

Assam Assembly Elections - 2021

Manifesto for Atma Nirbhar Assam

10 Sankalp for Atma Nirbhar Assam

I. **The People of Assam Will Be Free From The Vagaries of Floods**

We shall launch **Mission Brahmaputra** with the intent of **eliminating all losses to lives, livelihoods and property** to the people of Assam due to annual floods. We shall do this through a multi pronged strategy involving the **dredging** of the river as required from Dhubri to Sadiya and **building reservoirs** to store excess water from Brahmaputra and its tributaries.

II. **Assam's Women Will Be Empowered by Increasing Orunodoi's Payments to Rs. 3,000 per month**

We will bring **30 Lakh** deserving families of Assam under the coverage of the 'Orunodoi' scheme and **increase the amount disbursed to Rs. 3000/- per month** from the present Rs. 830/- in a phased manner.

III. **We shall strengthen Namghars and Protect the Rights of Sattras**

We shall institute a **task force to recover lands of Sattras and places of worship of the tribals from illegal encroachments** and strengthen them by **providing grants in aid of upto Rs. 2.5 Lakhs to all Namghars and places of worship of the tribals in the state.**

IV. **Assam's Children Will Be Given a Bright Future**

We shall launch '**Mission Bala Unnayan**' to provide **free education** for every child of Assam in state government run institutions and provide **free bicycles** to all school students from Class 8 onwards to increase access to schooling.

V. **Assam's Rights Will Be Protected Through a Corrected NRC**

We will initiate the process of the **correction and reconciliation** of entries under the Supreme Court mandated National Register of Citizens in a structured manner

to **protect genuine Indian citizens** and **exclude all illegal immigrants**

VI. **Assam's Political Rights Will Be Protected Through a Delimitation Exercise**

We commit to a **Delimitation exercise to protect the political rights** of the people of Assam.

VII. **Assam Will Be Made Self Sufficient in the Production of Essential Produce**

We shall launch the **Assam Aahar Atmanirbharta Yojana** to deploy technology, financial and administrative incentives to steer Assam towards **self sufficiency in essential food items, especially fish, poultry, piggery, dairy and horticulture** products within the next 5 years.

VIII. **Assam Will Be the Fastest Job Creator in the Country**

We will provide **Two Lakh Government jobs** to the youth of Assam. Of these, 1 Lakh jobs will be immediately provided before 31st March, 2022; i.e in the 1st year of the next term. Further, we will facilitate and enable the **provision of 8 Lakh livelihoods** in the private sector for the youth of Assam.

IX. **Assam Will Be Made The Most Entrepreneurial State of India**

We will enable the creation of **10 Lakh Youth Entrepreneurs through the Swami Vivekananda Assam Youth Employment Yojana (SVAYEY)**. Two lakh youth will be supported each year through this scheme for the next five years.

X. **Assam's Citizens Will Be Empowered With Land Rights**

We will distribute **Land pattas** with requisite rights, to **all landless Indian citizens** of the state in a phased manner.

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A. Protection of Civilisation in Assam

- a. Protection of Rights of the People of Assam
 - i. **We will undertake all necessary efforts to further take ahead the process to provide ST status to the Tai Ahom, Koch Rajbongshi, Chutia, Tea Tribes, Moran and Matak communities without hampering the existing reservations, rights and privileges of tribals in the state.**
 - ii. **We will ensure the comprehensive implementation of the recently signed BTR Accord and protect the rights, identity and dignity of the Bodos and other communities in the Bodoland Territorial Region. All economic and socio-cultural packages promised as a part of the accord will be implemented expeditiously.**
 - iii. **To foster local governance, strengthen the rights of the tribes and allow for direct elections of Council Members, we shall further empower the General Council for the Bodo-Kachari, Kamatapur, Moran and Motok Autonomous Councils. Further, adequate financial support will be given to these bodies to allow them to function effectively .**
 - iv. **We will allot “land pattas” by 2025 to all eligible landless Indian citizens from the state, with a special emphasis on distribution of land to Tea Tribes, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes of the state**
 - v. We shall provide an yearly special grant to each Autonomous Council of the Hill Districts of Assam for development, education and health with a focus on socially and economically weaker sections to enhance access and opportunities for the youth. We will focus on creation of infrastructure in the hill districts in order to foster economic growth and development.
 - vi. **We shall endeavour to create a Development Council for all the remaining tribes in Assam in due course.**
 - vii. **A Delimitation exercise will be undertaken in the state. All steps and necessary safeguards will be undertaken to protect the political interests of the people of Assam.**
 - viii. **The lands of Sattras and places of worship of the tribals will be freed from encroachments. Moreover, grant in aid upto Rs. 2.5 Lakh will be provided to all Namghars and places of worship of the tribals in the state.**
 - ix. **We shall establish a “Satra Land Recovery Task Force” which shall protect the Satra lands from being encroached and also ensure the recovery of encroached lands of Sattras.**
 - x. We shall complete the construction of & begin operations in five Kalakshetras at Dibrugarh, Diphu, Kokrajhar, Silchar and Delhi by 2022 to highlight the rich cultural heritage of Assam.
 - xi. We shall construct Namghars at Mumbai, Delhi, Bengaluru, Chennai, Kolkata, Hyderabad, Pune, Ayodhya, Bhubaneswar and Lucknow.

- xii. **We will conduct a special socio-economic & caste census for the identification of Indigenous Muslims including Gorias, Morias, Maimals, Kacharis, Deshis, Jolais and Jolais (Tea Tribes) in order to extend the benefits of various state and central developmental schemes focussing on minority welfare.**
 - xiii. We will fine tune the school curriculum with a focus on preservation and learning of the culture of the various peoples of Assam and highlight the achievements of various leaders & luminaries.
 - xiv. **We will persist with the efforts towards granting Constitutional status to existing Tribal Autonomous Councils for Mishings, Rabhas, Sonowal Kacharis, Thengal Kacharis, Deoris and Tiwas tribes.**
- b. Strengthening Civilisation in Assam
- i. **We will formulate an Assam Deradicalisation Policy to identify and strictly quash organisations and individuals from fanning the flames of communal exclusion and separatism.**
 - ii. **We will formulate appropriate laws and policies to tackle and end the menace of ‘Love Jihad’ and ‘Land Jihad’ in Assam.**
 - iii. We will ensure the protection of sites that are associated with the history, culture and civilization of the people of Assam from illegal encroachments and other malicious attempts to occupy them.
 - iv. We will create a Startup Fund for the purpose of Monetary Assistance to entrepreneurs taking up ventures/initiatives in traditional arts, silk weaving, sculpting and painting etc. and promoting the culture of Assam.
 - v. We will scale up the All Assam Annual Youth, Cultural and Sports Festival from 2021 for both school going children and university students in Assam to help facilitate bonding between the youth of Assam
- c. Implementation of Assam Accord
- i. **Free medical treatment will be provided to the next of kin to the martyrs of the Assam agitation, Bodo agitation and Karbi agitation.**
 - ii. **We will pursue strongly the appeal before the Honorable Supreme Court of India to ensure the correction and reconciliation of the National Register of Citizens in Assam.**
 - iii. We will expeditiously finish the construction of the “Swahid Smarak Khetra”, a memorial park at Paschim Boragaon, under Kamrup (Metro) District in memory of the martyrs of Assam Movement.
 - iv. We will strengthen the Border Wing of the Assam Police Border Organization along with enabling a support structure for the Foreigners Tribunals (FTs) for the

purpose of detection and investigation of the cases.

B. Strengthening Internal Security Apparatus

a. Insurgency and Terrorism

- i. We will use advanced technologies to further secure riverine borders and use the latest border protection technologies to ensure 24/7 vigilance to clamp down on infiltration from the Bangladesh border.
- ii. We will establish an Anti Insurgency School at Dibrugarh district in consultation with the Counter Insurgency and Terrorism (CIAT) School, Silchar run by the Indian Army.
- iii. We will bolster existing schemes of rehabilitation of surrendered rebels drawing from the success of the 'Swavalamban scheme' which has created the scope for further development of rehabilitation of misguided youth.
- iv. **We will closely work with the Central Government to set up an institution in Silchar under the aegis of the Rashtriya Raksha University.**
- v. We will create a special wing under the Assam Police to address counter-insurgency requirements.
 1. Under this, special battalions will be raised in districts of disturbed areas.
 2. Members of these battalions will be provided with special facilities.

b. Strengthening Assam Police

- i. Under the aegis of the Moitri Scheme, we shall upgrade all the police stations in the state with state of the art infrastructure.
- ii. We will create a 'Special Training' Wing under Assam Police to tackle sensitive situations in the state, improve the training and service conditions, especially special training with relation to insurgency situations.
- iii. We will improve housing facilities for all ranks of the police force, especially in remote areas.
- iv. We will fill all vacant police posts in the state by 2023.
- v. **We will set up a 'Dial-108 for all emergency services' in Assam, which will be handled by a State of the Art control room based out of Guwahati.**
- vi. We will set up a Special Task Force to bring an end to the menace of cattle smuggling in Assam.

c. Clampdown on Cross-border Narcotics Trade and Human Trafficking

- i. **We will create a separate tribunal for issues related to Child and Human Trafficking in Assam**
- ii. **We will create a special Narcotics Wing under Assam Police as an apex drug law enforcement agency with the view to address matters related to illegal controlled substances.**

- iii. **We will upgrade all road border checkpoints to help clampdown the narcotics inflow into the state.**
- iv. We will create a Border Protection Task Force at range levels headed by the IG of the respective range.
- v. We will purchase speed boats to increase patrolling along riverine islands (known as Char in Assamese) which is also a lucrative entry point for smuggled goods and narcotics.

C. Empowering the Youth of Assam

- a. Youth Empowerment
 - i. **We will extend the Pragyan Bharati Scheme to provide a free scooty to college going girls upto the Postgraduate level.**
 - ii. **We will commence, in a phased manner, a scheme to provide motorbikes to boys on the lines of the Pragyan Bharati Scheme**
- b. Employment & Entrepreneurship
 - i. We will launch the "Yuva Rozgar Yojana" to boost employment in the formal sector and incentivize the creation of new employment opportunities with the aim of providing maximum jobs to the youth of Assam.
 - ii. **We will provide Two Lakh Government jobs to the youth of Assam. Of these, 1 Lakh jobs will be immediately provided before 31st March 2022, within the 1st year of the next term.**
 - iii. **Further, we will facilitate and enable the provision of 8 Lakh livelihoods in the private sector for the youth of Assam.**
 - iv. **We will enable the creation of 10 Lakh Youth Entrepreneurs through the SVAYEY scheme. Two lakh youth will be supported each year through this scheme for the next five years.**
 - v. We will allot Rs 50 Crores to set up 6 modern 'The Nest' marquee incubators and co-working spaces at Guwahati, Bongaigaon, Silchar, Tezpur, Dibrugarh and Jorhat.
 - vi. We will set up Plug & Play BPO complexes for English & Indian languages in all the District Headquarters of the state. Create a corpus fund to disburse low interest loans to encourage local entrepreneurs to set up BPO businesses and provide further employment.
 - vii. We will formulate the 'Assam State Research Foundation' to develop the research ecosystem in universities and colleges of Assam with a focus on lab to market research initiatives in areas identified as national and state priorities.
 - viii. We will upgrade and modernise all Employment Exchanges in the state to Model Career Centres. These Model Career Centres will be interlinked and the entire process will be taken online.

- ix. We will launch the Chief Minister's Young Leaders Program (CM-YLP), involving 126 meritorious candidates to assist in the governance of the state by providing fellowships.

c. Skill Development

- i. We will appoint a renowned personality of Assam who is renowned in the field of Industry and Skilling to be the 'Skills Chief of Assam'. This leader will directly report to the CM and assist the Government to revamp & streamline the skilling infrastructure in Assam to meet Global Industry standards, enabling faster youth employment and overall economic development.
- ii. We will work towards the integration of skill development and vocational training courses into all existing courses in educational institutions of Assam over the next 2 years in line with the objectives of the National Education Policy-2020.
- iii. We will ensure that an ITI is established in every District of Assam with easy access to neighbouring economic clusters.
- iv. We will revamp the curriculum & upgrade all existing ITIs with state-of-the-art equipment while working with association with the industry.

d. Startups & Innovation

- i. We will strive to make Guwahati the Start-Up Capital of North-East India & South-East Asia by formulating a new holistic and visionary Startup Policy for 2021-26.
- ii. We will organize a grand 'Assam Startup Summit' in the State to showcase our startup ecosystem, while attracting funding opportunities and gaining strategic intervention from thought leaders and industry mentors from around the globe.

e. Universal Access to Digital Resources

- i. We will enable the establishment of public wi-fi hotspots in every GP of Assam as well as in every ward of Assam's urban areas using PM-WANI, to enable digital learning & boost job creation.

f. Sports

- i. **We will strive to make Guwahati the Sports Hub of India and bid to host the 2038 Asian Games in the city -**
 - 1. We will build 2 world-class Olympic sports academies with a hostel facility at Dudhnoi & in the Barak Valley, to train talented youth from across Assam.
 - 2. We will ensure Mini-gyms & modern sports infrastructure in all schools and colleges of Assam in a phased manner.

3. A specialized talent search team will be formed for finding district-wise budding sport talents across Assam in Archery, Boxing, Athletics, Football & Cricket with necessary funds. Their future education will be state-sponsored at Bhogeswar Baruah State Sports School.
 4. We will set up a Assam Sports Development Fund for procurement of high quality Sports Equipment, scientific research for development of sports, exposure programme of the sports persons, a sports science lab and coaching the Coaches.
 5. In line with the 'Fit India' & 'Khelo India' initiatives, gyms will be established in each block across Assam in a phased manner to promote health & fitness amongst the people.
 6. We will build a world-class football stadium in a phased manner with a coaching academy in Diphu to train the next generation of footballers & promote talent in ISL.
- ii. We will allocate adequate funds to revive and scale-up traditional avenues of physical activity like Tarual Khel (Fencing), Kaar Khel (Archery/Teer), Hatur (Swimming) & Nau Khel (Boat Racing).
 - iii. We will organise the 'Traditional Sports Festival' as an international sports-oriented tourism event during Bhogali Bihu.
 - iv. We will launch a special Sports Scholarship to students pursuing higher education in sports.

D. Agriculture

a. Economic Support to Farmers

- i. **[We will top up the PM Kisan Samman Nidhi payment of Rs. 6000 made by the Union Government to 27,18,605 farmers of Assam with an additional payment of Rs. 2000 at the state level.](?)**
- ii. We will ensure 100% coverage of Soil Health Cards by 2023 for all the farmers in the state. Mobile soil testing laboratories will be set up at every subdivision to provide easy and convenient access to farmers.
- iii. We shall establish farm equipment leasing centres via a PPP model in all subdivisions of Assam by 2025.
- iv. We shall provide a 30% subsidy to marginal and small scale farmers on the purchase of agricultural implements including bulls.
- v. We will ensure speedy completion and operationalization of all under-progress Irrigation Projects to expand access to irrigation across the state.
- vi. We will provide infrastructural support for Piggery, Goat herding and Cattle farming activities worth Rs 25,000 to all the landless labourers of the state by leveraging the MGNREGA scheme.

b. Tea Cultivation and Manufacture

- i. **We will enable the increase of wages of tea garden workers to Rs. 350/- in the future.**
- ii. We will set up special training centres for tea cultivators, especially the small tea growers to train and equip them with modern methods on pest management, manuring etc. and also to promote organic tea and impart knowledge of scientific methods of tea plantation.
- iii. We will explore the cooperative model for tea growers wherein small growers can come together to run small scale tea processing units and market them
- iv. We will upgrade the existing medical facilities provided to tea garden workers and shall also seek to expand Mobile Medical Units across the state to ensure full coverage for tea garden workers.
- v. **We shall provide land pattas with additional infrastructural facilities to small tea cultivators**

c. Market Access, Supply Chain and Export Orientation

- i. We shall establish state of the art agriculture marketing complexes with cold storage, warehousing, sorting and packaging facilities at Jorhat, Tezpur, Guwahati, Bongaigaon and Silchar. The Agriculture Marketing Complexes will function as a 'Hub'.

- ii. Agriculture markets, linked to Agricultural marketing complexes, with a cold storage will be developed in every block of the State which will serve as ‘feeder spokes’ to the large agro hubs.
 - iii. We will create a Special Purpose Vehicle under the Agriculture Department in collaboration with Assam based Food Processing Industries to undertake global promotion of products produced in the state.
- d. Food Processing
- i. We will establish 10 new Agro and Food Processing Plants in Assam in collaboration with the industry
 - ii. We shall establish 2 Mega Food Parks in the State - one each in Barak Valley and Upper Assam on the lines of the Mega Food Park at Tihu.
 - iii. We will create a special sub portal under the state single-window clearance portal to encourage local investment in the food processing industry.
 - iv. We will set up special agro-processing units for endemic varieties of Assam like scented rice, Komal rice, red rice, Assam lemon, Litchi, Bhut Jolokia Chilli, etc.
- e. Organic Farming
- i. We will provide a subsidy on the consumables required for those practising organic farming
 - ii. We will facilitate the creation of 100 FPOs across the state for the exclusive production and promotion of organic agriculture.
 - iii. We shall ensure the availability of high-quality seeds for organic farming by creating a seed bank at every district.
 - iv. We will establish an organic farming certification desk at all the district agricultural offices. The desk will work for simplification and facilitation of the process of obtaining organic farming certification.
 - v. Karbi Anglong will be developed as a ‘100% Organic Farming’ district in a phased manner
- f. Fisheries and Pisciculture
- i. **We will make Assam a self-sufficient state in the production of fisheries and the fish feed industries and ensure we strengthen the livelihood of the local fishermen.**
 - ii. **Strict enforcement of trade licenses to prevent the ‘dumping’ of fish from external sources in Assam’s fish markets**
 - iii. We will create hygienic retail fish outlets with state of the art facilities in all major cities in Assam.
 - iv. We will establish block-level fish hatcheries under the Department of Fisheries to provide farmers with quality fish seeds.

- v. We will provide zero interest loans for the procurement of low cost boats, motorboats and other fishing equipment for all riverine fishermen.

g. Horticulture

- i. **We will make Assam a self-sufficient state in the production of horticultural products and reduce the dependency on other states .**
- ii. We will set up certified horticulture nurseries in all the blocks of the state with special emphasis on Arecanut, Blackpepper and other homestead crops.
- iii. We will allocate adequate fund for promoting aggregation, storage, processing, marketing and export of fruits and vegetables under a cluster-based model
- iv. We will initiate a scheme to promote the distribution of high yielding seeds of fruit and vegetables to increase the incomes of farmers involved in horticulture
- v. We will set up the infrastructure to facilitate the export of aromatic and medicinal plants, fruits and vegetables from across the state.
- vi. We will provide training and technology inputs to Mango, Sapota, Pomegranate, Tomato and other fruit and vegetable growers to enable value addition and market linkages.
- vii. We will equip airports in the state with facilities for air transport of horticulture produce.
- viii. We will encourage microprocessing units for Tomatoes, Potatoes and other high-value exotic fruits through targeted support to women entrepreneurs

h. Agriculture Research and Training

- i. We will establish an adequate corpus fund for special research on endemic agricultural varieties of Assam
- ii. We will establish a Centre of Excellence for Agriculture in Barak Valley under the aegis of the Assam Agriculture University.
- iii. We will establish Centres of Advanced Agriculture at all major universities of Assam to provide certified training and guidance to farmers
- iv. We will set up a modern seed bank in the state to preserve the indigenous seed varieties of Assam
- v. We will institute a fund for the diversification of crops in Assam.

i. One District One Product - Agriculture

- i. We will implement special schemes under the One District One Product initiatives in the state to provide the framework for value chain development and alignment of support infrastructure for district-specific agricultural products.

- j. Animal Husbandry
 - i. We will make Assam a self-sufficient state in the production of poultry & piggery with the requisite infrastructure and support.
 - ii. We will form a special purpose vehicle for attracting investments in high-quality animal feed factories in the state so as to make the state self-sufficient in feeding its own livestock.
 - iii. We will double the number of Assam State Rural Livelihood Mission Pashu Sakhis in the next 5 years and will provide intensive training to Pashu Sakhis.
 - iv. We will work on a mission mode to double the output of dairy products in Assam.
 - v. We will make available Animal Ambulance facility in all the districts of Assam

- k. Special Crops
 - i. **Minor Forest Produce** - We will establish a State Level Mission jointly between Forests and Welfare of Plains Tribes and Backward Classes Departments to list and procure various minor forest produce items
 - ii. **Bamboo**- We will launch a comprehensive scheme in order to encourage bamboo cultivation and products of the state
 - iii. **Rice**- We shall initiate a special scheme for the Systematic Rice Intensification Programme under the Agriculture Department
 - iv. **Areca nut**: We shall announce a comprehensive scheme for promoting integrated cropping techniques in the vast areca nut plantations in the state for increasing the income of farmers
 - v. **Apiaries** - We shall provide bee-keeping units and the requisite training to women from small and marginal farm households to encourage the production of honey.

E. Economic Growth

- a. Ease of Doing Business
 - i. We will reinforce our investment efforts by formulating a special "Act East" policy that will facilitate and encourage investors from South East Asian countries and ensure a hassle-free investment process through a single-window clearance.
 - ii. We will formulate the "New Industrial Policy 2021-26" to facilitate greater investments across the state with a focus on manufacturing, agri-processing and other export-oriented industries.
 - iii. We will revamp the "Assam Bureau of Investment Promotion" to promote and support Industry growth and Investments in Assam. The Bureau will be given specific investment targets and equipped with the requisite facilities to attract investments from important economic hubs of the world.

- iv. By 2025, we will ensure that there are banking services in every village of Assam. Funds will be allotted to improve banking infrastructure in all districts of Assam by improving penetration, staffing, and ease of access especially benefitting local entrepreneurs in the disbursement of loans.
 - v. We will launch Assam IT Mission(AITM) to attract Information Technology and Information Technology Enabled Services sector companies to set up businesses in the state to make Guwahati and Dibrugarh the IT Hubs of the North-East. We will collaborate with the MeITY (Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology) and the STPI (Software Technology Parks of India) to develop IT infrastructure for the AITM.
- b. One District, One Product - Industry
- i. We will launch the 'One District, One Product' program to promote one unique industry in each district and thus enable balanced regional development.
 - ii. We will set up one ODOP Facilitation Centre (OFC) for every two districts of the state in order to provide technical support, training, marketing assistance, & financial information to innovative businesses in the industry earmarked for their respective districts.
- c. Growth Oriented MSME-SME Policy
- i. We will institute “Loghu Vyavasay Kolyan Jojana” to provide interest-free loans for technology up-gradation, capital requirements & to enable better market access for the welfare of small & medium enterprises.
 - ii. Under the New Industrial Policy 2021-26, we will provide growth and export linked subsidies for MSMEs & SMEs with a view to boost industrial innovation & production.
 - iii. We will set up District Industry Guidance Centres in every district to incubate & provide services and support facilities to SMEs & MSMEs. They will also have 'Paramarxo Kendra' Complexes across all districts in the State made up of professional accounting and legal service providers who will provide subsidised services to small traders and businesses.
 - iv. We will set up modern shopping complexes at all district headquarters to cater primarily to specialized local trades and Consumer Product MSME & SMEs.
- d. Boosting Industrial Growth & Developing Industrial Infrastructure
- i. We will set up a 'State Industry Revival Mission' with necessary funds to provide subsidies for industry up-gradation, development and to take time-bound measures to revive closed industrial establishments by providing financial assistance & aiding relocation where viable.

- ii. We will fasten the process of creating 2 SEZs in Assam; One from Guwahati to Tihu and another one from Jorhat to Golaghat, to give a further fillip to Assam's efforts towards economic development.
 - iii. **We will undertake extensive efforts in coordination with the Central Government to reopen the Hindustan Paper Corporation, Jagi Road expeditiously. The employees will be given arrears to clear all pending salary payments.**
 - iv. **Unit 4 of the Brahmaputra Valley Fertilizer Corporation, Namrup will be completed and operationalised expeditiously. The Assam Government will increase its shareholding in the same to 26% from the present 11%.**
 - v. We will ensure that traditional cottage industries of Assam like bamboo, cane, silk and bell metal are made part of the SEZs in the state.
 - vi. We will make Assam a logistics hub by completing the planned Jogighopa Multimodal Logistic Park (MMLP) and speed up the process of setting up the Silchar MMLP.
 - vii. We will set up 5 mini Multi-Modal Logistic Parks in major economic clusters of Assam including Tezpur, Margherita, Diphu, Lakhimpur and Dergaon.
 - viii. We will establish an institute for R&D of Muga silk and other handloom products of the state.
 - ix. We will coordinate with the central Government to launch a North-East collective where SMEs, MSMEs, Cottage Industries & Traditional Businesses can come together to explore opportunities in South-East Asia in line with India's Act East Policy.
- e. Bringing Traditional Businesses to Digital Economy
- i. We will partner with major e-commerce websites to promote Assam's SME & MSME products to a global audience.
 - ii. We will launch e-Com Assistance Centres in every district to help traditional and small traders transition to e-commerce websites.
 - iii. We will start the Assam Trust Mark Initiative which will help traditional businesses get their products registered for GI and other indicator-based tags, which would increase product trust by visitors of state and online buyers.

F. Education

We shall provide free education in all State-run education institutions from the Primary to Highest Levels of education

a. Education of Girl Children

- i. We will build a well-equipped girl student hostel at every sub-division in Assam. All existing girls hostels will be upgraded and modernised to encourage more girls, especially from rural areas, to pursue higher education.
- ii. We will appoint a Nodal Officer in every district of Assam to ensure the maintenance and the efficient resolution of all issues concerning girls education. This officer will also ensure that all schemes are implemented efficiently.
- iii. We will ensure all Girls High Schools & Higher Secondary Schools work on adaptive schedules to suit local needs and conditions. We will also integrate Online and Distance Learning Programs to promote flexible, accessible and equitable education systems for women.

b. Overhauling Primary Education - Anganwadi to Schools

i. **We will create a Rs 1000 Crore 'Bidyalay Parivartan Yojana' to upgrade & modernise all Government Schools - with adequate physical infrastructure, playgrounds & teaching material - on a mission mode by 2024.**

1. To begin with, we will ensure 1500 schools from across Assam are equipped with state-of-the-art digital classrooms with participation from the local community, industry leaders & experts.
 2. We will develop a robust state-wide pre-primary school network and ensure that an Anganwadi Centre is present within 2 KM of every primary school.
 3. We will expand the Dr. Banikanta Kakoti Computer Literacy Programme to all high schools to improve computer literacy and promote Digital Learning among students.
 4. We will revamp Assam's primary school network in tribal areas, we will take initiative in establishing new primary schools with free residential facilities in collaboration with organizations with extensive experience running educational institutions.
- ii. More than 50,000 lives have been positively influenced by the provincialisation of schools of our Government. We will undertake further measures to provincialise schools which have been left out.
 - iii. The staff of provincialised schools towards the end of their tenure will be given a one-time grant-in-aid as retirement benefits.
 - iv. Lessons about the history, culture and geography of Assam will be made a part of the school curriculum

- v. We will launch an intensive state-wide 'Back to School' Program to spread awareness and bring back children who have dropped out of education due to COVID-19 and other reasons.
- vi. We will reinstate the 'Gunotsav' program, a comprehensive initiative for the assessment of teaching and learning, and evaluation of educational facilities, syllabus and activities. Under this program, Information and Communications Technology (ICT) will be used to streamline the school education system.
- vii. We will launch an "Adopt a School" campaign to enable affluent citizens to contribute towards improving the education system in Assam.
- viii. We shall upgrade the existing Mid-Day Meal program to also provide nutritious breakfast to all students along with lunch.**

c. Strengthening Higher Education

- i. In line with the vision espoused by the National Education Policy of 2020, we will launch the 'Modernisation & Upgradation of Higher Education' scheme for all the Universities with substantial funds.
 1. We will upgrade all Universities of Assam into Multi-disciplinary Research Universities and provide appropriate financial aid..
 2. We will equip performing and accredited colleges in every district to qualify for Autonomous degree-granting College (AC) status under the NEP.
 3. We will bring all colleges and universities of Assam under a unified Learning Management System to enable better transparency, accountability, management and ease of access to all stakeholders.
 4. We will establish a full-fledged multi-disciplinary teaching university in Haflong.
 5. We will upgrade Krishna Kanta Handiqui State Open University to streamline all Online and Distance Learning Courses at a single source
- ii. We will build a college in every Block of the State in a phased manner**
- iii. We will ensure the establishment of a B.Ed college in every subdivision across the state in a phased manner.**
- iv. We will launch a special scheme to provide every college student up to post-graduation with Rs. 100 per month to cover their pocket expenses.**
- v. We will launch the 'Students Residential Welfare Mission' to upgrade and renovate all college & university hostels.
- vi. We will incorporate skill development and vocational training as mandatory components of all courses and syllabi in the Higher education institutes of Assam.

d. Welfare of Teachers

- i. We will fill all vacant teaching posts in Government educational institutions expeditiously.
- ii. We will upgrade the District Institutes of Education and Training in every district. Undertake half-yearly sub-divisional level teacher training workshops to improve teaching skills.
- iii. We will institute annual cash awards to the schools and staff of the top-performing Government schools in each district.
- iv. We shall establish residential quarters for government school teachers.**
- v. We will subsidise course fees & provide related assistance for teachers seeking to pursue further education in open universities to facilitate “Learning while Teaching”.

G. Health

a. Increasing the Capacity of Assam's Healthcare Systems

- i. We will eliminate the shortage of healthcare personnel in all existing healthcare facilities in Assam by building more medical colleges and hospitals in the next five years and setting up training centres in every district to train nurses, para-medical staff and technicians.
- ii. We will expedite the full availability of medical officers to treat workers in tea garden areas and carry out regular checkups
- iii. We will ensure that all existing healthcare facilities are IPHS compliant and all medical labs in public medical facilities are NABL compliant.**
- iv. We will double the number of beds in public medical facilities throughout the state.
- v. We will establish Community Health Centres (CHCs) in every block in rural areas across Assam and equip it with a Jan Aushadhi Store. Additionally, we shall establish an adequate number of CHCs and Jan Aushadhi Stores in every town across the state.
- vi. We will establish Paramedical Colleges across the state, with a focus on all major tribal blocks and belts in a phased manner
- vii. We will establish a Pharmacy Degree College in every district in a phased manner

b. Making Guwahati a Medical Tourism Hub of Eastern India

- i. We will turn Guwahati into a medical tourism hub and develop a Healthcare SEZ near the Guwahati airport.
- ii. We will establish new medical centres of excellence in collaboration with the private sector under the aegis of the Srimanta Sankaradeva University of Health Sciences focussed on the following areas to start with -
 1. Cancer Treatment

2. Nephrology
 3. Neuroscience
 4. Genetically inherited diseases
 5. Water-borne diseases
 6. Women and Child specific diseases
- iii. We will develop Dibrugarh and Silchar as Medical hubs by upgrading medical infrastructure & connectivity.

c. Strengthening Assam's Healthcare System

- i. **We will expand the scope of Atal Amrit Abhiyaan in a phased manner to provide double the beneficiary insurance cover.**
- ii. We will set up Health and Wellness Centers (HWCs) across Assam by transforming existing Sub Health Centres and Primary Health Centres (PHCs) in a phased manner and by leveraging the Ayushman Bharat Mission of the Government of India.
- iii. We will establish an ambulance service in all parts of the state that provides first responder medical care in the quickest manner. Bike, Boat and mini ambulance services will be provided in those areas of Assam with rough terrain.
- iv. We shall add additional Mobile Medical Units all over Assam to ensure full coverage of health services, particularly in areas populated by tea tribes and other backward communities far removed from healthcare units.
- v. We will set up the Assam Diagnostics Mission to use Public-Private Partnerships to enable the creation of a distributed and connected diagnostic services network that can provide low-cost diagnostic services to the people of Assam
- vi. We will strengthen and expand the existing network of blood banks across the state through targeted investment in cold storage facilities.
- vii. We shall build new PHCs and CHCs in a phased manner keeping in mind the availability of trained personnel and requisite infrastructure.

d. Specialised Healthcare

- i. We will expand the scope of the Assam Cancer Care Programme by establishing accessible Cancer Care Centres (L3) in every district of the state in a phased manner.
- ii. We shall leverage the Pradhan Mantri National Dialysis Programme to establish a dialysis centre in every district of the state in a phased manner.

e. Malnutrition

- i. We will provide Pregnant women and women with children under the age of 3 with a wholesome nutrition kit on every bimonthly check-up visit to the PHCs.

f. Traditional Medicine

- i. We will upgrade the Government Ayurvedic College at Guwahati to the status of University and equip it to offer world-class integrated courses on Ayurveda, Naturopathy, Yoga and other Indian systems of medicine.
- ii. We will also build AYUSH research centres in Assam to document the wide variety of medicinal plants found in the state and cultivate them for medicinal purposes

H. Women Empowerment

a. Safety and Security

- i. **We shall constitute a new “Mula Ghabharu Mahila Suraksha” task force along with a 24x7 helpline number for women safety and security across the state, particularly that of female Government employees.**
- ii. **A law will be brought to treat any form of physical, sexual or mental harassment towards female Government servants on duty, as a heinous criminal offence.**
- iii. We will set up Mahila Police Stations in every sub-division of Assam. These will be staffed by women officers who will be specially trained and sensitised to address the complaints of women.
- iv. We will establish training centres for women in all zones of Assam to prepare them for self-defence as well as train them for recruitment into the paramilitary forces and police forces.
- v. We will set up fast-track courts in every district to clear the pendency of cases involving crimes against women and child trafficking.

b. Economic Empowerment

- i. **We will increase the benefits under the Orunodoi scheme to give a monthly payout of up to Rs. 3000 per month and implemented in a phased manner.**
- ii. We will establish a “Stree Unnati Fund” to set up one of the largest women-run cooperatives and establish “Stree Unnati Stores” to market its products at district and sub-divisional headquarters.
- iii. **Under the Kanakalata scheme, the phase 1 grant of Rs. 25,000 and Phase 2 grant of Rs. 50,000 have positively influenced the lives of many rural women. We shall further increase the grants under up to Rs. 1 Lakh in Phase 3 and up to Rs. 2 Lakh in Phase 4 of the said programme.**
- iv. **We will bring about a stringent law to prevent any form of public humiliation or mental torture during the recovery of loans by micro-finance institutions. Moreover, we will also support the repayment of such microfinance loans which are availed by poor women who are genuinely unable to repay.**

- v. We shall provide loans up to Rs.2 Lakhs to women only Self Help Groups at 1% interest.
- vi. With a corpus of Rs 100 Crore, we will encourage women in the dairy farming & animal husbandry sector.
- vii. Set up a “Sports Institute for Women” in Morigaon to train sportswomen from Assam for international sporting events.
- viii. We will set up 10 new Working Women Hostels across the state in a phased manner.
- ix. We will ensure the distribution of free sanitary napkins and Folic Acid across the state
- x. We shall establish integrated sanitary complexes in all slums in urban areas.
- xi. We will provide counselling support and skill training to victims of crimes against women.
- xii. We shall establish Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise (MSME) clusters in every district under a “Rs. 100 Crore “Assam Mahila Enterprise Cluster Program” to support women run businesses.

c. Anganwadi and ASHA Workers

- i. **We will provide Smart Tabs to all ASHA and Anganwadi workers across the state by 2022.**
- ii. We will upgrade the infrastructure at all Anganwadi centres and ensure modern facilities are available
- iii. We will ensure enrollment of all ASHAs and Anganwadi facilitators in social security schemes like the Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana and Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana.

d. Strengthening Maternity Facilities

- i. We shall establish more Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan Health Facility Centres providing complete care to pregnant women to the sub-divisional level.

I. Flood Free Assam

- i. We are committed to understanding and analysing the cause of the flood and soil erosion problem in the state. Hence we shall allocate an additional Rs 100 cr for the central committee constituted to understand and study the course of the Brahmaputra, its tributaries and other rivers.
- ii. We will strengthen the SDRF with hi-tech drones to monitor the Brahmaputra, its tributaries and other rivers. These drones shall be synced with a high-tech SDRF control room for monitoring, early recognition of threats & for quick response during disasters.
- iii. **We will use advanced satellite imagery to identify places where big reservoirs can be constructed to store excess waters of Brahmaputra. These reservoirs will be turned into tourist attractions.**
- iv. **We will undertake special drives to evict all squatters along the banks of the Brahmaputra and its tributaries. Land survey of newly developing 'char' area will be conducted to prevent any encroachments**
- v. **We will tackle the problem of siltation in the Brahmaputra river and increase its water flow by initiating dredging from Sadia to Dhubri as required.**
- vi. We shall encourage knowledge sharing practices and introduce world class quality training for officials of Disaster Management Authority to ensure they have required expertise
- vii. Assam Disaster Management Authority for the first time constructed Multipurpose flood shelters at Majuli and Lakhimpur. We shall further construct more of these multipurpose flood shelters at all the flood prone areas till the situation is solved.

J. Infrastructure

a. Connectivity

- i. We will ensure speedy completion of the work underway to upgrade the Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi Airport and transform the same into an Aviation Hub servicing the rest of India, Bangladesh, Nepal and South East Asia.
- ii. We will enable deeper air connectivity to all parts of the state with aviation potential by leveraging the use of helicopters, greenfield airports and small airstrips as well.
- iii. We will build an air cargo terminal with specific facilities for perishable goods at the Airports in Jorhat and Dibrugarh
- iv. We shall commence the construction of a greenfield airport at Karbi Anglong to serve the Hill Districts
- v. We will ensure speedy completion of Asom Mala which will involve the improvement of the State Highways (SH) and Major District Roads (MDR)

network in Assam over the next 15 years to provide inter-linkage between National Highways and rural roads with high speed corridors.

- vi. We will expedite and facilitate the completion of 'Silchar to Saurashtra' East-West Corridor under the National Highways Development Project (NHDP)
- vii. We will ensure the conversion of all wooden bridges in the state to RCC bridges, wherever possible, to ensure longevity and rigidity
- viii. We will consider the formation of the Assam Rail Infrastructure Development Co Ltd on the lines of 11 other states in the country to ensure greater rail connectivity which can enable Assam's industrial growth.
- ix. We will work with the Indian Railways to increase the stops at the various train stations on frequently used routes
- x. We will work with the Central Government to establish road connectivity between Guwahati and Laos via Nagaon, Haflong, Silchar, Moreh(Manipur), Myanmar, etc. to ensure better market access to Indian goods, tourism and boost overall trade with South-East Asia.
- xi. We will facilitate an Inland Waterways Authority to implement, encourage and regulate inland water transport on the Brahmaputra and its tributaries from Sadiya to Dhubri. Further connectivity for cargo till the Chittagong Port will be done in close cooperation with all stakeholders.
- xii. We will ensure registration and marking of boats sailing on the Brahmaputra river for proper management of transport and commercial navigation.

b. Ease of Living

- i. We will ensure uninterrupted 24x7 electricity to every household of major urban centres in the state by 2024 to begin with.
- ii. We will widen the scope of the Assam Right to Public Services Act which will create a robust digital first citizen grievance redressal system and enable swift resolution of 'Ease of Living' related issues.
- iii. We shall reorient Government communication into a regular, efficient, two-way approach by leveraging the use of social and digital media.

c. Urban Development

- i. **We will develop all the 98 townships of the state as Smart Towns with integrated facilities for sustainable urban living including infrastructure, communications, sanitation, transit and water supply.**
- ii. We will build piped gas supply infrastructure in all towns with a population of more than 3 Lakh people in a phased manner.
- iii. We will enable underground Right of Way to OFCs in urban areas of the state so as to facilitate faster and reliable internet connectivity.

- iv. We shall set up 24x7 Air Quality Monitoring Stations in all Urban Local Bodies with a population of more than 3 Lakhs.
- v. We will form a separate PSU tasked with Solid Waste Management in large towns, with powers to promote compulsory segregation of waste as well as raise resources from waste producers to tackle the problem of solid wastes more effectively.
- vi. We will construct Affordable Rental Housing Complexes by using the PMAY-Urban scheme of the Government of India to provide affordable rental housing in urban areas of the state.**
- vii. We will undertake process and regulatory reforms in all urban local bodies of the state to enshrine the aim of 'Approval in 2 Weeks' to enable speedy completion of housing projects

d. Rural Development

- i. We will launch a mission to bring existing rural development schemes under one umbrella to focus on drinking water, sanitation, school infrastructure, electricity modernisation and health infrastructure.
- ii. We will embark on a mission to develop all the villages of the state on the lines of 'Model Village' with all modern facilities including with access to 100% piped water supply, road connectivity, pucca houses with uninterrupted electricity, bio toilets, high speed internet connectivity and state of the art community and recreation centre in every gram panchayat; in a phased manner.**
- iii. We will work with the State Level Bankers Committee to ensure that every Gram Panchayat in the state has 1 ATM by 2025 along with running mass financial literacy programmes for the benefit of rural Assam.
- iv. We will launch a scheme to undertake the concretisation of roads in the villages in a phased manner
- v. We shall provide tap connections to all household in all districts of Assam under Jal Jeevan Mission by 2024
- vi. We will build a network of 10,000 digitally connected villages across Assam to improve administration & ease of living within 5 years by establishing robust communication between rural and urban areas.
- vii. We will encourage fishing in ponds by providing subsidies on small boats and fishing equipment
- viii. We will ensure upgradation of transmission infrastructure to ensure a stable and continuous supply of electricity to all parts of the state

e. Intensive Development of all regions of Assam

- i. We shall celebrate festivals unique to local areas as marquee events in Assam's Tourism Calendar and institute a special corpus fund for the long term development of its tourism potential.
- ii. We will ensure commencement of commercial flight operations from the newly constructed Rupsi Airport in Dhubri. This airport will named after Shri Gurudev Kalicharan Brahma
- iii. Special Drinking water supply projects supplementing efforts of the Jal Jeevan Mission for inhabitations in the Hill Areas abutting Bhutan will taken up in close cooperation with the Central Government
- iv. We will establish an integrated Banana and Arecanut Processing & Marketing Centre at Goalpara.
- v. **We shall create a special scheme under the aegis of the Animal Husbandry department to make Bodoland the 'Pork Hub' with a focus on producing export quality processed pork from the region.**
- vi. We will establish the Bishnu Prasad Rabha Institute for Specialised Folk Culture and Art Institute at Udalguri for research, preservation, and promotion of tribal traditions.
- vii. We will expedite the construction of the Mini Secretariat in Silchar and complete it before the deadline. The number of Departments functioning will be scaled from the present 6 to 20 by 2025.
- viii. We will launch the 'Clean City Mission' which will aim to take at least 5 towns of the state, including Guwahati, to the top 50 urban centres in the Swachh City Rankings by 2025
- ix. We will utilize the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) to create the requisite infrastructure for the growth of the fisheries sector in Barak Valley.
- x. We will facilitate the speedy completion of the Multi Modal Logistic Park (MMLP) at Silchar in order to facilitate the comprehensive growth of export and trade linkages for the valley with the rest of North East India and Bangladesh.
- xi. We will establish a Software Technology Park under the aegis of STPI which will also house a co-working space to facilitate the growth of the IT sector in the Barak Valley
- xii. We will establish a Mega SEZ near Silchar with plug and play infrastructure for the all round industrial development of the region with a focus on attracting export oriented manufacturing investment.
- xiii. We will complete the process of setting up the Patharkandi Mega Food Park which will provide a major boost to the food processing and exports sector of the valley in particular and Assam as a whole.
- xiv. We will facilitate the construction and commence flight operations from the International airport at Silchar.
- xv. We will ensure the drinking water issues faced by the residents of Guwahati and other urban centres are eliminated expeditiously.

- xvi. A task force shall be created to regulate traffic in Guwahati. The strength of the Traffic Police will be increased and a volunteer corps created to assist them in the process.
- xvii. We will undertake a focussed effort to develop common festival grounds and make Sadiya into a 'Festival Hub' of Assam
- xviii. We will establish a state of the art marketing complex for minor forest produce with cold storage, warehousing, sorting, grading and packaging facilities at Dhemaji.
- xix. We will develop an international export and trade facilitation centre at Tinsukia along with a grand convention centre.

K. Tribal Relations & Welfare

- a. Rights of Tribals & Relationships With Tribal Councils
 - i. **We will frame a policy to provide land to members of the ST communities who have been displaced by illegal immigrants. We will also set up a redressal mechanism for tribals to swiftly reclaim encroached land that rightfully belongs to them.**
 - ii. **We will create a Schedule Tribe Commission of Assam for the safeguard and overall development of the tribal communities**
 - iii. A special department will be created for the promotion and preservation of indigenous tribal faiths and cultures.
 - iv. **We will work to establish a Development Council for each tribal community that does not have any council or other such sort of administrative framework for welfare.**
 - v. **We shall expedite the resettlement of tribals who have been adversely affected by various causes of displacement**
 - vi. **We will bring a law to recognize community ownership of land among tribal communities in Assam.**
 - vii. **We will create a new Rabha Development Council for the welfare of the members of the Rabha community who reside outside the territorial limits of the Rabha Hasong Autonomous Council.**
- b. Welfare of Tea Tribes
 - i. **The amount under Assam Chah Bagichar Dhan Puraskar Mela Scheme will be increased to Rs. 12,000 from present grant of Rs. 3,000/- in a phased manner**
 - ii. **We shall construct a High School in every tea garden across Assam.**
 - iii. **We shall construct one college for every ten tea gardens across the state.**
 - iv. We will appoint 'Bagicha Mitras' in all tea garden areas. They will act as the single Point of Contact to ensure the complete penetration & reach of Government schemes in these areas.

- v. **All roads in Tea Garden will be upgraded into paved roads**
 - vi. We will work to renovate and upgrade the hostels reserved for the community across Assam
 - vii. A corpus fund of Rs.100 crores will be created for a Special self-employment scheme, which will be formulated as per the needs of the youth and women from the tea tribes.
 - viii. **We will pursue vigorously the inclusion of tea tribes of the state in the state ST list with appropriate sub categorization.**
 - ix. We will set up dedicated skill development institutes and recruitment centres to members of tea tribes in order to enable them to seek employment in industries.
 - x. We shall provide all-year irrigation facilities to small tea growers as well as tea gardens under the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana (PMKSY).
 - xi. We will launch a scheme to upgrade medical infrastructure in tea garden areas and improve facilities provided to the tea garden workers. We will also expand Mobile Medical Units across the state to ensure coverage of tea garden workers.
- c. Economic Opportunities for Tribals
- i. We will build training centres in tribal-dominated areas of Assam for tribal youth to prepare them to join the Army, Paramilitary and Police forces. These training centres will have ex-servicemen among their training personnel.
 - ii. We will launch a scholarship scheme to increase all existing ST student scholarships so that a select number of ST students with star marks may pursue higher education in Indian Institutes of national importance and in foreign universities.
 - iii. **All students belonging to scheduled tribe communities will be provided with a one-time award of Rs 2000 on passing 10th standard and Rs 3000 on passing 12th standard.**
 - iv. We shall set up skill development and technical training centres for ST youth in order to make them competent in the job market and seek gainful employment.
 - v. We will undertake dedicated recruitment drives for filling Government posts reserved for ST candidates. In addition, we will issue recruitment notices for new positions in public services and facilitate ST candidates to get employment.
 - vi. We will build paved roads connecting remote and rural tribal areas to the nearest district headquarters in a phased manner by 2025.

L. Social Welfare - Sab ka Saath; Sab ka Vikas

- a. Welfare of Scheduled Castes
 - i. We will launch a scholarship scheme to increase all existing SC student scholarships so that a select number of SC students may pursue higher education in Indian Institutes of national importance and in foreign universities.

- ii. **All students belonging to scheduled caste communities will be provided with a one-time award of Rs 2000 on passing the 10th standard and Rs 3000 on passing the 12th standard.**
- iii. **We will ensure housing for all members of the SC community, who do not own a house, by constructing community housing with modern facilities. .**
- iv. **We will uphold the reservation of fishing cooperatives for the members of the SC community. A special task force will be created to evict traders who are functioning in violation of the said rules & regulations**
- v. We will provide educational loans to students of undergraduate and further studies of up to Rs 5 lakh at 3.5% per annum to SC students.

b. Welfare of Backward Castes

- i. **We will revitalise the “Backward Classes Welfare Board” focusing on their empowerment & upliftment with a fund of Rs. 1,000Crores -**
 - 1. We shall start a micro-financing scheme for small businessmen from backward castes that provide interest-free loans of up to Rs 30,000.
 - 2. Scholarships will be instituted for meritorious students
 - 3. Housing loans will be provided at a minimal rate
 - 4. We will provide educational loans of up to Rs 5 lakh at minimal interest rates to students belonging to backward castes

c. Welfare of Economically Backward Citizens

- i. We will set up a scholarship scheme for meritorious students belonging to the economically backward classes who are pursuing their graduate degrees in science, medicine and engineering courses.
- ii. We will institute a skill development and technical training program to train youth belonging to EBCs to enable them to seek employment.

d. Welfare of Senior Citizens

- i. We shall ensure that all sub-division hospitals have a special wing to provide geriatric care.
- ii. We will create special assisted living facilities for destitute senior citizens. Moreover, a special allowance will be created over and above the existing old-age pensions
- iii. We will provide special Teerth Yatra packages to senior citizens who wish to visit Ayodhya, Varanasi, Kailash Mansarovar, Vaishno Devi, Tirupati, Ujjain and the Char Dham Yatra.
- iv. We will launch a universal treatment program to provide free treatment & care for widespread issues like cardiac diseases, dialysis, joint replacement for all citizens of

Assam over the age of 75.

e. Welfare of Unorganised Labour

- i. We will provide special ID cards from the Labour Welfare Board to unorganised labourers to make them beneficiaries of Government benefits.
- ii. We will work to ensure all necessary Government documents are made available for landless and other unorganised labour to make them eligible for bank loans and enable them to avail of various government benefits.
- iii. We will provide dairy, pigs and poultry animals at subsidised rates to those labourers who are enthusiastic for taking up animal rearing
- iv. We will provide labour cooperatives with Rs. 2 Lakh each to give micro personal loans to their members.

f. Welfare of Auto & Taxi Drivers

- i. We will provide interest-free loans to those auto drivers who wish to switch to e-rickshaws.
- ii. We will establish a drivers' welfare board with a corpus fund for the welfare fund of cab and auto drivers
- iii. We will provide an accidental insurance cover for professional drivers & handymen of up to Rs. 2 Lakhs.

g. Welfare of Shopkeepers and Street Vendors

- i. **We will set up a Welfare Board for the shopkeepers and street vendors of the state with a corpus of Rs. 100 Crores. This Board shall provide schemes & programmes for Health Insurance, Fire Insurance, Scholarship of their wards, loans for shop up-gradation, interest free loans among many other things**

h. Welfare of Divyang

- i. We shall conduct a special recruitment drive to fill all vacant jobs reserved for Divyang citizens within 1 year of the formation of the Government.
- ii. We will equip all Government buildings with ramp facilities for easy access in a phased manner. All new public buildings will have mandatory access for the disabled.

i. Welfare of Religious Minorities

- i. We will institute special scholarships of Rs. 5,000 per annum for girl children belonging to minority communities, whose families' income is less than Rs 2 lakh per annum to enable them to continue education beyond the secondary level.

- ii. We shall establish an adequate number of special fast track courts across Assam for strict implementation of the ban on Triple Talaq.**

- j. Welfare of ex-servicemen
 - i. Ex-servicemen will be given preference for appointments to the state police.
 - ii. We will appoint qualified ex-servicemen to help regulate traffic and provide a 'Traffic Warden' force in all major towns and cities of Assam.

- k. Welfare of Police and Government Employees
 - i. We shall fill all vacancies in the state police force in an expeditious manner by 2023 to ensure a crime free Assam.
 - ii. We will upgrade every police station in the state with modern security equipment, CCTV cameras and ensure digitisation of all police records
 - iii. We will establish new Police public schools in every district for the children of police personnel.
 - iv. We shall construct residential quarters for government employees wherever required within two years of the formation of the government.**

M. Preserving and Celebrating the Culture and Heritage of Assam

- a. Preserving and Promotion of the Cultures of Assam
 - i. **We will construct a grand ‘Bir Bhagadatta Khetra’ in Guwahati**
 - ii. **We will build a grand memorial complex for Mahaveer Lachit Borphukan at his maidam in Teok and make it a Historical Tourism site. Additionally, we shall also establish a Research Centre to encourage research on Assam’s civilisational glory at the memorial complex.**
 - iii. **We will construct Mahasati Joymati Khetra at Sivasagar which will reflect the supreme sacrifices of the women of Assam**
 - iv. We shall develop Ethnic Tourist circuits wherein folk art forms, attires, cuisines of the people of Assam will be the centrepiece.
 - v. We will strengthen amenities and tourism infrastructure around key heritage locations, especially to cater to international tourists.
 - vi. **We will rejuvenate the 42+ Maidaans of the Ahom Kings to develop & promote them as exalted Heritage sites**
 - vii. We shall upgrade Museums and prepare a digital archive of all artefacts available therein to make them available to scholars for research and study.
 - viii. We will observe the utmost vigilance in preserving and documenting antiquities in Assam. We will take steps to curb the smuggling of antiquities out of Assam and place strict laws to deter smugglers and cultural thieves.
 - ix. We will create Assam Emporiums in all states of India to create a market for handicrafts of Assam.
- b. Protection and Promotion of the Languages of Assam
 - i. We will strengthen Anundoram Borooah Institute of Language and Culture (ABILAC) and providing grants to scholars working on any research regarding languages and dialects of Assam
 - ii. We will double the grants given to Assam Sahitya Sabha and the Tribal Sahitya Sabhas to enable them to preserve their language.
 - iii. With a fund of Rs 50 lakhs per annum, we will provide publication grants to authors who publish books, especially technical books, in the languages of Assam.
 - iv. We will continue the grants-in-aid for Assam Bhasa Gaurav Achoni for authors.
- c. Preserving Tribal Languages and Cultures of Assam
 - i. We will establish the Bishnu Prasad Rabha Folk Culture and Art university at Udalguri for research, preservation, and promotion of tribal traditions.
 - ii. Audio-visual documentation of every tribal language Assam shall be undertaken - to preserve the folktales, customs and rituals of the tribe.

- d. Promotion of Cinema, Music, Digital media, Theatre and Folk Art of Assam
- i. We will build and position Guwahati into an Entertainment Capital of the North East, showcasing the vibrant culture and people of Assam.
 - ii. We shall modernise the digital library of existing Assam's cinema, music, digital media and folk art, which will be disseminated through partnerships with internet based video content distributors.
 - iii. We will establish a welfare fund for all artists working in Assam in the cultural sector.
 - iv. The Department of Culture will open negotiations with a variety of OTT Platforms to promote and distribute content associated with the Culture of Assam.
 - v. A new "Assam Cultural Policy" shall be formed at the earliest.

N. Tourism

- i. We will strive to make the brand 'Awesome Assam' recognizable to all Indians, South-East Asia and across the world by 2025. This will be done by extensive national & international PR campaigns & revamping the management of 'Awesome Assam' by recruiting top professional talent from India & abroad.
 - ii. The Tourism Policy of Assam (2022 - 2027) will be overhauled to create greater incentives and promote the involvement of the local youth & entrepreneurship as the backbone of the policy.
 - iii. We shall carry out an intensive promotional campaign ranging from commercials in TV, social media, radio to engagement with new age digital influencers, participation in almost all major trade fairs and festivals at the national and international level.
 - iv. We will set up a special 'Tourism Police' under Assam Police to ensure safety, security and law enforcement in tourist destinations. We will set up a central hotline for quick redressal of tourist grievances.
- b. Spiritual Tourism
- i. "Vaishnava-Trail"- We will develop special programs to project the Vaishnavite culture in Assam in the Barpeta-Bordua-Majuli-Narayanpur and other Vaishnavite destinations.
 - ii. We will declare Barpeta & surrounding areas associated with Mahapurusha Srimanta Sankaradeva as Heritage Area and ensure the comprehensive development of the same under the 'Asom Darshan' scheme.
 - iii. We will undertake efforts to transform Sri Sri Bhatadrava Than into an international Vaishnavite pilgrimage destination with linkages to all of India.
 - iv. We will develop a package for devotees of Assam to visit Puri, Ayodhya, Brindavan and other places of interests

- v. We will improve road connectivity and upgrade critical amenities such as last-mile connectivity, power, water supply, hotels, public transport, restrooms, etc. around important temples including the Maa Kamakhya Shakti Peeth, Navagraha temple, Ashvakranta temple, Sivadol and many more to attract more visitors.

c. Nature Tourism

- i. We will develop infrastructure around individual Wildlife sanctuaries including Kaziranga, Manas, Pobitora, Orang, Pani Dihing, Barail, Dehing-Patkai and Nameri.
- ii. We shall train and develop skills among local youth staying in the vicinity of the tourist spots to take up entrepreneurial ventures and act as protectors of the resources.

d. Experiential Tourism

- i. We will organize eco-tourism developed around the idea of travelling to places of natural beauty with the twin objectives of conserving the environment and the welfare of the local people
- ii. We will launch a special package to attract college students from all over the country so that they may experience the various unique aspects of life in Assam.
- iii. We will design special immersion programs on specific aspects of Assamese culture such as religion, lifestyles, nature and aggressively market it under the 'Awesome Assam' to promote experiential tourism.
- iv. We shall create a sub portal under the state single window portal for expediting permissions for film shooting in Assam and providing them with incentives.

e. Food Tourism

- i. We shall create Food Tour circuits in different regions of Assam to showcase Assam's culinary diversity.
- ii. We will invite prominent chefs, bloggers, digital influencers from India & abroad to tour Assam and experience its variety in food culture.
- iii. We will organise 'Tastes of Assam' food festivals in major cities & towns across India to ensure that locals get a taste of Assam's culinary heritage.

O. Green Assam

a. Preservation and Restoration of Forest Cover

- i. We shall develop a new Assam Forest Policy 2021 to enhance the forest cover of the state to 40% in the next 5 years. We will constitute an Assam Forest Conservation & Management Committee to enhance cooperation & coordination on forest-related issues at all levels.

- ii. We shall constitute a Forest Management Fund for building manpower, capacity and basic infrastructure for forest management.
 - iii. We will organise a state-wide "Down to Earth" Plantation & Awareness Drive every year with a mission to plant 15 Crore indigenous trees of medicinal & religious significance.
- b. Protection of Wildlife & Endangered species
- i. **Zero Poaching Mission - We will upgrade the Forest Protection Force and recruit 500 Forest Officers for the security of reserved forests to eliminate poaching, encroachment & other illegal activities.** In this preference being given to local youth from neighbouring areas, all forest officers will be properly trained including in the usage of modern weapons & techniques to efficiently protect the forests. Further, criminal action will be taken against those officers who proved to have had a hand in poaching and related criminal activities.
 - ii. We shall set up new Fast Track courts and ensure immediate prosecution & conviction for poaching and other wildlife crimes.
 - iii. We will establish a special 'Wildlife Research Fund' to enable the collaboration of the Universities of Assam with other national & international institutes to promote the conservation of endangered species of crops, fruits and animals using innovative techniques.
 - iv. We will create a special 'National Parks Medical Force' and recruit specialized veterinary doctors and trained medical officers to respond to medical requirements in all national parks. We will also upgrade veterinary medical facilities in the national parks with state-of-the-art infrastructure.
 - v. We will launch a Public Reporting System using a dedicated app & hotline wherein people can report any wildlife-related event for quick and efficient resolution.
- c. Pollution & Environment
- i. **A Plastic Free Assam. We will ensure a complete ban on single use plastic across the entire state under the #PlasticFreeAssam campaign in a phased manner.**
 - 1. We will conduct extensive awareness campaigns in all subdivisions of Assam against the use of single-use plastic and sustainable alternatives.
 - 2. We will launch the Assam Sewage Management Initiative (ASMI) to promote environmental conservation and awareness through implementation of rainwater harvesting, effluent treatment and paper recycling. As part of this initiative, we set up STPs in major urban centres of Assam.

- ii. We will strengthen and promote the State Innovation and Transformation Agency (SITA) to undertake research projects in collaboration with India's leading educational institutions on innovative solutions to tackle pollution & preserve the environment.
- iii. We will build urban eco-parks in every district headquarter of Assam and encourage the public to use the space for cultural events, recreation and relaxation.