam Mission** aims to integrate the promotion of cultivation of safe to eat food, sanitation, safe disposal of waste and sustainable development of water resources of the State. The activities will focus on household level segregation and safe disposal of organic waste, re-use, recycling and safe disposal of non-degradable and electronic waste. Rejuvenation of tanks, ponds, streams and rivers will be the focus in the water resource sector. Organic agriculture will be adopted to produce safe to eat vegetables and fruits and make the State self-sufficient within the next five years.
- ii. The mission on Health - '**AARDHRAM**' - focuses mainly on improving the three level healthcare systems to the poor and ordinary citizens of the State. The programmes include making the Government hospitals patient friendly, converting the primary health centres into

family health centres and a host of measures to provide access to quality healthcare.

- iii. The mission on education - **Comprehensive Public Education Rejuvenation Mission** - has set a new goal of critical education reforms focusing on upgrading 1000 government schools to international standards. The curriculum will be upgraded to meet present day needs by introducing ICT enabled learning and converting each classroom into smart classrooms. There will be focus on creating educational programmes which are useful for differently-abled students. The implementation will enlist full involvement and partnership of the local community, Parent-Teacher Association as well as the alumni.
- iv. The Total Housing Mission - **LIFE (Livelihood Inclusion and Financial Empowerment)** - aims to provide safe housing to the 4.32 lakh homeless in the State within a period of 5 years. The homeless will be provided with modern housing complexes with provision for

pursuing their livelihoods, social service coverage including primary health care, geriatric support, skill development and provision for financial services inclusion.

17. These Missions will be chaired by the Chief Minister and co-chaired by the respective ministers. The Opposition Leader is a special invitee in all the missions. The District Panchayat President heads the District Mission together with the District Collectors. An Empowered Committee headed by the Chief Secretary functions as fast-track single window clearance mechanism.

### **People's Plan**

18. While going ahead with the People's Plan, the internationally acclaimed movement, my Government proposes to restore peoples' participation and transparency which the process lost midway and reinvigorate it. It would incorporate the lessons from experience and emphasise the following

- Involve local experts and professionals as volunteers, an idea strongly advocated by Late Shri. E.M.S. Namboodiripad and also educational research and training institutions to support local governments.

- Upgrade the quality of planning to make it more data and evidence-based and ensure the quality of implementation.
  - Make the whole process more socially inclusive by reaching out to the particularly disadvantaged groups.
19. The whole planning process would be given the legal protection it requires through appropriate amendments to the Kerala Panchayati Raj and Municipality Acts in the immediate future. The Panchayats and Municipalities will be enabled to function as effective institutions of local self government.
20. The Missions launched under the Nava Keralam Karma Padhathi are intended to give a fillip to the People's Plan as they are organically linked. The Missions are expected to provide additional professional support and build the capacity of local governments to achieve results-based planning. My Government realises that given that the expenditure of LSGs at current prices will be of the order of Rs. 60,000 cr. during the next plan, the second phase of Peoples' planning assumes paramount importance.

## **Leveraging international goodwill**

21. After my Government assumed office, representatives of seven embassies and consulates have had interactions with the State. They have expressed their interest in collaborating in selected sectors of industry, tourism, sports and value addition through agro processing. For leveraging this goodwill, my Government intends to establish a responsive system backed by professional support that will constantly coordinate with various government departments.

## **Infrastructure**

22. When my Government came to power, several of the key infrastructure projects in the State were stalled on account of absence of decision making on key issues. My Government has been able to unshackle several vital projects from the tangle of redtapism and inefficiency. Critical infrastructure projects like the acquisition of land and expansion of National Highways, the GAIL pipeline project, the Kochi Edamon Power Highway, Airport development for Thiruvananthapuram, Kozhikode and Kannur and Smart City have been put back on a planned trajectory for fast completion.

23. In the first Kerala Infrastructure Investment Fund Board (KIIFB) meeting held in November 2016, approvals for over Rs.4000 cr. projects have been given. Before March 2017, my Government is confident that projects worth over Rs.10,000 cr. will be cleared. The technical and IT infrastructure necessary for supporting such a massive scale of infrastructure planning, design and execution is being put in place on a rapid scale. Recruitment of technically qualified and managerial professional team is underway. The first batch of tenders for projects is expected to go live in April 2017.
24. My Government has devised a unique strategy to attract investments for infrastructure development, through KIIFB. To ensure that investments from NRKs, NRIs and foreign Governments are attracted, the first round of investment generation campaign has been conducted in the Gulf countries.
25. My Government is committed to ensure ease of doing business and providing a hospitable environment for investment in the State, to make Kerala (I) the number one State for Sustainable Responsible Industries (SRI), (II)



the number one State for service industries through continuous skill development and (III) the number one State for agriculture through the use of sustainable and scientific techniques. The massive reforms needed in this regard would also be taken up with a focus on zero corruption.

## **Planning**

26. My Government is steadfast in its belief that it is only through orderly planning that the State can develop with a coherent and cohesive direction. Despite the short-sighted vision of the Union Government to veer away from the idea of planned development, Kerala is one among the very few States that remain committed to the idea of the Five Year Plan. The Central Government has scrapped the Planning Commission and setup Niti Aayog – which is a departure from the proven practice of 5 years plan formulation in the country exists for decades. Consequent to that, the Scheduled Caste Sub Plan (SCSP)/Tribal Sub Plan (TSP) allocation based on the population percentage of SCs and STs would also be discontinued and this has raised many concerns to those communities. My

Government, however, has decided to go with the plan process based on the five year plan formulation mode and has already started formulation process of 13<sup>th</sup> five year plan which will contain the SCSP/TSP Components intact.

27. From the 13<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan, my Government intends to implement Comprehensive District Development Plans for the overall development of each district in Kerala. The Departments would indicate District wise break up of funds under the State Plan and Centrally Sponsored Schemes every year after the presentation of State budget and the State Planning Board would facilitate the District Planning Committees in preparing the District Plans.
28. Both State and Central Government have introduced several welfare schemes to assist the needy and downtrodden segments of our population. Some central Government projects are not in tune with the ground realities of the State. It is essential to meaningfully integrate such schemes and make them relevant to the beneficiaries by introducing new components wherever required. A special mechanism for recasting these schemes and formulating detailed guidelines will be set up.

29. A comprehensive survey on private medical institutions in Kerala will be carried out for better planning by the Department of Economics and Statistics. The Kerala State Land Use Board will provide technical inputs at the watershed level for planning and executing watershed projects under Nava Kerala Karma Padhathi. The Kerala State Remote Sensing and Environment Centre (KSREC) will provide decision support for the Nava Kerala Karma Padhathi through Remote Sensing and GIS based Applications.

### **Women Protection and Environment**

30. My Government shall ensure that women are given the utmost protection. All necessary measures shall be taken to afford safety and security to their lives. Let me assure this august house, that my Government will brook no travesty to their dignity and shall not pardon any action from anyone that is calculated to be an affront to women.
31. My Government has already heralded a new epoch in history by deciding to create a separate department for women, which is in the final stage of operationalisation. Taking such exemplary policies to the next level, my

Government will set up all women police stations at the Taluk levels. It will also make the visit of a lady police officer to every Panchayat mandatory on a pre-announced date and time.

32. My Government has already started the first women battalion this year and is committed to increase women's share in the force by 15%, and believe that it should be at least 50%.
33. Homes under the Nirbhaya Cell under Department of Social Justice will be modernised and upgraded to ensure Minimum Standards of Care. Though the Nirbhaya Cell has been functioning commendably in the State, Kerala lacked a comprehensive victim relief fund. Although some of the victims get some amount of money, the relief due to them for the damages they suffer are delayed due to this shortcoming. My Government will set up a comprehensive victim relief fund to provide interim relief for victims of sex crimes, both children and adults.
34. The increasing impunity of sex offences due to lack of social deterrence is a growing concern all over the country. To ensure deterrence, my Government will set up a sex

offenders register, which will maintain all identification details of sex offenders. It will be the first in the country and will be kept in public domain.

### **Local Self Governments**

35. My Government is proud of its historic achievement that on November 1<sup>st</sup> 2016, rural Kerala was declared "Open Defecation Free" (ODF) and became the first largely populated Indian State to achieve this. My Government intends to make the urban areas in the State also ODF by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017.
36. As mentioned earlier, local governments would lead the planning and implementation of the Missions, as all of them are in their functional domain. The local governments are expected to gain significantly in terms of technical support, technology transfer, enhanced participation of departments and additional resources. A major result would be that, to the extent possible, there would be a single integrated plan at the local governments in respect of Education, Health, Agriculture and Natural Resource Management sectors.

37. My Government has the proud distinction of paying welfare pensions to nearly forty nine lakhs beneficiaries at their door step through Sevana Pension. Once, the process of checking the list of beneficiaries for their correctness is completed, it will be possible to systematically ensure payments to welfare pensioners every month regularly.
38. As promised, through the merger with State Institute of Rural Development (SIRD) and acquisition of assets of AHADS in Attappady and the integration of the three existing Extension Training Centres (ETCs), Kerala Institute of Local Administration [KILA] will be further upgraded into an international quality institution in local governance, servicing not only in other States of the country, but also other countries, particularly from Asia and Africa.
39. As part of strengthening e-Governance in Local Self Government Department, e-payment facility for remitting property tax has been implemented in all Panchayats of Malappuram District and will be made available soon in all other Districts.

40. A new PPP model project for waste management has been initiated at Sultan Bathery Municipality, which if found suitable, could be scaled up to other LSGs. My Government shall construct modern public crematoriums and modern slaughter houses in selected towns and villages in the State.
41. My Government intends to streamline and simplify issue of building permits from Corporations and major towns using automated intelligent software for this purpose. Kozhikode Corporation has already started this process and a web based e-platform called "For the People" has been launched to combat corruption at all levels of LSGs.
42. My Government intends to focus on the quality of works implemented under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme. Labour Groups would be organized under the ambit of Kudumbasree and they would be skilled to expand chances of continued employment. To lend quality to the process of Labour Budgeting, facilitation teams would be set up in all Blocks. Also barefoot technicians would be trained to supervise the

quality of works and they would be selected from poor families, which have put maximum days of employment, with preference being given to women. My Government expects that it will be possible to generate 1000 lakh person days of employment.

43. My Government intends to adopt a holistic approach of taking up waste management activities on a campaign mode ensuring the active participation of people. Organic vegetable cultivation and waste management shall be coupled to draw on their complementarity.

### **Financial Management**

44. My Government will be completing the implementation of Integrated Financial Management System (IFMS) to make it fully functional from 2017-18. The Core Banking System for Treasury Savings Bank has been completed in all the treasuries in the State. With these two landmark projects, the Treasuries of our State will become the most advanced in the country. The next step will be to use the Core Banking Solutions to introduce facility for utility payments through treasury and net banking facility to the



customers to pay their utility payments sitting at home. Through mobile applications for M-governance, many services like SMS for pension credit, salary credit, withdrawals from Treasury Savings Bank and others will be made available in the Treasuries soon. Soon, net banking facility for customers in Treasury will also be put into operations. The centralized pension database PIMS has been implemented in the State which facilitates the entire details of State government pensioners. A Public Portal for Pensioners will be put in place shortly which will enable the pensioners to know their pension details using the user credentials provided to them.

45. It is laudable that employees of many Treasuries have voluntarily started putting in extra work to make the office premises and facilities most user friendly for customers. My Government hopes to complete a state-wide campaign to replicate this in all our Treasuries before the next financial year so that Treasuries can be on par with the best practices adopted in some Commercial Banks.
46. The State Audit Department has completed the second and third phases of the Audit Information Management System (AIMS) and

all audit reports of the Local Self Government Institutions are generated through this software. My Government proposes to adopt AIMS for all Universities from this year. A comprehensive software will be developed for Charitable Endowment Fund Management. My Government intends to fully automate internal operations of the State Insurance Department from the beginning of the next financial year and deliver more online services to customers.

47. The Kerala Financial Corporation intends to set up at least 1000 micro enterprises per year, creating more than 10,000 direct and indirect employment opportunities per year. My Government intends to formulate a comprehensive project through Kerala Financial Corporation (KFC) to create a start-up atmosphere in the State connecting Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development Centres (IEDCs) of various colleges, Technology Business Incubators (TBIs), Kerala Start-up Mission, Kerala State Industrial Development Corporation (KSIDC), Kerala State Council for Science Technology and Environment (KSCSTE) and other related agencies.

## **Information Technology**

48. My Government will make available all citizen services online through a single delivery gateway linking up databases of various departments. The pace of implementation of e-governance initiatives especially the national and state mission mode projects will be stepped up by revamping the district e-governance societies and revitalising the virtual IT Cadre in all the departments.
49. My Government proposes to make our State digital infrastructure robust and efficient. A fibre network capable of providing high speed broadband connectivity to government establishments and households will be put in place. 1000 more Wi-Fi Hotspots will be provided in public areas. Skill development courses, especially IT skills will be provided through Akshaya centres with proven capabilities.
50. Right to Internet will be upheld by my Government by ensuring that everyone has a certain amount of free bandwidth. While our efforts for 100% electrification are about to be fulfilled, the next step would be to ensure

that all houses with electricity has internet connection too. My Government will strive to bridge the digital divide.

51. My Government will also promote the delivery of more and more services through the internet, thereby reducing opportunities for corruption. My Government believes this is possible by simultaneously creating connectivity, e-literacy and reducing the digital divide.
52. As part of the development of Technopark, the construction of the Technocity with new IT building with 2 lakh sq. ft. and infrastructure, the Knowledge City Development and infrastructure for 'walk to work' Downtown project by Taurus in Phase 3 Campus are in progress. Infopark is geared to meet the target of creating 1 lakh IT jobs by 2020 by providing cost effective and energy efficient layouts for small, medium and large IT companies. The second phase of Cyberpark in Kozhikode will commence soon.
53. Staying true to Government's commitment to provide jobs for women and youngsters, my Government will proceed with leveraging our strength in the IT sector. Hence, we are

proposing to set up 12 hardware parks in Kerala, including three mobile phone manufacturing parks. My Government will create more jobs by setting apart more urban spaces for non-polluting industries.

54. Kerala State Information Technology Infrastructure Limited (KSITIL) will be the Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) for implementing the project of linking Engineering Colleges through Tele Presence Solutions to main IT Hubs in the State. The Master plan for the new campus for Indian Institute of Information Technology and Management in the Technocity has been approved. The construction of the Indian Institute of Information Technology, Kottayam (IIIT-K) established by Govt. of India will be completed by March 2018. International Centre for Free and Open Source Software (ICFOSS) shall become a leading Research Organisation in Free and Open Source Software and shall take up research work in assistive technological development to help the disabled.
55. To provide wired connectivity to all Government offices, an ambitious plan was launched, using the distribution infrastructure

of KSEB. My Government is now further increasing the scope of this to connect all schools in Kerala as well.

56. KELTRON revitalisation will be undertaken this year. We will do a professional talent search for the organisation.
57. My Government is planning to create Japanese and Korean Industrial cluster in Kozhikode with focus on hardware and robotics.
58. My Government intends to step up the activities in the startup sphere by further supporting and extending the activities of Kerala Startup Mission. Support for Boot camps, Partner network, Startup i3, etc. will be extended through the Youth Entrepreneurship Development Programme (YEDP) Scheme. My Government proposes to introduce innovative schemes such as Innovation Fund, Technology Commercialization Platform, Open Innovation Collaboration Space, Kerala Specific Angel Fund and Promotion of 1000 innovative ideas for the development of entrepreneurship in the State.

## **Industries and Commerce**

59. My Government is committed to improving the State's standing in 'Ease of Doing Business' rankings in the country. A time bound schedule with a maximum time limit of 30 working days for clearances will be introduced. All licenses from departments/agencies concerned will be deemed to have been issued after the time period mentioned in the Right to Services Act. The Kerala Industrial Single Window Clearance Boards and Industrial Township Area Development Act, 1999 will be amended to establish a dedicated physical office and an online clearance mechanism for the State. To protect industrial investors from regulatory excesses, a Committee of Secretaries under the Chief Secretary will be constituted to address and redress complaints. My Government will introduce an e-platform for marketing of Micro Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) and legacy industry products
60. My Government intends to jointly develop industrial infrastructure with Local Bodies so as to effectively leverage idle land available with them and promote industrial activity at grassroots level.

61. KSIDC will start construction of a 3.5 lakh sq ft. Standard Design Factory building for an Innovation cum Incubation Centre in the Life Sciences Park, Thiruvananthapuram and set up Pre-Processing Centres (PPC) in the fishing harbours at Sakthikulangara, Puthiappa and Munambam for preservation of perishables.
62. KINFRA proposes to construct a standard design factory of 1.1 lakh sq. ft. in the KINFRA Techno Industrial Park at Kakkancherry in Malappuram and set up special facilities for IT/ITES sector as well as general industries at Puzhakkal in Thrissur. My Government intends to set up an Advanced Technology Park at Ramanattukara in Kozhikode District in 10 acres of land for providing infrastructure facilities for advanced technology industries/ knowledge based industries. To encourage Pharma and Plastic industries, parks will be set up.
63. With an aim to revive and rejuvenate the handloom sector in the state, Government school students will be provided two sets of free uniform cloth woven by our handloom weavers. The concept of 'Integrated Handloom Village' will be promoted in areas where



concentration of weavers is large. Government will encourage weavers to produce innovative as well as value added products of global standards so as to enable the products to compete in national and international markets.

64. My Government will create artisan villages and also create a marketing network for the artisans' creations. 'Mamankam', a fair for Kerala's products will be conducted every year, where all artisans' creations, handlooms, khadi, agri-products, spices, traditional food, art forms etc. will be exhibited. This will be an opportunity for promoting tourism as well. The right platforms would be identified, including web and social media, to display our hereditary artisanal products.
65. My Government will formulate a special scheme to ensure the revival and sustenance of handicrafts and traditional sectors indigenous to the State. Handicrafts will be given a new thrust by combining it with tourism. Craft tourism, where souvenirs of major tourist attractions of Kerala will be showcased will be used to give an impetus to this sector. An Innovative International Furniture Hub will be set up at Ernakulam with the assistance of Government of India.

66. The development and rejuvenation of PSUs will be a priority of the Government. PSUs performing well and with market potential will be expanded and modernised. My Government will set up a permanent Public Enterprises Selection Board for selecting top management cadre in a transparent manner. Convergence and mergers of PSUs manufacturing similar products will be undertaken to bring about efficiency in their operations.
  
67. The increased role of PSUs in mining of minor minerals will be explored in an effort to make available construction material at reasonable prices to the public. Use of mineral wealth in the coastal belt shall be taken up in a planned and holistic manner to produce value added products without endangering the livelihood of coastal communities. Offshore mining of sand without detriment to the environment will be taken up by my Government to meet the sand requirements of the State for construction. Mining of sand and clay will be done through de-silting of dam reservoirs.

68. My Government will provide training and facilitation for rehabilitation of NRIs coming back to the State through capacity building for enterprise creation.
69. My Government will create a new tea brand involving highly professional blenders to solve the price issue of small farmers. This will be marketed suitably. A share of profit will go to the tea workers also.
70. In order to boost exports, my Government will come out with an Export Policy for the first time in the State. The State Level Export Promotion Committee has been reconstituted to give a fresh impetus to export oriented industries in the State that will harness the resources, skills and logistic advantages available here.

### **Cashew**

71. In the cashew sector, emphasis will be on opening all the factories under the Cashew Development Corporation and CAPEX to ensure that workers are provided maximum employment. The dues of the Cashew Development Corporation have been settled by paying off the amount of Rs.80 cr. My

Government is actively discussing whether sustainable arrangements with Government agencies in African countries to import raw nuts can be made. It is proposed to enter into a tie-up with Andhra Pradesh to mobilise land for cashew cultivation to meet the demand for raw nuts in factories in Kerala. Within Kerala, cashew cultivation on plantation basis will be supported. My Government is also engaging with private sector industrialists to encourage them to open the factories under them so that our workers in this sector will be benefited.

## **Coir**

72. My Government is aware that the coir sector in the State is confounded by myriad issues but firmly believes that it holds out the promise of becoming vibrant if a focused set of interventions are made. My Government proposes to remove all restrictions on mechanisation and at the same time guarantee employment and income to workers by procuring the products at a price that covers the minimum wages. The market for the coir geotextiles generated in the Haritha Keralam will ensure an adequate market.

## **Biotechnology**

73. My Government is keen to ensure that Kerala gets its due share in biotechnology. Kerala are the pioneers in the world in using biotechnology in the name of Ayurveda. Its biodiversity makes Kerala the natural choice for this purpose. This will boost our health care, agriculture, pharma manufacturing and research to a new level.

## **Agriculture**

74. My Government will formulate a Special Project to augment the income of coconut farmers. This will be built on a massive public campaign on research-based evidence that brings out the varied health benefits of use of coconut products, especially pure coconut oil.
75. Brand Kerala will be introduced for spices, coconut and all other agricultural products. 'Made in Kerala' will be made a trusted brand for all agricultural brands. A Made in Kerala brand awareness campaign will be conducted on agri products, on the Japanese model.
76. Special schemes will be introduced in the co-operative sector for value added coconut products.

77. A co-operative system for the rubber sector on the lines of the widely acclaimed Amul model will be put in place.
78. Technologies of International Standards will be introduced into the State for processing and value addition of agricultural produce. A Special Fund will be constituted for establishing modern units based on these technologies. Agro parks will be set up to promote clusters of such units. My Government will establish a Kerala Agri Business Company to facilitate marketing of value added products from Kerala's own traditional and indigenous agricultural resources under a single brand name.
79. Krishibhavans will be renamed as Karshaka Sevana Bhavans and suitably transformed. My Government will constitute specialized Karshika Karmasenas at State level to incorporate the use of innovative technology and expertise in the functioning of Karshika Karmasenas and a special officer will be appointed for this purpose.
80. A Special Research Programme will be initiated to study the impact of climate change on crops and cultivation practices and to propose

remedial measures. Cultivation of millets and pulses will be promoted for ensuring food security. Agali block comprising Attappady tribal zone will be declared as a Special Agricultural Zone as part of this project. My Government shall promote cultivation and processing of Special Rice Varieties like Jeerakasala, Gandhakasala, Rakthasali, Njavara etc. Mini Rice mills will be set up for this. A special project for Wayanad district will be formulated for this purpose.

81. My Government shall augment the production of organic vegetables and the State will be made self sufficient in vegetable production in a period of five years. Organic farming will be promoted throughout the State. A project will be launched for augmenting the scientific production of organic manure, organic pesticides and bio control agents and to ensure their quality. Marayur, Kandallloor and Vattavada Panchayats, constituting the Anchunadu region of Idukki will be declared as special agriculture zone for organic vegetables and fruits.

82. My Government shall take steps to modernise the State Farms and enhance their productivity. Farm Tourism will be encouraged. For this purpose a project will be formulated jointly with expert assistance.
83. My Government intends to bring in stringent control measures for the use of pesticides in agriculture and crops. Pesticide Residue Testing Laboratories will be established at district level to identify the presence of pesticides in food crops harmful to human health.
84. The Data Bank prepared as per Kerala Conservation of Paddy Land and Wet Land Act, 2008 will be made error free with the aid of satellite images and published in all Local Self Government Institutions. Geographical Indication (GI) will be ensured for the market expansion of Kerala's own indigenous and traditional agricultural products including Marayur Jaggery, thereby augmenting income of farmers.

### **Animal Husbandry and Dairy Development**

85. My Government intends to implement a Comprehensive Livestock Insurance scheme. Self sufficiency in milk production will be



achieved through assistance for scientific rearing and supply of quality feed. Support will be provided to mini dairy units.

86. Anti rabies and disease diagnostic kits will be produced through the Institute of Animal Health and Veterinary Biologicals in Palode. Emergency Veterinary Care Service during night hours will be extended to more Blocks.
87. Two Dairy Zones will be established for inducting 3250 milch animals and 2000 heifers. Commercial fodder production will be implemented in 14 selected Grama Panchayats. Cattle feeding subsidy scheme will be implemented in convergence with Local Self Government Institutions.
88. My Government intends to establish permanent milk quality testing facility at check posts in the State. A comprehensive health insurance programme covering cattle and cattle owners will be formulated. Dairy Extension Service Unions will be set up in selected potential Panchayats.

89. A regulatory committee for fixing price of milk and cattle feed with representative from a primary Dairy Cooperative, KCMF, Kerala Feeds and the Dairy Development Department shall be constituted.

### **Fisheries**

90. My Government will adopt a two pronged strategy of enhancing productivity in the sector while ensuring the welfare of the workers in this sector. My Government will formulate a scheme for rehabilitating fishermen families residing within 50 m of the coastline to areas beyond 200 m from the coast. An insurance scheme will be introduced for supporting fishermen whose craft and gear are damaged in the sea. A comprehensive project will be implemented for the next five years to double the aquaculture production by ensuring people's participation. The functioning of Fisheries Stations will be strengthened to regulate over exploitation and ensure coastal security. New Fisheries Stations will be started in select districts.
91. Special attention will be given to protect and revive the fishery ecosystem of the rivers and backwaters. Fish seed centres will be

established at State level and Regional level. Cage culture and Pen culture in reservoirs will be implemented with the participation of local people to enhance fish production. A comprehensive project for promoting ornamental fisheries will be launched. Special coaching for children of fishermen to write competitive examinations will be arranged. A Comprehensive Health Insurance Project will be implemented for the fishermen.

92. Twenty fish markets under Local Self Government Institutions will be renovated. More Regional Fisheries Technical Schools will be set up. Facilities in health centers in coastal areas will be improved. Construction of the proposed Oceanarium in Pudukkottai will start during the next financial year.

### **Co-operation**

93. My Government shall strive to overcome the challenges faced by the co-operative sector in Kerala in the aftermath of the demonetisation. My Government expects to form the 'Kerala Co-operative Bank' with all the modern banking facilities including core-banking network in the coming year. The Expert Committee report on the 'Kerala Co-operative

Bank' is expected very shortly. Digital transactions will be encouraged in the co-operative sector and digital initiatives will be extended to more co-operative institutions.

94. My Government's commitment to the co-operative sector is evidenced in the positions it has taken in the recent past when a full fledged attack was unleashed on the co-operative sector. Furthering its commitment, my Government will continue to encourage deposits with co-operative banks and provide guarantee for them.
95. My Government intends to start more 'Neethi' consumer stores and Neethi Medical Stores for the distribution of consumable articles and medicines at reasonable price. Selected 'Neethi Stores' will be upgraded into 'Neethi Super Markets'. Consumer Credit Cards linked with bank account of the consumers will also be introduced.
96. Entrepreneur units will be started with the help of Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) that will create 20,000 employment opportunities a year. The Co-operation Department will undertake projects for the development of tourism sector with the help

of Tourism Department. School/College co-operative societies will be strengthened. Comprehensive amendments will be made in Kerala Co-operative Societies Act, 1969. The working of SC/ST federation will be strengthened. Ayurdhara products will be developed as a unique brand and marketed through Neethi Networks.

### **Health and Family Welfare**

97. My Government shall operationalise Health Insurance announced earlier. My Government will implement strategies to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals in the Health sector especially elimination of Leprosy, Lymphatic Filariasis and reducing maternal and child mortality. My Government will also commence activities to eliminate Tuberculosis by 2030.
98. In the wake of rising incidents of lifestyle diseases my Government will create awareness among the public about diabetes and other life style diseases. Camps for diabetes will be conducted in Panchayats. Regular free medical camps will be conducted in rural areas for screening, diagnosis and treatment of diseases. Medicines will also be offered at concessional prices in these camps.

99. A child health check programme will be initiated and made mandatory for all children. Annual health checkups will be introduced in schools, including diabetes screening, dental and eye tests. Dietician services will be provided to pregnant women at Government cost.
100. One District hospital in each district will be upgraded to provide super speciality services. One Taluk hospital in every Taluk will be upgraded to provide Speciality services. Cardiac Catheterisation facility will be established in 8 district hospitals and dialysis facilities made available in 44 Taluk hospitals.
101. To reduce mortality and disability from stroke, Stroke Management Centres will be set up in all district hospitals. Palliative Chemotherapy for Cancer patients will also be made available at district hospitals. Government will implement a Comprehensive Emergency Management System including Ambulances for evacuation with Emergency Medical Technicians and Trauma Centres staffed by specially trained personnel.
102. The core strategy for achieving Sustainable Development Goals is through strengthening Primary Health Centres to become Family

Health Centres. For this purpose sufficient number of posts of Doctors, Staff Nurses and Lab Technicians will be created and the skills of doctors and nurses and community level workers will be upgraded to meet the current epidemiological challenges. Health action plans would be prepared at the Urban and Rural Local Self Governments.

103. Patient friendly outpatient services will be introduced in all Medical Colleges and District Hospitals. e-Health which was successfully piloted in Thiruvananthapuram District will be extended to six more districts during this year. My Government shall ensure that there will be no Taluk in Kerala without a Taluk Hospital with the full complement of staff and resources.
104. Superspeciality blocks will be constructed in the Medical Colleges of Kozhikode, Alappuzha, Ernakulam and Kottayam. A specialised Cardiology and Cardio-Vascular Thoracic Surgery building will be constructed in the Kottayam Medical College. A new Cancer Centre will be constructed in Kochi and Comprehensive Cancer Care Centres will be established in five Medical Colleges.

105. The Kerala University of Health Sciences will set up a corpus of 10 crore to promote Faculty and student research in affiliated Colleges. KUHS will also establish a School for Fundamental Research in Ayurveda at Thripunithura, a Centre for Family Health Studies at Kozhikode and Academic Staff College at Thrissur.
106. A Personalised Medicine Research Laboratory will be set up in Malabar Cancer Centre. Diagnostic facilities in Clinical Genetics using Fluorescent Insitu Hybridization (FISH) as well as a resource, training and treatment centre for Autism will be set up under the Child Development Centre.
107. Several complaints are being made about the indiscriminate prescription of investigations, procedures and medications in at least some of the private hospitals. At a time when health care expenses are already very high, such actions will only further the miseries caused to the general public. My Government will ensure that there are regulations on making prescriptions and will streamline the costs as well. A regulatory mechanism will be devised in this regard.



**AYUSH**

108. AYUSH policy has been formed to brand our state as the Global Capital of AYUSH by the year 2025. My Government intends to become 100% Ayurveda and Homoeopathic covered State by providing the required facility in all Panchayats. My Government intends to establish an International Level Ayurveda Research Institute and Laboratory.
109. My Government will expeditiously complete the work of the Sports Ayurveda Specialty Hospital, the only one of its kind in Asia in Thrissur district. My Government intends to convert the centre attached to District Ayurveda Hospital Kozhikkode as "Ayurveda Centre for excellence in Child and Adolescent Health Care". My Government proposes to expand the Prasoothitantra/Streeroga (Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Post Natal Care), Kaumarabhruthya (Paediatric) speciality units in selected Government Ayurveda Hospitals to all districts.
110. The construction of Ophthalmic Institute, PG Research Block, Para Surgical Institute,

Shelter to co-patients and visitors in Government Ayurveda College, Trivandrum, establishment of Ayurveda Pharmacy, construction of Women and Children Hospital, Academic Block at Kannur Government Ayurveda College are some major infrastructure projects envisaged.

111. My Government intends to improve facilities for Homeopathy Medical Education. A State Training Institute will be set up. New PG courses, expansion of Physiotherapy unit, setting up of a Cancer care unit, a Mobile epidemic unit, Infertility clinic are proposed. One Homeopathy Dispensary in each district will be standardised as a Model Dispensary. Palliative care centres will be started in all District Homeopathy Hospitals. New Non Communicable Disease Prevention and treatment initiatives by combining Homoeopathy, Yoga & Naturopathy will be introduced and Siddha will be popularised.

### **General Education**

112. As part of the Public Education Rejuvenation Campaign, my Government is taking all steps

to revamp the school education system to realise the goal of 'quality education, pupils' right'. Steps will be taken to revise the existing curriculum and provide high quality training to teachers.

113. As part of the High Tech School Programme, all classrooms (45,000) from Std. 8 to 12 in Government and Aided High School and Higher Secondary Schools will be converted to smart classrooms by 2017. Computer Labs will be set up in all Lower Primary schools in the State within next two years. Production of Digital Content and uploading the content on the Web portal for free and open learning will be taken up.
114. The laboratories and libraries in the schools will be modernised and digital repositories will be set up in schools and Arts-Sports-Cultural parks will be established. The pre-school education system in Kerala will be scientifically restructured and modernised. As part of the initiative of my Government to ensure inclusive education, Autism parks will be established in selected locations.

115. Biodiversity parks will be established in the schools. Green protocol practices will be introduced in schools. As part of this, firewood will be replaced by gas as fuel for cooking the noon meal in schools.

### **Higher Education**

116. My Government is in the process of revamping the Higher Education Sector with focus on quality, access and equity. The priority initiatives of Kerala State Higher Education Council include the building of Learner Ecosystem Campus, rebuilding Higher Education Institutions as niches of learning and a state-wise democratization of the social benefits of higher knowledge.
117. Research awards will be instituted to recognize faculty and students who excel in their research. The 'Shastrayan' project launched in Universities for showcasing the contribution of researchers will be carried forward. Teacher training will be given prime importance and pedagogical innovations will be encouraged.

118. Steps are being taken for improving the basic facilities, including laboratory and library facilities, in the Arts and Science Colleges so as to convert them into Centres of Excellence. The digitisation of the College Campuses will be taken up with top priority. Inter University Centres will be encouraged and nurtured into centres of excellence.
119. My Government proposes to develop the Government Engineering colleges in the State to national eminence and international visibility in terms of published works, research output, patents and community level contributions. Centres for Interdisciplinary Research and Development will be established. 1300 Libraries under the Kerala State Library Council will be computerized and provided with Wi-Fi facilities.

### **Sports and Youth Affairs**

120. My Government will take concerted steps to create sports infrastructure of international standards. A master plan will be prepared for this purpose. My Government also

proposes to set up a 'Kerala Kayika Kshamatha Mission' to benefit all age groups in the State. Sports medicine, sports nutrition and psychology will be included as part of sports curriculum.

121. My Government will implement "Operation Olympia" aimed at nurturing athletes for the 2020 and 2024 Olympics. The Directorate of Sports and Sports Council will be brought under a single umbrella. Necessary amendments will be made in the Sports Act for the reconstitution of district Sports Councils democratically. A Sports Museum will be established in the state.
122. The Kerala State Youth Welfare Board, in association with selected youth clubs in LSGs proposes to organize a state level mass campaign against social evils.
123. My Government proposes to submit a detailed project report for setting up a Sports University to Government of India, for which the land will be provided by the State Government.

## **Culture**

124. My Government will endeavour to conduct the International Theatre Festival of Kerala (ITFOK) every year on the lines of the successful and prestigious Film Festival of Kerala, IFFK. Children's Film Festival would be organized for school children to bring out their talents and showcase films of their interest. My Government will organize two Regional Film Festivals every year to provide access to world classical cinemas to local people. My Government will endeavour to bring in legislation for the regulation of disputes in the cinema sector on the lines of the recommendation by the Adoor Gopalakrishnan Committee.
  
125. My Government shall introduce a fellowship programme for young artists to pursue their art skills. A project for creation of livelihood for folk artists would also be taken up. My Government will organize cultural exchange programmes with other States of the country extending Kerala's cultural space to the non-resident Keralites and selected countries. Cultural Integration Programmes and

Malayalam awareness and study programmes would be conducted for Non Resident Keralites and Overseas Keralites with a view to encourage awareness on our renaissance heritage and culture.

126. 'Gadhika', the exhibition of traditional art forms and products of SC's and ST's has attracted large scale people participation. Culture Department will strive for the mainstreaming of these art forms and promote the traditional products of SC/ST artisans and forest products manufactured by co-operative societies.

### **Food and Civil Supplies**

127. National Food Security Act, 2013 will be implemented effectively. The State will face a chronic deficit of availability of rice, if Government of India does not intervene to restore the existing quota of rice allocated to it. The State is entitled to an extra allocation to supply foodgrains to the vast number of nearly 25 lakhs migrant workers in the State. My Government is continuously engaging with the Centre to seek its support on resolving



both these issues. The State will endeavour to procure tribal produce like millets which can be channelled for distribution through the PDS to the tribal families.

128. Public Distribution System will be made transparent and stringent steps will be taken to wipe out corruption and plug leakages. Maveli stores will be opened in Panchayats which do not have them already and selected Maveli stores will be upgraded to Supermarkets and Hypermarkets. More Maveli Medical stores will be started.
129. Social Audit will be used as a tool for obtaining feedback and evaluation on the functioning of ARDs and for this the services of Tata Institute of Social Science will be used to train the beneficiaries. My Government proposes to explore the possibility of launching mobile rationing in tribal areas.

### **Tourism**

130. My Government considers tourism as one of the priority sectors due to its potential to bring additional income and employment opportunities. My Government will formulate

a new Tourism policy to improve the investment climate in the state in tourism products and services especially in the less explored Malabar region. My Government will target doubling the arrival of foreign tourists, 50% increase in domestic tourist arrivals, and creation of additional 4 lakhs employment from tourism during next five years.

131. Tourists' safety is my Government's first priority. We will connect the tourists with the 'Safe Kerala App' by which a tourist can contact the nearest police station, hospitals, hotels, restaurants etc. Tourists will also be able to register their details through this App. A pan Kerala tourism call centre will also be started.
132. To further the horizons of Kerala's tourism potential, we are planning to develop more tourism beaches along our vast coastline.
133. For training organised players in the tourism industry we will introduce short term courses in Kerala Institute of Tourism & Travel Studies (KITTS), State Institute of Hospitality Management (SIHM), Institute of Hotel

Management and Catering Technology (IHMCT), Kerala Institute of Hospitality Management Studies (KIHMS) etc.

134. An idea investor meet will be organised to generate new ideas in developing the tourism industry. Kerala will be positioned as an all season tourism destination. Green Protocol will be introduced in Tourism Centres. Major tourist destinations will be made differently-abled friendly. Quality infrastructure and facilities will be ensured at destinations. The Green Carpet initiatives started by Tourism department will be extended to destinations. A scheme for Certification and grading of destinations will be introduced.

### **Forests and Wildlife**

135. My Government intends to enhance the water bearing capacity of our forests by rejuvenating 500 selected water bodies in the forests. In addition to the protection of forest, my Government is committed to enhance tree growth outside the forest. My Government plans to set-up marketing centres in about 100 locations to benefit the

tribal population. To alleviate issues posed by human-wildlife conflict Solar Fencing for a length of 220.5 km, Elephant Proof Wall for 2.91 km and Rail Fencing for 11.35 km will be among the various measures that will be undertaken this year. It is intended to secure the total forest area by erecting Jundas along the borders. My Government proposes to set up a Forest Museum in the State. For combating wild animal attacks effectively, my Government desires to constitute 'Jana JagrathaSamithis' at Panchayat level. My Government will take necessary steps to protect sacred groves, ponds and watersheds. My Government will take comprehensive activities to plant fruits bearing trees and construct watersheds/check dams inside forest as to ensure food and water for animals.

136. My Government will create a scientific vigil system for forests, including camera assisted social watch for further transparency of forest resources. It will ensure that poachers and leisure hunters are identified, against whom we will take strict action.

## **Environment**

137. The Kerala Biodiversity Park at Vallakadavu in Thiruvananthapuram, under the Kerala State Biodiversity Board and Kerala State Science & Technology Museum will be commissioned. My Government intends to set up a "Climate Change Knowledge Centre" in the Institute for Climate Change Studies with support from the Department of Science and Technology under the National Mission on Strategic Knowledge for Climate Change. A Data Bank on Climate Change and a Climate Change Knowledge Portal will be set up.
138. My Government will shortly complete the reconstitution of Biodiversity Management Committees (BMC) in all LSGs. 100 selected Biodiversity Management Committees are proposed to be empowered as model BMC's. A full-fledged Training Centre will be established in the premises of the Regional Office of the Kerala State Pollution Control Board at Ernakulam to impart training to various stakeholders.

## **Housing**

139. In addition to the significant scale of interventions under LIFE, my Government proposes several new initiatives in housing. The Aswas Rental Housing Scheme in Government will be implemented on land available near medical colleges for providing accommodation to patients in Medical Colleges. Construction of flats under affordable housing schemes for homeless Economically Weaker Section/Low Income Group Category people will be implemented in Kozhikode and Thrissur. Vishranthi Homes for elderly people will be constructed at Valavunadu. Two new Working Women's Hostel projects at Gandhi Nagar (Kottayam District) and Peerumedu (Idukki District) will be implemented with Central assistance. Residential units for Government employees will be constructed in Kasaragod.
140. A housing scheme will be introduced for plantation workers as well. We strongly feel that they have lived for too long in inhuman conditions and it is our duty to cater to them. Kerala will be made a State of 100% home owners by 2021.

## **Public Works**

141. My Government is committed to bring in innovation, increase work efficiency and ensure quality of works. The PRICE software (Project Information and Cost Estimation) developed by NIC - the total solution for estimate preparation and online approval - that is being used in all Engineering Departments will be widened in scope to include Computerised bill preparation (e-bill), e-measurement book, progress monitoring etc. Online facility for contractors' registration and Rest House booking will be put in place. Energy auditing will be conducted in all Government buildings having high tension service connection in association with Energy Management Centre. Non conventional energy sources like solar energy in buildings will be utilised.
142. I am happy to inform you that, as assured in my last Address, the Public Works Department has formally adopted use of plastics, coir and rubber in road works. I consider this as a major achievement with several positive spinoff effects. This year the

Public Works Department would, in a similar manner formally adopt appropriate building construction technologies using local materials. There will also be an emphasis on use of green design concepts in the buildings to be constructed by the department. As promised, Social Audit has been initiated, a rare achievement for an Engineering Department in whole country.

143. My Government intends to implement a major project of Rs.860 cr. to extend BM & BC across the State. 1000 km of Major District Roads will be upgraded to NH standards at a cost of Rs.1000 cr. An amount of Rs. 1500 cr. will be invested in completing ongoing bridges and 65 new bridges proposed.
144. My Government will implement a project of Rs. 500 cr. on maintenance of bridges and culverts. My Government has introduced a Maintenance Policy for Roads. For this a separate wing under a Chief Engineer is being proposed. My Government is planning to launch construction of a coastal highway from Thiruvananthapuram district to Kasaragod district once the final feasibility report is



prepared by NATPAC. My Government is envisioning the construction of a Hill Highway connecting Kasargode to Kaliyikkavila at a total outlay of Rs.7000 cr. The thrust will be on continuing the massive scale of investment envisaged in the last year's budget for projects in all constituencies over the state.

145. 21 Bye-pass roads in different stages in Thiruvananthapuram, Kollam, Pathanamthitta, Alappuzha, Kottayam, Idukki, Ernakulam, Palakkad and Kozhikode Districts will be completed. Vytilla-Kundannur Flyover will be taken up. My Government has prepared a project with an outlay of Rs.100 cr. for the improvement of Sabarimala road.
146. My Government will attach utmost priority to Road Safety and aggressively adopt safety measures including signals, signboards, lights, crash barriers, reflectors and take steps for identifying black spot locations and rectifying them for reducing road accident rates in the State.
147. My Government intends to take up the implementation of the Light Metro Projects at

Thiruvananthapuram and Kozhikode at an outlay of Rs.4219 cr. and Rs.2509 cr. respectively.

### **Transport**

148. My Government is planning to introduce an extensive capacity building programme for the driving school instructors. The proposed Intelligent Transport System with digitized time schedules of stage carriages will enhance the quality of public transportation.
149. Radio Frequency Identification system will be introduced in the motor vehicle check posts. More driver testing tracks and Vehicle testing stations will be set up as part of automation. Coverage of speed camera surveillance system will be extended. GPS based vehicle tracking system to monitor stage carriages will be extended to cover all public transport vehicles including tippers, school buses, contract carriages etc.
150. My Government intends to support KSRTC to achieve a turnaround this year. The report of the Prof. Sushil Khanna Committee is expected shortly. The focus will be on

achieving national level standards in fleet utilisation, fuel efficiency and maintenance, restructuring duty schedules and adoption of modern technology and IT systems for professional management. KSRTC proposes to introduce 250 CNG vehicles in cities on experimental basis. KSRTC is planning to introduce eco-friendly electric buses on experimental basis to the cities of Thiruvananthapuram, Ernakulam and Kozhikode. GPS based Smart Card systems will be introduced on buses. Vehicle Tracking System (VTS) and Passengers information system, using GPS linked to mobile applications will be introduced. Pink bus services will be expanded to all major cities. Tourism based services will be introduced.

151. My Government proposes to introduce more Solar built vessels in the Water Transport Department for eco-friendly travel. New passenger cum tourist services will be introduced. One cruise vessel and two water taxis will be put into service on an experimental basis. In addition, the existing Dock Yards at Alappuzha and Ernakulam will be renovated.

152. My Government intends to set up a Metropolitan Transport Authorities in the major cities of Kerala with the aim to provide common command and control systems for transport planning, scheduling operations, and integrating various modes of transportation like the waterways, private buses, KSRTC, Auto rickshaws, metro or light rail etc. A Kerala Metropolitan Authority (KMTA) Bill, 2017 is under the consideration of the Government. As a pilot project, the 'Integrated Public Transport Policy' will be introduced in the Metropolitan Transport Authority area of Kochi in the year 2017-18.
153. Sufficient Road Safety Experts will be appointed in the Kerala Road Safety Authority to strengthen it. Action will be taken to reduce vulnerability along the 355 crash spots identified by NATPAC on the roads in Kerala.
154. Commercial operations of the first reach of the Kochi Metro will commence in 2017-18. Government has approved the extension from Petta to Tripunithura. A new line from Jawaharlal Nehru stadium to Kakkanad at an

estimated cost of Rs. 2577.25 cr. is under consideration. Work for selecting a general consultant for the Kochi Water Metro Project/ Integrated Water Transport System in the city of Kochi is in progress.

### **Water Resources**

155. My Government shall focus on the Integrated Water Resources Management across River Basins. In the water supply sector, the Department shall focus on improving service delivery through renovation of old assets, better utilization of existing infrastructure, strengthening public grievance redressal mechanisms, improved asset management and expanding reach of treated water supply.
156. The Haritha Keralam Mission will be utilised for river rejuvenation. One major river basin, like the Bharathapuzha shall be taken up first for scientific catchment area management through a participatory approach.
157. My Government will introduce a model non-polluted waterbody in each Panchayat. This will be later extended to at least four per

Panchayat. Water bodies owned by social and religious institutions will also come under this scheme and co-operation will be sought from local governments, social religious authorities as well.

158. A water auditing and water budgeting exercise shall be carried out. The Water Resources Information System, shall be developed as a scientific decision tool.
159. Rain water harvesting will be made mandatory and limits to water use will be specified, when water tax is calculated for large apartment complexes.
160. Proper management of assets created under Major Irrigation Projects shall be undertaken including an action plan for timely completion of ongoing projects. The Muvattupuzha Valley Irrigation Project shall be completed in two years time.
161. The Water Resources Department is gearing up to play its role in tackling the drought, should that be necessary. Already Rs. 40 cr. for the Kerala Water Authority and Rs.12 cr.

for the Ground Water Department has been released.

162. As my Government aims to provide 100% water coverage by 2021, Kerala Water Authority shall focus on expanding production by 750 MLD. The Authority shall undertake a special drive to provide 2 lakh house service connections during the year. All consumers of Kerala Water Authority will be brought under a computerized billing system. Under Jananidhi, 310 small water supply schemes in terrains without access to conventional schemes will be undertaken.

## **Power**

163. Our state is on the verge of realising the milestone of electrifying all the households by 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2017. My Government will take steps to restart the power projects viz. Pallivasal extension (60 MW), Thottiyar (40 MW) and Chathankothu Nada (6 MW) started during the previous LDF Ministry. 6 new Small Hydroelectric Projects with a total capacity of 105 MW will be implemented.

164. The 200 MW solar park in Kasaragod will be completed in the coming year. Steps are being taken for getting another solar park of 200 MW capacity allotted to the State. My Government proposes to generate 100 MW power from wind mills during the coming 2 years.
165. The first phase of Transgrid 2.0, a long term plan, to strengthen the transmission backbone of the State has already been started. Phase II will be completed in 2024.
166. My Government expects to invest Rs.200 cr. from centrally sponsored schemes like Integrated Power Development Scheme and Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana and the rest from KSEBL to improve distribution systems in the State. Single window system will be introduced for receiving all applications for power connection. The hydel tourism activity of KSEBL will be reconstituted as a subsidiary company. KSEBL will distribute LED lamps, energy efficient fans and other electronic equipment.



167. Energy Management Centre will implement mini and micro power projects with LSGIs and implement one project using Hydro Kinetic Turbine Technology. ANERT shall serve as an advisory agency to Local Self Governments and Co-operative societies on power projects. Rooftop solar project installations will be stepped up. Adoption of quality and safety measures through the Electrical Inspectorate will be emphasised.
168. My Government is committed to clean energy and will promote the use of alternate sources for energy production. Carbon neutral certification will be given for people and organisations producing alternate energy. We will bring the concept of pollution and carbon neutrality to the individual level.
169. My Government will encourage one solar panel per house policy throughout the State. Solar panels will be given preferential rates. It will be mandatory for houses above 3000 sq. ft. to have solar panels. Concessions will be given on grid cost for solar energy and issue carbon credits.

**Harbours**

170. The second stage development of existing Fishery Harbour such as Neendakara, Thottappally, Kayamkulam and third stage development of Thangassery will be implemented. The balance work of Fishing Harbour like Vellayil, Thanur, Kasaragod and Azheekal in Kannur will be proposed under Sagarmala Project. The construction of breakwater at Veli under Operation Anantha scheme will be commenced during 2017-18. 300 coastal roads will be completed during the financial year 2017-18. Five ongoing Fishery Harbours at Muthalapozhi, Koyilandy, Thalayi, Vellayil and Thanur will be commissioned during the next financial year and seven bridges in the coastal area will be completed.

**Ports**

171. To strengthen the cargo movement in the Minor Ports, my Government intends to provide rail connectivity to Kollam, Azhikkal, and Ponnani Ports. Coastal and Inland Navigation services will be strengthened to

ease rail and road traffic in the State. A study report with regard to rail connectivity from Ponnani Port to Tirunavaya Railway Station over a length of 13 km. is under preparation. Connectivity to Kollam and Azhikkal will be proposed as part of the Sagarmala/Bharatmala project of the Central Government. Kerala Shipping and Inland Navigation Corporation Limited is undertaking a study to examine the feasibility of switching LPG transport using our inland waterways. My Government hopes to initiate this project with the active involvement and support of LPG companies. My Government has adopted a policy on manual dredging and intends to implement it this year.

172. The development of the prestigious multipurpose deep-water port project at Vizhinjam is proceeding as scheduled. The Resettlement and Rehabilitation of the project affected families has been completed and those of other affected persons and families are currently being undertaken on priority. A Detailed Project Report on rail connectivity to the port is under preparation through Rail

Vikas Nigam Ltd. This will be submitted to Government of India for inclusion in the Sagarmala project.

### **Social Justice**

173. My Government will launch a new integrated project 'ANUYATRA', - meaning walking together - in campaign mode, in line with the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (PWD) Act, 2016. The ANUYATRA project will include a wide range of interventions and institution building in areas of autism, special Anganwadis with special focus on Tribal and Scheduled Caste Settlements and Coastal areas.
174. My Government intends to establish a Persons with Disabilities Research and Guidance Cell in the Department of Social Justice to chalk out new initiatives for the integrated development of disabled persons in the State. A comprehensive programme to convert all public buildings in the State to be barrier free within three years shall be initiated by Government. With the primary objective of transforming Kerala into a Disabled Friendly

State, and taking into account the globally accepted international perspectives and approaches in disability management, a Comprehensive Right Based Life Cycle Approach in Disability Sector will be adopted this year.

175. Using a uniform format, my Government will provide Priority Cards for differently abled citizens. A scheme will be introduced at the district level for the permanent employment of differently abled citizens. It will be extended to the Taluk level over the next four years.
176. Ramps and Braille signs will be widely used to make public places, bus stops and buses easily accessible to the differently abled.
177. My Government proposes to enrol all BPL Persons with Disabilities in SWAVLAMBAN insurance scheme. A support scheme for supplying insulin to children suffering from juvenile diabetes will be launched.
178. My Government will fully meet the commitments on the Endosulphan Package.

179. Sheltered workshops for providing employment to differently-abled women will be established in the State.
180. A halfway home for providing inpatient rehabilitation service for paralysed people will be established in Kozhikode District, with regular service of doctors, nurses, physiatrist, physiotherapist and social workers.
181. My Government will launch a new project 'SAYAM PRABHA' aimed at providing most essential services to the elderly.
182. Rehabilitation centres will be established with the cooperation of credible Non Governmental Organisations to cater to destitute ex-convicts.
183. A comprehensive proposal for construction of own building to all Anganawadis in the State will be taken up. It is proposed to establish creches alongside selected 250 existing Anganawadis. The working hours of such Anganawadis will be extended from 8.30 AM to 5.30 PM, to help working parents avail the creche services for their children.

184. My Government intends to undertake a vulnerability mapping exercise through a detailed survey to identify children living in difficult circumstances. The districts of Thiruvananthapuram and Malappuram will be taken up during 2017-18.
185. Necessary action will be taken to declare Kerala a 'child begging free State' within the next one year.
186. A skill and employment programme for the Transgender community will be launched.
187. New Homes for Girls will be established at Thiruvananthapuram, Pathanamthitta, Idukki, Kottayam, Palakkad, Malappuram, Wayanad and Kasaragod.
188. In an attempt to ensure safe and suitable accommodation to working women, KSWDC proposes to open new hostels. The Corporation plans to launch a Women's Helpline to ensure women safety and promote Gender Sensitization. The Corporation will also set up Integrated Skill Development Centres for ST women on a pilot basis in 2 tribal settlements in the State.

## **Welfare of Scheduled Castes**

189. My Government will implement a novel scheme of providing an extra room as 'Padanamuri' in the homes of Scheduled Caste families to improve the infrastructural facilities conducive to education, once all SC households have been provided with houses. My Government intends to provide safe and cost effective accommodation facilities for Scheduled Caste women near their working place in the three cities of Kozhikode, Ernakulam and Thiruvananthapuram cities.
190. "Valsalyanidhi" – new scheme for the holistic development of the SC Girl Child will be implemented. This will cover her from her birth, including her birth registration, complete immunization, school admission and studies up to 10<sup>th</sup> standard culminating in a lump sum payment, when she attains 18 years. My Government intends to construct Post Matric hostels for girls and boys in all Districts. Model Residential Schools will be started for Scheduled Caste students in all Districts. Special batches for Para Medical Courses, Diploma Courses and super



speciality courses attached to the medical and technical institutions exclusively for Scheduled Caste students will be started. The ITIs under the Department will be revamped to make them function as finishing schools. Pre-Examination Training Centres will be started in all districts for Scheduled Caste students.

191. My Government shall actively intervene for reservations in private employment. My Government shall introduce schemes for empowering and revamping of Scheduled Caste Co-operative Societies.
192. My Government will institute a special fund for creating entrepreneurs among the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

### **Welfare of Scheduled Tribes**

193. My Government has attained significant success in reducing malnutrition and child mortality among scheduled tribes mainly through nutrition centres and community kitchens. The aim of this Government will be to provide land to all landless tribal

families. For this the provisions of The Scheduled Tribes and other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 will also be used. Priority will be given for completing the incomplete houses taken up so far under various schemes. Tribal Start-ups will be encouraged to ensure self-employment and entrepreneurship. My Government also intends to revamp co-operative societies run by the STs. Attempt will be made to enable all educated tribal youth to get gainful permanent employment. For others, Government will guarantee 200 days per families under MGNREGS.

194. A mechanism will be devised to market Tribals' products after value addition.
195. A new scheme in the form of Tribal Girl Child Endowment Scheme - the Gothra Valsalyanidhi will be launched. To enhance infrastructural facilities in tribal homes conducive for the child's education, Community Study centre in tribal hamlets - Samuhya Padanamuri - will be launched. Nutritional security of the tribes will be ensured through nutritional screening, supplementation and awareness.

196. My Government shall build a strategic partnership with the Sports Authority of India for talent spotting and scientific coaching of gifted tribal boys and girls in the Model Residential Schools and Hostels run by the Department. To promote National Integration through tribal arts and crafts, a five day festival will be organized inviting tribal artisans and craftsmen from various parts of the country. A modern museum specialized in Tribal and Folk Arts, for the first time in Kerala, will be set up at the Tribal Abode Complex, Ernakulam.
197. A special package for the remote hamlet of Edamalakudy in Idukki will be formulated for implementation.
198. 'Live with Freedom' will be the policy of my Government for the tribal habitations, so that they are left free of outsider influence to choose the path of development they desire.

### **Welfare of Backward Classes**

199. My Government intends to formulate a comprehensive development policy for the development of Backward Communities.

Apart from providing education assistance to the deprived students in the OBC, new schemes will be launched for the generation of Self Employment Scheme for professionally qualified youth among OBC.

200. Rehabilitation Scheme for unemployed expatriates, setting up Training cum Guidance Cell for OBCs in 14 Districts and Self Employment Scheme for Sickle Cell Anaemia Patients among OBC and minorities would also be taken up. My Government will set up a Craft Village showcasing the production, sale and marketing of Handicraft Products of Artisans and other Traditional Craft Product Makers. My Government intends to significantly step up loan disbursement through Kerala State Backward Classes Development Corporation.

### **Welfare of Minorities**

201. My Government shall introduce a new scheme for reimbursement of Course and Hostel fees of Minorities preparing for the Civil Service Examination. A Welfare Fund for Madrassa teachers will be introduced soon.

## **Welfare of Forward Communities**

202. The activities organized by the Kerala State Welfare Corporation for Forward Communities for the development of economically backward people will be strengthened.

## **Sainik Welfare**

203. Activities of the Sainik Welfare Department on training, enhancing employability and self employment will be strengthened. My Government will provide necessary support to Kerala State Ex-servicemen Development and Rehabilitation Corporation (KEXCON) for its effective functioning. Smart cards will be issued to beneficiaries for more efficient transfer of benefits and entitlements.

## **Pravasi Welfare/NRK**

204. Committed to the welfare of non resident Keralites, my Government will put in place a system to help job aspirants in the State, who would like to work abroad – necessary counselling and precautions to be taken against cheating by the employers/agents. An online job portal will be created to ensure

that job aspirants and job providers have access to accurate information. Names and other details, including educational qualification, skills possessed and employment history of job aspirants will be hosted on the portal. All the companies which are looking for workers will be encouraged to post their offerings on the portal. A basic handbook which contains necessary guidelines for those who are going abroad will be published. It will contain necessary guidelines, basic knowledge of the legal system in the destination country and all important telephone numbers. Orientation sessions will be conducted by my Government for the benefit of those travelling to the Gulf countries for employment.

205. In order to reduce recruitment frauds, the Government, under the auspices of NORKA, plans to grade various manpower recruitment agencies on the basis of various parameters like reliability, process followed, placement record, profile of the management, financial background of the organisation and its promoters, the status of the companies for which recruitment is done by the agency etc.

206. My Government will ensure Academic Exchanges with Gulf countries and will set up Kerala Public Schools and Professional Colleges there, with the support from the respective governments. Government will also set up Kerala Clinics for Keralites in the Gulf countries, with the objective of providing traditional and modern medical facilities. Bilateral Chamber of Commerce and Industry will be set up to increase mutual opportunities including promotion of investments in potential areas such as Technology, Tourism, Ayurveda and Infrastructure, to name a few.
207. My Government proposes to set up a Legal Aid Cell to help Keralites in Gulf countries, within the limits of the laws of those countries. My Government plans to provide in association with insurance companies, a special accident insurance for all NRKs. In case of accidents and emergencies, arrangements will be made to move them to the nearest hospital for stabilisation and emergency treatment will be provided till they are transferred to India for better treatment.

208. Special assistance would be given to organisations arranging to bring dead bodies back to India, in the unfortunate event of an NRK's death in a foreign country. Financial aid will be provided based on the financial conditions of the family, apart from arranging help in completing the formalities, arranging space in planes, arranging ambulances to carry the dead body to the airport and from the airport to their homes, as well as for performing last rites.
209. An NRK investment promotion cell will be constituted with the participation of leading industrialists, both NRKs and locals, to formulate investment and employment for both the returning NRKs and local Malayalis.

### **Labour**

210. To help evaluate establishments under the Kerala Shops and Commercial Establishments Act, 1960 and the Factories Act, 1948, my Government proposes to introduce a grading system on specific performance and compliance parameters to recognize model establishments. An Occupational Health and



Safety Training Centre will be set up at Kakkanad, Ernakulam.

211. My Government shall initiate a new scheme viz. the State Skill Development Mission Kerala (SSDM) that will help the State contribute significantly to the national goal of 40.2 crore skilled persons by 2022 with Kerala Academy for Skills Excellence (KASE) as the nodal agency for this. In order to provide career related guidance and to enrich job seekers with skill experience, Career Development Centres will be opened in all districts linking them with Employment Exchanges.
212. New dispensaries will be started as part of extending the coverage the ESI Scheme state-wide. Casual and contract labourers and casual sweepers and low paid employees of different departments will be brought under the ESI Scheme. NCD Clinics will be started in ten Districts and Pain and Palliative care units will be started in all ESI Hospitals.
213. As part of the State Old Age Policy of 2013, a new scheme '*Nava Jeevan*' for ensuring

support to senior citizens will be started. This ambitious scheme will help channelize the wealth of experience and knowledge of our senior citizens.

### **Information and Public Relations**

214. The Information and Public Relations department is continuously engaged in spanning out to different areas with the help of new age communication technologies. Online media accreditation, online dissemination of government news and introduction of mobile apps are part of the plans of the department.
215. The prestigious Vajrakeralam initiative to commemorate the 60 years of our State is under implementation. As part of this, one Mega stage event and a series of small programs and exhibitions will be conducted across the State. The Department has already started the campaign for NavaKeralam Karma Padhathi. The Department coordinates the initiative '*NaamMunnottu*' - the Chief Minister's interactive television programme - which will

serve as discussion forum on government projects and plans as well as serve a feedback mechanism.

### **Printing and Stationery**

216. My Government intends to implement a major programme of Rs.100 cr. for the modernization of Printing Department. An Expert Committee has been constituted for the purpose. The e-Gazette Project will be completed in the Department. My Government intends to make Stationery Department function as a cost effective centralized purchasing agency for all Government departments, local government bodies, autonomous institutions.

### **Revenue**

217. My Government intends to extend the e-office Digital Workplace solution to all Village Offices. A complete e-payment solution for remittance of all taxes and fees both online and in the village office will be put in place during this year. All online activities will be brought under a Single Window Umbrella (Revenue Portal) and an Integrated Citizen

Information System to ensure real time data updating and delivery of quality services will be established.

218. My Government will take steps to distribute the surplus land available in the State to various beneficiaries as per the Kerala Land Reforms Act, 1963. Action will be taken to assign land to the landless people in a time bound manner. Surplus land and the land used for purposes in violation of exemptions given under the Kerala Land Reforms Act, 1963 will be resumed. Steps will be taken to issue Pattayam to the holders of forest land before 01/01/1977 in a time bound manner. The collection of Building and Luxury taxes will be made more efficient through necessary amendments in the concerned Rules.
219. My Government Intends to complete the resurvey process of all remaining villages in a time bound manner. A new initiative at the local level to make village offices people friendly will be launched with the help of sports and arts clubs, voluntary organisations and reputed local persons.

## **Governance**

220. My Government is committed to making governance responsive to the aspirations of the people. Already a time frame has been set for issuing different certificates from the Village and Taluk offices. My Government would create e-Village offices where all records will be centralised and digitised.
221. District Collectors will conduct Taluk level camps called 'Reaching the People', every month for the redressal of grievances of the public. Action taken will be published online as well as on notice boards in Taluk and Village offices. Collectors will be rated based on the action they have taken on grievances.
222. All sales tax disputes will be settled through a disputes Adalat, which will have a onetime window to settle all cases older than two years.
223. To ensure ease for citizens, my Government will bring all citizen services under one roof. 'At Your Service' will have revenue service, RTO, Police, Electricity & Water Services, Registration etc. under a single roof.

224. Tax payment will be enabled through e-payment and online bank transactions. My Government will ensure online payment of all property taxes. Tax records would be updated without manual intervention so as to ensure an automatic check on corruption.
225. It is noteworthy that there are no allegations of corruption against my Government. The public have started talking about this Government as an example of a corruption-free Government. My Government will cut the arbitrary decision-making powers of people in power and thus enhance fair practices and citizens' rights.

### **Law and Order**

226. My Government strongly believes that the maintenance of law and order in the State is a sine-qua-non to development. Though the premier news magazine 'India Today' adjudged Kerala as the State as the best in law and order, yet my Government is determined not to show any complacency and shall strive to further improve policing and law and order in the State. All Police Stations

in Kerala will be made Janamaithri Police Stations under the JanamaithriSuraksha Scheme.

227. This year 100 more Government schools will be brought under the Student Police Scheme. Student Police Cadets will be nurtured to become the ambassadors against social evils.
228. The new Cyber Crime Investigation Division will be operationalised. Cyber Dome will be extended to Info City/Infopark in Kozhikode City and Kochi City. Every district will have a Cyber Crime Police Station during this year.
229. Committed to ensure law and order, my Government will continue with its ongoing efforts to modernise the police force. Safe cities and villages will be created across Kerala. District wise e-complaint cells will be created to ensure that justice is delivered in case the police stations do not respond favourably.
230. A massive number of cases are pending in our various courts. Facilities at the courts are also very poor. My Government is committed

to bring in reforms to provide adequate infrastructure for the courts. All courts will be equipped with video conferencing facilities, which will also be connected to the prisons in the State.

231. My Government is committed to bring forensic science at the centre of investigation. We propose to strengthen forensic education and scientific evidence collection methods from crime scenes, to enable investigation into and solving of crimes. Forensic collection centres will be set up in each district with a centralised hi-tech laboratory located at Thrissur.
232. Kerala Police Academy will be converted to an e-Learning Academy with total digitization of the entire training process during this year. Six more Coastal Police Stations will be opened. Twelve more law and order police stations and 3 tourist police stations will be opened in the State. Pink Patrols, now available in the cities will be extended to select District Headquarters also.



## **Traffic**

233. Robotic traffics is the method of controlling traffic with radars and cameras. My Government will implement this, initially with every 20 kilometers as one unit. This can be self financed through fines for traffic violations, the funds thus accumulated can in the long run be used for installing more units on the road without further investments. The eventual target will be to implement this on main roads, in every 5 kilometers units.

## **Vigilance**

234. My Government has launched a programme Vigilant Kerala which is a participatory anti-corruption method involving people from the grassroots levels. Two Mobile Apps that have been launched - "Arising Kerala" and "Whistle Now" - to report episodes of corruption are part of these efforts. A scheme of instituting Whistleblowers Annual Awards is under consideration.

235. A voluntary participatory program focussed on professional education sector named

"EduVigil" and an anti-corruption campaign programme viz, "VigNet" are being conducted through local Vayanasalas and libraries for creating a culture of Zero Tolerance to Corruption at the grassroot levels.

### **Prisons**

236. The emphasis in the Prisons Department will be to complete major infrastructure in all the jails and on modernisation of prisons. Thrust will be given to welfare of prisoners. Specific vocational training facilities will be designed for them.

### **Fire and Rescue**

237. My Government proposes to open new Fire and Rescue Stations in selected Municipality and Panchayats as per RMSI priority. Critical infrastructure like fire fighting and rescue vehicles like Water Tender, Water Lorry, Water Bowser, Mini Emergency Tender, Multi Utility Vehicles, Trolley Mounted Water Mist, and Modern fire fighting and other life saving equipments will be procured.

238. District Crisis Management Teams will be started in Thiruvananthapuram, Ernakulam, Palakkad, Kozhikode and Kannur. A Divisional Office will be started in the newly constructed building at Kannur. New District Offices will be started after assessment of need and the existing Assistant Divisional Officer will be designated as District Fire and Rescue Services Officer. Government is also considering the creation of Rural District Level Offices in Thiruvananthapuram, Ernakulam and Kozhikode District.

### **Law**

239. Government has already amended the Kerala Advocates Welfare Fund Act, 1980 (Act 21 of 1980) for the purpose of enhancing Welfare Fund Benefits to Advocates. The Amendment also provides for giving assistance from the Fund to the Advocate Academy under the Bar Council of Kerala. This Academy will provide training to the Advocates to enable them to render efficient legal service to the general public.

240. Along with the ongoing schemes of NALSA, this year, the Kerala State Legal Services Authority proposes to launch a new scheme for the dependents of convicts. During 2017, NALSA proposes to conduct National Lok Adalat once in two months. The Kerala State Human Rights Commission will initiate steps to form Human Rights Clubs at schools to popularize the idea of human rights.

### **Parliamentary Affairs**

241. The Institute of Parliamentary Affairs will publish a new book "Contemporary Issues of Democracy in leading nations" by reputed national and international authors and two Biographical volumes, on the former Chief Ministers of Kerala and Speakers of Kerala Legislative Assembly'. A Parliamentary Information and Research Centre (PIRC) will be set up.

### **Devaswom**

242. My Government will give top priority for completing appointment in all the five Devaswoms. A Devaswom Tribunal to

restore the alienated Devaswom land will be set up soon. The Madras Hindu Religious & Charitable Endowment Act, 1951 will be amended after the report of the Expert Committee is received.

243. The 'Haritha Kshethram 2017' project in consonance with the Haritha Keralam Project utilising Devaswom lands focused on sewage treatment and land development including protection of water resources will be launched. Emphasis will be given to water conservation through renovation of Kavus, Ponds and Altharas of temples.
244. Modern sewage treatment plants will be setup in all major temples under Devaswoms. My Government intends to launch a project for the renovation and preservation of ancient structures and mural paintings of major temples with assistance from the Ministry of Tourism.
245. My Government will invest Rs. 150 cr. in the next five years for implementation of the Sabarimala Master Plan Project and Edathavalam. It is also proposed to establish

shelters every 50 km for pilgrims with resting and parking facilities.

### **Taxes**

246. My Government is gearing up for the introduction of GST that will be a paradigm shift in revenue mobilisation across the nation. IT systems are being put in place and capacity building in the department and among stakeholders is underway.
247. For bringing in more transparency in document registrations, my Government intends to implement e-stamping and e-payment. To scientifically protect documents of historical importance and other documents of ownership preserved since 1865, a new project for digital archival of such documents will be implemented. A Central Management System will be adopted for preservation of registers. The administration of The Chit Fund Act, 1982 will be computerized. A modern training centre will be established in Thiruvananthapuram.

**Excise**

248. My Government intends to establish a State level Model de-addiction centre with facility for rehabilitation also. Steps will be taken to increase women representation in Excise force. Excise Intelligence wing will be strengthened. Necessary vehicles will be provided to Excise Department. For effective enforcement and prevention of crimes, new Excise Circle Offices will be established at all newly formed Taluks. Basic facilities in the Excise check posts will be modernised. Special dispensation for investigating major Abkari and NDPS cases would be established.

**Legal Metrology**

249. My Government will fully implement the Legal Metrology Operation Management System (LMOMS) to ensure that Packer and Importer Registration and, Manufacturing, Dealer, Repair Licenses services will be available online. A fleet of fully equipped 'Mobile

Verification Units' will be acquired by the Department so that efficient and speedy on-site certification can be done. The gold purity laboratory with accreditation from National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories will be fully set up next year.

### **Archaeology, Archives, Museums and Zoos**

250. My Government will implement a project to conserve and digitise the available palm leaves with help of historians and students. Museums will be made 'barrier-free'. A new museum on the art form of Theyyam would be set up to make the visitors aware of this art form.
251. Napier Museum in Thiruvananthapuram will be upgraded to international standards. Heritage Museums will be set up at the District Level.
252. The Department of Zoos will take steps to replenish the stock of animals from foreign zoos during the next year.



## **Human Resources**

253. My Government intends to further upgrade the Institute of Management in Government [IMG] to enable it to conduct applied research in governance. It will proactively reach out to selected departments delivering key public services and handhold them in improving their efficiency. A Center for Good Governance would be set up within IMG.
254. As announced by Government earlier, the Kerala Administrative Service will be put in place in the coming year.
255. My Government intends to complete all recruitment procedures within one year and publish rank lists promptly with the active support of the Kerala Public Service Commission. The Commission is on the threshold of ushering in several major policy measures. These include making Malayalam a compulsory subject for the Commission's examinations, preparing an elaborate Question Bank depository, switching to a

common test for posts with similar qualification, progressively adapting online examinations using available PSC centres and infrastructure facilities in colleges in Kerala and making Departmental tests entirely online.

### **Conclusion**

256. My Government has set out a very ambitious and forward looking agenda for the State. Traversing the path that lies ahead will no doubt involve several small but determined steps. The journey may sometimes seem difficult, often demanding a great deal of patience. No dream has been realised without the sacrifice and hard work of all people. But my Government is certain that with the cooperation and support of its people, our State shall emerge victorious in the march towards achieving development firmly founded on the principles of equity, transparency and fairness.

257. In short, my Government believes in and would strive for

1. Food for all.
2. Clothing for all.
3. Homes for all.
4. Internet for all.
5. Education for all.
6. Health care for all.
7. Gender equality.
8. Justice for all.
9. Harmony among all.

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