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**ANDHRA PRADESH  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY DEBATES**

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OFFICIAL REPORT

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**ANDHRA PRADESH STATE LEGISLATURE**  
**JOINT SESSION OF**  
**FOURTEENTH ANDHRA PRADESH STATE LEGISLATURE**  
**(THIRTEENTH SESSION)**

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**WEDNESDAY, DATED THE 30<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2019**

His Excellency the Governor of Andhra Pradesh arrived at the Entrance of the Assembly Hall at 9.20 AM.

On his arrival, His Excellency the Governor was given the National Salute and was received by the Hon'ble Speaker, Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly, the Hon'ble Deputy Chairman, Andhra Pradesh Legislative Council, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, the Hon'ble 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. His Excellency the Governor was 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 Dais.

The Hon'ble Speaker and the Hon'ble Deputy Chairman then moved towards their respective seats on the Dais, flanking to the right and left of His Excellency the 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 Dais and the Officers in procession towards their seats in the chairs placed in the pit of the Assembly Chamber. The Aide-de-Camp of the Governor then positioned himself behind the Governor on the Dais.

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

His Excellency the Governor then started delivering his Address to the **Sixth Joint Session of both the Houses of Andhra Pradesh State Legislature on the occasion of Vote on Account Budget Session of 2019-20**, at 9:30 AM, in both Telugu and English Languages.

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**మాన్యశ్రీ**

**ఆంధ్రప్రదేశ్ శాసనసభ సభాపతి,**

**మాన్యశ్రీ శాసనపరిపత్తు డెప్యూటీ చైర్మన్,**

**గౌరవ శాసనమండలి సభ్యులు,**

**గౌరవ శాసనసభ్యులందరికీ నా శుభాభినందనలు.**

1. ఉభయసభల సమావేశాలను ఉద్దేశించి ప్రసంగించడం నాకెంతో ఆనందంగా ఉంది. దార్శనిక ప్రజానాయకుడు శ్రీ ఎన్.టి.రామారావు గారు చెప్పినట్లుగా “సమాజమే దేవాలయం, ప్రజలే దేవుళ్లు” అనే మాటల స్ఫూర్తితో నా ప్రభుత్వం మొదటినుండి పరిపాలన అందిస్తున్నది.

2. As all the Hon'ble members are aware, the state re-organization has resulted in several issues, many of them remain unresolved even today. The State bifurcation process has caused severe hardships to the people of the State. Hon'ble members may kindly recall that I have spelt out all the commitments under AP Re-organization Act and assurances of Government of India in my address during the last Budget session, but many of these assurances remain unfulfilled even after four and half years.

3. For a new State like Andhra Pradesh struggling with low Per capita Income and without a capital city like Hyderabad or Chennai or Bangalore that drives the economy of the State, key issues like huge revenue deficit, improper asset distribution, lack of R&D institutions and adoption of inconsistent criteria have aggravated the crisis. In fact, allocation of assets on location basis, distributing debt liabilities on population basis, apportioning only 46% of the estimated combined State revenues to the new State of Andhra Pradesh with 58.32% of population, adopting power consumption as the criteria in the power sector, have further compounded the misery.

4. It was a long wait by the people of the State anxiously looking for the Centre to fulfil the commitments made in the AP Re-organization Act, 2014 and other assurances made by the then Prime Minister. Many requests have been made by the State to the Union Government for financial and infrastructural handholding to bring our infant State to a level playing field with its neighbouring States. The decision of Union government to take back the funds of Rs.350 crore credited to the State exchequer for taking up developmental works for the year 2017-18 in the seven backward districts of the State despite NITI Aayog certifying the submission of Utilization Certificates (UCs), was unexpected. The Union government's decision not to accord Special Category Status to Andhra Pradesh is major setback for the State in its development pursuit.

5. While the State re-organization had put tremendous stress on the financial and other resources, my Government's irrevocable commitment diligently



spearheaded an astute leadership has helped overcome the difficulties. The achievements made on all fronts during the last four and half years, despite lack of expected support from the Centre and the manner in which the State has come out of all adversities and became a role model, is not only commendable but is a testimony for the performance of my Government.

6. The State's growth performance averaging at 10.66% (compared to all India growth rate of 7.3%), the highest in the country during this period, only points to the spectacular performance cutting across sectors, despite non-cooperation and lack of support from the Centre.

(Thumping of Desks by Members)

The agriculture and allied sectors have recorded a 11% growth rate (highest in the country), compared to national average growth rate of 2.4%.

(Thumping of Desks by Members)

Hon'ble Members may recall that the development journey so far has not been easy and it is only due to our determination, systematic hard work, systemic improvements and solid policy framework that the State has excelled in all areas. Had the Centre been supportive, the magnitude of achievement would have been much more.

#### **Vision 2019-24-the VIADUCT Platform:**

7. It is important for the members to note that my Government, having achieved substantial progress on all fronts is now moving ahead towards saturation approach. We have already achieved saturation in a number of areas of benefit transfer, basic infrastructure and service provisioning. We have laid out a vision for saturation in remaining areas in next five years 2019-24.

8. **"The only thing worse than being blind is having sight but no vision",** says Helen Keller. As the Hon'ble members are aware, we have charted Vision 2029, wherein we expressed our commitment to give a direction to the Government and confidence to the people in the time of fear and insecurity, to be one among the best 3 States in the country by 2022, the best state by 2029 and one among preferred global destinations by 2050. Leadership is the capacity to translate vision into reality. We have clearly set out the ultimate goal of enhancing ease of living and to establish a Happy, Healthy and Globally Competitive Inclusive Society through social compasses like the Samaja Vikasam, Kutumba Vikasam, SDG and Key Performance Indicator framework and economic compass like GVA(Gross Value Added).

9. We have laid out a vision for next five years for all three tiers of administration i.e., Gram panchayat, District and State through grassroot level planning. As a landmark achievement, we have simultaneously released and simultaneously

adopted the Village Development Plan/Ward Development Plans in all Gram panchayats and Municipal Wards in the State on 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2019, the final day of the recently concluded 6<sup>th</sup> round of Janma Bhumi Maa Vooru programme. The District Vision Action Plans are being released District by District. With the objective of ensuring larger public outreach of fruits of development, the Government has adopted new inclusive development mantra “VIADUCT” (means a structure that facilitates safe and quick passage), which expands into Vision, Innovation, Accountability, Digitization, Uberisation, Convergence and Technology/Transformation. The idea is to inspire the Government functionaries at all levels to follow its philosophy and process flow for ensuring seamless public service delivery.

### **Transparency in governance:**

10. My Government is committed to ensure corruption-free governance and make system accountable and transparent. Soon after assuming power in 2014, my Government had released white papers on identified themes, pinpointing the status and systematic inadequacies in the development and welfare sectors and putting forward the aspirations of the new Government. Now having completed a substantial time spending sleepless nights for the betterment of people, my Government has yet again released White Papers on 10 identified themes recently, highlighting the achievements in last 4 ½ years and way forward for next 5 years. “Anything that gets measured gets achieved” goes the popular saying. Ever growing people satisfaction is a testimony for our performance. From 56% in August 2017 the satisfaction level has reached nearly 80% and our efforts will continue to attain at least 90% level.

(Thumping of Desks by Members)

In an unprecedented gesture, the Chief Minister of the State has written a letter to each and every household who is a beneficiary of the Government schemes to make use of the scheme.

11. My Government is of the firm view that accountability and transparency are inseparable twins. For this purpose we have taken the leverage of technology in a big way, so that a system built on sound technology and solid conceptual base, integrating and synthesizing all the dispersed stand-alone systems into e-Pragati Core Platform. This platform once complete, will work as a proven and scalable technological foundation for digital transformation of Government to Citizen(G2C), Government to Business(G2B), and Government to Government (G2G) services, by enabling departments and organisation to streamline operations, deliver consistent service and modernize operations without interruptions.

### **Saturating family welfare-100% welfare and satisfaction**

12. The recent decisions announced by the State Government such as, i) The increase in NTR Bharosa pension from Rs 1,000 a month to Rs.2000 a month from January onwards.

(Thumping of Desks by Members)

ii) The exemption of motor vehicle tax on 3 wheeler passengers, auto rickshaws, 3 wheeled light goods vehicles, tractors and tractor trailer for agriculture use, iii) Provision of 5% reservation to Kapus and remaining 5% to the others under EBC quota without affecting existing reservations, and iv) An additional one-time financial assistance of Rs.10,000/- for each member of Self-Help Groups(SHG), are a reflection of my Government's commitment to social and economic empowerment of people.

(Thumping of Desks by Members)

13. Giving highest priority to welfare sector, my Government is moving ahead with the three pronged strategy of welfare on 100% saturation basis. First is direct benefit transfer like pensions; second is providing services like health education and mid-day meal and third is basic infrastructure. We are providing support all through Life Cycle-extending support to all needy people in all phases of life-right from Birth to remaining phases of life. We have already achieved 100% saturation include: The State becoming Open Defecation Free (ODF) by July 2018 and moving on to ODF+, ensuring social protection through pensions, 24x7 electricity, clean and safe cooking fuel(LPG) and affordable food through Public Distribution System.

(Thumping of Desks by Members)

Besides ensuring 100% distribution of ration cards, we have also increased the supply of rice from 4 KGs per person to 5 KGs per unit without any limit on units.

14. Under NTR Bharosa, pensions have been provided to 50.51 lakh beneficiaries at an expenditure of Rs.556.41 Crore per month.

(Thumping of Desks by Members)

From 2014-15 to 2018-19, an amount of Rs.24,618.39 Crore have been disbursed successfully. Pension amount was enhanced from Rs.200/- to Rs.1,000/- and recently to Rs.2,000/- per month to Old Age, Widow, Weavers, Toddy Tappers and AIDS patients and People with Disabilities.

(Thumping of Desks by Members)

With this, Andhra Pradesh becomes the only State, spending Rs.14,000 Crore a year for pensions for the underprivileged.

(Thumping of Desks by Members)

15. Under the "Jagjeevan Jyothi" scheme, we have extended the benefit of free power up to 100 units in respect of SC&ST Households. During 2017-18, 10.30 Lakhs SC families were benefited and incurring expenditure of Rs.65.16 Crore under this Scheme.

16. Adarana-2018 is the flagship programme of the Government, wherein artisans are provided with modern tools with a budget of Rs.964.00 Crore to improve their skills and income levels for enhanced livelihoods.

(Thumping of Desks by Members)

Under the scheme, the Government has sanctioned 90% subsidy with beneficiary contribution of 10%, covering 4,02,500 beneficiaries.

17. The death or disability due to accident of an unorganized worker results in immeasurable trauma, misery and hardship to his family. Keeping these hardships in view, Chandranna Bima programme has been launched on October 2, 2016 to provide social security cover for 2.6 Crore unorganised sector workers. So far, Rs.2,685 Crore have been disbursed, covering 2.1 Lakh beneficiaries with the bima benefit ranging from 30,000 to 5 lakhs.

(Thumping of Desks by Members)

18. "Chandranna Cheyutha", a Skill Development Programme for SC Youth aims to provide skills in various sectors to the youth/students belonging to the Scheduled Castes in the State to thereby increase their employability and to develop entrepreneurship and enhance the worth. Around 31,815 SC youth in the state with an approximate cost of Rs.233.31 crore were benefited under this programme.

19. Government has taken the historic decision of allocating an unprecedented amount of Rs.1101.90 Crores in the budget of the Minorities Department for the Year 2018-19 for creating opportunities for their all round development.

(Thumping of Desks by Members)

During the year 2018-19 Scholarships worth Rs.285 Crores have been allocated for Post Matric scholarships. A new initiative has been taken up in 2018-19 for sanctioning Pre Matric Scholarships for the students who could not qualify for the Gol Scheme. It will benefit about 70,000 students at a cost of Rs.30.00 Crores.

(Thumping of Desks by Members)

Other important schemes include Dulhan Scheme, multi-sectoral Development Programme(MsDP), construction of Residential Schools & Hostels, Overseas Education Scheme, NTR Vidyonnathi Scheme, construction / completion of Urdu Ghar Cum Shadikhana in the State, remuneration to Imams and Mouzans, beautification of Masjids, Chandranna Ramzan Thofa dring Ramzan, and repairs renovation, reconstruction of Mosques/Masjids and Burial Grounds.

(Thumping of Desks by Members)

20. For the Christian community, the scheme of Pilgrimage to Holy Land of Jerusalem is revived & subsidy is enhanced from Rs.20,000 to Rs.40,000 per



pilgrim. Christian Bhavan has been sanctioned at Guntur and the new scheme of Chandranna Christmas Kanuka has benefited 1 lakh Christian families.

(Thumping of Desks by Members)

21. **Backward Classes** constitute more than 50% of the population. Their welfare was neglected for a decade by the earlier governments prior to 2014 June. While doing our best to serve these backward Classes my government has announced a set of comprehensive measures for the welfare of these communities; that include Formation of new Corporations to 11 communities, Yadava, Thoorpu Kapu, Koppulavelama, Kuruba, Vanniakula Kshatriya, Kaalinga, Gavara, Gandla, Chenetha, Agnikula Kshatriya, Setti Balija/Gouda. Upgradation of 8 Federations to corporations, Rajaka, Nayee Brahmin, Vaddera, Sagara/ Uppara, Krishna Balija / poosala, Valmiki/Boya, Bhatraja, Kummari.

(Thumping of Desks by Members)

Toddy Tappers corporation to be renamed as Setti Balija / Gowda / Srisayana Corporation; Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Smaraka Bhavan and Park with Rs.100 crore., in an area of 10 acres in CRDA region of Amaravathi.

(Thumping of Desks by Members)

Other steps include: Increase in unit cost for economic support schemes to Rs.50,000/- for Most Backward Communities(MBCs), Free power up-to 100 units to 2 lakh MBC households, For the welfare of Nayee Brahmins, Free Power up-to 150 Units to saloons, Filling up of vacancies Nayee brahmins in Police Department /Jails / Hospitals, free Power up-to 150 units to Laundries Rajaka community and up-to 100 units to practicing Gold Smith artisans, One Residential School to each of left over 69 Assembly Constituencies with and expenditure of Rs.2,553 Cr.

(Thumping of Desks by Members)

22. Andhra Pradesh is the second largest handloom weaver concentrated State in the Country with 2,18,029 Weavers from 90765 families (as per Praja Sadhikara Survey). For the overall Development of Weavers, Government has announced Package worth Rs.1004.00 Crores that include Wage Compensation relief @ Rs.4000/- Per Family per Season towards Wage Loss due to Rains benefitting, Free Power of Rs.100 Units per Month Per, Health Insurance Scheme, sanctioning of an amount of Rs.450 Crores for Strengthening APCO.

(Thumping of Desks by Members)

23. Chandranna Pelli Kanuka scheme provides marriage incentive to eligible brides belonging to SC, ST, BC, Minorities, and the Differently-abled. So far, marriage incentive is issued for 35,987 applicants with expenditure of Rs.139.25

Crore. The financial incentive varies from Rs.20,000 to Rs.One Lakh to various categories including SC, ST, BC and Minorities.

(Thumping of Desks by Members)

24. Housing has been a priority for the State Government. The Government have sanctioned 15.78 Lakh houses with a Project cost of Rs.31,793.42 Crore under NTR Rural Housing, PMAY-NTR Gramin and PMAY-NTR Urban-BLC schemes.

(Thumping of Desks by Members)

In addition, 4.40 Lakhs pending houses under Pre-NTR housing schemes have also been taken up for completion with a project cost of Rs.2839 Crore. In Urban Housing, PMAY-NTR Nagar (Affordable Housing in Partnership) and NTR Urban Housing (Beneficiary led Individual Construction), 10,15,663 houses are being constructed.

### **Empowering women – The Social Capital**

25. Regarding empowering women the self-help groups, providing equal share to the girl child in family property and giving land pattas in the name of women have been some of the notable initiatives of our government in the past. In order to enable the Self Help Group (SGH) Members to undertake higher order livelihood activities, the Government have introduced the scheme “Pasupu Kumkuma”, to provide financial assistance of Rs.10,000/- per SHG member.

(Thumping of Desks by Members)

With an expenditure of Rs.8,604 Crore, this scheme has benefitted 86,04,304 SHG members. My government is now providing this assistance once again to help build the income generating activities and assets.

26. Under Deepam Scheme, 25.82 Lakh LPG connections were released from 1999 to March, 2014 in a period of 15 years, whereas 30.61 Lakh LPG connections were released during the last 4.5 years under saturation mode.

(Thumping of Desks by Members)

### **Farmers' welfare – Rythu Shreyassu is our top priority:**

27. The historic step to waive the loans of farmers worth Rs.24,000 Crore has successfully brought the farmers out of the debt trap and drastically reduced the farmers' suicides.

(Thumping of Desks by Members)

The final instalment of loan waiver is being processed and will be completed in two weeks. Besides, due to constant thrust on key components of Agriculture, the Gross Value Added (GVA) in Agriculture and allied sectors has almost been doubled

(GVA increased by 97%) in the past 4 ½ years. The Agriculture and allied sector has seen an average growth rate of 11% whereas the national average growth was 2.4%.

(Thumping of Desks by Members)

I am happy to say that the distress in agriculture sector, that is prevalent in other parts of the country, has been prevented in our own State of Andhra Pradesh, due to our comprehensive approach. Though the monsoons have not been favourable in the last four years, no farmer suicide has taken place in the State.

(Thumping of Desks by Members)

28. My government is at the forefront of technology-driven transformation in agriculture and has been promoting extensive usage of IT in agriculture sector. Keeping in view the fact that 62% of the population in the state still depending on primary sector, we have allocated Rs.81,554 crore in the budget in the last four years for agriculture and allied sectors and introduced a separate budget for this vital sector.

(Thumping of Desks by Members)

29. Timely realizing the overall impact of peoples' changing food habits on agriculture, my government has strategically focused on Horticulture, Fisheries and Dairy bringing in innovative methods like Micro Irrigation and Zero Budget Natural Farming. ZBNF is slowly turning out to be game changing technology in agriculture and has become a comprehensive and long term welfare initiative for the farmers. The State Government have taken up Zero Budget Natural Farming in a big way.

(Thumping of Desks by Members)

The coverage of farmers in ZBNF in 2016-17 was 40,656 whereas in 2018-19, it is 5.23 Lakh. ZBNF was selected as one of the 10 Best Projects out of 120 global entries at Paris Peace Forum in November 2018.

(Thumping of Desks by Members)

30. State Government are committed to make Rayalaseema as Horticulture Hub. An area of 7.30 Lakh Ha. has been covered under Micro Irrigation in all the 4 districts benefiting 7.25 Lakh farmers.

(Thumping of Desks by Members)

Interestingly, the most drought prone districts of Ananthapuram, Chittoor and Kurnool stand top in the GVA addition from Agriculture and Horticulture. Integrated management approach for surface and ground water together with other water conservation measures like rain guns and micro irrigation have helped the state to tackle the drought conditions effectively.

31. Horticulture sector is surging ahead of agriculture and is growing at 15.93% to make Andhra Pradesh a major Horticulture Hub. Andhra Pradesh stands at 1<sup>st</sup> position in productivity for Chillies, Cocoa, Lime, Oil Palm, Papaya, Coconut and Tomato, 2<sup>nd</sup> in Cashew, Mango, Turmeric and Sweet Orange in India. My Government is planning to expand the area under horticulture crops to 100 lakh acres.

(Thumping of Desks by Members)

32. My Government is focusing on improvement in production of milk, meat and egg under live stock sector to ensure earnings of Rs.10,000 income per month to every household. During 2014 to 2018, Milk production has gone up from 90 Lakh MTs to 138.25 Lakh Mts, Meat production has gone up from 4.89 Lakh MTs to 7.08 Lakh MTs, Egg production has gone up from 1310 crore to 1778 crore. As a token of appreciation of the initiatives taken up in fodder security, the state has secured the 10<sup>th</sup> Global Leadership Award, 2017.

(Thumping of Desks by Members)

33. Fisheries sector has been the most important growth driver in the recent past. With average annual growth rate of 33.5%, the fisheries sector in the state records the highest growth in country. The GVA from fisheries increased from Rs.15516 Cr in 2013-14 to Rs.41328 Cr in 2017-18.

(Thumping of Desks by Members)

The Fish Production during this period has increased from 19.78 Lakh tonnes with average annual growth rate of 19%. Andhra Pradesh stands 1<sup>st</sup> in total fish production and value in the country, in Aquaculture area and Production, in Inland Fish Production. The state contributes 22% of total fish production and 65% of Shrimp Production in India and is a major exporter of shrimp in India with share of 45% in total shrimp exports.

34. With an intent to make the state 'Haritha-Andhra Pradesh', my government has set a target of 50% green cover by 2029. Due to the well planned and concerted efforts, Andhra Pradesh stood 1<sup>st</sup> in the country in terms of increase of forest cover by 2,141 Sq Km as per ISFR Report.

(Thumping of Desks by Members)

We are setting up nagar vanam and palle vanam to spread awareness and to provide recreational space. Eco-Tourism is planned in ten locations in the state. My government has taken all measures to arrest pollution in all its forms – air, noise and water pollution. Reflecting its performance, AP State falls under good and satisfactory category, as per the Air quality index.



## Integrated Water Management

35. Though huge amount of Rs.79,357.45 crores was spent on irrigation during the decade 2004-14, the outcomes were not commensurate. Neither corresponding irrigation facilities were created nor interlinking of rivers to prevent drought in Rayalaseema and other backward regions of the state planned. Maintenance of minor irrigation sources was neglected resulting in 40% gap ayacut. Water conservation measures were not thought of resulting in poor water use in the efficiency.

36. From the day one of the formation of Sunrise Andhra Pradesh in June 2014, we have started planning for better water conservation and management practices and thereby ensured water security in the last four years. Government adopted 3 pronged strategy – Water conservation, River Linkage including completion of pending projects and Water Management including micro irrigation to achieve the vision of making the State drought proof and to provide water security to all its citizens. An expenditure of Rs.64,333.62 Crore is incurred in Water Resources Sector during the past 5 years.

(Thumping of Desks by Members)

Irrigation facilities are provided to an extent of 32.02 Lakh acres including stabilization.

37. State Government have given highest importance for the completion of the Polavaram project, which is the lifeline of the State. Total Expenditure incurred is Rs.15,585.17 Crore, out of which Rs.10,449.30 Crore is incurred after 2014. Works are in full swing and it is scheduled to supply water by gravity in next Kharif season and to complete the project by the end of 2019.

(Thumping of Desks by Members)

The Polavaram project achieved several milestones and recently entered the Guinness Book of World Record by pouring 32,315.50 cubic meters of concrete in 24 hours, besides winning Central Board of Irrigation and Power(CBIP) award. To realize early benefits of Polavaram Project, Government completed Pattiseema Lift Scheme and linked two major rivers Godavari and Krishna.

(Thumping of Desks by Members)

During the last 4 crop seasons, 263 TMC of Godavari Water is diverted to Krishna. This scheme not only saved the crop in Krishna delta but also facilitated supply of Krishna water from Srisailem Reservoir for the requirement of drought prone Rayalaseema Region and Nellore.

(Thumping of Desks by Members)

The value of output in Krishna delta is Rs.44,000 Crore in the last 4 crop seasons against investment of Rs.1667 Crore on this Project.

38. As part of interlinking of rivers in the state, we have started phase-1 of linking of the Godavari-Pennar rivers so as to provide water to Guntur, Prakasam, Nellore and Chittoor districts. Steps are also afoot to link Godavari and Champavathi rivers under Uttarandhra Sujala Sravanti. The works of interlinking of Vamsadhara-Nagavali are in full swing. In a historical moment, the Krishna waters have been transferred on experimental basis from the HNSS project from Cherlopalli dam in Kadiri mandal of Ananthapur district to Punganur Branch Canal in Chittoor district.

(Thumping of Desks by Members)

The works of Vamsadhara-Nagavali link, Nagavali-Swarnamukhi, Vegavathi, Champavathi Rivers link are in brisk progress. It is also proposed to link Godavari-Champavathi / Nagavali Rivers under Uttharandhra Sujala Sravanthi. All these links will create a grand link of all the major rivers in the state creating "Mahasangamam".

(Thumping of Desks by Members)

39. It is indeed my privilege to mention that Andhra Pradesh, which has been laying a lot of emphasis on micro irrigation, stands in 1<sup>st</sup> position in area under Micro Irrigation-up from 5.63 Lakh Ha. in 2013-14 to 11.53 Lakh Hectares now.

(Thumping of Desks by Members)

6 districts from the state, viz., Ananthapuramu, Kadapa, Prakasam, Kurnool, Chittoor and West Godavari are among the top 10 districts in the country.

(Thumping of Desks by Members)

### **Health – Moving in the direction of higher happiness**

40. My government is implementing innovative steps for improvement of maternal and child health to meet the Sustainable Development Goals. Schemes like Balamrutham and Anna Amrutha Hastham are catering to the nutritional requirements at various age-groups. To retain children in schools, schemes like mid day meals are being implemented.

41. Maintaining self-hygiene is of paramount importance. **Raksha** program is launched to encourage use of sanitary pads among women and adolescent girls to promote menstrual hygiene and thereby prevent infections and dropouts among the adolescent girls. Under this programme, sanitary pads are being provided Free of cost to all the Girl students of 8<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> standards, and at subsidized cost to women.

42. My government targets to reduce IMR, MMR, malnutrition and to attain national benchmarks. My government is engaged in various Public Private

Partnership Health Programs/Services. The Government have been providing primary health services in 7,548 sub centers, 1,147 primary health centers and secondary health services through 195 community Health Centers, 28 Area Hospitals, 13 District Hospitals, and Tertiary Health Services through 23 Teaching Hospitals.

43. To strengthen the healthcare delivery within the state, several initiatives such as Talli Bidda Express, NTR Baby Kit, Chandranna Sanchara Chikitsa, National Free Dialysis Program, Mukhya Mantri Arogya Kendralu and NTR Vaidya Pariksha have been undertaken. As many as 7,19,512 postnatal women have utilized Talli-Bidda Services since the inception of this program. A fleet of 279 vehicles is used across the State. A total of 6,91,489 mothers have been provided so far with NTR Baby Kits.

(Thumping of Desks by Members)

Under Chandranna Sanchara Chikitsa, a doctor, a nurse, a lab technician and a pharmacist are mandatorily available in 292 mobile medical units in remote areas and 50 types of drugs are dispensed and 9 diagnostic tests including ECG are conducted.

44. NTR Vaidya Seva: With a view to provide enhanced & strengthened services under Dr. NTR Vaidya Seva, Government are implementing 873 Surgical and 171 Medical procedures to the poor people who are Below Poverty Line in 455 empanelled hospitals. The total number of patients benefited under the Trust is 12,00,706 with expenditure of Rs.5,330 Crores by the end of 2018.

(Thumping of Desks by Members)

The State Government announced further enhancement of maximum limit for treatment from Rs.2.5 Lakh to Rs. 5 Lakhs per family per year from April this year.

45. Under National Free Dialysis Programme, 48 free dialysis centres are functioning across 13 districts in Government sector. All Dialysis patients are provided a monthly pension of Rs.2,500/- under NTR Bharosa Scheme.

(Thumping of Desks by Members)

46. The Mukhya Mantri Arogya Kendralu, which provide state-of-the-art health care services free of cost to urban poor and slum dwellers, treated 75,76,281 out patients for medical services and 7,17,881 tele consultancies are conducted. For NTR Vaidya Pariksha, there are 105 Labs in operation which includes 7 Mother Labs & 98 Processing Labs spread across all the 13 districts. A total of 1.58 Crore patients have availed the service till date.

47. 108 Emergency Response Service is a 24/7 free service for any emergency involving people. Other health service initiatives of the State Government include

Mukhya Mantri e-Eye Kendram, Mukhya Mantri Bala Suraksha (RBSK), Mahaprasthanam and E-Aushadi.

(Thumping of Desks by Members)

Under Universal Health Coverage, the State Government are implementing schemes such as Arogya Raksha, Employees Health Scheme, Working Journalists Health Scheme and Amaravati Residents Health Scheme.

48. Andhra Pradesh MedTech Zone (AMTZ) at Visakhapatnam has developed an excellent ecosystem for medical devices manufacturing with facilities like the process of testing of medical equipment, certification, regulation, marketing as well as research and development backup. Ten national organizations and four international centres/secretariats have been brought to the zone.

#### **Education our main focus:**

49. To transform the state as a knowledge economy, budget allocation for Education Department has been increased from Rs.15,681 Crore in 2014-15 to Rs.24,961 Crore in 2018-19.

(Thumping of Desks by Members)

Initiatives like Mana Vooru – Mana Badi, Badi Pilustondi have reduced dropout rates and improved gross enrolment ration and student retention. The better teacher-pupil ration in AP, which is above the national average, was achieved through appropriate rationalisation and consolidation of schools and teacher deployment. The national achievement survey recorded significant improvement in AP rank and performance. In Class X, AP State performance is first in Mathematics and second in overall performance in all subjects. Programmes like Gnanadhara, a systematic year-long remedial programme designed to support poor performing students helped in this regard. Effective implementation and real-time monitoring of the mid-day meal programme through which quality hot-cooked food is served to 35 Lakh students of 45,528 schools has immensely contributed to retention rates of students.

(Thumping of Desks by Members)

50. In the last 4 years, 3,640 Digital Classrooms have been set up. Also, 1217 Virtual Classrooms have been established in distant and remote areas consolidating the digital learning among Government schools. On the school infrastructure front, 33145 additional classrooms are being constructed at an estimated value of Rs.4,848 Crore besides construction of compound walls in 21,249 schools.

(Thumping of Desks by Members)

51. Under the Badikosta scheme, bicycles have been distributed to 1,87,318 Grade VIII and IX girl students.

(Thumping of Desks by Members)

During 2018-19, it is proposed to distribute 3,81,142 bicycles under this programme. Several policy initiatives like timely promotions, inter-district transfers, honorariums, rationalization have been taken to improve teacher-service conditions.

52. To provide inclusive, affordable and quality higher education, the Government have benchmarked the State Universities and Colleges with national and international ranking frameworks. Six Universities have obtained a place in India's top 100 universities, with Andhra University and Sri Venkateswara University finding a place in top 50.

(Thumping of Desks by Members)

Improved NAAC accreditation of 10 State Universities and 180 degree colleges is an indication of improvement in quality parameters in higher education in the State. The arrival of reputed national institutions like IIT, NIT, IIM, AIIMS, IISER, NID, NIDM etc and private institutions like VIT, SRM, Centurion, KREA, XLRI, AMRITA, to the State has put the higher education scenario in the State to high pedestal.

(Thumping of Desks by Members)

53. The efforts to improve quality of education resulted in the surge in standards; 6 Universities from the state are in top 100 in NIRF Ranking in India from zero in 2014.

(Thumping of Desks by Members)

10 Universities out of 16 achieved NAAC accreditation and 100% degree colleges and polytechnics are provided with digital class room. Skill upgradation is undertaken through industry related program with knowledge partners like Siemens, Dassault System, CISCO and British Council. My government has made collaboration with two foreign universities for 75% reduction in fees for students going from AP Universities.

(Thumping of Desks by Members)

54. Strengthening of Polytechnics and ITIs in the state is recognized as the key enabler for job creation. Also, Skill development is being given adequate focus. It is a matter of pride for the state to be ranked No.1 in the country by the latest Skills India Report in terms of employability.

(Thumping of Desks by Members)



**Saturating Rural and Urban Infrastructure:**

55. Convergence strategy for optimum utilization of funds under MGNREGS for creation of basic rural infrastructure involving 24 line departments is the mainstay of development of rural areas in the state.

(Thumping of Desks by Members)

56. The status of roads constitutes a significant index of the economic well-being of the society. Under rural road connectivity, 2666 GPs have been connected with BT roads with an expenditure of Rs.2599 crore and my Government is planning to provide connectivity to all remaining 10,755 habitations by 2020.

(Thumping of Desks by Members)

Under Chandranna Bata, the convergence concept has been used to its best and 23,553 KMs internal roads have been converted as CC Roads since 2014. In order to facilitate the farmers to transport their agricultural produce from the fields to the nearest market facilities, linking of rural roads has been taken up under the MGNREG Scheme.

(Thumping of Desks by Members)

57. Another innovation in rural electrification is the Chandra Kanthi programme that ensures LED Street Lighting in GPs. So far 21.21 lakhs street lights have been converted as LED lights out of 27.52 lakhs and the remaining will be completed soon.

(Thumping of Desks by Members)

1881 Million Units of electricity worth Rs.1138 Cr will be saved with the retrofitting of 28 Lakh LED Street lights across the State. I am happy to state that the state has got the distinction of having highest number of LED lights in the country followed by Gujarat.

58. Using the concepts of Uberisation and Convergence backed by digital technology, my Government has created a system of 'ten star rating' for Gram Panchayats to foster competition and to rate the availability of certain infrastructure and saturation of certain welfare provisions. The items considered for rating of GPs are: Saturation in IHHLs coverage, Electricity and Gas connections, Private tap connections, Solid waste management, Road connectivity, Fiber net Connectivity, Assured income of Rs.10000 per month, Education and Health. All the Gram Panchayats will eventually achieve ten stars.

59. We are proud that 133 Gram Panchayats of Andhra Pradesh are identified among 225 most developed Panchayats across the country by Rural Development Ministry under "Anthyodaya Scheme".

(Thumping of Desks by Members)

The Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India has awarded Andhra Pradesh as the Best performing State in the Plain Area category under National Urban Mission.

(Thumping of Desks by Members)

60. My Government accords highest priority for provision of potable drinking water to the people residing in rural areas of the state. My Government has a Vision to provide 55 LPCD supply of drinking water to at least 55% HHs by 2019 and all Habitations to be Fully Covered by 2020. We are also planning to provide 100% household private tap connections with a coverage of 70 LPCD by 2024. Including 325 Fluoride affected habitations and 207 chronic kidney disease affected habitations.

61. Construction of IHHLs, attaining the status of ODF for the state and moving on to ODF Plus is a significant achievement of my Government. Since 2014, 35.64 Lakh IHHLs have been constructed with an expenditure of Rs.4115.82Cr.

(Thumping of Desks by Members)

The State was declared as ODF in July 2018 and received "Swatch Sarvekshan Grameen Award 2018". From a position of just over 33% coverage of IHHLs with no GP declared as ODF in 2014, the State is now moving towards ODF Sustainability & ODF+ (SLWM) activities.

62. Andhra Pradesh is a forerunner in the area of managing waste both solid and liquid waste. Zero Waste Panchayat Project is taken up to effectively tackle the solid waste generated in villages and Solid Waste Processing Centre (SWPC) are being set up. The Vision of the state is to construct 9000 SWPCs by January 2019. So far 8000 centres have been completed. The Government is also committed to construct Soak pits in GPs with less than 2000 population and under-ground drainage in habitations with population more than 2000. Several Other Convergence Schemes like Village Parks and Avenue Plantation, Gokulam and Mini Gokulam, Mulberry Plantations and Silk worm rearing sheds, Water Harvesting Structures are also being taken up in a large scale in rural areas of the state.

63. My Government is equally committed to improving urban infrastructure services like Water Supply, sewerage, and Solid Waste management, Street Lighting, Roads, Greenery and Urban Transport to saturation level in all ULBs. Under all these initiatives, infrastructure projects worth Rs.4707 Crores are completed and projects worth Rs.68,084 Crores are ongoing and proposed projects worth Rs.33,181Crores are proposed to take up in the ULBs.

(Thumping of Desks by Members)

On the sidelines of this development push, my Government is making efforts to improve public service delivery by using latest technologies. E-Governance initiatives are taken up in big way automating almost all services in ULBs with minimal Human touch point. As a part of introduction of contactless, paperless and cashless system in administration and to improve the service delivery being provided by the ULBs, thereby improving transparency and accountability, a unified ERP Solution has been developed in all 110 ULBs with consisting of 21 Modules like Revenue, Expenditure, Citizen Interface and Administration Modules. Anytime-anywhere Online Integrated Building permission system is automated in all 110 ULBs. Digital Door Number plates with Unique Response Code are provided for all the households of 110 ULBs in Andhra Pradesh. The department stood 1<sup>st</sup> in various aspects on national level and also won 46 awards in the last 4 years.

(Thumping of Desks by Members)

64. As an integral part of improving infrastructure in urban areas, my Government is planning to add a drinking water capacity of 848 MLD through projects taken up under AMRUT, AIIB and EIIP. It is proposed to add network length of 7,802 Km from the committed projects under these schemes. As a part of Sewerage & Septage Management, my Government is planning to add 819 MLD capacity from the ongoing projects. We will also focus on Storm Water Drains.

65. Regarding road infrastructure in urban areas, we are planning to achieve the required length is 23,965 Km. On completion of ongoing and proposed works, length of 5482 Km will be added. Waste to Energy, Biogas, Compost, C&D Waste, Bio capping, Bio mining and FST Projects are taken up. With regard to Urban Greenery, Landscape & Beautification works, AMRUT & CIIP parks, Plantations in Government hospitals & National Highways, greening in PMAY colonies have been taken up.

66. Taking the development with a human touch concept to its logical conclusion, my Government is providing subsidized hygienic food to the poorer sections in the urban local bodies at an affordable price of Rs.5/-, my Government has established more than 160 Anna Canteens in 14 Municipal Corporations and 4 Municipalities.

(Thumping of Desks by Members)

67. While Visakhapatnam, Kakinada, Tirupathi, and Amaravati are already being developed as Smart Cities, my Government is taking steps to develop Srikakulam, Eluru, Ongole, Nellore, Kurnool and Ananthapuram as smart cities.

### **Industry and Services sector - the path for rapid development**

68. My Government has recognized that the growth of Industrial and Services Sector is critical for achieving the 12-13% overall economic growth, to create employment and to increase per capita income. Andhra Pradesh with about 58% labour work force engaged in agriculture and related which produces about 32% share of GSDP. It is imperative for AP to shift excess labour engaged in agriculture



to other sectors of economy. To shift labour from agriculture, first step is to create low skill high volume jobs simultaneously in sectors like Food Processing, Basic Electronics, Apparel, Tourism and related indirect jobs.

69. Share of manufacturing in Andhra Pradesh (9.6%) is below the national average (16.7%) and need to be improved to create jobs. The share of services sector in AP is at 44% is less than the country's 54% service sector share. My Government is committed to bring swift transformation in these two growth driving sectors.

70. Through the Single Window Portal, permissions for 69 services have been made online by integrating 19 departments. The AP Public Service Delivery Guarantee Act 2017 has also been enacted where timelines have been stipulated for delivery of public services. Currently, 74 important industrial services across 22 departments are covered under the Act and permissions are accorded in 21 days time.

71. Because of these sustained efforts, the growth of industry and manufacturing sector in AP has outpaced industrial growth in India over past 3 years. This is in contrast to the 10-year period prior to 2014 when industrial growth in AP lagged behind India. In 2017-18, growth rates of industrial sector were 4.40 percent for India and 8.49 percent for AP.

(Thumping of Desks by Members)

State Government is tracking 2,633 Large & Mega projects with committed investment of Rs.15.77 Lakh Crore with an employment potential of 33.30 Lakhs envisaged through the MoUs during Partnership Summits. Out of these, 820 projects have gone into production, with committed investment of Rs.1.82 Lakh Crore, and committed employment of 2.80 Lakhs. Further, a total of 1,211 projects are at civil works stage with a committed investment of Rs.5.27 Lakh Crores, and a committed employment of 7.66 lakhs.

(Thumping of Desks by Members)

72. Andhra Pradesh is proud to have attracted one of the single largest FDIs in a Greenfield project in India in recent times. Indonesian pulp and paper giant Asia Pulp & Paper Group (APP) is setting up not only India's but perhaps the largest paper mill in a single site in the world at Ramayapatnam in Prakasam district with an investment of Rs.24,500Crore.

(Thumping of Desks by Members)

The State Government recently entered into an MoU with the Adani Group to set up a renewable powered 5GW Data Centre in Visakhapatnam with a proposed investment of Rs.70,000Crore.

(Thumping of Desks by Members)

One in every 5 mobile handsets produced in India is now a Made in Andhra product. Over 3-3.5 million phones are produced every month in AP today. The Government has so far received Rs.21,573 Crore worth investment proposals in the pharma sector.

(Thumping of Desks by Members)

73. My Government is promoting two large industrial corridors - Visakhapatnam-Chennai Industrial Corridor and Chennai-Bengaluru Industrial Corridor passing through the state. The Government intends to industrially develop the areas, especially the nodes that pass through the corridors. Under the VCIC corridor, 4 industrial nodes will be developed - Visakhapatnam, Srikalahasti, Machilipatnam and Donakonda. Under the Chennai - Bengaluru Industrial Corridor, total 3 industrial nodes will be developed at Krishnapatnam, Orvakal and Hindupur.

74. To handle the vital demographic dividend properly, Mukhyamantri Yuvanestham scheme was launched to benefit unemployed youth with monthly unemployment allowance to upgrade their skill set.

(Thumping of Desks by Members)

Over 4.3 Lakh unemployed youth have been sanctioned under scheme, and 3.5 Lakh have been paid an unemployment allowance of Rs.1,000 each till date. Further, as part of imparting trainings, APSSDC trained a total of 8.66 lakh youth which includes 7.42 lakh students, so far 1.78 lakh people have been placed. Various institutes of repute including International Institute of Digital Technologies (IIDT) and State Institute of Hotel Management (SIHM) at Tirupati and Indian Institute of Tourism and Travel Management at Nellore are functional to offer quality training.

75. During the last four years, more than 30,000 MSME units have been set up with an investment of Rs.14,292 crore and providing employment to 3.3lakh persons.

(Thumping of Desks by Members)

Between 2014-18, Rs.82,097 crores has been disbursed as credit to MSME sector both in organized & unorganized sectors. My Government is planning to establish 175 MSME parks - one in each constituency. 21 of these have already been started and plots have been allotted. To consolidate the gains, my Government has set up a dedicated MSME Corporation.

76. Hurt by the non-fulfilment of the commitment by the Union Government under the AP Re-organisation Act, 2014, my Government has decided to build an integrated Steel factory on its own in Kadapa and completed Bhumi Pooja.

(Thumping of Desks by Members)

My Government has also decided to establish a mega industrial park at Kopparty in Kadapa. My Government is keen to provide direct and indirect employment to about 5 lakh persons through the establishing Petro Chemical Project in Kakinada SEZ.

77. My Government has attracted several Marquee companies across the sectors of automotive, food processing, textiles and pharmaceuticals. This list includes Isuzu, Kia Motors, Apollo Tyres, Ashok Leyland, Bharat Forge, Hero Group, Emami, Mondelez, Kellogg's, Pepsi, Nekkanti, Big Basket, Sumeru, Capricorn, Lavazza, Toray, Texport, Mohan Spintex, Hospira Healthcare, Dr. Reddy's labs, Lupin, Laurus Labs, Aurobindo Pharma and others.

(Thumping of Desks by Members)

APIIC has allotted 14,213 acres of industrial land to 1,945 units. Due to the persistent of my Government, the first car from KIA Motors has come on roads few days ago.

(Thumping of Desks by Members)

78. The investment by Kia Motors and its ancillaries and vendors is now a game changer for the Anantapur District, which has emerged as a strong automobile hub with more number of auto component manufacturing setting up facilities. Chittoor district, with Tirupati and Sri City as clusters, are being developed as hubs for Electronics Manufacturing. Visakhapatnam is being developed as an IT and Fintech hub, apart from being developed as manufacturing hub for pharmaceuticals, aerospace & defense and engineering products.

79. In tourism sector, department is currently tracking **200** investment projects across sub-sectors such as hotels, resorts, amusement parks, adventure activities, water sports etc. with investment potential of **Rs.15,325Crore** and employment potential of **82,874**.

(Thumping of Desks by Members)

A number of major campaigns like Let's Vizag, Konaseema Monsoon and Festive AP have been successfully organised in the state. In addition, large scale festivals such as Ex-Amaravati, F1H20 Grand Prix, Social Media Summit & Awards, Buddha Jayanthi Festival, Lepakshi Festival, VizagUtsav, AR Rehman live concert have been conducted. There has been a 15% growth in tourist footfalls compared to last year.

80. The State has identified IT & Electronics as focus sectors and developed a strong vision to enable the creation of 1,00,000 IT jobs and bring in investments worth USD 2 billion.

(Thumping of Desks by Members)

My Government also envisions to create 2,00,000 jobs in the electronics sector and bring in USD 5 billion investments. In the Electronics sector, five (5) companies have started operations with a committed investment of Rs.927Cr. and a committed employment of 21,850.

(Thumping of Desks by Members)

It is highly encouraging to note that Andhra Pradesh stood at No.1 position in the recently announced State Start up Rankings 2018. Hosting of Asia's largest Block Chain Conference in 2017 and Vizag Fintech Festival in 2018, brought greater laurels to the state.

### **Energy Security and trunk infrastructure:**

81. The State was facing severe energy deficit (22 MU per day) at the time of State formation in June, 2014. Power holidays were crippling farm and industrial sectors. Due to various steps initiated by the Government, the power deficit has been reduced to nil and shifted from being a power deficit state to currently a power surplus State.

(Thumping of Desks by Members)

The installed capacity in the State has been doubled during last four and half years.

82. The transmission and distributed losses have been reduced from 14% during 2013-14 to 9.7% by 2018 which is the lowest in the country.

(Thumping of Desks by Members)

The Per capita consumption of electricity has increased from 957 units to 1174 units during the last four years. Installed capacity in the State has increased from 9529 MW to 19,680 MW. No tariff increase has been made to agriculture and domestic consumers in the range of 0-900 units per annum during the last 4 years. My Government has declared that there will be no tariff increase in 2019-20 also.

(Thumping of Desks by Members)

83. My Government is promoting renewable energy, particularly Solar and Wind in a big way to harness the vast potential of green energy in the State. The installed capacity of renewable energy has reached 7464 MW from 1800 MW in 2014. The Solar tariffs have come down from Rs.6.50 per unit in the year 2014 to Rs.2.70 per unit during 2018.

(Thumping of Desks by Members)

A total capacity of 4000 MW is being developed in Ananthapuramu, Kurnool and Kadapa out of which 1850 MW has already commissioned.

(Thumping of Desks by Members)

1000 MW Kurnool Solar Park is the largest Solar Park at one location when it was commissioned. It is planned that Rs.36,604crores will be invested in Renewable Energy and this would provide employment to 13000 persons, majority in drought prone Rayalaseem districts. M/s Suzlon, M/s Gamesa, M/s ReGen have set up their manufacturing facility in the State.

**Airports, Ports, Logistics Parks, Inland Waterways, Roads:**

84. Civil Aviation Policy brought in 2015 is spurring robust growth in aviation sector. Passenger movement has increased to 5.5 million per annum from 1.1 million per annum during 2013-14. Growth rate during 2018-19 is 38% (CAGR) as compared to national growth rate of 12%. My Government has reduced taxes on aviation turbine fuel from 16% to 1%. New direct international flight to Singapore has been made a reality and flights to other International cities are also on the anvil.

(Thumping of Desks by Members)

The Greenfield Airport at Bhogapuram near Vizag - estimated cost Rs.2300crores is currently under tender stage. State Government have taken action to develop 3 new airports at Bhogapuram near Visakhapatnam, Orvakal near Kurnool and Damavaram in Nellore districts.

(Thumping of Desks by Members)

State Government have also taken up with AAI for development of new airport at Donakonda in Prakasam District and an airstrip at Kuppam in Chittoor district.

85. My Government is committed to develop an ecosystem which will integrate logistics and industries to make Andhra Pradesh as the logistic hub of India. We are committed to increase the cargo handling capacity to 750 MMT by 2025 and cargo traffic of 500 MMT and container traffic of 5 million TEUs by 2025. It is planned to have one major port at Vizag and 5 non-major ports at other places. The Union Government has not taken up the Dugarajapatnam in Nellore district citing non-feasibility despite clear provision in the Reorganization Act. Two new Ports are planned under PPP Model at Bhavanapadu in Srikakulam district and Kakinada SEZ Port in East Godavari district. Development of the proposed National Waterway 4 between Jaggiapeta and Vijayawada and also development of 3 multi-model Logistic Parks at Krishnapatnam, Kakinada and Visakhapatnam are going to further expedite the development.

86. The Amaravati-Anantapur green field expressway with a length of 384 kilometres and a cost of around Rs.20,000Crore is going to be a reality soon. Necessary approvals are being processed to make this historic initiative that will reduce travel time from farthest Rayalaseema district to Amaravati to just 4 hours.



(Thumping of Desks by Members)

Since June 2014 to till date, 2164 kilometres of roads have been upgraded as national highways. Further, State Government have taken up upgradation of all State roads from existing standards to double-lane standards based upon scientific traffic survey. My Government is committed to widen all single lane State Highways and Major District Roads having traffic intensity of more than 2000 PCUs to double lane standards. The entire R&B road network has been surveyed through Automated Network Survey Vehicle. Computerized Road Management System has been established for prioritization of improvements & maintenance of state roads. The total length of State Roads is being maintained in Pot Hole Free (PHF) condition through Annual Maintenance / Urgent Repairs.

87. The Kakinada-Srikakulam industrial gas pipeline, a joint venture of GAIL and APIIC & APGENCO will be completed by end of 2019. My Government is planning to lay the natural gas grid in all the 13 districts of AP.

88. As part of the fiber grid project, Six lakh households and enterprises in 4000 villages across 620 mandals are being provided the triple play services which supports 15 mbps internet connection, television with 250+ channels and 3 telephones at a cost of Rs.149 per month to each house hold. Laying of Optical Fiber is over the electric poles of 24,000 KM at just 10% of underground network cost.

(Thumping of Desks by Members)

#### **New Capital Amaravati:**

89. As we are all aware, the Successor State of AP was without a capital and due to loss of Hyderabad, the State Government suffered loss of revenue and lost major capital metropolis. In a historic manner, 28,074 land owners have given 34,010 acres of land towards land pooling scheme.

(Thumping of Desks by Members)

Under the land pooling scheme, land owners are provided 25-30% of the land pooled to the CRDA as a completely developed plot with all utilities in urban neighbourhood. It is by far the largest ever socially inclusive development anywhere and anytime in the historic across the globe.

(Thumping of Desks by Members)

90. Amaravati has been designed to be one of the happiest cities to host a population of 3.5 million in 35 years and 2 million jobs in 25 years and as a smart city with all the utilities planned underground. Overall cost of construction of infrastructure in Amaravati has been estimated to be Rs.51,687crores in Phase I and Rs.1.09lakh crores in total. Rs.39,875crores of works are under execution on ground (77%). The Government Complex is spread over 1375 acres and will house

Legislature, High Court, Secretariat, HoDs, Raj Bhavan and their related eco system and housing for all the Government functionaries and Public Representatives.

91. The High Court has been set up for the new state of Andhra Pradesh at a temporary location in Vijayawada. The integrated Secretariat and HoD buildings construction has commenced and is expected to be completed by October, 2020. The Transit Secretariat is completed within a record time of 6 months.

(Thumping of Desks by Members)

3,840 units of apartment housing for MLAs, All India Service officers, NGOs, GOs and Class IV employees and low income urban poor are under advanced stage and proposed to be completed by first half of 2019.

### **Global Benchmarking - eco-system for Governance:**

92. Happiness of our people is the most important goal of my Government. Happiness is not something you postpone for the future; it is something you design for the present. Adopting the methodology of the United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network's World Happiness Framework, we have estimated the district-wise happiness of our people. We have also followed the global benchmarks of Global Competitiveness Index and Ease of Doing Business Index to identify the position of Andhra Pradesh relative to other states and countries, and to design strategies to reach one of the top positions. All the key development programmes of my Government are monitored real-time through the Real-time Outcome Monitoring System.

(Thumping of Desks by Members)

93. The state's performance under various global Benchmarking Indices is encouraging. In Global Competitiveness Index 4.0, Andhra Pradesh has achieved equivalent rank of 49 as compared to India's rank of 58.

(Thumping of Desks by Members)

We are making efforts to break into top 25. Andhra Pradesh secured first rank continuously for two years in 2016 to 2017 in Ease of Doing Business.

(Thumping of Desks by Members)

The State has bagged the top rank in 2018 among states in the country followed by Maharashtra & Delhi in the Ease of Doing Business (EDB) compiled by Asia Competitiveness Institute (ACI), Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore. In Happiness Index, Andhra Pradesh has improved its rank from 74 to 44 while India dropped from 122 to 133 from 2016 to 2017.

(Thumping of Desks by Members)

AP was the best performing state under the Ease of Living Index. Two cities from the state - Tirupati (4<sup>th</sup>) and Vijayawada (9<sup>th</sup>) are among the top ten. Tirupati is the best city in the category of population less than 5 lakhs. Cleanest cities in the country - Three cities from Andhra Pradesh figured in the list of top 10 cleanest cities in India. Vijayawada - 5<sup>th</sup>, Tirupati - 6<sup>th</sup>, and Visakhapatnam - 7<sup>th</sup>.

(Thumping of Desks by Members)

The efforts put in by the entire administration during the last four and half years resulted in all these achievements and help secure about 660 national and international awards by the employees/institutions in the state.

(Thumping of Desks by Members)

94. Real Time Governance Society started functioning from 26<sup>th</sup> November 2017 with a motto of People First to ensure 80% satisfaction of citizens in overall Governance and the service delivery of the schemes. Real Time Governance is the first of its kind initiative by Government to enable changes in Governance, Public Administration and Management by leveraging the tools of e-Governance, technology and electronic communication.

(Thumping of Desks by Members)

Real Time Governance has established a first of its kind Parishkara Vedika-1100-a grievance redressal call centre and communication platform. Government of Andhra Pradesh through Real Time Governance Society collects real time feedback from citizens/beneficiaries on the quality of the services/benefits they have availed. RTGS does satisfaction surveys with beneficiaries to assess the satisfaction of citizens in the implementation of a program/scheme.

95. To enhance employee welfare, Government have decided to provide house sites/flats to all Government employees in the State.

(Thumping of Desks by Members)

Further, the Government have taken several initiatives to redress the problems of Government employees like constitution of PRC (Pay Revision Commission), constitution of a Committee to study Contributory Pension Scheme (CPS), gratuity and family pension to CPS employees, additional pay of 10% for pensioners above 70 years of age, providing promotional avenues to police constables, issuance of employee health cards to provide cashless treatment, relaxation of rules in matters of compassionate appointments, payment of PRC arrears, minimum time-scale to contract lecturers, time-bound scales and time-bound promotions to Government doctors etc. Government have also substantially increased the benefits and salaries for Archakas, Anganwadi workers, helpers, aayas, Asha workers, Home Guards, VRAs, VOAs, Contract and Outsource employees, Gopal Mitras etc.



(Thumping of Desks by Members)

#### Law and Order - A Peaceful Society:

96. A good law and order provides enabling environment for any growth model. It is indeed a matter of satisfaction to note that there has been reduction in all major heads of crime. This is due to positive engagement at all levels to reverse the rising crime graph, and institutionalizing a zero tolerance strategy towards crime with contribution of proactive leadership and robust organizational structure helped to tackle this problem.

(Thumping of Desks by Members)

Crime against women has witnessed substantial fall due to various initiatives taken up by the Government.

97. Technology is used extensively in reducing the crime in the State and various applications are developed and put in place for use and security of the public. These include Locked House Monitoring System (LHMS), Property Information and Networking System (PINS), Offender Surveillance, Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS), Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and Systems (CCTNS) and integration of 5,148 existing cameras, approved under the Cloud based IP CCTV Surveillance project. I am proud to say that my state police are doing very well and they are second to none.

(Thumping of Desks by Members)

98. Thus the Governance during the past four and half years centred around Vision, Innovation, Accountability, Digitisation, Uberisation, Convergence and technology driven transformation. These concepts helped us to accelerate the path of growth with equity and human face. This firm foundation has enabled us to create wealth and distribute it for the larger social good, alleviating the misery and suffering of the poor and depressed sections of the society while delivering better civic services to the citizen.

99. I would like to end my speech with the words of Mahatma Gandhi who said **"Recall the face of the poorest and the weakest person whom you may have seen, and ask yourself, if the step you contemplate is going to be of any use to that person. Will the person gain anything by it? Will it restore him [her] to a control over his [her] own life and destiny?"**. All the development and welfare measures my Government has put in place for welfare of the poorest, most vulnerable, under-privileged and remotest is exactly on these lines and there is every need to continue the development momentum till the future generations enjoy its fruits perennially. I am hopeful that the people's cooperation and strong support will continue in future also for continuing the development momentum.

ప్రజల సహకారం మరియు చేయూతతో నా ప్రభుత్వం స్వర్ణాంధ్రప్రదేశ్ నిర్మించడానికి పునరంకితం అవుతుందని దృఢ విశ్వాసాన్ని వ్యక్తం చేస్తున్నాను.

జైహింద్.

Hon'ble Members, Today being 30<sup>th</sup> January, the Death Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, Father of the Nation, I request all the members and everybody to stand up and observe two minutes of silence.

The House then observed Two minutes of silence.

Thank you.

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

\*\*\*\* Jai Hind\*\*\*\*

**(The address by the Governor was then ended at 10.32AM)**

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

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

His Excellency the Governor then attended by his Secretary, Aide-de-Camp and escorted by Body Guards left to Raj Bhavan.

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