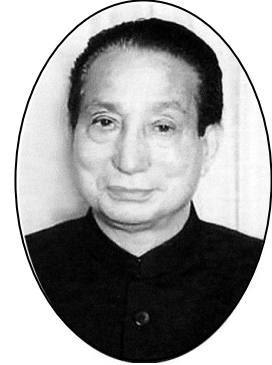


*Message of*  
**Dr. S.C. Jamir**  
Hon'ble Governor of Odisha  
On the Occasion of  
**Republic Day - 2015**



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

On this 66<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Great Republic, I extend my heartiest greetings to all of you and wish all round progress and prosperity in the coming days. On this historic moment, we owe our sincere and heartfelt gratitude to the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi and the founding fathers of our Constitution whose relentless struggle and sacrifices paved the way for this greatest historic accomplishment of our times.

Sixty five years ago, the founding fathers gave us a constitution which envisioned a just society with welfare of the weaker sections and guaranting social and economic justice for all. The task ahead was challenging. But we have been forging ahead with poise to attain this goal.

In the global perspective, India is at present emerging as one of the biggest democratic pathfinders for other countries. The patriotic spirit and sacrifice of the highest order of our Freedom fighters under the leadership of Mahatma Gandhi has left ineffaceable impressions in the mind of our people.

I salute and offer my profound homage to the valiant fighters and the martyrs of the Indian freedom struggle. We need to rededicate ourselves to safeguard and uphold the dignity of our Nation, our Constitution and its ideals & values. Republic Day celebrations carry great significance in our National life. Our culture and heritage have forever spread the message of peace, harmony and universal brotherhood. We must strive hard to attain prosperity through discipline, dedication and hard work.

This auspicious occasion inspires us to introspect on our past achievements and makes us aware of the tasks ahead that are to be undertaken to strengthen our unity and integrity. We

reiterate our dedication in our efforts to make Odisha one of the most developed states in the country.

The State has adopted a very pragmatic development approach to achieve sustainable economic growth of key and important sectors and has invested significant public resources to achieve those through a number of programmes.

An agriculturally prosperous Odisha with adequate food security coverage for all has all along been the single most important objective that the Government has been striving hard to achieve. Odisha is the second State in the entire country to have introduced a separate budget for agriculture. Besides this, despite the damages caused by Phailin during the last year, the State has bagged the coveted **Krishi Karman Award** thrice during the last four years for agricultural productivity. This shows the resilience of our farmers and the system put in place by the State Government. All these amply demonstrate the commitment of Odisha Government to the issues of farmers and food security.

To enhance agricultural productivity, all out efforts are being made to create additional irrigation potential to the tune of ten lakh hectares within the next five years. To achieve this objective, a sum of Rs.5000 crores is being proposed to be spent each year for the next five years on Major, Medium, Small irrigation Projects, Deep Borewells, Mega Lift Irrigation Projects, restoration of the defunct L.I. Points and energisation of the borewells and Lift irrigation points. Easy access to quality seeds, fertilisers, pesticides and farm mechanisation along with agricultural credit at the lowest percentage of interest are the other key elements in this endeavour. To support agricultural marketing, the Government is committed to create a network of storage facilities including cold storage chains, threshing floors, drying yards and mandis with sound connectivity with marketing avenues and access to a SMS based information flow Network.

Equitable distribution of food grains to all with focus on the tribals, slum dwellers and other vulnerable sections of the society are being ensured by the State Government through the proposed new holistic **Odisha Food Security Act**. Indicators reflecting the socio economic conditions of a family will be introduced to make the coverage inclusive and holistic.

Providing shelter security to the rural poor is another priority sector for the State. Through its own flagship scheme “**Biju Pucca Ghar Yojana**”, the State Government proposes to convert all Kucha houses in the rural areas of the State into Pucca houses. Apart from this, the State

Government has announced a **Shelter Security Mission** to be launched soon to ensure housing for the homestead-less urban and rural poor having no roof over their head.

The State is committed towards both social and economic empowerment of women. To empower girls and women, **Odisha State Policy for Girls and Women** has been framed with the provisions of inheritance, equal land rights, free homestead land of 4 decimals to homestead-less women of lower income group, special package for differently-abled women among other things. **Mission Shakti Programme** and **Mamata Yojana** are quite popular programmes which aim at empowering women folk of the State.

Recognizing the role of youth in the progress and development of Odisha, the **State Youth Policy** has been implemented. As an important part of the policy framework, Skill up-gradation training programme for 1.5 lakh youth every year has been undertaken through the **State Employment Mission**.

**Chief Minister's Employment Generation Programme** has been introduced to upgrade skills of around 11 lakh youths in 5 years with at least 150 youth from every Panchayat in the State along with loan and subsidy linkages for self-employment.

**Biju Gram Jyoti Yojana** and **Biju Saharanchal Bidyutikaran Yojana** are Government's flagship schemes which are meaningful interventions in electrification of rural and urban habitations of the State.

With the launching of 656 kilometres 4 laned **Biju Expressway** to be built at a cost of 3200 crores as a life-line road network connecting eight backward districts of Western Odisha and KBK region, the State Government has shown its commitment and priority in strengthening the road network in Western and KBK Districts of Odisha. Considering the contribution of the State Highways in improving the Socio-economic condition of the people, the State Government has undertaken a new initiative namely **State Highways Development Programme** for all-round development of the State Highway Network of Odisha. Large scale cement concrete roads and construction of bridges under **Biju Setu Yojana** are really meaningful connectivity programmes. **Mukhya Mantri Sadak Yojana** tries to provide all weather connectivity to small habitations with population up to 100 not covered by any other connectivity programme.

State Government is committed to construct at least 100 Model Public Schools by June 2015 out of the proposed **One Model Public School in Each Block** keeping in tune with its commitment to provide quality English Medium education at each Block headquarters. To improve the educational status of SC/ST communities, a plethora of schemes especially construction of hostels are being implemented.

**102 Ambulance Service** has been implemented in the State for pregnant mothers and the new born babies. **Odisha State Medical Services Corporation** has been conceptualized to provide free medicines to the citizens. The **Odisha State Treatment Fund** has been made operational in the State to provide medical assistance up to Rupees 3 lakh for treatment of patients suffering from critical ailments. **Biju Krushak Kalyan Yojana** has been implemented in the State which provides free health insurance coverage up to Rupees One lakh to five members of a farmer/Agriculture labourer's families. Now it has an astounding coverage of nearly 55 lakh farmer families in Odisha.

**Madhu Babu Pension Yojana** provides social security to the needy beneficiaries and **Biju KBK Yojana** and **Biju Kandhamal and Gajapati Yojana** accelerated the process of development and reduction of poverty in KBK region and Kandhamal and Gajapati districts respectively. Odisha has the unique distinction of being the number one State in the country in the distribution of titles under the Forest Rights Act to the forest dwelling STs of the State.

Prosperity can only be achieved through peaceful co-existence, sincerity, hard work and good governance. Divisive forces sometimes are raising their ugly heads posing serious challenges to our avowed objective of social harmony and all-round progress. I am totally confident that we can meet and successfully overcome these challenges by our combined efforts.

Today, on this momentous occasion, I make an earnest appeal to all of you for joining hands to accelerate the process of sustainable development and transform Odisha into a front-ranking State on the fast track of progress and prosperity.

***JAI HIND.***

*Message of*  
**Shri Naveen Patnaik**  
Hon'ble Chief Minister  
on the occasion of the  
**Republic Day-2015**



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Today is Republic Day. On this occasion, I convey my greetings to you all. I also pay my respect to the freedom fighters who took part in the Freedom Struggle under the leadership of Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi, Netajee Subhas Chandra Bose and others.

In the Indian Freedom Struggle, Odisha played a significant role. The sacrifice and patriotic fervor exhibited by the leaders like Utkalmani Pandit Gopabandhu Das, Veer Surendra Sai, Buxi Jagabandhu, Utkal Gourav Madhusudan Das, Gopabandhu Choudhury, Maa Rama Devi, Nabakrushna Choudhury, Malati Choudhury, Saheed Laxman Naik, Dr. Harekrushna Mahtab and Biju Patnaik had strengthened the freedom struggle in Odisha.

On this occasion, I pay my homage to the martyr Jawans who laid down their lives for safeguard of our independence.

Our Constitution is also ideal one like our struggle for independence. On this day, this came into force. On this auspicious day, I pay my obeisance to Dr. B.R.Ambedkar and Members of the Constituent Assembly.

The objective of our Constitution is to provide equal opportunity, justice to all and to build a powerful, developed, democratic and secular India. Federalism is the soul of our Constitution. So, attention should be paid for the development of the Federal spirit. By this way, the country can be strengthened along with preservation of the interest of the States.

From its own resources, the State Government has been implementing a number of programmes in different sectors from infrastructure to social security. In the field of development of communication system in the State, Biju Express Way is going to be a milestone. Likewise,

Shelter Security Mission has become a historic step for the development of housing sector. Under Biju Pucca Ghar Yojana, houses will be provided to all the eligible beneficiaries in the next 5 years. There will be no Kutcha house in the State.

Gender violence and gender discrimination are considered as social evil. These are more dangerous than terrorism. To prevent this, there are so many stringent laws. This can successfully be checked through awareness. For the safety of the women and welfare of the girl children, the Government is endeavouring with commitment and will continue on this front.

The new Women Policy and Youth Policy meant for welfare and protection of the women have created an opportunity to include these two main classes of the society.

The State Government is implementing various Programmes for the welfare of the tribal, oppressed and poor people. Development of the poor people is our commitment and it comes under their rights. No one can deprive them of this.

Food Security is our flagship programme. Provision of rice @ Re.1/- a kilo has been successful in ensuring food security for all from village to the town. The State Government has decided to implement the Food Security Act of its own. It will be helpful in ensuring food security for all.

Odisha has become successful in creating a distinct identity for various welfares programmes like development of Agriculture and Irrigation, development of infrastructure and skill development. Today Odisha has become a happening State. Self-confidence of the women has been enhanced. The youths have been inspired to march ahead. A congenial atmosphere has been created to carry forward the pace of development. To take this opportunity and to make it fruitful, let us come forward to work with utmost sincerity.

*Jai Hind*

*Message of*  
**Shri Atanu Sabyasachi Nayak**  
Hon'ble Minister, Information & Public Relations,  
Health & Family Welfare  
on the occasion of the  
**Republic Day – 2015**



On this auspicious occasion of Republic Day, I convey my heartfelt greetings and best wishes to the sisters and brothers of Odisha.

26<sup>th</sup> January is a remarkable day in the history of Independent India. On this day, we gave unto ourselves a Constitution proclaiming India as a Sovereign Democratic Secular Socialist Republic. Our Constitution is a unique document and is one of the ideal Constitutions of the world. It has reflected the dreams and aspirations of our countrymen. Members of our Constituent Assembly have made it an extraordinary one with all cares and cautions.

We fondly and respectfully remember the valiant freedom fighters and framers of our Constitution on this memorable day. We have achieved this priceless Independence due to their limitless struggle, enormous dedication and sacrifice. Their life stories have become the repository of patriotism, service and values which provide us inexhaustible inspiration.

History of freedom movement is replete with great role of Odisha. The heroic saga of freedom fighters of Odisha has been written in golden letters. Their struggle, perseverance and attainment would be a perennial source of inspiration for all times to come. The record of their participation in freedom struggle serves as torch-bearer in our journey towards our Socio-cultural and economic growth.

After Independence, India has made astounding progress in every field. Our economic prosperity has become illustrious. Skill and efficiency of our human resources are being admired

by the countries. At the same time, progress in Odisha has been accelerated and the growth has been reckoned with. The State is marching ahead on the path of rapid progress through successful implementation of various welfare programmes and pro-people initiatives including agriculture and infrastructural development. The participation of the people of Odisha in building a developed state has been proved meaningful and effective.

Democracy in India has been applauded every where. India has proved itself as a laboratory of Democracy while our Constitution has reflected the theme of “Unity in Diversity”. Development has taken pace equally with our glorified history and heritage.

Republic Day is an occasion of promise, of resolution. Promise to safeguard the importance and value of our Democracy as well as our Constitution. Let us come forward to work together to place our country at the pinnacle of success, by reaffirming the commitment for nation-building and reassuring all our dedication for a frontline prosperous India.

*Jai Hind.*