Message of
Dr. S. C. Jamir
Hon'ble Governor of Odisha
On the Occasion of Independence Day - 2015

Dear Sisters and Brothers!

I extend my warm greetings to all of you on the auspicious occasion of the Independence Day. This day carries pride and glory for all of us. It reminds us of the sacrifice and patriotism of our great freedom fighters like the Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and innumerable great souls who laid down their lives for the sake of our Motherland. I pay my humble tributes to the great leaders of Odisha like Utkalamani Pandit Gopabandhu Das, Pandit Nilakantha Das, Pandit Godabarish Mishra, Acharya Harihar, Gopabandhu Choudhury, Harekrushna Mahtab, Nabakrushna Choudhury, Malati Choudhury, Maa Ramadevi and many others whose sacrifice has made our long cherished dream fulfilled.

Odisha has contributed significantly to the freedom struggle of India. The heroic struggle and selfless sacrifice rendered by our great heroes like Jayee Rajguru, Buxi Jagabandhu, Chakara Bisoi, Veer Sureshwar Sai, Chakhi Khuntia, Birsa Munda, Saheed Laxman Naik, Baji Rout, Raghu Dibakar and many other immortal souls will inspire generations to come. Today, we recall with immense gratitude the courageous deeds of our valiant soldiers, our Martyrs and Defence Personnel.

Odisha in the 21st century holds a plethora of possibilities. Priority is accorded to harness resources which endows our State aplenty, for development of the State and our people. State Government’s committed efforts have brought about perceptible development in all spheres. The State Government’s efforts in ameliorating the living condition of the tribals, the
deprived, poor and the differently-abled and above all the development of backward areas like K.B.K. has yielded the desired result.

Odisha has forged ahead in inducing changes in the infrastructural development in different sectors. Mahatma Gandhi once said “India is the country of villages. The soul of India reverberates in our villages.” Hence, strengthening of village economy as the key sector has become the thrust area of development.

The State Government has made significant progress in the sphere of fiscal management. Flagship programmes like Aahar, Niramay, Biju Express Way, Biju Pucca Ghar Yojana, Odisha State Treatment Fund, Mukhya Mantri Sadak Yojana, Biju Gaon Gaadi Yojana, Biju Krushak Kalyan Yojana, Odisha State Policy for Girls’ and Women have been accorded top priority. The State Government has successively bagged ‘Krushi Karman Award’ for significant agriculture productivity.

The first mega event of 21st century provided a unique opportunity for the State Government. We had the proud privilege to celebrate the Nabakalebara - Rath Yatra this year after a gap of 19 years. The concerted efforts of the State Government in organizing the Mega Festival and making it a grand success have been widely acclaimed. Keeping in view the huge influx of tourist pilgrims from across the globe to witness this world famous nine day long sojourn of the Trinity, the State Government has effected massive infrastructural developments in areas like road connectivity, transport, crowd management, Police arrangements and Traffic control, high quality surveillance system, infrastructure development of Tourist sites, health services and sanitation, sewerage and drainage system, drinking water supply, uninterrupted power and water supply, tourist information kiosks, multimedia campaign for the convenience of tourists and pilgrims. The State Government has constructed projects like Malatipatpur bus terminal, fly-over connecting Malatipatpur and Puri-Konark Marine Drive, State of the Art Maternity and Child Care Hospital etc. for the benefit of the tourists.

Progress lies in peace. Thus, we believe in maintaining Peace and Harmony. Through peace and harmony, the State Government endeavours to sustain the pace of development. The Independence Day is the day of resolution. On this august occasion, let us take a pledge to work unitedly for the growth and development of our State.

Jai Hind.
On the occasion of Independence Day, I convey my best wishes to all of you. On this sacred occasion, I pay my homage to the great leaders as well as patriots like the Father of Nation Mahatma Gandhi, Netaji Subhas Bose, Pandit Nehru, Maulana Azad, Dr. Ambedkar, Pandit Gopabandhu Das, Utkal Gourav Madhusudan Das, Veer Surendra Sai, Saheed Laxman Naik, Maa Rama Devi, Gopabandhu Choudhury, Nabakrushna Choudhury, Dr. Harekrushna Mahtab, Biju Patnaik and others who had participated in the freedom struggle.

On this occasion, I also pay my deep reverence to the valiant Jawans who laid down their lives for the sake of our country.

Indian Freedom Struggle has spread the ideal message of peace and non-violence across the world. Odisha, the land of peace and non-violence, also played a pivotal role in the freedom struggle of the country. Odisha has contributed a lot towards the prosperity of India.

Development is no more the monopoly of urban areas only. Today, with the co-operation and involvement of 4 crore Odias, the village has become the focal point and it has contributed immensely, taking Odisha towards the path of development. The poor people in the villages and the Adivasis in Koraput and Kalahandi have all become a part of our development process. It is a delightful matter that the youths in Bonda Ghati have come forward to accelerate the pace of development in their areas as well.

The cross sectoral development of different categories of people starting from the farmers of Kondhamal to the weavers of Bargarh, labourers of Rourkela, Kendu-leaf pluckers of Rairakhol, tribal students of Koraput and Nowrangpur and construction-workers of Bhubaneswar has paved the way for realization of the dream of all. The welfare programmes of the Government have reached each and every person. All these have inspired the people to march ahead.
The State Government has launched “Biju Pucca Ghar Yojana” with a view to convert all thatched houses in the villages into Pucca houses. Till now, construction of 5 lakh 70 thousand houses has been completed. The State Government is all set to launch Odisha Housing Mission to provide houses to the poor people in urban areas. The structure of Panchayati Raj system is being strengthened for the development of villages. There is no dearth of funds for the development of the villages. Over Rs. 16,000 crore will be provided to the Panchayats during the next 5 years. Hence, to make every village and Panchayat a model village and a model Panchayat, the people in the rural area should work with competitive spirit.

Owing to the hard labour of the farmers of our State, Odisha has achieved national award 4 times. On this auspicious occasion of Independence Day, I convey my heart-felt congratulation to the farmers. In the current year, rain-fall has been scanty in some parts of the State. As we are aware and alert about this situation, adequate measures have been taken not to put the farmers at a loss.

Due to various reasons, some problems had emerged in the field of Industrialization. However, there has been a gradual shift in this situation and now, there is a rapid visible industrial growth. Due to this, I believe, our State Government would be successful in generating employment opportunity for more than 3 lakh people in manufacturing section by the year 2019. Expeditious steps have been taken to recruit for 70 thousand vacant posts in Government sector.

We aim at a balanced growth of different areas, different categories of people from multiple fields. Today the women of our State have been successful in creating a distinct identity in every field. As usual, the State Government is always attaching priority and will continue to do so for the protection of women and to safeguard their rights. The State Government’s welfare programmes have infused a sense of hope in the mind of the poor, old men and women, Adivasi and oppressed group. Differently abled persons are marching ahead with self-confidence. The State Government is always with them and would extend co-operation for all times to come.

Youths had played a significant role in the freedom struggle of the country. The youth power is always at the forefront in the development of the country after independence. It is matter of great pleasure that the capability of the youths has been enhanced today to transform the dream into reality for their own self, for their families and for the country. This is the vast treasure and energy for independent India.

The general public in the villages, street vendors in the urban area, farmers, workers, women, students, youths, Adivasis and oppressed group jointly constitute India. Thus, empowerment of each stakeholder can make a prosperous India and the value of freedom can be preserved as well.

Jai Hind.
I convey my best wishes and warm greetings to the brothers and sisters of Odisha on the happy occasion of 69th Independence Day.

15th August is a day of pride, glory and immense pleasure for every Indian. Our forefathers fought the Independence struggle in order to free this country from the clutches of the oppressors. They won the battle of freedom on the principles of Non-violence and Non-cooperation. Unshaken patience, supreme sacrifice and extraordinary patriotism of those greatmen brought us the cherished freedom which remains a brilliant illustration before the world.

Let us come together, irrespective of caste, creed and religion, to celebrate unitedly this national festival by paying respectful homage to those who have dedicated their lives for our motherland and to work with profound promise to build a prosperous and developed nation in order to enhance it's identity more vigorously.

Let the Independence Day be a celebration of tribute and commitment.

*Jai Hind.*