



GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA

BUDGET

Part - II

2024-25

General

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1. Indian culture holds women in high esteem. Scriptures like the Rigveda's Devi Sukta hymn celebrate the feminine as the very essence of the universe. One of our key priority is empowerment and dignity of women. With this objective, I propose to give a three-fold increase in total allocation for Women & Child Development Department and Mission Shakti Department together from **Rs.6,224 crore** in 2023-24 to **Rs.17,942 crore** in 2024-25.
2. In the first Cabinet we had approved launching of the new **Subhadra Yojana** as part of our poll promise. This scheme reinforces the Government's commitment to women entrepreneurship, empowerment and financial independence. An amount of **Rs.10,000 crore** is proposed in the Budget for implementation of this initiative.
3. We will create 25 lakh Lakhpati Didis in Odisha by 2027 by establishing industrial clusters for SHGs, providing facility management for product marketing and promotion. The Convergence Initiatives under National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM) endorses outsourcing Government procurements and services to over 1 lakh SHGs, generating significant Government business, creating income generating and livelihood opportunities for SHGs to create more Lakhpati Didis. An amount of **Rs.1,162 crore** has been proposed in the Budget for implementation of this Scheme.
4. Issues pertaining to women and children are intricately interconnected, and their well-being significantly influences each other. Investing in women's well-being directly impacts child development, creating a cycle of positive influence. Our focus is also to nurture the potential within each child and prepare them for shouldering the responsibility of the nation in future. We propose to implement Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY) in convergence with MAMATA towards conditional cash transfer for maternity and infant care with total allocation of **Rs.521 crore**.
5. Provision of **Rs.295 crore** is proposed under **POSHAN Abhiyaan** to enhance nutritional outcomes. Key initiatives include establishing 2,806 new Anganwadi Gyan Kendras and awarding 30 Gram Panchayats for performance-based improvements. Additionally, we plan to provide

home visit and counselling kits to 15,000 Anganwadi Workers (AWWs) in areas with poor nutritional status.

6. Under the Malati Devi Prak Vidyalaya Paridhan Yojana, uniforms will be distributed to 18 lakh pre-school children enrolled in Anganwadi Centres. There is Budget provision of **Rs.93 crore**. Under the scheme "**Mukhya Mantri Sampurna Pushti Yojana**" we aim to improve the nutritional landscape outcomes of the State through a comprehensive nutrition strategy for transforming nutritional scenario of 19 lakh women, adolescent girls and children beneficiaries across the State with Budget provision of **Rs.554 crore**. Besides, I propose a new scheme "**Jashoda**" with allocation of **Rs.83 crore** to provide financial assistance to support children who have lost their parents.
7. We are prioritizing the elimination of child labour, aiming to achieve a **Child Labour Free Odisha**. During the year 2024-25, 1,500 Gram Panchayats will be awarded as **Adarsha Shishu Samruddha Grama**. The identification, rescue, and rehabilitation of child labourers are conducted with the help of District Administration, focusing on the overall development of rescued children.
8. To enhance operational capacity, we will fill all the vacancies of Anganwadi Workers and upgrade 5,698 Anganwadi Centres into Saksham Anganwadi Centres during 2024-25. Additionally, we aim to convert the **State Institute of Woman and Children (SIWC)**, Bhubaneswar into a Centre of Excellence with an estimated investment of **Rs.36 crore**. This initiative includes establishing a Food Gallery, Toy & Tale Gallery, Advika Resource Centre, and a 300-seater auditorium.