



**ADDRESS OF
THE GOVERNOR OF KARNATAKA
TO THE STATE LEGISLATURE**

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Thursday

Honourable Chairman, Karnataka Legislative Council,

Honourable Speaker, Karnataka Legislative Assembly

Honourable Chief Minister of Karnataka and

Honourable Members of the Karnataka Legislature,

- 1) I extend a warm **welcome to all of you to the joint session of the State Legislature for the year 2021.** You are aware that the last year has been full of challenges posed by the pandemic caused due to Covid-19. I sincerely hope that the pandemic will end soon, and we will be back on the path of growth with equity. I feel honoured to have this opportunity to serve the people of Karnataka.
- 2) My Government has tried its best to mitigate the adverse impact of COVID-19 and we have used this **crisis as an opportunity,** to build on

our strengths, to create additional health infrastructure and enhance production capacity for PPE Kits and Ventilators, in the country. This is in true spirit of the farsighted vision of Atma Nirbhar Bharat, launched by Sri Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India.

- 3) It is noteworthy that India has succeeded in producing 2 vaccines which are also being exported to other countries. The **World's largest vaccination drive**, commenced on January 16 in India, under the able leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister. We are working in close collaboration with Central Government, to ensure that the vaccine reaches everyone, in a phased manner.
- 4) All the Government agencies like **Doctors, Nurses, Police, Revenue, Panchayath functionaries etc. have worked 24x7 and facilitated smooth and orderly operation of emergency services**, while restricting unnecessary and unwanted movement of public, to manage and control the spread of the pandemic.
- 5) My Government has announced the **highest compensation of Rs.30 Lakhs to the**

Government employees, in case of death, while performing COVID related duties.

- 6) Despite the challenges and hardships imposed by the pandemic, **the achievements of my government are noteworthy.**
- 7) My State **ranks number 1 in India Innovation Index**. Further, we are **2nd in Milk Production, 4th in Public Affairs Index** (Growth, Equity and Sustainability), **6th in SDG India Index** (NITI Aayog 2019) and **front runners** in 11 Sustainable Development Goals, at all India level. We contribute **8% to the GDP** of India and **40% to the country's IT exports**. My State has achieved average annual growth rate of 2.9% in fisheries sector and **got first prize for highest production of pulses.**
- 8) My Government has released **Rs.526 crore from State Disaster Response Fund, PM CARES and Corporate Social Responsibility Fund to mitigate impact of COVID-19.**
- 9) My Government has conducted more than **80 lakhs COVID tests using RT-PCR technique, which is the highest in the Country, in terms of persons tested per lakh population.**

- 10) My Government has approved free treatment for **1.36 lakh COVID patients and an amount of Rs.248 Crores has been spent.**
- 11) My Government has ensured food security for all, particularly during COVID, under **Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana.**
- 12) My Government has **provided 10 Kg Rice and 5 Kg Wheat** free of cost under **Dasoha Scheme** to each of the 9,994 inmates in 248 State Government Welfare Institutions and 8,919 inmates in 182 Central Government Welfare Institutions.
- 13) My Government has provided **90 lakh packed nutrition food** during the lockdown, for stranded migrant workers and joined hands with Railways to organize **special labour trains**, with food and other necessities, to facilitate safe journey to their home States.
- 14) My Government provided during Covid-19 crisis, financial assistance worth **Rs.5,372 crores to 63,59,000 beneficiaries**, which included farmers, workers of unorganized sector, Auto drivers, weavers, barbers etc. Karnataka Building and Other Construction

workers welfare Board has given assistance of Rs.824 crores to 16.45 lakh workers.

- 15) My Government released Rs.5,000 each to 11,770 leather artisans, **suffering from COVID-19** crisis.
- 16) My government has sanctioned an additional amount of Rs.2,000 per farmer, amounting to Rs.1,020 crores to 51 lakh farmers, under Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Scheme.
- 17) My Government has given the benefit of Minimum support price to farmers by procuring 61,379 metric tons of Paddy, 1.93 lakh metric tons of Ragi and 9,256 metric tons of Jowar.
- 18) Electricity consumers including industries have also been given various reliefs and incentives.
- 19) Helplines and help centers were established to help and facilitate the tourists stranded in the State. Totally 6,780 foreign tourists from 37 countries, were facilitated to return to their Country.
- 20) My government has prepared Vision-2030, consisting of innovative strategies and initiatives, to attain the targets set up under United Nations Sustainable Development Goals,

to make the State Hunger and Anemia free, as well as gender-friendly.

- 21) My Government has created 46,378 water harvesting structures under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayi Yojana bringing 1.88 lakh hectares under protective irrigation, thereby, benefitting 2.76 lakh farmers, in the rainfed region.
- 22) My Government has taken steps to enroll 2.4 lakh cases covering 1.4 lakh farmers under Restructured Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme. Claim amount of Rs.296 crore out of Rs.311 crore, has already been settled by Insurance Companies, with respect to Kharif 2019-20.
- 23) 2.10 Crore plots were surveyed for Kharif 2020 and crop survey for 80 lakh plots was uploaded by the farmers themselves. Digitization of crop survey data with active support of farmers themselves in Karnataka, has been appreciated by Government of India.
- 24) The area expansion of Horticulture crops is undertaken in 23,064 hectares. Drip Irrigation system is installed in 32,878 hectares. Integrated pest and disease management has

covered 30,438 hectares. Assistance has been provided to establish 1,089 Post-Harvest Management units.

- 25) My government has approved World Bank Project of Rejuvenating Watersheds for Agriculture Resilience through Innovative Development for constructing water harvesting structures, in 21 Districts of the State from 2020-21 to 2026-27, with a budget of Rs.600 Crores.
- 26) My Government has generated a total of 1,194 lakh mandays under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme, with financial progress of Rs.4,540 Crores.
- 27) My Government has given Administrative approval for Construction of Lift Irrigation Schemes in Ramanagara, Chikkamagaluru, Bengaluru, Mandya, Koppal, Belgavi and Udupi districts, at an estimated cost of Rs.300 Crores.
- 28) My Government has initiated treatment of waste water on PPP basis in Urban Local Bodies of Bellary, Chitradurga and Hubli-Dharwad, at an estimated cost of Rs.142 crores.

- 29) My government has introduced Fly Ash Disposal Policy, which has resulted in 100% ash utilization in Thermal Power Stations and has contributed towards minimizing environmental pollution.
- 30) My Government has developed Green Index Tool kit for the first time in the country and has received Certificate of Appreciation for successful implementation of National Green Corps programme.
- 31) I am happy to inform that "Karnataka stands No.1 in the Country, in Renewable Energy" with cumulative installed capacity of 14,971 Mega Watts.
- 32) My Government has electrified 14,320 unelectrified Households under Centrally sponsored schemes; Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojna and 'SAUBHAGYA'.
- 33) My Government has provided a subsidy of Rs.11,250 crores to ensure Free Power Supply to all SC/ST farmers and to those farmers, having IP sets, below 10 HP.
- 34) My Government has launched a Teachers and Parents Helpline, Shikshaka Mitra and

Makkalavani You-Tube Channel, which has attracted the attention of the entire nation. The school curriculum has been reframed for the shortened academic period.

- 35) My Government has launched an innovative program titled '**My School My Contribution (Nanna Shale Nanna Koduge)**' to collect donations from alumni, associations, and various organizations. **As on date, 1,500 schools have been adopted by the people's representatives, community leaders and voluntary organizations.**
- 36) My Government has promoted quality education in Colleges by introducing a Learning Management System that will allow students to access content through a web-based platform, App and smart classrooms.
- 37) My Government has signed an agreement with TATA Technologies Limited for upgradation of 150 government Industrial Training Institutes.
- 38) My Government has sanctioned new medical colleges at Chikkaballapur, Haveri, Yadagiri and Chikkamagaluru districts at a cost of Rs.325 crores each, under Centrally Sponsored Scheme.

- 39) My Government has started construction of 300-bed capacity hospital of Sri Jayadeva Cardiology & Research Institute at Kalaburagi, to benefit the people of Kalyan Karnataka.
- 40) My Government has provided an allocation of Rs.1,132 crores to Kalyana-Karnataka Regional Development Board, for 2020-21.
- 41) Kalyana Karnataka Human Resource, Agriculture and Cultural Association has been established with a financial assistance of Rs.300 Crores, for ensuring integrated development of this region. Rs100 Crores has already been released.
- 42) My government has sanctioned Rs.600 crores for construction of Anubhava Mantapa, at Basava Kalyana, to develop it as an International Cultural & Heritage Centre. Rs.100 Crores has already been released for this purpose.
- 43) My Government has enacted Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike Act as a separate legislation for better administration of Bengaluru city, and has launched "Bengaluru Mission 2022" to improve the Quality of life of people staying in Bengaluru. Infrastructure and developmental

works in Bangalore City have been approved for Rs.8,015 Crores.

- 44) My Government has approved construction of storm water drains costing Rs.1,060 crores under the Nava Nagarothana programme. Rs.1,000 Crore has been sanctioned to provide Underground Drainage Facilities to 110 recently included villages under BBMP. Under Nagarothanna 3rd phase, 1,598 works have been completed in 263 Urban Local Bodies.
- 45) My Government has undertaken 35 housing projects in an area of 256 acres for constructing 14,909 housing units.
- 46) My Government has constructed 3.15 lakhs Individual Household Latrines under Swacha Bharath Mission and 306 works, amounting to Rs.1,680 crores, have been completed under AMRUT scheme.
- 47) My Government has made use of Smart City Mission, to ensure that 162 projects costing Rs.400 Crore are completed and 345 projects costing Rs.6,233 Crores are under progress, in 7 Smart Cities.

- 48) Under the World Bank Assisted Programme, up-scaling of 24x7 water supply to the entire corporation areas of Belagavi, Kalaburgi and Hubballi-Dharwad at an estimated cost of Rs.2,848 crores has been taken up. 24/7 Water Supply Projects across the State, at an estimated cost of Rs.1,602 Crores and 24 Under Ground Drainage Projects, at an estimated cost of Rs.1,103 Crores, have also been taken up.
- 49) My Government has accorded high priority for completion of ongoing METRO works. Phase 2 and Phase 2A are in under progress and it is aimed to have 75 km of Metro line, by 2022.
- 50) Automatic fare collection system using One Nation One Card will be set up by Bengaluru Metro Rail Corporation Limited and Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation, during this year.
- 51) Government of India in partnership with my government, has approved Bengaluru Sub-Urban Rail Project, at a cost of Rs.15,767 Crores, to ease traffic congestion in Bengaluru.
- 52) Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation has received 6 National and International Awards, this year.

- 53) My Government has incurred an expenditure of Rs.4,755 crores, to build 3,459 km of roads and 202 bridges. 447 km of concrete roads have been built in Schedule Caste and Schedule Tribe Colonies, 588 km of road have been developed under Special Development Plan and 143 km of road development has been completed under the Chief Minister's Grameena Rasthe Abhivrudhi Yojane.
- 54) Totally 9,601 km of district highways are upgraded as State highways and 15,510 km rural roads as Major District Roads. 1,850 works are undertaken in flood affected areas for restoring mobility.
- 55) Construction has commenced for a captive port at a cost of Rs.525 crores in the leased land of Port department, under Public Private Partnership at Kasargod Tonka, Honnavar Taluk, Uttar Kannada District.
- 56) My State is the first in the Country, to rollout a dedicated Aerospace Policy.
- 57) Bidar Airport has been operationalized on 07-02-2020. Development of Airport in Shivamoga District is being implemented at a cost of Rs.385 crores. Development of Civil

Enclave adjacent to Naval Air Base in Uttara Kannada District at an estimated cost of Rs.27.84 Crores is in progress. Vijayapura Airport is being developed, at a cost of Rs.220 Crores.

- 58) Under CM's One Lakh Housing Scheme, out of 46,499 houses, construction of 31,382 houses has been started. Under Slum Improvement programme, Rs.150 Crores has been provided. 83,119 houses, along with infrastructure have been approved to be constructed, at a cost of Rs.4,460 Crores under Prime Minister Awas Yojana. Under Rajiv Awas Yojana, 7 projects for construction of 19,897 houses are approved, amounting to Rs.1,030 crores. Of these, 18,570 houses have been completed. Issue of Hakku Pathra for 3.36 lakh families in 1,818 slum areas is completed. 74,574 sites in urban areas and 48,161 sites in rural areas, are ready for distribution.
- 59) Labour laws have been simplified by allowing registration / renewal of licence under the Factories Act, up to 15 years, at a time. The procedure for renewal of licence has been done away with, by introducing an auto renewal

system. Notification has been issued, allowing women workers to work in factories, round the clock and the total hours of overtime work, per quarter, has been increased from 75 to 125 hours.

- 60) My Government has spent Rs.215 crore towards implementation of self-employment schemes, Arivu-Education loan and Ganga Kalyana irrigation Schemes to benefit 26,552 people, belonging to Backward Classes.
- 61) My government has allocated Rs.17,863 Crores for the Scheduled Caste development and Rs.7,754 Crores for Scheduled Tribes development. Direct loans to 15,837 SC/ST beneficiaries have been disbursed through different Corporations. 3,061 Acres of land has been purchased and distributed to beneficiaries under Land Ownership Scheme. 1,021 teaching and non-teaching staffs have been appointed to residential schools of Karnataka Residential Educational Institutions Society, to improve quality of teaching.
- 62) My Government has set up Karnataka Innovation Authority. Karnataka Digital Economy Mission has been set up on public

private partnership mode, to co-ordinate innovation, promote investments, draw up strategy and propose new Initiatives for enhancing the branding and establishment of global innovation alliances.

- 63) My Government has announced new IT Policy 2020-25 with special focus on promoting IT beyond Bengaluru. The annual flagship event Bengaluru Tech Summit was successfully organized on a virtual platform, with participation of 25 foreign countries. I am happy to inform that Hon'ble Prime Minister of India inaugurated the event, with virtual participation of Prime Minister of Australia and the Vice President of the Swiss Confederation.
- 64) My Government has launched a special internship drive, on the lines of NITI Aayoga, to seek innovative solutions from postgraduate young minds. 35 assignments have been completed and 50 are under progress.
- 65) My Government has extended e-office facility from Chief Minister's Office in Vidhana Soudha up to district level offices. Janasevaka initiative was launched and more than 42,000 government services have been provided

through Doorstep Delivery, to citizens. Grama One has been envisaged as a single point assistance center, for all citizen centric activities, at village level.

- 66) Karnataka State Remote Sensing Applications Centre in collaboration with Karnataka Forest Department has established a "**Forest Fire Monitoring Cell**" to prevent the loss of forest, due to forest fire.
- 67) Avalokana portal of Planning Department has been launched in collaboration with the Centre for Smart Governance to monitor entire budgetary allocation, spent across 1,800 schemes, by 20,000 implementing officers.
- 68) My Government has introduced New Industrial Policy 2020-2025 with a mission of maintaining an Industrial Growth of 10% per annum, attracting investment of Rs.5 lakh crores, creating employment opportunities for 20 lakh persons and enabling eco-system, for technology adoption and innovation.
- 69) My Government has approved 366 projects with an investment potential of Rs.53,295 crores, aimed at generating 1.54 lakh jobs during this year.

- 70) In order to promote easy availability of land to industries, my government has amended the Karnataka Land Reforms Act, 1961.
- 71) My Government has established 1763 units under Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme.
- 72) My Government enacted New Sand Policy-2020, wherein a provision has been made to sell the sand available in the streams, ponds, and lakes. Amendment has been made to Karnataka Stone Regulation Crusher Act-2011 for effective monitoring.
- 73) Transport Department has installed 126 electric vehicle charging stations in Bangalore, through BESCO, at a cost of Rs.4 crore.
- 74) Karnataka Road Transport Corporation has converted a scrap bus into a well-equipped women's toilet called "Stree Toilet". KSRTC's Initiative has won "Economic Times Government Global Smart City Award".
- 75) My Government has introduced New Tourism Policy 2020-25. The policy envisages 26 avenues to promote private investments. Out of 844 Monuments across the State of Karnataka,

- 3D mapping and laser scanning of 105 Monuments of Bangalore region is undertaken.
- 76) My government proposes to develop the birth place of Sri Sri Sri Shiva Kumara Swamiji at Veerapura in Ramanagara District, as a cultural and heritage centre, at a cost of Rs.25 crores.
- 77) The birth place of Sri Sri Sri Balagangadharanatha Swamiji at Banandur village of Ramanagara District is also proposed to be developed as a cultural and heritage centre, at a cost of Rs.25 crores.
- 78) My government plans to develop the birthplace of Late Sri S. Nijalingappa former Chief Minister of Karnataka, in Chitradurga district.
- 79) My Government has decided to install a statue of Nadaprabhu Kempegowda in the premises of Bangalore International Airport at a cost of Rs 25 crores.
- 80) My Government has taken steps to streamline the Recruitment process in Police department. During 2019-20, 603 Sub Inspectors and 3,566 Police Constables have been recruited. For the year 2020-21, recruitment for 653 posts of Sub Inspectors, 6,685 posts of Police Constables is

under process. 2% quota for Sportsmen has been earmarked, for all recruitments in police department, giving filip to physical fitness and sporting activities, in the police force.

81) My Government has initiated recruitment of 1567 personnel for the Karnataka State Fire and Emergency Services. Fire Force has saved 2,051 human lives and Rupees 482 Crores worth public and private properties. The Government has approved purchase of Aerial Ladder Platform of 90mtrs height, costing Rs.25 Crores. This will be the tallest ladder in the country for Fire Fighting and Rescue operations. My Government has sanctioned Rs.30 Crores for Advanced Rescue Equipments, for disaster management.

82) My Government has declared war on drugs. Considering the adverse impact of Drugs on society, especially youngsters, all law enforcement agencies have coordinated their efforts for prevention and control of trafficking, transport and consumption of Narcotics. 4,066 cases were registered and Narcotics worth Rs.34 Crore were seized.

83) Approval has been given for construction of Central Command Center at a cost of Rs. 80 Crores, to facilitate quick response to the distress calls, from all over the State.

84) Administrative approval has been given to build 10,000 Police quarters in the next five years, at a cost of Rs.2,000 Crores under Police Gruha-2025 Scheme.

85) Forensic Science and Technology Center at Madiwala, Bengaluru has been constructed at a cost of Rs.30 Crores.

86) My Government's handling of three flood events during August to October 2020 has been swift and well-coordinated. Apart from Fire and Emergency Services and SDRF; 16 NDRF teams and 4 Army columns were deployed. 4 IAF Helicopters were kept standby. Around 5,016 people were rescued by the joint rescue teams. 313 relief camps were opened sheltering around 52,253 flood affected people. Gratuitous relief of Rs.10,000 each has been paid to 27,773 flood affected families, out of which Rs.6,200 has been borne by the State Government.

87) My Government is providing financial assistance of Rs.5 lakh for reconstruction of

completely damaged houses, Rs.3.00 lakh for houses with major damage, and Rs.50,000 for partially damaged house to ensure that people construct structurally safe house, which is consistent with the principle of 'build back better'. The significant part of the housing assistance is borne by my Government. Rs.152 crores has been released towards housing assistance.

88) My Government has disbursed Rs.710 crore input subsidy directly to the bank accounts of 9,22,605 flood affected farmers. For the repair of critical infrastructures such as Roads, Schools, Anganwadis and Primary Health Centres, my Government has released Rs.423 crores. In total, Rs.1345 crore has been released, for flood relief.

89) Despite the current challenges, my Government has collected Rs.30,467 Crores through Commercial taxes and Rs.16,788 crores through Excise Department, to ensure smooth funding of development programmes of the State.

90) My Government has also implemented Integrated Financial Management System (IFMS), across all the departments in the State, to help Citizens pay their taxes "online".

I seek the cooperation of all members to debate and discuss about various innovation measures required to tide over the present challenges and make Karnataka, a Number One State, in the Country.

Jai Hind !

Jai Karnataka !