

### Annex 1: Major Policy Initiatives of State Budgets 2009-10

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<b>1. Andhra Pradesh</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mid-day meal programme is being expanded with distribution of books to all elementary education students in all Government Schools.</li> <li>Setting up of new Universities in different regions of the State.</li> <li>Proposal to implement a programme for imparting computer education to all students in 5000 selected High Schools and Junior Colleges.</li> <li>Emergency Health Transport Service and Fixed Day Health Service have been introduced.</li> <li>Abhaya Hastham Scheme guaranteeing a monthly pension of Rs.500 per month for the senior citizen women is introduced.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rajiv Awas Yojana has been introduced for providing housing to poor.</li> <li>AP Road Sector Project has been introduced.</li> <li>Initiative to make the Hyderabad City a world class city with construction of 158 KMs long outer Ring Road with eight lanes Access Controlled Expressway at an estimated cost of Rs.4,607 crore.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One time waiver of loans sanctioned to the weavers cooperative societies and individual weavers under PMRY and Rajiv Yuva Shakti Scheme.</li> <li>Efforts are on for simplification of procedures, rules, inspections, registrations and Single Window Clearance System for industries and business class to carry on their operations.</li> </ul>	—
<b>2. Arunachal Pradesh</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construction of residential quarters for teachers and doctors prioritised.</li> <li>Provide some allowance to the Panchayat Leaders for their mobility.</li> <li>Provide a monthly fixed honorarium of Rs.500 for ASHAs, DAAs, and MEDICs.</li> <li>Special focus on juvenile rehabilitation, persons with disability, implementation of nutrition programme and financial assistance to Arunachal Pradesh Social Welfare Advisory Board.</li> <li>Priority is accorded to development and security of women and children.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Massive road development programme has been proposed under which construction of 1,800 kms Trans-Arunachala highway will be constructed.</li> <li>Under PMGSY additional 513 villages will be connected by two lane highways by constructing about 700 kms of roads.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposes to levy 12.5 per cent VAT on tobacco products.</li> <li>12.5 per cent VAT has been reduced to 4 per cent in respect of a number of products.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposed to provide Rs.300 lakh as a start up fund to create massive capacity building among the SHGs in collaboration with NABARD.</li> <li>Cash award of Rs.10 lakh, Rs.5 lakh and Rs.2 lakh has been instituted for the achievers of Gold, Silver and Bronze medals at the national level sports.</li> <li>A corpus of Rs.3.0 crore created for Sangay Lhaden Sports Academy to promote sports and allied activities.</li> </ul>

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<b>3. Assam</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Six statutory Autonomous Councils have been created for all round socio-economic development of different indigenous ethnic groups.</li> <li>Proposed to set up a medical college, Agriculture College, Research institute and an engineering college on PPP basis.</li> <li>Provision of Rs.16.30 crore for construction of Dr. Ambedkar Bhawans in the scheduled caste dominated districts.</li> <li>Scholarship Scheme for Girl students has been announced.</li> <li>Proposed to provide financial incentives for Madrassas which introduces the modern subjects and vocational educational system.</li> <li>Proposed to launch a scheme of providing unemployment allowances to disabled persons and families with disabled children.</li> <li>A medical insurance scheme for Rs.35,000 per patient is mooted for people below poverty line(BPL).</li> <li>To set up three new institutes, viz., Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Petroleum Technology at Sivasagar, National Institute of Design at Jorhat and National Academy of Construction.</li> <li>Proposed to set up 50 new hospitals in interior areas of the State.</li> <li>Two new Protection Homes for Women, one</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Venture Capital Fund under the aegis of Assam Financial Corporation (AFC) with an initial contribution of Rs.5.0 crore has been constituted.</li> <li>Development of infrastructure and other basic needs of border areas have been taken up especially to impart skills and greater employment opportunities as also for women, farmers and youths for self employment is proposed.</li> <li>Proposed to adopt a village as 'Model Village' by focused convergence of various developmental schemes.</li> <li>Proposed to set up a Water Resource Management Commission for flood and erosion prevention and land reclamation.</li> <li>State in partnership with Tamil Nadu, Orissa and Meghalaya to form a joint venture company to develop 300 MMT Coal deposit allotted to Assam for generation of 1200 MW power.</li> <li>To set up a wholly integrated Plastic Park/ Plastic SEZ in Tinsukia district in addition to an Agri-HUB and Agri-Processing Zone at Boko under PPP arrangement.</li> <li>Several SEZ/ Parks are being proposed sector-wise.</li> <li>Proposed to set up Development Councils</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An amount of Rs.500 crore has been provided to Assam Infrastructure Financing Authority.</li> <li>Chief Minister's Micro-Finance Scheme has been mooted.</li> <li>A 'Loan Waiver Scheme for the Small Borrowers' with long outstanding dues is introduced.</li> <li>State Government decided to offer the Central Government pay structure to the State Government employees in line with the Sixth Pay Commission's recommendations.</li> <li>The entry tax on industrial input will be reduced to 2 per cent.</li> <li>VAT on select items reduced to 4 per cent.</li> <li>Tax rate on natural gas brought down from 20 per cent to 12 per cent</li> <li>A Special Fund is created for the welfare of the artists in distress.</li> <li>Incentive Fund to reward innovations in science and technology mooted.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Modernizing the entire police force to tackle various insurgency problem.</li> <li>Proposed to set up two Developmental Councils one each for Women and Youth with Rs.10 lakh and 35 lakh, respectively.</li> <li>Women Entrepreneurs Council will be set up to promote women entrepreneurs.</li> <li>To encourage sports it is proposed to construct swimming pool and indoor stadium.</li> <li>Scheme of MAMATA is introduced for children born in Government Hospitals.</li> <li>Proposed to provide housing facility to the unorganized workers in the urban areas.</li> <li>Proposed to raise 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion of Assam Forest Protection Force.</li> <li>Proposed to set up Commission for Elementary and Secondary Education to suggest a roadmap and policies to improve the quality of school education.</li> <li>Knowledge Commission is proposed to advise State Government on education policy.</li> </ul>

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	Old Age Home for Women and Two Observation Homes for Children /Juveniles would be developed.	to examine and suggest measures for planned development of urban centers. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Infrastructure Development Projects are to be taken up in 10 new towns.</li></ul>		
<b>4. Bihar</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To set up three new medical colleges.</li> <li>To set up Special School for mentally retarded children in two districts.</li> <li>To set up a training institute in collaboration with Maruti Udyog Limited, for training persons belonging to SC categories as motor driver and mechanics.</li> <li>To set up three new boarding schools for girls belonging to backward category.</li> <li>To distribute land under 'Maha-dalit Development Yojana' and '4-decimal Grih Sthal Yojana'.</li> <li>Business Accident Insurance scheme will be started for the welfare of businessmen.</li> <li>Setting up of Mega Growth Centres/ Institutes for higher education.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To set up Rajya Path Vikas Nigam to implement ADB and other important projects.</li> <li>To start work on 1400 bridges involving a cost of Rs.900 crore during 2009-10.</li> <li>In agriculture, proposals are to revive and modernise the conventional irrigation system, loans and grants to farmers for setting up 128000 units of private pumps and supplementary pump sets for irrigation, to ensure 25 per cent seed replacement for rice and wheat and setting up of seed village in each block as also a 'Farmers Field School', and to bring all crops except rice and jute under Bihar Micro Irrigation Project.</li> <li>To provide assistance to train men for poultry farming and also to set up four new fodder banks and two new dairy plants.</li> <li>Power Grid to work in 24 districts. NHPC to undertake rural electrification in 6 districts.</li> <li>A Handloom Park to be set up in Gaya.</li> <li>Sugar factories are proposed with an annual budget provision of Rs.500 crore.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Setting up of Emergency Operating Centres in eight districts under UNDP Disaster Management Programme.</li> <li>To procure land and start construction work for National Institute of Fashion Technology.</li> <li>To construct warehouses to store material relating to relief and rescue operations in 18 flood prone districts.</li> <li>Funds will be provided for filling gap between capacity and funds available with Panchayati Raj Institutions for different development schemes.</li> </ul>

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<b>5. Chhattisgarh</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposed to provide Rs.100 crore as State's portion for the "Rashtriya Madyamik Siksha Abhiyan (RMSA)", a scheme started by the Central Government for the expansion of secondary level education in the Country.</li> <li>Proposed to start "Mathari Express Yojana" for the pregnant women to promote institutional delivery.</li> <li>Special survey and treatment drive in the leprosy affected districts with the assistance of "European Union's States Contribution Programme".</li> <li>Setting up of "Scheduled Tribe Research Centre" for the preservation and development of Schedule Tribes' art and culture.</li> <li>Opening up of a college in Dantewada for dumb and deaf students and one college in Jashpur for blind students.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposed to provide a necessary kit and proper training to all the Gram Panchayats to test the quality of ground water in their area.</li> <li>Establishment of fertilizer quality control laboratory in Bilaspur.</li> <li>Proposed to open a multipurpose agriculture training centre in all the district headquarters.</li> <li>Free electricity for irrigation pump sets of farmers.</li> <li>Preparation of "District Human Resource Report" for the first time for the Rajnandgaon, Mahasamund, Kanker, Korba, Janjgir-champa, Surguja and Jashpur districts with the assistance of UNDP and Planning Commission.</li> <li>Establishment of new apparel training and design centre in Bhilai and Rajnandgaon.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New LPG connection to women at the subsidised rate.</li> <li>Exemption of professional tax to small businessmen having turnover up to Rs.10 lakhs per year.</li> <li>Bio-fuel is exempted from VAT to increase its production and consumption in the State.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Constitution of "Child Rights Protection Commission" for the protection of children's rights.</li> </ul>
<b>6. Goa</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>State Government proposed to provide additional financial assistance of Rs.10,000 to the central scheme under Indira Aawas Yojana (IAY) for construction of houses for BPL family.</li> <li>Special schemes are devised for the welfare of SCs/STs.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To device an 'Agricultural and Horticultural Policy'</li> <li>To create a 'Shetkari Adhar Nidhi' to take care of the farmers in times of distress and calamity.</li> <li>To introduce a Scheme 'Jalkhund' to tide over the water scarcity to the farmers who grow vegetables in hill slopes.</li> <li>Financial assistance proposed to the tiny entrepreneurs with traditional skills.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposal to tone up the overall functioning of the Government administration.</li> <li>An independent Third Party Audit' to study the Departments' finances and streamline loopholes with appropriate policy prescriptions.</li> <li>As a revenue enhancing measure, 'Goa State Tax on Professionals, Trade, Callings and Employment Act, 2009' is proposed.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strengthen the vigilance department to prevent corruption in the State Government.</li> <li>To appoint High Level Committee to Study the Index of Human Development.</li> <li>Merit Scholarship to be introduced for students of Tenth and Twelfth classes and vocational stream.</li> <li>Special voluntary retirement scheme for all government employees who are</li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Infrastructure project are given highest priority and will be developed on PPP basis.</li> <li>Proposed to construct a Bridge connecting Dona Paula and Vasco City as a Sea Link project on PPP / BOT basis.</li> <li>An additional 'signature bridge' to be constructed to mark the Golden Jubilee of Goa's 50<sup>th</sup> year of liberation.</li> <li>A single window clearance system for speedy disposal of applications for setting up new units in the State.</li> <li>Interest rate rebate is being offered to women entrepreneurs to set up industrial units</li> <li>To promote tourism, the phase II of Beach Safety programme is being proposed.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Other tax measures include Rs.20 per cubic meter for water drawn for commercial usage, entry fees for all Casinos enhanced, entry toll on vehicles except two-wheelers to be levied, luxury taxes rates rationalised for hotels, one time registration charges to register all barge loading and unloading jetties, port and all other related charges increased, enhanced transportation charges for coal and coke as also for inflammable and hazardous items, license and processing fees for casinos and gambling on vessels/ crafts increased but reduced for retail sale for consumption.</li> <li>Proposed to introduce Land Replenishment cum Green Environment Charge from Mining Industry.</li> </ul>	<p>having differently-abled and special children to take care of them. Also to devise appropriate scheme to take care of special children.</p>
<b>7. Gujarat</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bal Sakhi Yojana has been introduced in the State.</li> <li>Several programme including encouragement of girls education, reduce school drop-out rate, making available of health services and employment oriented training facility have been proposed.</li> <li>New universities and technical institutions to be established.</li> <li>Various welfare schemes relating to scholarship for education, bicycles, house allotment under</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All villages connecting the urban centers will be given priority.</li> <li>A policy to avail energy from non-conventional resource like solar and wind energy has been formulated to attract private investments.</li> <li>Connect all villages through broadband connectivity under scheme 'e-gram – Vishwa Gram' to help farmers in the remote village to know the price of their products as also to access information to facilitate their children with education.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Revenue administration in the State has been made simpler by making amendments in the present provisions.</li> <li>The pay structure of Sixth Pay Commission has been accepted to be implemented for the State Government employees.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On the environmental protection front, the various plans such as Van Bhandhu Kalyan Yojana, Sagarkhedu Yojana, Shaheri Gharib Samruddhi Yojana are being continued.</li> </ul>

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	Din Dayal Aawas Yojana' and Assistance for marriage under 'Kunwarbai Nu Mameru' and also financial assistance for foreign education, all meant for people belonging to SCs/STs and backward communities.	Scientific urban development by integrating the schemes of upliftment of urban poor is put in place.		
<b>8. Haryana</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For mentally challenged children monthly allowance of Rs.300 has been introduced and a women Medical College with 500 bed hospital and special institutions for mentally and physically challenged, destitute women and children and senior citizens is proposed.</li> <li>Provide insurance cover to all the eligible persons in the age group of 18-60 years under Rajiv Gandhi Parivar Bima Yojana in case of death or permanent disability due to unnatural reasons.</li> <li>Start new scheme viz., "Financial Assistance to Non-School-going Disabled Children Scheme", has been proposed.</li> <li>For eligible scheduled castes, backward class(A) measures include a new scheme of Mahatma Gandhi Gramin Basti Yojana to distribute residential plot measuring 100 square yards, grant of loans at subsidised rate of interest for construction of their houses, 400 Anganwadis buildings to be constructed in the villages. Besides,</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposed to provide 100 per cent coverage of good and reliable water supply and sewerage facilities in 16 towns in the first phase.</li> <li>Proposed to undertake renovation of major water resources.</li> <li>Proposed to construct houses for industrial workers.</li> <li>Proposal to provide basic infrastructure in villages having scheduled caste population exceeding 50 per cent under Mukhya Mantri Anusuchit Jati Nirmal Basti Yojana.</li> <li>Proposal to promote scientific research, training and education wherein common research facilities would be set up in universities and other institutions.</li> <li>Proposed to develop Industrial Model Towns (IMTs) in select places. Similarly Industrial Estates are to be set up. 'Economic Hubs' all along the Kundli-Manesar – Palwal Express way will also be developed</li> <li>Clonal Agro Forestry has been introduced to</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reduction in the rate of stamp duty on sale of land and property to 7 per cent in urban areas and 5 per cent in rural areas is proposed.</li> <li>Electricity tariff has been reduced by over 50 per cent for fish culture consumers conducting their activity on a water area exceeding 0.4 hectare.</li> <li>Levy of VAT on fish feed has been exempted.</li> <li>The State Government has extended the pay package to the employees in line with Centre's Sixth Pay Commission and now it is in the process of extending the same benefits to the pensioners.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A new scheme by name 'Panchayat Yuva Krida aur Khel Abhiyan' has been launched to offer rural youth an opportunity in the State.</li> <li>To promote convergence and social audit a common committee known as Village Health and Sanitation Committee has been set up.</li> <li>Scheme of Rajiv Gandhi Parivar Bima Yojana aims at giving compensation on account of death or disability.</li> <li>Senior Citizen clubs, voluntary services network, issuance of identity cards for senior citizens, granting of 50 per cent concession in bus fares for 60 years and above age group and distribution of free spectacles for senior citizens from BPL are mooted.</li> <li>Vulture Conservation and Breeding Center and Elephant Rehabilitation and Research Center have been set up.</li> <li>A number of skill development centers are proposed to be established.</li> </ul>



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	<p>scholarship in school education and diploma courses are being offered.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Computer education in all government schools and colleges and two new medical colleges are proposed.</li> </ul>	<p>benefit all small and marginal farmers, while augmenting the supply of raw material in wood based industries.</p>		
<b>9. Himachal Pradesh</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9000 new houses to be constructed for rural poor and SC families under Indira Awas Yojana and Atal Awas Yojana.</li> <li>New engineering college will be opened at Bilaspur. All the senior secondary schools will be connected with computer labs and broadband connectivity</li> <li>Comprehensive health insurance plan in all the districts for families in BPL are being proposed.</li> <li>Around 400 youth to be trained each year for employment in hospitality sector.</li> </ul> <p>Four CFLs distributed to all households under 'Atal Bijili Bachat Yojana'.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Organic farming and vermi compost will be given high priority.</li> <li>25 veterinary institutions to be upgraded and 19 new institutions to be opened.</li> <li>Unemployed youths are to be trained in fish farming, pearl culture and commercial trout breeding.</li> <li>Three major rural drinking water projects for 1171 habitations in Bilaspur and Kangra districts proposed.</li> <li>To set up IT parks-cum-townships through a competitive bidding process.</li> <li>Liberal permits to be provided for public transport services to promote self employment.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rural unemployed empowered to earn Rs.11,000 per annum under NREGA and Rs.500 crore has been provided for this in the budget.</li> <li>Tax rates reduced on CFL, unbranded soaps and ghee.</li> <li>Road tax completely exempted for plying in rural roads.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grameen Vidya Upasak Scheme reintroduced.</li> <li>New Tourism sites to be developed for eco tourism.</li> <li>Forest department to maximize forest plantation activities for its 6000 sq km available land.</li> <li>Gaiety Theater at Shimla and rock cut temple at Masroor will be developed to be an important tourist attraction.</li> </ul>
<b>10. Jammu and Kashmir</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Primary education for all children with focus on female literacy and 100 per cent adult literacy is proposed.</li> <li>For the economic empowerment of women, direct loans upto Rs.3 lakh at a concessional rate of 6 per cent interest is proposed for 100 women entrepreneurs through the State Women Development Corporation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A cluster approach to be adopted for expanding production and improving productivity in agriculture.</li> <li>To create more sheep rearing units in private sector with a view to improve availability of mutton and wool and also generate additional employment in this sector.</li> <li>The poultry department shall also work out the</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposed to introduce, 'Entrepreneurship Development Programme/s (EDPs)' which include an incentive in the form of non-refundable Seed Money to enable prospective entrepreneurs to kick start their ventures and make their projects bankable.</li> <li>Government intends to create an 'Entrepreneurship</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Multi Task Force to look into various aspects of mulberry culture, sericulture, weaving and silk industry will be set up.</li> <li>A new techno economic feasibility reports shall be prepared and Special Purpose Vehicles shall be created to implement cluster schemes.</li> <li>It is proposed to get digitization of all land revenue records and its availability on line.</li> </ul>

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		<p>feasibility of promoting large scale hatcheries for breeding of improved parent stock equipped with R&amp;D facilities, in PPP mode.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Government intends to exploit raw materials located in the backward regions by promoting local industry through clusters of industrial units in identified thrust areas.</li> <li>Land measuring 500 kanals has been earmarked for Leather Zone in Industrial Growth Centre, Lassipora.</li> <li>Two Textile Parks in the private sector are coming up at Ghatti and Govindsar in Kathua district.</li> <li>Efforts are being made for creation of a land bank for new industrial units and for special industrial zone.</li> <li>A Special Task Force is created in collaboration with NASSCOM for developing skilled resources in the State to participate in the national and global job opportunities in IT, IT enabled services, retail, tourism and other service industries.</li> </ul>	<p>Development Fund' with an initial corpus of Rs.25 crore.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The State Government has decided to enhance the wages of the doctors and paramedics working in the far off areas to attract qualified medical talents in rural areas with adequate incentives.</li> <li>The recommendations of Centre's Sixth Pay Commission have been implemented for the State Government employees.</li> <li>Proposal to introduce Bill on the New Pension Scheme from 1st January 2010 wherein the incidence of payment of pensions will get shifted to the pension fund. The scheme becomes mandatory for all new recruits after it is notified.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>District Employment and Counseling Centers to develop a reliable statistical base including skill inventory and skill deficiency mapping.</li> <li>'State Policy on Employment' to address all issues relating to the problem of unemployment in the State under the name "The Sher-e-Kashmir Employment and Welfare Programme for the Youth" (SKEWPY).</li> <li>Government commits itself to initiate and expedite the process of establishing 22 district level 'Rural Self Employment Training Institutes (RSETIs)'.</li> <li>Overseas Employment Corporation to be created to liaise with the placement agencies, foreign embassies, Ministry of Labour and Department of Overseas Employment and create a knowledge bank for aspirers of overseas employment.</li> </ul>
<b>11. Jharkhand</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Priority has been given to education and social welfare sector.</li> <li>Under Indira Awas Yojana new houses are sanctioned under stimulus package for the naxal affected districts.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thrust has been given towards rural development and energy sectors.</li> <li>Establishment of Polytechnics and ITIs for strengthening the technical work force in the State.</li> </ul>	–	–



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<b>12. Karnataka</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Besides a proposal for establishing a general university, exclusive universities in the field of Agriculture, Horticulture, Ayurvedic and for Sanskrit and Vedic education are also proposed.</li> <li>On the pattern of the NIMHANS, Bangalore, an institute of mental health will be established.</li> <li>Launched a new programme to construct houses with 5000 weaving rooms at a cost of Rs.60,000 each to provide conducive environment to the poor weavers to carry out their profession.</li> <li>5000 houses will be constructed during 2009-10 in urban areas for Slum Area Development.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To start a large scheme to improve rural roads on annuity basis, on PPP model.</li> <li>Proposed to establish a steel zone, spice park and Auto Park for the industrial development of North Karnataka.</li> <li>Employment Exchanges will be converted into Human Resource Service Centre to provide skill gauging, training and to serve as help desks to explore employment opportunities.</li> <li>Bangalore Infrastructure Development Task Force to prepare blue prints for organized development of Bangalore with a special programme of Rs.2,000 crore on PPP basis.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Exemption available on food grain items like paddy, rice, wheat and pulses in the State would be extended for another year with effect from April 1, 2009.</li> <li>To promote trade exhibitions, Luxury Tax on Exhibition Hall will be reduced and on Marriage Hall will be reduced from 20 per cent to 10 per cent.</li> <li>Reduce entertainment tax from 40 per cent to 30 per cent.</li> <li>Stamp duties on all sale transactions relating to immovable properties have been reduced.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish an aqua marine park on PPP basis in Mangalore on the lines of that in Singapore.</li> <li>To ensure transparency in agriculture markets, e-tendering procedures will be implemented.</li> <li>For popularizing internet use in rural areas, establishing Electronic Public Call Offices (e-PCO) will be promoted.</li> <li>Industrial Development Vision Task Force set up to prepare an outline for comprehensive industrial planning and policy.</li> <li>Western Ghats Protection Task Force for protection of forest and conservation of Bio-Diversity and Environment has been set up.</li> </ul>
<b>13. Kerala</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All BPL families would be provided ration rice at Rs.2 per kilo. Under the scheme of 'Asharya' all fishermen, SC/ST families will also be covered even without being under BPL category.</li> <li>Around 41,500 families in distress and whose arrears outstanding prior to 1996 are being written off and title deeds shall be returned.</li> <li>Computerization of 3055 high schools and higher secondary will be taken up.</li> <li>Four ITIs will be made center of excellence and 10 more new ITIs will be started.</li> <li>All people above the age of 65 who are not</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stimulus package of Rs.10,000 crore was announced of which Rs.5,000 crore would be for water supply, irrigation and public works and the other Rs.5,000 crore would be for EMS housing scheme, IT, KFCs, roads and bridges.</li> <li>Direct investment by the Government for the infrastructure development to the tune of Rs.1,500 crore as Malabar Package.</li> <li>Rs.500 crore project will be implemented in partnership with Coconut Board.</li> <li>A comprehensive Sea protection Scheme would be implemented to rescue fishermen</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Capital subsidy of 30 per cent would be given for industries related to processing of coir pith.</li> <li>Monthly pension of Rs.500 till the age of 55 years for retired Beedi industry workers is proposed.</li> <li>A venture capital fund of Rs.100 crore would be set up to support setting up of innovative small and medium enterprises.</li> <li>All the registered tourist resorts and house boats will be given deferment of half the tax for one year.</li> <li>Provision of Rs.15 crore as equity for the Coastal Development Corporation (CDC)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An Expert Committee is set up to scientifically develop an agricultural calendar to reduce the need to close the Thanneermukkom Bund.</li> <li>40 branches of Kerala State Financial Enterprises will be opened.</li> <li>27 tourist centers would be developed in the Malabar Region and a new business model is being followed for promotion of tourism.</li> <li>Government would earmark Rs.40 crore as equity contribution in KSIDC's venture to set up a Life Science Park in Thiruvananthapuram.</li> <li>Pharmaceutical Drugs Research for the purpose of standardization of</li> </ul>

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	<p>receiving any other pension will be given a monthly pension of Rs.100.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A comprehensive drinking water and sanitation project intended to benefit 3 lakh people is under preparation.</li> </ul>	<p>from accidents and natural calamities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For renovation of lift irrigation and water regulating schemes funds have been allocated.</li> <li>Kerala Coir Marketing Consortium will be created.</li> <li>A package will be implemented for renovation of spinning mills under TEXTFED.</li> <li>A loan package of Rs.500 crore is announced to be implemented to support SMEs.</li> <li>The development agencies, viz., KSIDC, KINFRA and INKEL have taken initiatives to set up Rs.8000 crore Super Thermal Station at Cheemeni.</li> <li>Steps taken to make available 7650 acres of land for industrial development and construction will begin for Mega Industrial Park at Manjeswaram, Advanced Technology Park at Ramanattukkara, Footwear Industrial Park at Pantheeramkavu and Electronic Park at Neeleswaram.</li> <li>Under the umbrella of IT Infrastructure Company 10 IT Parks will be set up.</li> <li>Electricity Board would start small hydro projects directly in partnership with private players.</li> <li>It is proposed to set up a Kerala Rail Development Corporation (KRDC) as</li> </ul>	<p>which will avail loans to construct 10 fishing harbours.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Asset Maintenance Fund set up with a corpus of Rs.130 crore for maintenance and renovation of government buildings.</li> <li>A Welfare Fund is set up for the migrant labours from other States to provide assistance for health care, education, and also death benefits.</li> <li>A Welfare Fund for Non-Resident Keralites is set up to provide small assistance to the needy gulf returnees because of the recession elsewhere.</li> <li>A new scheme of one time settlement for clearing all the pending under-valuation in respect of stamp duty has been announced.</li> <li>One more opportunity is being provided as one time settlement of tax arrears.</li> <li>Tax reduction/concession scheme has been announced in respect of a number of products.</li> <li>Complete e-filing of returns has been implemented.</li> <li>To attract petty dealers with an annual turnover of below Rs.20 lakh to the tax net by providing an option either to pay a consolidated tax of Rs.3000 per annum or in four equated quarterly installments.</li> <li>One more opportunity is provided for 'Voluntary</li> </ul>	<p>Ayurvedic drugs will be set up.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New norms have been set for implementation of public works and projects and to examine the causes for delays in executing the projects.</li> <li>A mega scheme would be developed for generating a green buffer zone around the existing forests and densification of the existing forest.</li> <li>Infrastructure developed for National Games would be of permanent value for the development of Sports in the State.</li> <li>Monitoring Commission for Administrative Reforms will be set up.</li> </ul>

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		a joint venture with Government, private participation and the Railways.	Disclosure Scheme' to disclose the suppressed turnover and pay tax thereon.	
<b>14. Madhya Pradesh</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "Sudama Scholarship" for the boys and girls belonging to poor class is proposed.</li> <li>• Proposal for opening up of highly acclaimed educational institute like IIT in Indore and School of Planning and Architecture, National Institute of Fashion Technology, National School of Design and Indian Institute of Science and Education Research in the State in Bhopal.</li> <li>• A new research scholarship to promote higher education among poor children is proposed.</li> <li>• Rs.8000 per month scholarship for research studies to handicapped students to be provided.</li> <li>• Opening up of a new Agriculture University in Gwalior for greater coordination of agriculture research work among various colleges and research centers proposed.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greater use of information technology for the development of agriculture.</li> <li>• Providing direct computer connectivity to all the 313 developmental blocks of the State and establish an "Agriculture Knowledge Centre".</li> <li>• To establish States' first agriculture based Community Radio Station in Sironj.</li> <li>• Constitution of Narmadanchal Medium and Small Irrigation Scheme Council for the effective implementation and monitoring of medium and small irrigation schemes under the Narmada basin project.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plan to implement Electronic Clearing System (ECS) for Government payments.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Madhya Pradesh Science and Technology Council will prepare a District Resource Atlas for all the districts of the State.</li> <li>• Establishment of additional Police Stations in Urban Areas and establishment of Anti-Terrorist Squad are proposed .</li> <li>• Improvement in the quality of training in 22 States' Industrial Training Institutes with the help of private participation are proposed.</li> </ul>
<b>15. Maharashtra</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Government has decided to construct 5 lakh houses in metropolitan region to provide temporary shelter to poor and needy on lease and license basis.</li> <li>• Under Swarn Jayanthi Sujal and Nirmal Programme the sanitation and water in urban centers will be provided.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Gosikhand Project has been approved as National Project by the Government of India; around 2.5 lakh hectares of land will be brought under irrigation.</li> <li>• Project of 250 mega watt of Tata Power Company at Trombay has been commissioned.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide Special Fund for construction of internal roads, gutters and other amenities.</li> <li>• Debt Relief Scheme introduced for farmers who are not covered under the scheme of the Central Government.</li> <li>• Approximately Rs.200 crore of loans proposed to be waived in respect of tribals.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Free travel facilities will be provided to women representatives of village panchayats. This will benefit around 12000 women members.</li> <li>• Sports Complexes will be built in all the talukas, districts and divisional headquarters.</li> <li>• Initiatives taken to establish Cancer Center at the Government</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Under Indira Awas Yojana 2,24,323 dwelling units will be taken up for construction.</li> <li>On PPP basis, Indian Institute of Information Technology (IIIT) and IIMs will be set up.</li> <li>Pre-metric Scholarship will be offered to students belonging to minority communities mainly to prevent the school drop outs.</li> <li>For the benefits of household workers, national insurance scheme is being introduced.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Financial Assistance will be provided for the construction of mechanized fishing boats to the group of fishermen sponsored by the Fisheries cooperative societies.</li> <li>Necessary steps taken in the field of power generation, transmission and distribution.</li> <li>Under Rajiv Gandhi Rural Electrification Programme approximately 25000 villages will be taken up for electrification.</li> <li>Under the Central Road Fund Scheme 325 kilometers of road will be constructed with a cost of Rs.250 crore.</li> <li>Railway infrastructure will be strengthened by implementing 4 projects.</li> <li>Airports in the State will be developed.</li> <li>Provision has been made to create employment under Maharashtra Rural Employment Generation Scheme.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Package Scheme of Incentives for Industries has been provided to the tune of Rs.400 crore.</li> <li>Loans sanctioned and outstanding by social justice department to be waived off.</li> <li>Electricity Bills outstanding is proposed to be waived off in tribal areas.</li> <li>VAT has been increased on certain items, viz., liquor, tobacco, mobile phones, excise on imported foreign liquor.</li> </ul>	<p>Medical College Hospital in Aurangabad.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Funds to afforestation programme have been enhanced to Rs.244 crore.</li> <li>Funds have been provided to strengthen the police with all the necessary infrastructure.</li> </ul>
<b>16. Manipur</b>	—	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expansion of area under horticulture has been identified as a thrust area for Annual Plan, 2009-10.</li> <li>A tentative outlay of Rs.26.5 crore is earmarked for development of roads, bridges in the State.</li> <li>NABARD has sanctioned a loan for development of Food Park at Nilakuthi.</li> </ul>	—	—

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>State Government's share of Rs.8 crore sanctioned for integrated Handloom Cluster Development Scheme.</li> <li>Implementation of Urban Reforms is being taken up under JNNURM.</li> </ul>		
<b>17. Meghalaya</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) elementary education to all in the age group of 6 to 14 years by 2010 will be provided.</li> <li>Setting up of technical institutions of national and international repute under the PPP mode will be encouraged.</li> <li>To provide potable water to all rural and urban areas water supply schemes have been chalked out.</li> <li>It is proposed to cover 3745 families under the Rural Housing Scheme for economically poor.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Steps will be taken to adopt proven technologies and measures to improve 'Jhum' and 'Bun' cultivation.</li> <li>Participatory Irrigation Management will be implemented in the remaining districts.</li> <li>Pig Breeding Farms at Kyrdekulai and Dala and setting of a new Hatchery and Poultry production unit in East Khasi Hills District are proposed.</li> <li>Construction of 90 KMs of new roads, metalling and black topping of 130 KMs of roads and improvement and widening works of 80 kms taken up.</li> <li>New Industrial Policy is being finalised to strengthen and development of industries in the State.</li> <li>Steps to be taken to improve road communication and other infrastructural facilities in the border areas.</li> <li>Efforts are on to promote tourism while also to generate employment.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Online Treasury NFT application in all the treasuries and Sub-treasuries of the State is provided.</li> <li>Efforts are on to promote revenue generation with export promotion linkage with Bangladesh.</li> <li>To set up integrated check gates on important routes to check leakage of minerals.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pension Automated System will be introduced for better service.</li> <li>Government identified 24 public Health Centers to work on 24x7 bases with additional staff.</li> <li>A wide range of schemes are proposed to promote science and technology.</li> <li>Meghalaya State Medicinal Plants Board with the help of National Medicinal Plants Board is implementing four projects in the State.</li> </ul>
<b>18. Mizoram</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To set up institutions like Indian Institute of Information Technology,</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Revised New Land Use Policy (NLUP) has been designed.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Focus is on finding the required resources from alternative sources like</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mizoram will be the first State in India to formulate a</li> </ul>

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	<p>National Institute of Technology, Institute of Medical Sciences and Agriculture University.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Education Reforms Commission is set up to examine and suggest ways and means to offer quality education affordable to the poor.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hydro projects above 25MW are proposed to be taken up under PPP.</li> <li>In order to bring about comprehensive land reforms and land settlement a new land law is being formulated.</li> <li>'North Eastern Region Capital Cities Development Investment Programme' set up for taking up urban renewal projects in Aizawl City along with other four North-Eastern Capital Cities are proposed.</li> </ul>	<p>external assistance in the form of EAP and private capitals through PPP.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Public Expenditure Review Committee (PERC) had been constituted to look into the fiscal position of the Government and various connected issues on a half-yearly basis.</li> <li>To set up a Guarantee Redemption Fund for meeting the future contingent liabilities of the Government arising out of invoked guarantees.</li> </ul>	<p>comprehensive forest and soil conservation and management policy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A suitable Oil &amp; Natural Gas Policy is being formulated.</li> <li>'Catch them Young', a comprehensive policy for promotion of sports with development of infrastructure and Sports Promotion Center to be established at all district head quarters.</li> <li>Proposed to set up a Law Commission to look into the various issues connected therewith.</li> </ul>
19. Nagaland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Indian Institute of Management to be established at Chumukedima and School of International languages at Kohima and a degree Civil Engineering College to be established.</li> <li>Efforts are to provide machineries and equipments in the Naga Hospital at Kohima and all district hospitals.</li> <li>Under rural water supply programme 126 villages shall be provided water supply, while 250 villages will be communitised.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>About 50 KMs of agri-link roads to be completed during the year and focused to APMC and agri-link construction.</li> <li>Renovation of 220 hectares of existing ponds and coverage of 120 new hectares and priority is given to the community fisheries and water bodies including development of fishery in the Doyang HEP reservoir. 74 irrigation, flood control and minor irrigation projects would be completed during the year.</li> <li>Construction of bye-pass road in the capital town commenced.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As a measure of improving revenue collection, water supply meters are planned to be installed in several towns.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scholarships are being offered to meritorious students from the backward districts.</li> <li>Government to set up quality control boards for adherence of standards in all the construction works.</li> <li>District Court complexes and customary courts will be constructed.</li> <li>Funds are provided for setting up science laboratories in four Government Colleges.</li> <li>Department of Geology will explore in detail on the prospects of lime stone stock.</li> </ul>
20. Orissa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An Agriculture College for extension of agricultural education is proposed</li> <li>Construction of 1000 hostels for ST and SC Girl Students will be taken up.</li> <li>Government has taken many steps to provide</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Out of State's own revenue, provision is made for Mo Kudia Yojana, Madhu Babu Pension Scheme, Biju KBK Yojana and Gopabandhu Gramin Yojana.</li> <li>New Agriculture policy being implemented by</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recommendations of Centre's Sixth Pay Commission are being implemented for State Government employees and pensioners.</li> <li>Teachers' salary in the State has been revised as per UGC recommendations.</li> </ul>	-



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	<p>social security for destitute women and old people and to promote empowerment of women.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Higher funds are being allocated for National Oldage Pension Schemes.</li> </ul>	<p>providing fertilizer, seeds and pesticides at subsidised rates.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New Programme 'JEEBIKA' has been initiated for the extension of livelihood programme through 460 watershed projects in six tribal dominated districts.</li> <li>Provision is made under Rashtriya Krishi Vikash Yojana for newly implemented National Project Management of Soil Health and Fertility.</li> <li>Critical maintenance of Major, Medium and Minor Irrigation Projects and also Biju Krushak Vikash Yojana are being taken up.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interest rate subvention from 7 per cent to 5 per cent offered on crop loans provided by the Cooperative Banks.</li> </ul>	
<b>21. Punjab</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The State Government is setting up a Super Specialty Cancer &amp; Trauma Hospital at Civil Hospital under PPP mode.</li> <li>Bhai Ghanaya Health Insurance Scheme has been launched to provide Rs.2 lakh insurance cover to members of Cooperative Societies.</li> <li>All the districts have adopted "Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana" for providing Health Insurance cover of Rs.30,000/- for BPL families.</li> <li>The State Government has taken a major initiative to set up 117 Adarsh Schools, one each in every Assembly Constituency in collaboration with the private sector.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme will be implemented throughout the State.</li> <li>Construction of 9 new low dams for ground water recharging and anti water logging works proposed.</li> <li>The State has decided to set up three new Thermal Power Plants.</li> <li>20 Clusters for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises are proposed to be set up in the State.</li> <li>Development of roads from Chandigarh to Phagwara, Southern Bypass of Ludhiana along Sidhwan Canal, ROBs, Ring Roads for Mohali, Jalandhar and Amritsar is proposed under Project Plans for the current year.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All Government employees will start getting new pay scales from August 1, 2009. The other recommendations of the Fifth Punjab Pay commission are under active consideration of the Government.</li> <li>A comprehensive policy prescribing collection of External Development Charges (EDC), License/Permission Fee and Change of Land Use (CLU) charges, to generate sufficient revenue to provide the ultra modern urban infrastructure is proposed.</li> <li>Attempt is made to introduce gender budget.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The State Government will provide Rs.1500 each to poor families for institutional deliveries in Government Health Institutions in the current year.</li> <li>A scheme for girl child under "Nanhi Chhan" programme is proposed this year. The government will deposit Rs.13,000 with LIC in favour of every girl born in a poor family.</li> <li>It is proposed to launch LIC sponsored Jan Shree Bima Yojana for BPL and Aam Admi Bima Yojana for rural landless families for providing insurance cover of Rs.75,000/- for accidental death and Rs.30,000/- for natural death.</li> <li>Under Rajiv Gandhi Gramin Vidyutikaran Yojana, till June 2010,</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mid-Day Meal scheme is being implemented in all the primary/ upper primary schools.</li> <li>Proposed to set up 21 Model Schools in educationally backward districts.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Overall outlay of Rs.140 crore is provided for 'Crop Husbandry'.</li> <li>There is also a provision for renovation of 1000 village ponds and to provide sewerage system in 100 villages.</li> <li>New Town Planning norms conforming to international standard have been laid for the development of towns. A list of 30 towns has been drawn up for the preparation of Master Plans.</li> </ul>		<p>electric connections will be provided to 4 lakh rural households including single point connections to 1.5 lakh BPL families.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Computer labs have been set up in all 4965 upper primary and senior secondary schools.</li> </ul>
<b>22. Rajasthan</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Under health, proposals include opening of new 537 sub-health centres in rural areas, ICU in 9 districts, trauma units in 18 districts, rehabilitation centres in 18 districts.</li> <li>To open 15 Ayurvedic, 5 Homoeopathic and 10 Unani hospitals in 2009-10 and also a Heart Institute in Jaipur.</li> <li>Hostels to be constructed under 'Babu Jagjivanram Yojana' in 13 districts for girl students belonging to SC/ST categories.</li> <li>State Government will provide interest subsidy of 2 per cent on loans taken by persons of minority communities for business activities from the Rajasthan Minorities Finance and Development Corporation.</li> <li>To use funds received under NREGA for</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Roads of 5000 km to be upgraded and modernised.</li> <li>To complete 13 mega water projects costing Rs.1,127 crore, two 50 megawatt solar power projects and 27 minor irrigation projects.</li> <li>To formulate a new Industrial and Investment Policy.</li> <li>To strengthen Rajasthan Finance Corporation, it has been decided to convert loans from SIDBI and the State Government into equity and the authorised capital has been raised from Rs.100 crore to Rs.200 crore.</li> <li>New Mineral Policy for better conservation and use of mineral resources has been announced.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposed to set up Directorate of Revenue Intelligence to track sources of revenues and curb tax evasion.</li> <li>Tax facilitation centres to be set up at the level of each tax assessment officer.</li> <li>No increase in power tariffs for farmers on the next five years.</li> <li>Tax rate to be reduced from 12.5 per cent to 4 per cent on stones used for buildings and in Science laboratories in schools.</li> <li>De-oiled rice bran (DORB) to be exempted from tax for the benefit of animal husbandries.</li> <li>Proposed to provide VAT exemption to all khadi and village industry products subject to certain exemption.</li> <li>To reduce stamp duty on immovable property from 8 per cent to 5 per cent and for women it will be reduced from 5 per cent to 4 per cent.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To recruit 540 medical officers and 1400 para-medical and nursing staff.</li> <li>To formulate a new 'Forest Policy' and 'Vision Document for Restoration of Degraded Forests'.</li> <li>To constitute 'Senior Citizen Board' to address problems of senior citizens.</li> </ul>

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	<p>constructing permanent assets rather than using for temporary works.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To upgrade each Government primary school to middle school in each gram panchayat.</li> <li>To implement World Bank funded 'Vocational Training Improvement Project' in 10 ITIs.</li> <li>To set up Rajasthan Council of Vocational Education and Training.</li> <li>To prepare a new Housing Policy focusing on providing accommodation to people belonging to economically weaker sections and lower income group.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To attract major aviation services, tax rate on fuel and aviation spirit is proposed to be reduced from 28 per cent to 4 per cent.</li> <li>To boost tourism industry, room with a rent of Rs.3,000 a day is proposed to be exempted from luxury tax.</li> <li>To increase tax rate on tobacco and related products from 12.5 per cent to 20 per cent.</li> <li>To impose 10 paise water conservation cess on each unit of power tariff.</li> </ul>	
<b>23. Sikkim</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In health sector, introduction of a workable Health Insurance Scheme, construction of 500 bed capacity super specialty hospital and vaccination programme is being implemented.</li> <li>Under Mukhya Mantri scheme, monthly free distribution of 4 kg mixed daal to BPL families as also spectacles and hearing aid free of cost to all needy people is being implemented.</li> <li>Immediately to set up one B. Ed. College at Soreng and one more District Institute of Education and Training (DIET) centre at Namchi.</li> <li>Government proposed to set up an orphanage.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To prepare a blue print under the broadly define village Development Action Programme.</li> <li>Action initiated for mapping of all the village springs to stop precious water sources getting dried up.</li> <li>Physical infrastructure of the judiciary system are being developed throughout the State.</li> <li>Villages engaged in ethnic tourism business will be provided assistance to develop accommodation facilities as well as sanitary infrastructure.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposed to sponsor 1 lakh households under the Financial Inclusion Project in the State.</li> <li>A no frill Bank Account through the Business Correspondent Route of any nationalised or good private bank in the name of female member of the household is being introduced, for which the Government will provide grants as seed money.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Knowledge Commission has been constituted.</li> <li>To encourage sports, it is proposed to construct stadium at Namchi.</li> <li>It is proposed to construct a Habitat Centre, State Art Gallery and a State Museum and an Annexe Building to the State Secretariat.</li> <li>Programmes for extending free legal aid and awareness campaigns to the poor is being organized to reach every nook and corner of the State.</li> </ul>

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<b>24. Tamil Nadu</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5,000 crossbred milch animals along with other support measures will be provided to the women self help groups through the Tamil Nadu Co-operative Milk Producers Federation in 100 villages.</li> <li>Essential food items like toor dal, urad dal, palm oil and wheat flour to come under the Special Public Distribution System and ten cooking condiments at Rs.50 under the scheme of 'Condiments at affordable prices' are being provided.</li> <li>In the ensuing financial year improvement works will be taken up in 5,000 schools, 421 government high and higher secondary schools are being constructed with the assistance of NABARD.</li> <li>Computers will be provided to 2,500 middle schools. The infrastructure of high schools will be improved at an outlay of Rs.800 crores under the new national scheme for secondary education of the Union Government.</li> <li>Under Moovalur Ramamirtam Ammaiyar Memorial Marriage Assistance Scheme, a sum of Rs.150 crores has been allocated to enable 75,000 poor girls to benefit.</li> <li>The Indra Gandhi National Old age Pension Scheme for all old aged persons living below poverty line is being implemented</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>'Agriclinics' are being set up in all 385 blocks to provide all necessary services to the farmers at a single place.</li> <li>Farmers are encouraged to cultivate more remunerative horticultural crops, with the help of National Horticulture Mission.</li> <li>A sum of Rs.388 crore has been disbursed as compensation to 10.4 lakh affected farmers. The land revenue will be waived for this year in the 12 flood affected districts.</li> <li>Subsidy will be provided to 25 lakh farmers to insure their crops in the coming year under crop insurance scheme.</li> <li>Under the World Bank aided Irrigated Agriculture Modernization and Water-Bodies Restoration and Management (IAMWARM) project, works will be undertaken in 38 more sub Basins during the year.</li> <li>Permanent flood protection works against floods in Cauvery and Coleroon rivers in Karur, Trichy, Ariyalur and Perambalur districts have been taken up at a cost of Rs.211 crore.</li> <li>With a view to preventing flooding of Chennai City, a major project at an estimated cost of Rs.1,448 crores</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not to charge interest on co-operative crop loans hereafter to all farmers who repay their crop loans on time from the ensuing financial year. The Government will pay that interest to the co-operative institutions.</li> <li>Government has provided an incentive of Rs.120 and Rs.100 per quintal for fine and common varieties of paddy, respectively, over and above the Minimum Support Price and incentive fixed by the Union Government.</li> <li>Accepting the recommendations of the Third State Finance Commission the devolution of funds to local bodies will be increased from the present 9 per cent to 9.5 per cent in the coming financial year. Due to this, local bodies will additionally receive Rs.187 crore.</li> <li>For local bodies, in the form of devolution, assigned revenue and schematic assistance, the funds allocated has been increased to Rs.6,928 crore.</li> <li>Hereafter only a nominal sum shall be levied as 'Land Revenue' also to simplify the present cumbersome system, land revenue of Rs.2 per acre of dry land as against an average levy of Rs.15 per acre at present and Rs.5 per acre of wet land as against an average levy of Rs.50 per acre</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The number of SHGs will be increased to 20,000. Revolving fund will be provided to these new groups.</li> <li>To implement the e-District programme for the computerisation of the District Collectors' Office in 5 districts.</li> <li>E-governance to be introduced in the three main departments, viz., Food and Civil Supplies Department, Commercial Taxes Department and Treasury Department.</li> <li>5,500 veterinary camps benefiting 68 lakh cattle will be conducted in coming financial year as well under Livestock Protection Scheme.</li> <li>Tamil Nadu Agricultural Labourers Welfare Board is being revived and various benefits, viz., assistance for marriage, education and pension will be provided.</li> <li>A modern state library of international standard would be established in Chennai.</li> <li>11,284 transformers and 45,911 km of electric lines will be newly laid at a cost of Rs.447 crores and about 5.5 lakh rural households will be electrified under Rajiv Gandhi rural electrification scheme.</li> <li>Protected drinking water supply will be provided to 8,000 rural habitations.</li> <li>30 combined water supply schemes and drinking water improvement schemes for 50 towns will be undertaken.</li> </ul>

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	<p>jointly with Union Government.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Loans to the tune of Rs.30 crore will be disbursed to 10,000 persons belonging to minority communities through Tamil Nadu Minorities Economic Development Corporation.</li> <li>Under the scheme for medical treatment to pensioners, the ceiling on medical reimbursement has been increased from Rs.50,000 to Rs.one lakh. Further, spouse of the pensioner also have been included under the scheme.</li> </ul>	<p>has been approved under Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Underground sewerage schemes will be taken up at a cost of Rs.408 crore</li> <li>Foundation stone for Chennai Metro Rail Project will be laid soon.</li> <li>Roads in 2500 more village panchayats will be improved at a cost of Rs.401 crore.</li> <li>NREGS will be implemented in all the districts at an outlay of Rs.1,750 crore.</li> <li>New fishing harbour will be established at a cost of Rs.40 crore.</li> </ul>	<p>at present, shall be levied from the coming fasli year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interest subsidy to Weavers' Co-operative Societies has been revived and interest rate has been reduced from 12 per cent to 8 per cent.</li> <li>VAT rate has been slashed on a large number of items.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Under the Integrated Housing and Slum Development Programme 21,000 new houses will be additionally constructed in urban areas.</li> <li>For providing permanent houses to poor people, 1,35,000 concrete houses will be constructed in rural areas.</li> <li>National Centre for Geriatrics Research, having facilities for providing necessary special treatment to elderly and undertaking research regarding old age ailments, will be established at Kalaingar Karunanidhi Nagar at a cost of Rs.112 crore with the assistance from the Union Government.</li> <li>Under Tamil Nadu Afforestation Programme afforestation will be taken up under the scheme.</li> </ul>
<b>25. Tripura</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposed to build veterinary college to train manpower.</li> <li>Students in IX and X standards from BPL categories will be provided with free books and notebooks.</li> <li>More general colleges and engineering colleges will be set up.</li> <li>Programmes for awarding scholarships/ sending students for job oriented/ professional colleges/ awarding of meritorious students from SCs, OBCs and religious minorities will continue.</li> <li>6 more primary health centers 2 sub-divisional</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>780 Mini dairy projects got sanctioned by Banks under venture capital fund.</li> <li>For augmenting water resources few projects/ schemes to be implemented.</li> <li>Introduction of a State funded employment generation programme for urban areas.</li> <li>Industrial infrastructure for a Food Park, Export Promotion Industrial Park, and Bamboo Park are being set up at Bodhjugnagar Growth Center.</li> <li>Large areas of land which are accessible to NH44 are being</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tripura has launched a State Support Scheme to provide soft loan to SHGs.</li> <li>Proposal for sewerage Disposal project, Comprehensive Mobility Plan (CMP), water supply under JNNURM for Agartala initiated.</li> <li>Preparation of master plan for all Urban Local Bodies launched.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Indo-German project is in final stage and is expected to be launched for rehabilitation of degraded forest.</li> </ul>

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	hospitals and 3 district hospitals will be taken up.	identified and developed for industrial locations.		
<b>26. Uttarakhand</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To start "Dev Bhoomi Muskan" scheme to provide quality education to boys and girls belonging to the poor class. A voucher scheme is also to be started in each district headquarter in participation with the private sectors schools.</li> <li>Free education facility for boys has been extended up to 12<sup>th</sup> standard from the prevailing 8<sup>th</sup> standard in Government and Government aided schools.</li> <li>Start "Nanda Devi Kanya Scheme" to prevent female foeticide and providing economic and educational protection to girl child.</li> <li>Setting up of an Ayurveda University is proposed.</li> <li>Opening up of neo natal units in every female hospital to bring down the child mortality rates at the minimum levels.</li> </ul>	—	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposed to abolish additional Stamp duty in urban areas.</li> <li>Stamp duty on agreement without possession to be reduced to 4 per cent from 7 per cent.</li> <li>Computerisation for simplification of VAT processes, extension of e-payment facility, initiation of e-filing and facility for downloading of various forms proposed.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Intensive evaluation of developmental schemes/ programmes will be done through third party specialists to ensure quality execution at the ground level.</li> <li>Constitution of "State River Conservation Authority" to make river Ganga and its tributaries pollution free.</li> <li>To establish Bhasha Sanstan and Hindi Academy for the preservation and development of Hindi language.</li> </ul>
<b>27. Uttar Pradesh</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Setting up of Dr. Shakuntala Mishra Handicap University for the higher education of handicap students belonging to various sections of the society.</li> <li>To start "Mahamaya Poor Girl Ashirwad Yojana" for the betterment of girls and to make them independent in the society, develop a positive frame of mind towards female births</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Opening up of 2000 MW power plant in Fatehpur by the Uttar Pradesh State Electricity Production Corporation in collaboration with Neyveli Lignite Corporation.</li> <li>High priority to energy sector with major thrust towards power generation and up gradation of transmission.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase in the amount of grant from 50 per cent to 90 per cent to provide relief to the farmers.</li> <li>The amount of subsidy on bio-fertilizers has been increased to 90 per cent in order to increase its usage among farmers as this will be crucial for the long term productivity.</li> <li>Rate of VAT reduced from 12.5 per cent to</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Setting up of "State Quality Assurance Agency" to evaluate the quality of higher education in university and colleges.</li> </ul>



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	<p>and for encouraging adult girl marriages.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposed to set-up Arabi-Parsi University in Lucknow.</li> <li>Establish a Technical University in Kanpur. Five new Indian Information Technology Institute has also been proposed.</li> <li>Establishment of virtual classroom for the skill development of the engineering students.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establishment of UP State Road Transport Passenger Infrastructure Development Corporation to facilitate high quality bus system and for the improvement of transport in the State.</li> <li>Setting up of Metro rail System from Noida to Delhi. Metro connectivity between Kanpur and Lucknow has also been proposed.</li> <li>Start "Integrated Development and Modernization Scheme" for the power loom sector, to encourage and promote weavers of the power loom sector.</li> </ul>	<p>4.0 per cent on drip and sprinkler irrigation.</p>	
<b>28. West Bengal</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposed to distribute rice at the rate of Rs.2/- per kg. for BPL card holders through the ration shops.</li> <li>As a measure of preventive health care, supply of safe drinking water along with provision for sanitary toilets is emphasized.</li> <li>It is decided to conduct as many courses on management and technical education as possible under the existing regulations, on the campuses of general degree colleges and the universities, thereby opening up additional opportunities to students at a relatively lower cost.</li> <li>In addition to increase in the scale and access to hostel charge benefits, and wider coverage of book grants</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>State-level package of schemes, was announced on February 23, 2009. Some of these schemes are year specific with beneficial effects from the current year, others will be implemented over more than one year.</li> <li>Through the setting up of downstream units in every district, potential for 10 to 12 lakh direct and indirect employment generation will be created.</li> <li>For setting up of important large scale industries, the State Government has decided to set up a land bank by purchasing relatively infertile land from the farmers at a fair price.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Government is taking necessary steps to revive handloom industries through reduction of debt burden of handloom weavers.</li> <li>For revival of closed and sick industries specially by placing its views before the BIFR and by granting subsidy, tax relief is considered.</li> <li>Monthly remuneration for para-teachers, part-time teachers engaged in the schools and non-Govt. colleges.</li> <li>The recommendations of the State Fifth Pay Commission have been accepted by the State Government and arrear salary will be paid in three annual installments starting from 2009-10 and to</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Emphasis is given for afforestation through involvement of local people as well as enhancement of their earnings.</li> <li>State Government, through an allocation of Rs.25 crore, has fixed the target of extension of information technology and information technology-enabled services upto the village level.</li> <li>Local common people would be increasingly involved in the formulation and implementation of the plan schemes in all these spheres in a decentralised manner through the ward committees in the municipalities.</li> </ul>

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	<p>for students of backward classes, the State Government has also decided to construct 22 Pandit Raghunath Murmu Schools in the tribal dominated areas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emphasis has been laid on vocational training and employment generation for SCs/STs.</li> <li>• The State Government has now set a deadline for completing the important task of providing electricity to each household of every village within the 11th Plan Period (2007-2012).</li> <li>• A new scheme of construction and development of housing for the poor and low-income groups.</li> <li>• For enhancement of employment and income generation of the fishermen, extensive formation of self-help groups, encouragement of economic pisciculture, use of improved seeds, assistance in terms of training and marketing and expansion of water areas are emphasised.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Priority has been accorded to development of infrastructure for cluster of industries in the small scale sector, so that new small scale units as well as the traditional industries for each district can also develop.</li> <li>• Along with the setting up of 5 special processing zones, efforts have also been made to construct 12 food parks, with due emphasis on internal markets to combat recession.</li> <li>• Minor irrigation, particularly on implementation of surface water-based minor irrigation projects has been emphasized.</li> <li>• State Government propose to set up 20 bio-villages.</li> <li>• Work on drainage scheme for a part of Lower Damodar Area and Ghia-Kunti Basin have been taken up.</li> <li>• To increase production of milk, egg and meat, emphasis is on self-help groups, training for artificial insemination, health care of animals, preventive measures against bird flu also proposed.</li> <li>• For comprehensive development of roads and bridges State Transport Corporations, in the current year, will be taken up.</li> <li>• A Centre-State combined project, namely, the East-West Metro Corridor Project has also been launched.</li> </ul>	<p>pay arrear pension and gratuity in that year itself, the total outgo in 2009-10 on these account will be about Rs.9,670 crore.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The State Government has accepted the UGC's recommendations in respect of revision of pay structure of teachers of colleges and universities and conveyed concurrence to bear 20 per cent share for such revision. The total additional expenditure during 2009-10 on account of revision of pay and pension will be nearly Rs.10,000 crore.</li> <li>• Create a Special Assistance Fund of Rs.100 crore to impart job-oriented training and extend other necessary forms of assistance to land-losers from setting up of industries.</li> </ul>	

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<b>29. NCT Delhi</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposed to waive non-tuition fees for physically handicapped and orphan students in ITIs.</li> <li>Agreement is entered with Mahavir Vikland Seva Sansthan for providing free aids and appliances to persons with disabilities and around 50,000 people will be benefitted.</li> <li>Proposed to provide an allowance of Rs.1000 per month for the parents of disabled children of 0-18 years, as well.</li> <li>Proposed to provide mid-day meal, free supply of books in the schools of deaf and dumb.</li> <li>It is decided to set up intervention center to take care of destitute women and till they are rehabilitated Rs.1000 per month will be provided as allowance.</li> <li>Government to set up 4 District Disability Rehabilitation Guidance Centers.</li> <li>Proposed to set up 50 new recreation centers for senior citizens.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All 11 corridors of Phase II will be completed before October 2010 and Delhi Metro will provide its service in the network of 185 KMs.</li> <li>20 MGD water treatment plant at Okhla and 50MGD water treatment plant at Dwarka will be completed by end of 2010.</li> <li>Several Projects directly or indirectly related to Commonwealth games to be implemented.</li> <li>15 projects for construction of EWS houses under JNNURM are approved.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Luxury tax on hotels reduced from 12.5 per cent to 10 per cent.</li> <li>Major initiative taken to reform excise sector and accordingly a new bill will be introduced by incorporating simplification of duty structure.</li> <li>Roadmap prepared for introduction of GST effective April 2010.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Entire silted/ settled trunk Sewer of 101 KM length will be taken up for rehabilitated by December 2009.</li> <li>Interceptors' sewer system will be laid along the major drains so that only treated wastes are discharged to River Yamuna.</li> <li>15 projects for construction of about 65000 flats for urban poor under Rajiv Ratan Awas Yojana at a cost of Rs.1815 crore has been approved by GOI.</li> <li>Lands have been purchased for setting up new hospitals at four places.</li> <li>Delhi is to be made a center of excellence of international standards for higher education including technical education.</li> <li>For the welfare of construction workers, a stipend of Rs.100 per month is proposed for their children studying upto 8<sup>th</sup> std. Rs.250 per month for IX and X classes and Rs.500 for 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, Rs.1500 per month for under-graduation and Rs.5000 per month for technical courses.</li> </ul>
<b>30. Puduchery</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Financial assistance will be provided to children of the weaver families, to pursue education and for all the professional courses for the needy students.</li> <li>Proposed to build a residential school and a Fisherman Training Center at Karaikal.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposed to strengthen the 110KV line between Villianur and Bahour 110/22 KV sub-station.</li> <li>Bed dams across various rivers have been taken up for recharging ground water.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recommendations of Centre's Sixth Pay Commission are being implemented.</li> <li>All fishermen will be exempted from paying sales tax.</li> <li>Spot exemption of the entire sales tax on HSD oil upto a maximum of 25000 litres per boat</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It is proposed to integrate all marketing yards with NICNET.</li> <li>It is proposed to establish 'a model village' in the name of Bharat Ratna Dr. B.R Ambedkar with the necessary infrastructure.</li> <li>All the residents of the coastal villages above</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To empower the school-drop outs and poor youths, it is proposed to start a state of the art skill school.</li> <li>Laying of pipelines to bring water from Dowleswaram in Andhra Pradesh to Puduchery will be commenced.</li> <li>A Bill to establish the Puducherry State University has been introduced in the State Assembly.</li> <li>The Health Insurance coverage for BPL families will be extended to Karaikal region.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New wage pattern with revised work norms will be introduced for the employees of Pondicherry Textile Corporation Ltd., and Swadeshi Bharathi Textiles Mills Limited.</li> <li>Four projects relating to construction of dwelling units at an estimated cost of Rs.153 crore will be taken up.</li> <li>Construction of non-conventional energy park will be completed during this year.</li> <li>Steps will be taken to create favourable environment for speedy growth of IT and ITES in the State.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>per annum procured by the mechanised boat owners.</li> <li>Exemptions from VAT to the building materials sold by Puduchery and Karaikal Cooperative Building Centers.</li> <li>Interest subvention will be offered on loans taken by Women Self Help Groups subject to prompt repayment.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>18 years will be provided with photo identity cards with bio-metrics as part of ensuring security.</li> <li>Free TVs will be distributed to all families of BPL status.</li> <li>A comprehensive improvement scheme for storm water drains in Karaikal region will be taken up.</li> <li>Development of Botanical gardens, recreational park and lakes will be taken up.</li> </ul>