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Address of

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

I deem it a great privilege to extend my heartiest greetings for the New Year and welcome you all for the first session of the Goa Legislative Assembly for this year.

2. My Government is committed to the safety and security not only of the citizens but also visiting tourists. The overall law and order situation in the State has remained under control due to implementation of various preventive measures. The crime

time; crime detection rate has increased by 4% in 2018 as compared to 2017. In order to create awareness about road discipline, Traffic Sentinel scheme has been upgraded to "Goa Traffic Sentinel".

3. My Government is aware that the Home Guard service is primarily a volunteer service, rendering valuable assistance to Police in maintaining law and order as well as management of traffic.

4. It is a matter of pride that the State of Goa has bagged the National Tourism award for the second time in the category of comprehensive development of tourism management. All Members will appreciate that Raj Bhavan has been opened for the public as well as tourists from January, 2019. I am delighted to inform that the move is aimed to give people an opportunity to explore the heritage wealth of this

place, as well as its rich flora and fauna and its mesmerizing scenic beauty.

5. All of us have to appreciate the way Goa has progressed remarkably and has emerged as one of the progressive forward looking and prosperous State. I would like to inform this August House that my Government would lay greater emphasis on achieving Sustainable Development Goals in a time bound manner, facilitating ease of doing business and rendering quality time bound services in all spheres.

6. You are all well aware that though there is a revenue resource crunch in the State, the Gross State Domestic Product estimates has registered a growth rate of above 13 per cent for 2016-17 (Provisional) and expected to achieve a growth rate of above 12 per cent during 2017-18 (Quick) with a per capita income of Rs. 4.60

lakh which is highest in the country and more than three times the National average, thus portraying robust and healthy economy.

7. My Government is committed to transfer the financial benefits directly to the beneficiaries through digital payment. The State has been very proactive in successfully implementing the UID/Aadhaar Project in the State with an impressive Aadhaar generation over 107% and 83% coverage in the age group of 0-5 years. Efforts are on to cover the elusive 17% on a mission mode. 100 Aadhaar enrollment kits have been acquired and are set up in 12 identified departments.

8. I am happy to say that Goa stood at 3rd place in the country for having high Human Development Index for the year 2018. Our vision is to build a happy, inclusive and an innovative progressive State and we aspire to be one of the best States in the country.

Hon'ble Members,

9. My Government is working tirelessly to improve the revenue of the State and has enforced Goods and Service Tax Act. The revenue collections of GST and excise tax have recorded a growth of 9 per cent and 23 per cent respectively till December 2018 as compared to previous year.

10. In order to improve the timely delivery of public delivery system to the citizens and saving considerable man hours, the Goa Excise Management System has been implemented.

11. My Government is committed to complete the state-of-the-art Infrastructure facilities in time for the forth coming 36th National games to be hosted during 2019 which will give a good exposure to the Goan sports persons to excel at the National/International level tournaments.

12. Hon'ble members may recall that the development journey so far was not easy and it is only due to our determination, self respect and self confidence that the State has become a role model in certain areas due to astute leadership, support and co-operation of the citizens.

13. The highest priority of my Government is to remove the hardships faced by the farmers and raise their standard of living. The vision of my Government is doubling the farmer's income by 2022 which is quite challenging but it is needed and is attainable. Efforts are being made to achieve the goal and encourage the youth to take up co-operative farming. My Government is continuously making efforts to give subsidies to the farmers and provide technology at their doorstep. My Government has sanctioned subsidies to the tune of Rs. 224.18 lakh for procurement of 1015 agro machineries and

4368 farmers were provided assured price of Rs.772.57 lakh for 4 major crops i.e. paddy, sugarcane, coconut and oil palm. 1542 farmers were covered under National Mission on Agriculture Extension and Technology incurring an expenditure of Rs. 95.55 lakh on training, exposure visits, demonstrations, etc. 33,293 krishi cards have been issued and distributed to framers for efficient delivery of services. To ensure remunerative price to the farmers for their produce, the agriculture mandis are being connected online through e-NAM portal. Under 'Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana', farmers are being provided affordable and simple crop insurance services.

14. My Government is aiming to achieve self sufficiency in milk production by making continuous efforts among rural youth to take up dairy farming. The average milk collection has increased by 13 per cent till December 2018 as

compared to previous year. Nearly, Rs. 10.00 crore subsidy was released under Kamdhenu scheme for purchase of 1559 milch animals and around Rs. 21.66 crore subsidy was provided to farmers as incentives on milk and feed based on milk poured to Dairy Co-operative Societies and Batchat Gats of SUMUL. "e-Goa Pashusamvardan" software has been successfully implemented.

15. My Government intends to enhance socio-economic conditions of the fishing community by utilizing available aquatic resources of the State for which continuous efforts are being made for the growth of the fishing industry by providing financial assistance for the needs of the fishermen.

16. Under Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojana, forest department has successfully carried out erection of 6 running kms solar power fence

in Ibrampur village of Pernem taluka which has minimized human animal conflict in the region.

Hon'ble Members,

17. Following the path of Ekatm Manav-vad (Integral Humanism) propounded by Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, my Government is developing mechanisms to ensure that benefits of development reach the poorest of the poor.

18. My Government is focused **to end Hunger, achieve Food Security and improved nutrition**. The distribution of food grains at cheap rates under the National Food Security Act is made transparent in order to stop pilferages. Aadhaar enabled Point of Sale devices have been installed in all fair price shops for distribution of entitled food grains quota to the eligible beneficiaries through Aadhaar authentication.

19. My Government is sensitive towards the aspirations of every section of society and has implemented various schemes for upliftment of backward classes.

20. My Government is committed to “**Empowerment and not Appeasement**”, and is making intensive efforts for economic, social and educational empowerment of the minorities. My Government is guided by the fundamental spirit of the Constitution and committed to the welfare of weaker sections, strengthening of social justice, economic parity and ushering ease of living. Under Dayanand Social Security scheme, an amount of Rs. 275.89 crore has been released to 1.38 lakh beneficiaries up to December, 2018

21. With a sensitive approach towards providing housing to all with availability of water-electricity-toilet facility, my Government is targeting to

provide a house to every poor and homeless household by the year 2022 through Pradhan Matri Awas Yojana scheme in rural and urban areas.

22. **Health for all** is one of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the Country. Every one is aware that Health is Wealth. The priority of my Government is to improve the quality of medical facilities in the State. The performance of health indicators in the State are quite impressive and have achieved some of the targets of the SDG's. One of the major worries of the poor and middle class relates to treatment of diseases. The financial burden of treatment of disease further aggravates the suffering. In order to take care of this aspect, my Government has introduced Deen Dayal Swasthya Seva Yojana scheme for providing better and affordable healthcare facilities to the poor and middle class.

During 2018-19, 2.23 lakh active families have been enrolled.

23. Ayushman Bharat & Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana, the flagship schemes of Hon'ble Prime Minister of India were launched in the State on 23rd September 2018, along with National launch. 1348 of golden records were created till December 2018. In all, 4 public Hospitals are empanelled & process of empanelment of private Hospitals has started. Final package list with 1610 procedures has been accepted by NHA. Under the Ayushman Bharat programme, 9 Health & Wellness Centres at various Rural Medical Dispensaries/ UHCs in the State have been operationalized with the aim of providing Comprehensive Primary Health Care to the remotest population in the State. New born screening for inborn errors of metabolism and congenital defects has been initiated in GMC, both District Hospitals,

Sub District Hospitals, delivery points in CHCs/ PHCs from August 2018. The STEMI-GOA project was launched with the aim of reducing cardiac mortality and morbidity.

24. I am happy to say that, no new microfilaria cases have been detected in 2018 and if the same trend is continued, then Goa will be declared **filaria free** as per WHO guidelines. As regards HIV, number of persons detected HIV positive have declined from 1094 in 2007 to 258 in 2018 and also HIV prevalence among general population has declined from 0.25% in 2012 to 0.08% in 2017.

25. **ज्ञानं सम्य गवेक्षणम्**- Education provides the foundation for building the future of the Nation. My Government is committed in strengthening and modernizing school and higher education system in the State and making efforts to ensure that there are no dropouts in the age group 6-13 years.

Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan and Mid-Day Meal scheme (I-VIII) are successfully implemented in the State.

26. My Government has sowed the seeds in the year 2002 to make the budding citizens e-literates by introducing Cyberage Student scheme. During 2018-19, 18,200 laptops were distributed to the student of Std. XI in various higher secondary schools across the State. Goa University emerged among the top 75 universities in the QS India University rankings.

Hon'ble Members,

27. Every one is aware that information technology plays a very vital role in making information available at the door steps of the common man and creating employment opportunities for the unemployed youth. My Government has laid utmost priority in promoting and implementing various IT projects.

I am happy to say that my Government had notified Goa Start-up policy 2017 and 23 Start-ups have been certified under the policy. Goa Information Technology policy was launched with a vision to create and nurture a global competitive information technology eco-system that powers the state's economic growth. E-district policy was launched and currently 65 end to end services are live under the purview of the project. My Government has organized 21 Boot camps in various colleges for creating awareness about Start-up policy benefitting about 4500 students.

28. Local bodies are institutions of the local self governance, which look after the administration of villages, towns or cities. Villages are the backbone in maintaining/protecting the traditions, culture, civilization, etc. which plays an important role in providing benefits to the community and also

meant for improving the economic life of the rural people. Under Deendayal Infrastructure Development scheme, 9 projects have been completed during 2018-19. All panchayats have been provided with Goa Broad Band Network in order to provide digital services, even in the remotest areas of the State.

29. My Government is committed to make Goa “Open Defecation Free State” by 2nd October 2019. Awareness camps are being held in order to educate the public. As a part of Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban, my Government has converted 1125 insanitary latrines to sanitary ones, constructed 65 community toilets and 17 public toilets for different urban local bodies. About 53% of urban wards have been declared open defecation free. During the year, 4 schemes have been completed under integrated development of major towns.

30. **स्वच्छ गोवा - स्वस्थ गोवा**: My Government has been working proactively to keep the **State clean and litter-free** and to ensure proper Solid Waste Management across the State, various initiatives have been taken. The first state-of-art facility functioning at Saligao is being expanded to handle 250 tonnes per day of waste.

31. **“Girls are Heavens flowers”**. Gender equality and empowerment of girls is one of the Sustainable Development Goals. My Government is giving utmost priority for improving female sex ratio at birth by monitoring the implementation of PNMT Act in the State. One of the most significant flagship schemes of my Government is “Laadli Laxmi” especially for girl child. The scheme has been suitably expanded to take care of higher education or entrepreneurship needs of the young girl. Since its inception, about 61,000 beneficiaries have availed the benefits.

32. My Government is strongly committed to achieve the goal **of Empowerment of Women**. As part of the mission, my Government is successfully implementing the Griha Aadhar scheme in order to address the problem of spiraling prices and to support the homemakers. An amount of around Rs. 172.03 crore has been disbursed to nearly 1.52 lakh homemakers during the year.

33. यत्र नार्यस्तु पूज्यन्ते रमन्ते तत्र देवता:- My Government has successfully implemented various nutrition programmes for children, pregnant women and lactating women covering around 68,000 beneficiaries. Besides, my Government has covered more than 8,700 beneficiaries under MAMTA scheme. Pradhan Mantri Mathru Vandana Yojana is successfully implemented and has covered 4,256 beneficiaries during the year. My Government

will give utmost priority to resolve the issues relating to women. The Goa compensation scheme for women victims/survivors of sexual assault/other crimes scheme, 2018 is formulated for providing compensation to the women victims or her dependents. Universal Women Helpline 181 is set up at the GMC, Bambolim.

34. Labour relations with the industry plays a key role in the development of the State and efforts are being made to maintain balanced environment between labour and industry. At present, about 2.43 lakh insured persons and their families have been covered under ESI scheme.

35. My Government has collected an amount of Rs. 22.31 crore as royalty on extraction of major minerals and Rs. 3.67 crore on minor minerals during the year till December 2018.

The State Government has conducted 21 e-auctions and sold 11.47 MT mineral ore through e-auction. During 2015-18, an amount of Rs. 187.42 crore has been collected as district mineral fund.

Hon'ble Members,

36. Industry is one of the most important sectors which plays a major role in estimating State Domestic Product. During the year, 1347 units have been registered online with a proposed investment of Rs. 356.41 crore with an employment potential to 11,081 persons. The Goa Investment Promotion Board (Goa IPB) acts a catalyst to young entrepreneurs to set up environment friendly industries in the State. Till date, Goa IPB has approved 166 projects in principle with total investment of Rs. 10,703.00 crore with employment potential of 22,586 persons. Term loans amounting to Rs.10.06

crore have been approved for sanctioning to 338 beneficiaries as contribution under CMRY scheme. In order to encourage young entrepreneurs, 261 additional beneficiaries have been sanctioned with loan assistance of Rs.1656.71 lakh under CMRY upto November 2018. As on 31/10/2018, a total of 103 cases have been processed involving adjustment of Rs.104.07 lakh under Exit policy.

37. My Government has sanctioned subsidy to 4,692 cases amounting to Rs. 108.38 crore under "Debt relief scheme for mining affected borrowers of financial institutions" and disbursed Rs. 93.29 crore to 4,263 beneficiaries as on November 2018.

38. The incubation and co-working space named IGNITE EDC Innovation Hub at EDC House, Panaji with ultra modern facilities has been operationalized.

39. The GSIDC is playing a vital role in development of infrastructure in the State. Construction of bus stand & market complex at Pernem & Marcel, community hall at Querim, Ponda; Panchayat ghar along with community hall at Uguem, Sanguem, multipurpose hall and office building for Village Panchayat, Salvador do Mundo, beautification and landscaping of municipal garden (rose garden) near MES, Panaji, reconstruction of bridge across St. Inez Creek on the 18th June Road, Panaji have been completed.

40. My Government is committed to complete the infrastructure projects in time. The 3rd bridge on the river Mandovi has been inaugurated. Widening & strengthening of road SH-7 from Guddemol junction to Sanvordem Tisk in a length of 3.80 kms in V.P. Sanvordem and from Savargal junction to Guddemol junction in a

length of 4.00 kms in V.P. Kirlapal Dabal in Sanvordem Constituency have been completed at a cost of Rs. 11.00 crore. Construction of bypass road from GEC main gate to rear gate of Engineering College & ITI at Farmagudi in Marcaim Constituency in Ponda taluka at a cost of Rs. 413.48 lakh has been completed.

Hon'ble Members,

41. The **thrust** of my Government is **to reduce water pollution**. In order to prevent ground water pollution on account of seepage of various domestic and other pollutants, a number of sewerage and sewage treatment schemes have been established at Navelim, Margao, Mormugao, Taleigao, Fatorda. Efforts are being made to provide quality drinking water which is one of the agenda points of the Sustainable Development Goals and has taken up improvement of the water supply system in the State.

42. Improvement of water supply system to Kadamba Plateau Phase (1) S.H: Construction of 650 m3 OHR, 2000 m3 GLR, pump house & DI conveying & distribution main pipeline (balance work) at a cost of Rs. 422.59 lakh,; Replacement of age old AC pipes to DI pipes from Margao control room to Curtorim sump at a cost of Rs. 335.50 lakh have been completed under improvement of Salauli water supply scheme. Supply, installation, testing & commissioning of 33 KV transformer & vertical turbine pumps at Salauli water works at a cost of Rs. 328.71 lakh. 556 project affected persons of Tillari Irrigation Project have been paid their compensation. Augmentation of multipurpose tank at Porvorim and pumping station at Guirim have been completed thereby solving the drinking water woes of Porvorim.

43. The IT related Part A work of the R-APDRP has been completed in all respects. Online

electricity bill payment facility through mobile app, website, Any Time Payment (ATP) machine along with Information Kiosks at Panaji, Ponda, Mapusa, Margao and Vasco are avenues available for the public to pay their electric bills. Online Application for new service connection is also functional.

44. The motto of my Government is to phase out pilferages of power and improve revenue of the State. Under Deendayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana, 35 per cent of non-working meters (1-ph and 3-ph) have been replaced with electronic meters; under the Integrated Power Development Scheme, nearly 10 per cent non-working meters (1-ph and 3-ph) have been replaced with electronic meters.

45. Save power and uninterrupted supply of quality power to the citizens is the vision of my Government. As part of Demand Side

Management measure, around 1.95 lakh number of all types of conventional street light fixtures have been replaced by efficient smart LED light fixtures and provided Centralised Control and Monitoring System.

46. The Fire and Emergency service personnel are striving hard to prevent untoward incidents arising due to fire disasters. During the year 2018-19 (up to Dec'18), the fire personnel attended 5744 fire and emergency incidents, saved 89 human lives/460 animal lives and saved/salvaged Rs. 75.44 crore worth property.

47. **शिशुर्वेथि पशुर्वेथि वेथि गन रसम फनि:** - In order to encourage budding talented musicians and to improve their overall standard of learning music in schools, my Government has implemented "Scheme for Establishment of Music Centres in

School" under which 286 schools are availing benefits.

48. Government has operationalized the implementation of Regional Plan, 2021. The Goa Town & Country Planning (Change of Zone in Regional Plan) Rules, 2018 has been notified.

49. **अतिथि देवो भव:** Goa is known as a worldwide tourist destination due to its scenic beauty, clean beaches, good infrastructure facilities, good network connectivity and safety/security measures. Tourism industry contributes major portion in the State's economy. My Government's priority is to provide quality infrastructure and promote tourism in all spheres. The total arrival of tourists is five times more than the residential population. During the first half of the year (January - June 2018) there is an overall increase of 8.45% in tourist arrivals. The domestic tourists flow has increased by 7.05% and foreign tourists by 17%.

50. **Safety and security of the tourists** is my Government's topmost priority. In order to monitor the safety of the tourists at Baga, Calangute, Vagator & Anjuna, SITC of CCTV have been installed and Wi-Fi facilities made available.

51. Goa is having a good network of inland waterways. In order to reduce road accidents, traffic congestion and air pollution, my Government is exploring to optimize use of inland waterways.

52. Goa is having good road network. Road transport is one of the imperative tributary of the State, responsible for social integration of economic development of the State.

53. My Government has given top most priority in developing state-of-the-art sports infrastructure facilities and encourage budding

sports persons by providing financial assistance. As a part of infrastructure development, 10 playgrounds at various talukas, swimming pool at Ponda sports complex, beautification of the administrative block garden, Campal have been completed during the year.

Hon'ble members,

54. It is my pleasure to announce that Goan sports persons have won 10 Gold, 12 Silver and 14 Bronze medals at the 64th National School games held in various parts of the country and have also won 7 Gold, 8 Silver and 11 Bronze medals at Zonal level, 28 Gold, 17 Silver and 26 Bronze medals at the open National level and 5 Gold and 2 Silver at the International level sporting events during the year. Goa has also won 2 Gold, 4 Silver & 2 Bronze medals at west zone National Athletic meet held at Raipur, Chhattisgarh.

55. Goa will become a unique State to have two international airports conducting civilian operations in close proximity. The construction of Mopa Airport is progressing very well. My Government has setup Mopa Airport Development Authority as a single window mechanism to facilitate various approvals and clearances required for the project. As promised by my Government, all the 14 affected families of Mopa Airport project have been rehabilitated at a new location in the vicinity of the airport.

56. समय पालन समिष्टि तथ्वम्- My Government is committed to provide quality services to the citizens. The first Citizen Service Centre (CSC) in the State has been established at the Collectorate, South which provides ten expeditious revenue services to the citizens of Salcete taluka. In order to cater to the needs of the local population of Sattari taluka, new Office of Dy. Collector & SDO at Sattari taluka has

been established. Online delivery of various certificates is made available to citizens in the Village Panchayats within 24 hours after applying.

57. My Government solicits whole hearted participation and co-operation of the people, in realizing its programme of "*Swaachh Bharat, Nital Goem*". As a Nominee of Hon'ble Prime Minister for Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, I have continued my sincere efforts to create better awareness among the people for maintaining cleanliness at all places. I have always dreamt that Goa should be the cleanest State. I am happy to mention that there has been encouraging and positive response from all the citizens, in regard to the implementation of this programme. Let us inculcate discipline within us, as we still have a long way to go. I urge to all to give a serious thought to the matter of cleanliness to make Goa the cleanest State.

Hon'ble Members,

58. We come together to celebrate democracy, treasured value and culture that has prospered throughout the long history of our nation. Indeed, a culture that guides my Government towards साफ नीयत - सही वीकास. I am confident that together we can make it possible. Let us rededicate ourselves to the cause of nation building. Let us have the sense of coordination and synchronization in thought process to make Goa, a Golden Goa.

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