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**ANDHRA PRADESH STATE LEGISLATURE
JOINT SESSION OF FOURTEENTH ANDHRA PRADESH
STATE LEGISLATURE – FOURTH SESSION**

SATURDAY, dated the 7TH March, 2015

Hon'ble the Governor arrived at the Entrance of the Assembly Hall at 8.50 AM. On his arrival, the Hon'ble Governor was given the National Salute and was received by the Hon'ble Chairman, Andhra Pradesh Legislative Council and the Hon'ble Speaker, Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, the Minister for Legislative Affairs and the Secretary (I/c) to State Legislature.

A procession was then formed in the main Veranda of the Assembly Hall. The Hon'ble Governor then conducted to the Assembly Hall. The Members of both the Houses then rose on the entry of the Governor into the Assembly Hall and remained standing until he has taken his seat on the Dias. The Hon'ble Chairman and the Hon'ble Speaker then moved towards their respective seats on the Dias, flanking to the right and left of the Hon'ble Governor.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister, the Hon'ble Minister for Legislative Affairs and the Secretary (I/c) to State Legislature, then seated in the front row facing the Dias and the Officers in procession towards their seats in the Chairs placed in the pit of the Assembly. The Aide-de-Camp of the Governor then positioned himself behind the Governor on the Dias.

The National Anthem was then played and all the Members rose from their seats remained standing until its completion.

The Hon'ble Governor then delivered his Address to the **Joint Session of Fourteenth Andhra Pradesh State Legislature – fourth Session**, at 8.55 AM, in both Telugu and English Languages.

గవర్నర్ ప్రసంగం

మాన్యశ్రీ అధ్యక్షా,
సభాపతి మహాశయా,
గౌరవనీయులైన శాసనమండలి సభ్యులారా!

ఉభయసభలను ఉద్దేశించి ప్రసంగిస్తున్నందుకు నాకు చాలా సంతోషంగా ఉంది. మీకందరికీ నా శుభాకాంక్షలు.

(The Hon'ble Governor then continued his address in English)

(గవర్నరు గారి ప్రసంగం ప్రారంభమయిన వెంటనే సిపిఐ పార్టీ సభ్యులు, ఎమ్మెల్యే శ్రీ పి.జె. చంద్రశేఖర రావు 'ఏపికి ప్రత్యేక హోదా, సీమ, ఉత్తరాంధ్రలకు ప్రత్యేక ప్యాకేజి ఇవ్వాలి' అనే ప్లకార్డును సభలో ప్రదర్శించసాగారు. గవర్నరు గారి ప్రసంగం ప్రారంభము నుంచి ప్రసంగం ముగిసే వరకు సభలో ఈ ప్లకార్డును ప్రదర్శించారు)

I am extremely happy to address the joint session of both the Houses of Andhra Pradesh Legislature on the occasion of the budget session of 2015-16. I extend my best wishes to all of you.

The members may kindly recall my address in the Legislature of the New State of Andhra Pradesh in June, 2014 where I have exhaustively touched upon certain key issues resulting from the unscientific and hurried bifurcation process of the erstwhile state of Andhra Pradesh and the consequent hardship faced by the people. The provisions made in the A.P. Re-organization Act, 2014 for the development of the State of Andhra Pradesh in regard to income generation, employment opportunities, health and educational institutions, R & D and training facilities and the social infrastructure are inadequate to compensate the lost opportunities for the people of Andhra Pradesh. The decision to bifurcate the state without taking all the stakeholders on board and finalizing the capital city has caused avoidable hardship.

The post bifurcation issues, especially the huge financial deficits continue to affect the new state of Andhra Pradesh, which is home for 58.32% of the population of erstwhile undivided Andhra Pradesh state.

My government, having inherited various kinds of deficits, took reins in the most difficult circumstances. Adding to the problems, the twin effect of Hudhud cyclone and drought compounded the agony.

(అధికార పార్టీకి చెందిన సభ్యులు బల్లలు చరిచారు)

During these nine months, my Government have taken up all measures, not only to overcome the difficulties but to convert the crisis into opportunity and also lay solid foundation for "Sunrise Andhra Pradesh".

The members may kindly recall that the Union Government had assured the State of Andhra Pradesh in the A.P. Re-organization Act, 2014 and in the speech of the then Prime Minister in Rajya Sabha to support out state on several fronts that include: 1) bridging revenue deficit, 2) industry incentives, 3) special development package for the backward areas in seven districts, 4) assistance to State Capital development, 5) railway zone for the state and 6) special category status.

During these few months, the State had anticipated a more favourable support from the centre. A more favourable response is still awaited. Financial support of Rs. 650 crore for the affected districts under Hudhud cyclone was released to the state, as part of Hon'ble Prime Minister's announcement of Rs. 1000 crore relief assistance during his visit to the cyclone affected areas of the state. Similarly, Rs. 350 crore under the special development package for the seven backward districts in the state and an adhoc financial support of Rs. 500 crore towards non-plan revenue deficit were sanctioned.

The recommendations of the 14th Finance Commission have not provided any special preference to the state despite requests for handholding support. Our expectations for the state in the Union Budget 2015-16 did not fructify.

Andhra Pradesh has lost significant resource base after division and is at a disadvantage to compete with its revenue surplus neighbouring states. This has put the State at a great disadvantage which is not of its own making. To compete with developed cities like Bengaluru, Chennai and Hyderabad of neighbouring states, the Centre should give required assistance to stand on a level playing field vis-à-vis its neighbouring states. We have availed every opportunity to meet the Hon'ble Prime Minister, Union Finance Minister and other Ministers to strongly put forward our case towards this end.

As you are all aware, despite the critical financial position, my government is relentlessly making efforts to bring the development agenda back on track. We are planning to achieve inclusive growth through efficacy in implementing the government policies and programmes and their outreach to the poorest and marginalized sections of society.

In our endeavour to ensure that growth with equity remains the core agenda, my government has started drafting the long term Vision 2050 document that will usher in a new development paradigm leveraging the opportunities arising due to renewed growth climate.

The members may recall that as I have mentioned in my Republic Day address that our vision is to make Andhra Pradesh as one of the first three high-performing States in India by 2022 and the best state in the country by 2029. My

government is committed to eliminate poverty, reduce economic inequalities, and make our society healthy, happy and clean.

(Applause from the Ruling Party)

My government firmly believes in making the public as partners in the development process and to bring the government at their doorstep. It is the essential feature of effective governance in any democratic set up.

With the inspiration derived from the earlier rounds of Janma Bhoomi programme, my government have launched Janbhoomi – Maa vooru programme in October, 2014. The response has been very encouraging. The essential by-product of this people-centered initiative was the micro plan data on 24 essential social indicators. Periodic monitoring of the progress under these indicators is giving us good results, especially on the health related outcomes.

In line with this thinking, the Janmabhoomi – Maa Vooru program has become the basis for the innovative participatory development initiative “Smart Village – Smart Ward towards Smart Andhra Pradesh” launched by my government across all the Gram Panchayats and Wards in the state. “Smart Village – Smart Ward towards Smart Andhra Pradesh” initiative envisions transformation of all the villages and wards through achieving global standards in terms of the 20 non-negotiable development commitments. The response evinced by Non Resident Indians, Non Resident Villagers, People’s

representatives, Non Government Organizations, Corporates, Senior government officers and others to become partners in this development endeavour, is encouraging.

I am indeed happy to share with all of you that the growth matrices of the important sectors of the state's economy have been quite satisfactory in the current year. This positive factor really inspires us to serve even better and the resurgence broadly indicates that the growth enabling policies put in place by my government started paying dividends. Reflecting the positive impact of these initiatives, the state, as per the advance estimates, has recorded a growth rate of 7.21% in 2014-15.

(Applause from the Ruling Party)

All the three sectors, namely, Agriculture, Industry and Services have shown encouraging growth. For achieving comprehensive development, my government is working out District-wise growth strategies.

While the Central Government revised the base year for compiling the estimates of the Nation's economy from 2004-05 to 2011-12, the states will continue to prepare estimates at the old base until the base year is revised to 2011-12. This will take a couple of months' time. With the new base, the growth rate of Andhra Pradesh for 2014-15 is likely to further go up by more than 1.2%, thus exceeding our national average growth rate of 7.4% by 1%, if not more.

Despite a deficit rainfall of 36.34% resulting in severe drought, the Agriculture Sector growing at 5.90% and Industries Sector growing 5.25% during 2014-15, gave us some respite.

(Applause from the Ruling Party)

Fisheries subsector with abundant potential in the state, grew at 17.3%. In tune with the spirit of “Make in India” initiative of the Union Government, Manufacturing subsector has shown decent performance. Services sector which continued to be the prime contributor, registered a growth rate of 8.48%. Reflecting a perceptible surge in the standards of living, the Per capita Income of Andhra Pradesh, which currently stands at an impressive level of Rs. 90,517, is expected to grow even faster.

However, given the long term growth agenda, we need to put in greater efforts at cutting edge level to achieve a higher growth rate in the coming years. In fact, Andhra Pradesh state is envisaging a double digit growth and identified nearly 40 growth engines spreading across Agriculture, Industry and Services sectors of the economy, which together account for 80% of the total Gross State Domestic Product. Paddy, Maize, Groundnut in agriculture, Chillies, Banana, Mango in horticulture, Milk, Meat and Egg in Livestock and above all Marine and Inland prawn and fish under Fisheries sector are some of the key identified growth engines that are projected to register a quantum jump in value addition.

In order to make micro planning and policy making more useful, my government has embarked on compilation of Mandal Domestic Product. This exercise has been successfully piloted in two districts-East Godavari and Ananthapuram.

As part of holistic and long term development strategy, plans are afoot to provide basic social & economic infrastructure, create human and institutional capacity and focus on the growth areas in identified sectors for increased resource use efficiency through a mission-based approach. The seven missions, namely, Primary Sector, Social Empowerment, Knowledge and skill Development, Urban Development, Industry Sector, Infrastructure and Service sector Missions, while ensuring all stakeholder participation, will lay foundation for a rapid growth momentum. Two Missions, namely, Primary Sector and Social Empowerment Missions have already been launched and the other missions will be in place soon.

The five campaign modes, namely Pedarikam Pai Gelupu, Polam Pilustondi, Badi Pilustondi, Neeru – Chettu and Swacha Andhra Pradesh launched by my government, are turning out to be central in harnessing the strength of the Self Help Groups and to generate employment, create awareness, improve water-use efficiency and inculcate cleanliness among citizens. Through the Neeru-Chettu programme launched from Thamballapalle village in Chittoor district on 19th February 2015, we have kick-started measures

for water conservation, improve ground water table level to make the State drought-proof within five years.

(Applause from the Ruling Party)

The Swacha Bharat programme of the Government of India, which aims to accomplish the vision of a 'Clean India' by 2nd October, 2019 making the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, continues to be the key motivator for the Swacha Andhra Pradesh initiative of the state.

Hon'ble Members are aware that within Andhra Pradesh, the levels of development are uneven. Rayalaseema area, despite being endowed with plenty of mineral and other natural resources, remained an area of concern for centuries. With highly depleted levels of ground water and bore wells getting dried up repeatedly, water for drinking and irrigation purposes is posing a very big challenge. Without affecting the interests of farmers in Godavari districts, my government have initiated steps to utilize the Godavari waters that are flowing into the sea by diverting them to the River Krishna with Pattiseema project and thereby help the people in the drought affected areas of Rayalaseema area to a considerable extent through HandriNeeva, Galeru-Nagari and other projects. Interlinking of rivers is now a national priority.

(Applause from the Ruling Party)

Priority of my government is to recharge water table of Rayalaseema and fill the reservoirs to full storage capacity.

My government is committed to conserve every drop of water and optimize water consumption. Drip and sprinkler irrigation methods will be scaled up for increasing production using less water, especially in drought prone areas of Rayalaseema. Based on soil tests, micro nutrients will be used scientifically for increasing production. The required thrust will be given for horticulture crops, commercial crops with modern technologies and high yielding variety seeds. Food processing industries, cement, mineral industries will be encouraged in these areas on large scale to ensure balanced development and Rayalaseema districts in general and Ananthapuram and Chittoor districts in particular, which have been perennially affected by failure of monsoons, call for immediate and greater attention. The Ground Water table in these two districts has plummeted to abnormally lower levels of 1300 to 1400 feet. My government will make all possible efforts to bring the Rayalaseema and North Coastal Andhra districts into the main fold of development umbrella. Road connectivity will be established from the new capital to these districts.

My government believes that farmer is the backbone of the Nation. My government's concern centers around reviving the agriculture sector and help the farming community. The farming sector, subjected to frequent crisis, remains the major source of employment, supporting lakhs of farm families. The Primary Sector Mission launched by my government will address the farm related issues

like enhancing value addition from horticulture, livestock and fisheries and shortages in storage space including cold storages.

The latest NSSO Survey projects that 93% of farmers in the State are debt ridden, maximum in the Country. Despite financial crisis, we are committed to implement the debt redemption scheme in respect of crop loans through 'Farmers Empowerment Organization'. Having completed the first phase of the scheme providing relief to a tune of Rs. 5,000 crore to the eligible farmers in the State, we are finalizing the second phase beneficiary farmers. Together in both the phases, millions of farmers' will benefit from the biggest ever loan redemption and free them from debt trap. Relief to a tune of Rs. 10,000 per acre is being provided to farmers growing horticulture crops.

(Applause from the Ruling Party)

The adverse rainfall situation prevailed during the Kharif and Rabi seasons of 2014-15, affected the sowing areas and consequently production of food grains, which is projected to be 111 lakh tones, a fall of 4.7% over last year. Production of oil seeds too experienced a decline.

To make matters transparent and accountable and help the farming community, a quantity of 16.24 lakh Metric Tonnes of paddy worth Rs. 2219 crores was purchased at Minimum Support Price from 1.37 lakh farmers through RTGS/Account payee cheques only.

(Applause from the Ruling Party)

E-Marketing is being put in place to eliminate the mediator's involvement. Through this process, electronic network will be set up networking the markets, which improves linkage between farmers, food processors and retailers.

Extending a helping hand to the members of the families of the farmers who have committed suicide, my government have enhanced the compensation amount by more than three times from Rs. 1.50 lakh to Rs. 5.00 lakh.

(Applause from the Ruling Party)

This includes Rs. 3.50 lakhs as ex-gratia to the farmers' families and Rs. 1.50 lakhs towards their indebtedness to money lenders.

The State has rich Livestock resources with 291 lakh Livestock and 815 lakh Poultry providing livelihood to about 46 lakh farm families. The Livestock sector, nearly contributing 6.5% to the state economy, added Rs. 33,600 Crores in 2013-14, to the state economy. The state, producing one egg out of every five eggs produced in the country, occupies second position in Egg production. The State is also one among top producers of Meat with an output of 4.89 lakh Metric Tonnes. Our Milk production stands at 90.83 lakh Metric Tonnes.

Fisheries sector is identified as one of the growth engines for rapid socio and economic transformation of Andhra Pradesh. The state is endowed with bountiful resources such as vast coastline of 947 kms, immense brackish water

potential and productive inland water bodies, Ponds, Tanks, Reservoirs, Rivers and Lakes. Fisheries sector contributes 5.42% to the state GDP. Andhra Pradesh stands first in India in total fish/prawn production & value of fish/prawn produced in India.

My government is keen to make Andhra Pradesh the aquaculture capital of the world and a marine processing hub of the country. My government wants to make the state number one in terms of processing capacity, value addition and highest exports of seafood.

Irrigation as an essential backbone for agriculture will continue to be the focus during this year also. In addition, our priority is to enhance water use efficiency for increasing irrigated area.

The Polavaram project, which will be the life line of Andhra Pradesh, has been declared by the Centre as National project. The Polavaram Project Authority (PPA) with state and central officials as its members will take care of getting all the necessary clearances. Earmarking a meagre amount of Rs.100 crore for the Polavaram project, declared as a National Project, has put our plans disarray.

(The Opposition Members raised the slogans saying “Shame, Shame, Shame”)

(వైఎస్సార్ కాంగ్రెస్ పార్టీకి చెందిన పలువురు సభ్యులు అభ్యంతరాలు వ్యక్తం చేశారు)

Not discouraged by the minimal allocation in the Union Budget for this project, we will make all-out efforts to complete this dream project by March, 2018.

(Applause from Ruling Party)

My government have identified six irrigation projects namely, Pattiseema Lift irrigation scheme, Tatipudi Handri-Neeva, Galeru-Nagari, Veligonda and Vamsadhara projects to complete them on priority. The other projects will also get completed in a time bound manner.

(Applause from Ruling Party)

My government remains pro-poor and will continue to uphold its promises for their betterment. With this concern, we have enhanced welfare pensions by five times under 'NTR Bharosa' scheme.

(Thumping from Ruling Party)

The monthly pension to destitute women and the aged has been raised from Rs.200/- to Rs.1000/-. In respect of the differently-abled category, the monthly pension has been raised to Rs.1500/-. We are contemplating to give pensions to another 1 lakh eligible persons also.

(Applause from Ruling Party)

My Government is committed to spend around Rs. 25,000 crore in the coming years on welfare pensions alone. The eligible age limit, for certain vulnerable tribes, has been brought down from 65 to 50 years.

(‘ఏమి సాధించారని బల్లలు చరుస్తున్నారు’ అని వైఎస్సార్ కాంగ్రెస్ పార్టీ సభ్యులు శ్రీ చింతల రామచంద్రా రెడ్డి గారు అధికారపక్ష సభ్యులనుద్దేశించి అన్నారు)

My government is committed to strengthen the technology usage in Public Distribution System, by using e-POS (electronic Point of Sale Device) in 6000 identified high density F.P. shops having more than 750 white ration cards to ensure that the commodities reach the beneficiaries without diversion with Aadhar Authentication.

Welfare of SCs, STs, BCs, Minorities and Women is on the forefront of our welfare agenda. Our ‘Ambedkar Vidya Nidhi’ is taking care of educational needs of talented SC and ST children. Orders have been issued for implementing ‘NTR Vidyonnati’ for providing professional guidance during 2015-16. The SC and ST students now need not forego the opportunity to do post-graduation or any such courses in the best western universities for want of financial support. Government is assisting the SC, ST students who can now go to 10 countries for pursuing Higher Education.

(Thumpings from Ruling Party)

Making payment of scholarships online to students of schools and colleges has been the hallmark of our graft free governance. Free power is being given to 4.99 lakh SC/ST households with consumption limit not exceeding 50 units per month. My government is implementing the SC/ST sub-plan in letter and spirit.

(Applause from Ruling Party)

Post-Matric Education scholarships have been awarded to 34,181 ST students. My government is keen to develop the skills of the ST youth for their employability as a part of implementation of Social Empowerment Mission. During 2014-15, so far 3,172 ST youth were trained and provided placements.

(ప్రతిపక్ష సభ్యుల నుంచి సభకు, ప్రసంగానికి అంతరాయం)

As a mark of respect and reverence to the great freedom fighter Alluri Sitarama Raju, government have organized 'World Adivasi Day' on 09.08.2014, declaring Alluri Sitarama Raju Jayanthi as state festival on 4th July every year.

(Applause from Ruling Party)

Based on the priorities of Government towards welfare of the tribal population, certain new programmes like conversion of hostels into residential schools for providing quality education, Drinking Water and other basic infrastructure related schemes, 'Giri Purnika Kalyana Pathakam' for extending assistance of Rs. 50,000/- to tribal girls at the time of their marriage, strengthening of online monitoring of programmes upto last mile to improve transparency etc., are proposed during 2015-16.

(వైఎస్సార్ కాంగ్రెస్ పార్టీ సభ్యులు శ్రీ చెవిరెడ్డి భాస్కర్ రెడ్డి చే సభకు అంతరాయం)

My government is strongly committed to political, economic and social empowerment of Backward Classes. In tune with the promises made in the election manifesto, we will give special focus to the Backward class people and implement schemes targeting their all-round development. With our BC

Declaration framework, we are planning to work out strategies that benefit the Backward Classes. Without hurting the interests of the BCs, government is committed to extending reservations to Kapu community.

(Applause from Ruling Party)

The BC federations and some of the corporations have become defunct in the last few years and could not optimally tap the Central Government funds. As part of our comprehensive and inclusive development agenda, we are planning to implement various welfare schemes for artisans, handloom workers, weavers, fishermen, washermen, shepherds, vadderas and other backward classes through a sub plan for BCs.

My government is committed to provide power tools, fishing nets and other kits to the people depending on their nature of trade. The weaving community will be specially focused. As a part of giving fillip to the handloom sector, common work sheds and society buildings have been sanctioned. Re-imbusement subsidy on purchase of hank yarn, dyes and chemicals is being offered to the handloom weaver's cooperative societies. Neta bazaars have been constructed to enable the weavers to sell their products. Skills will be imparted to all the Backward Class people engaged in different activities.

Development of Minorities remains at the core of our welfare agenda. All programmes such as 'Dukan-Makan', 'Roshini' and 'Shaadikhana' will be

implemented as promised. Introduction of honoraria for Imams and Mauzins is also on the anvil. Financial assistance offered as subsidy by the State Finance Corporation is planned to be linked to the credit component of banks. More than one lakh minority students are being benefited under various 'Minorities Tuition Fee' and Reimbursement of Tuition Fee schemes.

Women's self help groups and DWCRA of the state of Andhra Pradesh were once a global success story which through social mobilization, community empowerment and capacity building became critical in the poverty eradication strategy. Empowering the groups to be active partners in the economic progress of the state is once again going to be strategy of my government. My government is committed to waive loans of DWCRA women to a tune of Rs. 10,000 ad interest thereof. In order to keep the groups economically engaged and as a poverty reduction strategy, my government have entrusted the paddy procurement and sand quarrying activity to DWCRA women.

(Applause from Treasury Benches)

My government is unveiling a relief package for the groups in near future. The initiative to involve DWCRA groups in sand quarrying is paying dividends in insulating the quarries from the influence of mafia and also to empower women economically.

My government have sanctioned 2,415 posts of Nutrition Counselor cum Additional Anganwadi Worker for 3 high burden districts and 6432 Link Worker

posts to monitor nutrition for children under three years of age and pregnant women. Under the restructured ICDS scheme, 3535 Anganwadi Centre buildings are sanctioned.

As part of our efforts to reduce Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) and Infant Mortality Rate (IMR), Malnutrition and ensure healthy growth of infants, my government have provided one full meal a day to 3.45 lakh pregnant and lactating women. More than 90,000 malnourished children identified under various programmes have been covered under the special care & supervisory feeding scheme "Gorumuddalu".

I am happy to announce that my government have decided to provide rice @ 5 Kgs. per head to each white card-holder @ Rs. 1/- per KG from 1st April this year.

(Thumping from Treasury Benches)

Safety and security of women is one of the top most priorities of my government; under various steps taken to protect women from social evils and thereby provide them a secured environment, my government have ensured to place one Woman Deputy Superintendent of Police for each of the 13 districts of the state.

With a view to address the women related issues more comprehensively, my government is working out to evolve an appropriate institutional mechanism for Gender Responsive Budgeting. New initiatives like i-click, Abhayam, CCTV Networked coverage of the urban areas, CCTV coverage of Police Station have been initiated to make women safe and secure in our state.

In tune with the Government of India's vision of Housing for all by 2020, my government is also contemplating to provide houses for all the deserving. 67,490 houses have been completed during the financial year 2014-15.

(‘అన్ని ఇళ్లు నిర్మాణం పూర్తి చేయలేదు, ఆ విషయంపై అధికారపక్షం వారు అన్యాయంగా చెబుతున్నారు’ అని శాసన పరిషత్తు కాంగ్రెస్ సభ్యులు శ్రీ ఎం. సుధాకర్ బాబు అన్నారు)

Last few years have witnessed corrupt practices and allotment of houses was done through unfair means. My government with a view to ensure that the deserving people get their benefits, have taken up Geo tagging of the houses with the help of National Remote Sensing Centre and so far 25.80 lakh houses were geo tagged against the target of 36.82 lakh houses constructed during the years 2004-2014. Aadhar seeding is completed for 33.08 lakh houses.

(అధికారపక్ష సభ్యులు తమ హార్షం వ్యక్తం చేస్తూ బల్లలు చరిచారు)

It is my privilege to inform this august house that Government of Andhra Pradesh is one of the 3 States in the Country selected for implementation of “Power for All” programme. Government of Andhra Pradesh is committed to supply 24x7 quality, reliable and affordable power to all domestic, commercial and

industrial consumers and will also ensure 7 hours of free power supply to farmers. AP Discoms have already tied up sufficient power for the year 2015-16.

My government is giving big thrust to renewable energy, particularly Solar and Wind. It is proposed to add a significant quantum of Wind and Solar Energy in the year 2015-16. Two Ultra mega Solar Parks of 1000 MW capacity each are being set up by National Thermal Power Corporation Vidyut Vyapar Nigam Limited (NVVN) in Ananthapuram and Kurnool respectively. It is also proposed to provide 10,000 solar pumpsets to farmers during 2015-16.

(Applause from Treasury Benches)

The energy conservation and efficiency measures adopted by my government will help in a big way. All the domestic incandescent bulbs are being replaced with energy efficient LEDs in the State.

My government is taking steps to increase the green cover from the existing 25% to 33% and also encourage energy efficient and environment friendly *green building* constructions in all the municipal corporations and municipalities in the state. We have amended the Andhra Pradesh Building Rules, 2012 accordingly.

My government is evolving a model of Port-led development. The long coast-line will become the gate-way of the State's prosperity. My government will

connect the Ports with the hinterland through road and rail network. Inland and coastal water ways will be developed as major transport routes. Andhra Pradesh will be made the logistic hub and gateway to South East Asia. Government has plans to develop four new ports in the State during 2015-16.

It is proposed to develop one Green Field International Airport at Bhogapuram, near Visakhapatnam, besides modernization of three existing Airports at Tirupati, Vijayawada and Rajahmundry to International standards and development of 6 No Frill Airports.

(Thumpings from Treasury Benches)

My government is also taking up one Floating Storage Re-gasification Unit LNG Terminal at Kakinada in association with GAIL India, GDF Suez and Shell. AP Gas Development Corporation is laying gas pipelines from Kakinada to Srikakulam, Tumkur to Tirupati and another pipeline from Vijayawada to Nellore. It is the endeavour of the Government to extend gas pipeline to each and every household over a period of time.

To reinforce our commitment to make Andhra Pradesh a globally competitive and responsive industrial hub, we have introduced a system of Single Desk Clearance under e-biz to enhance the ease of doing business in the state to make it a competitive destination for investments. Necessary permissions and clearances will be accorded in 21 days time under this system.

The e-Biz project envisages a G2B (government –to-business) interface/portal to serve as a one-stop-shop for delivery of efficient services to investors and industries. We are also working on ensuring ease of doing business by simple procedures and deleting redundant laws and rules.

My Government is keen to develop urban infrastructure in the State including mega convention centers, International Schools, Sports Complexes and Golf Courses. A large number of companies from Japan have started visiting in the State.

Works relating to the mega food park in Chittoor district, mega aqua food park near Bhimavaram and mega weavers' cluster in Guntur district are in progress. Mega agriculture food parks, Electronics & Hardware parks, Minor ports, Domestic air terminals, Textile parks, Aqua processing units have been proposed as part of district wise strategy for 'Industrial Promotion and Employment Generation'.

The Vision of Andhra Pradesh tourism is to promote steady and sustained growth phase of the travel and tourism sector in Andhra Pradesh making the destinations more accessible, more attractive with many facilities and amenities for the tourists worldwide. Various tourist circuits are being planned to attract more tourists.

My government's decision to build a world-class capital city for new Andhra Pradesh near Vijayawada is picking up pace.

(Applause from Treasury Benches)

I am sure the new capital city will be an ideal role model in the entire country. The first phase of the master plan of the new capital will be ready by June, 2015. The Capital Region Development Authority (CRDA) is entrusted with the development activity.

The most welcome and exhilarating feature of the biggest of its kind land pooling in the Country, and perhaps in the World, is that nearly 33,000 acres of land has been voluntarily given by enthusiastic farmland owners, who have become willing partners in the development of the capital.

(‘రైతులను భయపెట్టి వారి భూములను బలవంతంగా లాక్కున్నారు’ అని వైఎస్సార్ కాంగ్రెస్ పార్టీ సభ్యులు శ్రీ ఆళ్ల రామకృష్ణారెడ్డి అన్నారు)

The US Government has signed MoU with the Government of Andhra Pradesh for developing smart city in Visakhapatnam. Under this MoU, US Government will provide funds and technical inputs for feasibility studies, study tours and workshops to materialize the idea into reality.

In our effort to tap best talent available anywhere in the globe, my government is actively engaging with the governments, companies and PSUs of the countries like Japan, Singapore, USA, Australia and other nations for inviting

investments and technology transfer. Australia is keen to work with the state government in the field of aquaculture and dairy industry.

My government is keen to bring in necessary administrative reforms and ensure corrupt free administration. We have set up a Cabinet Sub Committee to examine the corruption that has prevailed in the government during the last few years.

(Thumping from Treasury Benches)

My government is also working out the strategies to institutionalize corruption-free and good governance practices so as to make the principle of less government and more governance, a reality.

All the technology and development should necessarily help create a healthy and happy society. My government is embarking on establishing a new system of transparency in welfare programmes by using the technology. Beneficiaries of welfare pensions are now getting information relating to delivery of benefits like pension etc on their mobile phones. E-Governance is a major initiative in bringing good governance. 100% Adhaar based system to ensure the timely delivery of intended benefits to the eligible persons is going to be the cornerstone of delivery system in the state. We are establishing the State Enterprise Architecture to realize the vision of e-governance and to leverage technology for effective service delivery.

Our Information technology policy aims to achieve 5 percent share in national IT exports. The focus will be on development of two ITIRs, promotion of 10 IT hubs, 20 manufacturing clusters and creation of five lakh jobs. The new IT policy envisages broadband connectivity to every household.

My government is seriously concerned about providing employment to both the skilled and un-skilled workforce.

In respect of providing jobs, we have plans to fill in the vacancies of teachers and other posts. The efforts being made by my government to attract investments and set up industries in a big way, will provide employment in the private sector and necessary skills will be imparted to the unemployed in various trades with a motto to generate maximum employment.

My government have taken up a programme which would develop Andhra Pradesh into an infrastructure hub in the coming years. Through the Innovation and Start – up Policy, the government intends to create an ecosystem that produces an entrepreneur in every family. In line with the thinking of the Government of India's Digital India initiative, our aim is to create at least one home grown 'billion dollar technology' start-up.

(Applause from Treasury Benches)

My government is planning to make the Hudhud affected areas cyclone proof with the support of World Bank putting in place an underground cabling and other infrastructure works. The reconstruction works are continuing in these affected areas. A United Nations report, which has put the losses at US \$ 11 billions in Hudhud cyclone, lauded the commitment and timely rescue operations undertaken by the State government and praised the disaster preparedness and timely evacuation that saved many lives.

(Thumpings from Treasury Benches)

Keeping in view the damage and needs assessment, the Government of Andhra Pradesh requested Department of Economic Affairs for support for a new Disaster Recovery Projects of US \$ 250 millions financed by the World Bank for damage reconstruction, recovery and disaster risk mitigation.

Considering increase in longevity and working capacity of persons, my government have raised the retirement age of the government employees by two years from 58 to 60 years.

(Applause from Treasury Benches)

With this decision, the government employees, who are the pillars of administration, will have the opportunity to use their experience to serve people for two more years. To make them even happier and inspire them to render better service, my government have announced to implement the 10th Pay Revision commission recommendations and effected a substantial hike of 43 percent fitment in pay with retrospective effect from June 2, 2014.

(Thumping from Treasury Benches)

Since employees form an important segment in the society and keeping in view of their impeccable commitment for integration shown during the state bifurcation period, my government have since decided to lift the cases booked against the employees in the Samaikyandhra movement. Government have also issued orders to treat the strike period as special casual leave and release the salary withheld to government employees. Health cards are also being issued to take care of health concerns of employees. Health cards have also been issued to media persons.

All the cases booked against people who have agitated for keeping the state united during the Samaikyandhra movement have been unconditionally lifted by the state government. A few cases booked by central government agencies like the railways are in the process of being withdrawn.

Respecting the traditions and living close to nature have been the hallmarks of this land. We have a culture to treat river as Mother. Pushkaram is essentially worship of mother river. In order to make Godavari Pushkarams a grandeur event, my government is undertaking several works to renovate the existing infrastructure as well as create additional facilities in the towns which host Pushkaram on a big scale. My government is committed to protect the cultural heritage and respect the age-old sentiments of people, irrespective of caste, creed and religion.

On the eve of Sankranti in January, 2015 my government came up with the offer of 'Free Package' worth Rs. 240 each, called "Chandrana Sankranti Kanuka" comprising six essential commodities to all white ration card holders incurring an expenditure of Rs. 286 crores.

(Thumping from Treasury Benches)

Under *NTR Aarogyaseva*, the ceiling on the cost of treatment has been raised to Rs. 2.5 lakh. Besides, 100 diseases are covered anew taking the total number of diseases covered by the scheme to 1038. The Government is committed to strengthen and revamp the health sector.

As a part of the universalisation of elementary education programme, more than 6.33 lakh children have been enrolled into class-I under the Badi Pilustondi programme. 25,923 children were admitted into schools from 31,286 "out of school" children.

Additionally, my government will strive for 100% literacy as means to access the better livelihood opportunities and to eradicate darkness of the social evils prevalent in the society. We also strongly feel that education is the greatest equalizer.

Under the Social Empowerment Mission, launched recently by my government, the State is envisioning to set standards in the higher education spectrum. Reflecting our commitment to enhance job opportunities, we have set

up Skill Development Centre in Vijayawada which, as part of the Skill Mission will strive to impart enriched capacities. With the IIM at Visakhapatnam turning out to be reality, I am quite optimistic that all the other institutes of excellence promised by the Centre will be launched soon. Special efforts will be made for improving quality of education and skill development in order to empower youth, especially women. Andhra Pradesh will soon become a knowledge state and education hub.

(Applause from Ruling Party)

While we prioritize, welfare and development, my government pays adequate attention to the safety and security of the citizens. Transformational process in AP police has been initiated by leveraging the technology.

Protection of natural resources is a key concern of my government. In our endeavours to put an end to smuggling and other illegal activities, my government have created a specialized unit, the Red Sanders Task Force. The Unit strives to curb Red Sanders smuggling. The determined and organized response to the Red Sanders Smuggling has yielded positive results. Similar efforts are also being made to protect other natural resources like sand and barytes.

For maintaining law and order, my government will effectively implement the existing statutes and strengthen surveillance.

By and large, the last few months of post-bifurcation period has been an eventful period for the state and for our country. Encouraging levels of economic growth and implementation of a number of developmental and welfare programmes is a testimony for this. In this challenging period, we will work relentlessly and achieve best possible results.

(అనంతరం గౌ. గవర్నరు గారు తమ ప్రసంగాన్ని తెలుగులో కొనసాగించారు.)

గత కొద్ది సంవత్సరాలుగా నిర్దిష్టమైన చర్యలేకపోవడం మూలంగా బలహీనపడటమేకాకుండా అతికొద్దిపాటి వనరులతో దుర్బలమైన ఆదాయానికి మించిన వ్యయంతో అవశేష ఆంధ్రప్రదేశ్‌గా విభజన ద్వారా ప్రతికూల ప్రభావం వల్ల కూడా అభివృద్ధిలో కుంటుపడిన రాష్ట్ర పునర్ నిర్మాణం కోసం కుల, మతాలతో సంబంధం లేకుండా రాజకీయపార్టీలకు అతీతంగా కష్టపడి పనిచేసే, పారిశ్రామిక, జ్ఞానం మరియు నిపుణులైన ఈ రాష్ట్రంలోని నా ప్రియమైన ప్రజానీకానికంతటికీ ఈ క్లిష్ట సమయంలో ముందుకు రావలసిందిగా కోరుతున్నాను. మన రాజధాని నగర నిర్మాణ మహత్తర కార్యం కోసం ప్రభుత్వంపై విశ్వాసం ఉంచి ఇష్టపూర్వకంగా, స్వచ్ఛందంగా వారి భూములను ఇవ్వడానికి ముందుకు వచ్చిన ప్రజలందరికీ నా అత్యుత్తమ ప్రశంసను తెలియజేస్తున్నాను. ఈ చారిత్రక కార్యం కోసం వారి నిబద్ధతను రాబోవు తరాలు గుర్తుంచుకుంటాయి.

(‘అంతా అబద్ధం, అబద్ధం, షేం, షేం’ అని వైఎస్సార్ కాంగ్రెస్ పార్టీ సభ్యులు శ్రీ ఆళ్ల రామకృష్ణారెడ్డి గారు నినాదాలు చేశారు)

సుస్థిర ప్రాతిపదికపై ఫలితాలను సాధించేందుకు రాష్ట్రం తరఫున అపరిమిత ప్రయత్నాలు చేయడమేకాకుండా కేంద్ర ప్రభుత్వం నుంచి పూర్తి సహాయ సహకారాలు అవసరమవుతాయి. ఇప్పటివరకు తీసుకున్న చిన్నపాటి చర్యలన్నింటికీ, అదనంగా కేంద్రం పెద్ద ఎత్తున రాష్ట్రాన్ని కాపాడేందుకకు ముందుకు వచ్చి మన అభివృద్ధి విజన్‌లో విజయం సాధించేందుకు సహాయపడుతుందని మేము ఆశిస్తున్నాం. ప్రస్తుత శాసనసభ సమావేశాలలో ఈ అంశాలపై ప్రయోజనాత్మక చర్చ జరపాలని అన్ని రాజకీయ పార్టీలను కూడా కోరుతున్నాను.

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(The address by the Governor was ended at 9-33 AM)

After completion of Address by the Hon'ble governor, the National Anthem was once again played with all the Hon'ble Members standing on their feet.

The Hon'ble Governor, thereafter, left the Assembly Hall in a procession which was formed in like manner, at the time of his arrival. The Members remained standing until the procession left the Assembly Hall.

On arrival at the gate, the Hon'ble Governor took leave from the Hon'ble Chairman, A.P. Legislative Council, the Hon'ble Speaker, A.P. Legislative Assembly, the Hon'ble Chief Minister, the Minister for Legislative Affairs and the Secretary (I/c) to State Legislature.

The Hon'ble Governor then attended by his Secretary, Aide-de-Camp and escorted by Body Guards left to Raj Bhavan.
