

*Message of*  
**Prof. Ganeshi Lal**  
**Hon'ble Governor of Odisha**  
**on the occasion of Republic Day-2021**



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

My heartiest greetings to you all on the Republic Day 2021. This is a historic day that reminds us of our sacrifice and struggle, and the movement of freedom led by the Father of our Nation Mahatma Gandhi. The patriotism and supreme sacrifice of many illustrious daughters and sons of our country as well as our State Odisha that gave us our freedom will forever inspire generations. Let us recall their invaluable sacrifices and pay our respectful homage to them. Let us also offer our tributes to the founding fathers and framers of the Indian Constitution with whose dedicated efforts the Constitution of the Republic of India was framed.

Our Constitution which was enforced on 26th January 1950 provides a framework for democratic governance of the world's largest democracy, embodies and reflects our strong democratic values, philosophy and objectives. Justice, Liberty, Equality and Fraternity are the guiding principles of our Constitution. On this momentous occasion, let us solemnly resolve to uphold the sovereignty of our Nation, the dignity of our Constitution and its ideals and values.

The year that passed by will be recorded in the history of human civilization as one of the most difficult, uncertain and trying times for humanity, impacting human lives in an unprecedented manner. The scars of the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic is now perceptible in the way we now live. Social distancing, hand hygiene, mask wearing are now the regular norms. However, the new year has begun with new hopes and optimism with the vaccine now available for mass vaccination as a promising antidote against the virus. Marking a successful beginning, Vaccination drive in the State has achieved 85 per cent coverage of beneficiaries on the first day itself and the drive is continuing in full swing in the entire State.

The State Government has been working relentlessly and has played a crucial role in handling this major challenge on a war footing to save the lives of the people of Odisha. The commendable proactive initiatives by the State during this pandemic in containing its spread, providing free testing to treatment facilities with life saving devices and effective handling of the migrant workers issue have been appreciated at the National level and by International organisations like WHO. During the difficult times of the pandemic, the State government also did a remarkable job in testing highest number of cases with lowest mortality rate and in boosting the morale of the Covid Warriors, frontliners who worked round the clock and strengthened the spirit of solidarity by unifying the entire state of Odisha under one umbrella and bolstering our determination to win the battle against Covid-19. The State Government created livelihood opportunities amid the pandemic to provide gainful livelihood options to the migrants and other workers and to keep the economy going.

The State is focusing on innovative programmes with people at the helm of all policy initiatives and people's interest is the focal point around which all such programmes evolve. Participation of people in the process of development, bridging the gap between common people and the administration through timely delivery of public services at their doorsteps, getting their feedback through 'Mo Sarkar' and orient governance accordingly to bring in transformation and thereby ensuring qualitative transformation of lives and livelihoods of people has been the strategy for new Odisha.

The innovative initiatives of the State meant for transforming lives of mothers and children, youth, sporting talents, farmers, construction workers and labourers, tribals as well as the old, differently-abled and the distressed are now nationally and globally benchmarked and are being emulated by others. Empowering women has always been the top priority. Diversified livelihood options under Mission Shakti with 80 lakh women members in its fold have immensely benefited the women Self Help Groups and made them self reliant. Giving utmost priority to the health care services and health infrastructure development in Odisha, the State Government is spearheading the transformation of SCB Medical College and Hospital with World Class Health Care facilities and coming up with a good number of medical colleges throughout the State.

With proactive efforts by the State Government to reboot economy, Odisha has bounced back on key indicators. In spite of COVID-19 situation, economic growth and collection of revenue in the State has increased remarkably. In spite of difficult times, Odisha is leading in the investment sector due to its robust industrial policy. There is more focus now on speedy clearance, implementation of pro-industry benefit policies. The State has attracted 1.25 Lakh Crore investments during this pandemic and has been one of the leading investment hubs of the country.

'Skilled in Odisha' is now a global brand with the focus on skill development to make the youth of Odisha market ready as per industry requirements. Employment opportunities have been generated for more than 5 Lakh Handloom and Textile weavers through an e-commerce platform, more than 7 Lakh 54 thousand Kendu Leaf pluckers and 18 thousands 223 Kendu Leaf workers have been benefited through bonus and other financial benefits. Our State has bagged the best State award at the National Level for JAGA mission and for universal access to piped water supply for all urban households.

Multi-pronged citizen-centric strategies and pro-people development initiatives based on 5 'T' and 'Mo Sarkar' have all along been appreciated by the people of Odisha and have gained their faith. I am hopeful that public feedback through 'Mo Sarkar' will enable the State to further envision a more visible, progressive and prosperous Odisha and with our commitment towards a pro-people, transparent and responsive governance, we will strive hard to achieve new heights in all spheres in the forthcoming days. Together we have faced the challenge of COVID-19 and together we will overcome it, and alongwith the vaccination programme we continue to follow the normative prescriptions of social distancing, hand hygiene and use of masks.

On this Republic Day, let us rededicate ourselves to work committedly for the development of our State and it's people.

***Jai Hind.***

*Message of*  
**Shri Naveen Patnaik,**  
Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha  
on the occasion of **Republic Day-2021**



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On the auspicious occasion of Republic Day, I extend my good wishes to all of you. On this august occasion, I also pay my deep homage to the great freedom fighters like the Father of Nation Mahatma Gandhi, Pandit Nehru, Netajee Subhas Bose, Moulana Azad, Dr. Ambedkar, Veer Surendra Sai, Buxi Jagabandhu, Utkalmani Gopabandhu Das, Utkal Gourav Madhusudan Das, Gopabandhu Choudhury, Nabakrushna Choudhury, Saheed Laxman Naik, Ramadevi, Malati Choudhury, Parbati Giri, Dr. Harekrushna Mahtab and Biju Patnaik.

I pay my sincere tribute to the martyrs who have laid down their lives for the unity and security of the country. Likewise I also pay my homage to the COVID warriors who have become martyrs while discharging their duties.

India is a country where there is acceptance of multi language, multi religion, caste, colour, diverse opinion and faith. The geography of different regions also differs from each other. This diversity is our vital strength. This has also enriched our culture, our society. This has been reflected gloriously in our Constitution and it has created equal opportunity of development for all.

We ought to work together for consensus on various important national issues apart from safeguarding our diversity. This will make our democracy more vibrant and strengthen our country as well.

Odisha, today, has strengthened its position in the development index of the country. Today, Odisha has experienced visible progress in important spheres of economy like Agriculture, Industries and Infrastructure. Irrigation potential has increased in the State. Agricultural production has also been enhanced. The income of the farmers has increased. The State has also succeeded in new investments. The development of infrastructure has created opportunity in making the economy vibrant.

Odisha occupies a distinctive place in the entire country in implementing various welfare schemes. Starting from Food Security Programme to Social Security net, all our welfare schemes have brought a smile in the face of the general public. Our scheme meant for the welfare of the Schedule Tribe has successfully brought them to the mainstream of the development. Various welfare measures undertaken in the Bichhinnanchal of Malkangiri have ushered in a new era of development.

You all are aware of the fact that the entire world is fighting against Corona virus for the last 10 months. Odisha is also successfully combating the dreadful disease. On this occasion, I reverently recall the service and sacrifice of our COVID warriors. Though the vaccine has reached, I earnestly request all of you for strictly adhering to the COVID guidelines.

You all know that “ Mo Sarkar “ programme was launched on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2019. This aims at receiving feedback from the grassroot level regarding the Government services. All the Departments of the State have come to the fold of this programme. The feedback received from the people has created opportunity for rendering best services. Likewise, the 5 'T' programme is a historic measure of our Government. The main objective of the programme is to bring transformation in various important spheres.

Keeping the all-round development of tourism sector in view, works are going on for transformation of famous heritage sites like Sri Mandir, Lingaraj temple and Konark under 5 'T' programme. The development work of Maa Samaleiswari Peetha is going to be undertaken soon. Apart from this, steps are being taken for construction of a world-class Hockey Stadium in Rourkela.

The SCB Medical College is another famous institute in health sector in the country. Works are going on to convert it in to a world-class institute. Our focus is to place the SCB Medical College among the world's best 10 health institutes.

Various schemes and programmes of our Government have become fruitful in including every category of the people in the process of development. People's trust and confidence on Government's work has deepened. We are firmly striding ahead for building a prosperous, empowered Odisha upholding its self-esteem. Hardwork, strong determination and cooperation all together can make us reach our destination. In our efforts towards building a new Odisha, I seek the blessings of one and all.

*Jai Hind.*

*Message of*  
**Shri Raghunandan Das,**  
Hon'ble Minister, Water Resources,  
Information & Public Relations  
on the occasion of **Republic Day-2021**



On the auspicious occasion of 72<sup>nd</sup> Republic Day, I extend my heartiest congratulations and warm greetings to all brothers and sisters of Odisha.

Republic Day is a day of pride and glory for all of us. Seventy one years ago, on this day, we gave unto ourselves our Constitution. Indian Constitution is the largest Constitution in the world, for which we have been accorded the status of greatest Democratic Republic. The pledge that we had taken to build our country as a Sovereign, Democratic Republic has been realised. The long cherished dream and aspirations of our founding forefathers and framers of the Constitution in giving us democratic ideals and values, fundamental rights, secular ideology and social justice has become fruitful.

We are always proud of our Motherland. The path of “Ahimsa” or non-violence adopted by the Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi to achieve freedom from British Rule is a landmark in history. The selfless service and sacrifice made by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Sardar Ballav Bhai Patel, Dr. Rajendra Prasad, Netajee Subhas Chandra Bose and many great patriots for freedom of the country will be remembered forever in the history of our nation.

Our State Odisha also played an important role in the Freedom struggle of India. The contribution made by Eminent Leaders and Freedom Fighters from our State like Jayee Rajguru, Buxi Jagabandhu, Veer Surendra Sai, Chakhi Khuntia, Saheed Laxman Naik, Saheed Birsa Munda, Raghu Dibakar, Rendo Majhi, Ukal Gourav Madhusudan Das, Utkalmani Pandit Gopabandhu Das, Maa Rama Devi, Pandit Nilakantha Das, Pandit Godabarish Mishra, Acharya Harihar Das, Dr. Harekrushna Mahtab, Radhanath Rath, Legendary Biju Pattnaik and many others to the freedom struggle was most significant. On this occasion, I pay my respectful homage to those freedom fighters who had sacrificed their entire life for the sake of the country as well as the nation.

Justice, freedom, equality and fraternity are the essence of our Constitution. Those 4 ideologies are explicitly defined in the Preamble of the Constitution of India. Our Constitution

accords top priority on safeguarding the individual dignity along with national unity and integrity and universal brotherhood. We should pledge to uphold and preserve the dignity and glory of our Constitution. Our Indian democracy has been widely acclaimed for its greatness.

Keeping pace with the development of our country, the development of our State has been expedited. The State Government under the dynamic leadership of our popular Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaik lays emphasis on rapid growth and has also succeeded in successful management of natural calamities. With the pandemic Corona virus affecting the entire world, our country along with our State is also affected by the unprecedented COVID-19 in the recent times. During this time, it was a great challenge for all of us to go ahead on the path of development upholding the democratic ideologies and values. The scrupulous perception and timely intervention of our popular Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaik has enabled us to overcome this adverse situation. The COVID death rate in our State is very low and the recovery rate has increased in comparison to that of the national average. The efforts of the COVID Warriors along with active cooperation of the common people during this difficult time is highly commendable and noteworthy.

The State Government is relentlessly endeavouring to achieve cent per cent success in various pro-people schemes and programmes implemented through 5-T Charters and Mo-Sarkar programme. With the application of latest technology, the Information, Education and Communication strategy has been strengthened and dissemination of information has gained momentum.

Citizens are the vigilant guardian of democracy. Despite difficult times of COVID-19 pandemic, our State Government has worked hard in different sectors like Agriculture & Farmers' empowerment, employment as well as livelihood generating activities and development of micro and medium industries. Along with emphasis on Education, Health services and Women Empowerment, the State Government is also prioritising irrigation sector for development of agriculture. The State government is determinedly taking effective steps to provide irrigation facilities to maximum agricultural lands.

I urge on all of you to join hands in rebuilding the State as well as the country by successfully combating the Corona pandemic in the coming days. On this auspicious occasion, I request all of you to take a pledge to cooperate sincerely in upholding the sovereignty and dignity of the Nation.

***Jai Hind.  
Bande Utkal Janani.***