



**Republic Day Speech of Hon'ble Governor  
of Andhra Pradesh  
Sri Biswa Bhusan Harichandan  
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## **71st REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATIONS**

**My dear brothers and sisters of Andhra Pradesh.**

**Greetings on the Joyous occasion of this Republic day. On this day let us pay our respects to all our freedom fighters, Armed forces and Para Military personnel and security forces who laid their lives to make this Republic possible and to guard this for the past seven decades.**

**The Republic has been successful in uniting 1.3 billion people belonging to different faiths, Languages, regions and races. Our constitution has worked as protector of rights of each and every section of the society. It has assiduously guaranteed to all its citizens, the values enshrined in our preamble. The ideals of liberty, equality and fraternity spelt out in the preamble mean that the fruits of socio economic development reach to each and every section of the people and the Government does not work in favour of a few sections or regions. Centralisation and concentration of resources at a particular place or region is against the very ethos of democracy.**

**Guided by these noble principles, the Andhra Pradesh Government, emphasizing on equitable distribution of resources and caring for balanced development of all regions, took a historic decision recently, in the Cabinet, to decentralize and distribute capital functions for the State of Andhra Pradesh - Executive Capital in Visakhapatnam, Legislative Capital in Amravati and Judicial Capital in Kurnool. Decentralization of administration brings people closer to Government and arrests fissiparous and divisive tendencies which arise out of frustration caused due to unequal opportunities and concentration of wealth.**

**Development of all regions and all sections of people irrespective of caste, religion, region and party affiliations was the electoral promise made by this Government and it is firmly moving ahead in this direction.**

**Giving top priority for welfare of people, the State Government has been implementing several welfare programmes under the overarching scheme of 'Navaratnalu' for the benefit of all sections of people.**

### **VILLAGE SECRETARIAT**

**Andhra Pradesh Government pioneered in opening a new chapter in grassroot level administration by inaugurating the Village Secretariat system coinciding with the 150<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.**

**Andhra Pradesh became a role model for other States by setting up village and ward secretariats. These institutions would act as a bridge between the Government and the people by rendering over 500 different types of services at their doorstep, which is a major initiative towards decentralisation of administration.**

The institution of village secretariats is a major initiative of the government to implement its welfare schemes at the doorsteps of the beneficiaries in hundred percent saturation mode to all the eligible beneficiaries irrespective of their caste, religion, region or political affiliations.

**The village and ward secretariats along with village and ward volunteers provided employment to over 4 lakh people, which include 1.3 lakhs regular, permanent employees in village secretariats and 2.7 lakhs village/ward volunteers, in a record time of 100 days of governance. The Government is committed to make the village / ward secretariat system people-friendly by establishing a toll-free contact 1902 which facilitate public to call Chief Minister's office directly for any grievances.**

### **“YSR NAVASAKAM”**

**This programme is intended to select beneficiaries for various welfare schemes through grama volunteers. New rice cards, YSR Arogyasri, YSR pension kanuka, Jagananna Vidya deevena and Jagananna Vasati Deevena cards will be distributed under this programme. Beneficiaries of Amma Vodi, YSR Kapu Nestam, Rs 10000 financial assistance to washermen, nayee Brahmins and tailors, purohits, imams, Moujams have been identified in a transparent manner. Income limits for various welfare schemes have been increased liberally so as to benefit more number of people. The Government enhanced the eligible income limit from the earlier Rs.5000 to Rs 10,000 per month in rural areas and increased it from Rs 6000 per month to Rs. 12,000 per month in urban areas for distributing new ration cards. The income limit for Arogyasri scheme has been increased from Rs.2.5 lakhs to Rs 5.00 lakhs. Likewise income limits have been increased and eligibility criteria relaxed for many other schemes to benefit more people. 90% of the total population will be benefitted by one scheme or other. This total exercise is to see that every scheme reaches its beneficiaries at saturation level. Ward volunteers have conducted house hold surveys during the month of December. The list of eligible beneficiaries was then displayed at village/ward secretariats for social audit. The list of beneficiaries was finalised after social audit. The names of final eligible beneficiaries is displayed permanently in respective village/ward secretariat and the procedure to be adopted to get their names enrolled if some eligible beneficiary misses out, is also displayed. The Government is keen to ensure that every scheme is**

implemented on a 100% saturation mode in a transparent manner, so that no eligible beneficiary is left out of scheme.

### **“YSR RYTHU BHAROSA”**

**As a farmer friendly Government, we have given top priority for agriculture sector and welfare of farmers, with a strong belief that increase in agro economy will pave way for development of other sectors. In tune with this, the state introduced YSR Rythu Bharosa scheme to provide for an input assistance of Rs.13,500 per annum which is more than the electoral promise of Rs 12,500 and also fulfilled the promise a year earlier, by paying the amount to 46 lakh farmers. While a sum of Rs. 50,000/- was promised for a period of 4 years as input assistance, it is now increased to Rs.67,500/- in five years. Further, for the first time in the country, the Government has been extending the same input assistance facility to tenant farmers belonging to SC, ST , BC and Minorities. Farmers cultivating registered lands in the tribal areas under the ROFR patta will also receive Rs.13,500/- per year.**

Rythu Bharosa centres are being set up adjacent to village secretariats to supply unadulterated, quality tested and certified – seeds, pesticides and fertilizers to farmers and would also provide necessary suggestions and guidance regarding better agricultural practices. The State Government has decided to set up 3,300 Rythu Bharosa centres by January end; additional 5,000 centres by February and a total of 11,158 Rythu Bharosa centres by June 2020.

**As per the agreement made by Government with banks, the input assistance will be credited into unencumbered bank accounts, which means that this amount cannot be set off against any of the previous**

loans and the entire amount will be available to the beneficiaries to be used for farming needs.

**A sum of Rs.3000 Cr is allotted as “Price Stabilization Fund” for agricultural produce, to rescue the farmers from distress sale of their produce. In addition, the State Government has been sanctioning interest free loans to farmers, providing 9 hours free quality power supply during day time and power supply at Rs. 1.50 per unit to aqua farmers.** The Government released Rs. 330 cr for Bengal gram farmers and Rs. 85 Cr to oil palm farmers. The state has been providing an ex-gratia of Rs. 7 lakh to the family members of those farmers who committed suicide. To provide assistance during natural calamities, a natural calamity fund is set up with an amount of Rs 2,000 cr. The Government is providing free crop insurance to all the farmers at a cost of Rs.2,100 crores.

The State Government has decided to set up millets and pulses boards to encourage cultivation of nutrient value millets and pulses and to provide Minimum Remunerative price.

### **Agricultural Produce Procurement Policy...**

**Our Government is committed to the welfare of farmers. We have introduced new procurement policy for agriculture produce. The Government is of the firm opinion that farmers should get remunerative price for their produce and no farmer should sell their produce below the Minimum Remunerative price.**

The State Government will set up permanent procurement centres throughout the state to ensure remunerative prices for food grains, Bengal gram and other crops. Farmers should not fall prey to middle men. The Government is stringent in eliminating middlemen in agriculture produce procurement process.

For the first time in the country, crops such as chilli, Turmeric, onion, millets, sweet lime & banana have been given minimum remunerative prices. Another land mark of our new agricultural produce purchase policy is to announce Minimum Remunerative price at the time of sowing season itself.

We are displaying the table containing details of minimum remunerative price and list of procurement centers in each village secretariat for crops grown in the respective villages. We have upgraded 217 market yards and 150 sub market yards as permanent procurement centers.

### **“JAGANANNA AMMA VODI”**

**The aim of the Government is to ensure 100 percent literacy in the state. ‘Poverty should not be an impediment for enrolling or continuing in schools’. With this noble aim, the Government has launched “Jagananna Amma Vodi” on January 9<sup>th</sup>. Aiming to bring historical changes in education system the State Government has launched this unique scheme, first of its kind in the country. The programme will provide financial assistance of Rs 15,000 per anum to all poor and needy mothers to enable them to educate their children.** This assistance is applicable to all the poor and needy mothers whose children are studying in Government, private, aided, residential schools and colleges from class 1 to Intermediate. **The State Government has already distributed a sum of Rs. 6,456 cr to benefit 43 lakh mothers and thereby about 82 lakh children under this scheme.**

### **ENGLISH AS MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION**

**The State Government has decided to introduce English as medium of instruction in all schools and Telugu will be a compulsory**

**subject. English medium will be introduced from Class 1<sup>st</sup> to class 6<sup>th</sup> for the academic year 2020-21 in all schools.** This will be extended to next higher class each year and in a span of 4 years students will be ready to take 10<sup>th</sup> class board exams in English medium.

### **MANABADI NADU-NEDU**

**Under the Manabadi Nadu-Nedu programme total revamp of infrastructure in 45,000 schools, 471 junior colleges, 151 degree colleges and 3,287 hostels will be taken up in three phases. Photographs of existing infrastructure in schools will be taken to compare with those taken after 3 years.** The minimum facilities to be provided in schools include protected drinking water, toilets, furniture, compound walls, painting of class rooms, repairs and finishing of school buildings, black boards, fans and tube lights. English labs will be established to develop English language skills. The programme is aimed at Enhancement of teaching learning standards of schools by training teachers and by offering bridge courses to children. **A budget of Rs 14,000 Cr is allotted for this purpose.**

### **“JAGANANNA VIDYA KAANUKA”**

**A kit comprising of three pairs of uniform, text books, note books, one pair of shoes, socks, belt and school bag will be provided to students as soon as the school reopens.**

### **“JAGANANNA GORU MUDHA” (MID-DAY MEAL PROGRAMME)**

Under this programme, nutritious meal is being provided to the children with better menu and enhancement of quality of food. New menu

is being implemented from 21<sup>st</sup> January. An additional budget of Rs.353 cr has been allotted for this purpose.

### **“JAGANANNA VIDYA DEEVENA”**

**The state is spending Rs. 3,400 Cr per annum under Vidya Deevana towards total fee reimbursement to SC, ST, BC, KAPU, EBC, Minority, differently abled and economically poor. B.Tech, B.Pharmacy, M.Tech, M.Pharmacy, MBA, MCA, B.Ed course students will get fee reimbursement facility. The State Government has enhanced income limit to Rs 2.5 lakh for availing reimbursement facility.**

### **“ JAGANANNA VASATI DEEVENA”**

**The State Government will give Rs. 10,000 per annum to ITI students, Rs. 15,000 per annum to Polytechnic students and Rs. 20,000 per annum to those studying Degree or above as boarding charges under the scheme with a total budget of Rs. 2,300 crores. The amount will be distributed to the students in two spells. SC, ST, BC, KAPU, EBC, Minority, differently abled and economically poor students will be benefited.**

### **“DR.YSR AROGYASRI”**

**Giving a fillip to people’s health, the State Government launched a modified, YSR Arogyasri schemes with many more added benefits to provide corporate level treatment to poor. For the first time in the country, the state has been implementing Arogyasri scheme to cover procedures costing more than Rs. 1,000. The State Government is implementing a pilot project in West Godavari district covering 2,059**

**diseases and in rest of 12 districts an additional 200 diseases to the existing 1059 diseases are brought under Arogyasri.** From April onwards, one district per month will include 2,059 diseases under Aarogyasri till all the districts in the state are covered. The Arogyasri will be applicable to those families whose annual income is less than Rs. 5 lakhs. This will ensure that about 90% of the population will be covered under this scheme. Dr YSR Arogyasri services will be available in 150 super speciality hospitals in Hyderabad, Bangalore and Chennai to all eligible beneficiaries. The State Government is paying a monthly pension of Rs. 10,000 to thalasaemia, sicklecell, haemophilia and kidney dialysis patients. Patients suffering from bilateral elephantiasis and those paralysis or muscular dystrophy patients, who are bed ridden or wheel chair bound, are being given a pension of Rs. 5,000 per month. Likewise leprosy patients are being given a monthly pension of Rs. 3,000.

**The State Government has been distributing new Arogyasri cards with QR code and making available WHO/GMP standards medicines in hospitals. The State is purchasing 1,060 ambulances and modernizing 5,000 health sub-centres under Nadu-Nedu programme.** The wages of sanitary staff of hospitals has been increased from Rs. 8,000 to 16,000 and the government is making efforts to fill vacancies of doctors, nurses and other staff. All the procedures relating to cancer and arranging dicochlear implant to those having hearing problem is also brought under Arogyasri and the entire expenditure towards treatment will be borne by the government.

**To ensure that no one starves during recovery period after treatment, “YSR Arogya Aasaraa” as an integral part of YSR Arogyasri has been launched. Under this scheme, besides free**

**comprehensive treatment, post therapeutic sustenance allowance @ Rs. 250 per day or Rs. 5,000 per month is being paid to the patients, for as many days as doctors prescribe.**

### **“YSR KANTI VELUGU”**

**The programme will be implemented in the State in six (6) phases with a budget of Rs. 560 cr towards quality eye care services free of cost with an aim to reduce avoidable blindness from 1 % to 0.3 %. In the first phase, free eye tests were conducted to 70.42 lakh students of 62,489 government and private schools by trained medical and para medical staff. In the second phase, surgeries will be performed to those students who need surgeries and spectacles will be distributed free of cost. Community based eye tests and surgeries will be conducted in four (4) phases from 1<sup>st</sup> February 2020 to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022 with a duration of six (6) months each. In each phase free eye tests, distribution of spectacles and eye surgeries to all needy senior citizens and general public will be provided.**

### **“YSR Pension Kanuka”-“YSR Aasara”-“YSR Cheyutha”**

**Under YSR Pension kanuka scheme, the Government has decided to increase pension upto Rs. 3,000 per month in a phased manner. The State Government increased pension from Rs. 1,000 which was in existence four months prior to forming of this Government to Rs. 2,250. As part of it, old age persons, widows, single women, handloom weavers, toddy tappers, fishermen, tannery workers and AIDS patients will get a pension of Rs.2250/- per month which, with an**

**annual increase of Rs. 250 every year till it finally increases to Rs. 3,000. The pension eligibility age is reduced from 65 to 60 years to benefit more number of people. The pension to differently abled is increased to Rs. 3,000. The State Government has relaxed pension rules to include those who have 5 acres wet land or 10 acres dry land or both put together have less than 10 acres of land.**

**Under YSR Aasara the State Government has decided to clear the dues of DWCRA women amounting to Rs.26,000 crores in four instalments. The State Government is planning to distribute Rs. 75,000 to SC, ST, BC and Minority poor women, who crossed 45 years of age, under “YSR Cheyutha”.**

### **HOUSING FOR POOR**

**With a strong determination to provide shelter to shelter less poor, the State Government has decided to distribute house site pattas to 25 lakh people by this Ugadi festival. Six lakh houses will be constructed every year and a total of 25 lakh houses will be registered in the name of women. The state will make arrangement to provide loan at 25 paise interest from banks to provide additional money required for construction of houses.**

### **75 PERCENT RESERVATION TO LOCALS IN EMPLOYMENT**

**For the first time in the country, the State Government brought an Act in the first session of Assembly itself to provide 75 percent reservation to locals in industries.**

### **RESERVATION TO SC, ST, BC MINORITIES**

50 percent reservation is being provided to SC, ST, BC, Minorities in all nominated posts and nominated works.

### **SC, ST COMMISSION**

**The State Government has passed an Act to set up separate SC, ST commissions to implement the welfare programmes efficiently and to look into other related issues.**

### **RESERVATION TO WOMEN**

**50 percent reservation cutting across all sections will be provided to women in all nominated posts, nominated works, endowment trust committees and outsourcing jobs.**

### **TRANSPARENCY IN ADMINISTRATION**

**As part of Government's commitment to increase transparency in administration, a judicial preview committee was appointed to finalise the tenders costing more than Rs. 100 cr. The State Government signed an MoU with IIM (Ahmedabad) to bring administrative reforms to curb corruption and to improve administrative efficiency. The Government set up toll free No: 14400 for lodging complaints against corruption. The Government is adopting the process of reverse tendering and has so far saved around Rs. 2000 cr to exchequer.**

### **CONTROL ON LIQUOR CONSUMPTION and BELT SHOPS:**

**To fulfil the promise made to relieve the families from the demonic clutches of liquor and to protect the health of poor, the State Government amended Prohibition Act 1995 to implement prohibition in a phased manner. The new Act is aimed to prevent brewing and**

**selling of illicit liquor.** A fine of Rs. 2 lakh will be imposed for the first offence and Rs. 5 lakh for the second offence for brewing and sale of illicit liquor. Women police will be appointed in village secretariats to prevent sale of illicit liquor. **The Government has taken over the sale of liquor, thereby providing employment to 16,000 people and control sale of liquor.** The number of liquor outlets has been reduced by 20 per cent bringing them down from 4380 to 3,450. The sale timings have been reduced drastically. **The State Government is making efforts to discourage liquor consumption by bringing awareness and establishing de-addiction centres.** All the permit rooms and belt shops have been closed. A new bar policy is announced which aims to reduce the number of bars by 40%.

### **“YSR JALAYAGNAM”**

**The Government is dedicated to make the State drought free. As part of YSR Jalayagnam, the State Government has been making efforts to complete all pending projects on war footing. The Government is determined to complete the Polavaram project by 2021 to provide irrigation facility to 7.2 lakh acres of new ayacut and stabilize 23.5 lakh acres of existing ayacut.** Steps have been taken to complete Vamsadhara phase II, Totapalli, Taraka Teertha Sagaram, Mahendra Tanaya off shore reservoir, Janjhavati projects in back ward region of north coastal region. Under Veligonda project in Prakasam and other projects in Nellore and Kadapa districts, 4.47 lakh acres of land will be provided irrigation facility and drinking water will be supplied to 15.25 lakh people in fluoride affected regions. **By completing Galeru-Nagari phase II irrigation facility will be provided to 2.60 lakh acres in**

**Kadapa, Chittoor districts and drinking water will be supplied to 5 lakh people.** A project will be taken up at a cost of Rs. 69,000 crores to supply Godavari water to Rayalaseema region through Bollapalli Reservoir and Banakacharla regulator. The carrying capacity of canals will be increased and additional canals constructed so that a 50 day flood water of river Krishna can fill all reservoirs in Rayalaseema.

### **AP DISHA ACT**

Women are pride of the state and ensuring their safety and security is top priority of this Government. In this connection, **the Andhra Pradesh Government enacted AP Disha Act to protect the safety of women and girls, which has become a role model for rest of the states to follow. The Act helps to punish the culprits who resort to atrocities on women by awarding death penalty. Under the Act the judgement in cases of conclusive evidence has to be delivered in 21 days by completing investigation in 7 days and judicial inquiry in 14 days. Child abuse will attract a punishment of life imprisonment and harassment of women through social media is liable for a jail term for 2 to 4 years.** Several other states including Odissa and Delhi hailed the decision of State Government for bringing Disha Act.

### **“YSR NETANNA NESTAM”**

**To extend a helping hand to handloom weavers, the State Government launched “YSR Netanna Nestam” scheme on December 21. Weavers having their own loom are being given a financial assistance of Rs 24,000 per annum under this scheme which has benefitted around 85,000 weaver families.** The State Government is going to provide a financial assistance of Rs 1.20 lakh to each family of weavers in five years.

### **“YSR MATSYAKARA BHAROSA”**

**The State Government increased the amount to be paid to fishermen for two months during ban on fishing, from Rs 4000 to Rs 10,000 thus benefiting 1.35 lakh fishermen families. The ex-gratia to be paid to fishermen under Matsyakara Bharosa scheme in case of accidental death is increased to Rs 10 lakh as against 5 lakh in the past. This facility is applicable to all aged between the 18-60 years and registered under YSR Bheema Scheme.. The subsidy per litre on diesel to fishermen using mechanized and fiber boats has been increased from Rs 6.03 to Rs 9. The subsidy will be provided through smart cards. The Government has proposed three new fishing harbours and fish landing facilities. A compensation of Rs 78.24 cr has been paid to the fishermen who lost their livelihood due to oil exploration in Mummidivaram. 46 integrated Aqua Labs will be established with an expenditure of Rs.56.53 crores..**

### **“YSR VAHANA MITRA”**

**To provide financial assistance for repairs and maintenance to auto and cab owner cum drivers, the State Government is providing financial assistance of Rs 10000 per annum to driver cum owners of auto, taxi and maxi cab. Under this scheme around 2.36 lakh drivers have been benefited with financial assistance of Rs 236 cr. A sum of Rs. 50000 will be directly deposited into the beneficiary's bank account over a period of 5 years.**

### **INCREASE OF WAGES**

**Keeping in view the welfare of employees at field level, the State Government increased the wages of Asha workers from Rs. 3,000 to Rs. 10,000. Sanitary workers of municipality to Rs. 18,000, sanitary**

**workers of teaching hospitals, area hospitals, primary health centres and community health centres to Rs. 16,000 from 8,000, Home guards from Rs. 18,000 to 21,000. VOA (Velugu animators) from Rs. 3,000 to 10,000. For 108 drivers from Rs. 13,000 to 28,000 and Emergency medical technician from Rs. 15,000 to 30,000. For 104 vehicle pharmacist and lab technician Rs. 17,500 to 28,000 and driver from Rs. 15,000 to 26,000. The wages of mid day meal scheme workers have been increased from Rs. 1,000 to 3,000.**

### **QUALITY RICE TO POOR**

**The State Government has launched a pilot project in Srikakulam district to distribute quality rice in 5,10,15 and 20 kg bags. The rice bags will be distributed by grama volunteers at the door step of people. The scheme will be extended to all the districts from April onwards.**

### **NEW SAND POLICY**

**Our Government is committed to eliminate Sand mafia completely. We have prescribed severe punishments for culprits. Penalties for violations include fine up to Rs. 2 lakhs and imprisonment upto 2 years.. we have set up one sand stock point per each constituency. Sand can now be ordered online and will be door delivered. With the receding of floods we are now able to supply as much sand as requested by consumers.**

**Thanks to abundant rains we have received sand deposits sufficient to cater to our 5 year demand.**

### **“Dr YSR NAVODAYAM”**

The State Government launched ‘Dr. YSR Navodayam’ scheme, with a supporting measure to reimburse 50% of the auditors’ fee upto a maximum ceiling of Rs 2 lakh per account for preparation of techno-economic viability reports required for One-Time Restructuring (OTR) of stressed loans of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) by banks up to March 31, 2020.

The Government also ensured that all eligible units are covered under the OTR scheme by conducting sectoral studies in all districts by devising suitable policies every month and provide them hand-holding support to avail themselves the OTR benefit.

### **HELP TO AGRI GOLD VICTIMS**

**The State Government has extended its support to Agri Gold victims. As per the assurance given to Agri gold victims, the Government has allocated Rs. 1,150 cr in the budget and distributed Rs. 264 cr to 3,69,655 depositors who have deposits of less than Rs. 10,000. The Government is committed to allot Rs. 886 Cr to distribute among 3.40 lakh depositors, who have deposits of less than Rs. 20,000 and is awaiting orders from the Hon’ble High Court.**

### **RTC EMPLOYEES MERGER IN GOVERNMENT**

**Taking a step forward for welfare of employees, the State Government merged all the APSRTC employees in newly formed Public Transport Department from January 1, 2020. The retirement age of employees has been increased to 60 years before the merger. By this act, the State Government provided job security to 51,488 RTC employees. The**

**merger will impose an additional burden of Rs 3,600 cr per annum on exchequer.**

### **“YSR ‘LAW’ NESTHAM”**

On the occasion of ‘National Advocates Day’, the State Government launched YSR Law Nestham, a scheme providing Rs.5,000 as monthly stipend to junior advocates below the age group of 35 years and those who have passed out after 2016. The junior lawyers will be benefited with stipend for initial 3 years of their practice. The Government is committed to support the legal fraternity by earmarking Rs 100 crores for Advocates welfare fund.

### **KADAPA STEEL PLANT**

**The Andhra Pradesh Government marked a new chapter in industrial policy by laying foundation stone for an integrated High Grade Steel Plant in Kadapa district's Jammalamadugu mandal turning a long cherished dream of people of AP into reality.**

**The plant is set to be established in 3,148 acres of land and the National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC) signed a MoU to supply the required iron ore @ 5 million tons per annum. The project is estimated to cost around Rs 15,000 crores which is mainly aimed towards sustainable development coupled with green technologies.**

The Government is very much committed to complete the construction work of the plant in three years. It is expected that the steel plant in the district will boost the economy and provide ample jobs to the local youth, besides resulting in a growth of the manufacturing sector apart from setting up of many allied sectors.

## **BOOST TO INDUSTRIAL SECTOR:**

The Government has embarked on a journey with accessibility and transparency as twin cornerstones for a business friendly state thereby, striving to transform Andhra Pradesh as the most favoured destination for global investors and local employment generation. **Giving top priority to industrial sector, the state organized diplomatic outreach programme to attract investments. Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy invited foreign investors promising transparency in sanction of licences with a single application. Top companies came forward to invest Rs. 15,648 cr to provide employment opportunity to 25,967 people.**

The State Government is keen on developing new ports including Bhavanapadu, Machilipatnam and Ramayapatnam.

## **SPANDANA**

**The State Government has introduced “Spandana” a public grievance redressal platform to ensure good governance. Every Monday is designated as a Spandana grievance redressal day and officers of all departments receive grievances from public to redress them in a time bound manner. The status of resolution of grievances received through Spandana programme is being monitored through the Real Time Governance System and reviewed every week by Chief Minister.**

## **LAW AND ORDER**

**It is 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 the problem.**

## **CONCLUSION**

**Government has decided to go all out with ‘Navaratnalu’, an integrated scheme with themes covering agriculture, health, education, housing and welfare sectors. The Government is committed to uplift the downtrodden and the deprived with corruption free and inclusive governance while dispensing the welfare measures to the eligible on a 100 per cent saturation mode without any prejudices of caste, colour, creed or political affiliation. This will ensure removal of discretion while sanctioning the benefits, which otherwise would have given scope for corruption and nepotism.**

**The Government has recognized the importance of maintaining high economic growth as an imperative for sustained development by adopting innovative policies. Besides continuing the focus on agriculture, industries and services sectors, the Government is committed to give special thrust to focus on all the key sub sectors and give a big push.**

**I reiterate that the state of Andhra Pradesh is poised to march ahead in the path of inclusive growth and integrated development enhancing satisfaction level of all sections of people.**

**Jai Hind**