

Republic Day Speech of Hon'ble Governor of Telangana State

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తెలంగాణ రాష్ట్ర ప్రజలందరికీ గణతంత్ర దినోత్సవ శుభాకాంక్షలు.

గణతంత్ర దినోత్సవం భారతీయులందరికీ గొప్ప జాతీయ పండుగ. సుమారు ముప్పైఒక్క నెలల క్రితం తెలంగాణ రాష్ట్రం దేశంలో 29వ రాష్ట్రంగా ఏర్పడిందని మన అందరికీ తెలుసు. అతి పిన్న వయస్సు గల తెలంగాణ, వడివడిగా బంగారు తెలంగాణ రాష్ట్రంగా అభివృద్ధి చెందే లక్ష్యంతో అనేక చర్యలు తీసుకుంటోంది. ఇప్పటి వరకు మనం సాధించిన విజయాలు, ప్రజా సంక్షేమం కోసం భవిష్యత్ లో చేపట్టబోయే పలు ప్రణాళికల గురించి క్లుప్తంగా సమీక్షించుకుందాం.

Telangana State is developing rapidly thanks to the measures being initiated by my Government which is reflected in the number one position it achieved in the Ease of Doing Business (EoDB) rankings. The youngest State of Telangana today is often being referred to as the most happening State.

We have completed 31 months in the Government and our targets and priorities are now well defined. The needs of weaker sections are being addressed in right earnest and our planning and execution of the welfare programmes for the poor is commendable.

My Government has launched a slew of flagship programmes and initiatives. The successes of schemes like

Mission Bhagiratha and Mission Kakatiya have found an echo at the national level. The NITI Aayog and other State Governments are admiring the Telangana model.

Telangana is on its way to becoming a role model State in the Country and overwhelming public support is driving my Government to work with renewed dedication and energy.

### **Creation of 21 new districts**

Honouring the promise of taking the administration to almost every doorstep, my Government created 21 new districts on the auspicious occasion of Dussehra 2016 taking the total number of districts to 31. The reorganization of the districts will enable the district administration to keep track of individual families and their progress as the average number of families is around 3 lakhs in a district. It reflects my Government's efforts to take governance to the doorstep of the people.

### **Irrigation Development**

In order to optimally utilize the water from Godavari and Krishna rivers and with an aim to irrigate 1 crore acres of agricultural land in the State, my Government has taken up a number of irrigation projects. The notable projects are Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation project, Palamuru Lift Irrigation, Dindi project, Sita Rama project and Bhaktha Ramadasu Lift Irrigation project. A massive Rs.25,000 crore has been earmarked for construction of irrigation projects in this year.

My Government is also proactively reaching out to the neighbouring States to settle all issues concerning sharing of river water amicably. As part of this, an agreement was reached with the Maharashtra Government and steps are being undertaken to construct the Kaleshwaram project on a war-footing basis.

### **Lakes regaining past glory through Mission Kakatiya**

Another innovative measure that is particularly aimed at improving the lot of the farming community and making their lives economically more meaningful is the vibrant Mission Kakatiya. It not only addresses a long-felt need but will also bring to life nearly 45,600 lakes and tanks in the State. Restoration works in nearly 9000 lakes is planned each year over a period of five years. The programme won appreciation from several quarters and the Niti Ayog.

### **Mission Bhagiratha heading at a fast pace**

My Government has taken up the dream project of Mission Bhagiratha at a cost of nearly Rs.42,000 crore. The hallmark of this first-of-its-kind programme is that it aims to provide safe drinking water through tap to every household in the State. The plan is to cover 25,000 rural habitations by the end of 2018.

This gigantic exercise has been segregated into 26 segments and takes into account the water needs of the entire population for the next three decades.

This prestigious scheme was inaugurated by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi in Komatibanda village in Gajwel constituency in August last year and he commended the effort.

### **Significant progress in power sector**

Due to timely initiatives, the power sector has made significant progress, particularly in providing consumers with quality and uninterrupted power, within a very short period. My Government has initiated short, medium and long term measures to overcome the power problem.

In its bid to make the State a power-surplus one, TS GENCO has grounded thermal projects with an aggregated capacity of 5800 MW (Mega Watts). Solar Power potential is also being harnessed in a big way. The DISCOMS have also entered into an MOU with the Government of India to join in the UDAY Scheme to financially improve the power sector.

### **Haritha Haram gains momentum**

Haritha Haram programme that is aimed at increasing the State's green cover from the present 25 percent to 33 percent is progressing well. It was taken up in full swing in all districts with the whole-hearted participation of people from different walks of life. On July 11<sup>th</sup> last year, a record 29 lakh trees were planted on a single day as part of the Haritha Haram initiative.

## **Aasara Pension**

My Government aims to render justice to all sections of the society so that they can live with dignity and self-respect. Enhanced Pension of Rs 1,000 per month are being given to old aged people, widows, beedi workers, weavers, toddy tappers and AIDS patients and up to Rs. 1,500/- per month for differently-abled persons under Aasara Scheme. Almost Rs. 4900 crore is being spent every year for 36 lakh beneficiaries.

## **Double-bedroom housing for poor**

My Government has initiated the construction of 'Double Bedroom houses' that will go a long way in fulfilling the dream of every deserving homeless poor. These houses are being constructed at a cost of Rs.5.04 lakh per unit in rural areas and Rs.5.30 lakh in urban areas and Rs.7 lakh per unit in GHMC limits. The entire expenditure on the houses is being borne by the Government.

New Year eve for the people of Erravalli and Narsannapeta villagers was marked by their entry into Government-built double bedroom houses after a mass house-warming ceremony in December last.

## **Initiatives for Women Development**

In addition to the Kalyana Laxmi and Shaadi Mubarak schemes which are being implemented by my Government by providing financial assistance of Rs.51,000/- at the time of

marriage of girls from SC, ST, BC, Minority & EBC community, a novel scheme for single women has been announced by my Government. It has been decided to give pension of Rs.1000/- per month to the helpless, single women.

### **Several initiatives for SCs and STs**

My Government is fully committed for the welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

As part of the scheme to distribute three acres of land to Dalits, the Government has so far distributed 9663 acres of cultivable land estimated at Rs 405 crore to 3,671 Dalit families. A Micro irrigation Scheme and Cultivation through Poly houses with 100 per cent subsidy is being implemented.

Reservation system is introduced in the market committees for the first time in the Country. This has led to 25 SC and 10 ST farmers being elevated to the post of Market Committee Chairpersons.

My Government has substantially increased the overseas scholarships for the SC/ST students.

To encourage SC/ST entrepreneurs, the State Government has launched the **Telangana State Programme for Rapid Incubation of Dalit Entrepreneurs (TS PRIDE)**.

## **Residential schools for SC/STs, BCs and Minorities**

My Government has embarked upon establishing Residential Educational Institutions on a massive scale as part of KG to PG free education.

Coinciding with the 125th birth anniversary of Dr BR Ambedkar, 103 Residential Schools for the SCs and 51 for the STs were established. In addition to these 200 Residential Schools were sanctioned for the Minorities out of which 71 have already started functioning. For the BCs, Residential Schools will be started in all the 119 Assembly segments from the coming academic year in schools and they will be named after Mahatma Jyotirao Phule, who worked for the uplift of the weaker sections. English would be the medium of study from fifth grade to Intermediate in these schools. For creating proper infrastructure, giving nutritious food, books and uniforms, my Government aims to spend nearly Rs 1.25 Lakh on each student.

For the first time, the Government has sanctioned 30 residential degree colleges for SC women. While 23 such colleges are functional, another seven are expected to come up this academic year.

## **Sanna Biyyam (Fine rice) for hostels & mid day meal**

My Government has been providing Sanna Biyyam (Fine Rice) to 5.9 lakh students staying in hostels since January 2015. Fine rice is also being supplied for Mid Day Meal scheme

to benefit 35 lakh students. This scheme has been freshly extended to college hostels and minority hostels. Every month, a quantity of 1.75 lakh metric tonnes of rice is being distributed through PDS for this purpose.

### **Reservation to STs and Muslims**

To address the needs of Muslims and STs, Sudhir Commission and Chellappa Commission were appointed to study the socio-economic and educational conditions of Muslims and STs and they have since submitted their reports to the Government. My Government has announced that it would take steps to provide reservations to Scheduled Tribes and Muslims in proportion to their population.

### **Priority for Welfare of Minorities**

Telangana State is known for its communal harmony and peaceful co-existence. This is precisely why Telangana culture is called as a blend of Ganga-Jamuna Tehjeeb. After the formation of the Telangana State, sincere efforts were made to remove insecurity among the minorities, instill confidence among them and protect their identity. For the welfare and development of minorities, a comprehensive plan has been prepared.

As part of the welfare measures for minorities, the Government is providing pre-matric and post-matric scholarships, fee reimbursement, Overseas Scholarships for



those pursuing higher education abroad, Residential Schools exclusively for the minorities besides launching the **Telangana State Programme for Rapid incubation of Minority Entrepreneurs (TS PRIME)** scheme to encourage Minority entrepreneurs. A Special IT SEZ is also being launched in Hyderabad exclusively for the minority industrialists.

As a symbol of communal harmony, the State Government is celebrating Christmas and Ramzan as State festivals. New clothes are being given to more than two lakh poor Muslim and Christmas families at the time of Ramzan and Christmas.

My Government has issued an order empowering local bodies to give permission for the construction of a church.

### **Development of Temples**

In a path breaking effort my Government is taking steps to develop Yadadri, Vemulawada, Jogulamba, Bhadradi, Dharmapuri, Basara temples in a big way to transform these places into major pilgrimage centres.

A comprehensive master plan was prepared and is being implemented for developing the Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy temple in Yadadri. It includes four-lane road from Raigiri to Yadadri, widening of other roads leading to Yadagirigutta as well as construction of cottages, avenue plantations, lakes, supply of water to the temple and the town and construction of a Vedic school.

## **Efforts to go Cashless**

My Government is garnering resources and efforts to make Telangana a lead State in the Country in terms of cashless transactions post demonetisation. Siddipet Assembly Constituency has been taken up as a pilot project in this regard. Ibrahimpur village in the said constituency has achieved the distinction of being the first village to go cashless in toto.

## **Initiatives of Telangana Police**

As part of its efforts to control crime, Telangana State Police is constantly upgrading its skills. Latest technologies are being extensively used in Smart Policing. Apart from using social media like Face Book, Twitter and WhatsApp effectively, new services like Hawk Eye, Lost Report, Body Worn cameras, Cashless Challan System etc., are used to maximise services to the citizens. Efforts are underway to establish a modern technology based Command and Control centre to ensure safety and security of the public. **'SHE'** Teams have been deployed and are active against eve-teasers and taking counter measures against women's harassment.

## **Welfare of Army Personnel**

My Government has decided to take several steps for the welfare of Army personnel or who have martyred for the nation or have been medically disabled as well as those who have

retired. Every year, Government will collect Rs 80 Crore towards a Corpus Fund for this purpose. Extending double pension scheme to retired Army Personnel and their widows, substantial increase of cash awards to the gallantry awardees, strengthening Sainik Welfare Boards both at the State and District levels are some of the measures in this regard.

### **Agriculture**

Apart from developing irrigation in a big way, my Government has taken up loan waiver for the farmers. Out of the four instalments of loan waiver amount of nearly Rs.17,000 crore, three instalments have been deposited into the bank accounts of farmers.

### **Fisheries and Animal Husbandry**

Given the potential, my Government is committed to develop pisciculture and aquaculture as a vibrant Rs.5,000/- crore industry. Studies are underway to map all the local resources towards preparation of a comprehensive policy for development of fisheries.

Seedling Development Centres would be set up and marketing facilities will be improved by setting up technologically upgraded markets functioning under hygienic conditions. My Government is also keen on establishing two colleges for study and research of fisheries.

My Government is supporting dairy farmers by way of providing cash incentive of Rs.4/- per litre of milk for supplying milk to Telangana State Dairy Federation.

To benefit lakhs of families living on sheep and goat rearing, my Government will go for measures for large scale sheep rearing and breeding.

### **First place in EoDB rankings**

Telangana achieved first position in the latest Ease of Doing Business (EoDB) rankings conducted by Government of India and the World Bank with a phenomenal 98.78 percent implementation rate. Aggressive reforms and path-breaking initiatives by my Government have paved the way to reach top and that too in a very short time.

A large part of the credit goes to the unique **Telangana Industrial Project Approval and Self-Certification System (TS-iPASS)** policy. It has become a talking point across the Country as it has attracted substantial investments into the State. The Single Window online clearance has helped attract huge investments into the State from within India and also global giants. Nearly 3000 industries have been given clearances with an investment of Rs.50,000/- crore to create about 2 lakh jobs. Substantial number of them have already gone into production.

## **Big boost to IT Sector**

My Government undertook major reforms in Information Technology sector by launching the new ICT policy as well as four supporting policies - Electronics Policy, IMAGE policy, Innovation Policy and Rural Technology Policy in April last year. This was aimed at augmenting growth in these sectors. As continuation of it, four more sectoral policies - Data Analytics, Data Centres, Open Data and Cyber Security were unveiled later in September, 2016.

Hyderabad is now recognized as one of the leading Information Technology hubs globally. The growth in IT sector is 16 percent, which is three percent higher than the national growth average.

Telangana Government's T-Hub initiative to encourage Start-ups and innovators has received national and global acclaim. My Government is going ahead with phase-2 of T-Hub, which is expected to be even bigger.

I am confident that in the near future, some of the innovators and their ideas from the T-Hub will reach international arena.

## **Urban Development**

My Government is also taking special interest in development of Hyderabad into a world class city and also other towns in the State.

Urban Mission Bhagiratha has been planned to ensure drinking water to all the villages within ORR and also to all the towns in the State.

My Government has taken special initiative in improving sanitation by giving 2000 Swachh autos and 44 lakh two coloured bins to 22 lakh households in Hyderabad.

My Government also put in extensive efforts to ensure that Krishna Phase III and Godavari Phase I are commissioned and adequate water supply provided to the city even in peak summer. Project to improve water supply in peripheral circles of city is going on in full swing at a cost of Rs 1900 crore. Two reservoirs around the city are also planned to store 20 TMC of water each to ensure reliable water supply in the future.

Musi River which used to be lifeline of Hyderabad is now totally polluted. My Government is taking action to set up an SPV for ensuring coordinated and speedy rejuvenation of the river.

Similarly, the much awaited Metro Rail is expected to go operational this year.

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