

**Meherunnissa Begum, KAS-2020**

**Budget summary- 2023-24**

- Education, Employment and Empowerment has been our slogan thus we have given impetus to Schedule Caste, Schedule Tribe, Backward classes, Minorities, Women and other Weaker sections to lead a life with self esteem and self-reliance. We have taken historical actions to increase reservation for Schedule Caste and Schedule Tribes from 15% to 17% and 3% to 7% respectively and to confirm the services of over 24,000 municipal workers.
- We have performed Government's responsibility with responsiveness by increasing monthly pension to Rs.10,000 for acid attack victims.
- Raitha Vidyanidhi scheme initiated for encouraging higher education to the children of farmers have been extended to children of landless farm labourers, weavers, fisherman, taxi-drivers and autorikshaw-drivers.
- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on the eve of Amritha Mahotsava of Independence, has declared that the next 25 years would be Amritha Kala, Karthavyada Kala.
- Service sector has recorded the growth at 9.2%.
- Industrial sector at 5.1%. Despite erratic weather conditions, agriculture sector has
  - seen a growth of 5.5%.
- Increase in State's own revenue collection and in state's share of Central Government's taxes has helped to reduce the State's fiscal deficit to the extent of Rs. 8,703 crore in the Revised Estimates for 2022-2023.
- Rs.10,930 crore under Centre's PM-Kisan Yojana and Rs.4,822 crore under State Government totaling to Rs.15,752 crore has been directly remitted to farmers' account.
- Rs.400 crore is provided for Raitha Shakthi Yojana to give diesel subsidy as announced last year.
- Rs.2,037 crore is provided to encourage farm mechanization.
- Electricity subsidy of Rs.52,950 crore has been given to irrigation pump sets. Rs.4,900 crore premium has been paid towards crop insurance of 86 lakh farmers under PM Fasal Bima Yojana.
- Rs.6,650 crore has been provided to purchase Paddy, Ragi, Jowar, Moong, Toor and other food grains under Minimum Support Price scheme.
- Rs.725 crore has been given to 10.32 lakhs students under Raitha Vidyanidhi Scheme.
- The limit of interest free short-term loan given to farmers will be increased from Rs.3 lakh to Rs.5 lakh from this year. This would ensure availability of hassle free and need based loan facility for making necessary preparation for farm related activities. This year loan of Rs.25,000 crore will be distributed to more than 30 lakhs farmers.
- We have decided to give additional subsidy of Rs.10,000 in the year 2023-2024 under the new scheme 'Bhoo siri' for Kisan Credit Card holders. This would facilitate the farmers to purchase seeds, fertilizer, pesticides and other farm inputs in times of exigencies. The state will contribute Rs. 2,500 and NABARD will provide Rs. 7,500. This will benefit around 50 lakh farmers of the State.

- In order to make modern farm equipments readily available to farmers, it is proposed to provide 300 hi-tech Harvesters in phased manner to Krishi Yanthradhara Centres of Agricultural department. In 2023-24 Rs.50 crore will be provided for 100 Hi-tech
  - harvesters at a cost of Rs.50 lakh each.
- To encourage better performing Farmer Producers Organizations (FPO), under the “Mukhyamanthri Raitha Unnathi Yojane”, interest subvention will be provided for loans upto Rs. 10 lakhs taken through banks for a term of 5 years.
- Karnataka is at the forefront of Millets production. As a part of the International Year of Millets, an incentive of Rs.10,000 per hectare will be provided to minor millets growers under “Raithasiri” scheme.
- Central Government in its Budget has announced to attract around one crore farmers to organic farming. To supplement this, 1 lakh hectare area will be covered under organic and holistic farming in the next 4 years on cluster model in 50 hectares area in each Taluk.
- 1,000 lakes will be developed in the State under “Sahasra Sarovara” programme. Under ‘Sahyadri Siri’, development works will be taken up in Coastal, Malenadu and Semi- Malenadu areas for conservation of water in summers by taking up development works including wells, check dams and canals. For these two projects a grant of Rs.75 crore is earmarked.
- To improve underground water level, a new scheme “Jalanidhi” will be launched wherein water conservation works will be taken up by building farm ponds in farmers’ lands.
- Karnataka has received an award as a Best Horticulture State in the country by making huge achievement in Horticulture sector.
- An opportunity has been created for the farmers by giving thrust to post-harvest technology and by value addition to their horticultural produce. Through KAPPEC (Karnataka State Agricultural Produce Processing and Export Corporation) ‘Raitha Sampada’ programme will be initiated to promote processing and export of agricultural and horticultural produce at a cost of Rs.100 crore.
- One farm One crop’ scheme will be implemented in the 12 horticulture farms of the department. According to the agro climatic conditions, suitable crops will be identified and research and demonstration will be carried out to enhance productivity. One time grant of Rs. 10 crore will be provided for this.
- Potato seed is being imported from the Northern States for cultivation of Potato. Apical Root Culture Technology will be introduced at reasonable price to farmers to
  - achieve self-reliance in potato seed cultivation.
- Assistance of Rs.10 crore will be provided to Agriculture and Horticulture Research Centre at Theerthahalli.
- Hi-tech Cocoon market will be constructed in Shidlaghatta which is the second biggest Cocoon market in Asia at the cost of Rs. 75 crores with NABARD assistance.
- To protect the “Gou Sampatthu”, various steps have been taken for implementation of Prevention of Slaughter and Preservation of Cattle Act, establishment of Goshalas, Punyakoti Dattu Yojane and launching of 290 mobile veterinary clinics.
- A grant of Rs.90 crore has been provided by the government for establishment of 1 lakh litres capacity Mega Dairy at Haveri. During the current year in order to increase milk production in Kalyana Karnataka area, a Mega dairy will be established in Bellary

district with milk processing capacity of 2 lakh litres per day at an expenditure of Rs.100 crore.

- Under Amrith Swabhimani Kurigahi Yojane, a scheme for establishment of Sheep and Goat units is being implemented at an expenditure of 355 crore for 20,000 beneficiaries.
- Mudhol Hound Dog Breed has been recognized as Indian native dog breed by the National Bureau of Animal Genetic Resources (NBAGR).
- It is a matter of pride that the Central Government has identified and declared the state of Karnataka as Best Coastal State in the year 2022-23. Our State stood at 3rd position last year by producing 10.73 lakh metric ton of Fish.
- To improve the livelihood of traditional fishermen, Artificial Reefs will be established at different places in coastal districts under Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana.
- New Fish Seed Production and Rearing Farm Centre will be established in Haveri district to encourage fish farming in North Karnataka areas.
- For the first in the State, a special scheme Matsya Siri has been formulated by integrating with Pradhana Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana to provide 100 Deep sea fishing boats.
- To encourage value addition and export of fish, a Seafood Park will be established under Public Private Partnership (PPP) at Kambadakone in Bynduru Taluk.
- Strengthening Revolving Fund: This will be increased to Rs. 3,500 crore by providing Rs. 1,500 crore in the current year. I am happy to inform that this will be the highest Revolving Fund in the history of the State for MSP operations.
- Yashaswini scheme has been re-introduced. At present 32 lakh farmers have been registered. Farmers are already getting medical treatment under this scheme.
- International Level Hi-tech Flower Market in Chikkaballapura and Modern Technology Based Retail Flower Market will be established in Bengaluru and Haveri.
- Paschimavahini project formulated for utilizing the water for agricultural and drinking water before joining the sea.
- Central Water Commission for the detailed project report (DPR) for utilization of 3.90 TMC water allocated by Mahadayi Tribunal for Kalasa-Bandoora Nala Thiruvu Yojane.
- "Online Project Management System" will be commenced for supervising the progress of projects under the jurisdiction of the Corporations and to make online bill payments directly to the contractors.
- Our Government has provided a total of Rs.25,000 crore to the Irrigation sector in the current year, to increase agriculture production by providing irrigation facility.
- A total grant of Rs.39,031 crore has been provided in the year 2023-24 to the Agriculture and allied activities sector.
- This will be a landmark day in the education sector of the State. In order to enable all the children who pass out of the high schools to continue their higher education, they will be provided with free education in Government Pre-University and Government Degree Colleges under 'CM Vidya Shakti Scheme'. This decision will benefit 8 lakh students of the State.
- 'Makkala Buss' scheme through which an additional 1,000 schedules will be operated through Road Transport Corporations at the cost of Rs.100 crore. This will benefit additional 2 lakh students every year.

- A new scheme 'Abhyudaya' will be launched in association with JPAL for taking up supplementary teaching to the students of grades 8 and 9 with an aim to improve the results of SSLC.
- Under "Halli Muthu" scheme, for 500 excellent students who have completed their school education in rural Government Kannada medium Schools and got selected for professional courses in Government quota through CET, the entire fee will be borne by Karnataka Examination Authority.
- The Government Degree Colleges and Government Polytechnics having highest attendance, one in each district, will be developed as "Athyuttama Unnata Shikshana Samsthe" by providing with necessary facilities at a cost of Rs.2 crore per institution under "Vruddhi" programme, totalling to Rs.124 crore.
- 'Elledayoo Arogya', and to provide specialist services locally to the people and to strengthen the health services at the grass root levels, action has been taken to develop 100 Community Health Centres.
- It became possible to reduce the maternal mortality rate from 83 to 69 for every one lakh and infant mortality rate from 29 to 19 for every thousand in the last 3 years due to various steps taken by State Government.
- Centres for comprehensive health testing of the rural masses under the scheme "Mane Manege Arogya" 2023-24.
- In this background, extensive testing and screening camps called "Jeevasudhe" will be organized throughout the State to detect Breast, Oral and Cervical Cancer.
- As a precautionary measure for the protection of child health, "Vatsalya" scheme will be formulated to conduct health check-up of children upto 6 years of age, twice a year in the rural areas.
- New "Nagu Magu" vehicles will be provided at a cost of Rs.12.5 crore to provide transport facilities to the neonates and the mothers who have delivered in the taluka hospitals of the State to reach their homes safely.
- The Nation's first Government Institution dedicated for Gastroenterology and Organ Transplant, Institute of Gastroenterology and Organ Transplant is operational in Bengaluru. 151 cadavers have been collected through 'Jeevana Sarthakate Institute' and has benefitted 503 patients. In the current year, action will be taken to establish the Nation's first public hospital dedicated for Organ Transplant in the premises of NIMHANS at a cost of Rs.146 crore.
- Action is being taken to provide community investment fund of Rs. 500 crore to 50,000 SHG's at the rate of Rs.1 lakh each under the 'Stree Samarthya Yojane'.
- Gruhini Shakthi Yojane': A new scheme called 'Shrama Shakthi' is being launched under which a financial assistance of Rs.500 per head per month will be provided by the State Government to the landless women farm labourers through DBT.
- To enable women to start profitable home based factories, free skill development training will be provided to 1 lakh women in the current year.
- It has been decided to adopt lifecycle approach to address malnutrition, anaemia and low weight in eligible through a new program 'Arogya Pushti'.
- Decision has been taken to provide free bus pass facility to all school and college girl students of the State at a cost of Rs. 350 crore under 'Vidhya Vahini' Scheme. 8 lakh girl students will be benefitted by this scheme.

- The monthly pension paid to victims of acid attack has already been increased from Rs.3,000 to Rs.10,000. From this year, support for the construction of houses will be provided by Rajiv Gandhi Housing Corporation. Further, interest free loan will be provided for self-employment through Women's Development Corporation. A Special Fund will also be created in Women's Development Corporation to provide support for health care and legal assistance.
- To enable the specially-abled to carry out to lead an independent life, motorized two wheeler vehicles will be provided under a scheme called "Swachethana" to 5,000 eligible specially-abled persons at a cost of Rs.50 crore.
- 75 units of free electricity facility is provided to the BPL families of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes under Amrutha Jyothi programme.
- It is targeted to disburse a subsidy of Rs.675 crore through DBT to 17,000 beneficiaries under Ganga Kalyana Scheme through various Corporations.
- For the first time, the youth of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes, who undertake self-employment a programme of providing financial assistance of Rs.50,000 for the purchase of electric operated three wheeler goods vehicle is being implemented. Continuing this project, under Babu Jagajeevanram Self Employment Scheme, to purchase electric three wheeler or four wheeler goods vehicles, a subsidy of 50% upto Rs. 2 lakhs will be provided for 100 beneficiaries belonging to Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe for every Assembly Constituency. For this, Rs.400 crore will be spent.
- Action will be taken to provide housing facility to the Safai Karmacharis through the Rajiv Gandhi Housing Corporation.
- Under the new scheme "Namma Nele", one-third of the sites developed by the Karnataka Housing Board i.e., 10,000 sites will be distributed to the Economically Weaker Sections (EWS).
- A grant of Rs.4,000 crore has been provided in the year 2023-24 to provide an additional 1 kg of Rice along with 5 kg of food grains being provided under NFSA for each beneficiary.
- Karnataka Asanghatitha Karmikara Kalyana Nidhi" will be established to provide safety net for life of lakhs of hard working labourers in the unorganized sector of Karnataka. For the time being without increasing the quantum of cess levied on the property tax, the rates of cess will be modified internally. Through this cess, special schemes will be implemented for more than 75 lakh registered unorganized labourers.
- Out of the people working in Karnataka State, 24% are working as employees in the organized sector. This is more than the national average of 20%. The rate of unemployment in the State is at 2.7% and this is below the national unemployment rate of 4.2%.
- Under the PM-SWANIDHI programme a loan to the extent of Rs.70 crores has been sanctioned to 69,000 street vendors.
- Under the novel programme called "Kalike Jothege Koushalya", industry oriented entrepreneurship training will be provided to the students through the Government First Grade, Engineering, Polytechnic and ITI Colleges. Additional technical and skill development training will be provided to the students in the residential schools run by KREIS on the same model.



- In the year 2019 when the Jaljeevan Mission was launched, Karnataka had 24 lakh household tap connections in rural areas.
- Having implemented 23 lakh individual works under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme in the past 5 years, State stands first in the country.
- Karnataka is in forefront in the country in adopting technology in Gram Panchayats. To bring out technology enabled improvements in administrative system, Panchathantra 2.0 software will be adopted.
- For the purpose of addressing the regional imbalance, Rs.5,000 crore works will be implemented through Kalyana Karnataka Region Development Board.
- Our Government has ambition to convert Karnataka's GDP into One Trillion Dollar
  - Economy.
- Karnataka State Policy and Planning Commission has been restructured as State Institution for Transformation of Karnataka (SITK) in lines with NITI Ayog. Through this institution modern solutions will be formulated to build Nava Karnataka for Nava Bharath.
- Big Data Lake Programme will be commenced with the collaboration of IIITB and Centre for e-Governance (CeG) for data analysis and forecasting while formulating new programmes.
- 7 cities have been selected in the State under Smart City Mission. Rs.5,900 crore has been released.
- Taxi and Auto stands will be constructed in the name of famous actor Late Shankarnag by identifying vacant sites in cities and towns.
- 'Karnataka Renewable Energy Policy 2022-27' has been implemented with an aim to produce 10 GW capacity renewable energy. In the Global Investors Meet held last year, about 1.68 Lakh crore worth of MoU for renewable energy investment including Green Hydrogen has been signed.
- Nine new railway line projects are effectively being implemented by State Government along with Ministry of Railways on 50:50 cost sharing basis.
- As a support to State's economic activities Deep Water All Weather Greenfield Port of 30 MTPA capacity in Ankola's Keni in Uttara kannada District and of 14 MTPA capacity at Pavina Kurve on a Public-Private Partnership model will be developed.
- It is proposed to notify 4 investment regions and industrial areas in the State as Special Investment Regions during 2023-24 under Karnataka Special Investment Region Act, 2022. The required grant will be provided for the same.
- Rs.2 crore grant will be sanctioned for expansion of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Skill Development Centre which is already established at Devanahalli.
- Around 1.5 lakh weavers have been benefited by Nekarara Sammana Yojane by direct transfer of Rs.75 crore through DBT.
- The share of Karnataka in India's IT export is 38% and in Engineering R&D is 40%. 35% of the human resource under Global Capability Centres (GCC) Ecosystem is in Bengaluru.
- Karnataka is a home to 40 Unicorns worth about 163 Billion Dollars approximately. In 2022-23, six Startups of Karnataka have obtained the status of Unicorn.
- To promote SC/ST, Women and Backward Classes Startups, ELEVATE Unnathi 2022, Amrutha Startups 2022, ELEVATE Kalyana Karnataka have been implemented.

Already 93 Startups have been identified and are being encouraged under ELEVATE programme.

- 250 well equipped "She Toilets" will be constructed in the heavily populated markets, mega commercial complexes, etc. of Bengaluru city.
- To showcase our land, language and culture Akhila Bharatha Kannada Sahithya Sammelana was successfully conducted in Haveri.
- 3rd Vishwa Kannada Sammelana will be organized in Davanagere involving eminent Kannadigas.
- Assistance of Rs.2 crore will be provided to the activities of Kannada Pusthaka Pradhikara which is publishing precious works relating to our land, language and culture.
- Under a new scheme 'Badukuva Daari', for the youth who for various reasons could not continue education after the school education, a monthly stipend of Rs.1,500 will be provided to obtain Job Oriented Certificate Training of 3 months duration in ITIs.
- For the youth who could not get employment even after three years of completing the degree education, to encourage them to participate in competitive examinations, under a new scheme "Yuvasnehi", one time financial assistance of Rs.2,000 per person will be provided.
- Karnataka has the credit of being the first State to complete the digitalization work of various monuments of the State through 3-D Mapping and Laser Scanning. An MoU has been entered with private organizations for the conservation of monuments of Gagan Mahal of Anegondi in Koppal district and Taj Bavdi of Vijayapura village under Adopt a Monument Programme.
- The State's first University of Environment Sciences will be established at Sirsi of Uttara Kannada district.
- An amendment to Karnataka Land Revenue Act has been effected to provide lease for 30 years subject to maximum 25 acres of the Government lands encroached decades ago, for growing coffee, tea and other plantation crops. To enforce the provisions of this Act, rules will be framed in the year 2023-24. In similar other cases, action will be taken within legal framework.
- Grama One Centres have been established across the State to provide various citizen services locally to the citizens.
- Under the 'Swavalambi' Scheme, a provision has been made to self-prepare survey maps by those who are in urgent need of land survey map. More than 5.000 farmers have already benefitted under this scheme. The 'Podi Muktha' campaign will be computerized and implemented under Mojini computersation system. 3,000 villages will be made Podi Muktha during the current year.
- The post of Grama Sahayaka will be re-designated as "Jana Sevaka" and they will be vested with the responsibility to ensure that various schemes of Government reach people properly.
- For the first time in the history of the road ransport corporations in the country, the government has introduced accident insurance cover of Rs. One crore.
- It is proposed to simplify the Profession Tax Act by amending it. To provide relief to lower income class, it is proposed to raise tax exemption limit from Rs.15,000 to Rs.25,000 per month for salaried or wage earning employees.

- I propose a new Karasamadhana Scheme for collection of Excise arrears relating to Arrack / Toddy. Under this scheme, interest and penalty interest will be waived for those who make payment of basic amount relating to Arrack / Toddy rentals on or before 30.06.2023

