



Advanced State Not a Dream



The Left Democratic Front Government is passing the milestone of three years with an unprecedented record of achievements. We are entering the fourth year by initiating various projects such as, distribution of rice and wheat at the rate of Rs. two per kg to more than

Major Steps At a Glance

1. Rice and wheat at the rate of Rs.2 per kg for about 26 lakh BPL card holders and fisher folk.
2. Put an end to farmers' suicide.
3. Introduced Farmer's Pension Scheme, interest free loan for farmers and Rs.11 for procurement of paddy.
4. Food Security Action Plan for enhancing paddy production from six and a half lakh ton to 10 lakh ton and the State reaches self sufficiency in the case of fruits, vegetables, milk, egg and green grams.



two and a half million families like BPL/APL card holders, fisher people etc.

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of the day in other parts of the country. Three years' back, Kerala too was in such a terrible condition. The State government took adequate measures to face the situation. Now, besides ceasing the suicidal tendency of farmers

completely, rejuvenation and enthusiasm could be created in agriculture sector.

During this period, the procurement rate of paddy has been enhanced from Rs.7 to Rs.11 and implemented crop insurance. New awakening

could be achieved in agriculture sector by providing interest free loans and by implementing farmers' pension scheme. In continuation to this, a comprehensive project to the tune of Rs.1300 crore has been envisaged to enhance the production of paddy, milk, egg, fruit, vegetable and green grams. As part of that thousands of hectares of fallow land has been made cultivable. An increase of about four lakh litres could be made possible in the production of milk. Debt Relief Law has been introduced for the fisheries folk.

Owing to the strong and visionary steps taken by the government, industrial production has been increased. All the factories, which faced lockout in the UDF regime, could be



5. Great leap in IT field. Technopark's development in Thiruvananthapuram, new Techno city, Cyber Park in Kozhikode, steps to start new IT parks at Kundara, Cherthala, Ambalappuzha, Koratti (Thrissur), Eramaram (Kannur) and Cheemeni (Kasaragod). Fifty three new companies have come in Technopark and Infopark. More than two lakh job opportunities in IT sector within the coming three years. The IT basic infrastructure facilities have increased five fold within three years.
6. Progress in Tourism sector. Twenty five per cent hike in the number of tourists and the income from tourism.
7. Locked out factories reopened. Closed plantations opened. The number of profit making public sector industries has increased from 12 to 30. New joint ventures with Central public sector.
8. Sanction obtained for railway coach factory. For establishing the factory 1000 acres of land is being acquired through fast track.
9. Hindrances to Vallarpadam project removed. Necessary land has been acquired and handed over by implementing ideal rehabilitation project. Obstacles removed for LNG Terminal project. Preparations are all completed for the establishment of Vizhinjam Container Terminal.
10. Permission for Kannur Airport has been obtained. Acquisition of land is on the progress. Work will commence this year.
11. The Kollam-Kottappuram National Waterway has been completed and commissioned. The works are in progress for the waterway from Kovalam to Neeleswaram.



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12. Recognition granted for the conversion of national highways into four lane ways. Construction of Hill Highway starts this year. Second Phase of Vision 2010 project, comprising public works to the tune of Rs. two crore in each assembly constituency, commenced. Rs.200 crore project for the completion of railway over bridges in a time bound manner.
13. Moratorium on the debts of fisher folk. Debt Relief Law for fisher folk. Interest free loan to fisherwomen. Free ration during trawling ban. Total Housing Project.
14. Free Health Care Project for people belonging to below poverty line. This was actually a Centre- State joint venture intended to implement in two districts alone. The State government has been implementing this project in all districts. Annual treatment help to the tune of Rs.30,000. Government pays the premium.
15. Welfare pensions enhanced to Rs.250 from Rs.100 to Rs.120. Poor people who are not members of any welfare fund have Rs.100 as monthly allowance. Arrears in welfare funds have been cleared.
16. A comprehensive Welfare Fund that includes pension and medical aid for more than one million labourers in unorganised sectors. Welfare Fund for labourers of small scale plantations. Pension for farmers and dairy workers.
17. Comprehensive welfare project for more than three million expatriate Keralites. NoRKA cell in all district collectorates. Identity card for expatriates. Rehabilitation project for the returning NRKs.
18. Obtained Space Technology Institute, Indian Institute of Science Education Research, Central University etc. and provided basic infrastructure. Thirteen new IITs, several higher education centres under the aegis of Cooperative Academy and IHRD. Finishing schools for job training.
19. New maveli stores, Supplyco showrooms, Consumerfed stores, rice shops – Public distribution system has been enlarged and strengthened. Rate fixed for parboiled rice at the rate of Rs.14 per kg. and raw rice at the rate of Rs.13.50 per kg.. By giving unlimited subsidy for essential commodities, price hike could be reined in.
20. In maintaining law and order, Kerala stands first in the country. A role model has been established by

Terminal is about to bear fruit.

The tourism-IT sectors, which have the potential for development have been given top most priority. Kerala has become the important destination in the world tourism scenario with a growth rate of 25 per cent. Tens of thousands of job opportunities have been increased in IT sector. The construction of 10 IT parks has been commenced. The basic infrastructure for IT projects has been increased five fold within three years. 53 new companies arrived in Techno Park and Infopark. It has been widely accepted that hereafter it is the time of Kerala as far as IT is concerned.

Kerala has again been able to become a role model to the whole nation as far as welfare programmes are concerned. Welfare Fund

Law, which ensures job security, pension and aid for treatment has been enacted. Expatriate Welfare Fund, which is helpful to more than three million families, has been started. Pension and welfare fund have been

ensured to the small scale plantation labourers who comprise about two lakh in number. All welfare pensions are enhanced to Rs.250 from Rs.100 or Rs.120 and all the arrears are cleared.

The Government is trying to materialise houses to all houseless families and, land and house for all those who have no land for constructing a house within the next two years. ■



implementing people's police set up.

21. Saved KSRTC, once a white elephant, from corruption and squandering. Thousand new buses introduced. The renewal package of KSRTC implemented. Comprehensive project for the modification of KSRTC bus stands.
22. Dispensaries have been made efficient. Doctors and nurses have been appointed sufficiently. The standard of community health centres has been enhanced. People's health policy is being implemented. Two new nursing colleges started.
23. Devaswam appointments made through Kerala Public Service Commission. Set up Malabar Devaswam Board. The salary of employees of the temples of Malabar enhanced considerably. Superior facilities arranged for Sabarimala pilgrims.
24. Water Supply Schemes catalised. The construction work of Japan Drinking Water Distribution project is nearing completion. With the help of NABARD, more than 40 projects that were hindered could restart. Water Supply Scheme in 110 panchayats by including them in Jananidhi Project.

25. The recommendations made by Paloli Committee about the projects that should be implemented for the welfare of Muslim community in Kerala in the light of Sachar Committee Report have been implemented. A Cell has started functioning in Secretariat for the welfare of minorities. Government has also decided to start a new department for the welfare of minorities. Scholarship, hostel-stipend and special examination training for competitive examinations etc. for Muslim girls.
26. New International Terminal and Aircraft Maintenance Unit at Thiruvananthapuram Airport
27. Tax collection increased. Tax evasion stopped. The Corruption-free Walayar generated a model. By giving DA in right time, a record has been created.
28. Special attention in Nature – Environment conservation. Implemented Filth-free Kerala Project. River Protection Project is being implemented. Declared Silent Valley Buffer Zone. Strobilanthus

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Kunthiyanu Sanctuary at Munnar.

- 29. Severe power crisis occurred due to severe drought and cut down in Central Quota. Even then 1.3 million new connections were given. Windmill power plant commissioned. Neriya mangalam Project commissioned. New 500 MW projects work on a war foot.
- 30. More than one and a half labourers have membership in ESI scheme. ESI Medical College at Kollam.
- 31. Unprecedented progress in Scheduled Caste / Scheduled Tribe welfare schemes. First place in the country in spending SC ST development

accordance with the Adivasi Land Allotment Scheme about seven thousand families were given one acre land each. Adivasi Forest Right Law enacted. Financial aid has been given to about thirty thousand SC ST communities for constructing houses.

- 32. Great breakthrough in evicting encroachers of government land. Including the more than twelve thousand acres of land in Munnar, about ten thousand acres of land has been recovered from the encroachers all over Kerala. Steps have been initiated to disburse as much recovered land to the landless.



fund. Increased lump sum grant and stipend considerably. Modified hostels. Rules brought in to ensure MBBS admission for ST students. Free treatment for STs for all levels. In

- 33. Initiated modernisation in coir sector. Salary and pensionary benefits have been enhanced considerably. Transaction Sustainability Project to save labourers from

exploitation of middlemen has been implemented.

- 34. Great advantage in modernisation of ports. The modernisation activities of the Kollam, Alappuzha, Ponnani, Bypure and Azheekkal ports are in progress. Maritime institute is to start in Thiruvananthapuram and Manjeswaram.
- 35. Sports Quota Appointment has been amplified from 20 to 50. Sports Quota appointment has been restarted in Police force.
- 36. Speedy activities are going on to start Kochi Metro Rail Project and suburban train service centred in Kochi,

Thiruvananthapuram and Kozhikode.

- 37. Started EMS Total Housing Programme. Project has been initiated to give land for constructing homes for all the landless families and homes to the homeless. A grant project to the tune of Rs.5000 crore is being implemented for this. Within three years, Kerala will become a complete housing state. As part of this, thousands of families in all districts are given land through land distribution fair. Initiated distribution of 1662 acres of land recovered from Munnar.