

**III VISION STATEMENT**

**3.1 The Vision**

**C**hhattisharh is richly endowed with natural resources. As a newly formed state and with the newly acquired independence to govern itself, the State is well poised to harness this natural advantage for the benefit of its citizens.

The natural optimism with which the State views its future is captured in the Vision Statement articulated by the Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh, Shri. Ajit Jogi:

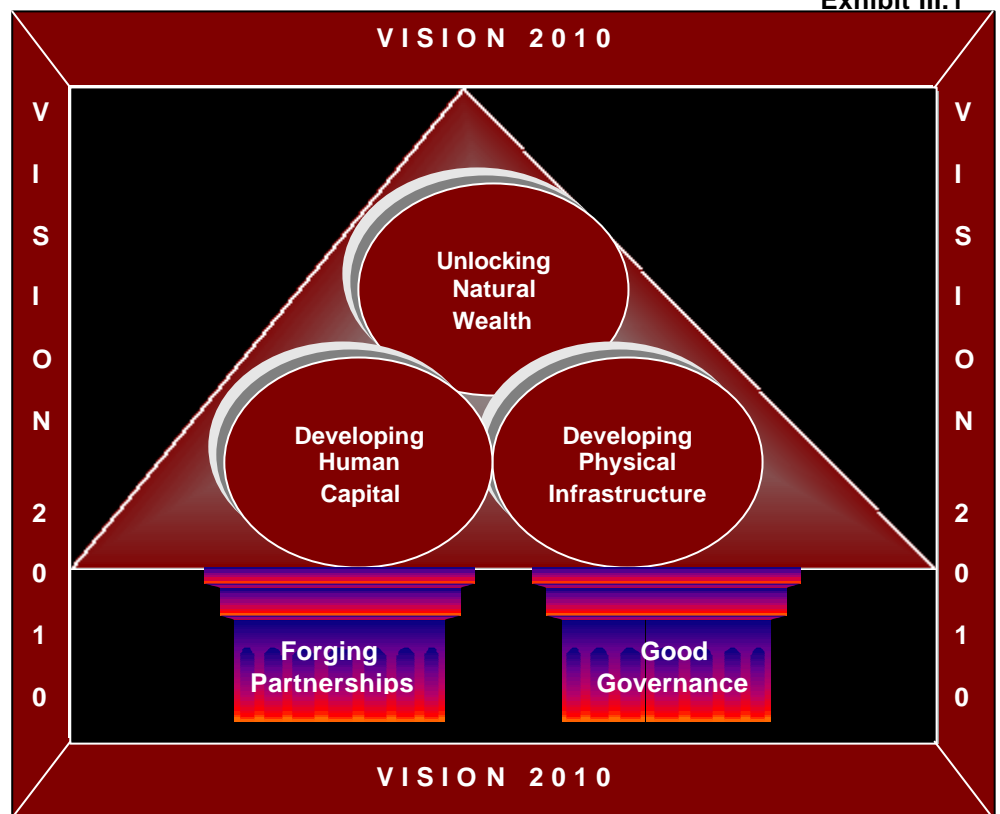


“In the next 10 years we see the State of Chhattisgarh leveraging its ‘new state’ advantage in taking its rightful position amongst the fastest growing states in our country, where distress migration is a thing of the past, where it has a large service sector growth coupled with rapid increases in agriculture productivity leading to prosperity of our people, where all our people are, out of choice, gainfully employed and have the same (if not better) quality of life as some of the more economically advanced states in our country today ... where our factors of production (and goods and services) participate and compete more effectively in the new global economic environment ... more importantly, we see a State and its people empowered with the options to choose their own destiny, with specific reference to their way of life and greater interaction and integration with other states and peoples of the world ... to do this, Chhattisgarh must, over the next 10 years, seek to resolve the paradox of being a richly endowed state inhabited by poor people ...”

To realise this ambitious yet attainable vision, we have set for ourselves specific goals and priorities (Exhibit III.1 – overleaf):

- Goal # 1 :** Unlocking the value of our natural assets
- Goal # 2 :** Initiating the process of building world class physical infrastructure
- Goal # 3 :** Investing in the most precious resource of all – our human capital

**The State recognises this historic opportunity and the immense responsibility along with the challenges it faces in ensuring balanced economic and social development. However, it is equally keen and determined to begin the transformation of the State’s fortunes**



The State would undertake two specific initiatives to break the vicious cycle hampering social and economic progress viz. strengthening and adhering to the principles of good governance and forging partnerships with national and international agencies

We recognise that these goals are not automatically attainable. Specific initiatives will have to be taken by the State to break the vicious cycle that has hitherto hampered social and economic progress. These include:

**Initiative # 1 :** Strengthening and adhering to the principles of good governance in terms of complete transparency, efficiency and accountability

**Initiative # 2 :** Forging partnerships with national and international agencies for a best practice led approach to socio-economic development

Finally, we believe that the combination of our goals and priorities along with the underlying strategic initiatives will, over the next 10 years, build the foundations of a more vibrant and modern economy that will set the pace of socio-economic development for subsequent decades.