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Address of Hon'ble Governor  
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on the occasion of AP Formation Day on November 1, 2020

Andhra Pradesh Sodara Sodareemanulu andariki Namaskaram.

On this historic occasion of Andhra Pradesh Formation Day, I deem it a privilege to convey my warm greetings to the people of Andhra Pradesh.

On this occasion, I pay my homage with deep respect to the great leaders and freedom fighters who sacrificed their lives to achieve a separate State for Andhras.

The long cherished demand for a separate State for Andhras became a reality with the supreme sacrifice made by Potti Sriramulu, a staunch follower of Mahatma Gandhi, who began his fast unto death on the 19th of October, 1952 at Madras and attained martyrdom on 15th of December, 1952.

On 19th December, 1952, then Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru announced in the Lok Sabha that the Andhra State would be formed with the eleven undisputed Telugu districts, and the three Taluks of the Bellary district.

Subsequently, as per the recommendations of the First States Reorganization Committee, Andhra Pradesh became the first State to be formed on linguistic basis with the merger of nine Telugu speaking districts of erstwhile Hyderabad State into Andhra State and was named 'Andhra Pradesh' thus fulfilling the demand for a Visalandhra, which was inaugurated on the 1st of November, 1956 by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and Late Shri Neelam Sanjiva Reddy became the first Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, who later rose to the position of the President of India.

The state of Andhra Pradesh is blessed with abundant natural resources, fertile land and river basins, water resources, extensive canal system and conducive agro-climatic conditions, the second longest coast line in the

country, is also one of the largest producers of marine products and above all has human capital with huge potential, progressive attitude and very high level of entrepreneurship aptitude.

With business-friendly policies and robust physical, social and industrial infrastructure, Andhra Pradesh is poised to become one of India's best States in the future.

The development process of the state has witnessed implementation of several schemes/programmes aimed at improving infrastructure right from Anganwadi centres to Higher education institutions as well as primary health care centers to super specialty hospitals.

The Government is committed to provide assured water supply to all for domestic, irrigation and industrial use and for supply of quality power to farmers.

With the implementation of Village Secretariat/Ward Secretariat system, which is first of its kind in the country, the administration has been taken to the doorstep of people as the system enables convergence of government programmes as well as speedy delivery of welfare benefits. The State government is implementing several inclusive and pro-poor welfare measures and I hope that the fruits of development reach every individual in the State.

Navaratnalu, meaning nine gems, an integrated welfare programme consisting of nine major welfare schemes aimed at inclusive development of all regions of the State in the sectors of agriculture, health, education, housing, welfare and others needs a special mention. With the implementation of this flagship programme, the State government intends to ensure that the benefits of welfare schemes reach all the needy and eligible people and no eligible person is left uncovered.

All of us in Andhra Pradesh have gone through the difficult situation posed by the Covid-19 pandemic as with people all over the world. The corona virus pandemic made an adverse impact on the economic growth and development. It will take time, patience and continuous perseverance towards the desired goals to fight the adverse situations created by this unprecedented calamity faced by the mankind. However the zeal of humanity to learn from adversities and reach new heights will guide us towards a bright future.

Even though the situation is slowly improving, I appeal to all the people of the State to remain alert, not to lower their guard and to strictly follow necessary guidelines till a viable vaccine is made available for all.

I deeply appreciate the untiring efforts of the Andhra Pradesh government, frontline warriors including doctors, health professionals, voluntary organizations such as Red Cross, police personnel, sanitation workers etc. for the steps taken to prevent spread of the corona virus and timely health care provided to Covid-19 patients.

Andhra Pradesh has tremendous potential for growth and is marching in the right direction towards the path of progress and development.

I pray Lord Jagannath and Lord Venkateswara to shower their choicest blessings on the people of Andhra Pradesh for a bright future.

Jai Hind