

Foreword

The LDF Government is quitting office pushing the State which was in the forefront of socio-economic development into the abyss of misrule, development stand still and spiraling prices, making the life of the people miserable. Lethargy is writ large in industrial, agricultural and service sectors which hold the key to the development of the state. There has been no qualitative change whatsoever in the education sector, worse, excessive politicisation and lacunae in the education policy has pushed this vital sector virtually into chaos. This Left front Government is one that has caused much disappointment to the people who longed for a social life of peace and security. The CPI(M), which by politicising the police force vested with the responsibility of protecting the life and property of the people and going out of way in ensuring all help to underworld gangs, mafias and goondas is squarely responsible for the breakdown of law and order in the state.

People find this Left Front government which promised transparent and corruption free governance neck deep in corruption. Serious allegations against the CM, Ministers and their sons are sought to be dubbed as politically motivated. CPI(M) which is scared of facing inquiries is trying to whitewash the corrupt. Shri Pinarayi Vijayan, State Secretary of CPI(M) is in the dock in the biggest ever scam 'Lavalin case', the state has ever witnessed.

While the CPI(M) and Dr. Thomas Issac are caught in the dark shadow of corruption in the Lottery scam, where thousands of crores of rupees of the people have been plundered, it is as clear as broad day light that the Chief Minister, yielding to the designs of his son, has sabotaged a CBI enquiry in the matter.

According to the figures of the Left Government, the percentage of BPL families in the state has risen from 29.60% to 42.41% in the last five years. Kerala has become the state having highest unemployment in the country.

Unemployment of the educated youth is shockingly grave in the state. Damaged roads and ever increasing road accidents hold back development and affect life of the common man.

Five years of misrule of the Left Front govt., bickering in the ruling party and distorted policies are responsible for the miserable state of affairs. It is in this context that the UDF is presenting before the people this novel policy document aimed at comprehensive and balanced development of Kerala which will help solve unemployment and poverty, provide basic infrastructure, rid the state of garbage, expand welfare schemes and ensure speedy economic growth. "**Development and care**" is the title of this policy document. What the United Democratic Front envisages is poverty eradication through economic development and a garbage-free clean Kerala.

Aim of the UDF is to lead Kerala to the top position in the country in respect of socio-economic development. For this, an investor-friendly atmosphere will be created to ensure maximum investment. The pace of agro-industrial development will be hastened by providing basic infrastructure facilities. In a manner appropriate to the state, development of service sector (giving emphasis to tourism, medical education etc), knowledge-based enterprises and small scale traditional industries will be strengthened.

Social security will be ensured by raising in the next five years the living standards of those who suffer poverty in the society like Dalits, Fishermen, aged, handicapped, helpless and the permanently ill.

By giving priority to food crops and effecting appropriate changes in the Land enactments, lethargy in the agriculture sector will be get rid of. Agriculture and allied sectors like animal husbandry and fishery will be expanded. Schemes will be envisaged to transform the state into a production state. Remunerative employment opportunities for the unemployed and partially unemployed will be created. Thrust will be given on Vocational training. Food security will be

ensured. Prices of essential commodities will be controlled by strengthening and modernising the PDS. Those engaged in agricultural production will be given all round encouragement and help. Quality will be ensured in the Education sector.

Modern methods of waste management will be effectively employed to make the state garbage free. Appropriate measures will be adopted for the conservation and protection of environment and ecological system. Increasing alcohol addiction, suicides and road accidents are the grave social problems that the Kerala Society is facing today. Necessary steps would be implemented in a time-bound manner to find solution to these problems.

Through this Election Manifesto, the UDF is presenting before the people of Kerala a plan of action to emancipate Kerala from the untold misery caused by the LDF government during the last five years and to ensure ***Development with care.***

I. Agriculture and allied sectors

Agriculture and Food Security

- Policies conducive to make food crop cultivation profitable and to enable continuation of such crops will be framed.
- Irrigation facilities, procurement of produce, subsidies, interest-free loans, fertilizers, seed distribution etc. will be provided to farmers engaged in food crop cultivation.
- Special incentives like interest-free loans, subsidies, production bonus etc. will provided to paddy cultivators. Procurement price of paddy will be raised.
- Due to climate change, pest attacks diseases etc. all crops are in distress. Crop insurance will be provided as a solution to this.
- Price stabilisation mechanism will be put in place to deal with variations in the price of cash crops.
- For the mechanisation of the agricultural sector, comprehensive schemes will be chalked out and all encouragement including subsidies provided.

- Lease farming will be encouraged. Policy allowing leasing of lands for cultivation will be adopted. Legal protection will be provided to the right of possession of those land owners who lease out land for agricultural purposes.
- Financial assistance will be provided to industrial units engaged in agricultural processing. Setting up of industrial parks for food processing will be encouraged.
- Technology for production of hundreds of value-added products from agricultural crops like coconut, pepper, rubber is available in abundance in ASEAN countries. Utilising this, value addition will be encouraged in Kerala.
- Organic farming will be expanded by creating facilities for the purpose.

Following steps would be initiated to save the largest agricultural crop of coconut from crisis.

- Copra procurement will be expanded along with procurement centres
- Procurement of raw coconut will be implemented in all districts. Sale of tender coconut will be expanded. Full freedom will be given to coconut farmers to produce and sell toddy.
- Special assistance will be provided to those industrialists interested in commercial production of coconut drink which will be globally marketed.
- Steps will be taken to effectively check diseases like *mandari* which affect coconut trees.
- Agricultural practices of growing multiple crops in the place of single crop farming will be encouraged.
- Pressure will be exerted on the Centre to set up Pepper Board in Kerala for the development of pepper cultivation.
- For the development of irrigation, modern technical know how and water resource management will be utilised.
- Agriculture product markets will be set up in every Grama Panchayat and wherever necessary cattle markets will also be set up.
- Cattle rearing will be made a profitable venture by providing treatment for cattle diseases, cattle feed at subsidised rates, loan facilities, marketing facilities etc.

- Idukki, Wayanad, Kuttanad packages will be implemented in a time-bound manner.
- Procurement price of agricultural products will be raised proportionate to cost of production.
- Title deeds granted to farmers based on orders of Land tribunals will be insulated from litigation.
- Agriculture will be included in the school curriculum. Awareness about agriculture will be spread among school children by spreading vegetable cultivation in schools.
- Specific schemes will be envisaged for implementation of terrace farming and kitchen-gardening
- Farmers councils will be constituted right from Krishi Bhavans to the state level to strengthen the farming community and to make agriculture directorate farmer friendly.
- Financial assistance of not less than Rs.2 lakhs and distress pension will be provided to farmers and agricultural workers incapacitated while engaged in farming activities.
- Breeding policies of the animal husbandry department and KLD Board will be reviewed with a view to enrich the Dairy sector. Suitable schemes required by farmers engaged in cattle-rearing employing different traditions for breeding different types of cows will be envisaged. Semen and embryo from credible institutions within the country and abroad will be procured and made available in veterinary hospitals.
- To protect human beings agricultural crops and domestic animals from wild animals, trenches and solar fencing will be built in all areas where there are threats from wild animals. For the maintenance of solar fencing, a special system consisting of peoples group and selected officials will be created.
- Families of farmers who die due to attacks from wild animals and those who lost their agricultural crops will be compensated.
- Arrangements will be put in place to enable paddy cultivation by protecting kole lands.
- Necessary steps will be taken to reopen locked out tea plantations / those abandoned by owners.

- Settlers of the Hill areas will be protected.
- Law enacted by the Kerala State Legislative Assembly will be implemented in areas considered as Ecologically Fragile land.
- Functioning of the Agriculture Debt Relief Commission will be improved to ensure better relief to farmers.
- Use of pesticides will be reduced gradually. Organic farming culture will be promoted by regulating chemical fertilizers.
- Agricultural schemes will be made more effective and Krishi Bhavans more efficient by organising farmer fellowship at local levels. Steps will be taken to transform barren lands into cultivable lands.
- To meet the dearth of agricultural workers, it will be our endeavour to link MGNREG scheme with the agricultural sector.
- Horticulture Board will be formed for the development of horticulture.
- For the development of Organic Farming, a special institution will be set up.
- Agro centres will be established in every Grama Panchayat to boost production of food, non-food crops and to provide seeds, agricultural equipments, fertilisers, agri-knowledge, labourers, marketing and storage of produce without damage.
- Study Report regarding problems of the plantation sector will be implemented.
- Agricultural extension service will be reconstituted.
- Agriculture Income Tax will be scrapped.
- Emphasis will be given on collective / contract farming for boosting agriculture production.
- Public-private initiatives aimed at development of organic farming Precision farming and value addition to agriculture products will be given special emphasis.

Hill Area Development

- Specific schemes will be chalked out for the Backward Hilly districts of Kasaragod, Wayanad and Idukki.

- Specific schemes will be formulated for developing basic infrastructure of hill areas (Drinking water, road transport, Irrigation, electricity and other facilities).
- For the comprehensive development of Hill areas, Hill Area Development Authorities will be constituted.
- New Public Health and Educational Institutions will be opened in Hill areas. Existing ones will be expanded.
- More remunerative special employment schemes will be implemented in Hill areas
- Urgent steps will be taken to grant Pattayam (title deeds) to settler farmers.

Coastal Area Development

- Coastal Area Development Authority will be constituted and a special package for the development of coastal areas implemented.
- Houses, electricity and drinking water will be provided to each family for this. A comprehensive scheme including one for waste management will be formulated.
- Bank credit will be made available for the purchase of fishing boats and equipments.
- Infrastructure development and coastal area sanitation schemes will be included under MGNREGS.
- Financial assistance and other facilities will be provided to the women of fishermen families to start self-employment schemes.
- Facilities required for deep sea fishing will be provided to fishermen.
- Steps will be taken to check drop out of school going children belonging to fishermen community.
- Educational concession will be provided for higher studies / technical courses along with starting vocational institutions.
- Measures will be taken to boost production in the fisheries sector. Loans and subsidies will be provided for the purchase of fishing equipments. Availability and marketing facilities of kerosene will be increased. To make fisheries a profitable proposition and to ensure welfare of fishermen, industry status will be conferred on the fisheries sector.

- Considering the substantial decline in fishery wealth, fish cultivation in seas, lakes rivers and inland water bodies will be actively encouraged.

Animal Husbandry and Dairy Development

- Special emphasis will be given to the dairy development to solve the scarcity of milk in the state.
- Subsidy of the dairy farmers will be enhanced and production and distribution commercialised.
- Necessary assistance will be provided for setting up major farms on commercial basis in all districts under the co-operative sector and through NGOs like Kudumbasree and Janasree.
- For the development of the dairy sector, assistance of co-operative institutions like IFFCO will be utilised to the maximum extent.
- In five years, by setting up 20,000 dairy units and starting vegetable cultivation in two and half lakh hectares and grass cultivation in 2 lakh hectares, direct employment will be provided to two lakh people.
- Permanent employment will be provided to one lakh people through setting up as part of food security, 50,000 units of goat, Rabbit, poultry etc.

2. Industry

Development and Capital Investment

- For development and capital investment, conducive policies, appropriate administrative initiatives and an atmosphere congenial for large scale capital investment will be created. (Public deposits, Public-private partnership, Corporate investment, Co-operative deposits, NRI deposits, BOT, SEZ, etc. will be encouraged).
- To ensure effective implementation of development projects, a permanent frame work capable of evolving a consensus between the ruling and the opposition fronts for the purpose would be set up.
- Mechanism would be put in place to examine public complaints against BOT projects and to ensure transparency in project implementation.

- While acquiring land for development projects, value of such land would be determined as per market price. Those who lose land will be rehabilitated and measures that would benefit them on a long term basis would be adopted. Development projects that strike a fine balance between development and environment alone will be allowed to be implemented.
- Taking into consideration the infinite potential of the state, MSME policy will be formulated in tandem with the MSME policy of Government of India. For this, a Task force consisting of professionals will be set up. Effecting appropriate changes at the Govt. and DIC levels, new projects would be formulated. This will create 5 lakh new jobs in a period of 5 years.
- Investors creating more jobs will be offered higher incentives.
- Skill Development Centres would be set up in the state with the help of National Skill Development Fund and National Skill Development Corporation. Special schemes will be formulated for SC/STs and BPL categories. Thus, skill development training will be imparted to 10 lakh people to win jobs here and abroad.
- Specific policy will be formulated and laws enacted for Public-private Partnership projects (PPP policy).
- Transparent and co-ordinated policy will be formulated and necessary enactments put in place for implementation of public private partnership ventures in Infrastructure development sector. For this, an Apex Authority with the CM as Chairman and a PPP cell at the government level consisting of Government Secretaries and professionals will be set up.
- Mineral sand is now exported as a raw material. Export of value-added products would fetch substantial increase in profits. Research will be intensified to effect enhanced production of value added products from the available mineral sand. Facilities available for the purpose in KMML and TTP will be expanded and new facilities set up to boost exports. Along with increase in revenue, this will also ensure higher employment.
- To enter the electronic Toys market where China has an edge, new enterprises under co-operative sector will be set up. Private sector will also be encouraged.
- Chief Minister's Investment Advisory Council, with the representation of important entrepreneurs and foreign investors will be set up for this.
- Investment Promotion and Employment Creation Agency will be set up under the director supervision of the Chief Minister.

- To attract large scale investments from East and South East Asian Countries, efforts would be made in unison with the Economic Investment Promotion Councils of respective countries to channelise such investments to Kerala.
- With a view to promote the investor-friendly Brand image of Kerala, Invest in Kerala Mission will be set up in India and abroad with the co-operation of National Associations of Industry and commerce.
- To brand Kerala internationally as a congenial destination for tourism and investment, Brand Ambassadors will be appointed (Eg. To promote Health sector NRI doctors/nurses will be appointed as Brand Ambassadors).
- With the participation of reputed institutions, Training thrust will be given for programmes on technological skills.
- For projects worth more than Rs.100 crores, single window clearance will be ensured.
- License will be granted to investors/entrepreneurs within 45 days, failing which Deemed License System will be put in place based on a legal affidavit. To enable co-ordinated functioning for investors, Nodal officers will be appointed for projects.
- Decisions in respect of projects providing employment for more than 5000 will be taken under the direct supervision of the Chief Minister and in respect of projects providing employment of 1000-5000, such decisions will be directly taken under the supervision of ministers concerned.
- Declaring both sides of selected national highways as industrial corridors, more industries will be set up.
- Domestic and foreign investment will be encouraged by setting up SEZs for industrial development with clarity in policy perspective and with full public participation.
- Steps would be taken to mobilise funds for industrial development from the fast growing capital market of Kerala.

Special Investment Zones

- Providing world class infrastructure facilities, investor-friendly special investment zones for investments in the state will be set up. In phase I, a special zone in Trivandrum for IT including areas of Techno Park, Techno city and Film Video Park, another at Kochi for IT and electronic goods including areas of Smart City, Koch Export Zone, Info Park and High Tech Park and yet another in Palakkad for manufacturing sector including

Valayar and Kanchicode areas will be set up. These zones, that would be set up under central schemes will create 2 lakh direct and indirect employment opportunities.

- New enterprises for manufacturing accessories for automobile and aerospace industries will be set up.
- In a scenario of waning investments and rising brain drain, a novel alternate industrial-commercial development policy will be implemented.
- Employment and incomes will be generated in IT, Mineral sand, Bio-technology value-added food processing sectors, by availing greater central assistance and starting new units on a large scale.

White Paper on PSUs

- State PSUs will be strengthened through professional management. A White Paper will be brought out about the existing PSUs.
- Revival package for sick industries will be implemented. For this, an Agency on the lines of BIFR will be appointed.
- Special Investment Regions will be set up, one in Palakkad for Health and Manufacturing and another in Kannur for Textiles.
- Public Sector Units will be strengthened.
- Rules will be framed to entrust ownership right of Public Sector Units with the public.

Traditional Industries

- Living standards of ten lakh workers engaged in traditional sectors will be raised by increasing their employment and income.
- A separate department will be formed for the co-ordination of all traditional industries.
- Entrepreneurship Training Centres will be set up in every Panchayat.
- With the help of organs of UNO like FAO and UNIDO, National Coir Research and Management Institute will be raised to international level.
- Utilising modern technology and infusing fresh capital in the traditional sector, product diversification will be effected. Availability of raw materials will be ensured.

- Providing bank finance and marketing facilities, production and productivity will be raised, generating higher employment and incomes.
- Depoliticising the co-operative societies under the traditional sector and infusing professionalism, management will be strengthened.
- With the objective of comprehensive development of Kerala, an investor friendly atmosphere, single window system and entrepreneurship development will be created.
- Thrust will be given to Industries using eco-friendly, local resources and generating higher employment opportunities.
- Micro enterprises will be encouraged in Industrial manufacturing sectors.
- In view of increasing demand for rubber-wood products, rubber wood based units will be set up on a large scale.
- Skill training, loans at subsidised rates, awareness programmes, Basic facilities etc. will be made available for starting micro enterprises.

Handloom

- With central assistance, a Handloom museum and Academy of international standards will be set up.
- An intensive export promotion project will be implemented for the development of handloom industry through foreign exports.
- International trade festivals will be organised for large scale marketing of traditional products including handloom.
- Usage of handloom will be enhanced in government, quasi government institutions.
- Steps will be taken to universalise Khadi uniform in schools.
- Crisis existing in the traditional sector like handloom, coir, cashew, khadi, handicraft etc. will be solved. Thorough introduction of modern technology, more employment and income will be generated in this sector. Central schemes will be utilised for the purpose. A specific policy for MSME will be formulated in the matter.

Cottage industry

- Financial assistance will be provided for the manufacture and marketing of earthen pots. The report of the Legislature Committee will be implemented.
- Bamboo mission will be strengthened by encouraging bamboo and cane based industries.
- A policy aimed at family security of tailoring workers will be formulated.

IT Industry

- The most suited industry for Kerala is IT. Encouraging factors are that there are no environmental problems, low energy consumption, low working space requirement and professionally qualified work force. In the last 5 years, we could not forge ahead utilising these favourable factors. In a scenario where IT trade by 2020 is estimated to reach a turn over of Rs.10 lac crores, intensive efforts will be made to attract a major chunk of this to Kerala.
- Steps will be taken to reduce the working cost of IT companies functioning in govt. owned IT parks.
- A new knowledge-hub will be set up in Malappuram.
- Schemes will be formulated to overcome the situation of stand still existing in the IT sector and to create investment climate and attract prominent international companies to invest in Kerala.
- E-governance project will be completed in a time-bound manner.
- Information Technology Special Investment Regions will be set up in Trivandrum, Kochi and Kozhikode. Priority will be given to the development of basic infrastructure projects required for IT. Single window network will be made effective.
- Appropriate Parks will be set up for investment in Computer hardware.
- More IT corridors will be set up and basic infrastructure developed in conjunction with airports.
- A Kerala model IT policy will be formulated for implementation which would provide employment to thousands of educated rural youth. Joining hands, the IT industry and the education sector will strive to promote a more successful student community and will make the general public aware of the peculiar nature of this industry.

- Steps will be taken to remove the misunderstanding prevalent among investors and to present the investor-friendly-development picture of Kerala.
- Government will set up a platform with the representatives from IT industrialists regarding availability of basic infrastructure and software marketing connected with IT industry.
- Steps will be taken to exempt IT industry from Hartals.
- Through this, five lakh employment opportunities will be created in the IT sector during the next 5 years.
- A system will be implemented for communicating government activities to the people through SMS.

Smart City

- It is the LDF government which has delayed the Smart City project given shape by the UDF government by 5 years. Employment opportunities to one lakh people were thus denied. This project which the LDF government did not implement, will be implemented in a time-bound manner and employment opportunities will be provided to 1 lakh people.
- Small towns will be developed into satellite townships by providing transport and communication facilities and appropriate industries set up therein.

Nano Technology

- Novel enterprises will be set up using Nano technology which is beneficial in all sectors like Health, Energy, Agriculture and Industries. With a view to encourage Nano medicine, Nano Cardiology, Nano Neurology, Nano Cancer therapy, a Medical Nano Technology policy will be formulated. For providing guidelines to this sector, a Think Tank consisting of professionals would be constituted.

3. Infrastructure Development

- Due to high density of population and scarcity of land, service sectors like tourism and IT offer better development prospects to Kerala than agriculture and industry. To achieve development in this sector, dearth of infrastructure needs to be solved expeditiously.

- The main obstacle to development are our roads full of pot holes 8.24% of the road accidents in the country occur in Kerala. Compensation for accidents is estimated at Rs.400 crs. Considering these facts, effective construction and maintenance of roads will be ensured and road safety measures will be implemented in a co-ordinated manner. For this, road, rail, air net work will be modernised.
- During 2011-16, UDF government will implement infrastructure Development projects worth Rs.one lakh cr.
- The Vizhinjam project which was ready for inauguration during the UDF regime and which was virtually at a standstill during this LDF period, will be implemented in a time-bound manner.
- To link Vizhinjam port with Kochi, Tuticorin and Mangalore ports the North-South Corridor will be included in the NHDP-VI project and will be constructed as per international standards. Ring roads will be constructed in all the towns through which this NH passes and they will be connected with the national highways. IT parks and Higher Education hubs will be set up under PPP.
- Development of 17 minor ports will be completed in a time bound manner fixing priority.
- On the lines of Capital City Development Project, Urban development projects will be taken up in Kochi, Kollam, Thrissur and Kozhikode.
- Multi-storeyed parking complexes will be constructed in all cities under PPP with the co-operation of municipal councils.
- To ease the difficulties of pedestrians, subways, skyways, and foot over bridges will be constructed.
- The 580 km long coastal highway will be constructed with central assistance.
- Hill highway will be developed. We will exert pressure on the Centre to convert Sabarimala road as National highway.
- On the model of Kochi Metro, feasibility study will be conducted in Trivandrum and Kozhikode.
- Suburban and Mono trains will be pressed into service.
- Trivandrum-Mangalore High speed rail will be constructed with central assistance.

- Trivandrum-Kottapuram inland waterway will be developed as part of National waterways.
- Road safety laws will be strictly implemented and awareness created among the people about this.
- Machinery will be put in place for the strict and effective implementation of Road Safety laws.
- Steps will be taken to develop national highway into 45 meters, but land will be acquired only on payment of fair value to those losing land and building and after their rehabilitation. The defects in the alignment of NH will be rectified.
- A state level agency will be formed to ensure quality in road works.
- Low cost modern technology and local resources will be utilised for road construction. PWD code and Manual will be modified.
- A specific project will be prepared for the North South High Speed Corridor which will be subjected to public debate before steps are taken for implementing either under BOT or PPP
- State urban transport policy will be formulated and for preparing road development projects and their implementation. Kerala Highway Development Authority will be constituted.
- Development of Karamana-Kaliyikkavila national highway will be included under Fast Track Project and will be completed in a time-bound manner.
- Utilising central funds under Bharat Nirman, PMGSY effectively, basic facilities in rural areas will be expanded.
- Construction of the National Inland Waterway from Trivandrum to Kasaragode will be completed and will be linked with tourism development.
- By diverting goods transport through national inland waterways, steps will be taken towards environmental protection.
- A transport system linking State highways, rural roads, airports, ports and inland waterways will be implemented.
- Mass Rapid Transit system will be implemented in Trivandrum and Kozhikode.
- Inland waterways system will be implemented with central assistance.

- Quality and utilisation capacity of the State transport system will be improved.
- Shuttle air service linking Trivandrum, Kochi, Kozhikode and Mangalapuram will be started.
- In order to ensure quality in the construction of roads, bridges, buildings etc. provisions in the works contract regarding guarantee will be firmed up.
- A comprehensive project will be prepared for drinking water supply in Kuttanad area.
- National Highway will be developed into 4 lane suitable for container traffic. Elevated highways will be built where there are hurdles in land acquisition
- With the help of Railways, coach factory at Palakkad and Wagon manufacturing unit at Cherthala will be implemented. The ongoing doubling of lines and electrification of Shoranur- Mangalapuram-Kanyakumari line will be completed co-operating with the Railways.
- Water transport will be developed bringing water transport and ports departments under a single department.
- Around one thousand containers are estimated to pass through our roads. To handle this, NH17 and 47 will be developed into 4 lanes. Construction of elevated highways will be considered where there are hurdles in land acquisition.
- A policy helpful in allowing bus services in the public and private sectors will be formulated.
- An expert committee will be appointed to study and suggest solution to the problems facing private bus owners.

Kochi Metro

- Kochi Metro rail, a project of the UDF government could not be implemented due to sheer negligence of the LDF government. Giving top priority, this project will be implemented in a time-bound manner.

Kannur Airport

- The Kannur Airport project which will have a crucial bearing on the development of North Kerala will be implemented.

Development of Sabarimala

- For the implementation of the Master Plan for improving facilities to Sabarimala pilgrims, Rs. one hundred crores will be provided in the budget.
- Development activities in the land provided for Nilakkal base camp will be expedited.
- Pampa Action Plan will be completed in a time-bound manner.
- Security measures will be put in place and basic facilities provided at Panchalimedu, Pullumedu, Parunthumpara areas which pilgrims throng to have a glimpse of Makara Vilakku.
- For the appointment in Travancore, Kochi, Malabar and Guruvayur Devaswom Boards, a Devaswom Recruitment Board will be constituted. Autonomy of Travancore and Kochi Devaswom Boards will be preserved.
- Expeditious action will be taken for the construction of Aranmula airport which will be of great benefit to Sabarimala pilgrims.

Housing

- Recognizing the right of every citizen for a house, Kerala will be made a complete Housing State in five years. For this a Housing policy will be enhanced within hundred days of assuming power.
- Functioning of the Housing Board will be made effective through reorganisation.
- Effecting structural changes in the Building rules, Acts and rules will be appropriately amended.
- Action will be taken to provide habitable dwelling places to all those not having one already, in the next five years.
- Taking into account the allied requirements of the state in the next decade, a comprehensive Housing policy in tandem with central policies will be formulated.
- Special Housing Schemes will be implemented to find a comprehensive solution to the housing problem of backward classes.

- Comprehensive slum eradication project will be implemented with the help of JNNURM and RAY.
- A special rehabilitation project will be implemented for those who have to vacate their land for industrial ventures or government purposes.
- A special Drinking water package will be implemented urgently in one-lakh Housing Scheme colonies.

Urban Development

- A five-year plan will be formulated with the objective of providing basic facilities like water, sanitation, waste management, public transportation. In the first phase, cities of Kochi, Kozhikode Trivandrum and in the second phase towns like Thrissur, Kollam, Kottayam, Kannur will be included.
- In the cities of Kochi and Kozhikode Metropolitan Development Authorities will be set up under an officer of the rank of an Additional Secretary.
- A Concept Plan with development perspective of 25 years will be formulated for implementation in metropolitan areas.
- In accordance with the instructions of the JNNURM, Metropolitan Planning Committees will be formed in the 5 municipal corporations.
- JNNURM funds will be utilised effectively.
- Special agencies will be set up under municipalities to ensure faultless transport system and waste management.
- PPP model will be adopted for garbage collection, processing and disposal.
- In the three regions of Travancore, Kochi and Malabar, 3 Convention, Exhibition, Expo Centres will be set up.
- Pay and use toilet system under PPP mode will be implemented all the towns of the state.
- Illuminated bus-shelters will be set up all over the state under PPP mode.
- Canals and lakes will be cleaned to make them suitable for transport.
- On the basis of JNNURM, Sewage lanes will be implemented in Municipalities and Corporations wherever required.

4. Social Welfare

Poverty eradication

- 25 Kg. of rice per month @ Re.1 per kg. to BPL families @ Rs.2 per kg. for all others will be distributed
- Policy initiatives for the economic empowerment of the poor will be formulated.
- Employment guarantee schemes for the eradication of poverty will be fully implemented.
- Financial assistance of Rs. one lakh will be provided for the marriage of girls belonging to BPL families.
- Unemployment wages at higher rate will be allowed to unemployed physically challenged persons.
- Monthly allowance will be granted for the protection of those families which become helpless on the death of head of the family.
- Free medical treatment and medicine will be provided to those suffering from permanent illness. They will be granted special pension. Rehabilitation schemes will be formulated for those who have completely recovered from diseases.
- Based on income-limits, dialysis will be provided free of cost.
- Strong measures will be adopted to prevent excesses on the physically challenged.
- Separate department and directorate will be set up for the welfare of women and children.
- The poor will be empowered by providing income generating assets and agricultural lands.
- Policies will be framed to remove factors that impede distribution of wealth from reaching the poor.
- A Scheme will be formulated for purchase of land by government for distribution to the poor who do not possess land for construction of house.

- Vocational training will be provided to the poor who will be encouraged to migrate for employment.
- All the existing poverty eradication schemes will be integrated and implemented effectively and in a time-bound manner.
- Edible pulses will be distributed through PDS.
- Steps will be taken to ensure effective implementation of MGNREGS.
- Shortcomings in the distribution of BPL cards will be set right and all those eligible will be provided with cards.
- All BPL families not having electricity will be provided electricity in the next 5 years.
- Units functioning in the Micro finance sector, other than government institutions will be provided financial assistance. Legal protection will be provided to those institutions other than those belonging to government functioning in the micro-finance sector. They will be regularised.
- Operational costs of those micro finance institutions who are listed after assessment, will be provided by government.
- On the basis of assessment of the functioning, steps would be taken to integrate activities of government and non governmental institutions.
- Social security pensions will be enhanced and disbursed without any arrears, through banks every month.
- Ashraya scheme brought in by the UDF government will be implemented in all the three-tier LSGIs. Those abandoned and who are helpless will be protected.
- Activities of the anganwadis in Kerala will be made more effective. Feeding programmes for children, pregnant women and girls will be made fault less and implemented effectively. Pre-primary classes will be started in all LP schools.
- Re-employment will be given to those teachers and helpers who lost their jobs as they resigned to contest in local body elections. They will be granted permission to contest in Local body elections in future.
- Wages of cooks in schools will be enhanced.
- Steps would be taken to solve the service wages problems of National Savings Workers / Mahila Pradhan Agents.

- Steps will be taken to raise the employment opportunities by reorganising Kerala State lottery and to prevent exploitation by other state lotteries.
- Government will deposit Rs.one lakh in the name of every one child both in SC/ST BPL families and will formulate a Welfare Scheme to ensure utilisation of this deposit for their welfare on their attaining 18 years of age.
- Steps will be taken to implement in a time-bound manner, the recommendations of the Sachar Committee while minority education and empowerment and to implement schemes recommended in the National Education Policy related to minority education.

Measures to solve unemployment

- Training will be imparted under the auspices of LSGIs based on the resources at the district/regional levels and the requirement of productive activities.
- An education system which will make the youth capable of finding self-employment, becoming industrial entrepreneurs and investors will be formulated. Training programmes which will enable them take up employment in IT and other modern knowledge sectors will be taken up on a large scale.
- With a view to solve unemployment of the educated, an employment policy encompassing vocational education, training and financial assistance to engage in employment will be formulated.
- In partnership with private entrepreneurs, maximum advantage will be derived from the National Skill Development Programme.
- Emphasis will be given to skill development in construction, food processing, retail trade, nursing, tourism etc. in service - industrial sectors.
- Refresher courses in geriatric health care will be conducted.
- Informal vocational educational activities will be encouraged and they will be recognised along with extending all legal protection.
- Co-operative societies of Degree-Diploma holders will be formed with necessary financial assistance for construction of quality rural roads and their proper maintenance.
- Kerala experiences a situation of unemployment and scarcity of labour. A permanent solution to this will be found through appropriate changes in educational policies and attitudes towards employment
- Exploitation in the unorganised sector will be get rid of by dispensing with middle men and improving employer-employee relationship

- The service-wage conditions of the plantation labour will be revised. Steps will be taken to provide them medical care, education, drinking water, housing and transport facilities.
- Steps will be taken to reopen closed plantations.
- Formulating a new labour culture, production, productivity and resource mobilisation will be augmented.
- Minimum wages will be implemented in all sectors. All workers will be brought under the purview of Welfare Fund Boards.
- Worker's representation on the Board of PSUs will be ensured.
- Formulating appropriate labour policy, relief wages will be implemented in the traditional sector.
- Unhealthy practices like 'Noku kooli', prevalent in the labour sector will strictly dealt with.
- Fish workers will be provided with Matsya Sree card. A housing scheme will be formulated.
- Linking Asha workers with benefits rural health schemes service sector will be strengthened and better provided.
- Training centres will be set up in all districts to provide vocational skills to the unemployed.
- To utilise the expertise and service of the retired, and to create a data base of willing hands a consultative council at the state level will be formed for consultancy, research, teaching etc.

Drug, Liquor, Sand Mafia

- The illicit liquor mafia harming the state like cancer will be dealt with severely.
- Awareness programmes will be organised to eradicate the growing drug-liquor-pan masala addiction among children and the youth.
- Laws will be enacted to control land, sand, lottery drug mafia.
- Administrative and legal steps will be taken to put an end to artificially hiking land prices through speculation.

Non-resident Malayalees

- A Pravasi policy helpful in safeguarding pravasi interests and ensuring their welfare will be formulated.
- Steps will be taken to provide vocational training and bank finance to help emigration for employment.
- All Pravasi returnees will be made members in the welfare fund of the State government.
- Rehabilitation measures, including self-employment schemes, will be implemented for pravasi returnees.
- Legal assistance will be provided to those in jail and those who get entangled in legal problems abroad with the help of Legal Institutions.
- A master plan will be formulated and attract NRI deposits and steps taken to mobilise deposits in large scale.
- While congratulating the Central Government for making Kochi as the headquarters of Air India Express, pressure will be exerted to start more air services.
- Schemes will be formulated to start enterprises in the manufacturing - service sectors utilising the skills and savings of the Pravasis.
- Functioning of the Pravasi department and allied institutions will be improved.
- Pravasi Welfare officers of Norka will be appointed in districts where there are huge foreign immigrants.
- In the context of the increasing emigration, Government of India will be requested to effect appropriate modification in the Emigration Act.
- For Overseas recruitment, Norka Roots and ODEPCK will be integrated for improved functioning.
- Strong and effective measures will be adopted to check unauthorised recruitments.

SC, ST Development

- Necessary steps will be taken to ensure that benefits of economic development reach SC/ST sections.

- Measures to ensure employment of SC/STs in the private sector will be encouraged.
- Measures will be taken to ensure land rights of Scheduled Castes/ Scheduled Tribes. Pattas will be issued to Scheduled Tribes. Land distribution to Adivasis will be done in a time-bound manner.
- Accepting Housing as a right of the SC/STs, a comprehensive house construction programme will be initiated.
- In the management of model residential schools, participation of STs will be ensured.
- Financial assistance and technical advice will be provided to industrial entrepreneurs.
- Basic amenities will be provided efficient in the SC/ST colonies under SCP/TSP.
- Steps will be taken for the health care of STs
- Steps will be taken for health protection of those affected by sickle cell Anemia.
- Steps will be taken to set up a university in the name of Mahatma Ayyankali.
- Priority will be given to SCs, who do not own institutions to start Medical, Engg., Nursing and Para-medical Collges.
- Pre-Exam. Training Centres will be started for SC/STs in all districts.
- Lumpsum grant will be hiked substantially. Opportunities for admission to self-financing institutions will be enhanced and higher financial assistance provided.
- SC/ST students with poor standards lagging in examinations will be provided encouragement to improve.
- A Tribal Mission with the objective of ST development will be set up and awareness will be created about forest rights.
- To ensure social security of SC/STs, existing schemes will be implemented effectively. New schemes will be formulated.

- Schemes will be implemented to ensure that fruits of economic development reach these sections.
- Schemes will be formulated to bring those sections getting marginalised in the process of economic development, to the mainstream.
- All types of medical treatment to SC/STs, fish workers, Adivasis, Agricultural workers and those belonging to BPL categories will be made fully free.
- A commission will be appointed to study and report measures to save SC/ST Co-op. societies from crisis.
- Legal right enabling members of the ST co-operatives to collect forest produce will be reinstated.
- For the upliftment of the Adivasi children National Tribal Students Upliftment Scheme will be implemented.

Welfare of the backward classes

- Specific schemes will be formulated and implemented for the socio-economic development of the backward classes.
- Job reservation as per law will be strictly implemented.
- All eligible students will be provided educational benefits.
- Constitutional rights of the minority educational institutions will be protected.
- State Minority Commission as advised by the Government of India will be set up.
- Madrasa teacher pension scheme will be implemented through interest-free system.
- As part of Madhyamic Siksha Abhiyan, unavoidable UP schools will be upgraded into High Schools.
- As Commission will be appointed to study and report on the long standing demand of the converted Christians for reservation. Recommendations of the Commission will be implemented in a time bound manner.

Welfare of the Foreward Classes

- The recommendations of the National Commission under the Chairmanship of retd. Major General Shri S.R.Sinhu Commission regarding reservation and other benefits to the economically backward among non-reservation classes, which are under active consideration of the Government of India will be implemented in the State as soon as they are implemented by the Centre.
- Under the Right to Education Act 2009 (Central Act), there is a provision to Constitute Committee for the management of aided schools. As soon as the amendment under consideration of the Parliament is accepted, steps will be taken to implement this Act in the state without any discrimination.
- Steps will be taken to form a Development Corporation to implement schemes for the development and welfare for forward classes.

Welfare of the physically-mentally challenged

- Measures will be adopted to bring to the mainstream the physically challenged by providing them with financial and social assistance and the Physically Challenged (protection) Act appropriately amended.
- Measures will be taken rid the physically challenged from poverty by creating employment and income for them and providing them social security.
- The 3% job reservation benefits will be ensured and transport facilities improved along with providing them with special medical treatment.
- Steps will be taken to rehabilitate those fully immobilised.
- Measures will also be adopted to ensure effective utilisation of funds earmarked for this section by the LSGIs.
- A separate department for the differently abled and a Welfare fund would be set up for them with increased pension disbursed on a monthly basis.
- Tri-bike and other technical equipments for their use will be distributed on subsidised rates.

Welfare of the aged

- In a view of the rising ratio of the aged population, special schemes will be formulated for implementation.

- Social security of the aged will be ensured by providing them medical care and nutritious food.
- Geriatric care will be provided through LSGIs in homes where the aged are stranded.
- Social security will be ensured by setting up more old age homes and Day homes.

Women and Development

- To transform Women Empowerment into a reality, schemes in sectors like education, health and employment will be formulated with the participation of women for implementation.
- The Central schemes aimed at women development will be effectively implemented at the local level.
- Steps will be taken to prevent all excesses on women.
- Permanent solution will be found to the harassment women face at work places and security provided to them.
- Measures will be adopted to free Kudumbasree activities from politics and to raise employment and incomes in a sustained manner.
- The wage-service conditions of women employed in the traditional sector will be improved and job security provided to them.
- A women welfare department will be formed and special system formulated to ensure dignified position to women at all levels.
- For the all round development of women, National Institute for Women Entrepreneurship will be set up.
- In important public places, public comfort stations exclusively for women will be provided on a large scale.

5. Resource Mobilisation and Plan Implementation

Financial position of the state will be improved

- Measures will be taken to free Kerala from the Debt trap.
- The tendency to borrow for day-today expenditure will be put an end to.

- By improving administrative efficiency, unnecessary expenditure will be brought down.
- Public services and Basic amenities will be provide through PPP and Co-operative sector.
- Financial management will be improved by utilising services of professionals.

Mechanism to implement schemes in a time-bound manner

- Measures will be adopted to start implementing annual plan schemes right from the start of the financial year.
- System will be created to ensure implementation of CSS/EAPs in a time-bound manner and to avoid lapse of funds.
- Under the supervision of District Development Commissioner fresh administrative set up will be created to over see implementation of annual plan, CSS and other development schemes at the district level.
- Age old procedures causing delay in service delivery will be simplified.

Decentralisation of Power and LSGIs

- Enhanced plan outlays, powers and responsibilities will be given to LSGIs.
- Measures will be taken to improve the administrative system of LSGIs by increasing strength of employees.
- Projects will be implemented expeditiously within the financial year. Emphasis will be given on long term sustainable development projects.
- Local level rural roads - water ways transport facilities will be improved. Environment protection and sanitation measures will be improved.
- Steps will be taken to provide drinking water and electricity in remote areas.
- All LSGIs will be made self sufficient in the availability of drinking water. For this, projects with scientific basis will be implemented for the revival of water sources, their conservation and regeneration. Necessary scientific knowledge for this will be made available to LSGIs from Research Institutions.

- Measures will be taken to ensure increased public participation by making grama sabha meetings effective. steps will also be taken to include schemes prescribed by grama sabhas in the project document.
- Development projects of grama, block and district panchayats will be integrated for implementation. Functioning of various departments will be co-ordinated with the schemes of three tier Panchayats.
- By fully computerising LSGIs, it would be ensured that citizens get quality services in a time-bound manner.
- Building rules most suited for ensuring local level planning, simple and not causing hardship to people will be framed for implementation in rural areas.
- All marginalised families will be provided with land, dwelling place, drinking water, electricity and toilets.
- LSGIs will take steps to formulate 5 year development plans in advance based on the plan assistance from State and Centre.
- Regulations on development funds provided by the State government will liberalised.
- Plan assistance recommended by the 4th state finance commission will be provided to LSGIs.
- Emphasis will be given for the development of productive sector.
- By imparting training to people's representatives they will be capacitated in administrative matters. For this, existing system will be strengthened.
- District Planning Committees will be strengthened. It would ensured that Comprehensive development schemes for each district are formulated and implemented effectively.
- Public comfort stations will be provided in public places through LSGIs.
- Under the supervision of LSGIs, women vigilance samithis will be strengthened.
- LSGIs and legal service society jointly will create a platform to find legal solution to local problems.
- Functioning of LSGIs will be made transparent and corruption-free.

- Public crematorium will be constructed in all panchayats and municipalities. The existing ones will be modernised.

Controlling price-rise

- Public distribution system will be strengthened.
- Food articles will be distributed through Maveli stores, Consumer Stores, Supply Co and other public distribution outlets.
- Public distribution system will be fully computerised.
- To prevent irregularities in the distribution of food items, GPS will be made use of
- Bar coding will be introduced on packed grocery items.
- Food items will be procured directly from producers for distribution through PDs.
- Black marketing and hoarding of essential commodities will be strictly prohibited.

6. Service Sector

Tourism

- Projects will be implemented to make Kerala one of the most important tourist centres in the world. Action will be taken to develop Kerala blessed by nature into a world class tourist centre. Projects that will retain the uniqueness of Kerala and those protecting the environment will be formulated for the purpose.
- Master plan for comprehensive development of tourism will be prepared. Investment friendly policy, expeditious execution of projects, investment sectors, ensuring financial assistance, assistance for basic facilities etc. will be given priority.
- An investment plan will be prepared indicating the tourist facilities proposed for each area which the investors can assess before making decisions as to where all they can invest.
- Projects both in the private sector and PPP mode which will generate employment for 5 lakh people will be implemented in the next 5 years.

- Basic amenities required for quality tourism fetching high returns will be set up. In addition, for auxiliary facilities, hotels, way side rest houses, art and entertainment centres, Information centres, tourism synages etc. will be also be set up.
- Responsible Tourism Model ensuring participation of local people, LSGIs and Tourism Service providers will be extended all over.
- Facilities will be created wherein changes in world tourism and interests of tourists will be gauged continuously for passing over to those engaged in tourism industry.
- With a view to experience the unique beauty of Kerala and experience the thrill of cruising, canals and waterways tourism will be given priority for development.
- Making the roads motorable, facilities will be arranged on way side for parking, photo gallery, display and sales of flowers, fruits, spices, handicrafts etc.
- To co-ordinate basic facilities, varied skills, public participation and to implement what is mentioned above, a High Power Committee will be set up with experts from public and private sectors.
- Human Resource development, friendly tax policy investment guidance cell, security to tourists etc. will be ensured.
- Thrust will be given to domestic tourism.
- Adventure tourism, helicopter tourism, cruise tourism etc. will be encouraged.

7. Power Sector

- The installed capacity of power generation will be doubled in 5 years. During this period projects to generate 3000 MV power additionally will be formulated.
- To those house holds getting 20 units of free power, the limit will be raised to 40 units if there are SSLC / Plus two students in those families.
- 30 small hydro-electric projects will be commissioned within 5 years. 300 MV electricity will be generated through this.
- At Brahmapuram, 1000 MW capacity gas based power plant will be installed.

- At Chimeni, 1000 MW capacity power plant will be set up.
- 200 MW power will be generated through wind. For this, Idukki, Palakkad and Coastal regions will be utilised.
- Centre will be pressurised to enhance the power generation at NTPC, Kayamkulam to 1050 MW.
- A joint venture of central PSU NTPC and state organisation KSEB will be set up for functioning in the Power Sector.
- By introducing low power consumption products in the market, attempts will be made to reduce the high expenditure on electricity in family budgets.
- By making available products / equipments having 5 star rating in all house holds. attempts will be made towards energy conservation and expenditure reduction. As a first step, a discount of Rs.1000 on TV and Fridge and Rs.300 on fans having 5 star rating will be provided through KSEB.
- Intensive efforts will be made to increase production capacity by giving thrust to micro-mini hydro electric projects.
- By formulating hydro-electric projects, attempts will be made to create a decentralised power generator chain in the state.
- Energy conservation and awareness activities will be implemented in an effective and sustained manner.
- Uninterrupted power supply will be ensured in all the 5 municipal corporations, pilgrim centres and tourist centres by laying underground cables.
- By utilising CSR funds of Central PSUs and other companies and with the co-operation of KSEB, one technical institution each will be adopted in every district and power engineering courses started. Through this employment opportunities could be created in power generating centres in India and abroad.
- Each plus two student will be given a solar lamp free.
- Facilities for payment of electricity bills through mobile phones and On-line will be provided within one year.
- Steps will be taken to generate power on large scale utilising non-conventional energy sources like solar, wind and waves.

- Small scale hydel power projects in progress will be completed on a time-bound manner.
- Intensive efforts will be made to reduce transmission loss.
- Domestic connections will be granted within 7 days of application.
- Introducing citizens charter system in KSEB, efficiency in the power distribution sector will be improved.
- Electricity will be made available to all households within 5 years.
- One pilot power project each will be set up in every district for power generation through solid waste.
- Giving prominence to generation and distribution of green energy (non conventional), tax concessions and subsidies will be ensured. Priority will be given to environment-friendly power generation.

8. Language, Art and Culture

- A University will be established in the name of Thunchanth Ezhuthachan.
- Steps will be taken to make classical status to Malayalm like other languages in the Dravidian section.
- Malayalam will be the made comprehensive official language in a time-bound manner.
- Depoliticising the cultural institutions, their functioning will be co-ordinated.
- For the stage performance and enrichment of plays and indigenous forms, theatres will be set up at district level.
- A cinema study centre, on the model of Pune film Institute will be started under Chitranjali Studio.
- With a view to encourage cinema production in the state, subsidy will be provided to low budget films with art value.
- Pension of the artists in distress will be enhanced.

- Conversion of single-scene cinema theatres into Multi complexes will be encouraged. Based on the capital invested, they will be exempted from entertainment tax for five years.
- Indigenous art forms/languages, temple arts, fine arts, literature, Malayalam theatre, Heritage buildings, heritage architecture, traditional cuisine etc. will be nourished.
- A cultural promotion fund for the development of Art cultural sphere will be constituted with the contribution from private sector and sponsorships.
- A employment census in the Art and cultural sphere will be conducted and possibilities of creating more employment opportunities expanded.
- Steps will be taken to spread world wide the teachings and philosophy of spiritual leaders of Kerala like Jagat Guru Sri Sankaracharya, Sri Narayana Guru, Sri Vidyadhi Raja Chattambi Swamigal.
- Schemes for the social educational and cultural upliftment of linguistic minorities will be formulated. Tamil, Kannada languages will be developed and encouraged at school-college levels. All facilities will be provided to enable minorities use their language to handle administrative matters. Special consideration will be granted to linguistic minorities and all their interests safeguarded.

9. SPORTS

- De-politicising the Kerala Sports Council, its functioning will be made efficient through re-organisation and induction of professionals.
- Sports training will be scientifically reformed by expanding the basic amenities and technical facilities in Sports Shools.
- Sports persons will be given employment based on academic qualification and excellence in performance.
- Financial assistance will be provided to recognised sports clubs for purchase of sports equipments.
- Schemes will be formulated to identify talents at a young age for adoption to develop them into world class athletes.

10. Police Welfare

- Strength of police force will be enhanced accepting the norm of one police station for every 50,000 people and one policeman for every 500 people.
- The existing police outposts will be upgraded into police stations.
- In the place of existing grade promotions, time-bound promotion will be implemented.
- Lacunae in the police act and in the 9th Pay Commission will be rectified.
- Special Health Insurance Scheme will be implemented for the police force and their families.
- Based on the report of the National Police Commission unified Police system will be implemented and seniority and promotions unified at the state level.
- Steps will be taken to modernise police training befitting changing times with a view to bring in qualitative changes in the police-people relationship.
- Fast track courts will be established to try cases involving violation of law and order.
- Working time of the police will be regulated as 8 hours.
- Fire stations will be set up in all legislative constituencies.

11. Government employees and Service Organisations

- The pay and pension of State Government employees will be revised ensuring Central parity.
- A free medical scheme will be introduced to the State Pensioners and their dependents
- A Pension Commission will be constituted for rectifying the anomalies in service pension.
- The anomalies in the 9th Pay revision Orders will be rectified

- All back door appointments made by the LDF Government will be reviewed. Recruitment to Universities, various corporations and other autonomous institutions will be entrusted to Public Service Commission.
- The Civil Service will be made corruption free and efficient assets of peoples representatives from submission of details of assets by Ministers to Panchayat members, Govt. Officers and Judicial officers will be made compulsory. The said details will be made available in the Government Web site for public scrutiny. Necessary steps will be adopted for avoiding middle men from Government offices and basic amenities for eradication of corruption will be introduced.
- The Government offices will be transformed into people friendly service centers and necessary amendment will be made in the Government Rules for avoiding delay in administrative matters.
- Online transfer and posting system of Government Officers will be introduced in all Departments. The seniority list of officers will be published in the website of each department.
- Government will construct sufficient numbers of quarters for the accommodation of employees. House building advance will be provided to all the needy employees and teachers.
- A new medical Insurance Scheme would be implemented for Government Employees.
- Welfare activities for women employees will be given prominence.
- Centralised office complexes would be constructed with a view to bringing together all the scattered Govt. offices, under a single roof.
- In order to ensure transparency in the administration of Local bodies, universities and welfare fund boards and also to end corruptions in these institutions, the statutorily authorised Local Fund Audit Department would be empowered and modernised by granting more autonomy and powers.

12. Climate, Forest and Environment Protection

- A comprehensive development scheme will be formulated to withstand the repercussions of climate change by including agricultural experts.
- The Disaster Management Act will be implemented effectively.

- Effective measures will be introduced for the protection of rivers; measures for solving sand shortage will be adopted.
- Fair price centres would be set up for this purpose. River valley authorities will be established in a democratic manner for ensuing protection of rivers.
- Kerala is one among the three states which does not have an Environment Impact Committee. Such a committee will be constituted.
- An Irrigation management system would be set up with active participation of Farmers in important Irrigation Project areas.
- Water Awareness committee will set up under LSGIs with a view to conserve and protect all water sources like ponds, wells and watersheds. Representation of Women representatives will be ensured in such committees.
- An integrated development path would be evolved for encouraging the simultaneous growth of environment and development without sacrificing either.
- A scheme will be formulated for eradication of environmental pollution through recycling of all wastes including solid waste.
- Effective Laws and steps would be formulated for regulating air/water/soil/sound pollution.
- Special priority would be given for Forest Protection.
- The Laws regarding prevention of Forest encroachment, deforestation, sand mining from rivers, destruction of water resources, filling up of paddy fields etc. would be strictly implemented.
- Those estates which have violated lease deeds and those where lease period expired would be taken back by the Government
- Comprehensive protection of Mangrove Forests will be ensured.
- Without EIA, no mega development projects will be taken up.
- The existing laws regarding wet land protection and conservation will be implemented plugging loopholes.
- The wide spread practice of levelling hillocks will be controlled.
- The laterite hillocks facing destruction will be protected.

- Effective steps will be taken to make polluted rivers pollution free and action taken to protect rivers from pollution.
- The use of hazardous pesticides will be strictly prohibited.
- Pesticide levels in fruits and vegetables will be regulated.
- Organic farming policy will be strengthened and encouraged. Excessive use of chemical fertilizers will be checked in a faced manner.
- Anomalies in the land use laws would be rectified.
- Regions such as Agricultural lands, Biodiversity areas wet lands, back water / river beds will be protected. Special schemes will be implemented in this regard.
- New policies and laws for the maintenance of environmental balance would be adopted.
- Effective measures will be adopted for the protection of all lakes including Vellayani and Sasthamcottah lakes.
- Dumping of wastes in rivers and water bodies will be made a criminal offence.
- Action will be taken for ensuring quality of bio-diversity and bio-fertilizers and bio-pesticides, in order to promote organic farming. Their production and availability will be ensured.
- **National Green Corps** will be introduced in all Govt. and aided School in the State for spreading Environmental education.
- The activities of Eco-development societies and Forest protection Committees would be improved by ensuring the participation of Forest dwellers depending on resources within and around forest areas.
- Along with the protection of existing forests, steps will be taken to protect bio-diversity regions outside forest areas including man groves.
- Sufficient number of officials will be appointed and trained for the protection of forest and conservation of bio-diversity.
- Selective felling and auction will be done in the case of trees including aged sandal wood trees in the forest and would be replaced through replanting.

- Novel techniques will be introduced incorporating advanced technology for effective waste management.
- Waste management will be decentralized through established of management centres in each district. In each districts waste management centres will be set up.
- Development projects, Industries, Building complexes etc. affecting environment and eco-system will be regulated.
- Measures would be taken for preventing environmental destruction caused by hill tourism, Inland water tourism and beach tourism.

Endosulphan

- All Endosulphan victims will be adopted and protected. Financial and medical assistance will be provided in cases where care as provided by their families. Special centres will be opened for the rehabilitation of others.
- A hospital with modern facilities will be established in Kasaragod for the benefit of endosulphan victims.

Chengara Land Agitation

- Special package will be formulated to solve the problems of Chengara Land Agitation.

Munnar Encroachment

- The Munnar operation was a political gimmick of the LDF government.
- Illegal encroachment of fresh land in Munnar and Chinnakkanal will be evicted.

Land acquisition and human consideration

- Land acquisition activities will be implemented legally; ensuring equality and justice.
- Steps will be taken to ensure market value of land acquired.
- Land in possession of those who do not have alternate sources of income will be acquired only on after they are rehabilitated.
- Special land banks will be established for industrial development and for other purposes.

Prohibition

- Production and distribution of strong foreign liquor will phased out.
- Spurious liquor, drugs and ganja etc. will be eradicated.
- Those who lost jobs due to arrack ban will be fully rehabilitated.
- Sections 232, 247 of Panchayati Raj / Nagara Palika Laws empowering public on matters regarding liquor shops will be reinstated.
- Recommendations of the Udayabhanu Commission will be fully implemented.

Co-operation Sector

- Agricultural will provided at 3% interest rate.
- A debt-relief commission would be constituted exclusively for the co-operative sector.
- The role of co-operative sector in the distribution of essential commodities will be enhanced by 25%.
- Recommendations in the Vaidyanathan Commission Report, for making good the loses in the co-operative sector will be implemented, with suitable modifications.
- The Co-operative Act and Rules will be revised according to changing times.
- Self-financing colleges in the co-operative sector will be encouraged.
- Democracy will be re-established in the co-operative sector.
- Pensionary benefits in the co-operative sector will be appropriately revised.

13. Garbage-free Kerala

- The State of Kerala will be transformed into a garbage-free state with the support of LSG institutions.

- Decentralised garbage-processing systems will be set up in all GPs for waste management.
- Steps will be taken to alleviate the sufferings of the people due to centralised waste management system.
- Modern abattoirs will be set up in all Municipal Corporations and important Panchayats.
- Effective measures would be taken for collection and processing of bio-waste generated from hospitals.
- Solid waste management system with recycling facilities will be implemented.
- Measures for wide-spread setting up of Vermi-compost systems would be implemented in schools and households.
- Measures for processing and recycling of e-waste in accordance with central laws will be adopted.
- Green-technology will be popularised to aid sustainable development.
- Waste water generated in households, institutions and schools will be processed from itself.

14. Public Affairs

- A white paper on Health, Infrastructure development, Education, Environment and Financial position will be brought out within 60 days of assuming power.
- A special systems will be set up under the Chairmanship of the CM for evaluating and implementing projects with an outlay of over Rs.500 crs.
- A paper-less e-governance system including e-payment will be implemented.
- The Shops and Establishment Act will be amended in tune with the changing life styles of the people.
- Policy measures will be formulated and implemented by the Government for strengthening responsibilities of Govt. officials in their established roles as public servants.
- Qualification criteria for government employment will be periodically assessed and revised.

- The posts of District Collectors would be redesignated as District Chief Executives. Administrative relations/liaisons of the Chief Minister with important officials and District Collectors would be strengthened effectively.
- Law and order measures will be strengthened with a view to ensure safety of citizens.
- Laws regarding of public-private property will be revised.
- Video-clippings will be considered as primary evidence.
- Fast-track courts for dealing with crimes against women and children.
- All responsible for exhortations / decisions in favour of destroying public and private properties would be brought within the ambit of law.
- Kerala Vision 2010 envisaged by the former President Shri APJ Abdul Kalam was totally ignored by the LDF Government. All programmes included in this document would be taken up by the UDF government on a time-bound manner.

15 Capital-City Development

- Thiruvananthapuram City will be given priority and prominence in view of its place on the capital of the State of Kerala. A committee of ministers with Chief Minister as Chairmanship and Officer-level committee under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary will be constituted for formulating plans in respect of capital-region development. Special funds would be provided in the budget for the purpose. Programmes will be formulated for the cleaning of Parvathy Puthanar and for identifying a permanent solution for the flooding problem that the capital-city faces. Ring roads and flyovers will be constructed and feasibility study for Metro rail conducted.

16. Other items

- Functioning of Ex-Servicemen Corporation will be made effective.
- Activities of Non-governmental volunteer organisations would be encouraged. A special authority for this purpose would be put in place.

- For Co-ordinating Development activities a National Centre for Sustainable Development will be established
- Kuttanad Development Authority will be established for the comprehensive development of Kuttanad and for effective implementation of Kuttanad package.
- A Non-political Advisory Council will be constituted on every legislative constituency, with MLA as its Chairman and consisting of experts in different fields for effective implementation of development activities.
- Pension and Welfare Fund will be introduced for Social Workers.