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Address of Sri Biswa Bhusan Harichandan,
Hon'ble Governor of Andhra Pradesh
to the Joint Session of both Houses of
Andhra Pradesh State Legislature, on the occasion of the Budget Session-
2022-23 at 11 AM on 7th March 2022

Hon'ble Chairman, Hon'ble Speaker and Hon'ble Members of the State Legislature;

1. It's a great privilege and honour for me to address this Joint Session of both houses of Andhra Pradesh State Legislature on the occasion of the Budget Session, 2022-23.
2. Our nation and state have gone through a difficult phase in the last two years due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Being alert to the fact that the pandemic is not over, we all need to be cognizant of a possible recurrence of this menace. However, despite the adverse impact of the Covid, due to timely relief offered by my government, the State could post decent performance on various fronts.
3. For the last 3 years, my government has been making relentless efforts in ensuring decentralized and inclusive governance. In coherence with the objective of decentralized and good governance, we have embarked on **Restructuring of Districts**. My government has decided to restructure the existing 13 districts in the state to 26. This new district administrative setup shall start functioning on the auspicious day of Ugadi, Telugu New Year, 2nd April 2022.
4. Reaffirming our commitment to the welfare of our government employees, who we regard as the pillars of our administration, my government has implemented the **11th Pay Revision Commission** (PRC) to the Government employees and pensioners of the state with the fitment of 23% and a flurry of other benefits, including the release of 5 installments of dearness allowance in one go. That despite continued financial stress on the government exchequer due to shortfall in resources primarily, the very fact that we have extended this huge financial benefit. This bears testament to our commitment to our employees.

I. Economy

5. Covid-19 pandemic had a deleterious fiscal impact. While revenues were constrained on one hand, the expenditure had to be stepped up for mitigation measures, protection of livelihood, and ensuring that development did not get derailed on the other. After the subdued growth registered last year, the state economy is projected to bounce back to pre-covid levels. The advance estimates of state economy for the year 2021-22 show the overall growth at 17.9% at current prices. The Per Capita Income has moved up to Rs. 2,04,758 from Rs. 1,76,707 last year, with a highly impressive growth rate of 15.9%.

II. Local to Global – Mapping Navaratnalu with SDGs and Localization

6. Amidst persisting threat of the pandemic, our steadfast commitment for extending support to welfare of farmers, women, underprivileged, marginalized & vulnerable groups continues. Our focus remains on high standards for education, health, agriculture, women empowerment and inclusive governance
7. The elaborate inclusive model of governance we have adopted under '**Navaratnalu**' to improve the lives of our citizens is proving holistic and merits replication by other states. We have implicitly adopted the UN's **Sustainable Development Goals** (SDGs) broad agenda of 'Leave No One Behind' under the Navaratnalu framework, wherein all the SDGs have been mapped with the state welfare schemes. Through localization of SDGs, my government is ensuring that human and economic development takes place in harmony with environment. The implementation of this integrated welfare program has facilitated direct transfer of financial assistance into the bank accounts of beneficiaries without any leakages and thereby has significantly improved the lives of our citizens.

8. The '**Village and Ward Secretariat**' and 'Volunteer' systems that my government has established are paying rich dividends by making the extension of government services transparent, timely and efficient. Through this innovative initiative, while employment has been created for aspiring youth, corruption-free public services are being delivered at the doorstep of the citizens.

Education

***"A literary genius, it is said, resembles all,
though no one resembles him"***

- Dr. S. Radhakrishnan

9. My government has recognized 'education' as the most effective tool to transform the younger generations. The focus is on utilizing every possible opportunity to develop children and youth to be globally competitive.
10. Strengthening infrastructure components in all government schools is being implemented for a period of three years starting from 2020-21 under **Mana Badi- Naadu Nedu**. 15,715 schools in phase-I have been taken up with an outlay of Rs.3,669 crore. In coming two years, strengthening of remaining 39,000 schools and other educational institutions will be taken up under this initiative.

Enrollment and Retention

11. As envisaged in the SDGs, to improve the Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER), my government is implementing programs like Jagananna Vidya Kanuka, Jagananna Ammavodi, Jagananna Gorumudda, Jagananna Vidya Deevena, Jagananna Vasathi Deevena.
12. My government has distributed teaching learning material to 47.32 lakh students of classes between I and X in all government and government-aided schools in the state under **Jagananna Vidya Kanuka** so far incurring Rs. 1437 crores.

13. With a view to have higher net retention rate, '**Jagananna Ammavodi**' is implemented. My government has supported 44.49 lakh mothers to send their children to schools and so far Rs. 13,022.93 crore has been spent under the scheme.
14. To address the issue of malnutrition among children, my government is serving nutritious and tasty meals to 43.27 lakh children of classes I to X. So far since 2019, an amount of Rs.2,640.18 crore is incurred under the **Jagananna Gorumudda**.

Quality of Education

15. Realizing the global importance of **English** language and equipping our students for 21st-century skill demands, my government is working to provide quality English Medium education to all.
16. Under the **Academic and Administrative Reforms** initiated by our government, schools have been categorized in to 6 types - Satellite Foundational School, Foundational School, Foundational School Plus, Pre High School, High School and High School Plus.

Higher Education

17. My government is implementing **Jagananna Vidya Deevena** scheme and providing full fee reimbursement depending on the course for ITI, B.Tech, B. Pharmacy, MBA, MCA, and B.Ed to all eligible candidates. So far tuition fee of Rs.6259 crore has been reimbursed to 21.55 lakh students under this scheme. Similarly, so far Rs.2304.97 crore allowance for hostel and mess charges to 18.77 lakh students has been provided under **Jagananna Vasathi Deevena**. Accreditation of institutions is also given a top priority in technical education.

Health & Nutrition

"The first wealth is health"

– Ralph Waldo Emerson

18. My government is providing universal health coverage free of cost for all as an important priority under **Dr. YSR Arogyasri**. Andhra Pradesh has secured the 1st rank in the SDG India Index ranking 2020-21 in the percentage of households with any usual member covered by a health scheme.
19. Under **Dr. YSR Aarogya Asara** scheme, an amount of Rs.545.15 crore has so far been provided as post-operative sustenance allowance to 8.27 lakh cases with a maximum of Rs. 5000/- per month at Rs. 225 per day.
20. My government is planning to implement the '**Family Physician**' concept and additional 432 Mobile Medical units are being procured for the purpose.
21. 108 ambulances and 104 mobile medical units are revamped under **Naadu Nedu** program. In addition, health infrastructure such as YSR Health Clinics, Area Hospitals, new PHCs, and strengthening of urban health clinics is also being done.
22. My government has proposed 16 new medical colleges, one for each Parliamentary Constituency. They are under the process of establishment. As a result of this, all the newly formed districts will also have the necessary medical institutions and facilities.
23. Towards other innovative and reform-oriented health initiatives, a 200-bedded super specialty hospital with a kidney research center and dialysis unit is being established at Palasa in Srikakulam District. My government has decided to establish multispecialty hospitals at 5 ITDA areas under Tribal Sub Plan at Seethampeta, Parvathipuram, Rampachodavaram, Buttaigudem and Dornala.
24. My government introduced **YSR Sampoorna Poshana Plus** and **YSR Sampoorna Poshana** schemes for supplementary nutrition through anganwadi centres with an annual budget of Rs.1,863 crore.

25. A convergence approach has been adopted to improve the nutrition of pregnant women, lactating mothers and children. Through this holistic supplementary nutrition program, a total of 6 lakh pregnant women and lactating mothers, 13 lakh children of 36 – 72 months age and 16 lakh children of 6 – 36 months age are getting benefitted. Over and above the central government allocation, state government is spending additionally Rs.1,560 crore to provide daily egg and milk to all pregnant and lactating women and children aged 6 – 72 months.
26. All the Anganwadi workers have been provided training on the new pre-school curriculum since all the anganwadi schools are now '**YSR Pre-primary schools**'. Out of 55,607 anganwadi centers, 27,620 are operational as Foundational schools and 27,987 are operational as Satellite foundational schools.

Agriculture sector

"Agriculture can trigger job-led economic growth, provided it becomes intellectually satisfying and economically rewarding"

- M. S. Swaminathan

27. My government is committed to make agriculture more profitable. Under the "**YSR Rythu Bharosa-PM Kisan**", financial assistance of Rs.13,500/- is extended to the farmer in three instalments and it is a matter of pride that ours is the only government to extend this benefit to landless tenant farmers including ROFR cultivators. Under the scheme, 52.38 lakh farmer families were benefitted with an amount of Rs.20,162.49 crore so far.
28. **YSR Free Crop Insurance scheme** aimed to protect the farmers against crop loss has so far benefitted 31.06 lakh farmers with an amount of Rs.3788.25 crore. As a testimony of our endeavors, the NITI Aayog has recognized Dr.YSR Free Crop insurance implementation as a model for other states.

29. Under **YSR – Sunna Vaddi Panta Runalu** scheme, Rs.1218 crore was extended so far as interest subsidy to 65.64 lakh farmers towards crop loans.
30. My government has established 10,778 Rythu Bharosa Kendralu (**RBKs**) at every village to provide a comprehensive solution to all the agricultural needs along with **e-Crop Booking** facility. e-Crop booking is used as the single source of truth for taking policy decisions in implementation of Dr.YSR Free Crop Insurance, Input subsidy, YSR Sunna Vaddi Panta Runalu, and procurement of agricultural produce at MSP. As per the SDG India Index 2020-21 Rankings, Andhra Pradesh stands 1st in the country with 100% coverage of beneficiaries under the National Food Security Act (NFSA), 2013.
31. As a unique gesture, my government is ensuring that the compensation on crop loss is paid to the farmers in the same season directly into their bank accounts. Since 2019, my government has compensated an amount of Rs. 1541.84 crore as input subsidy for 19.03 lakh farmers who have lost their crops due to cyclones and floods.
32. To encourage farmers and make agriculture more attractive, my government has taken a historical decision of announcing MSP for 6 more crops, namely Chillies, Turmeric, Onion, Minor Millets, Banana and Sweet Orange which are grown in Andhra Pradesh.
33. Under **YSR Jala Kala**, 2 lakh free bore wells are planned to be drilled in four years benefiting more than 3 lakh farmers. So far, an amount of Rs.80.22 crore is spent on drilling 10,564 bore wells benefiting 13,980 farmers so far. Under the **Nine hours free power** scheme 18.85 lakh farmers are benefitted.
34. My Government is encouraging **Horticulture, Livestock and Fisheries sectors** as growth engines in the state. Andhra Pradesh

has emerged as the largest producer of fruits in the country contributing 15.6% of the total production at the national level. The state **Ranks 1st** in the productivity of Oil palm, Papaya, Lime, Cocoa, Tomato, Coconut and Chillies, and 2nd in Mango, Sweet Orange & Turmeric in India.

35. About 2.49 Lakh women from SC,ST, BC & Minority communities of 45-60 years of age are being provided financial assistance under the **Jagananna Jeeva Kranthi Padhakam** scheme implemented with a project cost of Rs.1,868.63 crore for providing sheep and goat as per the beneficiary choice.
36. Dairy development has been accorded priority through Amul-Palavelluva. Milk collection centres are being set up in the RBKs in partnership with Amul and dairy farmers are getting additional income per liter through the Amul interface.
37. **Fisheries** sector in Andhra Pradesh has abundant scope for value addition. Its export potential is attracting greater attention. Fisheries sector provides livelihood to 26.5 lakh population in the state.
38. The **YSR Matsyakara Bharosa** is a unique program in the country for extending relief to fishermen during the lean period. So far an amount of Rs. 331.58 crore was disbursed into bank accounts of 1.19 lakh fishermen families. My government has taken up construction of 8 fishing harbours with international standards and 4 fish landing centres with all latest facilities.
39. For improving the green cover to 33% of the geographical area, my government has taken up massive plantation under **Jagananna Pachha Thoranam** and planted 9.39 crore seedlings during 2021-22. Due to the convergent efforts, Andhra Pradesh State stood first in terms of increase in forest cover by adding 646.9 sq.km as per ISFR-2021 Report.

Housing and Social safety nets

40. Housing continues to be one of the top priorities of my government. Under **Pedalandariki Illu**, 30.76 lakh house site pattas have been distributed to all the eligible beneficiaries in the name of women so far to construct more than 30 lakh individual houses in 2 Phases. 15.60 lakh houses are being taken up under Phase-1 with a project cost of Rs.27000 crore at a unit cost of Rs.1.8 lakh under **YSR Jagananna Colonies**. 15 lakh houses are proposed in the 2nd Phase with a project cost of Rs. 22,860 crore.
41. Under **YSR Pension Kanuka**, Rs.48,957.75 crore have been spent so far for the benefit of 61.75 lakh pensioners without any discrimination of caste, creed and political affiliation. As part of our commitment, the monthly pension has been further enhanced from Rs.2,250 to Rs. 2,500 to the categories of Old Age pension, Widow, Weavers, Toddy Tappers, Fishermen, Single Women, Traditional cobblers and ART Pensions.
42. My government is implementing various schemes for families engaged in traditional occupations. Under **YSR Nethanna Nestham**, Rs. 577.47crore has been released to 81,703 weaver beneficiaries so far.
43. With an intent to help Washer men, Nayee Brahmins and Darjis who own shops, my government is giving financial assistance of Rs. 10,000 per annum under **Jagananna Chedodu**. So far Rs. 583.78 crore has been released to 2.98 lakh beneficiaries towards this assistance.
44. Under **Jagananna Thodu** scheme, my government is advancing an annual interest-free loan of Rs. 10,000 per person engaged in small businesses and so far an amount of Rs. 1,416 crore has been given to 14.16 lakh beneficiaries and has reimbursed an interest component of Rs. 32.51 crore.

45. Eligible women who are in the age group of 45 to 60 years and belonging to Kapu, Telaga, Ontari and Baliya castes are provided financial assistance of Rs. 75,000 in five phases under **YSR Kapu Nestham**. So far Rs. 981.88 crores has been released to 3.27 lakh persons under the scheme.
46. Under the '**YSR EBC Nestham**' for Economically Backward Caste (EBC), my government has decided to provide assistance to women aged between 45–60 years at Rs.15,000 per year. An amount of Rs.589 crore was released to 3.92 lakh beneficiaries under the scheme.
47. My government is providing an annual cash incentive of Rs.10,000/- under **YSR Vahana Mitra** scheme to 2.74 Lakh driver cum owners of autos and taxis to meet maintenance expenses. So far, an amount of Rs.770 crore was distributed to 2.74 lakh beneficiaries under the scheme.
48. Under **YSR law Nestham**, an amount of Rs.23.70 crore has been distributed to 2012 eligible junior advocates so far.

Women welfare

***"There is no tool for development more effective
than the empowerment of women"***

– Kofi Annan

49. Under the **YSR Asara** scheme, 7.96 lakh SHGs groups will be benefitted with an amount of Rs. 25,516.56 crore over a period of four years. An amount of Rs. 12,758 crore was released to 78.74 lakh members in both rural and urban areas so far.
50. Under **YSR Sunna Vaddi**, an amount of Rs. 2354.22 crore was released to 9.23 lakh SHGs covering 98.01 lakh members in two years in both rural & urban areas for reimbursement of interest amount of loans.

51. Through YSR **Cheyutha** scheme, an amount of Rs.9,179 crore was distributed to 24.95 lakh eligible women beneficiaries belonging to SC, ST, BC and Minorities aged 45 to 60 years so far.

III. Development – Rural and Urban infrastructure

52. The roads in Andhra Pradesh will get a facelift with the completion of road repairs of over 46,000 km in the state by June 2022. About 225 km of National Highways (NH) were improved with a cost of Rs. 115.8 crore in 2021-22. In addition, 150 km of NH have been improved 2 lane/4 lane with an amount of Rs. 1,489 crore.

53. Under **MGNREGS**, 74.56 lakh wage seekers belonging to 45.47 lakh households were provided wage employment with an average employment of 40.84 days per household incurring an expenditure of Rs. 7,395.54 crore. 3.55 lakh households completed 100 days with an average wage rate of Rs. 229.62. The MGNREGS works were tied up with state programs to build infrastructure such as building for Village Secretariats, RBKs, village health clinics, and digital libraries.

Water Resources

54. Out of the 54 **Jalayagnam Irrigation Projects**, 14 projects have been completed and 2 projects are partiality completed. The remaining projects are under progress. The Polavaram project is the state's lifeline. 77.92% of the works component has been completed. The government is executing the project on a war footing so as to complete it by June, 2023. My government has availed Rs.500 crore in 2021-22 towards capital expenditure under Special Central Assistance for giving a stimulus to economic recovery.

55. My government is committed to provide every rural household with adequate and safe water for drinking, cooking and other basic needs. 3 drinking water projects are sanctioned an amount of Rs.

1,477 crore in Uddanam in Srikakulam, Pulivendula in Kadapa, Dhone in Kurnool districts, to cover 1,249 stressed and water quality affected habitations. My government is planning to provide drinking water supply to 15,726 layouts to cover 16.44 lakh households with FHTCs with an amount of Rs.3,250 crore in the **Jagananna Housing Colonies.**

Energy

56. Andhra Pradesh state is committed to promote Renewable Energy. The cumulative renewable energy capacity installed in the state stands at 8,829 MW which includes 4,083 MW of wind power and 4,136 MW of solar power.
57. With the objective of making the 9 hour supply of free power to agriculture sustainable, my government has taken the proactive step of contracting with SECI for procurement of close to 15,000 MU of power per annum from a solar project. The contract with SECI enabled to generate a per unit savings of nearly Rs. 2.50 per kWh making it possible a per annum savings close to Rs.3,750 crores for a 25 year period. With this, the burden on the State was substantially reduced. With the endeavor of reducing the gap between revenue realization and cost of supply of power, my government is taking many more transformative steps.
58. My government is contemplating to implement hydro storage power projects in order to meet peak power demand and balance variable renewable energy. Grid connected solar roof top systems of capacity 120 MW have been installed in the State. To promote environment friendly transport infrastructure, my government has identified 700 locations for establishment of electrical charging stations.

Strategic Infrastructure for accelerated growth

59. We are planning to nurture industrial development by operationalizing the 3 industrial corridors - Chennai-Bangalore Industrial Corridor, Vizag-Chennai Industrial Corridor and Hyderabad-Bangalore Industrial Corridor. My Government is developing 3 ports - Bhavanapadu, Ramayampatnam and Machilipatnam and 8 fishing harbours in two phases.
60. My government is actively pursuing the Central government to speed up the Greenfield international airport at Bhogapuram in Vizianagaram District.

Industries

61. Industrial development is given adequate attention. To encourage industrial investment, overall an amount of Rs.2086 crores has been given as industrial incentives so far. Under the special industrial policy for SC/ST entrepreneurs '**YSR Jagnanna Badugu Vikasam**', my government has released Rs 111.84 crore to 2018 MSME units of SC entrepreneurs, Rs 24.4 crore to 384 MSME units of ST entrepreneurs.
62. During 2021-2022, 11 large & mega projects were established with an investment of Rs. 2,048.19 crore, providing employment to 3,989 people. During 2021-22, 8390 MSMEs were established with an investment of Rs. 2350 crore, providing employment to 54,780 persons.
63. My government has released total industrial incentives of Rs 670.77 crore in 2021-22. 5260 MSMEs are expected to commence production.
64. Andhra Pradesh has improved its exports performance from Rank 7 in 2019-20 to Rank 4 in 2020-21 with an increase in exports to USD 16.8 Billion in the FY 2020-21, a growth of 13.8% over the

previous year. AP state contributes 5.8% to national exports and we aspire to double our exports by 2030.

Skilling and Employment

65. My government is establishing 2 universities to create highly skilled man power pool and to address the emerging industry skill needs at Visakhapatnam and Tirupathi. We are also establishing world-class multi-skill centers in 25 Parliamentary constituencies. About 1.5 lakh youth and students are skilled annually through 100 CMs Excellence Centres in Engineering Colleges and 525 Employability Skill Centres in Degree colleges.

Swachh Bharat Mission

66. It is a matter of pride that the AP State is now moving towards the implementation of ODF Plus activities with the objective of transforming all the villages into clean & model villages. Towards this endeavor, my government has launched Swachha Sankalpam – Clean Andhra Pradesh (CLAP), a sanitation advocacy program with an aim to achieve “Litter Free – Garbage Free – Visually Clean” villages.

IV. Transparent and Corruption free governance

67. The Spandana grievance redressal mechanism is yielding encouraging results. This has provided necessary confidence to the citizens that any grievance brought to the notice of the administration will get redressed. During this financial year, my government has redressed 2.87 lakh grievances out of the total 2.98 lakh registered.

68. My government accords highest priority to law and order in the state. As part of women safety, several measures towards Safety, Security and Empowerment have been taken. AP state ranks 1st in the country in Investigation Compliance (Investigation Completed in 60 days) in Sexual Offences with a rate of 92.27% against the

National Average of 40%. Improved Visible Policing, accountability & transparency, improved reachability and establishment of Women Health Desks are some of the infrastructure augmentations put in place by my government.

V. Conclusion

69. To conclude, I reiterate that my Government is committed to take every necessary step required to make all citizens healthy, happy and contented. In pursuit of this mission, my Government draws inspiration from the thoughts of Mahatma Gandhi,

“Man becomes great exactly in the degree in which he works for the welfare of his fellow-men”

- Mahatma Gandhi

With people’s continued faith and support to the government, I am sure the government will work more intensely to fulfill the aspirations of the citizens of the state.

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