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### FOREWORD

The focus of my Government is good governance and inclusive development. Corruption is anathema to development. Containing corruption therefore remains a basic precondition in achieving higher economic growth and poverty reduction. However, corruption has always been a major barrier to developmental objectives of society. The history of corruption, as well as the fight against it, is as old as society. The answer lies to putting in place an efficient mechanism that keeps a constant vigil on erring officials and take quick action, useful enough to work as a deterrent.

Ever since my government came to power in 2000, there has been an untiring effort to root out corruption in the state. The need to expand, equip and energize the state vigilance department was obvious. The department has extended its branches to all the revenue districts with its own office. As many as 12 vigilance courts have been opened to bring the corrupt officials to book. A 'Special Corrut Act' has been enacted which is a land mark legislation in ensuring faster trial. For the first time in the history of vigilance, the 'Authorised Officer' has started confiscation of property. The present infrastructure of the vigilance organization is a robust one and the process to bring in greater degree of efficiency is on. I hope it will continue to work hard and act up to the expectation of the people.

In this context, the publication of 'Odisha State Vigilance After 55 years' is a welcome initiative to throw light on the organization, its history, present initiatives and future preparedness. The ideas and ideals of serving and veteran vigilance officials would hopefully enlighten the readers on pertinent issues. This is certainly a commendable effort of the Directorate of Vigilance. I wish the endeavour all success.

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