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1. With your permission, I am presenting the Revised Estimates for the year 2023-24 and Annual Financial Estimates for the year 2024-25 for the state.
2. People of the State have given us the mandate, keeping faith in our commitment to public welfare, expressing confidence in us to establish corruption-free, good governance and to make Rajasthan a leading developed State. We are hopeful that by working wholeheartedly towards the accomplishment of “Suraj Sankalp”, we will be able to shape to the concept of **developed Rajasthan**.
3. To bring the State to the forefront, we will work tirelessly on the principles of '**Sab ka Saath, Sab ka Vikas, Sab ka Vishwas, Sab ka Prayas and Sab Ka Kalyan**' and will strive persistently to bring smile on the face the most underprivileged.

Taking inspiration from the poems of famous poet **Shivmangal Singh, 'Suman'** we resolve to make meaningful efforts –

“गति प्रबल पैरों में भरी, फिर क्यों रहूँ दर-दर खड़ा, जब आज मेरे सामने है, रास्ता इतना पड़ा।

जब तक न मंजिल पा सकूँ, तब तक मुझे न विराम है, चलना हमारा काम है, चलना हमारा काम है।”

With bustling power in my legs, I refuse to stand at door steps, A long road lies ahead of me.

There's no stopping until I have reached my destination, To march on is our job, to march on is our job.

4. Hon'ble Speaker Sir, due to the short-sighted vision and wrong policies of the previous Government, we have inherited a huge debt burden. During the tenure of the previous Government, the total debt burden on the state has almost doubled to **Rs.5,79,781 crore** as per the budget estimates for the year 2023-24, and the Debt-GSDP ratio of the state – among the Normal States category – is the highest after Punjab. Additionally, it is expected that per capita loan in the state by the end of the year 2023-24 is likely to increase to **Rs.70,800** from **Rs.36,880** in the year 2017-18.
5. Out of the loan of **Rs.2,24,392 crore** was taken during the tenure of the previous Government, only **Rs.93,577 crore** was spent as Capital Expenditure. Thus, it is clear that about 60% of the loan was used by the previous Government for non-capital revenue expenditure, i.e. proper attention was not paid towards strengthening of the Economy and long-term development of the State. Many schemes were hastily implemented without

assessing the State's resources or considering long-term consequences, causing the continuous increase in the gap between the State's revenue receipts and payments.

6. While on the one hand the state slipped into adverse financial condition during the tenure of the previous Government, on the other hand due to wrong policies, corruption, poor law and order situations, bad governance and appeasement, the pace of development of the state also slowed down. Overcoming these challenging circumstances, we will take the State on the path of continuous development with the co-operation of Government of India, led by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji, and with our own concrete action plan, good governance and hard work.
7. **I would also like to assure the honourable House that there will be no shortage of resources to make Rajasthan a developed, prosperous, empowered and happy state.**
8. Here, I would like to remind the honourable House the statement of **Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji:**
“Earlier it was said that the farmers and poor of this country have three basic needs: electricity, water and roads. We added two more things to it: education and health. If these five things are given priority and are made accessible to all, employment will automatically be generated, and a strong foundation will be created for the welfare of future generations. That is why today only one mantra is echoing in every corner of India: 'Sab ka Saath, Sab ka Vikas, Sab ka Vishwas, Sab ka Prayas' (Together with all, Development for all, Trust of all, Efforts of all). With this mantra, we are trying to take development to new heights.”
9. We have started working at an accelerated pace towards implementation of our promises made to the people of the state and of the guarantees of Hon'ble Prime Minister. Hon'ble Chief Minister has provided relief to about **73 lakh** families by implementing the commitment of providing **LPG Cylinder** to the women of all poor families at Rs.450. For providing quality nutritious food at low cost to needy persons, we have decided to increase the quantity of food provided through **Shree Annapurna Rasoi** from 450 grams being given earlier, to 600 grams. For this, Government assistance per plate has been increased from Rs.17 to Rs.22. There will be an annual expenditure of approximately **Rs.350 crore** on this scheme.

10. Our government will work to bring happiness in the life of every person of the state through balanced focus on infrastructure development, access to the facilities like medical, education, employment etc. in remote, especially rural areas and additional assistance/social security for the deprived sections.
11. Previous Government, being politically motivated, did not approve any scheme for many zones/areas such as Ladpura, Nasirabad, Siwana, Ahor, Dag, Malpura and Gogunda. Now, to ensure balanced regional development, I announce a provision of **Rs.1000 crore** for upgrading or establishment of additional colleges, schools, hospitals, administrative offices, etc. in such deprived assembly constituencies.
12. Road network forms the backbone for strengthening the economy of the state. Regional discrimination is also evident in the upgradation and construction of roads. Therefore, to eliminate this discrimination, I announce an **additional provision of Rs.1,500 crore** in the State Road Fund.
13. During the entire tenure of the previous Government, there was a continuous power crisis situation in the State, due to mismanagement and corruption.

'Uday Yojana' was launched by Government of India in the year 2015, with aim of improving the financial condition of power companies and bringing them back on the track. Under this scheme, the Government took upon itself the debt burden of approximately **Rs.62,400 crore** of the power companies and relieved them from this burden.

Owing to policies of the previous government, modus operandi of power companies and Energy Department, currently all power companies have a debt burden of more than **Rs.1,39,200 crore**, which includes **Rs.88,700 crore** debt of DISCOMs. In the year 2022-23, despite production capacity of the State Production Company being approximately **8,300 MW**, an average of **4,800 MW**, i.e. only about 55% capacity production was being produced. Due to this, expensive electricity had to be purchased from the Exchange to provide adequate electricity supply in the state. In the year 2022-23, due to purchase of electricity from the Exchange worth more than **Rs.3,700 crore**, additional financial burden on the State exchequer was incurred.

14. We will take all necessary steps to deal with this situation and to establish professional administration in power companies. Towards this, along with bringing 'Invit ToT' in Prasaran Nigam as per the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Energy, Government of India, a '**Business Plan**' with the help of experts of all the power

companies/corporations and a **Resource Adequacy Plan** keeping in mind a period of 10 years, are proposed to be implemented in a time bound manner.

15. To promote renewable energy by making it a people's movement, Hon'ble Prime Minister on 22 January, 2024, the holy and historic day of the consecration of Lord Shri Ram in Ayodhya, had announced the ambitious '**Pradhan Mantri Suryodaya Yojana**' to electrify **one crore households** across the country with solar energy. It is well known that solar insolation in Rajasthan is highest in the country. Given this, for people of the State to get maximum benefit of this scheme, solar plants on **more than 5 lakh houses** are proposed to be established by setting up a Project Monitoring Unit in the Energy Department. Such families will be able to get free electricity up to **300 units** per month.
16. To provide pollution-free transportation facility to people of the State and also to save fossil fuels (petrol and diesel), and to promote electric vehicles in public transport, I announce, a provision of **500 electric buses** for inter-state as well as for big cities like Jaipur, Jodhpur, Udaipur and Kota. Additionally, to solve the traffic congestion related problem of Jaipur city, DPR will be prepared to expand **Jaipur Metro along Tonk Road from Sitapura to Vidyadhar Nagar via Ambabadi**.
17. It is well known to the Hon'ble House as well as to the people of the state that during the tenure of the previous Government, while there was large scale corruption under the **Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)** and numerous quality-related complaints were received, even the pace of implementation of the project was also extremely slow. For this reason, our state **ranks thirty-third** in the entire country in JJM coverage.
Now, we will make all possible efforts to expedite the project work with full transparency and quality. Tap water will be provided to **25 lakh rural families** in the coming year under the scheme. Approximately **Rs.15,000 crore** is proposed to be spent for this work.
18. Not only did the the previous Government deprive numerous rural homes of tapped water by to lagging behind in the centrally-sponsored scheme like 'Jal Jeevan Mission', but it also failed to get **ERCPC (Eastern Region Canal Project)** sanctioned – critical for supply of water for drinking and irrigation to 21 districts – approved despite full support of Government of India. This clearly shows the intentions and functioning of the previous Government.
On the directions of the Hon'ble Prime Minister, and with the initiative of the Hon'ble Central Minister, Water

Resources, we have now signed an MoU between the State and Ministry of Jal Shakti (Water Resources), Government of India for approval to include the ERCP in River Linking Projects, paving the way for the project to commence shortly. Through the House, I would like to express my gratitude to the Hon'ble Prime Minister and Hon'ble Union Minister, Jal Shakti (Water Resources) for taking this important step towards implementing the ERCP at an accelerated pace. We will ensure timely availability of state share for this ambitious project.

Hon'ble members will be glad to know that, now with the support of Government of India, the amount of available water will be increased by expanding this project. The project cost earlier estimated at **Rs.37,250 crore** is now proposed to be implemented with an increased cost of **Rs.45,000 crore**.

19. Along with the mega projects for drinking water and irrigation, it is also vital to undertake in situ water conservation on small scale. With this in mind, during the last tenure of our government, **Mukhyamantri Jal Swavalamban Abhiyan** was started for water storage and conservation. Now, I again announce the launch of **Mukhyamantri Jal Swavalamban Abhiyan 2.0** from the coming year with an amount of approximately **Rs.11,200 crore**. Under this, 5 lakh Water Harvesting Structures will be built in 20 thousand villages over the next four years. In the first phase **1,10,000** works are proposed to be carried out in more than 5 thousand villages in the coming year with an amount of **Rs.3,500 crore**.
20. In the coming year, for forest conservation and wildlife development in the state:
 - I. 4 crore saplings will be distributed under the **Tree Outside Forest in Rajasthan (TOFIR)** programme.
 - II. Under **Rajasthan Forestry and Biodiversity Development Project**, works worth Rs.300 crore are proposed to be done for tree plantation, pasture development, plant distribution and livelihood promotion activities, etc.
 - III. To protect the Aravalli Hills, trees will be planted in the 30,000-hectare area around it.
 - IV. Tunnel construction work will be started for Godavan conservation.
 - V. Work is proposed to be done in Jaswantgarh-Nagaur for habitat development for Black Bucks.
21. Honourable members are aware that **Agriculture and Allied Sector** accounts for about 30% percent of the GSDP of the state. Currently, about **85 lakh** families earn livelihood from agriculture and animal husbandry. Sensitivity of our government towards farmers is also evident from the fact that on January 30, 2024, the honourable Chief

Minister in the House, announced to increase the annual financial assistance payable to farmers from **Rs.6,000 to Rs.8,000** per family under PM Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana, for which, an annual provision of **Rs.1,400 crore** is proposed. Besides, in the first phase, it has also been decided to provide **Rs.125** per quintal bonus in addition to the Minimum Support Price (MSP) of wheat in Rabi 2023-24. **Rs.250 crore** will be spent on this.

22. To take the state to greater heights in the field of agriculture and to provide maximum support to our farmers, I announce the launch of **Rajasthan Agriculture Infra Mission**, with an initial provision of **Rs.2,000 crore**. Under this, 20,000 Farm Ponds, 10,000 kilometers of irrigation pipeline, wire fencing for 50,000 farmers, Vermi Compost units for 5,000 farmers and setting up of new Agro-Processing Clusters, Food Parks and Horticulture Hub will be taken up. Additionally, new technologies like **drones** are proposed to be made available by setting up **500 custom hiring centres**.
23. Honourable members are aware that our state holds the leading position in the country in the production of Millets, which was termed as '**ShreeAnna**' by honourable Prime Minister. To further promote production of Millets in the state and to enable rural families to produce foodgrains for their own requirement, it is proposed to provide high quality maize seeds to 12 lakh farmers, millet seeds to 8 lakh farmers, mustard seeds to 7 lakh farmers, green gram seeds to 4 lakh farmers and jowar seeds and moth seeds to 1 lakh farmers each in the coming year.
24. Families residing in rural areas in addition to agriculture are highly dependent on dairy/milk production for their livelihood. Our government will take all necessary steps to provide assistance to the families associated with these activities along with cattle conservation in the state. For this, I announce '**Gopal Credit Card**' (GCC) Scheme on the lines of Kisan Credit Card to provide **interest-free short-term loan up to Rs.1 lakh** for activities related to dairy such as cattle sheds, construction of kheli and purchase of milk/fodder/baata related equipments. In this Scheme, loans will be provided to about 5 lakh cattle rearing families in the first phase. Rs.150 crore will be spent on this Scheme in the coming year.
25. Besides farmers and rural families, like in many other states, the youth of our state also faces insecurity and stress due to apprehension about the future. It will be a priority for our government to empower the youth and create maximum employment opportunities for them in this context. For employment of youth, I announce

recruitment for about **70 thousand government posts** in the coming year. Besides, **YuvaSathi Centres** at all divisional headquarters of the state are also proposed to be established to help the youth build a promising career in the private sector through counseling and guidance. Rs.10 crore will be spent for this.

26. During the tenure of the previous government, incidents like paper leak and examinations not being conducted on time have caused injustice to the future of the state's youth. Due to this, there is deep dissatisfaction among the youth.

Right after formation of the government, we have started taking action by setting up of **Special Investigation Team (SIT)** to prevent incidents like paper leaks and to punish the culprits. Youth are the helmsman of our state. Our priority is to make them employable in order to secure their future. For this:

- (i) Employment fairs will be organised in every division, and campus placements drives and Skill Development Training Programs will be conducted in higher educational institutions.
- (ii) To conduct recruitment examinations in a timely manner, annual recruitment examination calendar of Rajasthan Public Service Commission, Rajasthan Staff Selection Board, etc. will be released.
- (iii) By starting **Mukhya Mantri Tourism Skill Development Programme** (मुख्यमंत्री पर्यटन कौशल विकास कार्यक्रम), 20 thousand youth and folk artists will be made employable by imparting training of Guiding/ Hospitality/ Traditional arts in the next 2 years and will be made employable.

27. Hon'ble Speaker Sir, in view of the importance of education for advancement of human competence, building equitable and fairer society, and national development, '**National Education Policy-2020**' was introduced by Government of India. Following this forward-looking policy we will build quality based school education, higher education and technical education in the state. To make education accessible even to all the deprived sections, I announce to provide **free education from KG to PG** to students belonging to low-income group, small/marginal/tenant farmers and agricultural labour families from the coming year.
28. To provide a better environment for education and teaching in Government educational institutions of the state, a provision of **Rs.250 crore** is proposed for repair and maintenance works of buildings, construction of classrooms and girls' toilets, and for upgradation of facilities in hostels and residential schools operated under

various departments.

29. To ensure that students from economically weaker families do not suffer from inferiority complex in schools, and school bags, books and uniforms required for education are available to them, I announce that an **assistance of Rs.1000 per student** will be provided to all students studying in Government Schools from class-I to class-VIII and to all girl students from class IX to class-XII from the coming year onwards. Approximately **70 lakh** students will be benefited from this.
30. To channelise the energy of youth of the state and their 'Out of the Box' ideas contribute meaningfully to the progress of the society, state and country, and along with this they get adequate opportunities to realise their dreams, I announce the establishment of '**Atal Innovation Studio and Accelerators**' in Jaipur, Bikaner, Bharatpur and Udaipur. World-class facilities related to software coding, Robotics Fab Lab and Multimedia/VFX will be available in these accelerators. **Rs.1000 crore rupees** will be spent on this.
31. Today, in big cities of the country, on one hand there is immense pressure on essential facilities due to increasing population, and on the other hand, the youth are also facing the problem of employment. To solve this, many states have achieved success by developing a Satellite City. For example, everyone is aware of the utility and success of Pune near Mumbai, Cyberabad near Hyderabad and GIFT City near Ahmedabad. Government of India also provides assistance for this under the **Gati Shakti** launched by the honourable Prime Minister. In our state, Jaipur city with a population of more than 40 lakh is facing this problem. I announce development of '**High Tech City**' near Jaipur.
Special incentives will be given to establish institutions/companies of IT, Fintech, Financial Management, AI/ML and other new age subjects in this 'High Tech' township. Besides, all the facilities of a world class city will be available to its residents.
32. Sports have immense importance in all-round personality development of youth. Apart from being an inspiration for the youth, it will also be a matter of pride for any state if its youth participate in the Olympics. To provide all world-class facilities including training/kit/coach to 50 talented youth of the state to participate in the Olympics, I announce '**Mission Olympics-2028**'. For this, a **Center of Excellence for Sports** will also be established in Jaipur. A provision of Rs.100 crore is proposed for this.

33. Establishment of **Residential Girls Sports Institutes** for girls in Jaipur, Bharatpur and Udaipur is also proposed with an amount of Rs.25 crore each.
34. Hon'ble Speaker Sir, as is known, Government of India, taking a historic step towards women empowerment, has passed the **Nari Shakti Vandan Act** on 20th of September 2023 for provision of reservation for women in the Parliament and State Assemblies. Now it is our responsibility to ensure that girls get proper education and support from the very beginning, so that they can move forward on the path of progress, and contribute to the progress of the society/country. Taking another step in this direction, I announce the launch of '**Lado Protsahan Yojana**' to provide a **saving bond of Rs.1 lakh** on the birth of girls in poor families.
35. Under the '**Lakhpati Didi Yojana**' launched by the honourable Prime Minister for economic empowerment of women, **2.80 lakh** women from the Self-Help Groups working in State and their families are earning more than Rs.1 lakh annually. To give further momentum to this scheme, it is proposed to enhance the **income of 5 lakh families** to Rs.1 lakh annually in the coming year.
36. Currently, under '**Pradhanmantri Matr Vandan Yojana**', there is a provision to give Rs.5,000 in two installments to pregnant women for the first child. I announce to increase this to **Rs.6,500** in the first phase in the state, in the coming year. An expenditure of Rs.90 crore is proposed on this. Also, one Anganwadi at every block level of the state will be upgraded as a **model Anganwadi** to make it outstanding in terms of health check-up, nutrition and pre-school education. There will be an expenditure of Rs.20 crore on this.
37. I would like to remind the honourable House of **Swami Vivekananda's** statement:
 “मानव जाति की सेवा करना सौभाग्य की बात है, क्योंकि यह ईश्वर की पूजा है। ईश्वर यहीं है, इन सभी मानव आत्माओं में। वह मनुष्य की ही तो आत्मा है।”
"It is a privilege to serve mankind, for this is the worship of God. God is here in all these human souls. He is the soul of man."
 Our government will work with this spirit to provide help and support to all the residents of the state, especially the low-income group and various deprived sections.
38. Through '**Ayushman Bharat Yojana**', Government of India is working to provide excellent medical facilities to the

common man in every corner of the country. Our government in the previous tenure had taken the initiative to provide medical facilities to economically weaker families in government as well as private hospitals of the state through '**Bhamashah Swasthya Bima Yojna**'. Today, with new technologies, treatment of serious diseases like cancer is also possible in OPD. Therefore, to provide more relief to the common people in case of serious illness, I now announce the addition of 'Day Care' Package along with IPD in the **Mukhya Mantri Ayushman Arogya Yojana**.

39. Even after issue of approval for establishment of 15 medical colleges in the state at a cost of **Rs.4,875 crore** in the third phase, not only was work started very late by the previous government, but even the pace of work was very slow. The situation was such that even the amount of Rs.1,500 crore received from the Centre could not be spent completely. We will complete the work of all medical colleges on priority and will provide all necessary resources so that the common man get full benefit of medical facilities. Also, in view of the increasing number of deaths in road accidents, it is proposed to provide **25 Advanced Life Support Ambulances** on the highways of the state in the coming year with the aim of saving human lives.
40. Work to promote Indian medical systems for well being of the common man was given impetus by establishment of **AYUSH Mission** by Government of India. On the occasion of **International Yoga Day (June 21, 2024)**, events will be organised on a large scale down to the block level. Also, a provision of about Rs.250 crore is proposed for operation of AYUSH Program in the state in the coming year.
41. Hon'ble members of the House are aware that on 30 January, 2024, while taking a major step towards fulfilling our promise of providing a monthly social security pension of **Rs.1,500** to the needy, Hon'ble Chief Minister had announced in this House, increase in monthly pension of Rs.1000 to Rs.1150 in the first phase, in the coming year. For this, in the coming year an additional provision of **Rs.1,800 crore** is proposed.
42. We all are well aware of the difficulties faced and apprehensions regarding the future felt by workers, street vendors and folk artists. With a view to ensure that workers and street vendors get support even in old age, I announce the implementation of **Mukhya Mantri Vishwakarma Pension Yojana** for workers in the age group of 18 to 45 years. In this scheme, by paying a monthly premium of Rs.60 to 100, a pension of **Rs.2000** per month will be received after completing 60 years of age. The remaining premium of approximately Rs.400 per person per

month will be borne by the state government. This pension will be in addition to the Mukhya Mantri Vridhajan Samman Pension. A provision of **Rs.350 crore** is proposed for this scheme.

43. Along with this, to provide concessional travel facility to senior citizens of the state aged between 60 and 80 years, it is also proposed to **increase the present 30% discount in the fare of roadways buses to 50%** within the state boundary.
44. To bring the specially-abled into the mainstream of society, it is necessary to augment their skill development, education and medical facilities. For this, along with the establishment of a **Composite Regional Centre** in Jaipur, **District Disability Rehabilitation Centres (DDRC)** are also proposed to be established at every district headquarter to provide facilities like physiotherapy, speech-therapy, etc.
45. The great freedom fighter of our country, **Lokmanya Bal Gangadhar Tilak** had said:

“समस्या संसाधनों या क्षमता की कमी की नहीं है, किन्तु इच्छाशक्ति की कमी की है।”

“The problem is not lack of resources or capacity, but lack of willpower.”

Through this House, I would like to assure the people of the state that our government will work with strong resolve for all-round development of the common people, especially the deprived sections. As honourable Members are aware, to ensure that no eligible person or family is deprived of the benefits of government schemes, '**Vikas Bharat Sankalp Yatra/Camps**' have been organised across the state at the initiative of the honourable Prime Minister.

In this context, it is also very important that our Panchayati Raj institutions and local urban bodies can provide support to every family living in every corner of the state. With this in mind, to further strengthen these Grassroot Democratic Institutions, I **announce to increase the SFC Grant from the currently fixed 6.75% of the state's net tax income to 7% for the coming year.** Thus, in the financial year 2024-25, these institutions will get a total estimated grant of **Rs.8,864 crore**, with an increase of **Rs.316 crore**.

46. The work of opening bank accounts of all families was started under '**Jan Dhan Yojana**' was introduced by honourable Prime Minister on 15 August, 2014 to strengthen economically backward families, and for assistance given under various government schemes to reach the beneficiary families without any pilferage and with

complete transparency. Subsequently, under the Union Budget 2015-16, by connecting 'JAM Trinity' i.e., '**Jan Dhan-Aadhaar-Mobile**', a strong foundation of Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) and Digital Payment was laid in the entire country. Furthering this, our previous government in the state implemented it in the name of '**Bhamashah Yojana**', and its name was changed to 'Janadhar' by the former government.

Our government is committed to taking this program forward with the use of new technologies like Artificial Intelligence/Machine Learning (AI/ML)/Data Cloud. For automatic identification of helpless and needy families using SMART (Service Management with Artificial Intelligence and Real Time) System and to make approval and benefit transfer through a quick/transparent online process while informing them, I announce the introduction of **Rajasthan 'Anugrah' Service Delivery Act**. For this, it is proposed to create the necessary IT infrastructure at a cost of **Rs.150 crore**.

47. Looking to the important role of government employees in providing the benefits of government services to the common man, it is proposed to give a **relaxation of 2 years for DPC** to provide additional opportunities for promotion to the employees in the coming year. Also...
- I. All information/details related to salary and GPF will be made available online to the employees through a Mobile App.
 - II. In order to ensure that employees do not face problems even after retirement, approvals for pension benefits and family pension will be issued online on the retirement day itself. Pensioners/family pensioners will be provided facility to submit Digital Life Certificate from home.
 - III. Under Rajasthan Government Health Scheme (RGHS), **doorstep delivery facility of medicines** will be provided to the employees and pensioners through CONFED (Rajasthan State Cooperative Consumers Federation).
48. Honorarium workers and public representatives of urban bodies and Panchayati Raj institutions play an important role in establishing good governance in the state and implementation of public welfare schemes. I announce **10% increase** in the honorarium for all the honorarium workers like Mini Anganwadi/Anganwadi workers, Sahayika, Asha workers, Sahyogini, Maa-Wadi volunteers, Mid-Day Meal Cook cum Helper, Langri, Home Guards, REXCO workers and public representatives of urban bodies and Panchayati Raj institutions, in the

coming year.

49. Honourable members will agree that strong law and order system is imperative for the prosperity of any state. Rajasthan had a distinct identity in the entire country as a peace-loving state. During the tenure of the previous government, due to poor law and order, and failure to curb criminal incidents, cheating (नकल) mafia, gravel (बजरी) mafia, etc. flourished and the morale of criminals also increased, and this led to tarnishing of image of the state. Along with incessant increase in criminal incidents, the year 2020 also witnessed a continuous increase in the number of crimes against women, rape, crimes against children and SC/ST in the state.
50. To control crimes, for a better law and order, and to provide speedy justice to the common man in the state:
- I. I announce the formation of '**Police Modernisation and Infrastructure Fund**' of **Rs.200 crore** for police modernisation and related basic infrastructure.
 - II. Cyber Helpdesk will be established in the newly created **34** police stations for quick hearing and assistance to the complainants. In coordination with local administration and various agencies, a concrete action plan will be made to control cybercrime in hotspot areas.
51. Also, to create a comfortable and safe environment for girls/women in the state:
- I. Along with the formation of Anti Romeo Squad in each district, Women Helpdesks will be established in the remaining **174** police stations.
 - II. I announce the launch of '**Ladli Suraksha Yojana**' with the aim of installing CCTV cameras in public places, girls' hostels and Nari Niketans on priority basis in every district for effective prevention of crime and molestation of girls/women.
 - III. Girls are given self-defense training under the **Rani Lakshmi Bai Atma-raksha Prashikshan Abhiyaan** (Self-Defense Training Campaign). To encourage more and more girls to take this training, I also announce the inclusion of the highest category of Self-Defense – the Black Belt – under the Sports Quota.
52. In the year 2008-09, our government implemented the 'Loktantra Senani Samman Pension Scheme' for the prisoners of MISA/DIR, etc. with the aim to give respect and support to the people struggling for democratic

values during the Emergency Era during the year 1975-77. The previous government discontinued this Scheme in the year 2019. Our government has decided to reinstate this Scheme and to grant Rs.20,000 as pension and Rs.4,000 as medical aid. To ensure that the Scheme functions continuously and the democratic fighters continue to receive uninterrupted pension with dignity, it is proposed to promulgate '**Rajasthan Loktantra Senani Samman Nidhi Act**.

53. Along with taking Rajasthan forward on the path of development and prosperity, we will also give priority to the work of preserving the glorious heritage of the state and providing support to artists associated with traditional folk arts. Honourable members will be surprised to know that the previous government made announcements for beautification and development of facilities in religious places like Govinddev Ji-Jaipur, Mangarh Dham-Banswara, Mehndipur Balaji-Dausa, Ranakpur Jain Temple-Pali, Diggi Kalyanji-Tonk, Beneshwar Dham-Dungarpur, Ramdevra-Jaisalmer, Tejaji Temple (Kharnal)-Nagaur, Devnarayanji (Asind) – Bhilwara, Machkund-Dholpur, Jaldevi Temple (Relmgara)- Rajsamand, but in reality, no work was done. Along with these centres of faith, I announce development works with an amount of **Rs.300 crore** for **20 such temples/faith centres** of the state including places situated on Govardhan Parikrama Marg like Poonchari ka Lautha-Deeg, Shri Bade Mathuresh Ji-Kota, Trinetra Ganesh Ji (Ranthambore)-Sawai Madhopur, etc.
54. Construction works worth **Rs.50 crore** will be undertaken for upgrading 10 major museums, like Government Museum - Alwar, Chittorgarh, Bikaner and Jodhpur, including Albert Hall - Jaipur showcasing the historical heritage of the state along with construction of Public Gallery under State Archives - Bikaner.
55. The state of Rajasthan has its own identity in the country and abroad as the 'mother of warriors'. Even today, brave men like Maharana Pratap are a source of inspiration for the residents of the state. I announce a provision of **Rs.100 crore** to develop **Maharana Pratap Tourist Circuit** including various places related to the life of Maharana Pratap: Chavand-Haldighati-Gogunda-Kumbhalgarh-Diwer-Udaipur, etc. Also, a provision of Rs.2 crore is proposed for preparing a DPR for the establishment of the **Armed Forces Museum** to honour the bravery and sacrifice of the youth of Rajasthan in the Indian Army.
56. To conserve local flora and promote environmental awareness, it is proposed to establish **Amritadevi Bishnoi Indigenous Plant Museum** in Khejarli-Jodhpur.

57. Hon'ble Speaker Sir, India's popular former Prime Minister, Bharat Ratna **Atal Bihari Vajpayee** had said:

“एक व्यक्ति को सशक्त करना देश को सशक्त करना है और यह सशक्तीकरण तेज आर्थिक प्रगति एवं शीघ्र सामाजिक बदलाव से ही सम्भव है।”

“To empower an individual is to empower the nation. And this empowerment is possible only through rapid economic progress and speedy social change.”

We will move forward on the path of economic prosperity guided by the teachings of revered **Atal Bihari Vajpayee ji** to develop Rajasthan as a leading state that contributes to the progress of India by the end of Amritkaal period (by the year 2047). Towards this, along with providing relief to the common people, it is also necessary to focus on investment in the state.

58. I, through the Hon'ble House, want to assure the people of the state that meaningful steps will be taken to bring the state's economy back on track and to uplift the standard of living of the common man, and for effective implementation of public welfare schemes. In this context, we have decided to set up a '**Rajasthan Economic Revival Task Force**' for the economic upliftment of the state.

59. The State Government is committed to procedural simplicity and transparency to encourage entrepreneurship, investment and development. Keeping this in mind, Amnesty schemes are being proposed, that will remain effective till **July 31, 2024**:

I. **VAT Amnesty:** In cases of inter-state sales, pending/ disputed cases and cases in which only interest is demanded, on deposition of 10 to 20 percent of the outstanding amount, the remaining amount will be waived off.

II. **Stamp Duty Amnesty:** It is proposed to give 100% exemption of interest and penalty in cases of demand of stamp duty.

III. **Transport Amnesty:** Amnesty schemes are proposed to provide relief to vehicle owners, which are as follows:

A. **Tax Amnesty:**

1. Exemption will be provided on Tax, interest and penalty payable after the date of destroyed vehicles.
2. Waiver of penalty/interest payable on vehicles other than destroyed vehicles will be provided on

depositing the outstanding tax of March 31, 2023.

- B. **e-Rawanna Amnesty:** Up to 96% exemption will be provided in the compounding amount in cases of overloading registered on the basis of information received from the Mines Department.
 - C. **End of Life Vehicles Amnesty:** Exemption will be provided on the penalty/interest payable on depositing the outstanding tax in lump sum till the End-of-Life Vehicles which are scrapped within one year at the registered vehicle scrapping facility center.
 - IV. **Energy Amnesty:** For Agricultural electricity consumers who deposit the principal outstanding amount in 6 bimonthly installments and whose connections are disconnected before March 31, 2023, and for categories other than agriculture category consumers, all interest and penalty amount will be waived off upon deposition of the entire principal outstanding amount in lumpsum.
60. To provide more facilities to the common people by making '**Ease of Doing Business**' (EoDB) effective in the state:
- I. Based on the self-declaration information filled by the parties themselves, their document for registration will be prepared automatically. Along with this, facility to upload all necessary information and GIS-based DLC by the parties themselves is also proposed to be provided through a mobile app.
 - II. To speed up the work of **online anywhere registration** of documents, along with development of online app for site inspection, empanelment of qualified site inspectors will be undertaken.
 - III. In place of physical stamp papers, online means of Stamp Duty such as e-GRAS and RajSTAMP will be promoted, and the refund process will also be simplified and automated.
 - IV. To ensure that general public as well as investors do not have to run from pillar to post for project related registration work, Toll-free helpline along with **Adarsh Registration Kendra** working 24 x 7 will be established in all the districts in a phased manner.
 - V. For demystification of rates of various fees related to stamp and registration in the state, these will be revised and rationalised in a phased manner.
 - VI. To ensure better adherence to the principles of clean and transparent administration, system for faceless management of work in commercial tax and excise departments will be developed in a phased manner.

With this view, **Online Integrated Tax Management System, Integrated Excise Management System and Jan-Aadhaar Wallet** will be further strengthened and made more extensive.

- VII. Currently, even after the Transport Department has laid down the process for issuing e-License and e-Registration Certificate, the common man has to spend an additional amount of Rs.200 for the smart card. Now, to free the common man from this additional expenditure, it is proposed to end the smart card system and implement the system of e-Driving License and e-Registration Certificate.
- VIII. To facilitate vehicle fitness test for vehicle owners, it is proposed to remove the obligation of getting the fitness test done in the district of registration and implement the system of anywhere fitness test.
61. Keeping in mind the interest of the farmers of the state and the needs of consumers, Mandi Tax on sugar and jaggery is proposed to be abolished.
62. To provide relief and solve the legal and financial problems faced by entrepreneurs and investors due to **re-imposition of land tax** on 19 November, 2019 by the former government in the state, I announce to abolish the Land Tax. Besides, it is proposed to give amnesty in respect of the demand for land tax generated earlier, and also to waive off the remaining demand on depositing **10% of the original tax demand**.
63. Now, I am presenting before the House brief facts of the budget estimates for the year 2024-25.
64. In the year 2024-25, a total expenditure of **Rs.4,86,615.10 crore** is estimated. In these budget estimates, revenue expenditure is **Rs.2,82,247.65 crore** and revenue receipts has been estimated at **Rs.2,58,378.29 crore**. The revenue deficit has been estimated at **Rs.23,869.36 crore**. The fiscal deficit of the state has been estimated to be **Rs.67,240.48 crore**. This is estimated to be 3.95% of the State Gross Domestic Product (GSDP). The state's Debt-GSDP ratio is estimated to be 37.48%.
- Through the honourable House, I assure the people of the state that we will take every possible step for qualitative improvement of economy of the state.
65. Under section 5 of the FRBM (Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management) Act along with presentation of annual budget in every financial year, '**Medium Term Fiscal Policy Statement**' and '**Fiscal Policy Strategy Statement**' are being presented in the House.
66. Along with the annual financial statements and other budget papers for the year 2024-25, some notifications are

being issued and demands for grants are also being presented. Since owing to upcoming Lok Sabha elections, it is not possible to discuss the budget proposals in the Assembly and get the annual budget passed before March 31, 2024, I am presenting a proposal for Vote on Account for expenditure for the first four months of the financial year 2024-25, i.e. till July 31, 2024. In this Vote on Account, the required amount for the entire year has been demanded for Demand No. 9 - Elections, Demand No. 36 - Disaster Management and Assistance and Demand No. 41 - Public Health Engineering. This is because the expenditure on these items is occasional and there is a possibility of more expenditure in these months, and also this expenditure cannot be postponed. The revised budget estimates and proposals will be presented before the House prior to Vote on Account period i.e., July 31, 2024.

67. We are committed to making Rajasthan a developed state, preserving its glorious heritage, and making the people of the state prosperous. Effective steps will be taken to realise the vision of building a '**Developed and Progressive Rajasthan**' by empowering youth, women, elderly, farmers, laborers, and deprived sections and while ensuring their participation.

I would like to mention these words of the country's popular former Prime Minister, Bharat Ratna **Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee ji** –

“बाधायेँ आती हैं आयेँ, घिरेँ प्रलय की घोर घटायेँ,
पावों के नीचे अंगारे, सिर पर बरसेँ यदि ज्वालायेँ,
निज हाथों में हंसते-हंसते, आग लगाकर जलना होगा।
कदम मिलाकर चलना होगा।”

*“Let the obstacles rise, let dark storms of holocaust brew,
Scorching embers under the feet, and blazing firestorms on the head,
We must light flame in our hands, step together we must move ahead.”*

68. Now, I present the Vote on Account proposals before the honourable House with the request to approve them.

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