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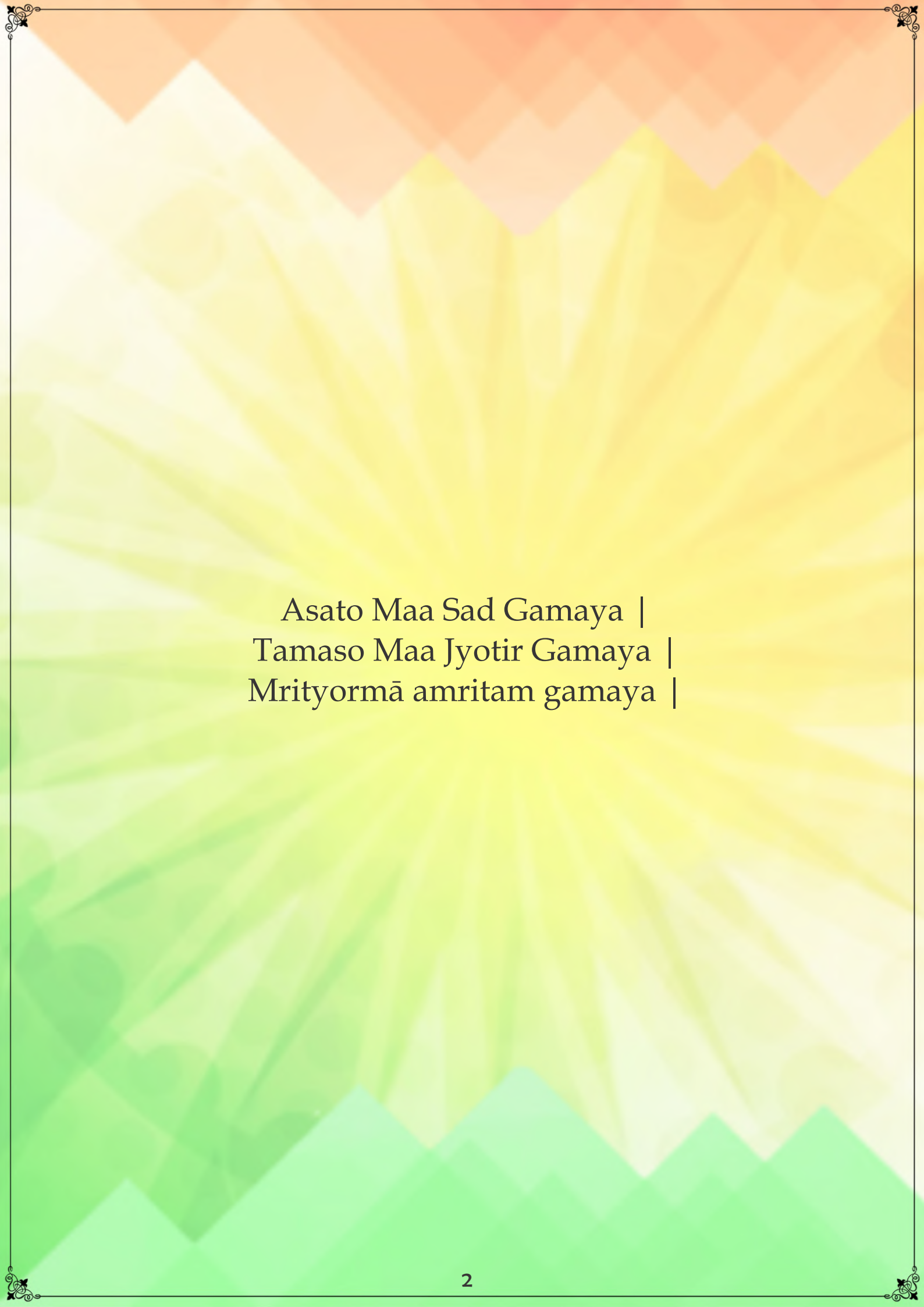
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Abstract of Transactions

		Actuals	Budget Estimates	Revised Estimates	Budget Estimates ³
		2015-16	2016-17	2016-17	2017-18
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A. RECEIPTS					
I	Consolidated Fund	48466	77423	70146	84732
	Revenue Account	42458	66180	59008	70720
	Capital Account	6008	11243	11138	14013
II	Contingency Fund		100	100	100
III	Public Account	141948	177077	177589	162581
	Total (I + II + III)	190414	254600	247835	247413
B. EXPENDITURE					
I	Consolidated Fund	41931	78253	83017	85923
	Revenue Account	37011	62459	65677	68319
	Capital Account	4920	15794	17340	17603
II	Contingency Fund		100	100	100
III	Public Account	147646	169621	165885	161757
	Total (I + II + III)	189578	247975	249002	247780
C. TRANSACTIONS DURING THE YEAR					
	Surplus (+)	836	6625		
	Deficit (-)			-1166	-367
D. OPENING BALANCE					
	Surplus (+)				
	Deficit (-)	-1653	-9506	-816	-1983
E. CLOSING BALANCE					
	Surplus (+)				
	Deficit (-)	-816	-2881	-1983	-2350



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

17 GOALS TO TRANSFORM OUR WORLD



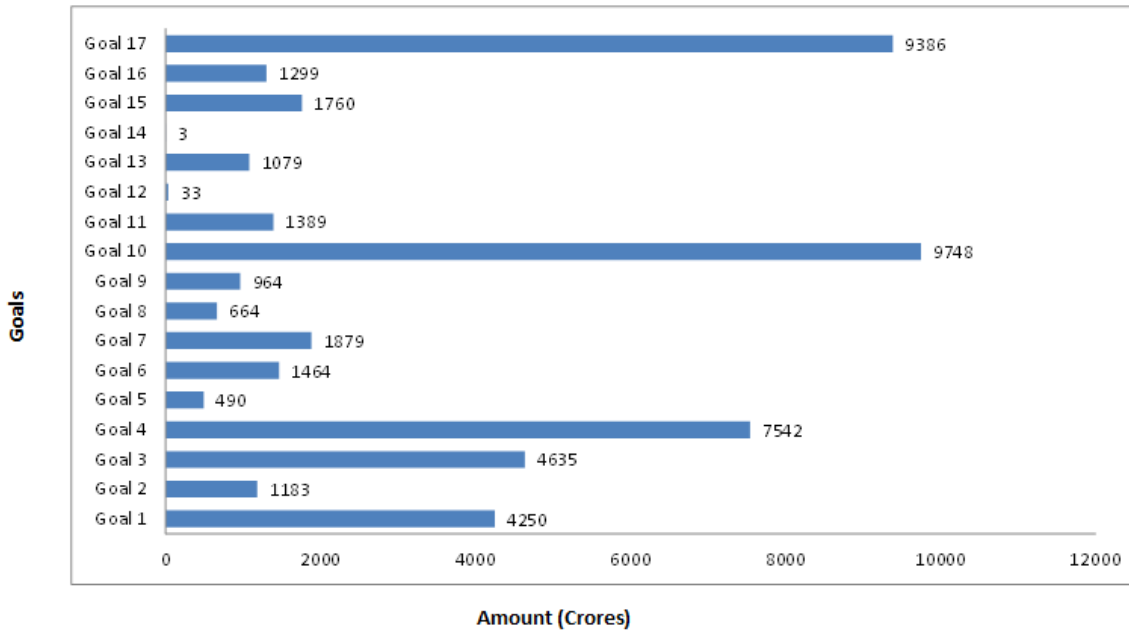
On September 25th 2015, countries adopted a set of goals to end poverty, protect the planet, and ensure prosperity for all as part of a new sustainable development agenda. Each goal has specific targets to be achieved over the next 15 years.

Assam is among the first states in the country to prepare an Outcome Budget that ties the sectoral allocations to each of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals.

A snapshot of these allocations for 2017-18 are presented in the next few pages.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS 2030

Goal wise allocation for 2017- 2018 (Assam)



GOALS

SDG 1 - No Poverty

SDG 2 - Zero Hunger

SDG 3 - Good Health & Well-being

SDG 4 - Quality Education

SDG 5 - Gender Equality

SDG 6 - Clean Water & Sanitation

SDG 7 - Affordable & Clean Energy

SDG 8 - Decent Work And Economic Growth

SDG 9 - Industry, Innovation & Infrastructure

SDG 10 - Reduced Inequalities

SDG 11 - Sustainable Cities And Communities

SDG 12 - Responsible Consumption & Production

SDG 13 - Climate Action

SDG 14 - Life Below Water

SDG 15 - Life On Land

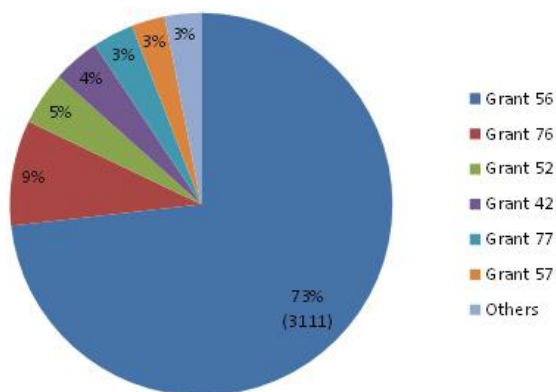
SDG 16 - Peace, Justice & Strong Institution

SDG 17 - Partnerships For The Goals

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Major Goals (Sectoral Allocations)

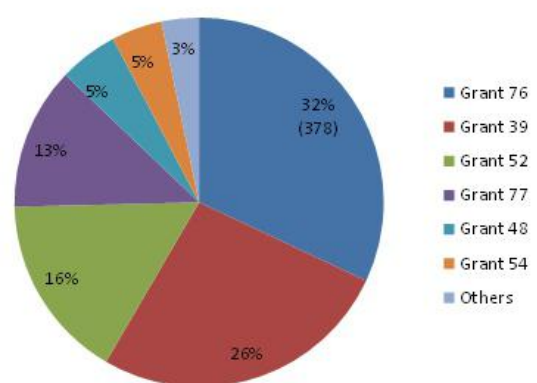
SDG 1 - NO POVERTY (Allocation in Crores)



Key

- Grant 56 Rural Development (Panchayat)
- Grant 76 Karbi-Anglong Autonomous Council
- Grant 52 Animal Husbandry
- Grant 42 Other Social Services
- Grant 77 N.C. Hills Autonomous Council
- Grant 57 Rural Development

SDG 2 - ZERO HUNGER (Allocation in Crores)



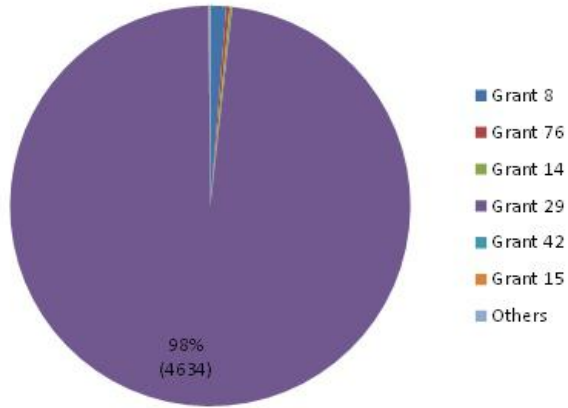
Key

- Grant 76 Karbi-Anglong Autonomous Council
- Grant 39 Social Security, Welfare and Nutrition
- Grant 52 Animal Husbandry
- Grant 77 N.C. Hills Autonomous Council
- Grant 48 Agriculture
- Grant 54 Fisheries

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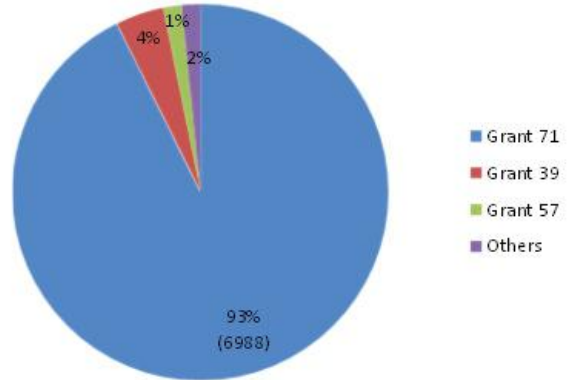
SDG 3 - GOOD HEALTH & WELL-BEING (Allocation in Crores)



Key

Grant 76	Karbi-Anglong Autonomous Council
Grant 14	Police
Grant 29	Medical & Public Health
Grant 42	Other Social Services
Grant 15	Jails

SDG 4 - QUALITY EDUCATION (Allocation in Crores)



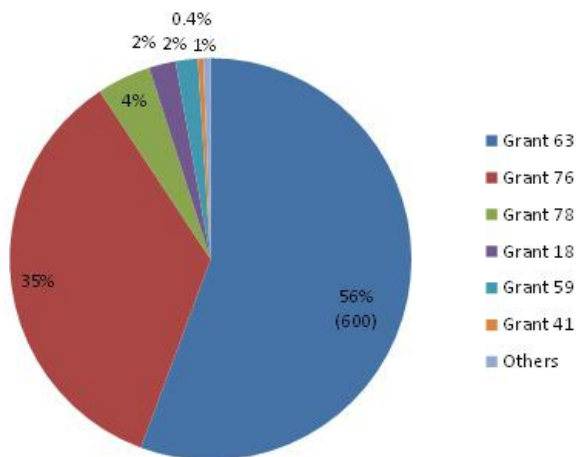
Key

Grant 71	Education (Elementary,Secondary,Etc.)
Grant 39	Social Security, Welfare and Nutrition
Grant 57	Rural Development

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Major Goal-Wise Sectoral Allocations

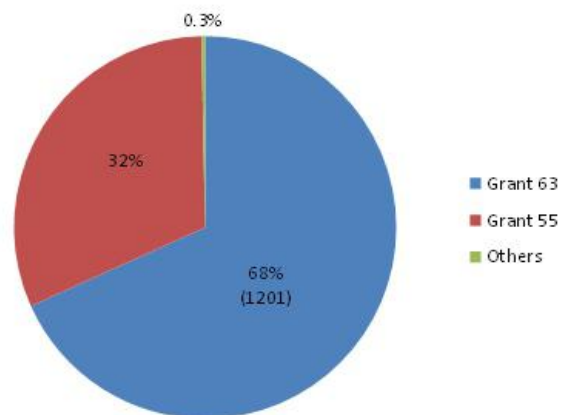
SDG 13 - CLIMATE ACTION (Allocation in Crores)



Key

Grant 63	Water Resources
Grant 76	Karbi-Anglong Autonomous Council
Grant 78	Bodoland Territorial Council
Grant 18	Fire Services
Grant 59	Village & Small Industries Sericulture and Weaving
Grant 41	Natural Calamities

SDG 15 - LIFE ON LAND (Allocation in Crores)



Key

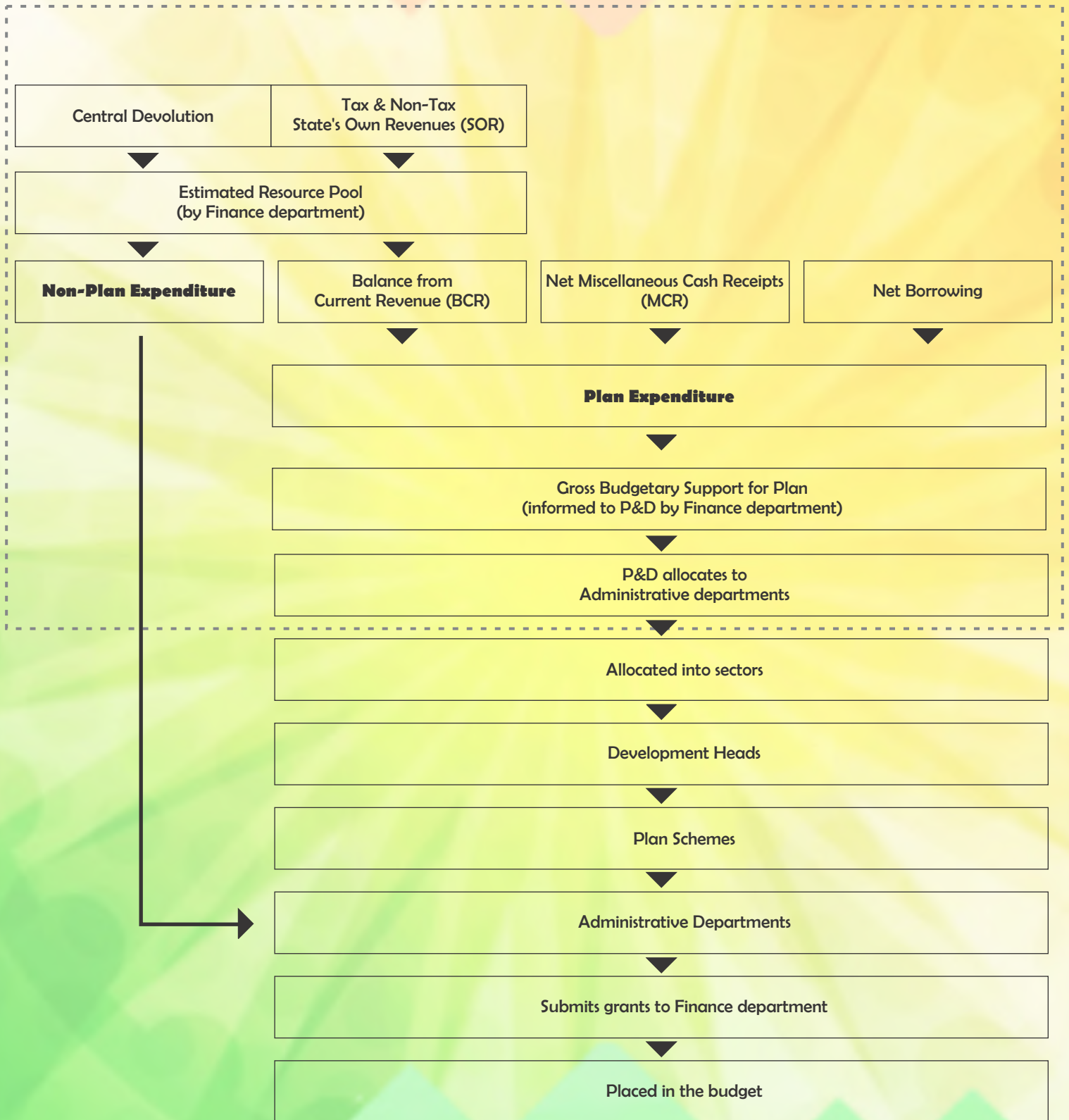
Grant 63	Water Resources
Grant 55	Forestry & Wildlife

Team Assam

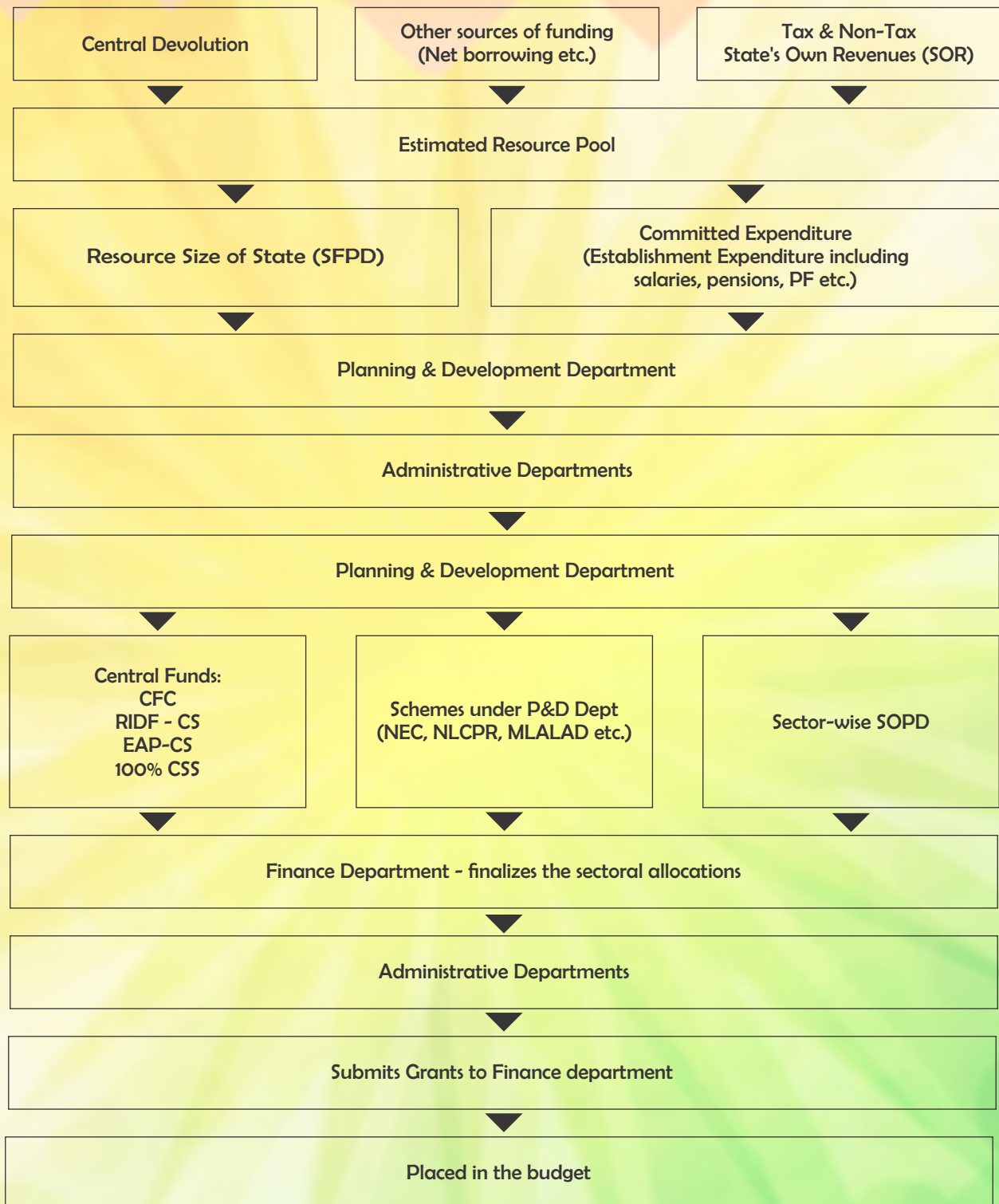


Budget Preparation Process (Pre 2017-18)

Planning Commission gives the Plan size



Budget Preparation Process (2017-18)



Astadash Mukutar Unnoyonee Maala

18 Key Initiatives

SVAYEM (Swami Vivekananda Assam Youth Empowerment) Yojana

- Under this programme, one lakh youth will be provided suitable credit support for taking up income generating enterprises. The loan amount will be up to Rs. 1 Lakh for the new business and up to Rs. 2 Lakh for the existing entrepreneurs.
- State Government will provide 20% subsidy and will also set up 'Risk Fund' with select banks so that the banks will be encouraged to advance loans without much hesitation of recovery issues.
- Detailed Guidelines of SVAYEM Yojana will be issued soon. For this purposes, Rs.200.00 crore towards 20% subsidy and Rs.100.00 crore for risk fund have been set apart.

Kanaklata Mahila Sabalikaran Yojana (KAMS)

- The Government of Assam proposes to promote 1 lakh women self-help groups. Each SHG will be extended a financial support upto Rs.5.00 lakh as loan including capital subsidy over a period of time. An initial grant of Rs.25,000/- will be provided to each group in the current financial year and then subsequent support will depend on fulfilling a set of criteria.
- This programme will help more than 10 lakh women in the State directly and accordingly Rs.250.00 crore has been allotted in the current financial year for this.
- Further, the Government will exempt the women SHGs from stamp duty for documentation related to Bank loan upto Rs.2.5 lakh in the financial year 2017-18.

Gene Bank for Indigenous Fish (GBIF)

- For the conservation of the 82 endangered indigenous fish population of Assam like Puthi, Dorikona, Baralia, Khalihana, Chelakani, Bata, Aleng etc, a program for the conservation of the germplasm, propagation and restoration has been planned
- With the aim of conserving the Fish Biodiversity a scientific directory of indigenous fish species along with a data base of gene-bank of entire Assam is being planned.
- It is proposed to initiate a Scientific Conservation Programme for Indigenous Fish (SCoPIF) by involving the Fishery College of Assam & the Fisheries Department, covering both experimental and natural habitat at an estimated cost of 9.36 crore.
- For this purpose, Rs. 2.00 crore has been allocated in the Current Budget to kick start the project.

Reforms In Mid-Day Meal: Bi-Weekly Eggs & Cooking Gas

- The Government of Assam has decided to provide eggs to all 42.61 lakh children in the Lower Primary and Upper Primary schools twice a week as part of the Mid Day Meal programme at a cost of about Rs 130 crore per year.
- Further, the Government intends to provide cooking gas connection to every Government school providing Mid Day Meal. This will not just help our children get faster and hotter meals but also reduce the environmental impact.
- Moreover, to ensure the timely availability of funds for the various expenditures involved like purchase of raw materials, remuneration of cooks, other incidental expenses etc. the Government of Assam proposes to introduce a system – something akin to Green Channel – wherein the required amount is released by the State Government in a timely manner without waiting for releases from Government of India.

Price Stabilisation Fund

- Government of Assam plans to set up a Rs. 150 Crore "Price Stabilization Fund" to be at the disposal of the Food & Civil Supplies department for them to step in and correct any market failures which lead to rapid increase in the prices of essential commodities.

Financial Incentives For Ujwala

- In order to incentivize the adoption of LPG connections by BPL families, the Government of Assam plans to provide financial assistance of Rs 1000/- per family in addition to the incentives provided by Government of India through it Ujwala scheme which aims to provide free LPG connections to BPL families. This will fasten the adoption of LPG connections and transform the kitchens of Rural Assam in a rapid manner. For this purpose, Rs. 5 crore has been allocated in this Budget.

Tejasvi Navadhitamastu Edu-Infra Funds (TNEIF): Development of Professional Colleges and Universities

- ✧ The Government of Assam proposes to allocate special grants of Rs. 667 crore in the name of Tejasvi Navadhitamastu Funds for infrastructure development of Professional Colleges and Universities to be spent over a period of three to four years as detailed here:

S. No.	Name	Total outlay	(Rs in Crore)
			2017-18
1)	Guwahati Medical College and Hospital	100.00	30.00
2)	Assam Medical College and Hospital	100.00	30.00
3)	Silchar Medical College and Hospital	100.00	30.00
4)	Gauhati University	25.00	12.50
5)	Dibrugarh University	25.00	12.50
6)	Assam Engineering College	25.00	6.00
7)	Jorhat Engineering College	25.00	6.00
8)	Bodoland University	25.00	10.00
9)	Kumar Bhaskar Varman University	15.00	10.00
10)	Cotton University	20.00	5.00
11)	Tezpur Medical College	20.00	10.00
12)	Jorhat Medical College	20.00	10.00
13)	Barpeta Medical College	20.00	10.00
14)	Assam Agricultural University, Jorhat	20.00	10.00
15)	Horticultural College, Dharmapur	15.00	5.00
16)	IIIT, Guwahati	15.00	14.80
17)	Veterinary College, AAU, Khanapara	10.00	5.00
18)	K K Handique Open University	10.00	5.00
19)	Veterinary College, North Lakhimpur	10.00	10.00
20)	Agriculture College, Biswanath	10.00	10.00
21)	Government Ayurvedic Medical College	10.00	3.00
22)	Jorhat Institute of Science and Technology	10.00	5.00
23)	B Brahma Engineering College	10.00	5.00
24)	Science & Technology University, Assam	7.00	3.50
25)	Agriculture Collge, Dhubri	5.00	5.00
26)	Fishery College, Raha	5.00	5.00
27)	Homeopathy College, Jorhat	2.00	1.00
28)	Homeopathy College, Nagaon	2.00	1.00
29)	Homeopathy College, Guwahati	2.00	1.00
30)	Luit Konwar Rudra Barua State College of Music, Panjabari	2.00	1.00
31)	Government College of Art and Crafts, Basistha	2.00	1.00

- ✧ Further, the Government of Assam will start 8 women colleges in Minority dominated areas, three Government Degree Colleges, three Polytechnics, 20 B.Ed Colleges (one each in Karbi-Anglong, Dima Hasao and B.T.A.D areas), 33 Skill Development centers, one Dairy Science College at Sorbhog, one Agro Forestry and Biodiversity College at Kukilabari, a new University of Veterinary and Life Science by carving from Assam Agriculture university, a new Cultural University in Majuli and three Universities at Hojai, North Lakhimpur and Barpeta District.

City Infra Development Fund (CIDF)

- ✦ The Government of Assam is launching the 'City Infra Development Fund (CIDF)' worth Rs.1200 crores to be spent on big public infrastructure projects, in the 6 large cities of the State with more than one lakh population: Silchar, Tinsukia, Jorhat, Dibrugarh, Nagaon and Tezpur.
- ✦ In this budget, Rs 120 crore has been allocated for this purpose. This amount is planned to be spent on the development of projects like river-front, Public Parks, Landmark Roads, Marriage halls, District Libraries, District Stadiums etc. For instance, in Dibrugarh, Riverfront development will be one of the big priorities.

CMSGUY – Entry Point Activities

- ✦ Rs. 500 crore has already transferred to the Mega Mission Society and Rs. 1000 crore more has also been provided in the Supplementary Demand of 2016-17. Other Missions under the Mega Mission are being registered.
- ✦ Further, the Governing Council of the Mega Mission Society under the Chairmanship of our Hon'ble Chief Minister has recently decided to implement three important entry-point activities. These include:
 1. Supply of new tractors for farm mechanization
 2. Football field development in convergence with MGNREGA
 3. Establishment of Knowledge Centres.

Mission Muga

- ✦ In Assam, strength of silk industry lies in 16.43 lakh weavers and 2.75 lakhs rearers and we all know 99% weavers are women. To increase the production of Muga silk by 10 times by the year 2026 and for Assam to emerge as a leader in the world market, an ambitious Mission Muga is being announced in this budget.
- ✦ Such a programme requires a comprehensive and integrated mission mode project to cover whole range of activities from growing a large scale host plantation of Muga, Saulu, Dighlati, involving the Muga rearers, weavers and upto marketing through modern outlets and on e-marketing over internet to reach the customers globally.
- ✦ We have a registered society in the Handloom Textiles & Sericulture Department namely Assam Silk Outreach Mission Society which will be responsible for taking up such this project to achieve the target of producing one million kg Muga by 2026.
- ✦ Further, the Government proposes to develop nurseries & host plantations in 500 hectares in Government lands, 2000 hectares in degraded forest area & 8000 hectares in private individuals' lands during 2017-18.
- ✦ For this purpose, Rs.100.00 crore has been allocated in this budget.

Zero Interest On Crop Loans

- ✦ To encourage the uptake of credit by our farmers, Government of Assam proposes to introduce "Zero Interest Crop Loans" by giving 100% interest subventions on agricultural loans taken by farmers of Assam.
- ✦ Perhaps Assam is the first state in the country to take such a transformative intervention to drive agricultural loans which will encourage the farmers to avail loans for agricultural purposes and help the rural economy. For this purpose, Rs. 25 Crores have been allocated in the budget 2017-18.

Financial Incentives For Farmers Using Kisan Credit Cards (KCC)

- ✦ To re-activate the over 8 Lakh inactive KCC's, the Government of Assam proposes to introduce a one-time cash incentive of Rs. 3000 per inactive KCC holding farmer if he renews the Card.
- ✦ A detailed guideline will be issued for this purpose and an amount of Rs. 65 Crores has been allocated in this budget.

Conversion Of 1000 Timber Bridges Into RCC Bridges And Construction Of Rail Over Bridges

- ✦ This year the Government of Assam intends to convert 1000 of these timber bridges into permanent RCC bridges and for this purpose Rs. 100 crores have been allocated in the current budget.
- ✦ Further with the active support and help of the Ministry of Railways, Government of Assam has identified 48 such places where Rail Over Bridges can be constructed with 50% state share.
- ✦ Accordingly, Rs. 50 crores has been allocated for this purpose so that the works can be taken either by Railways or PWD(R) as per the feasibility and at mutual convenience.

Tea Garden Workers Financial Inclusion

- ✧ In the last couple of months, Government of Assam has opened over 6.50 Lakh number of bank accounts for tea garden workers and this has strengthened our resolve further to improve their financial inclusion.
- ✧ To drive the Financial Inclusion of Tea Garden workers further, the Government of Assam proposes to pay Rs 5000/- to each tea garden worker in his or her bank account. Initially, Rs. 2500/- to each workers who have opened bank account and subsequently another Rs 2500/- will be paid to them if the wages are received through the Bank account continuously for six months and for this purpose Rs 287 crores have been set apart in this budget.

Wage Compensation For Pregnant, Temporary Workers Of Tea-Gardens

- ✧ For better health and nutrition of the Pregnant, Temporary Workers of the Tea-Gardens, Government of Assam will introduce a system of onetime payment of Rs. 12,000 to each pregnant woman of garden areas so that she can better look after herself and her unborn baby without compromising the livelihood of her family.
- ✧ The Government is hopeful that this initiative will bring down the high MMR and IMR of garden areas.

Setting Up Pravasi Asomiya Department

- ✧ The Government of Assam proposes to set up a new Department namely, Pravasi Asomiya Department very soon so as to provide a platform for the substantial number of Assamese diaspora settled in various countries.
- ✧ This will help to their roots in the State and help facilitate interaction with the Government and other stakeholders and contribute to the trade, business and in other walks of life.

Deen Dayal Divyang Sahajya Achani

- ✧ As part of Government of Assam's mission to reinvent the Social Welfare Department, it proposes to provide Rs. 5000 for the medical treatment of each of 4, 50, 000 Divyangs in the State.
- ✧ The scheme is dedicated to Pandit Deendayal Upadhaya and hence this flagship program is named as "Deen Dayal Divyang Sahajya Achani".
- ✧ Accordingly, Rs. 250 crore has been allocated in the current budget and any additional amount required for the scheme will be provided in due course of time.

Urban Housing

- ✧ We have taken up steps for large scale construction of houses in urban areas under the National Flagship Programme, "Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana – Housing for All" and eight towns viz. Guwahati, Nagaon, Silchar, Dibrugarh, Tinsukia, Jorhat, Kokrajhar and Dhubri are being covered as per the guidelines of the Central Government.
- ✧ In order to help the poor and the homeless, the Government of Assam has decided to give a subsidy of Rs 50,000 to each beneficiary in addition to the other benefits already provided by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development.
- ✧ For this purpose, and for this purpose Rs. 100 crores have been allocated in this budget.

Budget 2017-18: A Summary

Finance Department

- ✧ Swift receipt of Rs, 1450 crores as Oil Royalty Arrears.
- ✧ New Assam Treasury Rules, 2017 put in place from 1st of April 2017 in place of existing Rules of 1937
- ✧ New Excise Rules made effective from 1st of September 2016.
- ✧ More than 6 lakh bank accounts opened for tea garden workers in a record time.
- ✧ Exempted POS machines, ATMs, brand band equipment etc. from entry tax till the end of financial year 2016-17 to facilitate digital transactions.
- ✧ All employees including Muster Roll (MR) & Work Charge (WC) employees will now get salaries & wages monthly as other regular employees.
- ✧ Retention of posts have been simplified and no retention would be required except for contractual and MR and WC personnel.
- ✧ Ceiling (FOC) has been made online from 1st of July 2016 as promised.
- ✧ Suo-moto FOCs made effective and a sum of Rs 1179 crore already released suo-moto.
- ✧ Out of 25 new Treasuries proposed, one Treasury made functional and 17 number of treasuries are under consideration by RBI and AG office.
- ✧ Process of installation of CCTVs in major Treasuries is in progress.
- ✧ SMS alert to DDOs and Payees on clearance of bill by Treasuries has been activated.
- ✧ E-Kuber Platform of RBI has already been started on a pilot basis in two treasuries.
- ✧ Comprehensive and updated Delegated Financial Powers Rules issued in August 2016 after a gap of 17 years.
- ✧ Departments have utilised Rs. 9348.16 crore till 31st of December 2016 against Rs. 6584.20 crore during the corresponding period of previous year, which is about 42% more than previous year.
- ✧ Expenditure targeted not less than 60% of the total plan allocation by February 28th, 2017 against an annual achievement of 37% in 2015-16.
- ✧ Plan to expand the online ceiling system in such a way that the moment Finance Department issues ceiling, the last point in the chain, i.e., DDO in the concerned department shall receive the ceiling instantly will be implemented in the financial year 2017-18
- ✧ Project proposal in the name of ASPIRe (Assam State Public Finance Institutional Reforms) with the assistance of World Bank at a project cost of 44 million US dollars slated to start from May 2017. The project will cover all aspects of financial management including strengthening the systems of Taxation, Excise Departments and budgetary controls with treasury management.
- ✧ Setting up of Cash and Debt Management Cell to ensure proactive cash flow and for tapping of cheaper options for borrowings.
- ✧ Target to increase expenditure in the first three quarters and ensure that the last quarter spending does not go beyond 30% over the period of next three years.
- ✧ First budget prepared without the Plan and Non-Plan classification/ head and now budget has only Capital and Revenue Heads.
- ✧ All salaries are bucketed under the head "Establishment Expenditure" instead of Plan and Non-Plan Head. Everyone will now receive his salaries and wages regularly.

Planning & Development Department

- ✧ Role of Planning & Development Department is being redefined and this Department will be rechristened the "**Department for Development and Transformation of Assam (DDTA)**".
- ✧ State Planning Board renamed as State Innovation and Transformation Aayog (SITA) and to play a key role similar to NITI Aayog. SITA has already identified specific areas for conducting the studies which include the Revival of Tea Industry, Skill Development, Revival of Sick Industries and Sustainable Management of River Brahmaputra.
- ✧ Constitution of a Commission consisting of a Retired Chief Secretary to consult all the councils including the Non-Sixth Schedule areas and recommend a new methodology for devolution of funds to the Karbi-Anglong, Dima Hasao and BTC, as there is no plan fund now.

Stakeholder Consultations

- Rs.1000 crore earmarked for the various projects suggested by Hon'ble MLAs of all political parties.
- 27. Suggestions received from various stakeholders of the society on matters like Public Paddy Procurement, Playgrounds in every village, regularisation of a large number of contractual TET teachers etc. have been included in the budget proposals for 2017-18.

Employee Benefits

- Recommendations of 7th Assam Pay and Productivity Pay Commission have been accepted by and large and will be implemented from 1st of April 2016.
- Government will pay the arrear of Rs 2200 crore from 1st April 2016 in installments. The first instalment of the arrears will be released immediately in April-May 2017 and the balance arrears will be paid within the fiscal 2017-18.
- All Government employees to get housing loan at a very low interest rate of 5.05% without any collateral security up to a limit of Rs. 15 lakhs.
- Scheme announced for higher education loan for the children of all State Government employees upto an amount of Rs. 10 lakhs at 4% interest with the State Government bearing the rest of the interest component.
- Compassionate appointment policy to be revisited in consultation with stakeholders to allow immediate dependent of the deceased employee to draw the last drawn salary of the employee without seeking any job till the date of retirement had the employee, been alive.
- All State Govt. employees to get reimbursement of Rs.1000 on buying two Khadi apparels every year.
- Retention procedure for all posts abolished to ensure regular monthly payment of salaries to all categories of employees.

Home Department

- Amount of Rs.125.00 Cr allotted to Mission MOITRI - Thana based system reform programme covering 62 thanas.
- Additional Police personnel to be recruited and total new recruitment will be 8993.
- 2 (Two) nos. of new IR Battalions to be raised.
- Police Training College in Dergaon to be upgraded as **Assam Police Academy** at par with global standards.
- To introduce **E-Challan system** to make police force mobile, responsive and tech-savvy with in Kamrup (Metro) and 10 other districts in 2017-18.
- Rs.5.00 Cr allocated for establishment of Traffic Signal System across 99 in Urban Centres in Assam.
- Rs.2.00 crore is allotted for **Cyber Dome** project to increase the technical intelligence gathering capabilities of the state using cutting edge technology and trained manpower. It will also include cyber security, cyber forensics and social media monitoring cell.
- To build a **Police Memorial in Guwahati** to perpetuate the hallowed memory of their saga of gallantry, valour and ultimate sacrifice of the security personnel.
- To establish a Police Sub-Division at Umrango considering the anticipated rapid growth of this area.
- Rs.2.00 crore has been earmarked for a complete revamp of the infrastructure and equipment for Forensic Science Laboratory.
- 36 new Fire Service Stations notified by the Government and 6 new stations recommended by DRSC to be operationalized.

Border Areas Department

- Border Areas Department” to be renamed as “Border Protection and Development Department”.

Agriculture Department

- Identity Cards to be issued to all farmers in the State within fiscal year 2017-18.
- 39,000 Shallow Tubewells to be installed in 2017-18 to increase area under Irrigation.
- To make the name of Majuli as Assam's trade mark of organic products in the name of “O'Majuli”
- Completion of 200 small irrigation schemes presently in progress.

- ✎ Under CAD & WM programme, it is proposed to create 28640 hectares of Irrigation potential by undertaking four more Schemes in the year 2017-18.
- ✎ Rs.1000 lakhs earmarked for undertaking Irrigation Schemes through Deep Tubewells (DT) to be powered by Solar Energy under Signature Project.

Animal Husbandry and Veterinary: Adding to the farmers' income

- ✎ Emphasis on organised milk production through large number of Dairy Co-operative Societies. Financial assistance from the World Bank assisted APART project to be made available for the development of both organised and un-organised dairy farmers.
- ✎ Setting up of a new Veterinary & Life Sciences University covering all Dairy and Veterinary Institutes of the State.
- ✎ Setting up of a Dairy Science College at Sarbhog, Barpeta.
- ✎ Vaccination programmes against the Foot & Mouth disease and other diseases of this kind will be taken up in a comprehensive manner.
- ✎ Insurance of cattle population of the State to get top priority.

Fishery: Self-sufficiency is the target

- ✎ Fishery department to implement a 'Fish Seed Bank' Project for which new ponds of 22 hectares in size will be created.
- ✎ A model farm of integrated fish-pig farming will be taken up in Majuli on 10 hectare area.
- ✎ Under Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF), it is proposed to construct 1000 hectares of new Fish Ponds, 430 hectares of village community tanks and four fish markets.
- ✎ Rs.155.58 crore earmarked for Fishery Department for taking up various developmental programmes.

Soil Conservation: Conserve the degraded for all-round development

- ✎ For FY 2017-18, an amount of Rs. 1139.11 Lakh allocated, out of which, or SOPD- Rs. 780.00 Lakh, IWMP- 611.11 Lakh and for RIDF- Rs. 4500.00 Lakh.
- ✎ Two schemes proposed under Signature Project during 2017-18 for mitigation of Flash Flood in the flood prone area of Guwahati city with a financial target of Rs 4000.00 Lakh.
- ✎ A scheme for wetland development project at Bongaon, Chamoria, Nazira, Sarukhetri, Roha, Morangi, with a financial target of Rs.1186.82 Lakh for irrigating the cultivable fields and also for restoration of ecological balance.

Health & Family Welfare: Journey continues for larger coverage with quality

- ✎ Up-gradation works of 5 (five) Sub Divisional Civil Hospital to District Hospital at Biswanath Chariali, Sonari, Hatsingimari, Hamren, Garmur (Majuli) started and approved one new District Hospital at Hojai.
- ✎ 116 Model Hospitals have been approved to be set up across the state, out of these, construction of 79 have been completed. 62 Model Hospitals have been made functional with OPD, Delivery and Laboratory facilities.
- ✎ Availability of essential drugs in hospitals increased from existing 200 drugs to 407 drugs.
- ✎ AMRIT Pharmacies to start functioning in all the medical colleges and the district hospitals of the State to make the medicines available at affordable costs.

Cancer Hospital

- ✎ To install PET-MRI in the Cancer Hospital in the coming financial year with an estimated cost of Rs. 50 crore.
- ✎ Rs. 12 crore earmarked towards matching grant as Rs. 108 crore is to be received from Government of India on Cancer Hospital being declared State Cancer Institute.

Medical Education

- ✎ Construction work of three medical colleges at Nagaon, Dhubri and North Lakhimpur to commence within the next 45 days.

- ✧ Construction for establishment of a medical college at Kokrajhar to begin in the next financial year.
- ✧ To start two new medical colleges at Tinsukia and Nalbari.
- ✧ To create a new Department of Sports Medicine in Guwahati Medical College Hospital.
- ✧ To increase reservation for OBC candidates in MBBS and other courses from the current 15% to 29%.

Atal Amrit Abhiyan

- ✧ Rs. 100 crores allocated for implementation of the Health Assurance Scheme named “Atal Amrit Abhiyan” covering individuals in BPL and APL families upto an annual income of Rs 5 lakhs. A dedicated society to be formed.
- ✧ Each adult individual will be given a card with a unique family identification number and every individual from eligible families will be entitled to Rs 2 lakhs worth of treatment costs per year for specified critical illness.

Chief Minister's Free Diagnostics Scheme

- ✧ Mukhyamatri's Free Diagnostic Scheme which includes laboratory facility, X-Ray and CT-Scan free of cost to be launched soon.

Samarth Axom

- ✧ To establish a Children's Hospital in Guwahati with state of the art NICU, PICU, trauma center, paediatric specialties, special needs units like speech therapy and learning disabilities unit and child psychology.

Employees Health Assurance Scheme

- ✧ To start a smart card based and cashless healthcare scheme for State Government employees within next financial year.

Healthcare initiatives for Tea Garden Workers

- ✧ To set up 80 dedicated Mobile Medical Units (MMU) for tea garden areas in this current year itself under PPP mode, with a target to commission the first MMUs within March 2017.
- ✧ 320 Tea Gardens are proposed to be covered through MMU during 2017-18. 150 Tea Gardens are being covered under PPP mode and is being provided with Rs 7.5 lakh each for gap financing the deficit in infrastructure, HR and consumables.
- ✧ Onetime payment of Rupees 12,000 to each pregnant women of Tea garden areas.
- ✧ To increase reservation in medical seats at MBBS level to 18 seats from existing 8 seats in medical colleges for tea garden brethren.

Dialysis services

- ✧ To provide dialysis services in all district hospitals from the early part of next financial year through Public Private Partnerships.

AIDS victims - Children Care Home

- ✧ To provide all infrastructures and support facilities for the upbringing of orphans who have lost both their parents because of AIDS.

Elementary Education Department: Reaching the unreached with quality

- ✧ Rs. 10 crore earmarked for implementation of Guna Utsav programme.
- ✧ To provide the photograph of Lachit Borphukan in all schools.
- ✧ Rs. 60 crore allocated for providing infrastructure development to all Elementary Schools

- ✧ Rs. 40 crore earmarked for CM Scholarship Scheme.
- ✧ Appropriate legislation to be brought for ensuring that students of the State is taught compulsorily one local language as reflected in the 8th Schedule of the Constitution of India in all schools up to Class 8.
- ✧ The services of another 11000 such teachers working on contractual basis under SSA to be regularized before 31 March 2017.
- ✧ An additional 10000 teachers with TET qualifications to be recruited
- ✧ For our 6th Schedule areas, we propose to conduct TET examination through the autonomous councils in future.
- ✧ Provision of Rs. 7482.00 lakh for establishment of DIETs in the 7 districts -Hojai, South Salmara, Mankachar, West Karbi Anglong, Sivasagar, Sonitpur and Majuli.

Secondary Education Department: Equipping is the key

- ✧ A new Bill to be brought out soon for provincializing deserving & eligible Elementary, Secondary, Higher Education Institutions, Madrassas and Sanskrit tols etc.,.
- ✧ Rs. 10 crores allotted for free admission for students in Class XI in all Higher Secondary Schools and Colleges this year.
- ✧ Rs. 45 crores is earmarked for providing Free Textbooks for the students of Class XI & XII, studying in Govt./Provincialised Higher Secondary Schools/Junior Colleges and Colleges.
- ✧ Rs. 35 Crores earmarked for waiver of examination fees and centre fees for poor students appearing in HSLC and HSSLC examinations.
- ✧ Under the “Anundoram Borooah Cash or Laptop Award Scheme”, laptops and cash award will be provided to students who secure 'Star marks' in the HSLC and High Madrasa Examinations.
- ✧ To establish 100 new schools in tea garden areas by upgrading existing LP and UP schools to High Schools up to Class-X in a PPP mode with experienced non-government societies and for this scheme, Rs 10 Cr is earmarked.
- ✧ To introduce Tele-Education through Virtual Classrooms with a budgetary support of Rs 10.00 Cr.
- ✧ To waive school affiliation fees and to make centralized payment of electricity bills of schools. Government will provide a fund of Rs. 50,000/- per annum to each school through the Rashtriya Madhyamik Siksha Abhijan, Assam and Govt. will provide an average of Rs 25000/- per annum to each school.
- ✧ For construction of boundary walls in the examination centres of HSSLC/HSLC examination, Rs. 40 crore has been earmarked.
- ✧ To make education of Sanskrit language compulsory to all students in a school where posts of Sanskrit teachers exist.
- ✧ A sum of Rs. 5 crore is allocated to provide two-wheelers to the top 1000 girl students who pass Higher Secondary Examination 2017, in the next financial year.
- ✧ To provide financial support of Rs.50 lakhs each for the infrastructure development of deserving Secondary Schools which are more than 100 years old.

Higher Education Department: Sky is the limit

- ✧ Rs.50 crore allocated for waiver of fees including admission and tuition fees in higher education including for the poor students taking admission in the previous year of M.A., M.Sc, M.Com.
- ✧ OBC reservation in the Higher Educational Institutions to be increased to 29%.
- ✧ Rs 3.5 crores allocated to Srimanta Sankardeva University.
- ✧ A MoU to be signed with five leading Universities to establish the Sankardev Chair at Banaras Hindu University, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi University, University of Hyderabad and Vishwa Bharati (Shantiniketan).
- ✧ The construction of 21 Polytechnics in the State is in progress. Out of these, 11
- ✧ Two more Engineering Colleges from the State resources to be set up. Site of these colleges will be announced in due course after consulting educational experts and assessing the needs of various regions.
- ✧ Provision made for Five Model Degree Colleges to start from next academic session i.e. July this year.
- ✧ Cotton College & Cotton College State University to be merged and shall become one entity under the new bill being brought in the Assembly.
- ✧ Three colleges one each in Barpeta, North Lakhimpur and Hojai districts will be upgraded to the University level. A Bill for the same shall be introduced in the next session.
- ✧ For infrastructure Development of Provincialised Colleges, grants of Rs.1 Crore each to 33 Colleges as well to another 40 colleges.
- ✧ To open a new University of Culture at Majuli with a view to promote Assamese Art & Culture.
- ✧ A sum of Rs.200.00 lakhs earmarked for preparatory works in the Jonai Campus of Tezpur Central University.

Social Welfare Department: In reforms lies the key

- ✎ To provide for adequate care of elderly people, a legislation will be brought which would mandate that a certain portion of the salary of such employees would be deducted to be given to their respective parents in case they fail to take care of such familial responsibilities.
- ✎ Two Higher Education Institutes for Mentally retarded children to be set up and Rs.200 lakhs allocated during 2017-18.
- ✎ Rs. 800 lakhs provided for establish new hostels for working women. I propose to set apart Rs. 800 lakhs in this budget for this purpose.
- ✎ A sum of Rs.542 Lakhs allocated towards Anganwadi Employees Welfare Fund to provide emergency financial assistance to them.

Welfare of Tea Tribes

- ✎ At least 5% of the Budget of all the departments, excluding budgetary outlay on salaries, to be spent in the tea garden areas. Necessary policy guidelines to be issued in this regard very soon.
- ✎ To introduce reservation of seats for tea garden students in all higher educational institutions. 670 students pursuing engineering, medical and various other technical courses would be provided assistance under Financial Assistance for Higher Studies.
- ✎ A state-of-the-art Football Academy to be set up to encourage the budding sporting talent.
- ✎ Rangmanch in 750 odd tea gardens to be constructed at the unit cost of Rs. 15 Lakh.
- ✎ Budget provisions has been made for distribution of 1,21,000 nos. of energy efficient LED bulbs of to 40,400 nos. of families.
- ✎ To provide Insurance Premium @ Rs. 12/- for 10 Lakh beneficiaries registered with Assam Tea Employees Provident Fund Organization.
- ✎ To extend a grant of Rs. 25,000 each to 1,000 Divyangs belonging to tea tribes.
- ✎ To provide a sum of Rs. 10,000 to about 2,000 Women Self Help Groups.

Welfare of Plain Tribes And Backward Classes: Unstinted support

- ✎ To create a unique centre called **Sahudar Samannay Khetra** at a central place in the State.
- ✎ Rs.35.90 crores for Pre-Matric scholarship and Rs.204.00 crores for Post-Matric scholarships earmarked for the students of SC, ST and OBC.
- ✎ An innovative scheme to develop 12 number of ST villages as Model Villages to showcase the tribal culture with a budgetary support of Rs.12.00 Lakhs
- ✎ Increased allocations to Autonomous Councils as high as 20% compared to the previous year.
- ✎ The amount allocated to each of 6 (six) Autonomous Councils are:

☑ Lalung Tiwa Autonomous Council	Rs.36.00 crores
☑ Mising Autonomous Council	Rs.72.00 crores
☑ Rabha Hajong Autonomous Council	Rs.54.36 crores
☑ Deuri Autonomous Council	Rs.20.35 crores
☑ Sonowal Kachari Autonomous Council	Rs.33.18 crores
☑ Thengal Kachari Autonomous Council	Rs.18.00 crores
- ✎ Rs.5.00 crores earmarked per each Council for construction of permanent Secretariat buildings of Councils.

Welfare of Minorities & Development: On the path to inclusive development

- ✎ Each Women SHG to receive a monetary incentive of Rs. 5 Lakh over a period of time under Kanaklata Mahila Sabalakaran Yojana.
- ✎ 8 Women's Colleges to be established in the minority areas.
- ✎ Construction of Community Complexes for the 5 nos. of notified minority communities and Girls Common Room with Toilets in areas not covered by the MSDP Schemes of Govt. of India.

Food, Civil Supplies And Consumer Affairs: The poor must benefit

- ✎ Rs. 504.92 crores earmarked towards the transportation cost and margin money to the GPSS and other agents in advance.
- ✎ An Innovative Programme for doorstep-delivery of 22 non PDS items in Ecofriendly E-Rickshaw through unemployed youths is announced.

Panchayat & Rural Development: Prosperity in the countryside

- ✎ Under an innovative scheme called Mukhyamantri Aranya Nirman Achoni. Mukhyamantri Aranya Nirman Achoni nurseries

of 2 Hectares in each Development Block will be created and raise 1.02 Crore seedlings and plant them along embankments, tanks, roadside, VGR etc.

- ✎ To promote 70000 Women SHGs to cover 10 Lakh households under NRLM and each group will be provided with a revolving fund of Rs. 10000-15000 each and a budgetary provision of Rs. 1 crore has been made.
- ✎ 50,000 SHGs will be provided with Community Investment Fund of Rs. 50,000/SHG for taking up economic activities and for this purpose Rs. 225 crore is earmarked.
- ✎ Under the Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-JKY) skill development training to 78,500 poor rural youth will be provided during 2016-19.
- ✎ 5 new SIPRDs in different parts of the State are proposed to be established.

Power Department: Propelling all-round growth

- ✎ Rs.3000.00 lakh allocated to provide 24x7 dedicated feeder to Kamakhya, Kaziranga, Majuli, Tezpur, Sualkuchi, Manas and Pabitora.
- ✎ 6 (six) new power projects with an installed capacity of 247 MW have been proposed.
- ✎ Total of 5,41,953 number of BPL beneficiaries will be provided electricity connections free of cost.
- ✎ To launch the 'Flagship' programmes of setting up of 2 solar power plants having capacities of 69 MW at Amguri in Sivasagar district and of 20 MW at Chandrapur in Kamrup district and also for providing 24x7 power supply to 5(five) towns in Assam namely, Guwahati, Dibrugarh, Sualkuchi, Rangapara and Jorhat.
- ✎ Rs.1000.00 lakh allocated in the current year for preparatory works for dedicated HT feeders for the HT consumers.
- ✎ To revise Assam Electricity Duty under the relevant Act.

Urban Development Department: Expanding horizons

- ✎ Installation of 15,000 Energy Efficient LED lights in all the 97 urban local bodies with a budgetary support of Rs 10 crore.
- ✎ Rs.186.92 Crore allotted for PMAY (Urban), for construction of 24340 houses under the Beneficiaries Led Component (BLC).
- ✎ 50,000 urban-poor youth to be trained under the Skill Development component under the National Livelihood Mission (urban).
- ✎ 3000 Women Self Help Groups (SHG) will be provided Revolving Fund (RF) and City Livelihoods Centre (CLC) in 15 prominent towns / cities of Assam.
- ✎ Schemes will be taken up for the construction of Link Roads in the SC dominated areas under SCSP of Assam.
- ✎ Under the Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban) Assam, all 97 Urban Local Bodies of Assam will be declared Open Defecation Free (ODF) before Oct 2nd 2017.
- ✎ 66624 Individual Household Latrines and 2280 seats of community & Public Toilets will be constructed.

Guwahati Development Department: The Gateway must get its due

- ✎ To establish a separate authority namely, "Assam State Capital Region Development Agency" which will work in coordination with the existing agencies like GMDA, GMC and other Urban Local bodies, Panchayats to transform Guwahati region into a large, vibrant metropolis.
- ✎ A new project is conceived for the construction of two bridges across River Brahmaputra, one connecting Panbazar to North Guwahati and another connecting Palashbari to Sualkuchi. Rs. 100 Crore is allocated in this financial year for construction of these bridges.
- ✎ An amount of Rs. 200 Crore allotted to be released over 3 years to develop landmark public infrastructure projects in Guwahati.
- ✎ Rs. 400 Crore provided for "Guwahati Smart City" Project.
- ✎ To develop an International Standard Botanical Park at the site of Old Jail Land Complex in Fancy Bazar.
- ✎ Long pending "Ropeway Project connecting South & North Guwahati" is targeted to be completed by July, 2017.
- ✎ An amount of Rs. 205.28 Crore has been proposed for JICA-assisted GWSP.
- ✎ Underground car parking below the existing GMDA parking at Ganeshguri is proposed at an estimated cost of Rs. 32.00 Crore.
- ✎ To establish a State Institute of Urban Development in Guwahati for which an amount of Rs.2.00 Crore is earmarked.

Skill Development, Employment and Entrepreneurship and Labour Welfare: Our prime priority

- ✎ 33 Skill Development Centres will be established in alignment with PM Kaushal Vikash Yojana with a budget allocation Rs 10 crore.
- ✎ To setup a 'Skill City' in the State which would house a number of specialized skill schools, each catering to a sector or group

of skill sets. For setting up Skill City, Rs.200.00 lakh allocated to undertake preparatory works.

- ✎ The Assam Skill Development Mission will be nurtured into an umbrella organization to have in its fold the entire gamut of skill development initiatives in all sectors.
- ✎ To setup a special ITI for Divyangs.
- ✎ Rs. 10 lakh as one time granted allocated to Rural Self-Employment Training Institute (RSETI).

Transport Department: Connecting highways, river ways and beyond

- ✎ “Assam Inland Water Transport Development Society” to be formed to implement the Assam Inland Water Project.
- ✎ To set up a mini ISBT at Khanapara. Two more ISBT, one at Tezpur and the other at Kokrajhar will be set up.
- ✎ To set up electronic check gates for collection of toll tax and to undertake new projects like the Chief Minister's Gramin Paribahan Yojana.
- ✎ A multi model terminal will also be set up at Jagiroad.

Handloom Textile and Sericulture Department: Weaving the future

- ✎ Allocated Rs. 100 crores for Mission Muga programme
- ✎ Allocated Rs. 3.46 crores for developing yarn banks.
- ✎ To establish a exclusive Mulberry Silk Yarn Bank and to ensure supply of the same at cheaper rate State Government will provide 20% subsidy over the market price. Rs.20 crore allocated for this purpose.
- ✎ To upgrade 47 Khadi Centres under Assam Khadi Village Industry Board (AKVIB) with budgetary support of Rs. 4.7 crore.

Industries & Commerce: Creating growth all around

- ✎ To establish a high end Handloom Production Centre.
- ✎ Passed the “Ease of Doing Business Act” in the very first Assembly Session.
- ✎ To organize Business Summit called “Vivacious” Assam during October/November, 2017 with Rs. 20 crore budgetary support.
- ✎ Creation of Industrial Land Bank and a transparent policy for allocation of this land to Industries.
- ✎ To create sectoral parks viz. Food Park, Pharmaceutical Park, Tea Park & Textile Park.
- ✎ To establish “Industrial Townships” in different locations of the state.
- ✎ to create a new 'Department of Act East'
- ✎ “Craft Policy” to be announced shortly.
- ✎ “Primary Production Centres” are being proposed to be set up at the point of production for primary processing of food/agriculture produce.
- ✎ To pro-actively support 3rd Generation technology project and will partner with Numaligarh Refinery Ltd. in implementing a “Bio-Refinery Project” to produce “Fuel Grade Ethanol” at a cost of Rs. 950 crores.
- ✎ Rs.433.50 crore allocated to the Industries and Commerce Department.

Science & Technology: People making technology work

- ✎ To establish 23 nos. of **District Science Centres** in the year 2017.
- ✎ **Six more new planetariums** have been planned to be set up at **Majuli, Kaliaabor, Amingaon, Bongaigaon, Diphu and Silchar.**
- ✎ Allotted Rs 55.82 crore for Science and Technology Department.

Co-Operation Department: Together we stand

- ✎ An amount of Rs.100.00 lakh proposed as cash award to better performing cooperative societies in four categories at State, District, Sub-Division and society level.
- ✎ Construction of 200 plus rural godowns of cooperative societies will be taken up in 2017-18 at an outlay of Rs.7600 lakh.
- ✎ Besides, two multi-compartmental cold storages of at least 5000MT capacity will be constructed at Pachhim Boragaon of Guwahati and Hojai.

Tourism Department: Awesome Assam

- ✎ Propose to send 15000 pilgrims from our State to Puri-Brindaban- Ajmeer-Dargah Shariff and other important religious places of India for religious and cultural visit through IRCTC.
- ✎ Proposal to upgrade the quality of the existing Prashanti Tourist lodges under PPP Mode.
- ✎ Setting up of a Three Star Category Resort / Hotel at Majuli

- ✘ Proposal to start a “Ropeway from Kamakhya Railway Station to Kamakhya Temple” with a joint venture with IRCTC.
- ✘ Proposal to start 'Amar Alohi', scheme for developing rural home stays in Assam.
- ✘ Development of tourism infrastructure in the heritage sites in Sonitpur, Majuli & Sivasagar.
- ✘ Open a Centre of Study for cultural & educational research in the name Che-Rai-Doy Cultural & Educational Complex, in close vicinity of Cheraideo Raja Maidam.

Cultural Affairs: Preserving heritage

- ✘ Development of a park around the memorial of **Khagen Mahanta**, situated near Sankardeva Kalakhetra.
- ✘ Establishment of a State School of Drama, on the lines of National School of Drama.
- ✘ Holding an International Film Festival annually in Guwahati like major International Film Festivals in Goa (IFFI), Kolkata (KIFF), Thiruvanthapuram (IFFK) and Mumbai (MAMI), etc.
- ✘ Preservation of Chitraban Film Studio at Bholaguri Tea Estate set up by Rup Kunwar Jyoti Prasad Agarwala.
- ✘ Proposal to build Dhekiajuli Martyrs' Park in the memory of 13 people who lost their lives on 20 September, 1942 during the Independence struggle.
- ✘ Festival of Ali Aye Ligang and Me- Dam-Me- Phi to be celebrated with traditional gaiety and fervor and to be incorporated in the annual calendar of Cultural Affairs Department.
- ✘ Setting up of Cultural Complex in the name & style of “Abotani Dirbi Lotta” in the premises of Paramannada Atoi Niketan, Gogamukh to promote the ethnic and cultural identity of the Mishing Tribe.
- ✘ A Museum on Darrangi Art & Culture to be established at Patharughat, Darrang.
- ✘ Construction of cultural complexes in the honour of Bir Raghav Moran, the iconic hero of Moran community, and Maha Bir Chilarai.
- ✘ Subsidy of Rs. 50 Lakh for reopening of closed cinema halls and Rs. 25 Lakh for renovation of the existing / functional cinema halls and a subsidy of 25% of the capital cost in case of establishment of new cinema halls.

Public Works Department (Building & NH): Building infrastructure

- ✘ Proposal to construct a 4 lane road from Changsari (East West Corridor) to Kuruwa along the North Bank with a six lane Bridge over River Brahmaputra to connect near Khanapara.

Government Convention Centre, Guwahati

- ✘ Marquee convention centre, at Guwahati on the lines of Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.

Public Works (Road) Department

- ✘ Construction of a Flyover at Ganeshguri connecting Zoo road to Ganesh Mandir over the existing flyover and one at Supermarket tri-junction.
- ✘ One flyover in Silchar from Rangirkhari Point to Silchar Railway Station at Tarapur via Premtola and one in Dibrugarh from junction point of Convoy Road and NH-37.

Public Health Engineering: Clean Water – Clean Assam

- ✘ Goal for Open Defecation Free and Clean State under Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) by 2nd October'2017. Around 17.58 Lakh families have been targeted for providing low cost sanitary toilets during 2017-18.
- ✘ Provision of Solar Power System in Chaparis, Majuli, Remote and other difficult areas (Tribal Char Areas) for energizing the Water Supply System.

Environment & Forest: Towards a Green Cover

- ✘ Government has initiated steps for appointing 525 frontline staff and 274 members of forest protection force. For protection of wildlife in Kaziranga and other reserved forest areas, it has been decided to provide sophisticated arms and equipment to forest guards and forest protection forces.
- ✘ Setting up of Interpretation Centre cum Museum at Jaypur and at Manas Wildlife Sanctuary, respectively.

Sports: One Spirit, One Team

- ✘ Establishment of a State of the Art sports facility named Arjun Bhogeswar Baruah State Sports Academy.
- ✘ Setting up of a Theme Park in the name of Tikhari (Mascot of South Asian Games) at Jalukbari.

Revenue And Disaster Management

- ✘ Full budgetary provision for the remuneration of the Gaonburas so that they can receive regular payment in time.
- ✘ Introduction of Mouzadar system in place of existing Tahasildar system in eight districts.

- ✦ Project “DISCOVERY OF ASSAM” aimed at documenting socio-economic and cultural pattern of settlements since pre-independence period across the State.
- ✦ Policy to exempt households allotted Government land on the grounds such as landless people, rehabilitation due to natural or man-made disasters or land acquisition from payment of premium while issuing myadi patta to be introduced
- ✦ Constitution of a Committee to examine the creation of new Revenue Circles

Small Tea Growers- Rekindled Spirit of Youthful Assam

- ✦ Reduction of cess on green tea leaves from 15 paise to 10 paise per kilogram of green leaves for Small Tea Growers with effect from 1st April 2017.
- ✦ Settling of land after fixing a nominal amount of premium i.e., Rs.1000 per bigha for existing & future start-up small tea gardens for those who register themselves with Tea Board of India up to a land holding limit of 30 Bighas.
- ✦ Training & Research centre at an estimated cost of Rs. 17 crores to be set up.

Planning & Development

- ✦ A sum of Rs. 126 crore under MLA Local Area Development Scheme is being allocated to each assembly constituency. Rs. 63 crore has been allotted for implementing SUHRID in the next financial year as well.
- ✦ Renaming of the Planning & Development Department as “**Department for Transformation and Development of Assam**” (DTDA).
- ✦ Constitution of “Citizen's Committee to facilitate district administration for qualitative service delivery” in every block of the State for people's participation in the improvement of the service delivery in critical sectors like Education, Health, Drinking Water, Sanitation and Agriculture etc..
- ✦ First ever outcome budget aligned to SDGs has been prepared and placed.

General Administration Department

- ✦ Rs.5000.00 lakh allocated in the current year to create the infrastructure required in the 6(Six) new districts and depending on the progress, additional amounts will be provided.
- ✦ Constitution of a Committee to firm up the establishment of a Mini Secretariat in Barak Valley.

Secretariat Administration

- ✦ Human Resource Management System (HRMS) will be rolled out along with the introduction of File Management System (FMS) in all the Departments in Assam Secretariat.
- ✦ Provision of Staff Bus for commuting of Women employees of Assam Secretariat to the Office as a welfare and safety measure
- ✦ Filling up of all 602 numbers of vacant posts in the Secretariat on priority.

Information and Public Relation

- ✦ Released about Rs. 22 crores till 31st January, 2017 to clear the huge pending bills lying unsettled from the past.
- ✦ Introduced an obligatory ceiling system for this purpose to release Rs. 1.4 crores every month without going through normal ceiling procedures.
- ✦ Constitution of '**Journalist Family Benefit Fund**' for providing suitable financial assistance to the bereaved family members of journalists who may lose their lives while in service due to various reasons.
- ✦ Media fellowship of Rs. 50,000 (Rupees fifty thousand) to selected journalists for pursuing higher studies in the relevant field of journalism.
- ✦ Journalists' Pension to be introduced for the financial security of respected journalists after retiring from the profession on the lines of “literary, artists and sports” pension from 2017-18 onwards.

Judicial Department

- ✦ Construction of new Judicial Court Buildings in Mangaldoi, Gohopur, Bilashipara, Sadia, Udlaguri, Hajo, Kamrup (Amingaon) and Dhubri.
- ✦ Establishment of one Fast Track Court each in the districts of Cachar, Tinsukia and Hojai at an estimated amount of Rs. 33 lakh each for the trial of offences under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.
- ✦ Establishment of Special Court for Redressal of Land Grabbing Cases.

Information Technology

- ✦ Plan to make Majuli a fully Wi-Fi district of the State, setting up of 500 Nagarik Sewa Kendras – ICT enabled Kiosks - in partnership with local youth of the state.
- ✦ Formulation of Project “Making Assam IT Nucleus and Electronics Hub” (**MAIN-eHub**) incorporating components for High Performance Computing, hub for electronics manufacturing and allied infrastructure to be posed for external assistance.

- ✘ Allocation of Rs.78.00 crore for the Information Technology Department which is 100% more than the allocation of last year.

Triple incentives for promotion of BPOs/IT/ITES industry in Assam

- ✘ State Government to provide upto 90% of one time expenditure incurred on capital support without any upper ceiling for setting up of BPOs.
- ✘ 100% reimbursement of stamp duty/transfer duty and registration fees paid by BPO/IT/ITES on sale/lease deed.

Administrative Reforms and Training

- ✘ 1000 Bigha of land has been identified at Lobang, Umrangshu for the setting up of ACS Training Academy on the lines of IAS Academy, Mussoorie.
- ✘ Provision of Rs. 1 lakh per candidate who clears UPSC Civil Services Preliminary Examination to encourage them to prepare for the Mains Examination.
- ✘ Propose to set up 4 Training Institutes for Grade III and Grade IV staff at Guwahati, Majuli, Bongaigaon and one in Silchar.

Implementation of Assam Accord Department

- ✘ Extension of necessary financial assistance to the persons injured during the Assam Agitation
- ✘ Constituted a high level Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri Harishankar Brahma, former Chief Election Commissioner of India to examine the matter regarding Clause 6 of the Assam Accord comprehensively and submit its recommendations to safeguard land issues related to indigenous communities

Sixth Schedule Areas of Assam

- ✘ Bodoland Territorial Council
 - ☑ Rs.200.00 crore as one time grant in 2017-18 over and above the SOPD allocation to meet the critical infrastructure gap in this area
 - ☑ Provision of Rs.25.00 crore to BTC in the current budget to overcome the critical gaps in education infrastructure
- ✘ Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council
 - ☑ Rs.50.00 crore as one-time special grant for undertaking various developmental works in Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council area.
 - ☑ Establishment of one more Government college for Science stream in the Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council Area.
- ✘ Dima Hasao Autonomous Council
 - ☑ Rs.20.00 crore is proposed to be allotted as one-time special grant for Dima Hasao Autonomous Council.

Tax Proposals

- ✘ State to benefit about Rs. 300 crore per annum in terms of GST compensation for five years with annual growth rate of 14%.
- ✘ Barcode containing holographic label on the liquor bottles is being implemented after completing the formalities like floating the tenders.
- ✘ e-Governance has been taken up under the ASPIRe (Assam State Public Finance Institutional Reforms) Project and all kinds of revenue collection, permits, licences shall be made online and fully digital.
- ✘ Assam Motor Vehicle Taxation Act, 1936 is being amended for effective taxation on ad-valorem basis in case of 2 Wheeler/3 wheeler (Private)/Ambulance (commercial use).
- ✘ Land re-classification will be done immediately with online provision.
- ✘ In eight districts, Mouzadar system will be introduced in place of existing Tahsildari system.
- ✘ Sale permission will be made online and time bound. Land revenue activities will be made online in an integrated manner. Mouzas will be computerized. Collection of land revenue will be monitored online.
- ✘ 101 new areas identified for extraction of Sand shall be expedited for commission so that it will fetch estimated additional revenue of Rs. 45 crore.
- ✘ To exempt luxury tax in respect of hotels and lodging houses, including home-stays, providing residential accommodation in rural areas.
- ✘ To exempt 50% entertainment tax for a period of three years to Permanent multiplexes.
- ✘ To reduce cess on green tea leaf from 15 paise per kg to 10 paise per kg under the Assam Taxation (On Specified Lands) Act.
- ✘ To exempt the women SHGs from stamp duty for documentation related to Bank loan upto Rs. 2.5 lakhs.

Budget Glossary

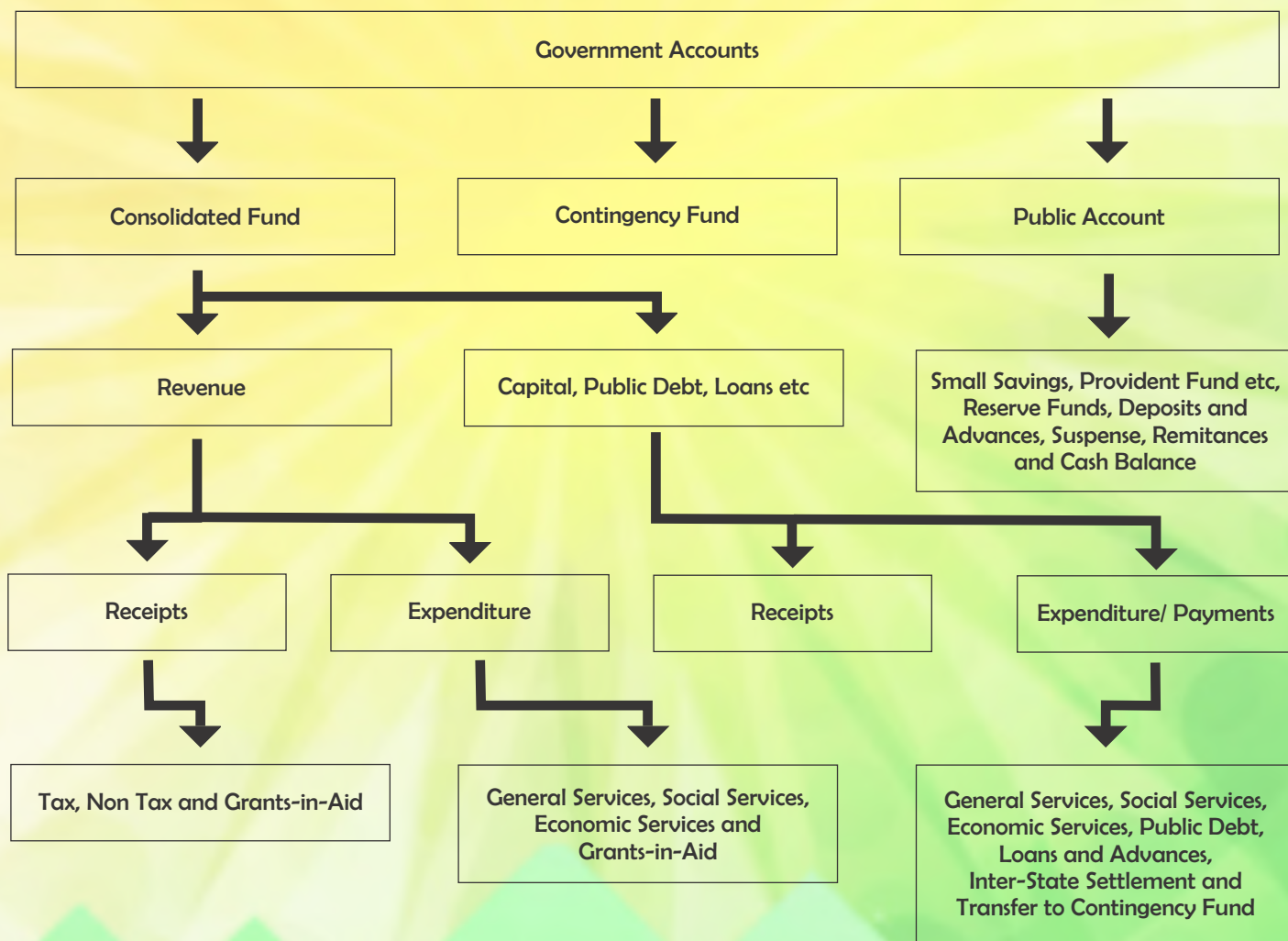
Budget - A budget is a statement of allocation of (scarce) resources to achieve government's objectives for a specific time period. It is a financial plan for how the Government will receive and utilize resources (funds) in a particular fiscal year.

A Budget supports better accountability in the use of public funds; and helps in the prioritization of public functions to which scarce resources require immediate allocations.

The major components of a budget are:

- ✧ Revenues: Funds that are raised through various means.
- ✧ Expenditure: Funds used for spending on day to day expenditure and specific programs including capital projects.

Structure of Government Accounts



Consolidated Fund	All revenues received by the Government including tax and non-tax revenues, loans raised and repayment of loans given (including the interest thereon) form the Consolidated Fund. All expenditure and disbursements of the Government, including release of loans and repayments of loans taken (and the interest thereon), are met from this fund.
Contingency Fund	The Contingency Fund is in the nature of an imprest, intended to meet unforeseen expenditure, pending authorization by the Legislature. Such expenditure is recouped subsequently from the Consolidated Fund. The corpus of this fund for the Government of Assam is INR 100 crores.
Public Account	All public moneys received, other than those credited to the Consolidated Fund, are accounted for under the Public Account. In respect of such receipts, Government acts as a banker or trustee. The Public Account comprises: repayable like Small Savings and Provident Funds, Reserve Fund, Deposits and Advances, Suspense and Miscellaneous transaction (adjusting entries pending booking to final heads of account), Remittances between accounting entities, and Cash Balance.

Types of Deficits

Deficit	Refers to the gap between Revenue and Expenditure. The kind of deficit, how the deficit is financed, and application of funds are important indicators of prudence in Financial Management.
Revenue Deficit / Surplus	Refers to the gap between Revenue Receipts and Revenue Expenditure. Revenue Expenditure is required to maintain the existing establishment of Government and ideally, should be fully met from Revenue Receipts.
Fiscal Deficit / Surplus	Refers to the gap between Total Receipts (excluding borrowings) and Total Expenditure. This gap, therefore, indicates the extent to which expenditure is financed by borrowings. Ideally, the Borrowings should be invested in capital projects.

Types of Receipts

Tax Revenue	Comprises taxes collected and retained by the State and State's share of Union taxes under Article 280(3) of the Constitution.
Non-Tax Revenue	Includes interest receipts, dividends, profits etc.
Grants-in-Aid	Essentially, a form of Central Assistance to the State Government from the Union Government. Includes 'External Grant Assistance' and 'Aid Material and Equipment' received from foreign governments and channelized through the Union Government. In turn, the State Governments also give Grants-in-aid to institutions like 6th Schedule Councils, Panchayati Raj Institutions, Autonomous Bodies etc.
Capital Receipts	These are loans raised by the Government from the public (these are termed as market loans), borrowings by the Government from the Reserve Bank of India and other parties through the sale of Treasury Bills, the loans received from foreign Governments and bodies, disinvestment receipts and recoveries of loans from State and Union Territory Governments and other parties.

Expenditure is classified as Revenue Expenditure and Capital Expenditure.

- ✧ Revenue expenditure - to meet the day-to-day running of the Government departments and for rendering of various services, making interest payments on debt, meeting subsidies, etc.
- ✧ Capital expenditure - to create permanent assets, or to enhance the utility of such assets, or to reduce permanent liabilities. Examples of capital expenditure are acquisition of assets like land, buildings, machinery, equipment, investments in shares, etc.

In this budget, with the merger of the Plan & Non-Plan heads, we have introduced new expenditure classifications as listed below:

Estimated Resource Pool	Consists of the Central Devolution, State's Own Tax & Non-Tax Revenue and Other Sources of Revenue including Borrowing etc.
State Funding for Priority Development (SFPD)	Consists of the Estimated Resource Pool excluding the former Non-Plan Expenditure (Now called as Establishment Expenditure etc.)
State Own Priority Development Schemes (SOPD)	Former State Plan schemes which include schemes taken from State's Own Resources, State Share for Centrally Sponsored Schemes/ NEC/ NLCPR/ RIDF counterpart funding for EAP etc., allocations to 6th Schedule Councils, TSP and SCSP.

A list of the abbreviations used in the Budget Grant documents is listed below:

SOPD-G	State's Own Priority Development Scheme - General
SOPD-SCSP	State's Own Priority Development Scheme - SCSP
SOPD-TSP	State's Own Priority Development Scheme - TSP
SOPD-SS	State's Own Priority Development Scheme - State Share
SOPD-ODS	State's Own Priority Development Scheme - Other Development Scheme
CSS	Centrally Sponsored Scheme
RIDF-SS	Rural Infrastructure Development Fund - State Share
EAP	Externally Aided Projects
EAP-SS	Externally Aided Projects - State Share
TG-UL	Transfer Grants to Urban Local Bodies
TG-AC	Transfer Grants to Autonomous councils
TG-DC	Transfer Grants to Development councils
TG-SSA	Transfer Grants to Sixth Schedule Areas
TG-EI	Transfer Grants to Educational Institutions
TG-PRI	Transfer Grants to Panchayat Raj Institutions
TG-FFC	Transfer Grants to Finance Commission Grants
TG-SFC	Transfer Grants to State Finance Commission Grants
TG-IB	Transfer Grants to Individual Beneficiaries
SOPD-GSP	State's Own Priority Development Scheme - GOI Special Scheme
EE-CS	Establishment Expenditure - Central Share
RIDF-LS	Rural Infrastructure Development Fund - Loan Share
EE-SS	Establishment Expenditure - State Share
SOPD EE-SSA	Establishment Expenditure - Sixth Schedule Area

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