



**ADDRESS OF**

**ADMINISTRATOR**

**DAMAN & DIU AND DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI**

**ON THE**

**60<sup>TH</sup> LIBERATION DAY OF DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI**

**AUGUST 2, 2013**

Hon'ble Member of Parliament Shri Natubhai G. Patel  
President of District Panchayat, Shri Deepak Pradhan,  
President of Silvassa Municipal Council, Kum. Chandanben S. Delkar  
I.G.P. Shri Rajesh Khurana,  
Principal, District and Session Judge Shri R.R. Deshmukh,  
All Secretaries to the U.T. Administration of Dadra & Nagar Haveli,  
Collector, Dadra & Nagar Haveli,  
C.J.M., Shri R.S.Patil,  
Respected Ex. M.P. Shri S.J. Gavli.  
Freedom Fighters of Dadra & Nagar Haveli,  
Presidents & Representatives of all Political Parties,  
Elected representatives,  
Government officers,  
Industrialists present today,  
Representatives of media,  
Ladies & Gentlemen,  
Dear Children.

On the 60<sup>th</sup> Liberation Day of Dadra and Nagar Haveli, I convey my heartiest congratulations and felicitations to the people of the Union Territory. I also pay respectful homage to those brave freedom fighters and other persons who enabled for the liberation of the Union Territory from Portuguese rule.

The territory has made remarkable progress since joining India's mainstream. We are proud that the territory has witnessed peace and tranquility all through. However, the population of the territory has increased from 2.2 lakhs in 2001 to 3.43 lakhs in 2011, increasing the density from 449 persons per sq.km. to 700 persons per sq.km. Further, due to rapid growth of industrial and other economic activities, there is a need for development of world class infrastructure facilities like roads and bridges, electric sub-stations, water supply, sanitation, pollution control and others. We are making efforts to meet the challenge of balanced development in all sectors.

### **VISITS :**

We feel privileged that both Hon'ble Home Minister as well as Hon'ble Minister of State for Home Affairs visited the territory in the last few months, and appreciated our development and initiatives. Their visits provided us an opportunity to bring to their attention the new projects that we are taking up as well as the issues which still need to be resolved by Govt. of India. I have also requested the Home Secretary to visit the UT at the earliest.

### **PLAN ALLOCATION AND EXPENDITURE :**

I am delighted to inform that Govt. of India increased our plan funds from Rs.564 crore in 2012-13 to Rs. 672 crore in the current year 2013-14 to enable us to take up many important projects. The allocation to major sectors is : Energy Sector – Rs. 173 crore, Road & Bridges-Rs. 145 crore, Education-Rs. 86 crore, Health – Rs. 64 crore, Housing & Urban Development –Rs. 32 crore and Water Supply & Irrigation Rs. 44 crore. Last year, we spent 100% of the funds which were allocated and this year also we are reviewing the progress regularly to ensure the same. The total revenues of the UT amounted to Rs. 613 crore in 2012-13. We understand that the total amount of Central Excise generated from the UT in 2012-13 amounted to over Rs. 5000 crore, while the income tax was around Rs. 250 crore. Hence, our territory contributed over Rs. 5,800 crore overall last year to Govt. of India. We therefore, propose to request Govt. of India to enhance our allocation of funds next year taking into consideration our revenues as well as major projects which are needed to be implemented.

### **AGRICULTURE :**

Agriculture is still the main activity of our rural tribal population and hence, we continue to lay emphasis on this sector. During the year 2012-13, over 1300 MT of chemical fertilizer were distributed to around 9000 SC/ST small and marginal farmers while 44 MT of high yielding seeds were distributed to around 1900 SC/ST small and marginal farmers. Under Animal Husbandry sector, establishment of small scale dairy units and Integrated Dairy Development Project has been taken up. Last year, 18 such dairy units were set up and this year we plan to set up 20 more units. Under IDDP, 14 Village Dairy Cooperatives have been organized which are run exclusively by 350 beneficiaries. 5 additional Village Cooperatives are being established this year. The norms of the scheme have also been revised this year for providing enhanced benefits.

### **ROADS & BRIDGES :**

Due to our efforts, Govt. of India has finally notified a National Highway to connect the UT. This National Highway will run from Vapi – Dadra – Piparia – Silvassa – Ultanfalia – Bhurkudfalia – Khadoli – Surangi – Velugam – Sutrakar

– NH-8. This will provide the territory better connectivity for our industrial units and tourism promotion. We have also started the construction of important bridges at Athal, Rakholi, Piparia, Dokmardi, Morkhal and Karchond which had been pending for a long time. Since April, 2013, we have taken up construction of 6 additional bridges for which tender process is being completed. We are also planning to widen all major district roads, and have requested Maharashtra State Govt. to quickly widen and improve the Kherdi-Talasari road so that connectivity to Mumbai can improve. Further, our proposal for construction of Ring Road around Silvassa is now pending for final approval of Govt. of India.

#### **ENERGY :**

We are making all efforts to provide quality power at the most reasonable rates. For this purpose we have established one 2 x 20 MVA, 66/11 KV sub-station at Waghdhara. Work is going on at 66/11 KV Electricity sub-station at Velugam, Kala and Piparia. We are also in the process of finalizing implementation of Smart Grid as well as underground cabling within the jurisdiction of Silvassa Municipal Council. In addition, a 3 MW solar plant is being set up in the territory at a cost of Rs.28 crore for which tender is being invited. Computerization of the department is also in progress.

#### **HEALTH :**

We are striving our best to provide the best public Health facilities to the residents of the Territory. In the SFC meeting under the Chairmanship of Secretary Health, Government of India, expansion of **Shri Vinoba Bhave Civil Hospital** has been approved in-principle from the existing **272 beds to 480 beds**. The tentative project cost for this project for Civil works, purchase of equipments etc. and creation of posts is **Rs. 226 crores**. We are also going to start College of Nursing in September, 2013. In order to provide basic health services in Rural areas and to meet the long pending demand, new Public Health Centres have started working from April at Rakholi and in June at Dadra. The 108 Emergency Medical Response Service has benefitted **19,037 Nos.** of persons since its launch in April, 2012. In order to provide Non Medical Emergency Services, we have launched 104 toll-free number, one of the first of its kind in India, in which anyone can get medical advice on telephone. The U.T. Administration has taken a significant step in establishing a new Medical College for which a consultant is being appointed to help us in the process.

#### **WATER SUPPLY :**

Provision of drinking water remains a priority for us. The water supply project of Silvassa Municipal Council for Silvassa town with a cost of Rs.27 crore will be completed soon. The piped water supply schemes for Mandoni and Dudhani being implemented by the District Panchayat are also likely to be

completed in the next few months. The Integrated Water Management scheme to provide water for the other areas, with a cost of Rs. 255 crore, is now awaiting the final approval of Govt. of India.

### **SEWERAGE & SANITATION :**

Alongwith drinking water, sanitation is an important aspect of a healthy existence. A comprehensive Solid Waste Management Project for the entire territory has been formulated and is being taken up for implementation by next year. We have sanctioned the underground sewerage project for Silvassa at a cost of Rs.21 crore, which is being taken up by OI DC. We have also started planning for sewerage facilities in other census towns of the territory.

### **EDUCATION :**

With the continued and concerted efforts of the Administration, the overall literacy rate of the UT has increased from **57.63% in 2001 to 77.65% in 2011**. Construction and renovation of Primary School buildings with all basic amenities at various places has been taken up to strengthen the infrastructure facilities. I had allocated all the Government schools among officers, who visited them and listed out the gaps in infrastructure. We are now going to fill those gaps within next 6 months.

2 new Gujarati Medium High Schools at Falandi and Sili, 3 new English Medium High School at Dadra, Khanvel and Naroli and one Higher Secondary School at Rakholi with Science stream have been started. Seven secondary school buildings are also proposed to be constructed.

The first ever Government College in Silvassa which was started in July, 2011 now has over 1100 students in Arts, Commerce and Science streams. Construction of a new building for the college is under progress. We have now decided to rename the college as "Silvassa College".

### **IRRIGATION :**

For irrigation, besides schemes like check dams and lift irrigation schemes, the District Panchayat has also started the construction of Checkdam cum causeway across the river Kolak at Mota Randha, which was a long pending demand of the people of this territory. On completion of this project by June 2014, necessary road accessibility will be available for Dharampur and Nashik District of neighbouring States and will also bring additional 160 acres of agriculture land under irrigation facility.

### **TOURISM:**

We feel that the sector which holds the most potential for the territory in the long term is tourism. Hence, we are focusing on the sector. An important project of Riverfront development along Damanganga river in Athal has already been planned in detail and the tender for 1<sup>st</sup> phase of the project at a cost Rs. 15 crore has been floated. In addition, we are taking up development

of Dudhni Lake front at a cost of Rs. 5 crore. We are also taking up a new project of setting up a State Museum in Piparia, and a Silvassa Haat as part of the River Front Project in Athal, to provide additional attractions for the tourists. We also plan to re-develop the Dadra Garden in a significant way and construct a new Science Centre at Luhari. We hope that these additional facilities will help us in not only attracting tourists but also making them stay for an additional one-two days in the territory.

### **FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLY:**

At present around 12,000 BPL families are getting benefit of Public Distribution Scheme who are provided 32 kg. rice, 3 kg. wheat and 5 litres Kerosene per month per family at subsidized rates. Under Antyodaya Anna Yojana 5200 families are getting benefit of 33 kg. rice and 2 kg. wheat per family per month at subsidized rates. Under the Annapurna scheme, 380 beneficiaries are provided 10 kg. rice per month free of cost.

As you may be aware, Govt. of India has enacted a National Food Security Ordinance recently whereby subsidized food grains is aimed to be provided to upto 50% of the urban population and upto 75% of the rural population in every State and UT. We have started working out the details of implementing this important initiative of the Government.

### **SOCIAL SECURITY AND WELFARE**

The integrated child development scheme is being implemented in the territory through 219 Anganwadi centres and 49 Mini-Anganwadi centres where over 21,000 children and 3,300 women are benefited. For the benefit of the specific categories of economically poor persons Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension, Indira Gandhi National Widow Pension, Indira Gandhi National Disabled Pension scheme are also implemented covering approximately 10,000 beneficiaries.

Under Saraswati Sadhana Yojana where free cycles are distributed to SC/ST girl students in Std. VIII, 1785 cycles were distributed last year. The free distribution of bicycles has been extended by us to all 3500 girl students of class VIII in the current year by which we aim to reduce the school drop out of girls entering high school. We are also implementing pre-matric and post-matric scholarship to minority students which benefitted 266 minority students last year. We have started working on the project of construction of homes for women, children and senior citizens in the territory.

### **LABOUR WELFARE:**

Due to large number of labour working under various sectors including industry, civil construction, transport, it is important to give due priority to

protect interest of the labour and their families. Under the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1923 an amount of Rs. 1.39 crore was recovered from the employers and paid to 33 injured workmen and 36 dependents of 13 diseased workmen, whereas under Industrial Disputes Act, 1947, 209 labour cases were disposed of and an amount of Rs. 70.23 lakh recovered and paid to 432 workers.

### **FORESTRY**

The role of forest conservation is very important in view of rapid industrialization in the UT. 200 hect. area of degraded forest has been enriched and roadside plantation of 17 km has been made during 2012-13. Under Social Forestry 5 lakh seedlings were distributed for plantation. The forest department has also been instrumental in developing many tourism related projects in the territory. A panoramic view point at Vaghchauda and Chovedha Natural Trail were developed in December last year. An impressive Prakruti Parichaya Kendra at Khanvel was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Minister of State for Home Affairs during his visit to the territory. This has become a major tourist attraction. Recently, we have also developed a first ever Butterfly Park in the territory at Khanvel. The Bal Udhyan at Silvassa is being re-developed by providing musical fountains, water fall, doll house and improved lawns.

### **RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

We are making progress in rural development also. In the last one year, 43 Km village road has been constructed through Village Panchayats. Under Rural Health and Sanitation, 955 individual House-hold toilets were constructed through NGOs in the Rural Area. Under MGNREGA, 43000 mandays were generated at an expenditure of Rs.1.31 crore during 2012-13. 108 new houses were constructed under Indira Awas Yojana last year and construction of 276 new houses is under progress. Under Swarnajayanti Gramin Swrozgar Yojana, 101 beneficiaries were provided financial assistance for undertaking self employment activities.

### **LAW AND ORDER**

Law and order in the territory is also under control. The number of reported cases under heinous crimes is less than earlier. CCTV cameras have been installed at various places in Silvassa for prevention of crimes and for tracking. We are going to start three police out posts at Dudhani, Mandoni and Sindoni shortly.

The new police training school at Saily was inaugurated by Hon'ble Home Minister during his visit in April. This school is an excellent facility for training our police officials and constables.

### **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

We started a landmark IT project of providing time bound services to the public through Samay Sudhini Seva. We launched the services in May, 2013 with 31 services and 31 more services have been added last month. The scheme has been highly appreciated by the public. We are also working on setting up of basic infrastructure for our e-governance projects, including a Data Centre and a Wide Area Net Work. We are establishing up 11 common service centres in the territory where many Government services will be made available under a single roof and public would not have to go to different departments for such services. Digitization of land records has been completed and computerized issue of Form 7/12 is being started shortly.

### **DISTRICT PANCHAYAT:**

The District Panchayat is implementing various other projects. During 2012-13, 44,000 students were benefited from free text books, note books and uniforms through the District Panchayat, whereas during 2013-14, over 48,000 students are likely to be covered. Under the Mid-day meal scheme 36,000 students were covered last year which is likely to increase to over 39,000 during 2013-14. Extra care is being taken to ensure good quality of food under this scheme.

Construction of 45 major / minor check dams in various places, 3 lift irrigation schemes and 15 ponds are being taken up this year for improving the irrigation facilities in the territory.

### **SILVASSA MUNICIPAL COUNCIL:**

Silvassa Municipal Council is taking up important projects worth Rs. 36 crore such as construction of municipal bhawan, redevelopment of municipal market, Piparia river development project in addition to providing street lights, development of footpath and construction of storm water drainage in the city. SMC must be credited for reduction in number of complaints of major water logging in the city during the recent heavy rains, where PWD & District Panchayat have also contributed by desilting the major drains.

### **OIDC:**

OIDC is an important arm of the Administration. Besides executing various construction projects for the Administration, Police, Silvassa Municipal Council & MPLAD projects, OIDC, under corporate social responsibility, is committed to bridge the felt needs in the social sector. The mid day meal scheme in hostels run by Administration is being supplemented by providing milk to all the children. Funds are placed with Indian Red Cross Society to the



extent of Rs.20 lakhs per year for this purpose. Further OI DC is also disbursing pension @ Rs.4000/- per month to each freedom fighter. Cash awards are given to first three toppers of class X & XII @ of Rs.5000/-, 4000/- & 3000/- respectively.

### **“SANKALP “- CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY INITIATIVE**

As you are aware, there are more than 3000 industries in the territory. Many industrial units have already been providing social service to the local area surrounding them on a voluntary basis. However, we have felt that the industrial units need to be more proactive in helping the society within which they exist. We have, therefore, initiated a unique project whereby we hope that all 70 villages and 515 hamlets in the territory will be adopted by some or the other industrial unit. Today, we are naming this initiative as “Sankalp”, i.e every Industrial Unit should take a pledge to help a village or hamlet in a specific way. We have made a framework wherein industries are coming forward and voluntarily enrolling themselves in the programme, while the Administration is outlining the facilities needed by the villages based on local consultation. These facilities will be provided by the industrial units in a coordinated way. I am happy to inform that, as on date, 16 villages with 60 hamlets are likely to be adopted by 20 Industrial Units. We aim to have over 50% of the villages/hamlets adopted in the next few months and 100% within the next one year. If we succeed in this initiative, we will set an example for the entire country where the industry and society in which they exist, work together in harmony while helping each other.

### **CONCLUSION:**

I have mentioned only the important achievements and initiatives of the Administration, but I assure you that we will take all steps to ensure that the life of the common citizen improves substantially.

I must place on record that the all round development of the territory would not have been possible without the active participation of the people and the elected representatives, and I seek their continued support in this endeavour.

I wish the people of Dadra & Nagar Haveli happiness and prosperity on this august occasion.

Jai Hind