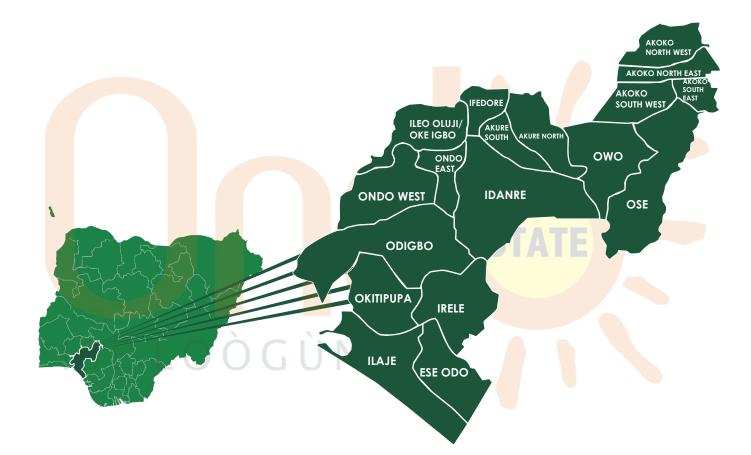
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# Ondo State in Perspective

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Www.ith its current population of over three million, Ondo State was one of the seven States created on 3rd February, 1976 by the regime of Late General Muritala Mohammed. Popularly called the Sunshine State, it is reputed as having the second largest Bitumen deposit in the world and largest in Africa. The State is also blessed with vast Agricultural resources.

Ondo State shares borders with the Atlantic Ocean in the South, Osun State in the North-west, Ogun State in the South-west, Edo State in the East, Ekiti State in the North, Kogi State in the North-east and Delta State in the South-east, with a total land mass of 14,788,723 square kilometres and a population of over three million (according to 2006 census).

The State is divided into three Senatorial Districts with 18 Local Government Areas namely:

SN	SOUTHERN SENATORIAL DISTRICT	CENTRAL SENATORIAL DISTRICT	NORTHERN SENATORIAL DISTRICT
1.	llaje	Ondo West	Owo
2.	Okitipupa	Ondo East	Akoko South East
3.	Irele	Akure South	Akoko South West
4.	Odigbo	Akure North	Akoko North East
5.	lle-oluji/Oke-igbo	Idanre	Akoko North West
6.	Ese Odo	lfedore	Ose

The State has over 1,200 public and private primary institutions, over 600 public and private secondary institutions and over 17 public and private tertiary institutions.

Since inception, the following Governors have administered the State: Contd. on Pg 3.

#### Editorial

#### **ARAKUNRIN AKEREDOLU**, SAN MANY DEVELOPMENTAL STRIDES IN ONDO STATE

Since its creation on 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 1976, Ondo State has witnessed several developmental efforts by successive administrations. Under the present Administration of Oluwarotimi Akeredolu, SAN, officially called Arakunrin, the development of the Sunshine State has been on upswing momentum. From one giant stride to another, the Arakunrin Administration which birthed four years ago precisely on February 24, 2017, has recorded a phenomenal transformation across all sectors and sections of the State leaving no one, friend and foe, in doubt that Akeredolu means business.

Within the space of the first four years of Arakunrin Administration, all the eighteen local government areas of the State have had their good share of infrastructural transformation, touching the nooks and crannies of the State.

In the Southern Senatorial District made up of six local government areas of Ile Oluji/Okeigbo, Odigbo, Okitipupa, Irele, Ese Odo and Ilaje is the first ever overhead bridge, the Ore Inter-change, a project embarked upon, concluded in record time and commissioned by the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Muhammadu Buhari, GCFR, in 2019. This legacy project has helped resolved the hitherto usual traffic logjam in Ore axis of Lagos - Shagamu - Benin expressway. Also, in the same zone, numerous inter and intra city roads have been constructed in Okitipupa town, Irele – Kiribo – Agadagba, the ongoing Okitipupa bypass road and many others. One other project that will change the face and fortune of Ondo State in the near future when accomplished is the proposed Deep Sea Port in Ilaje local government area of the State. Mr. Governor is therefore sparing no effort to surmount all technical and official obstacles in the way of the project.

In the Central Senatorial District which comprises Akure South, the State capital, Akure North, Ifedore, Idanre, Ondo West and Ondo East local government areas, the infrastructural transformation and expansion projects, completed and ongoing, are numerous. They include among others Oba Osupa road (Hospital road), Oluwatuyi road, Oda road, Okeogba, Orita Obele, Abusoro, Idanre, Isarun, Igbara oke.

The Northern Senatorial District made up of Akoko South West, Akoko South East, Akoko North West, Akoko North East, Owo and Ose local government areas is not left out. They include among others the Ikare dual lane, whereby the deadly and mythical 'Oke alabojuto' hill was dismantled; Owo township road and so on. Another Midas touch of Mr. Governor is the gradual creation of industrial/economic base for the State. The already functional Ore Industrial hub in Omotosho/Ore axis housing Linyi Industrial Complex and several industries is a reference point. The industrial revolution is the baby of the Akeredolu Administration.

To Arakunrin, no stone will be left unturned in creating an economic base for the State and minimise its overdependence on the dwindling statutory allocations from the Federation Account.

The implication of the foregoing to the public servants, especially as Akeredolu is set to commence its second term in Ondo State, is for us to roll up our sleeves and be on the same page with the political authorities. More than ever before, we must fulfil our calling as the engine room of government helping to translate lofty objectives of the Administration into reality. A business model must be applied with corresponding professionalism, shifting our emphasis away from the monotonous drudge of the regular bureaucracy. Ondo State has enviable potentials to become unrivalled in Nigeria, development-wise. Our resources - marine, agriculture, rich oil and sand deposits, bitumen, etc and good weather, if reasonably tapped, will usher-in the Ondo State of our collective dream. We must continue to play our critical part. This is the only way to justify our continued relevance.

This edition of ODSIP Newsletter centres on Ondo State, its demography, past rulers, minerals and vast agricultural potentials (land and sea) available to be tapped by investors within and outside Nigeria. As usual, other sundry but relevant issues and topics are available for the education and enlightenment of our teaming readers.

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# **Ondo State** in Perspective contd.

SN	MILITARY ADMINISTRATORS/GOVERNORS	TENURE	
1.	Wing Commander Ita David Ikpeme	3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb. 1976 – 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 1978	
2.	Brig. Sunny Esijolomi Tuoyo	24 <sup>th</sup> July, 1978 – 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept., 1979	
3.	Chief Michael Adekunle Ajasin	1 <sup>st</sup> Oct., 1979 – 30 <sup>th</sup> Dec., 1983	
4.	Commodore Michael Bamidele Otiko	5 <sup>th</sup> Jan., 1984 – 27 <sup>th</sup> Aug., 1985	
5.	Captain Okhai Mike Akhigbe	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept., 1985 – 25 <sup>th</sup> Aug., 1986	
6.	Colonel Ekundayo Babakayode Opaleye	6 <sup>th</sup> Aug., 1986 – 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec., 1987	
7.	Navy Captain Olabode Ibiyinka George	17 <sup>th</sup> Dec., 1987 – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept., 1990	
8.	Navy Captain Sunday Abiodun Olukoya	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept., 1990 – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan., 1992	
9.	Evang. Bamidele Isola Olumilua	2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan., 1992 – 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov., 1993	
10.	Lt. Colonel Lucky Mike Torey	9 <sup>th</sup> Dec., 1993 – 18 <sup>th</sup> Sept., 1994	
11.	Colonel Ahmed Usman	18 <sup>th</sup> Sept., 1994 – 21 <sup>st</sup> Aug., 1996	
12.	Navy Capt. Anthony Ibe Onyearugbulem	22 <sup>nd</sup> Aug., 1996 – 10 <sup>th</sup> Aug., 1998	
13.	Colonel Moses O. Fasanya	11 <sup>th</sup> Aug., 1998 – 29 <sup>th</sup> May 1999	
14.	Chief Adebayo Adefarati	29 <sup>th</sup> May, 1999 – 29 <sup>th</sup> May, 2003	
15.	Dr. Olusegun Agagu	29 <sup>th</sup> May, 2003 – 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb., 2009	
16.	Dr. Olusegun Mimiko	24 <sup>th</sup> Feb., 2009 – 24 Feb., 2017	
17.	Arakunrin Oluwarotimi Akeredolu, SAN	24 <sup>™</sup> Feb., 2017 - Date	

Despite having the largest gas deposit in the world, agriculture has been the major source of income and economic activity in the State. For example, the State is noted for its leadership position in the production of cocoa. Aside Cocoa, the State is renowned for several agricultural and mineral resources that are capable of boosting its internally generated revenue, among them are: gold, tobacco, granite, cotton, timber, palm oil, marble, diorite, lignite, cotton, beads, kaolin, crude oil, iron ore, clay, pyrites, gemstone, coal and bitumen. Despite being the second largest Bitumen deposits in the world, its Bitumen had not been explored until recently through the relentless effort of the incumbent Governor, Arakunrin Oluwarotimi Akeredolu, SAN, who is also the second Governor to be elected for second term in the State; while work is underway for the establishment of Seaport in the coastal area of the State, which promises to be the largest Seaport in West Africa. Tourism facilities in the State include: Idanre Hills in Odode Idanre, Iho Eleeru (Cave of Ashes) in Isarun, Igbo Olodumare in Okeigbo, Ebomi Lake in Ipesi Akoko, Costal Creeks and Canals, and others.

According to the Ondo State Ministry of Information (2019), the table below discusses the mineral base investment opportunities in Ondo State:

Mineral	Occurrence	Estimated Reserve	Products	Opportunities
Crude Oil	Ilaje and Ese Odo LGAs	23 billion barrels of oil with more than 10% in Ondo State	Natural gas, liquefied petroleum gas, gasoline, petroleum either kerosene, jet- fuel, diesel, fuel oil, lubricating oil, petroleum jelly, paraffin wax, asphalt and carbon black	Petroleum refinery, petrochemical industry and plastic industry
Natural gas	Ilaje and Ese Odo LGAs	124 billion Cu.Ft	Liquefied Natural gas, fertilisers and methanol	Liquefied natural gas (LNG), chemical industry, fertilisers and methanol
Bitumen	Agbabu, Ofosu, Looda, Linla, Lamudifa, Atijere, Mahintedo, Okifipupa, Ode Aye, Araromi Obu and Igbekebo	Over 42 billion barrels	Heavy oil, synthetic crude, diesel, kerosene, motor fuel, fuel oil, grease, wax, asphalt, sulphur, sulphuric acid, pitch, vanadium, nickel, petro chemicals phenaols	Asphalt plant for road surfacing, petrochemical industry, bitumen refinery, pharmaceutic al, textile and plastic
Silica sand	lgbokoda, Akata, Agbala, Aboto, Agerige, Zion Pepe	29.6 x 107' metric tones	Glass limes and, aerated bricks	Sheet glass, bottle glass and other glass products
Kaolin	Omialafara, Ewi, Ode Aye, Omifun and Abusoro	1,040 million metric tones	Ceramics, tiles, bricks, medicine, insecticides, food additives and factory products	Ceramic, plastic and chalk industries
Bulk clay	Erusu Akoko, Oranyin river, Ute, Arimogija and Ifon	49.1 million metric tones	Pottery and ceramics	Welding, wire, bricks, polished metal and tiles factories/indust ries
Limestone	Okeluse, Arimogija	Over 7.5 million metric tonnes	Cement and Lime	Cement, Hydrated Lime Production
Salt	llaje LGA	Extensive area with Sea water	Salt	Salt Production
Granite	Supare, Iworo, Oka, Afo, Igbaraoke, Idanre, Akure	Over 100 miilion metric tonnes	Paving blocks, Dimension stones	Granite slabs, Tiles, Aggregates, Stone dust
Iron Ore	Akunu Akoko, Oba, Ase, Auga- road, Lokuakua, Ondo West, Lamu	N/A	Steel wrought Iron	Iron and Steel Industry

It is therefore necessary to emphasise that Ondo State remains a very good investment opportunity for investors. It is no longer story as usual, now that there is a paradigm shift from the perception of the State being a Civil Service State. The State can now boast of many companies established across the length and breadth of the State. The Chocolate factory in Alade, Idanre, the Linyi Industrial Hub in Ore and many other institutions have sprung up to gainfully employ the youths, artisans and those endowed with various skills.

In the area of educational innovation, the State is also carrying out series of reforms and innovative programmes, setting a benchmark for Africa. Students are excelling in their academics, while sports development is also a thing of pride under this present administration. 3

It is therefore interesting to conclude that Ondo State is fast evolving; proper planning and implementation of government policies and programmes have placed the State above its peers. The State has continued to implement various reforms that are ICT driven, whilst these and many more have therefore placed a pivotal role on the Government and the people of Ondo State to see themselves as partners in the process of entrenching development in the Sunshine State.

#### **ONDO STATE**



Core Value: Ise loogun ise

- **Key Goals:** The blueprint is anchored on five cardinal programmes encapsulated in the acronym **JMPPR** 
  - J Job Creation through Agriculture, Entrepreneurship and Industrialisation
  - **M** Massive Infrastructure development and Maintenance
  - **P** Provision of Functional Education and Technological growth
  - P Provision of Accessible and Qualitative health care and social Service Delivery
  - **R** Rural development and Community extension Services
- The People: Predominantly Yorubas: The Akokos, Akures, Idanres, Ijaws, Ikales, Ilajes, Ondos and Owos
- Languages: Yoruba, Ijaw, and English (Official Language) and several other dialects of the sub-ethnic groups.





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# ODS PNewsletter Photo News



Mr. Governor being decorated as ODSIP Patron



Mr. Governor swearing-in Permanent Secretaries and Tutors-General



Service Improvement Committee



Launch of Ondo Service Improvement Programme

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Mr. Governor addressing workers at the 2021 1st Working Day Prayer Session

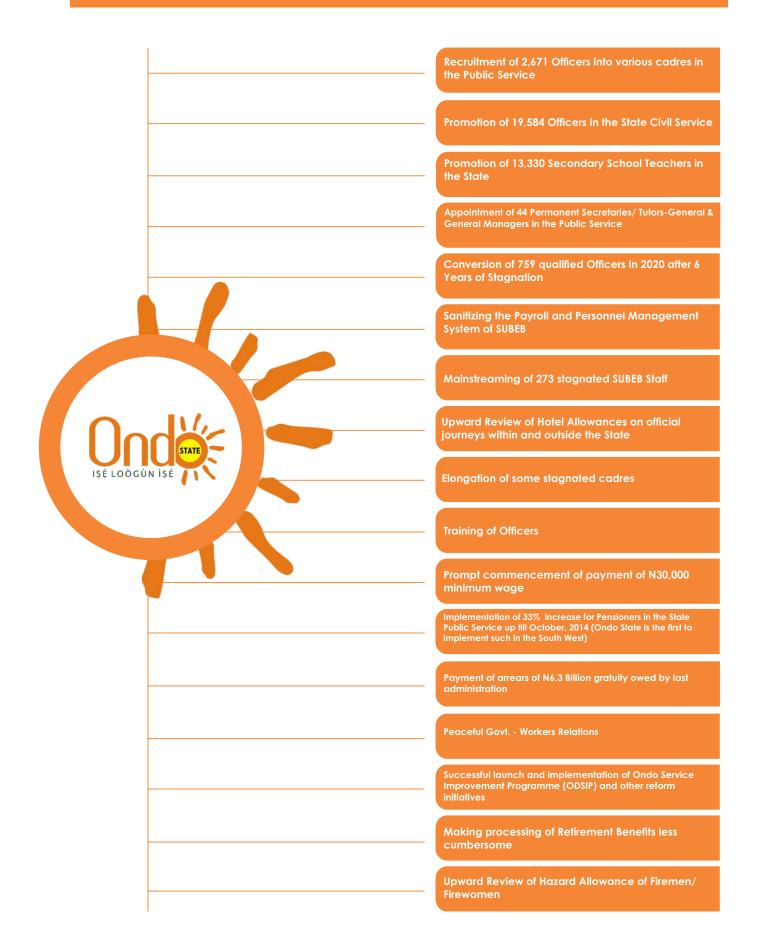


Ondo State Secretariat Complex (Governor'Office)

Ondo State Internal Revenue Service Complex (ODIRS Revenue House)



#### Some ACHIEVEMENTS within the Public Service from Feb. 2017 to Feb. 2021





### YOU and the **RULES**

Aderemi Olabode



This corner is specially designed for the Public Servants to familiarize themselves with the Rules and Regulations guiding the State Public Service. We will be focusing on the 1999 CSR, CSCR, FR and other extant Regulations and Circulars meant to guide our operations and conduct in the Public Service. We hope it will be beneficial to the readers.

#### CODES OF CONDUCT FOR PUBLIC SERVANTS

Code of conduct in the Public Service refers to a set of rules outlining the norms, rules, and responsibilities or proper practices of an individual worker in the Public Service.

It is important therefore, for civil servants to familiarize themselves with the do's and don'ts in the public service in order not to commit infractions on the rules of service. As we all know, "where there is no law, there is no sin". The following are some of the norms guiding the behavior of workers in the Public Service.

**Political Neutrality:** A Civil Servant is restrained officially in some activities which are legitimately open to ordinary citizen e.g. partisan politics

A civil servant cannot and must not engage in political activities. Therefore, he cannot;

- Hold any political office, whether paid or unpaid
- Offer himself/herself or nominate anyone else as a candidate at any election
- Engage or canvass support for political candidate.

Howbeit, any officer wishing to engage in partisan political activities or seek elective public office shall resign his/her appointment forthwith.

**Absence without Leave:** Any Civil Servant that absents himself/herself from duty without leave is liable to be dismissed, unless there is evidence to show that the circumstance does not justify the imposition of the full penalty (CSR 04201).

**Disclosure of Official Information:** Except authorized, no Civil Servant shall disclose any official information at his/her disposal by virtue of his post/position in government employment. Hence, the necessity for some Civil Servants to swear to an Oath of Secrecy. Government servants should not, as a general rule, be allowed to have direct access to confidential or secret records relating personally to them.

**Refusal to obey Posting Instruction:** Any Civil Servant who refuse to obey posting instruction is liable to be dismissed from the service.

**Money Lending:** No Government servant shall make any loan at interest to other subordinate Government Servant or shall act as intermediary between any government servant as money lender (CSR 04302).

**Impartiality:** As a Civil Servant you must act solely according to the merits of any case and serve all governments equally irrespective of political affiliations.

**Integrity and Moral Rectitude:** This refers to putting the obligations of public service above your own personal interest i.e you must not allow your personal interest to override public interest.

Honesty & Patriotism: As a civil servant you must be truthful, open and patriotic.

Promptness of Service Delivery: Jobs must not be allowed to delay on our desks.

### **ODSIP** Update

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#### 3RD HoS INTERACTION WITH CHANGE AMBASSADORS

The 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of the Quarterly HoS Interaction with Change Ambassadors, which also served as the last one for year 2020 was held on the 9th of October, 2020. Like previous ones, the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition was characterized by presentations and discussions on the activities of ODSIP Change Ambassadors and service improvement generally.

The Head of Service, Mr. Dare Aragbaiye charged the Ambassadors to be up and doing and be positive in their disposition towards their duties. He noted that they were the torch bearers of the initiative and therefore, need to exude diligence in spite of whatever moral or financial encumbrance they may be facing.

Presentations were made on the "ODSIP Communication Tools" (Feedback boxes, Charts and the ODSIP website), and "Identifying Problems Requiring Improvements or Reform".

Highlight of the interaction was the presentation on the newly introduced **Contributory Health Scheme Initiative**. Officers of the State Contributory Health Commission were on ground to enlighten the Change Ambassadors and respond to questions on the operations of the program. This was necessary, so as to hear directly from the horse's mouth, the gospel for a better healthcare, going forward in the State and take the message back to workers in their respective MDAs.

#### FLAG-OFF OF HRM SOFTWARE PACKAGE

On the 21<sup>st</sup> of December, 2020, after securing Mr. Governor's approval for the development and deployment of Ondo State Human Resource Management Software (ONDOHRM), the number one Public Servant, Mr. Dare Aragbaiye flagged-off the novel innovation. The initiative is being coordinated by the Permanent Secretary, Office of Establishments and Training in collaboration with the Department of Public Service Reform and Development and some identified Planning Officers within the Public Service. The Software, which is expected to cater for all Human Resource related matters and prevent financial leakages in the long-run, is totally Homegrown, as the team of Software Developers, Programmers and Administrators are all from within the Ondo State Public Service.

After the official Flagging-off was the training session for over 100 would-be users of the package, Personnel Officers representing each MDA. The Head of Service, Mr. Dare Aragbaiye noted that the Software will serve as an online database for all Public Servants in Ondo State, detailing their promotion records, posting history, personal details, salary GL/step, retirement due dates, amongst other queries that is encapsulated. He further stated that in due course, the Software shall handshake with several other aspects of the structural makeup of the Ondo State Public Service.

### COORDINATION OF ACTIVITIES OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT CHANGE AGENTS

The Department of Public Service Reform and Development in conjunction with the Ministry of Local Government and Chieftaincy Affairs is setting in motion plans to coordinate the activities of Change Agents at the Local Government Level.

It will be recalled that The Head of Service in March, 2020 inaugurated 19 Change Agents at the Local Government level. This was done, to make the ODSIP gospel and culture permeate and reach the nooks and crannies of the whole State.

It was observed that the Change Agents at the Local Government level have not been benefiting from the regular interaction and trainings being organized at the State level. The DPSRD will keep you posted as events unfold.

#### **VISITS TO SOME MDAS**

The Department of Public Service Reform and Development in fulfilling its mandate, paid unscheduled visits to some MDAs, to spread the ODSIP news and see how they are doing with respect to service improvement and reforms in general.

Some of the MDAs visited were Pension Transitional Department, Ministry of Education, State Universal Basic Education Board.

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### ENOUGH OF HELPLESSNESS TO FIRE INCIDENTS

The damage done by fire to some government offices, markets and other private properties, with little or no remedial action by the State Fire Services calls for special attention, especially, as regards equipment and other resources of the Agency. Findings show that the entire State Fire Service Station was not functioning and lacked serviceable fire trucks and other utilities that can combat infernos.

This contributed to a huge loss of properties, shops and records, as experienced recently at Ijomu-Obanla, Oja-Oba, Oke-eda, among others. The helplessness of the firefighters at each of these instances was beyond appalling.

**ODSIP Lens** has however discovered that the State Governor is taking drastic steps to put an end to the helplessness and seeming inaction by Fire Department when needed. The Government has upgraded the Fire Officers cadre, conducted series of training programmes for the personnel and taken delivery of a state-of-the-art firefighting truck, donated by the Federal Government, while expecting more. **ODSIP Lens** believes that this will boost the morale of the Firefighters and help put an end to loss of properties through fire incidents.

### Words on **MARBLE**

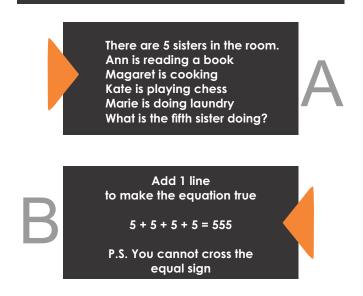
The truest test of a man's character is what he does when no one is watching

JOHN WOODEN



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#### PUZZLE



You can send your answers to the Managing Editor. Handsome rewards await the winners.

### **ODSIP** Lens Contd.

#### NEED FOR SANITY ON OUR STREETS

Residents of Akure town and Ondo State in general were pleased to hear an announcement by the Honourable Commissioner for Information and Orientation on 8<sup>th</sup> January, 2021 about the ban on trading activities along vehicular roads, pedestrian paths and walkways of major markets in the State Capital. The ban also included artisans and others whose activities impeded free flow of vehicular and human movement.

A drive through Oba Adesida – Oyemekun and Arakale – Isinkan axes on the 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2021 showed that the ban had begun to take effect. The Governor's Special Task force headed by a Senior Special Assistant to the Governor were seen at strategic places enforcing the ban.

**ODSIP Lens** is pleased that the scope of duty of the Task force goes beyond ease of vehicular and human movement; it also extends to identifying and apprehending those found indiscriminately dumping refuse at unauthorized places such as road medians, which were fast becoming an eyesore and constituting health hazard to the people.

It is hoped that the Task force will keep up the good work.

## CONGRATULATIONS SIR!

The Editorial Crew of ODSIP NEWSLETTER and the entire Public Service of Ondo State Congratulate our amiable Number One citizen and Patron of the on-going revolutionary reforms in Ondo State, on his resounding victory at the polls and the commencement of another term of service to our Sunshine State.

#### Arakunrin Oluwarotimi Akeredolu, SAN

Governor, Ondo State and Patron, ODSIP



**D. Aragbaiye** Head of Service

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