Today, Hon’ble Dy. Chief Minister of Gujarat Shri Nitinbhai Patel presented in the Assembly the State Budget for the financial year 2020-2021. This is the 8th budget he has presented in the capacity of the Finance Minister of Gujarat. Main features of the budget are given below.

The Budget size for the Financial year 2020-21 is ₹2,17,287cr. which is an increase of ₹12472 cr. compared to last financial year 2019-20. This Budget is prepared untiringly keeping in focus the motto of SaunoSath, SaunoVikas and SaunoVisvas. The 8th budget of Government of Gujarat ranks at the top among the leading States of the country.

It was expected that there would be overall surplus of ₹285.12 cr.in the Modified Estimates for the Financial Year 2019-20 but the surplus of ₹5388.52 cr.is expected in the Revised Estimates by the end of the year due to net transactions.

Focus on Sustainable Development

The Developmental expenditure of the State is ₹133283.43 cr. which is higher by ₹52881.98 cr. than the non-developmental expenditure of ₹80401.45 cr.

Robust Revenue Trend:

Revenue Receipts of ₹162447.46 cr. have been estimated for the financial year 2020-21 which are higher by 8.42 percent compared to Revised Estimates of Revenue Receipts of ₹149827.45 cr. for the financial year 2019-20.

Focus Areas of the Budget:

- Gujarat has facilitated Ease of Doing Business under Business Reform Action Plan. This has provided unprecedented momentum to industrial growth. Government’s liberal incentive policy has been instrumental for attracting investment to the tune of ₹344000 cr. only in Gujarat out of the investment of ₹6,79,000 cr. recorded in India through industrial entrepreneurs’ memorandum as recently announced by Government of India. This forms 51 percent of the total investment. More than 43 percent of the Start Ups of the entire country have been started in Gujarat only.

Agriculture

- Hon. Prime minister has introduced from the last year the Pradhan MantriKisanSanmanNidhiYojana under which assistance of ₹6000 is provided to every farmer family. Under this scheme,total amount of ₹3186 cr. has been transferred directly to the bank accounts of 48 lakh farmers.
- Keeping in view the crop-loss to the farmers this year owing to unseasonal and excessive rainfall, farmer-centric Government has announced the biggest ever agricultural package of ₹3795 cr. in the interest of millions of farmers and the subvention is being paid to the beneficiary farmers.
- Farmers of the State avail short term crop-loan of approximately ₹39,000/- cr. every year from co-operative as well as nationalized banks. The entire interest component of the loan is borne by state government and the central government. Thus, farmers of Gujarat avail crop-loan at zero percent interest. A provision of ₹1000 cr. for this purpose.
Under the MukhyaMantri Pak SangrahYojana, farmers will be provided subvention of ₹30,000 per unit for construction of small godowns in the farm. The construction of such godowns will be exempt from N.A. permission. For this, a provision of ₹300cr has been made.

A provision of ₹300 cr. for the various projects of agriculture and allied sectors under RashtriyaKrishivikasYojana.

A provision of ₹235 cr. to provide subvention to 29,000 farmers for procuring tractors and to 32,000 farmers for procuring various implements under farm mechanization.

A provision of ₹12 cr. for setting up Gujarat Organic Agricultural University, the first in the country at Halol in Panchmahal District.

**Animal husbandry**

To assist millions of animal keepers of the State, under the MukhyaMantriPashuDanSahayYojana, 150 kg. cattle feed will be provided at 50% concessional rate for one month when their cow or buffalo give birth to a calf. This will provide healthy, nutritious feed to milch animals. A provision of ₹200 cr. to provide benefit to approximately 15 lakh livestock owner members of village milk co-operatives of the state.

A provision of ₹43 cr. for setting up a new veterinary college at Rajpur Nava, New Himmatnagar, a center for post graduate study in fisheries, veterinary institutes and construction of Intensivelivestock conservation offices.

The service of Karuna Ambulance -1962 has been started in 31 cities for treatment of animals and birds which cannot call out for help. A provision of ₹13 cr. for strengthening this service in the cities of Ahmedabad, Vadodara, Surat, Rajkot, Bhavnagar and Mehsana.

**Agricultural University**

A provision of ₹750cr. for intensifying agricultural research and educational progamme at Agricultural University.

**Fisheries**

Under the scheme of subvention to small traditional fishermen, 50 percent subsidy of the unit cost of ₹1,20,000 will be provided for purchasing marine fishing boat, 2 stroke TBM and OBM engine. A provision of ₹9 cr. for this purpose.

A provision of ₹2 cr. to provide tool subsidy for procuring safety gears for rescue operation in case of a disaster during fishing.

**Co-operation**

Market Committee will be provided subvention to construct godowns up to 5000 MT capacity for which, a provision of ₹50cr.

**Water Resources**

SAUNIYojanahas proved a boon for the Saurashtra Region-32 reservoirs, 48 lakes and more than 181 check dams have been filled with Narmada water. Works of five packages amounting to ₹2403 cr. of the third phase of SAUNI Yojana are under progress. A provision of ₹1710cr for SAUNI Yojana.

A provision of ₹366 cr. for water conservation works like construction of new check dam, deepening of lakes etc.

A provision of ₹250 cr. for Songadh – Uchchal -Nizar Lift Irrigation scheme based on Ukai reservoir.

Provision of ₹400 cr. to commence the work of BhadbhootBarrage to be completed at the cost of ₹4337 cr. with the purpose of preventing salinity Ingress and improve the quality of ground water and also for completing studies under KalpasarYojana.
MicroIrrigation Scheme

- 11.51 lakh farmers of the State have adopted Micro Irrigation and yielded quality production through economic use of water. A provision of ₹750 cr.

Narmada Yojana

- It has been planned to provide 1 million acre feet water using the excess water flowing from the dam during monsoon. Towards this end, a provision of ₹1084 cr. for completion of the remaining works of Kutch branch canal, undertaking the works of Dudhai sub-branch canal and its distributaries.

Education Department.

- 500 of the State schools will be developed as “School of Excellence”. A provision of ₹250 cr. to provide all the modern infrastructural facilities, smart class rooms, computer lab, stem lab and sports facilities in these schools.
- Construction of 7000 class rooms of primary schools will be undertaken this year. A provision of ₹650 cr.
- A provision of ₹550 cr. to provide subvention to approximately 4 lakh 22 thousand students getting enrolled in private schools under Right to Education Act towards their school fee, uniform, school bag etc.

Higher Education and Technical Education.

- A provision of ₹200 cr. to distribute tablets under Tablet Scheme to approximately 3 lakh students getting admission in colleges.
- A provision of ₹7 cr. for starting School of Defense studies of Gujarat University by signing an MOU with DRDO.
- A provision of ₹12 cr. for introducing the course of Department of Advance Defense Technology at IIT RAM in collaboration with DRDO.

MukhyaMantriYuvaSwavalambanYojana.

- SarvagrahiMukhy MantriYuvaSwavalambanYojana is implemented in the State for the benefit of millions of students pursuing primary, secondary and higher education. A provision of ₹935 cr. for this purpose.

Health and Family Welfare Department.

- Urban Health Centers are being operated in urban area so that citizens in urban area get prompt treatment, health checkup of pregnant women is regularly done, necessary nutritious food is regularly served, total immunization (vaccination) of children is ensured and 100 percent implementation of Indradhanushprogramme is achieved. To enhance the scope of these centers, a scheme for starting one Urban Health Centre for population of 10,000. Various health care services will be provided in this center through an M.B.B.S. or AYUSH doctor. A provision of ₹80 cr. for setting up such Urban Health Centres.
- In order to intensify health care services and to increase the existing number of M.B.B.S. seats in the state of Gujarat, Central Government has accorded sanction to start 3 new medical colleges at Navasari, Rajpipla and Porbandar. Thus, there will be total 32 medical college in the state. A provision of ₹125 cr. to bring the existing government hospitals in these three cities at par with medical college and for construction of the new colleges, hostels etc.
- A provision of ₹7 cr. for making available modern instruments for testing blood samples free of cost at PHCs under MukhyaMantriNidanYojana.
- A provision of ₹27 cr. for procuring 150 new ambulances for strengthening the popular108 Ambulance service of the state.
A provision of ₹500cr. to provide subvention to approximately 5 lakh beneficiary widow women under Ganga SwarupArthikSahayYojana.

A provision of ₹50cr. for the popular VhaliDikariYojna complementing BetiBachavoBetihBhanavoYojna.

A provision of ₹12 cr. under 181 AbhayamMahila Helpline to help women encountering difficult situation and to counsel distressed women and girls.

**DoodhSanjivaniYojana**

Total provision of ₹342cr. for providing flavoured milk through DoodhSanjivaniYojana to approximately 30 lakh beneficiaries including Anganwadi and primary school children and lactating mothers.

**HarGharJal**

For providing clean and adequate drinking water, Government has completed the task of linking more than 13,300 villages and 203 urban areas through State vide Water Supply Grid. It has been planned to provide tapped water to the remaining 17 lakh households by the year 2022 through HarGharJal under JalJivan Mission. A provision of ₹724 cr.

The 08 group water supply schemes covering total population of 22 lakh of tribal areas of Mahisagar, Aravalli, Tapi, Panchmahals, Dahod and Narmada districts in the last two years at the cost of ₹1700 cr. are on the verge of completion. A provision of this ₹850 cr.

**Social Justice and Empowerment.**

A provision of ₹575 cr. for paying scholarship to 40 lakh developing caste students and 5 lakh scheduled caste students studying in standard IX and X and to provide scholarship and uniform to 35 lakh developing caste students and 3.20 lakh scheduled caste students of primary schools.

A provision of ₹100 cr. to provide loan for direct finance from State Government Fund to total 8 corporations functioning for development of scheduled castes and developing castes.

**Social Defence**

Total provision of ₹753 cr. for 8,00,000 beneficiaries under RashtriyaVrudhdha Pension Yojana.

The amount of monthly grant for maintenance for Vrudhdha Ashrams increased from ₹1500 to ₹2160.

**Tribal Development**

A provision of ₹374cr. to provide lodging, boarding and educational facilities to approximately 1,35,000 students of about 765 Ashramshalas, Modal Residential Schools and Ekalavya Schools.

A provision of ₹379 cr. for providing Post-Metric Scholarship to two lakh students.

Grant-in-aid hostels and Ashrams Shalas are paid maintenance grant at the rate of ₹1500 per inmate per month. It will be now be raised to ₹2160. Total provision of ₹337 cr.

**Panchayat and Rural Development**

**Madre Vatan**

Under the scheme of MukhyaMantriMahillaUtkarshYojana, MahilaUtkarshJuth consisting of women from urban and rural area is formed and it secures loan up to ₹1 lakh, the interest thereon will be paid by State Government directly to the bank. A provision of ₹193 cr. to provide interest subsidy under this scheme.

For Management of solid waste, 1667 gram panchayats of the State will be provided cleanliness equipment like tricycle and hand cart. For management of liquid waste, Gray Water Treatment Installation Plants will be setup in 80 Gram Panchayats. For this, a provision of ₹61 cr.
Against the target of completing 3 lakh 11 thousands houses to fulfill the noble intention of “SauneAwas”by 2022, 2 lakh houses have been built till date. 85,000 new houses will be built under this programme. For this, a provision of ₹1100 cr.

- A provision of ₹803 cr. under SvachchhBharat Mission Gramin.
- A provision of ₹90 cr. under Mahatma Gandhi RashtriyaGraminRojgar.
- A provision of ₹235 cr. for ShyamaprasadMukharjeeRurban Mission.
- A provision of ₹195 cr. for Pradhan MantriKrushiSinchaiYojana.

Urban Development

- A provision of ₹4544cr. for SwarnimJayantiMukhyaMantriShaheriVikasYojana which has become very popular and useful.
- A provision of ₹1169cr. for creating facilities of underground drainage system and water supply.
- A provision of ₹500 cr. to assist the municipalities to develop necessary facilities where there is adequate stock of water but the distribution system is inadequate.
- A provision of ₹800cr. to 8 Municipal Corporations and 23 Municipalities for facilities like water supply, sewage, rain water disposal, transport etc. under AmrutYojana.
- A provision of ₹597cr. for area-based developmental work like area re-development, command and control centre, inter-model transport hub, CCTV, internet connectivity etc. in six cities under Smart City Mission.
- A provision of ₹56 cr. for providing subvention and other works to Rag Pickers to collect dry waste, plastic etc. from all the places of cities.

Gift City

- With financial activities involving 13 Banks, 19 insurance companies and 2 international exchanges operating at the Gift city, the Gift City is marching ahead to become a global financial hub. Trading of approximately 60 billion dollars has been carried out at the GIFT City in the last year. With International Bullion Exchange coming up in the Gift City, large scale employment will be generated in the state. A provision of ₹200cr. for share capital subscription to Gift City. The size of business carried out at the Gift City is approximately 60 billion Us Dollar.

Roads and Buildings

- Resurfacing of 2499 roads which were constructed before 7 years or more will be carried out at the cost of ₹3600 cr. For this a provision of ₹1436 cr.

Ports and Transportation

- 895 new buses will be inducted for making public transportation more easy and accessible. As these busses will be BS-6 model based, they will be environment friendly and help in keeping the atmosphere pollution free and clean. For which, a provision of ₹240 cr.

Energy and Petrochemicals

- The Government has decided to provide power supply to the farmers during day-time to satisfy their long standing demand. Under the DinkarYojnascheme, it has been planned to strengthen transmission network and install new sub-station in 3 years at the cost of ₹3500 cr. A provision of ₹500 cr.
- A provision of ₹1489 cr. to give approximately One lakh new agriculturalpower connections and for various scheme.
- A provision of ₹7,385 cr. for providing subsidy for supplying power at concessional rate to reduce the cost of farming.
- A provision of ₹912 cr. to provide subsidy for solar rooftop under Surya Gujarat Yojana
- A subsidy provision of ₹765 cr. for providing free electricity to water works of all the Gram Panchayats.
Industries and Mines Department

- Under the Industrial Policy 2015, about 2600 units were sanctioned under MSME schemes during the current year. A provision of ₹1450 cr.
- A provision of ₹950 cr. to promote the schemes that provide support to industries generating employment such as schemes for Incentive to Industries, plastic industries, Mega Innovative Project and Aerospace and defence sector.
- Under the scheme for assistance for creating industrial infrastructural facilities, a provision of ₹65 cr.
- A provision of ₹100 cr for rehabilitation of viable sick industrial units of the State.
- A provision of ₹95 cr. for organizing Vibrant Gujarat Summit which has established Gujarat as the best place for the investment at global level.
- A provision of ₹500 cr. for giving assistance to various infrastructural projects for collective control of pollution.

Cottage and Rural Industries

- Under Vajpayee Bankable Yojana, Credit upto ₹8 lakh is given in three fields - Industry, Service and Trade. Provision of ₹411 cr. to give credit to approximately 37000 beneficiaries.

Tourism

- Famous Heritage City Vadnagar will be developed as a tourists place with approximate expenditure of ₹200 cr. with the joint efforts of Government of India.

Development of Krishna Nagri Bet Dwaraka

- Works of 4.56 kms. long four lane Signature Bridge on Arabian Sea connecting Bet Dwaraka and Okhais in progress at the cost of ₹962 cr.

Civil Aviation

- A provision of ₹45 cr. to provide air connectivity to Porbandar, Mundra, Bhavnagar and Jamnagar and connect Kevadia, Sabarmati and Shetrunjay with Waterdromes under UDAN Yojana.
- A provision of ₹25 cr. for airport development at Rajpipla, Amreli, Keshod and Mehsana.

Forest and Environment Department

- Provision of ₹281 cr. for preservation and conservation of forests.
- A provision of ₹228 cr. for plantation of trees and ancillary extension activities under Social Forestation Scheme in the areas falling outside the forest areas.

Law and orders.

- A provision of ₹111 cr. for installation of CCTV cameras under VISHVAS project for safety and security of people of the state.

Food and Civil Supplies

- Essential commodities like wheat, rice, cotton seeds oil, iodized salt, Sugar, Kerosene are distributed at fair price shops to the eligible people under National Food Security Act and Public Distribution System. To take sufficient care to ensure that every eligible persons get the benefit of this scheme, a provision of ₹731 cr.
- First time, Tur dal has been added in the list of grocery given under Public Distribution System. A provision of ₹287 cr.
Science and Technology.

- A provision of ₹75 cr. for theme based development like aquatics, robotics, space and astronomy in the Science City.
- A provision of ₹43 cr. to construct building of Bio Technology University and develop other facilities.

Sports, Youth and Cultural activities

- The Khel-Mahakumbh has increased interest of the youth of the state in sports and created competitive environment in the sports sector. A provision of ₹79cr.
- A provision of ₹72 cr. for district level sports schoolset up to impart intensive training of sports along with coaching to the emerging talent in sports sector.

General Administration Department

- A provision of ₹1308 cr. for developmental works of local requirement under Decentralized District Planning Programme, ATVT and other schemes.

Prudent Fiscal Management

- State has achieved a Revenue Surplus of Rs. 3212 cr. In the FY 2018-19. And Rs. 1142 crore of Revenue surplus is estimated in Revised Estimates for the FY 2019-20.
- Fiscal Deficit is at 1.76% of GSDP in FY 2018-19 while it is estimated at 1.63% in Revised Estimates for the year 2019-20 against the targeted limit of 3%.
- State’s Public Debt has been estimated at 15.72% of GSDP for the financial year 2020-21 as compared to 16.095% of GSDP for the Revised Estimates of the financial year 2019-20.
- State Government has consistently achieved the targets prescribed under FRBM Act.

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