

1 Minimum Guarantee in Every Locality: It is more than a Promise, it is a Guarantee.

- Perhaps for the first time a political party guarantees to fulfill the primary infrastructure needs in the areas of road communication, drinking water, electrification, irrigation, agriculture and education in both rural and urban areas of the State and along with provision of adequate funds, shall fulfil these minimum needs in a time bound manner so that these benefits go to the people of Odisha in time.
- BJD President Naveen Patnaik believes in deeds more than words and it is because of his commitment to the people of Odisha, he is determined to fulfill this Minimum Guaranteed Programme for the people of Odisha.
- This is just the Minimum Guarantee for every locality of Odisha and to ensure accountability, BJD Government will strive hard to provide more than what it has promised as Minimum Guarantee.

2 Agriculture and Farmer Welfare

- With substantial enhancement in agricultural productivity in the last 14 years, as reflected in the Krishi Karman Award to the State, introduction of separate Agriculture Budget, reduction in the rate of interest of agricultural loans to 2%, special post Phailin assistance of Rs.100/- per quintal to farmers etc. the BJD Government has proved its commitment to agriculture and the welfare of farmers.
- It would be the endeavour of BJD Government to reduce the rate of interest further to 1% for agricultural loans in the next one year.

- ◆ Further, BJD Government has the vision of creating additional irrigation potential of more than 10 lakh hectares in the next five years.
- ◆ All procurement districts will have mandis and concrete drying platforms and threshing floors for every 5000 population.
- ◆ High quality seeds, fertilizers, pesticides, insecticides and necessary agricultural technical extension inputs will be made available at Panchayat level.
- ◆ The seed replacement ratio will be enhanced to 34% in the next 5 years. Steps will be taken to transfer all subsidies and financial assistance direct to the bank account of individual farmers.
- ◆ To strengthen the storage facility, a comprehensive Warehousing Act shall be legislated.
- ◆ To ensure better preservation of agricultural products, subsidy based cold storage facilities will be established in all Blocks on PPP mode.
- ◆ Second Agriculture University will be established in the KBK region.
- ◆ Warehousing facilities will be created in all Panchayats.
- ◆ A new initiative will be launched on mission mode to restore and operationalise all defunct Lift Irrigation points.
- ◆ The trollies attached to tractors will be considered for tax exemption.

3 Shelter Security for All: Home is a dream for every one and BJD will make this dream a reality.

- ◆ Every household in the State should have a pucca house. In a phased manner all kutcha houses will be provided assistance for conversion to pucca houses.

- Shelter Security will also include homestead land and households in rural areas would be considered for Housing Loan.
- If Government land is not available, private land will be purchased by Government and provided to homesteadless persons.
- There shall be a “Shelter Security Mission” under the Chief Minister which will monitor this initiative.

4 Health Security for All

- With introduction of State of the art free Emergency Ambulance Services (108), Health Insurance for more than 55 lakh farmer families and Odisha State Treatment Fund(OSTF), the BJD Government has set high standards in health care.
- It would be the endeavour of BJD Government to provide medicines through Odisha Medical Corporation and to make Health Insurance coverage universal covering every sections of society both in Urban and Rural areas.
- Assistance from Odisha State Treatment Fund and CMRF would be enhanced.

5 Food Security for All

- BJD Government in the last 14 years has improved agricultural productivity substantially, set up a distribution network of PDS covering Panchayats and provides Rice at Rs.1/- per kg. to the BPL and vulnerable sections of society. Thus, both the components of food security viz. Physical and Economic access to food has been achieved to a great extent.

- Continuing within this good work, the BJD Government will scale up the coverage under Public Distribution System and make it universal and the State will have its own revolutionary Food Security Act in spite of a similar enactment by the Centre.
- BPL would not be the only criteria for availing food security benefits, other indicators reflecting economic status would be introduced so as to make the coverage inclusive and holistic.

6 Quality Education for All

- In the last 14 years, lot of work has been done in the field of education which had huge impact on almost all indicators associated with education.
- This time more focus would be given to improve the quality of education.
- Every block would have a Model Public School and High Schools in Panchyats would be provided with requisite infrastructure.
- Scholarships would be increased in number both in merit and social sector based scholarships.
- Girl students will be provided with an interest subsidy of 6% and boy students an interest subsidy of 4% on the education loans sanctioned by banks for their technical & professional education so as to reduce the burden on thier parents.
- ST category students who get into National Institutes would be provided with financial assistance to take care of the entire cost of education.

- Girls hostels in good numbers would be provided in urban areas.
- Bicycles will be provided to all 10th class students.

7 Youth Empowerment

- BJD Government came out with a progressive Youth Policy which is one of its kind in the entire country. The Youth Policy is already under implementation and benefits have started flowing to the youth and youth clubs.
- BJD will further scale up the implementation of Youth Policy and in a time bound manner all components would be implemented for all round development of youth in the State with the special focus on Girls and other vulnerable groups.
- For implementation of all components of Youth Policy every year the BJD Government would make necessary budget provision to give focused attention to the youth who are our future.
- Facilities for Career Counseling for youth will be provided in all colleges. Besides, three coaching institutes will be established in different parts of the State to provide quality coaching for the youth preparing for All India Competitive Examinations.
- Youth festivals will be organized for college students at District level and State level.
- Self defence training will be imparted to Girl students in all colleges.
- Laptop Scheme and the number of Scholarships will be scaled up to cover more meritorious students.

- Arrangements will be made to provide coaching facilities to students for various competitive exams and recruitment to the Armed forces .
- Employment Melas will be organized at District level at regular intervals.

8 Women Empowerment

- With more than 5 million women in Mission Shakti movement, 50% reservation of women in local bodies, equal land right for women and Girls' hostels for lakhs of students, BJD Government has shown its commitment for women empowerment.
- Further, BJD Government is also in advanced stages of formulating a "Holistic Women Policy" that will facilitate economic and social empowerment of women. It will be the endeavour of BJD Government to carry forward this process and implement 'Women Policy' in letter and spirit for overall empowerment of women.
- Every initiative of BJD Government would have a gender component.
- In a historic decision recently, the BJD Government reduced the rate of interest to 2% against loans meant for Women Self Help Groups. It would be the endeavour of BJD Government to bring down the same to 1% within one year.

9 Empowerment of Scheduled Castes & Tribes

- The BJD Government has taken pioneering steps in empowering these backward communities by way of excellent interventions in the domains of education, forest

rights such as hostel facilities, scholarships and settlement of forest land etc. for these communities. These facilities will be further expanded and scaled up during the next 5 years.

- Adequate funds shall be provided for the development and maintenance of Tribal Sacred Grooves and places of worship.
- To ensure livelihood, OTELP will be expanded to cover all tribal areas.
- Multilingual Education facilities will be scaled up to facilitate coverage of more tribal languages.
- All tribals will be covered under Health Insurance, Housing Scheme, Pension Scheme and financial assistance for Higher Education.
- Efforts will be made to impart quality education to all tribal children with special focus on girls' education. Tribal Education Complexes will be established in urban areas for this purpose.

10 Minority Welfare

- In view of the continuous commitment of the BJD Government to the welfare of Minority Communities, emphasis will be given on the following measures pertaining to minorities welfare in the coming years.
- A large number of teachers in Telugu, Bengali and Urdu languages will be recruited for the spread of these minority languages.
- Teacher training schools in these languages will be established for the above purpose.

- Books will be made available to the students pursuing their studies in Telugu, Bengali and Urdu languages.
- Financial assistance for development of community facilities for all minorities will be made available.
- Financial assistance and infrastructural support for Minority Educational Institutions including Schools and Colleges will be ensured.
- Scholarship will be provided exclusively to poor minority students.
- Meritorious minority students qualifying for national institutes will be provided with financial assistance for pursuing their studies.
- All institutions and programmes meant for minority welfare such as Waqf Board, Haj committee, 15 points Prime Minister's Programme etc. shall be brought under the department of Minorities and Backward Classes Welfare to ensure single window access point for the minorities.
- Steps will be taken for establishment of the Commission for Minorities Welfare.
- Exclusive Residential facilities for the minority students will be established in minority dominated areas.

11 Protection of Slum Dwellers

BJD Government has always attempted to protect the interests of the weaker sections such as the slum dwellers. It will be the endeavour of the BJD Government to implement the following welfare measures for this section of the society in the next five years.

- Establishment of a "Slum Rehabilitation Board" to protect the interests of the slum dwellers.
- A comprehensive "Urban Slum Dwellers Rehabilitation Policy" shall be brought out for rehabilitation of urban slum dwellers and shall thereafter be implemented immediately.
- Provision of basic amenities such as, drinking water/ electricity/ concrete roads / drainage facilities and Social Infrastructure like Community Centres etc. for the slum dwellers.
- All the slum dwellers will be covered under social sector schemes like pension and assistance for education and marriage.
- All slum dweller families will be covered under health insurance and Rs. 1/kg. Rice Scheme.
- Livelihood interventions such as loan cum subsidy for both self employment and small business will be provided to the slum dwellers.
- Special Colony clusters with housing facilities will be created for these people.

12 Empowerment of Kendu Leaf Workers and Pluckers, Weavers, Construction Workers and workers belonging to other unorganised sectors including small traders and street vendors

- The BJD Government has taken pioneering steps in empowering the weavers and construction workers by way of excellent interventions in the areas of insurance, professional excellence, training and modernisation of working conditions etc.

- These facilities will be further expanded and scaled up during the next 5 years.
- All small traders and street vendors in the unorganised sector will be registered in phases during the next 5 years and will be covered under facilities like health insurance and subsidy linked loan facilities.
- A separate 'Welfare Board' for all types of unorganized workers shall be constituted and these workers will be provided with benefits in tune with the construction workers after one year of their registration with the board.

13 Industry

Odisha has witnessed massive industrialization in the last decade. It will be the endeavour of the BJD Government to achieve the following in the next five years in the realm of industrialization.

- Facilitation of industrial growth in every district of the State with special focus on value addition and downstream industries so as to promote employment opportunities for the youth of the State as well as to ensure adequate revenue generation for the State.
- Sincere efforts will be made for revival of sick and closed industries. The efforts of BJD Government to promote small and medium scale industries will continue.
- In addition to whatever has been provided in the Land Acquisition Act, the State Government will make it mandatory for the industries to provide shares to GPs and people from whom land is acquired and make them shareholders in the project, so as to ensure continuous income for the GPs and People.

14 Fight for Special Category Status for Odisha and Odia Swabhiman

- It has been the constant endeavour of the BJD Government to get the Special Category Status for Odisha which will help the State to achieve all round progress at par with the developed States of the Country.
- Central neglect in areas such as Railways, Revision of Mining Royalty, Imposition of Super Normal Profit Tax on Mine Owners, Discriminatory Central Funding for schemes etc. has been a major factor in keeping Odisha historically backward despite its vast mineral and natural resources.
- In view of this, the fight for Special Category status for Odisha with emphasis on Odia Swabhiman will be intensified in the coming years till this legitimate demand of the State is acceded by the Central Government.
- An Odia University will be established to facilitate alround development of Odia language. Steps will also be initiated to achieve qualitative improvement of Odia language.

15 Development of Western Odisha and KBK Region

- It shall be the continuous endeavour of the BJD Government to include the Koshali/Sambalpuri language in the 8th Schedule of the Constitution.
- Special drought proofing measures and irrigation facilities will be planned specifically for the traditional drought prone areas of KBK region and Western Odisha.
- All major two-lane roads within the KBK region will be upgraded to four-lane status in the next 5 years.

- An Expressway will be constructed connecting Northern and Southern parts of Odisha that will run through the backward regions of Western and KBK districts.
- In the pattern of Khurda Road Bolangir Rail link project, the State shall provide free land and a part of the construction cost in assisting the centre for providing rail link to all such districts which are without railway connectivity.

16 Model Villages

- Rural Connectivity has so far been one of the top most priorities of the BJD Government In the next 5 years all the village roads will either be concretised or will have a bitumen top.
- All villages will have universal access to electricity and piped water supply. All big village ponds will have modern bathing ghats with separate facility for ladies.
- A "Chief Minister Sadak Yojana" will be launched to provide connectivity to all villages having a population of 100 and less which can not be covered under any other existing scheme.
- "Biju Setu Yojana" which has been the lifeline of rural connectivity since it's inception, shall be scaled up and bridges shall be constructed over all rivers and Nalas to ensure connectivity to all the villages of the State.

17 Model Gram Panchayats

- One of the top most priorities of the BJD Government has been to accelerate all round development of villages and panchayats.

- Every Panchayat will have a State of the Art Community Hall-cum-Kalyan Mandap for infotainment with modern video hall and mini theatre facilities. The Government will bear major part of the cost of each such unit and the balance amount will be funded by the panchayat from its own sources. The maintenance of these units will be looked after by the panchayats and the income from these units will accrue to the panchayats.
- Further, each Panchayat headquarter will have Hi max lights alongwith modern street lighting facilities with usage of solar energy and a model library run by the panchayat.
- Legal Assistance Cells will be opened in all Panchayats.
- All Panchayats will be connected by transport facilities under the Biju Gaon Gadi Yojana.
- A portion of the RMC revenues in procurement districts will go to the Panchayats for development of agriculture marketing infrastructure.

18 Employment

- For skill upgradation, training and employment BJD Government has already established the State "Employment Mission".
- The BJD Government will introduce a "Chief Minister Employment Generation Scheme" under which a minimum of 150 youth from each Gram Panchayat will be imparted necessary skill upgradation training and the subsequent loan and subsidy linkage.
- Besides, an "Odisha Youth Innovation Fund" will be created

to assist young entrepreneurs in incubating new business ideas.

- Recruitment in Government in all fields will be scaled up and expedited with special focus on teachers and GP level functionaries.
- Recruitment of local talents will be facilitated in all the industries and investments coming up in Odisha.

19 People centric, Decentralised, Transparent, Rights based Governance and Service Delivery

- One of the hall marks of Naveen Patnaik led BJD Government is people centric transparent Governance. To scale it up and improve it further, BJD intends to take the following strong steps:
- Development Councils will be planned for the development of Scheduled and backward areas.
- These Development Councils will accelerate the pace of inclusive growth in these areas and help in decentralised Governance.
- All the villages having a population of 1000 or more will be converted into Grampanchayats in a phased manner so as to improve local Governance and service delivery.
- Gram Panchayats would be provided with untied funds for planning and execution to be done at GP level.
- Untied funds would also be made available to Panchayat Samities and Zilla Parishad levels.
- A "Right to Service Authority" would be created outside Government to monitor and implement the Right to Service Act.

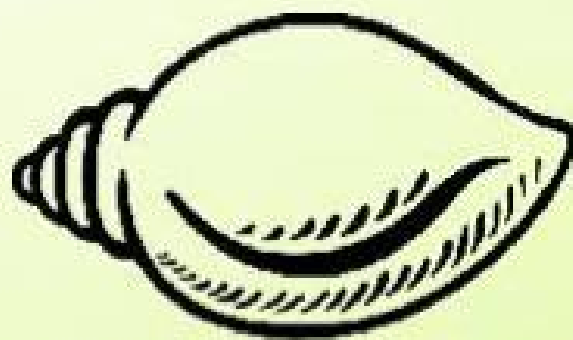
- The scope of Right to Service would also be further expanded to cover more services.
- A “Odisha State Transparency Council” would be set up as an independent body outside Government to ensure transparency in tender process and quality in works executed by Government Departments.
- In every sectors of Governance it would be the endeavour of BJD Government to move from need based to Rights based Governance and service delivery.

20 Right to Social Security

- Every one eligible for pension scheme would be covered. Thus, there will be a shift to universal coverage from a target based coverage.
- Unmarried and destitute women above 30 years would also be covered under pension scheme.
- A new scheme "Biju Bal Vikash Yojana" will be launched for the rehabilitation of all the orphan and destitute children.
- A new Health Insurance Scheme "Niramaya" for the M.R, M.R.C.P, autistic & children of similar other categories shall be launched with Government bearing the premium amount.
- Government will provide assistance to senior citizens of all religions to go on pilgrimage.
- The entitlement under various welfare schemes for disabled, old age persons, destitutes and orphans would be made broad based and scaled up.

21 Packages for Fishermen, Vana Surakhya Samitis

- ♦ BJD Government is already implementing various welfare measures for fishermen.
- ♦ These initiatives will be further scaled up and broad based.
- ♦ Special package for fishermen will be revised every year.
- ♦ Housing for fishermen would be one of the focus areas and within next five years all kutcha houses would be converted to pucca houses.
- ♦ Livelihood support that is being given to fishermen families for the ban period will be enhanced.
- ♦ BJD Government recognises the important role being played by Vana Surakhya Samitis and an initiative called “Ama Jungle Yojana” is under implementation.
- ♦ This initiative in the next five years would cover all the Vana Surakhya Samitis.
- ♦ This would go a long way in regeneration and protection of forests and also in providing livelihood interventions to people dependent on forests.



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