

## **Honorable Speaker Sir,**

The NDA Government at the Center has initiated a series of well co-coordinated path breaking reforms under the visionary leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendrabhai Modi. Transformation of Planning Commission into NITI Ayog is one such step to set in policy based rather than plan based decision-making. Taking this forward, Government of Gujarat has decided to remove the distinction of plan and non-plan expenditure from the financial year 2017-18. In addition, the State Government has also adopted a more substantive development outcome budget that provides measurable outcome indicators for Government schemes and programs.

Demonetization is one of the most revolutionary in the reform series of the Central Government. Contrary to fear expressed by many, it has led to higher growth in State's revenues from VAT as more taxpayers have come under tax net. As against VAT income of Gujarat of ₹ 10,198 cr from November to January in 2015-16, we have received ₹ 12,424 cr from November to January in 2016-17, registering an increase of **21.83%**. Unified and simpler indirect tax regime of **Goods and Service Tax** is expected to provide a level playing field to Indian goods and services and reasonable prices for consumers.

Gujarat is naturally inclined towards reforms. Under the able leadership of Hon'ble Chief Minister, Shri Vijaybhai Rupani, Gujarat is a front runner in adopting important initiatives of NDA Government such as promoting ease of doing business, Make in India, Start up India, Stand up India, Digital India, Skill India which are further complemented by State Government's initiatives like **Seva setu and Pragati** setu for providing public services at the doorstep of citizens.

State Government's constant endeavor is to devise a strategy to make the most of this favorable development climate. Our Government has closely worked in consultation with public and private sectors, non-Government sectors, local bodies and cooperatives to devise a balanced development strategy for our state. Therefore, the central theme of our budget is to **"Optimize inclusive development of human resources and trunk infrastructure through effective and transparent implementation"**.

Speaker sir, Human Development Index (HDI) is measured on three criteria of literacy, longevity, and per capita GSDP. These criteria measure status of health, education and productivity of people. Trunk infrastructure refers to enabling umbrella infrastructure such as water supply, electricity, road, irrigation and communication, which trigger and facilitate further investments by other stakeholders. At the same time, in accordance with **"Sauno saath sauno vikas"**, all sections of our society and future generations continue to reap socio-economic benefits by inclusive and sustainable development of Gujarat state

Transparent and effective implementation of Government programs and good governance reinforce each other. Our Government has initiated a number of steps to transform service delivery mechanism like Direct Benefit Transfer, payment of Government dues through cyber treasury, reduction in human interface and others. Hon'ble Prime Minister of India and the then Chief Minister Shri Narendrabhai Modi has laid the foundation of all round development of Gujarat state by several visionary initiatives to improve HDI and infrastructure such as Garib Kalyan Mela, Van Bandhu, Sagar Khedu, Shala Praveshotsav, Kanya Kelvani, Vibrant Gujarat and others, making Gujarat a Model State in India. Taking this forward, I present the budget for the financial year 2017-18 before this August House.

The size of our Budget is ₹ 1,72,179.24 cr, which is ₹ 20,327.31 cr higher than the previous year.

I will begin with budget provisions for sectors related to human resources.

## **Education**

Our Government is making sincere efforts to improve educational standards further both in terms of coverage and quality. The impact on primary education has been exemplary and we are determined to take it forward to higher levels of education, for which budgetary provision of ₹ 25000 cr is made, which is ₹ 1185 cr higher than previous year.

**Mukhya Mantri Yuva Swavalamban Yojna** : Our Government has announced a comprehensive Mukhya Mantri Swanvalamban Yojana benefitting about 82,08,000 students, for which ₹ 1,100 cr is allocated , for providing the following benefits

- Free text books and assistance for uniform to all 60,60,000 students of primary school
- Free text books to all 21,03,000 students of secondary and higher secondary schools and
- Financial support for tuition fees, mess and hostel facilities to all 45,000 students of higher education.
- In addition to 50% assistance in tuition fees under Mukhya Mantri Swavalamban Yojana, female students of self financed medical colleges will get 50% assistance in tuition fees from Kanya Kelvani Nidhi, making medical education free for female students

**Tablets for students** : Youths of Gujarat is capable of getting international recognition, for which they need to be exposed to global knowledge pool. Therefore, to enable them to avail higher echelons of education through modern day technology, I am glad to announce that about 3,50,000 students passing this year's 12<sup>th</sup> board exams held in this year and taking admission in colleges and polytechnics will be provided with tablets at the token price of just ₹ 1,000, for which an allocation of ₹ 200 cr is made.

**Digischool initiative** : Hon'ble Prime Minister has launched Digital India with the laudable objective of expanding digital horizons of our country. Therefore, for this purpose, an early grooming of the present generation, which is also more adapt to Information and Communication Technology based teaching with an added advantage of standardization and making education more interesting, a sum total of ₹ 261 cr is allocated for promoting ICT based education at all levels of education.

- 84,000 students of 2400 classes of 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> standards in 1200 primary schools will be exposed to smart classes through use of computers, smart interactive boards, IR camera, projector and digital pen. Out of these, students of 100 schools will be provided with tablet and in remaining schools tablets will be provided through CSR.

- E-learning based second level smart schools with internet connectivity will be set up for primary, secondary and higher secondary schools.
- Digital Education Learning (DEL) lab will be set up in additional 37 colleges to conduct on-line exams and set up language learning centers.
- Student innovation fund will be set up for promoting innovation and pre start up activities in Universities and colleges.

For **improving quality** of all levels of education by the following interventions, ₹ 440 cr is allocation

- 7,44,152 girl students of class 9–12 will be provided free education in 5374 GIA schools. State Government will reimburse their fees directly to GIA schools
- For making primary education more interesting and personalized to student's individual adaptability, taste and pace, teaching learning aids in 25000 Prajna schools for 22 lakh students and for class 1 – 4 will be provided.
- Primary education will be provided to 1,46,000 students in private schools under RTE Act. The State Government will pay their fees and they will be provided books, uniform and school bags at the total cost of ₹ 13,000 per such student.
- A new Sainik school will be opened each at Veraval in Gir Somnath district and in tribal area of Surat district. State government will support opening of new Sainik schools on PPP basis with the well-managed education trusts, for the purpose of inculcating patriotism and discipline and at the same time ensuring higher level of employment.
- 30 new Government schools will be opened for providing secondary and higher secondary education in vicinity especially in far fetched areas.
- 7233 visiting teachers for teaching Math and science in secondary and higher secondary schools will be engaged.
- State Government will provide **interest subvention** during moratorium period on education loan taken by Gujarat's students for availing higher education in foreign Universities, to ensure that bright students from lower and middle income families also get good quality education,
- Center of Excellence and modern laboratories will be set up for advanced courses in Pharmacy in identified universities.

Good **educational infrastructures** also contribute substantially to quality of education. Therefore, ₹ 900 cr is provided to construct the following educational infrastructure

- 6500 new primary school rooms under Sarva Siksha Abhiyan.
- Four mobile science laboratories to promote scientific thinking and practical understanding of scientific concepts in students in four regions of Gujarat that will benefit about 3,60,000 students.
- Buildings for 10 new Government secondary schools will be constructed.
- Buildings for 10 new Government colleges in tribal areas and 16 in non tribal area
- A new Government polytechnic college with five diploma courses will be opened in tribal area of Halol.
- A new college for engineering and associated courses will be opened on PPP basis at Dholka in Ahmedabad district.
- Campus for Bhakt Kavi Narsinh Mehta University at Junagadh and GovindGuru University at Godhara will be constructed, for which ₹ 52 cr is earmarked in 2017-18.

For ensuring mental and physical health of school children by providing nutritious food, ₹ 1,068 cr is allocated for **Mid day meal** scheme benefitting 43.66 lakh students.

**For sections of the society that require special incentives for education, ₹ 166 cr is allocated for the following**

- Parents and guardians of 5.75 lakh girl students of primary schools in 14 tribal districts will be provided with grains under “**Anna Triveni**” scheme.
- 4,81,642 students of primary schools in developing 26 talukas of 12 districts will be provided with flavored milk for 200 days in a year.
- **Gymnasium facilities will be provided in 1000 Government Schools** and Grant in aid schools, for which a special provision of ₹ 2.5 cr is made.

## **Health and Family Welfare**

Healthy people create a favorable environment for a healthy socio-economic development. For ensuring health to everyone from a baby in mother’s womb to persons of all ages, according to निरामयम प्रथमं सुखं मतं a provision of ₹ 8,800 cr is made.

**Maternal and child care** forms the basis for healthy society for which a total of ₹ 119.15 cr is allocated for undertaking the following activities.

- For making blood supply available during obstetric emergencies and trauma care, **9 new blood banks** at district hospitals and **41 new blood storage units** at sub district hospitals will be set up
- Services of private gynecologists will be provided to pregnant and lactating mothers of BPL, SC & ST families under Chirinjivi scheme
- Provision of supplementary nutritious food will be made for pregnant mothers

- For promoting menstrual hygiene and uninterrupted education for adolescent girls, sanitary napkins will be provided
- For reducing Infant Mortality Rate in high priority area due to low birth weight, pediatric treatment and special care is made available
- Services of private pediatrician are made available for new borne babies under Bal Sakha scheme.

### **Public Health**

Vector borne diseases like malaria and dengue appear periodically and affect health of people adversely. Therefore, our government has decided to take up the challenge of “**eliminating vector borne disease**” from Gujarat by 2022 by taking intense measures of vector control, extensive screening, close monitoring, early diagnosis and treatment and a lot of public awareness will be taken. A provision of ₹ 102 cr is made for this program,

**MA and MA Vatsalya scheme** provide assured annual health coverage of ₹ 2 lakh for more than 500 procedures under 7 clusters of life threatening ailments. I am glad to increase its coverage by raising annual family income limit from ₹ 1.2 lakh to ₹ 1.5 lakh and further expand its scope to cover neurological ailments and additional oncology procedures and double the allocation for this scheme to ₹ 500 cr.

State Government provides medicines in essential drug list free to all the patients in public hospitals. Enhanced provision of ₹ 466 cr is made for this purpose.

State Government has launched **Deendayal Generic Drug Store Scheme** to make available good quality and reasonably priced generic medicines to public. I propose to increase the number of such stores from 52 at present to 500 and provide ₹ 15 cr.

Considering success of **108 emergency service** in saving lives, I provide ₹ 15 cr to expand its reach by adding **70 new ambulances** and provide additional **43 ambulances** at public hospitals

For strengthening rural health network of hospitals, ₹ 221 cr is provided for the construction of CHCs, PHCs and sub centers and strengthening of urban PHCs and CHCs

### **Medical Services and Medical Education**

- For upgradation and **modernization of civil hospital Ahmedabad**, ₹ 129 cr is provided for installing state of the art equipment and appointing medical staff.
- For strengthening of **Gujarat Cancer and Research Institute and Ophthalmology Institute** at Ahmedabad, ₹ 80 cr is provided
- For providing free treatment to BPL and lower income families at **cancer, kidney and cardiac public institutions**, ₹ 40 cr is provided

- For setting up of **pediatric cardiac services** at U N Mehta Institute of Cardiology, ₹ 100 cr is provided.
- For air ambulance services, necessitated due to heart or other organ transplants, ₹ 50 lakh is provided.
- State Government has announced Medical policy – 2016 providing support for setting up new medical colleges and super specialty hospitals with high end medical equipment, nursing homes and diagnostic centers, for which ₹ 100 cr is provided
- For increasing 220 seat at government **medical colleges at Surat, Vadodara and Jamnagar**, ₹ 51 cr is provided
- For strengthening and bringing AYUSH into mainstream health care with participation of non-Government sector, ₹ 10 cr is provided.

### **Agriculture and co-operation**

Budgetary allocation of ₹ 6400 cr is made for the primary sector of employment namely Agriculture, Cooperation and allied activities, which provides huge employment and farm produces, which is an increase of about ₹ 608 cr over last year.

Welfare of farmers is central to the development strategies of our Government and we continue to build the edifice of socio economic development on the foundation of prosperity and welfare of farmers community as laid down by Hon'ble PM and the then Hon'ble CM of Gujarat Shri Narendra Modi. Therefore, I announce to rename "Agriculture and Cooperation Department" as "Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare Department".

We are increasingly conscious of hazardous impact of over use of chemical farm inputs on our health, texture of soil, ground water and environment. Therefore, our Government has announced a policy for organic farming. This is easier to promote in tribal areas as they live closer to nature. Therefore, agriculture of Dharampur, Kaparada and Vansada talukas and Dangs district will be transformed as organic. For promoting education and research, **Organic Agriculture University** will be set up. A sum total of ₹ 82 cr is allocated for **organic agriculture**.

Our Government is taking the following steps for providing **agri finance, agri infrastructure and agri risk management**.

- i) I announce to expand the scope of micro irrigation scheme, which is popular among farmers for reducing need for water, electricity and fertilizers and increasing production and enhance State assistance from 50 % to 70% and further from 75% to 85% for SC and ST farmers, for which ₹ 313 cr is allocated for 1,70,515 hectares of land benefitting 1,00,000 farmers.

- ii) Farmers face a difficult challenge of saving their crop raised after a lot of hard work from Neelgaj and pigs. Therefore, our Government is determined to support them for erecting **wire fencing** on the boundaries of their farms to protect their crop for which ₹ 200 cr is allocated.
- iii) State Government provides 3% interest subvention on timely repayment of crop loans and 2% interest subvention for crop loans obtained under rural cooperative credit set up. As a result, about 14 lakh farmers get **crop loan merely at 1% interest**, for which allocation of ₹ 500 cr is made.
- iv) For linking cooperative credit structure with Core Banking System and providing Rupay cum debit card to farmer, ₹ 80 cr is allocated
- v) For providing comprehensive insurance cover under PMKBY to more than 13 lakh farmers both during Kharif and Rabi seasons right from sowing till harvest and Crop Insurance Corpus Fund ₹ 476 cr is allocated.
- vi) Price Stability Fund is set up to ensure **Minimum Support Price** for cereals, pulses and vegetables.
- vii) ₹ 365 cr is allocated under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojna
- viii) For increasing storage capacity by 63,000 MT for fertilizers, seeds and agricultural produces, ₹ 126 cr is provided
- ix) The present capacity of multi commodity cold storage of 23 lakh MT will be increased to 30 lakh MT by 2022. In 2017-18, cold storages with individual capacity of 5000 MT will be set up, due to which total capacity will be increased by 1.25 lakh MT
- x) For conservation of water and increasing moisture content in 33,208 hectares of land by construction of about 10,000 water storage facilities, ₹ 547 cr is allocated

Our Government is taking following measures to provide assistance for **farm inputs and farm mechanization** for which ₹ 418 cr is provided.

- i) Hand tool kits for 60,000 small, marginal and SC, ST farmers
- ii) Support for farm mechanization, farm inputs, training and demonstration to 1,57,500 farmers under various schemes.
- iii) Assistance for **planting materials for horticulture enhanced from 50% to 90%** for promoting diversification and high value horticulture.
- iv) Support to 24,000 farmers for purchasing **tractors** will be provided.

- v) Assistance for agro processing at farm sites to 1000 farmer
- vi) Promoting good quality seeds by signing MoU between Gujarat Seed valley federation and Gujarat State Seeds Corporation
- vii) Support for water soluble fertilizers to save input costs for farmers

**Marketing of agricultural produce** is equally important and our Government is taking following steps for reforms, regulation and development of agricultural marketing, for which allocation of ₹ 92 cr is made

- i) 240,000 MT Storage capacity for agricultural produces will be added by constructing 50 godowns at APMCs and 1000 godowns at Primary Agricultural Credit Society in 2017-18.
- ii) e-National Agricultural Market facilities for on-line auction will be made available in additional 60 APMCs which will connect 100 APMCs and bring a big number of buyers and sellers on this platform and ensure reasonable sale price to farmers.
- iii) Assistance for facilities like auction shed, internal roads, weigh bridge, sale cum demonstration center will be provided to APMCs.

In Gujarat, farm income is complemented by **animal husbandry and dairying**, which forms about 30% of the total income from agriculture and allied activities.

Gir and Kankrej cows and Jafrabadi, Mahesani and Bunni buffaloes are unique high genetic breed. Our Government has come out with a breeding policy for conservation, breeding and development of these pure and indigenous breed. Therefore, for developing three frozen semen stations at, Rajkot, Mandvi and Panchmahals on the lines of Patan semen station, 248 Nandi Ghars for breeding high genetic value Nandis at each block head quarter, 2 bull mother farms and other interventions, a provision of ₹ 88.42 cr is made.

The following assistance to dairy sector is proposed for which ₹ 38 cr is provided

- i) **Village level dairy milk cooperatives** will be provided assistance for 375 auto milk collection system, 125 bulk coolers, 225 Doodhghars and 325 equipments to check milk adulteration, and beneficiaries will be assisted for insurance premium for 2400 cattle and procurement of cattle feed for 10000 pregnant cattle
- ii) Assistance to six district milk cooperative unions for area specific mineral mixture plants and two unions for setting up cattle feed plant for which a total of ₹ 20 cr is provided.



For animal health care the following assistance with an outlay of ₹ 120 cr is provided.

- i) **Free medicines** for all Government veterinary hospitals.
- ii) **115 mobile animal health care units** will be provided
- iii) Eight ambulances for emergency animal care on the lines of 108 emergency services will be provided on pilot basis under "**Karuna animal emergency care**".
- iv) **Animal ambulance cum critical care units** for providing animal health services in tribal regions, Kutch and Saurashtra
- v) One **high tech referral hospital** will be set up in Porbandar district
- vi) Construction of 73 new veterinary clinics and renovation of 19 veterinary clinics
- vii) **4500 animal health camps** will be organized.
- viii) Comprehensive **vaccination** of animals and birds.

### **Fisheries**

Gujarat has a long coastline of 1600 km and is a leading producer and exporter of marine products, providing employment to about 1.5 lakh persons.

For establishment of new harbors at Mangrol, Navabandar, Madhwad, Veraval, Porbandar, Sutrapada, Okha and Bhadrashwar to provide modern facilities and for dredging and maintenance of existing harbours, ₹ 268 cr is provided.

For **reimbursement of VAT** paid on diesel used for mechanized boats, ₹ 80 cr is allocated.

For providing **subsidized kerosene to fishermen** for the first time using Fiber Reinforced Boats, provision of ₹ 22.50 cr is made.

Assistance for ice plant, construction of ponds, inland fishing, fish seed hatchery, feed mill, insulated boxes, navigation aids and other inputs will be provided to fishermen for which ₹ 66 cr is allocated.

### **Industries and mines**

I propose allocation of ₹ 3800 cr for Industries and mines sector, which generates employment of secondary and tertiary level.

#### **Special Package for Micro and Small units :**

उद्योगो जन लक्षणम् **People of Gujarat are a living example of this expression.**

Our Government has announced special measures for MSME sector in Industrial policy in 2015. We will take it forward by providing enhanced

assistance to units up to investment of ₹ 50 lakh and for units with investment more than ₹ 50 lakh and up to ₹ 2 cr in plant and machinery. I am pleased to announce this special package of ₹ 1000 cr which consists of enhanced assistance for

- Capital and rental charges,
  - Enterprise Resource Planning and ICT,
  - technology acquisition,
  - market development,
  - fees reimbursement for Credit Guarantee Trust for Micro and Small Enterprises,
  - raising finance through SME exchange and
  - additional assistance for power connection.
- In addition to this, I am happy to announce another special package of Bharatratna Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar Udyog Uday Yojna for SC and ST beneficiaries, which includes additional support for 360 degree entrepreneurship training with mentorship and sustenance allowance, assistance for new power connection, support for industrial infrastructure in addition to above incentives further enhanced.
  - For focused assistance to MSME and speedy implementation of schemes, our Government will set up a separate commissionerate.
  - 5000 “plug and produce” multi storied sheds with common infrastructure facilities will be constructed with the options of higher purchase and rental work premises with easy exit route, out of which 1000 sheds will be reserved for SC and ST beneficiaries.

**Package for Traditional Trades :** Our Government reaches out to all sections of the society. Therefore, in addition to MSME, I’m happy to announce a special package of ₹ 10 cr for conventional service provider communities like Valand, Dhobi, Suthar, Luhar, Darji, Mochi, Potter and others, consisting of the following assistance:

- Provision for skill upgrading on the job training with best of the professionals in their fields
- Provision for enhanced toolkits and
- Provision for modern amenities at their work places.

**Traditional handicrafts :** Our traditional handicraft artisans have earned international recognition and repute. For supporting and encouraging these unique crafts of Kutchi work, patola work, bandhani work, wooden carved furniture and others a special provision of ₹ 10 cr is made.

For providing skill upgradation training, identity cards and secured market place to **workers of leather industry**, a provision of ₹ 50 lakh is made.

For encouraging and supporting entrepreneurial innovation under **Start up policy** and Research and Development under **Research and Development policy**, ₹ 17 cr is allocated.

Our Government is committed to diversification of economy of our state. In pursuance of this goal, we have announced a number of policies such as **Industrial incentive scheme, Defense and Aerospace policy and modified scheme for plastic industries**. For providing incentives under these schemes, ₹ 200 cr is earmarked.

Our **Textile policy** is one example of successful policy interventions, under which about 1050 units have come up and vast employment opportunities have been generated for which ₹ 570 cr is provided.

Our Government aims at higher growth rate and development of modern infrastructure facilities. In furtherance of this objective, ₹ 106 cr is provided for undertaking the following projects :

- First phase of Mandal – Becharaji Special Investment Region will be initiated.
- For providing convention and exhibition facilities of global standards for our producers and exporters, development of Mahatma Mandir will be further supported with redevelopment of Gandhinagar railway station including hotel facilities of global standards by Special Purpose Vehicle of **Gandhinagar Railway and Urban Development Corporation (GARUD)** jointly formed by Government of Gujarat and Railways.
- For complementing robust network of roads and well developed port infrastructure with state of the art railway infrastructure in our state, a Joint Venture of **Gujarat Rail Infrastructure and Development Corporation (G-RIDE)** will be set up.

### **Tourism**

The United Nations has declared year 2017 as “International Year of Sustainable Tourism for Development” and there has been a steady increase in the tourist flow to Gujarat which has necessitated further augmentation of infrastructure for which ₹ 292 cr is provided under **Integrated Tourist Destination Development Scheme** that will also include International Buddhist Circuit, Heritage Tourism, Tribal Tourism and Agro/ Farm Tourism.

Sabarmati Ashram was the center of freedom struggle of our country. For Centenary celebrations to commemorate the completion of 100 years of Sabarmati Ashram to reinforce Gandhian values, ₹ 25 cr is allocated.

Our visionary Hon'ble PM has introduced the concept of **Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat** to strengthen the thread of unity of our country, in furtherance of which, an MoU is signed between Gujarat and Chhattisgarh for exchange of tourists during National Day and other celebrations, for which a provision of ₹ 10 cr is provided.

- **Border Tourism:** With a view to instill patriotism through the tour program of Seema Darshan at Nadabet in Banaskantha district, a provision of ₹ 10 cr is made.
- **Tourism Policy:** There has been a positive response to Tourism Policy 2015-20, announced by the State Government. A provision of ₹ 35 cr is made for providing incentives to eligible tourism.

For transforming popular tourist destinations of Saputara, Devmogara, Dakor, Ambaji, Dwarka-Bet Dwarka, Somnath, Palitana Sasan-Gir as **Smart Tourist Destinations**, a provision of ₹ 20 cr is earmarked for amenities of safe drinking water, sanitation and waste management, rain water harvesting, solar rooftop, wifi, battery operated vehicle and other facilities for the differently abled tourists and CCTV for enhanced security.

A Provision of ₹ 20 cr is made to promote talent of local youths by imparting training in 15 training courses related to tourism and hospitality sector and create employment opportunities for ten thousand youths.

#### **Pavitra Yatradham Vikas**

For maintaining **24x7 cleanliness and further development** at pavitra Yatradhams with high tourist flows such as Somnath, Ambaji, Dwarka, Palitana, Dakor, Shamlaji and Girnar, a provision of ₹ 40 cr is proposed.

**Santnagari** is an ambitious project of State Government aimed at depicting history, way of life, messages and preaching of Saints who have created a lasting impact on our social ethos, for which ₹ 22 cr is provided.

The care, respect and dedication with which Shravana carried his old and disabled parents for pilgrimage continue to inspire us even today. Therefore, with reverence I announce **Shravan Tirth Darshan Yojna** to assist senior citizens of our state for pilgrimages in Gujarat on the basis of 50% of the cost of State Transport pilgrimage tour package of three nights and four days, for which a provision of ₹ 4 cr is made.

Budgetary provision of ₹ 1650 cr is made.

Our Government is concerned for **welfare of construction laborers**. Therefore, I present a comprehensive package of schemes with allocation of ₹ 70 cr.

**Labor and  
Employment  
Department**

- **Shramik Annapurna Scheme** for providing nutritious and good quality subsidized food to 50,000 construction workers of 88 kadianaka in 10 cities.
- Registered unorganized laborers will be covered under **MA and MA Vatsalya** schemes on the basis of U-WIN cards.
- **Dhanvantri ambulance services** will also be provided to them
- Extensive skilling of registered construction workers will be undertaken.
- Monthly old age support of ₹ 1000 will be provided to registered construction workers to provide social and financial security to them.

Our Government is committed to increase opportunity for gainful employment through diversified and standardized large scale skilling linked to industry that is planned to fulfill current and future requirements. Therefore,

**For providing raw materials, stipend, bus passes and other facilities to about 2 lakh trainees of ITIs as well as for renovation and maintenance of existing ones and organizing 100 recruitment camps benefitting about 300,000 youths a sum total of ₹ 866 cr is allocated.**

- For construction of 9 ITIs and strengthening infrastructure in existing ITIs, ₹ 33 cr is allocated.
- For upgrading 8 ITIs in PPP mode ₹ 14 cr is allocated.
- Two new ITIs will be set up in newly created blocks of Kukarmunda and Dolvan.
- For skill training of 20,000 trainees under centrally sponsored Pradhan Mantri Kaushalya Vikas Yojana ₹ 29 cr is allocated.
- Considering expansion of service sector, service related training courses will be strengthened and seats will be increased from 20,000 to 45,000 for which ₹ 10 cr is allocated.

For **improving quality of training** in these ITIs, a no of initiatives will be taken for which ₹ 24 cr is provided. I'd like to mention some of these here –

- Center of Excellence of international standard will be set up on PPP basis through Mahatma Gandhi National Institute for Skill Development; About 10,000 trainees and teachers will be provided soft skill training in digital and financial literacy, decision making, self-motivation through Chicago University Center.
- About 200 master trainers and 3000 trainers will be trained as placement counselors.
- Skill aptitude tests will be conducted for 30,000 students for promoting demand based skill education.
- 1500 youths will be given 45 days residential training for recruitment in military and paramilitary forces and police force under Swami Vivekanand pre recruitment training scheme.

- 10,000 fresh trainees will be provided apprenticeship and trained as per dual system of training under National Apprentice Incentive Scheme.

**Now I will provide details of budgetary provisions of infrastructure sector.**

## Road and Building

For the financial year 2017-18, ₹ 8812 cr is allocated for Roads and buildings with an increase of ₹ 410 cr over previous year.

**Mukhya Mantri Gram Sadak Yojna:** Our Government has launched **Mukhya Mantri Gram Sadak Yojna** to strengthen rural road network connecting 18,000 villages and 16,245 habitats with good quality all weather roads at the total project cost of ₹ 10,000 cr that will benefit about 2.5 cr rural population and generate a lot of employment opportunities.

In the year 2017-18, ₹ 2500 cr is provided for this scheme, under which construction of new roads of 3500 km length and resurfacing of roads of 2500 km length will be undertaken. Main district roads and other roads of 800 km length will be widened up to 7 meters.

To augment and strengthen the robust road infrastructure for providing boost to state economy, provision of ₹ 1151 cr is made, out of which **58 roads of 730.14 km length will be converted into four lane.**

Some of these important links are

- i) Varmor – Vitthalapur – Detroj – Kadi,
- ii) Songadh – Palitana;
- iii) Talaja – Palitana;
- iv) Surat – Olpad – Sahol;
- v) Ankleshwar – Zagadia – Rajpipla
- vi) Dabhoi – Tilakwada – Garudeshwar – Kewadia colony;
- vii) Ahmedabad – Dakor;
- viii) Himmatnagar – Ambaji and
- ix) Rajkot – Morbi road

Besides these, 36 bridges are under construction and **37 new works of bridges** will be undertaken in 2017-18.

Among these, some of the important works are

1. **Four lane bridge parallel to Golden bridge near Bharuch.**
2. Bridge across Kaveri river near Vaghrech on Bilimora – Vaghrech – Dholai road.
3. Bridge across Sabarmati river on Himmatnagar – Idar – Khedbrahmma – Ambaji road.
4. Bridge across Bhadar river on Upleta – Patanvav road.
5. Bridge across Godpar river on Bhuj – Mandvi road.

₹ 210 cr is allocated for **converting 317 km of State highways into two lane.**

₹ 200 cr is provided for **World Bank assisted Gujarat State Highway Project** under which-

- i. 10 km stretch of Bharuch – Dahegam road will be developed on multiple aspect of road safety.
- ii. For the first time three state highways of 103 km length will be widened and strengthened on output and performance based road contract (OPRC).
- iii. 61 km of Mehsana – Himmatnagar road will be converted into four lane and a part of it will be developed on “green highway concept” on pilot basis on PPP model of design, build, finance, operate, maintain and transfer.

₹ 192 cr is allocated for road and RoB annuity works and construction of roads of 80 km length under **Kisan Path Scheme.**

State wide **9 long corridors of Pragati Path** linking east – west and north –south of Gujarat will be converted into four lane to facilitate travelling at an average speed of 80 km per hour that will also put our economy on fast track at the total project cost of ₹ 2087 cr for which, in 2017-18 ₹ 241 cr is allocated.

Some of the important four lane corridors will be-

- i) Ahmedabad- Bagodara – Dhandhuka – Vallabhipur – Bhavnagar
- ii) Mehsana – Visnagar – Ambaghata – Ambaji – state border
- iii) Paliad – Sayla – Muli – Surendranagar – Malvan – Patdi – Dasada
- iv) Badhla – Rajula – Hindorana
- v) Chavand – Lathi – Amreli
- vi) Chikhli – Vaghai – Ahwa – Chinchali – state border

For converting roads passing through newly created taluka head quarters into four lane or widening up to 10 meters according to requirement for drainage, street light, footpath etc, ₹ 40 cr is allocated.

For **widening of Vikas Paths** constructed for linking cities and towns in phase-I, ₹ 80 cr is allocated in 2017-18

Considering long term strategic requirement arising out of industrialization and social needs, bridges on big rivers of Gujarat state are planned at total project cost ₹ 554 cr, out of which ₹ 91 cr is allocated for 2017-18. Some of the important bridges are-

- i. Bridge across Banas river on Harij – Totana road
- ii. Bridge across Tapi river on Unn – Kosadi road
- iii. Bridge across Mahi river on Ambav – Galateshwar road
- iv. Bridge across Shetrunji river on Timana – Dantrad road

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For ongoing construction of Jilla Seva Sadan in newly formed Gir-Somnath district, Taluka Seva Sadan in newly formed talukas of Jesar, Dholera, Vinchhiya and Jotana, in the existing talukas of Kheda and Gandhinagar, Waghodiya, Sinor, Sahera, Kukermunda and Dolvan ₹ 82 cr is allocated.

**Ahmedabad-Bagodra-Rajkot road will be converted into six lane road with debt equity ratio of 70:30 for which ₹ 50 cr is allocated in 2017-18.**

For providing seamless connectivity and safety by construction of ROB /RUB in place of level crossing having more than 1 lakh train vehicle unit [T.V.U.] and level crossing DFCC with 50:50 share of railway and State Government and under other scheme, a total of 88 RoBs will be constructed at total project cost of ₹ 4100.84, out of which 30 RoBs have been constructed, 38 RoBs are in progress and remaining works will be started soon.

Provision of ₹ 1400 cr is made for Ports and Transport.

Our Government has accorded priority to ports led development, success of which can be seen in thriving minor ports of Gujarat. For ensuring sustainable development of ports, our Government will announce new ports policy in 2017-18.

Development of Chhara port, Dahej port and LNG Terminal with Floating Search and Regasification Unit (FSRU) Jhafrabad will be undertaken on PPP basis.

Gujarat Maritime University will be set up for providing marine education and courses of maritime economy, operation and maintenance of ports, maritime finance, maritime Acts and design & planning of ports for which ₹ 20 cr. is provided.

For setting up training and welfare institute for workers of Alang Ship Breaking Yard under Sagar Mala Scheme of Government of India, ₹ 30 cr. is provided.

**For the completion of project for RoRo ferry service between Ghogha and Dahej will be completed in 2017 for which ₹ 24 cr. is provided.**

For development of **berthing facilities for Narmada Parikrama**, process for site investigation structure designing, land equations and CRZ approval are undertaken and construction of Jetty will begin in 2017-18 by Gujarat Maritime Board for which provision of ₹ 8 Cr made.

**Transportation**

For strengthening transportation in rural and interior areas, **1600 new buses** will be put in operation by GSRTC, due to which **352 schedules** will be added, benefiting additional 83,000 passengers per day for which ₹ 410 cr. is provided.



For **renovation and modernization of 28 bus depots** to provide good quality services to travellers, ₹ 150 cr. is earmarked.

For implementation of information and communications technology in various sectors of operations and maintenance of transport services by GSRTC, ₹ 35 cr. is allocated.

For implementation of road safety policy of Central and State Government and for effective coordination between different agencies “**Gujarat Road Safety Society**” will be set up for which ₹ 5 cr. is provided.

### **Civil Aviation**

To augment the infrastructure of State Government owned airstrips and provide **night flying facilities along with all-weather landing and take-off capabilities**, a provision of ₹ 132 cr is made.

Under **Regional Connectivity Scheme of UDAN Yojna**, air connectivity will be made available to common people at **affordable rates**. In addition, our government proposes to initiate **heli-services** at Ambaji, Dwarka and Somnath. A provision of ₹ 9 cr is made for both these initiatives.

### **Water supply**

Provision of **tap drinking water** is the basic civic infrastructure that not only promotes public health but provides development opportunities also. Therefore, ₹ 3010 cr is allocated with an increase of ₹ 304 cr, for the following Important schemes:

For **D-network water supply schemes** to provide Narmada water to 156 villages of Upleta, Jam Kandorna, Dhoraji and Jetpur blocks and 5 towns of Bhayavadar, Jetpur, dhoraji, Jam Kandorna and Upleta, ₹ 234 cr is allocated.

- For putting the following on-going schemes on fast track, a sum total of ₹ 770 cr is allocated.
- Vatrak and Mazum reservoir based group water supply scheme for 501 villages and 3 towns of Aravalli district.
- Hafeshwar Narmada river basin based group water supply scheme for Sothern villages of Dahod district, 343 villages and towns of Chhota Udepur district.
- Kakrapar group water supply scheme for 159 villages of Surat.
- Tapi bulk pipeline based water supply scheme for 194 villages of Tapi district.
- Hareda group water supply scheme benefitting 51 villages of Panchmahal district.
- Hirola group water supply scheme for 18 villages of Dahod,
- Narmada main canal based water supply scheme for 12 villages of Diyodar taluka of Banaskatha district in
- Drinking water will be provided to 71 border outposts of BSF at border areas with central assistance.

- For preventing probable water crisis in Kutch during summer, a substitute to Saurashtra Branch Canal to ensure drawl of 100 MLD of water per day from Kutch Branch Canal, a pumping station with link pipeline will be constructed to link Narmada Pipeline near Bhachau, for which ₹ 35 cr is allocated in 2017-18.
- Khedbrahma Stage-II Regional Water Supply Scheme covering 119 villages and 40 habitats of Khedbrahma, Poshina and Vijaynagar blocks of Sabarkantha District benefitting about 2 lakh people, ₹ 35 cr is allocated in 2017-18.
- Water supply scheme based on the source of GIDC weir constructed on Damanganga river is planned for 25 villages of Vapi block, benefitting 1.7 lakh population, for which ₹ 116 cr is provided.
- Similarly, water supply scheme based on Mahi river for 39 villages of Vadodara north block benefitting 3.6 lakh population, for which ₹ 86 cr is provided.
- For providing 20 - 30 MLD of additional Narmada water to villages and towns of Kutiana and Ranawav blocks of Porbander district, a 65 km long bulk pipeline will be laid from Upleta for which ₹ 125 cr is provided.
- For Devbhumi Dwarka, Porbander and Jamnagar districts, an alternate source of water supply will be provided for which ₹ 13 cr is allocated.
- For Ukai reservoir based Sagbara - Dediapada group water supply scheme for 221 villages of Narmada and Tapi districts, Kadana reservoir based Sarsadi – Vachchhala Dungar group water supply scheme for 27 villages of Mahisagar district and Bhilodia and Sankheda branch canal based two group water supply schemes for 115 villages of Chhota Udepur and 23 Narmada colonies a sum total of ₹ 100 cr is allocated.

For the first time our Government is going to trust with our destiny by transforming saline water of sea into potable water through erection of desalination plant on pilot basis in PPP mode for 100 MLD that will partially ensure water security for Devbhumi Dwarka, Porbander, Rajkot, Morbi and Kutch districts, for which an allocation of ₹ 10 cr is made.

**Water Resources:**

Out of 125 lakh hectares cultivable land, only 38 lakh hectares were irrigated in 2000. In 2016, it has increased to 62 lakh hectares that, ₹ 5745 cr is allocated for expanding present irrigation network, which is ₹ 449 cr more than previous year.

**Lift irrigation for tribal areas:** For providing irrigation to 24300 hectares of land in tribal areas of Surat district and 10,000 hectares of land in Dahod and Mahisagar districts, four schemes of lift irrigation with the total project cost of ₹ 1974 cr were launched by Hon'ble PM in September 2016 and ₹ 438 cr is provided for 2017-18.

₹ 84 cr is allocated for irrigating 16,800 hectares by strengthening existing canal network of Ukai, Kakrapar, Kadana and other dams.

8,500 hectares will be benefitted through participatory irrigation. 2300 hectares of land will be benefitted through deepening of check dams and ponds. 700 hectares will be benefitted by river, canal and tube well based lift irrigation and 1600 hectares will be benefitted by pressurized irrigation network (PINS), for which ₹ 106 cr is provided in all.

In Saurashtra region, phase-I of SAUNI is on the verge of completion whereby, 13 Reservoirs are filled with water and 60,000 hectares of land has been benefitted. Phase-II of SAUNI has begun and Aaji – 1, Demi – 1, Lalpari, Bhimdad and Ankadi dams will be filled up in 2017-18. For filling up 63 dams in 10 districts to strengthen irrigation in 194,000 hectares of land, ₹ 1698 cr is allocated.

₹ 19 cr is provided to irrigate additional 18,000 hectares of land through cutting canal based lift irrigation.

For the farmers of north and central Gujarat, “Sujalam Sufalam” scheme is a boon. Therefore, this scheme will be further enhanced to cover 3000 hectares of Gandhinagar and 14,700 hectares of Mehsana in 5 lift irrigation schemes- Piyaj to Unad, Dhadhusan to Red Lakshmipura, Bhasariya to Sametra, Kherva to Visnagar - at the total cost of ₹ 1063 cr, out of which ₹ 210 cr is provided in 2017-18.

- For survey investigation of lift irrigation pipelines for Tharad - Sipu and Kasara – Dantiwada in Banaskantha and Dindrol – Mukteshwar in Patan, ₹ 6 cr is provided.
- For Hirpara and Valasana barrage ₹ 32 cr is allocated.
- For reaching one Million Acre Feet of flood water of Narmada to Kutch region, additional works of water conservation and checking salinity ingress will be undertaken for irrigating 22300 hectares of land. ₹ 76 cr is allocated for this purpose.
- In addition, various works of water conservation such as deepening of ponds, check dams and recharge wells will benefit 11000 hectares of land, for which ₹ 178 cr is allocated. Strengthening of existing canal network will bring 54,000 hectares of land under irrigation, for which ₹ 269 cr is allocated.
- The techno feasibility study for Kalpsar project is on the verge of completion, for which ₹ 10 cr is allocated.
- In Shuklatirth, downstream of Narmada river, intruding backwaters have led to salinity ingress in ground water and soil. As a result, there is a shortage of domestic and industrial water in the surrounding villages and towns. Therefore, **a barrage across Narmada river at the project cost of ₹ 4050 cr will be constructed at Bhadbhut, for which ₹ 100 cr is provided.**

## **“Sardar Sarovar Yojana”**

It is for the strenuous efforts of courageous people of Gujarat that Narmada water travels all the way to Kutch and convert its arid land into fertile soil. With an increase of ₹ 782 cr, I propose allocation of ₹ 5100 cr for the monumental project of “Sardar Sarovar”.

In continuity with completion of record 15,500 km., long underground pipelines in 54 Talukas that provided irrigation to 6.17 lakh hectares of agricultural land in phase one, in the year 2017-18 canal network will be increased by 12,500 km in 51 Talukas and provide irrigation to additional 4 lakh hectares, for which ₹ 1620 Cr. is allocated in 2017-18.

In addition, for sub canal distribution of Vallabhipur, Gadhsisa and Kutch branch canal which will irrigate 1.6 lakh hectares of land, ₹ 791 cr. is allocated. Tapar dam in Kutch district will be filled up with water by Kutch branch canal for which ₹ 160 cr is allocated.

For timely completion of ongoing works of repairs and strengthening of 20 year old canals in Narmada, Bharuch, Panchmahal, Vadodara and Chhota Udaipur districts, ₹ 240 cr. is allocated. A high level Gora bridge near Sardar Sarovar dam will be constructed, for which ₹ 142 cr is provided

State Government thanks Central Government for accepting long pending request of Gujarat to treat desert development area same as drought prone areas. Consequently, Central Government’s assistance of ₹ 4,797 cr. will be availed to carry out minor canal works of Sardar Sarovar scheme.

Government has signed an MOU with NABARD for availing a loan of ₹ 3611 cr. for the State Government’s share from the year 2016-17 to 2018-19 out of Long Term Irrigation Fund.

Works of solar power plant and small electricity generation units on canals will be completed in the year 2017-18 which will produce a total of 110 MW, for which allocation of ₹ 332 cr. is made.

## **Science & Technology**

Our state is leading in implementation of all nine pillars of Digital India. State Government is going full hog for promoting ICT application for service delivery and provision for internet connectivity which are the needs of the hour. Therefore, with an increase of ₹ 77 cr, ₹ 450 cr.is provided.

In order to provide a “Cloud Infrastructure” at the State Data Center, which will create scalable infrastructure, minimize cost of hosting applications and ensure better service delivery, for which a provision of ₹ 25 cr. is made.

For providing internet connectivity in municipalities, ₹ 30 cr. is provided.

State Government has announced IT/ITeS policy 2016-21, Gujarat Electronics policy 2016-21, Start Up Policy and Gujarat State Biotechnology Policy-2016-21 which have received a very good response. A provision of ₹ 55 cr. is made to provide incentives to eligible investors under these four polices.

For the remaining sectors of Science and Technology, we will come up with a comprehensive policy covering education, research and development and commercial applications for which ₹ 5 cr. is proposed.

For supporting innovative projects conceptualized by college students of professional courses, design labs in 8 technical colleges and bio-information labs in 8 colleges will be set up for which ₹ 4 cr. is provided.

In phase -II of science city development, galleries for robotics and aquatic life science will be set up for which ₹ 85 cr. is allocated. Similarly, regional science museums will be set up at Rajkot, Kutch, Patan, Bhavnagar & Vadodara cities for which a provision of ₹ 42 Cr. is made.

## **Energy and Petrochemicals**

Budgetary provision of ₹ 8100 cr is made for Energy and Petrochemicals, which is an increase of more than ₹ 300 cr over previous year.

Present capacity of power generation of our State is 25,256 MW. Our Government proposes to increase additional capacity of 2540 MW by 2020.

I would like to reiterate our commitment to farmer's prosperity and welfare. Therefore, our Government is providing on an average one lakh agricultural power connections annually for last three years. To finish the backlog till 2013 in 2017-18, a provision of ₹ 2,000 cr for 1,25,000 agri-power connections which is an increase of 25% over previous year.

In order to reduce input cost of agriculture, our Government provides subsidized power supply to farmers, for which ₹ 4,011 cr is allocated. For free power to water works of all village panchayats, ₹ 400 cr is allocated.

For replacing outdated distribution lines and conductors, ₹ 100 cr is provided under "Sardar Krushi Jyoti Yojana".

₹ 220 cr is allocated for share capital contribution to Gujarat State Electricity Company Limited (GSECL) and Gujarat Electricity Transmission Corporation (GETCO).

For retrofitting of power generation units of GSECL, ₹ 214 cr is provided.

For setting up 2716 Circuit Kilometers of new power transmissions lines and 100 new power substations, ₹ 2592 cr is allocated.

For shifting electricity poles causing hindrances in urban development works and for laying underground electricity lines in urban areas, ₹ 100 cr is provided.

Our Government is committed to protecting environment and promoting renewable energy. For this purpose, assistance will be provided to 4,500 farmers for installation of solar pump sets. 12000 Solar PV Systems will be installed under "Solar Home Lighting Scheme". A sum total of ₹ 181 cr is earmarked for these twin initiatives.

The world famous Sun Temple of Modhera is the symbol of solar power. For protecting environment, solar power is an important factor globally. Our Government is decisively moving ahead for spreading the use of solar energy. Therefore, we have decided to meet the entire requirement of electricity of Modhera village through solar power.

In 2017-18, about 130,000 household PNG connections will be given and 50 CNG stations will be established by Gujarat Gas Ltd.

For providing continuous and quality power supply to farmers, free residential power connections to 32000 lower income families and for replacement of dilapidated power distribution line and accessories in coastal region, a sum total of ₹248 cr is provided.

**Now, I will provide budgetary provisions of sectors which contribute both to human development and trunk infrastructure.**

**Total budgetary outlay of ₹ 11,500 cr is made**

Gujarat is one of the most urbanized states of India with more than 42% of its population is residing in urban area. Therefore, this is one of the focus areas of our Government.

**Swarna Jayanti Mukhya Mantri shaheri Vikas Yojna** is the flagship scheme of our Government for providing civic infrastructure in urban areas, for which ₹ 4026 cr is allocated, out of which-

- ₹ 1710 cr is for infrastructure,
- ₹ 1,116 cr is for water supply and underground drainage,
- ₹ 500 cr is for Mukhya Mantri Shaheri Sadak Yojna,
- ₹ 400 cr is for providing internal infrastructure in residential colonies on people's participation basis.
- ₹ 300 cr is for undertaking works of unique identity.

The following projects will be undertaken from funds earmarked for urban infrastructure.

- i) Redevelopment of **Kharicut canal** in Ahmedabad city. I am happy to inform that our Government has allocated ₹ 100 cr for resolving this long pending issue of Ahmedabad city.
- ii) Construction of flyover on Rajendra park cross roads in Ahmedabad city.
- iii) Construction of flyover on Ajit mill crossroads in Ahmedabad city.
- iv) Flyover on Ved darawaja junction and Katargam junction in Surat city.

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- v) Flyover on Poona junction in Surat city.
- vi) Six lane flyover from Genda circle to Manisha circle in Vadodara city.
- vii) Construction of Hospital chawk over bridge and Sorthia chawk over bridge in Rajkot city.
- viii) **Gandhiji studied at Alfred high school of Rajkot for several years. For developing this high school complex as a world class museum on the life of Mahatma Gandhi** with augmented reality, motion graphics, animation, circular video projection and other similar features ₹ 10 cr is provided.
- ix) Elevated four lane flyover on Indira Gandhi road from Subhash bridge to seven roads circle in Jamnagar city.
- x) Flyover from Shashtrinagar to Desainagar in Bhavnagar city.
- xi) Construction of Timbawadi Swaminarayan flyover and flyover near Zanzarda bypass square in Junagadh city.
- xii) Construction of over bridge on Modhera square in Mehsana municipality.
- xiii) Construction of community hall in Vapi municipality.

The following projects will be undertaken from funds earmarked for water supply and underground drainage project.

- i) Works of underground drainage and STP in 120 municipalities, for which ₹ 855 cr is allocated.
- ii) For water supply and underground drainage projects in urban area development authorities, ₹ 150 cr is allocated.
- iii) Drinking water facilities will be augmented in 39 municipalities for which ₹ 111 cr is earmarked.

In addition, basic civic amenities will be provided in 31 cities under AMRUT for which ₹ 500 cr is allocated.

For undertaking smart city projects such as Integrated Transit Management System, Common Card Payment System, Command and Control Center with CCTV facilities, integrated city wi-fi system, 24x7 water supply system in earmarked areas, sewerage water recycling in Ahmedabad, Surat and Vadodara cities under Smart city mission, ₹ 597 cr is allocated.

We have contributed State's entire equity share of ₹ 1412 cr to MEGA for construction of Ahmedabad Metro. Therefore, in 2017-18 provision is made for subordinate loan of ₹ 60 cr to MEGA. For preparation of DPR for Metro project in Surat city, ₹ 10 cr is provided.

For supporting Diamond Dream city project in Surat, ₹ 30 cr is allocated.

For providing on-line building plan approvals and Building Use permissions with auto General Development Control Regulations mechanism and promoting ease of doing business, ₹ 35 cr is allocated.

Fast paced urbanization and migration to urban areas have raised demand for affordable housing in urban areas. Therefore, ₹ 1340 cr is earmarked for providing **100,000 affordable houses** in urban areas.

With the abolition of octroi, State Government compensates urban local bodies by disbursing grants in lieu of octroi that was last increased in 2014-15. Therefore, I announce an increase of 10% in these grants, which will cost ₹ 251 cr additional to the State Government.

45,000 affordable houses in partnership will be constructed under Pradhan Mantri Aawas Yojna and Mukhya Mantri Aawas Yojna.

In order to meet different requirements for affordable urban housing, 20,000 beneficiaries under beneficiary led construction, 20,000 beneficiaries under In-situ slum rehabilitation and 15,000 beneficiaries under credit linked subsidy will be covered.

I'm happy to announce enhanced State support in credit linked component of PMAY up to ₹ 4,23,452 for Middle Income families with annual income up to ₹ 18 lakh for buying a house up to 75 sq m of carpet area and up to a loan amount of ₹ 15 lakh, for which a provision of ₹ 100 cr is made.

Solid waste management is one of the core responsibilities of urban local bodies. Our Government is concerned about **safety and health of safai workers** as well. In order to ensure that no safai worker is exposed to any health hazards, **automated super sucker machines and other equipment** will be provided in every district and municipal corporations. ₹ 255 cr is provided under Mahatma Gandhi Swachchhata Mission and Swachchh Bharat Abhiyan.

There are cleanliness related issues when big gatherings, celebrations and meals are organized in public places and grounds. There are also issues of cleaning roadside garbage. Therefore, I allocate ₹ 10 cr for setting up **Mobile cleanliness Squads** with a vehicle, solid waste equipment and trained manpower.

All ULBs have been certified "Open Defecation Free" by Quality Council of India. For sustaining ODF status in cities, ₹ 15 cr is allocated.

Stray animals cause urban issues such as traffic and sanitation related problems, accidents. Therefore, assistance for management of stray cattle will be provided to Municipal Corporations, for which ₹ 16 cr is allocated.



**Panchayat,  
Rural Housing &  
Rural  
Development  
Department**

Budgetary provision of ₹ 6700 cr is made for 2017-18.

It is imperative to provide modern civic amenities in the larger villages of Gujarat and specially those which are located in the Taluka head quarters in order to serve a large population base. With this intention, the scheme of “**RURBAN**” was launched by the then Hon’ble CM Shri Narendrabhai Modi. Under this scheme projects for underground drainage, water supply and internal water distribution, internal roads, electricity and solid and liquid waste management are undertaken. For this purpose, allocation of ₹ 54 cr. is made.

For promoting rural heritage, providing unique identity to villages and conserving ethos and values of rural life, 100 villages will be transformed as “Vrindavan Gram”, for which ₹ 10 cr. is provided.

Under smart village scheme, one village in each of 247 talukas and 49 backward talukas will be covered. Therefore, in all 296 villages will be transformed as smart villages selected on the basis of improvement in 15 socio economic parameters, for which ₹ 100 cr is allocated.

Under “Swachh Bharat Gramin Mission” 5 lakh toilets will be constructed in 2017-18. In addition, works of solid & liquid waste management will also be undertaken, for which ₹ 825 cr. is provided.

Under “Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana”, 1.10 lakh houses will be constructed, under which assistance has been increased from ₹ 75,000 per house to ₹ 120,000 per house. Provision of ₹ 1373 cr. is made for the year 2017-18.

For generating employment of 340 lakh mandays covering 6.1 lakh families under “Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme”, ₹ 380 cr. is allocated.

For 10,000 works of land leveling, 2500 works of water conservation, Gali Plugging, Nala Plugging, gabion structure and 1300 works of field outlets and associated activities, ₹ 100 cr. is provided under “Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana (watershed component)”.

For providing various trade related training to 25000 trainees under RSETI and for constituting 4000 Sakhi Mandal, ₹ 66 cr. is provided.

Out of 1384 Samaras village panchayats, 187 are Mahila Smaras Panchayats. I am happy to announce a grant to fourth time samaras village panchayats and Mahila Smaras Gram Panchayats in succession, for which ₹ 73 cr. is provided.

**Sports, Youth  
and Cultural  
Activities**

**Provision of ₹ 600 cr.** is made for Sports, Youth and Cultural Activities

For promoting and indentifying art and cultural talent in our youth and children, I propose to allocate ₹ 10 cr for organization of State Level Kala Maha Kumbh.

For the following interventions, a provision of ₹ 118 cr is proposed:

- Organization of State level Khel Maha Kumbh to identify and promote promising sports persons.
- Construction of Sports Complexes by Sports Authority of Gujarat.
- Training and sensitization of PT Teachers of more than 1000 schools under School Sports Contact programme.
- Construction of hostel for 400 residents at Swarnim Gujarat Sports University.
- Jyotirmay Ambubhai Purani Awards and equipments for renowned wrestlers dedicated to Akhada.
- I propose to increase the financial assistance support being provided by the Government for grant-in-aid libraries by 50%, with a provision of ₹ 3.81 cr.

**Now, I will discuss about the budgetary provisions of sectors related to inclusive development.**

As one of the measures to strengthen GIA hostels for SC and ST beneficiaries, I announce increase in the monthly honorarium for the employees of these hostels as follows, benefitting 7,328 employees at additional cost of ₹ 5.25cr:

Non Graduate Rectors : from ₹ 4,500 to ₹ 5,500

Graduate and experienced Rectors : from ₹ 5,500 to ₹ 6,500

Head Cook : from ₹ 3,000 to 3,500

Helper and Gate Keeper : from ₹ 2,500 to ₹ 3,000

## **Tribal Development**

Our Government is committed to inclusive development and we have carefully worked for those sections of the society which require special care.

- The allocation for tribal development is ₹ 2000 cr, which is ₹ 220 cr higher than previous year.
- The provision for Van Bandhu Kalyan Yojna is ₹ 12,560 cr which is an increase of ₹ 1,465 cr over last year.

For empowering and mainstreaming of tribal population, there is a focus on their education, for which a sum total of ₹ 998 cr is provided for the following new and on-going interventions.

1. A Tribal University in Narmada will be set up.
2. Class XI for all streams will be added in 43 Girls literacy residential school.
3. Buildings for 50 Grant-in-aid Ashram Shalas will be constructed

4. Building for new Adarsh Niwasi Shala will be constructed at Talala.
5. Four new hostels will be constructed at Zalod, Umarpada and Vankal.
6. Girls' hostels will be set up for tribal students from Nes area of Gir, Barda, Alech.
7. For providing pre metric scholarship to 15 lakh students, ₹ 139 cr and post metric scholarship to 2 lakh students, ₹ 231 cr are allocated.
8. For providing uniform to 13 lakh students of primary schools,
9. For providing cycles to 45000 class IX female students under Vidhya Sadhna Yojna,
10. For covering 1200 bright students under talent pool scheme, ₹ 7.30 cr is allocated.
11. At present, education facilities are provided to 115,125 students of 685 schools.
12. Hostels facilities are required for tribal students living in hilly and far fetched areas, which includes new and operating existing hostel facilities.

Health and nutrition issues faced by tribal population are unique. Therefore, 3 blocks of Garudeshwar, Bodeli and Dolvan will be added to existing 49 blocks for milk supplement to about 12 lakh students under Doodh Sanjivani yojna for which a sum total of ₹ 116 cr is allocated.

- Assistance will be provided to the patients of TB, cancer, leprosy and sickle cell anemia for which ₹ 15 cr is allocated.
- Provision of ₹ 75 cr for providing self employment to tribal youth.
- For providing gainful self employment to tribal population, share capital contribution to Gujarat Tribal Development Corporation will be enhanced from ₹ 50 cr at present to 65 cr.
- Provision of ₹ 23 cr is made for assistance to 12000 women beneficiaries under Dairy Development scheme and additional 3000 women of Dangs and Poshina.
- For interventions like providing employment linked vocational training, supporting 13000 beneficiaries under Manav Garima Yojna and providing manufacturing cum marketing facilities to tribal beneficiaries, a sum total of ₹ 37 cr is provided.
- For promoting community development through reconstruction of 4000 Halpati housing, construction of Birsa Munda cultural centers at Gir-Somnath, Valsad, Surat, Tapi and Bhiloda and setting up national level tribal museum at Rajpipla, a sum total of ₹ 34 cr is provided.

**Social Justice  
and  
Empowerment  
Department**

Budget Provision of ₹ 2857 cr is made for Social Justice and Empowerment Department.

A provision of ₹1032.40 cr is proposed in 2017-18 for the welfare of Scheduled Castes.

I am pleased to increase the present assistance of ₹ 10,000 under Kuvarbainu Mameru Scheme to ₹ 12,000 for all eligible beneficiaries as well as increase of annual income limit to ₹ 1 lakh. In addition, the organizers of Samuh Lagna will continue to receive State assistance of ₹ 2,000 per couple.

1. ₹12 cr is provided for the construction of Hostel Buildings for Boys at Kadi and Gandhinagar and for Girls at Lunavada.
2. 5 new boys hostels at Botad, Veraval, Porbandar, Lunavada, Bharuch and 5 new Girls Hostels at Botad, Veraval, Dahod, Modasa and Nadiad will be opened.
3. Construction of Dr. Ambedkar Bhavan at Chhota-Udepur & Botad will be undertaken.
4. A special scheme for coaching SC candidates for recruitment in class I, II and III posts will be introduced in 2017-18, for which ₹ 5 cr is provided.
5. A Provision of ₹ 25 cr is made for loans to SC beneficiaries through various Government Corporations.

**Developing Caste Welfare**

For Developing Castes Welfare, ₹1119 cr is provided for the following

1. New Buildings for Adarsh Residential Schools at Halol and Chikhali.
2. 25 New Grant-In-Aid Hostels will be started.
3. Capacity of existing Grant-In-Aid Hostels will be increased by 1500.
4. ₹48 cr is provided for free bicycles to SEBC and EBC Girl students.
5. ₹ 8 cr is provided for additional classes of Std-9 for 33 SEBC and Agariya's Aadarsh Residential Schools.
6. Provision of ₹ 25 cr for loans through Corporations.

**Social Defence**

A provision of ₹ 706 cr is made.

1. Our Government is committed to strengthen social security net. It gives me immense pleasure to increase-
  - monthly support to differently abled students from ₹ 400 to ₹ 500,
  - monthly pension of senior citizens up to 80 years from ₹ 400 to 500
  - monthly pension of senior citizens of more than 80 years from ₹ 700 to ₹ 1000, at total additional cost of ₹ 73.50 cr

## Women & Child Development

2. I am happy to announce that a new corporation for welfare of differently abled persons, for which a provision of ₹ 50 lakh is made as initial share capital contribution.
3. 4 new shelter homes for orphan children will be started at Ahmedabad, Vadodara, Surat & Rajkot.
4. ₹10 cr is provided for health related services under Swavlamban health insurance scheme for persons with disabilities.
5. All the Social Defence Government Institutions will be covered by CCTV cameras, for which ₹1.53 cr is provided.

Gender Budget comprises of 653 schemes concerned with empowerment of women. Total provision of ₹ 56491.89 cr. is made under gender budget with an increase of ₹ 5907.31 cr., compared to last year. For nutrition and general well being of women & children, a budgetary provision of ₹ 2800 cr. is made, which is an increase of ₹ 185 cr. over previous year.

Anganwadi workers, Tedaghar helpers and mini anganwadi workers look after small children in anganwadis functioning in villages and cities with love and care and make efforts to improve their nutrition. Therefore, I'm pleased to announce 15% increase in their monthly remuneration. Now Anganwadi workers will get ₹ 5,500, Tedaghar assistant ₹ 2,800 and Mini Anganwadi worker ₹ 3,200. Due to this, Government will bear an additional cost of ₹ 65 cr.

- Provision for nutritious food to 31.41 lac children in 0 to 6 year age group, 12.5 lakh adolescent girls and 7.54 lakh pregnant and lactating women.
- Provision for improvement in health and nutrition status of 5,52,800 pregnant and lactating mothers of Gujarat state through financial assistance of ₹ 6000 at the time of child birth under **Matrutva Sahyog Yojana**.
- Provision of milk for 13 lakh children and mothers of 102 blocks of 20 districts under Doodh Sanjeevani Scheme.
- Provision for nutrition and training of 12.50 lakh adolescent girls in Sabala Yojana and Kishori Shakti Yojana.
- Provision for one full meal at Aanganwadi centers of 5 districts on pilot basis to benefit 27555 pregnant and lactating mothers under spot feeding scheme.
- Provision for life insurance cover of ₹ 50,000 for 93259 Aanganwadi workers and helpers.
- Construction of buildings for 700 Aanganwadis, upgradation of 2000 Aanganwadis, repairs of 32000 Aanganwadis.
- Provision for female police mitra/volunteers in 1041 village panchayats of 2 districts for acting as a link between society and police to prevent domestic violence, child marriage and dowry related violence.

**Food, Civil  
Supplies &  
Consumer  
Affairs  
Department**

- For providing social security to women, following provisions are made:
- Financial assistance to 152,000 widows.
- Setting up 270 women courts for disposal of women related issues.

Food security for lower income families is the very basis for maintaining required level of nutrition. Therefore, outlay of ₹ 1050 cr. is made, for the following schemes;

- Provision of 4% interest subsidy on loan amount up to ₹ 1 lac upto five years to promote modernization and extension of 2000 Pandit Deendayal Grahak Bhandar on pilot basis.
- Distribution of wheat, rice, oil, sugar, salt and kerosene at subsidised prices to 8.09 lakh antyoday families, providing average annual benefit of ₹ 12180 per family. 63.49 lakh priority families will be benefited to the extent of ₹ 9810 per priority family per year.
- Installation of CCTV cameras at 100 godwons of Gujarat Civil Supply Corporation on pilot basis for promoting transparency in godown operations and close monitoring of essential commodities stored in these godowns.
- Formation of autonomous **State Food Commission** for overseeing functioning of Food Security Act.
- Aadhar enabled payment system is set up in almost all fair price shops of Gujarat in co-ordination with special purpose vehicle CSC of IT Department of Government of India. Through which fair price shops will be able to provide about 30 digital services such as mobile recharging, ticket booking and others

**Now I will brief about budgetary provision of sectors for improving overall environment concerning all the living beings of Gujarat.**

**Forest &  
Environment  
Department**

**A provision of is ₹ 1226 cr is made for Forest & Environment.**

For plantation of trees, mangroves, bamboos, grass and other plantation in 51,113 hactares, ₹ 603 is allocated.

For strengthening village level institutions and for establishment of 468 vermi-compost units in rural areas for serving dual purpose of solid waste management and enrichment of soil, a provision of ₹ 13 Cr. is made.

For conservation of wild animals such as wild ass, Asiatic lion, whale shark and for conservation of wetland areas, a provision of ₹ 118 cr. is made.

For economic development of people residing in eco-sensitive zone and for creating awareness about wild life among them, ₹ 10 cr is provided.

For the purpose of conservation and breeding of marine aquatic creatures, oceanarium will be developed that will function as marine

research, conservation and information center. This will be a unique and first such initiative in the country.

For improvement of environment, the following interventions will be made.

- I. Phase-II construction of GEMI Laboratory for monitoring of environment will be carried out in the year 2017-18.
- II. On a pilot basis, two villages will be developed as eco-village for which several interlinked activities for environment protection such as development of renewable energy sources, organic farming, conservation of moisture and soil, solid liquid waste management, prevention of salinity ingress and increasing green cover will be undertaken.
- III. In Changodar GIDC, cleaner production assessment and research will be undertaken for identification of issues related to environment.
- IV. Community level interventions such as construction of community hall and kitchen shed, developing of gardens and lawns and other welfare activities will be undertaken in 10 villages each of SC & ST under Panchavati scheme.

**Climate Change  
Department:**

For addressing the concerns of climate change including promotion of renewable energy sources, a provision of ₹ 98 crore has been made. This would include:

- Installation of Solar Roof Top System on 20,000 residential buildings with a provision of ₹ 35 cr. by way of subsidy.
- Installation of Solar Roof Top System on Government Buildings with an outlay of ₹ 14.25 cr.
- Installation of Solar Water Heaters in Government residential schools and hostels.
- Installation of off-grid Solar Roof Top systems at 135 primary health centers for uninterrupted power supply.
- Assistance to 4000 students for battery-operated two wheelers.
- Equipping 2000 Government Schools and Hostels with LED tubelights and super efficient fans.

**Information  
and  
Broadcasting**

**Provision of ₹ 166 cr in 2017-18**

Media is the forth pillar of democracy, which provides a link between people and Government. Therefore, our Government is also concerned about them.

I am pleased to announce that Accidental insurance cover for journalists accredited by Information department will be increased from ₹ 50,000 to ₹ 500,000.

In addition, families of accredited journalists will also be covered under MA Vatsalya.

₹ 3 cr is provided for automated remote mirror back up storage system and modernization of information department

**Now I'll speak about budgetary provisions for sectors related to Law and order, justice and Governance.**

**Revenue Department**

**A Provision of ₹ 3000 cr is made for Revenue Department.**

- ₹ 50 cr. has been allocated for Integrated land Management System(ILMS)for better delivery of services and up keep of land records
- A System to make available Digital Property Card and Rural Property Card will be implemented.

**Home Department**

**A provision of ₹ 5000 cr is made for Home Department.**

For the purpose of effective traffic management, 3000 traffic policemen have been recruited in the last 3 years. In 2017-18, additional 1000 traffic policemen will be recruited.

In addition, CCTV cameras will be installed on important crossroads, traffic circles, entry-exit points and strategic locations of Ahmedabad, Vadodara, Surat & Rajkot for video surveillance and traffic monitoring.

CCTV cameras will also be installed in all District headquarters as well as 6 holy towns, for which a sum total of ₹ 200 cr. is allocated.

For setting up 30 new smart police stations and provide about 100 citizen centric services under eGujCop Project, an integrated citizen portal will be developed for which ₹ 33 cr. is provided.

For modernization of police force, procurement of different types of equipment, setting up forensic science centers and purchase of new vehicles, a provision of ₹ 45 cr. is made.

Gujarat Forensic Science University has received "A" grade by "National Assessment and Accreditation Council" in 2016. For further development of university, a provision of ₹ 45 cr. is made.

For construction of new jails at Godhara, Anand and Botad Districts, initial provision ₹ 4 cr. has been made.

We also propose to setup 26 dedicated units in the State for investigation of crimes against women, for which adequate budgetary provision has been made.

For construction of residential units for police personnel and for construction of police office building, a provision of ₹ 120 cr has been made



An amount of ₹ 20 cr is allocated for development of Border areas under the Border Area Development.

**Legal  
Department**

A provision of ₹ 1751 cr is made.

New courts at Keshod in Junagadh district, Halol in Panchmahal district, Limkheda in Dahod district and four family courts at Gir somnath (Veraval), Aravalli (Modasa), Morbi and Devbhumi Dwarka (Khambhaliya) will be set up.

Two special courts will be set up at Aravalli (Modasa) and Gir somnath (Veraval) for the trial of atrocity cases.

A provision of ₹ 81 cr. Is made for the construction of new court buildings at Ranpur, Anklav, Shihori, Sanjeli, Gir somnath, Bodeli, Rajula and virpur and labour courts at Godhara and Surat and for other works.

**General  
Administration  
Department**

An amount of ₹ 1810 cr is provided

At present, State Government provides stipend of ₹ 121,000 for females and ₹ 101,000 for males in 3 installments only to trainees of study centers of SPIPA, preparing for civil service examinations held by UPSC. I am pleased to announce extension of this benefit to all other aspirants of Gujarat.

A provision of ₹ 444 cr. is made for development grant provided to ATVT, development activities undertaken through decentralized planning at Taluka and District levels and Vikassheel Talukas for meeting last mile development requirement.

A provision of ₹ 5 cr for conducting computer based examinations to make recruitment procedure speedy and transparent, being organized by Gujarat Public Services Commission as per 10 years Recruitment Calendar.

**Conclusion**

Balancing between developments related investment and cost of administration and establishment is a very delicate one and one of the biggest governance challenges. Reasonable remuneration for required employees to ensure quality services to citizens is necessary even though it increases cost of Governance. Therefore, our Government is one and only State Government to implement 7th Pay Commission recommendations for employees and pensioners of the State Government and Panchayats, which has increased annual pay and pension related liability by about ₹ 5,500 cr.

State Government has also revised fixed pay policy substantially upward to factor in increase in pay structure on account of implementation of 7th Pay Commission, benefitting 1,18,000 employees at additional annual cost of ₹ 1,400 cr to State Government. In addition, period of fixed pay service is also made admissible for providing service related benefits of seniority, higher pay scale, promotion and retirement benefits, which has further benefitted about 212,000 fixed pay employees.

For the most part of current financial year, prices of petrol, diesel and gas have remained subdued, which has implications on State's revenues. Despite these challenges, our Government's commitment to financial discipline and fiscal prudence remained unwavered. State government continues to meet all the FRBM criteria, details of which are provided in budget publication under FRBM Act.

Strenuous efforts of the State Government do not end there and continue to create adequate fiscal space for spending on development as may be noted from the following statements of Revised Estimates that have remained closer to Budget Estimates for the financial year 2016-17.

### Accounts for the year 2015-16:

Now, I will review the actual receipts and expenditure for the year 2015-16. It was expected that there would be surplus of ₹ **467.94 crore** due to net transactions during the year on the basis of Revised Estimates but the accounts for the year 2015-16 indicate deficit of ₹ **209.63 crore** due to net transactions.

(₹ in crore)

		<b>Revised Estimates for the year 2015-16</b>	<b>Accounts for the year 2015-16</b>
(1)	Consolidated Fund		
	Revenue Receipts	104384.44	97482.58
	Revenue Expenditure	100727.78	95778.54
	Surplus on Revenue Account	(+) 3656.66	(+) 1704.04
	Capital Receipts	25121.89	23611.65
	Capital Expenditure including loans & advances	32298.61	31038.89
	Deficit on Capital Account	(-) 7176.72	(-) 7427.24
	Total (1) Consolidated Fund (Net)	(-) 3520.06	(-) 5723.20
(2)	Contingency Fund (Net)	-----	(+) 10.41
(3)	Public Accounts (Net)	(+) 3988.00	(+) 5503.16
	Total: Net transactions (1+2+3)	(+) 467.94	(-) 209.63

### Revised estimates for the year 2016-17:

It was expected that there would be surplus of ₹ 245.49 crore in the estimates for the year 2016-17, but now the surplus of ₹ 1342.93 crore is expected in the revised estimates by the end of the year due to net transactions.

(₹ in crore)

		Modified Estimates for the year 2016-17	Revised Estimates for the year 2016-17
(1)	Consolidated Fund		
	Revenue receipts	116365.98	112521.11
	Revenue expenditure	113129.90	109009.47
	Surplus on revenue accounts	(+) 3236.08	(+) 3511.64
	Capital receipt	29796.90	30026.95
	Capital expenditure including loans and advances	36762.48	37695.66
	Deficit on capital account	(-) 6965.58	(-)7668.71
	Total (1) Consolidated Fund (Net)	(-) 3729.50	(-) 4157.07
(2)	Contingency Fund (Net)	---	---
(3)	Public Accounts (Net)	(+) 3974.99	(+) 5500.00
	Total Net transactions (1+2+3)	(+) 245.49	(+) 1342.93

### Estimates for the year 2017-18:

Estimates for the year 2017-18 indicate the surplus of ₹ 239.16 crore as follows:

(₹ in crore)

		Estimates for the year 2017-18
(1)	Consolidated Fund	
	Revenue receipts	131521.23
	Revenue expenditure	125455.63
	Surplus on revenue accounts	(+) 6065.60
	Capital receipts	33974.90
	Capital expenditure including loans and advances	45376.34
	Deficit on capital account	(-) 11401.44
	Total (1) Consolidated Fund (Net)	(-) 5335.84
(2)	Contingency Fund (Net)	---
(3)	Public Accounts (Net)	(+) 5575.00
	Total: Net transactions (1+2+3)	(+) 239.16

Now, I will present Part-B of my budget speech.

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