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

1. I deem it a great privilege and honour to address this 5th joint session of both Houses of the Andhra Pradesh Legislature after State re-organization on the occasion of the Budget Session 2018-19.

2. The Hon'ble members are aware that the state re-organization has resulted in several difficulties and some of them stand unresolved to this day causing severe hardships to the people of the state.

3. The newly born state of Andhra Pradesh was left without a capital city and it was deprived of its major economic hub. The suffering was compounded by other issues facing the new state including a revenue deficit, skewed income and asset distribution, lack of R&D institutions. Assets were allocated to the two successor states on the basis of their geographical location; debt liability was distributed on population basis and income on the basis of geographical location of source of income. This resulted in the new state of Andhra Pradesh with 58% 0f the population getting 46% of the estimated combined State revenues. Power generation was allocated on the basis of consumption pattern as it existed at the time of the division.

Commitments under AP Re-organization Act and Assurances of Government of India:

4. As per the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014, and the assurances made, the Government of India has to fulfil commitments of Special Category Status, Bridging the Resource Gap, completion of the Polavaram Project with the funds of Government of India, Formation of a Railway Zone, Establishment of Greenfield Crude Oil Refinery & Petrochemical Complex, Financial Assistance to Amaravati, Establishing Institutes of National Importance, Establishing Duggirajupatnam port at Nellore, Increase of Seats in A.P. State Legislative Assembly, Resolving Anomalies in Taxation Matters, Construction of a Steel Plant at YSR Kadapa District, Establishment of the Vizag-Chennai Industrial Corridor, constructions of Visakhapatnam and Vijayawada Metro Rails, Rapid Rail and Road Connectivity to Amaravati, Development Assistance to Backward Districts, Apportionment of Schedule IX Institutions, Apportionment of Schedule X Institutions and Establishing Greyhound Training Centre.

5. My Government has made rigorous and untiring efforts during the last three years and nine months to get all the issues listed above are implemented. Hence we reiterate people's demand to expedite the resolution of all provisions incorporated in the

Andhra Pradesh Reorganization Act and assurances made in relation to it, including according the Special Category Status.

6. Once a prosperous state, the newly formed state of Andhra Pradesh is now faced with a severe drop in per capita income leading to a decrease of Rs.35,000 when compared to other southern States, requiring support of Government of India to State till a level playing field is achieved compared to its neighbouring states by expeditiously implementing all provisions and entitlement incorporated in the A.P. Reorganisation Act and assurances made on the floor of Rajya Sabha. My government will leave no stone unturned to get them resolved favourably.

Vision and Leadership - Shaping the Future of the State

7. Undaunted by the numerous challenges post bifurcation, my Government under the leadership of Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu converted every crisis into an opportunity, thanks to his astute leadership. Our vision is to build a happy, inclusive and an innovative society and we aspire to be among the three best states in India by 2022, be the best state in the country by 2029 and a global destination by 2050. For India to grow at 8-9%, some states need to grow at more than the national average. We are targeting a Compound Annual Growth Rate of 12% till 2029 and a high level of Human Development

of 0.90 by 2029 through structural & social transformation and through Macro Level Planning with Micro Level Execution.

8. We have embarked on this journey of high growth through a developmental framework of seven missions, five grids and five campaign modes. The framework emphasizes improving the rural and urban infrastructure, saturate basic needs of the poor and create the economic infrastructure to create jobs, prosperity and happiness. My government is working for sustained empowerment of poor, marginalized and most vulnerable sections of the society and making them active stakeholders of the state building process.

9. To ensure balanced regional growth, my government has evolved a strategy to drive growth and develop all the backward districts in the state by establishing major industries in each of these areas duly leveraging the advantages of adjacent major cities like Visakhapatnam for north coastal districts and Chennai, Bengaluru and Hyderabad for Rayalseema districts. Bhavanapadu port, Kia Motors of South Korea, BEL, Agri-Processing Parks, Tourism projects, Ananthapur-Amaravati Expressway, Airport development Central University, Energy University, National Academy of Customs, Excise and Narcotics are some of the major projects in these backward districts to drive growth and create employment. 7 out of the 11 Schedule XIII institutions promised to the State under the AP Re-organisation Act, 2014, namely, IIT,

IIM, IISER, Central University, Tribal University, IIIT And Petroleum University are located in the identified backward districts of Rayalaseema and North Coastal areas of the state.

Sustained Double Digit Economic Growth & Sustainable Development Goals

10. Hon'ble Members may recall that the development journey so far was not easy and it is only due to our determination, self-respect and self-confidence that the State has become a role model in certain areas, due to its astute leadership and support and cooperation of the people of the state.

11. Growth achievement of Andhra Pradesh in the recent past has been a success story. My government could accomplish a growth rate of 11.31% averaged for three years (including the current year's half yearly growth performance of 11.37%) as against India's growth rate of 6.97% for the same period.

12. Despite deficit rainfall of (-)30% during last year and (-) 13.4% during this year, the state has achieved significant growth in the economy in general and the agriculture sector in particular. My government's emphasis on agriculture and allied sectors with focus on efficiency enhancement, conserving groundwater resources, best management practices, increasing

irrigation potential and technology adoption have together contributed towards making the State drought proof.

13. Anathapuramu district, which has the 2nd lowest rainfall in the country and has experienced 13 years' drought conditions during the past 17 years, now stands tall with one of the finest groundwater recharges, surpassing even some of the coastal districts. Steps taken by my government to overcome the drought conditions through effective management of water resources and short and long-term strategies are yielding results and are providing higher farm incomes.

14. To achieve sustainable double-digit inclusive economic growth and give boost to employment creation and infrastructure development, my government has identified "High Impact Priority Projects" and established a Chief Minister's Delivery Unit (CM-DU) for strategic planning, problem solving and monitoring and accelerating the pace of these projects. Some of these projects are Economic Cities with walk to work concept like Jakkampudi Footwear City, Convention City at Vizag, Sports City at Vizag, Defense city at Kurnool, Apparel city at Ananthapuram, Food Processing city at Chittoor and East Godavari; Both Industrial Corridors i.e Vizag-Chennai Industrial Corridor, Chennai-Bangalore Industrial Corridor; Monitoring the conversion of MoUs, Tourism Infrastructure, Amaravati-Anantapur Highway, Beach Corridor, Bhavanapadu Port, Bhogapuram Airport, Orvakal Airport, Expansion of Vijayawada Airport, Amaravati Capital City

Development, 500 Made-in-AP products - Launch of Brand "Amaravati, Modernization of Market Yards, Increasing area under micro-irrigation and Institutions under Schedule XIII of AP Re-Organization Act, 2014.

15. Respected members, my government is organizing the citizen engagement campaigns of Janma Bhoomi Maa Vooru and Nava Nirmana Dheeksha regularly for becoming active stakeholders of the development process while bringing the government to their doorstep and redressing their grievances. The latest and 5thRound of Janma Bhoomi Maa Vooru participation of more than a crore people for discussions on 10 themes besides games and cultural activities.

Agriculture - Optimizing crop per drop

16. As a result of the efforts of the government and making credit and inputs available to the farmers in time, Agriculture and Allied sectors have shown encouraging growth of 25.60% during the first half of current financial year. Agriculture (17.44%) Fisheries (42.73%), Livestock (13.68%) and Horticulture (18.62%) subsectors are major constituents of the growth in agriculture sector.

17. Andhra Pradesh stood first for the second consecutive year in the country in distributing Soil Health Cards to farmers. 54.27 lakh soil health cards were distributed during the last three years with recommendations which resulted in reduction of fertilizer

consumption by 1.57 lakh MTs in the Kharif 2017 compared to Kharif 2016. My government is currently working with Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) which would provide technical and manpower assistance for digital soil mapping. To correct micronutrient deficiency my government has covered 12.37 lakh hectares of area. Andhra Pradesh is the only State to allocate separate budget for supply of micronutrients on 100% subsidy. During the last three years 1.21 lakh MTs of micronutrients were distributed incurring an expenditure of Rs. 157 crore while about 1 lakh MTs is distributed this year so far at a cost of Rs. 98.60 crore. 26.53 lakh quintals of quality seeds were distributed during the last three years and 10.41 lakh qtls have been distributed this year. While Rs. 1547 crore was given as input subsidy to 20.40 lakh farmers during last three years, 15.5 lakh farmers have been covered this year so far. To enhance awareness on best practices in agriculture, about 11633 demonstrations have been established by my government during the last three years under Chandranna Rythu Kshetralu. Sustained efforts for productivity enhancement are expected to result in increase of food grain production from 149.16 lakh MTs in 2016-17 to 157.59 lakh MTs in 2017-18.

18. My government is at the forefront of technology-driven transformation in agriculture and has been promoting extensive usage of IT in agriculture sector. A global event, AP Agri. Tech Summit 2017 held at Visakhapatnam during November 2017 has

set the stage for bringing together global leaders in cutting edge technologies in the agriculture sector to the aid of small and marginal farmers in the state. "Zero Budget Natural Farming" will become a comprehensive and long term welfare initiative for the farmers with a target to reach 5 lakh farmers and to cover 5 lakh hectares in around 1600 villages covering all Mandals and districts. My government had entered into a MoU with University of Iowa for building a Mega Seed Park in 650 Acres at Tangadancha Agriculture Farm in Kurnool district and allotted an amount of Rs 670 Cr to that effect. This shall ensure the availability of quality seed with low cost to every farm holder in the state.

19. Supply of seed subsidy using biometric system, e-crop booking, pest and disease management through PLANTIX and PIMS applications, analysis of soil moisture through sensors and geo-tagging of water sources and rain guns, developing a separate mobile application for recording crop cutting experiments data which helps to solve crop insurance claims faster, updating information of schemes on Agrisnet portal are some of the innovative IT initiatives in agriculture.

20. Government of AP is implementing the Agriculture Debt Redemption scheme with an approximate outlay of Rs.24000 Crores to help farmers facing economic crisis due to unfavourable environmental situations by deciding to waive the crop loans & agriculture gold loans availed for agricultural purposes together

not exceeding Rs.1.50 lakh per family. In Agriculture Debt Redemption Scheme, so far Rs.13976 Cr. is adjusted to 117.6 lakh accounts. For Horticulture Debt Redemption so far 384.47 crores was released in favour of 2.24 lakh Loan accounts of Farmers. Special focus is given to tenant farmers for providing access to institutional credit by issuing Loan Eligibility cards and Certificate of Cultivation. While in 2014-15, the total loans sanctioned to tenant farmers were Rs 272.49 Cr, in 2017-18, it increased to Rs 2326.88 crores which is 8 fold increases in a span of 3 years.

21. Horticulture sector is moving ahead of agriculture and is growing at 18.62% to make Andhra Pradesh a major horticulture hub. We are planning to expand the area under horticulture crops from existing 41.08 lakh acres to 100 lakh acres. A.P ranks 2nd in the country in the coverage of micro Irrigation with coverage of 20.60 lakh Ha. Benefitting 6.25 lakh farmers. MoUs were entered with 13 Micro Irrigation companies for establishing manufacturing units in AP, with an investment of Rs 128.5 Cr. My government targets to cover 1 million farmers in next three years under 1000 Farmer Producer Organisations for Agriculture & Allied sectors to establish forward and backward linkages.

22. The contribution of GVA from Livestock sector is targeted to be Rs.75000 crores in 2017-18. We are focusing on improvement in production of milk, meat and egg under livestock sector to

ensure earnings of Rs.10, 000 incomes per month to every household. Every fifth egg in country comes from Andhra Pradesh. From 1309 crore in 2014-15, the egg production has gone up to 1583 crore in 2016-17 and to 1342 crore so far in 2017-18. The state ranks at 4th position with meat production of 6.33 LMTs in 2016-17 going up from 5.28 LMTs during 2014-15. The state ranks 5th in milk production with 122 LMTs in 2016-17 from 96.5 LMTs in 2014-15.

23. My government has introduced a unique programme probably first time in the country to achieve self-sufficiency of fodder at village level through promotion of 'Oorura Pashugrasa Kshetralu' for which our state has got 10th Global leadership award-2017. Already, three fodder godowns are established in Chittoor, Anantapur and Kadapa districts. 27805 MT of silage has been produced and distributed to farmers covering 76140 Hectares.

24. Growth in Fisheries sector has been spectacular. The sector contributes 6.4% to GSDP, provides employment to about 14.5 lakh people, and contributed Rs.17000 Crores from sea food export during 2016-17. AP Ranks 1st in total fish and shrimp production by producing more than 70% of cultured shrimp in the country. From 19.78 lakh tonnes with a value of Rs.22707 crores during 2014-15, the fish production of the state has moved to 27.66 lakh tonnes with GVA valued at Rs. 43538 Crores in 2016-

17. AP State envisions to become 'Aquaculture hub' by investing in processing capacity and export.

25. Cold Chain Corporation is being set-up to reduce the post-harvest losses and add value to the produce. Modernization of market yards and Rythu bazars is being done to help farmer get the right value of their produce. Integration of wholesale markets with e-markets platform e-NAM is picking up pace.

26. My government has set a target of 50% green cover by 2029 for making the state 'Haritha-Andhra Pradesh'. We are setting up nagar vanam and palle vanam to spread awareness and to provide recreational space. As per the India State Forest Report 2017, out of the total increase of 6778 sq. kms of forest area in the country, Andhra Pradesh accounted for 2141 sq. kms, the highest by any state.

Water Management – Pavitra Sangamam and Maha Sangamam

27. Water conservation and management are essential for Andhra Pradesh as we are a lower riparian state and a majority of our state's population depends on the primary sector for their livelihoods. With focus on completion of 29 priority projects including interlinking of rivers, state has laid special emphasis on restoration of tanks & water bodies, development of cascades and

micro irrigation to ensure optimum utilization of the precious resource. With the water conservation efforts put in by my government under Neeru Chettu, remarkable rise of about 4.5 meters of ground water table is observed in the entire state resulting in increased irrigation potential and shoring up drinking water availability.

28. The long-cherished dream of interlinking of rivers Godavari and Krishna became reality with the commissioning of Pattiseema Scheme in record time of one year by March, 2016 which transferred 106 TMC of water this year from Godavari basin to other basins. This achievement of my Government was recognized by the Central Board of Irrigation & Power, Government of India by conferring award for "optimum and efficient utilization of water resources" in Godavari Delta System for 2017.

29. My Government has inaugurated eight ongoing projects out of the 29 prioritized projects proposed for completion in one year. These are Purushotha Patnam Lift Irrigation Scheme, Anicut across Sarada River, Mutchumarri Lift Irrigation Scheme, Kandaleru Left Canal Lift Scheme, Gandikota-CBR Lifts, Siddapuram Lift Irrigation Scheme, Modernisation of Yerracalva and Formation of Pogonda Reservoir in West Godavari District. Five projects are ready for inauguration. These are the Pedapalem Lift Irrigation Scheme on Krishna River, Chinasana Lift Irrigation Scheme, Owk Tunnel, Gorakallu Balancing Reservoir

and Pulikanuma Lift Irrigation Scheme. Fifteen other projects are at various stages of completion and would all be ready by the end of June 2018.

30. During the last three years, a total of 13.61 lakh acres of ayacut was created by spending Rs. 48,474 crore.

31. The government is closely and continuously monitoring the progress of Polavaram Irrigation Project, the lifeline of Andhra Pradesh, for which reputed international agencies have been entrusted with specialized works, for speedy completion of the project. The government is determined to overcome all the hurdles to complete the project in record time to get water in to the Polavaram right and left main canals through gravity by early 2019.

32. Modernization of Godavari, Krishna and Pennar deltas, Nagarjuna Sagar canal system and Yeleru canal system are under progress to improve the water use efficiency of the existing canal systems. Commissioning of Purushothapatnam Lift Irrigation Scheme, Uttarandhra Sujala Sravanthi project - contemplated for diversion of 63.33 TMC of surplus water from Godavari to drought prone areas of Visakhapatnam, Vizianagaram and Srikakulam districts and Somasila High level canal are expected to fulfill the water needs substantially. Linking Godavari to Penna, Vamsadhara to Nagavali, Nagavali-Suvernamukhi - Vegavathi-Champavathi together with the Pavitra Sangamam of Godavari-

Krishna River link in a phased manner will make Maha Sangamam, a sacred linking of 5 rivers.

33. In addition the state has several other projects in the pipeline. They include Hiramandalam Reservoir to Ichapuram High Level Canal, Linking Nagavali - Suvarnamukhi, Vegavathi And Champavathi Rivers, Lifting Of water From Jeedipalli Reservoir To Feed Bhairavani Thippa Project and feeding Tanks enroute the Canal, Jeedipalli – Upper Pennar Project Lift Irrigation Scheme, Water supply to Mulapalli and other 4 tanks, Water supply to west mandals of Kurnool District, Construction of New Barrages on River Krishna, the Godavari – Pennar Link, Commamur Canal to Pennar link, Chintalapudi Yettipotala (West Godavari-Krishna) and two projects Vedavathi and Gudrevula in Kurnool district.

34. Under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sanchayi Yojana(PMKSY) watersheds programme, an area of 9.11 lakh Ha. has been treated so far incurring a total expenditure of Rs. 1501 crore. Under the scheme, 1.83 lakh ha. of additional area was brought under irrigation since 2014-15 thereby benefitting 1.51 lakh farmers. Of this, 62,964 ha. is created during this year. In addition to above measure, efforts are made for in situ conservation of water by completing 4.85 lakh farm ponds up till now while another 1.22 lakh are in progress. My government has

initiated Jala Samrakhana Udyamam for a period of 116 days starting from 12th February 2018.

Welfare

35. While we focus upon growth, at the same time, we are cognizant that for growth to be both meaningful and sustained in the long run, it must be inclusive and must benefit all groups, especially those groups which due to various social, historical & structural reasons have been denied access to resources and opportunities i.e. the Scheduled Castes, due to social marginalization and lack of access to resources; the Scheduled Tribes, due to geographic isolation; the Backward Classes, due to decline in patronage for their traditional & skill based occupations; the Minorities, due to socio-economic-educational underdevelopment; the Kapus, due to their relative Deprivation; the poor among Brahmins & the EBCs, due to the overall constriction of opportunities.

36. Government is implementing a clear strategy which rests upon the multiple pivots of ensuring adequate allocation of resources, empowerment through education, fostering sustainable livelihoods & finally implementing welfare measures, which are tailored for the specific needs of the community and meets their aspirations.

37. As a step in the above direction, the Government has recommended for inclusion of Kapu/ Telaga/Balija/Ontari community in the list of Backward Classes & for providing (5) % reservation in education and employment & also for inclusion of the Valmiki/ Boya community in the list of Scheduled Tribes. A One-Man Commission has been constituted to inter-alia enquire into certain issues relating to the Communities amongst the Scheduled Castes.

38. For ensuring adequate allocation of resources, the Government has during the last (4) years, substantially enhanced allocations under the Scheduled Castes Component & the Scheduled Tribes Component; has introduced the Backward Classes Sub-Plan in the year 2015-16; established the AP State Kapu Welfare & Development Corporation in 2015-16; the AP Brahmin Welfare Corporation in 2015-16; the AP Most Backward Classes Welfare Corporation in 2017-18. The AP SC Cooperative Finance Corporation has received its highest ever funding in the year 2017-18. The allocation of funds for the (11) BC Federations is also significantly increased.

39. AP is the pioneer in implementing the scheme of Welfare Hostels & Residential School system, which is a model for the entire country. 3.3 lakhs students belonging to the SC, ST, BC & Minorities communities are studying in 3,723 hostels & 1.7 lakh students in 421 Welfare Residential Schools.

40. To develop the State as a Knowledge Hub & ensuring that no child is left behind in his quest for knowledge, a comprehensive scheme of Post-Matric Scholarships, the largest in the country, is being implemented through the Jnanabhumi portal, launched during 2017-18. The scheme is benefitting 16.80 lakhs SC, ST, BC, Minorities, Kapu & EBC students with an annual outlay of Rs 2,981 Crores. Maintenance Fee to the students is now being paid, every month and Tuition Fee to the educational institutions, every quarter. For the further benefit of the 16.8 lakh Post-Matric Scholarship students, Government proposes to streamline & also enhance the quantum of Maintenance Fees paid to the students, from the academic year 2018-19.

41. To empower & support the girl child & promote compulsory marriage registration, Chandranna Pelli Kaanuka, a Single Desk for all Marriage Related Incentive Schemes, will be implemented from 2018-19. It will incorporate the Giriputrika scheme for ST brides & Dulhan scheme for Minorities brides with incentive of Rs 50,000 & the new Chandranna Pelli Kaanuka Scheme for SC brides with an incentive of Rs 40,000 & for BC brides with an incentive of Rs.35,000.

42. To enable streamlined functioning & effective service delivery, the activities of all Welfare Departments are consolidated onto Integrated online portals, deploying Biometrics

& Analytics. During 2017, the Online Beneficiary Management & Monitoring System of Welfare Finance Corporations is recipient of CSI-Nihilent e-Governance Award & the Jnanabhumi portal is recipient of the Skoch Award. Digital Classrooms & Virtual Teaching is proposed to be deployed in all Hostels & Residential Schools during 2017-18.

43. Rs.29,025 Crores is allocated to the Scheduled Castes Component, during the last (4) years. Under the Perspective Plan, safe drinking water is being provided to 1,005 SC habitations with an outlay of Rs.226.24 crores & 446 roads are being laid with an outlay of Rs.452.08 crores.

44. During the last (4) years, Rs.5,487.91 Crores is allocated for education & related schemes, benefitting over 24 Lakh SC Students annually. The Residential School system is being strengthened, (8) new Schools have been sanctioned under NABARD and the existing infrastructure is being improved with an outlay of Rs.150 crores.

45. For providing sustainable livelihoods, Rs.7,684.54 Crores is sanctioned by the SC Corporation to 6.56 lakh beneficiaries during the last (4) years. The NSFDC Scheme & the NSKFDC scheme for Safai Karamcharis is revived and Rs.120 & Rs.30 crores outlay is respectively provided in 2017-18. 200 Innova Cars & 100 Toyota vehicles were financed for SC youth & (500)

Tractor-Trailers, are being sanctioned rehabilitation of SC Safai Karamcharis.

46. The Government has revived the defunct Land Purchase scheme for landless SC women, by substantially enhancing the unit cost to upto Rs 15 lakhs per acre and during 2017-18, an extent of 4,333 Acres is being purchased with an outlay of Rs.200 Crores.

47. The new "Jagjeevan Jyothi" scheme is providing 75 units, free of cost, to 10.53 lakh SC households with outlay of Rs.159.23 crores. 2 additional LED bulbs are supplied free to 9.18 lakh SC families with outlay of Rs.18.28 Crores.

48. To ensure equity & social justice, the Government is committed to ensure that the non-statutory benefits, including economic support schemes, are extended in proportion to the population of the SC sub-castes, as per the orders issued in G.O.Ms. No 25, Social Welfare, dated 1st May, 2015.

49. As a fitting tribute to the Father of the Indian Constitution, the Ambedkar Smruti Vanam, is being established with an outlay of Rs.97 crores & with 125 feet tall statue of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, Memorial Complex, Dhyana Mandiram, Memorial Garden, Convention centre & associated facilities. A 20-acre site, at a

vantage location, is allotted in Amaravati for this landmark project.

50. Rs.10,033.45 crores are allocated under ST Component between 2014-15 to 2017-18 for the welfare and development of the Scheduled Tribes. Rs.155.9 cores is being incurred for providing safe drinking water for 1,057 habitations & 2,871 kilometres of roads is Being laid with Rs.863 crores for providing road connectivity to the tribal habitations. The Government proposes to provide broadband connectivity in all gram panchayats in the tribal areas so that they can also benefit from the digital revolution.

51. A new ITDA is established at Chintoor. For ensuring good governance & effective implementation of the ST Component & protective legislations in Scheduled area, IAS officers are posted as Project Officers in all the major ITDAs.

52. During the period 2014-15 to 2017-18, an amount of Rs.3,066 Crores has been allocated for education & related schemes for ST students, all the Pre-Matric ST Hostels are converted to Residential Schools and (14) Eklavya Model Residential Schools have started functioning.

53. For providing sustainable livelihoods, between 2014-15 to 2017-18, an amount of Rs.552.86 crores has been allocated to ST Corporation & loans sanctioned to 3,47,819 beneficiaries. 230

Innova & Bolero vehicles are sanctioned with outlay of Rs.30 crores under the revived NSTFDC scheme.

54. Rs.59.87 crores is released to 87,367 ST farmers for Coffee Plantation. Araku coffee now has presence in Paris & the Government is focusing on developing the agri-value chains of pepper, ginger, turmeric, cashew, exotic vegetables, fruits & other spices in the tribal areas by strengthening Farmer Producer Organizations & developing marketing & storage infrastructure.

55. Under Giriputrika Kalyana Padhakam, so far, Rs.12 crores is sanctioned for 2,388 ST brides. 29.52 lakhs LLN bed nets were distributed in malaria vulnerable habitations. Rs 39 crores is incurred under "Jagjeevan Jyothi "scheme benefitting (3.98) lakh ST households.

56. During the period from 2014-15 to 2017-18, an amount of Rs.25,472.00 crores is allocated to the BC Sub-Plan, with (66.4) % increase in outlay for 2017-18 compared to 2014-15.

57. The new schemes of NTR Videsi Vidyadarana & NTR Unnatha Vidyadarana are launched for BC students. (75) new Residential Schools & (2) New Residential Junior Colleges are sanctioned & (12) existing Residential Schools upgraded into Junior Colleges with total outlay of Rs.267 crores. Infrastructure upgradation of Residential Schools is sanctioned with outlay of Rs.229.76 crores.

58. The allocation for BC Finance Corporation is increased from Rs.70 crores in 2014-15 to Rs. 666 crores in 2017-18 and the Government has decided to re-introduce the Adarana scheme to cover 5.00 Lakh beneficiaries during 2018-19.

59. For ensuring that gainful livelihood to members of Washermen, Nayee Brahmin, Vaddera, Bhattaraja, Sagara/Uppara, Valmiki/Boya, Krishna Balija/Poosala, Medara, Vishwabrahmin, Kummari Shalivahana & Toddy Tapper communities, Rs.315 crores is allocated in 2017-18 to the Welfare Federations & existing scheme is restructured for benefitting individual members. Rs.35 crores is allocated in 2017-18 for welfare of Toddy tappers for the 1st time.

60. For welfare of (32) BC communities listed in Group-A, the AP Most Backward Classes Welfare & Development Corporation is established & allocated Rs.60 crores in 2017-18.

61. The Government is committed for ensuring the welfare & development of the Kapu community & for meeting their aspirations. The AP Kapu Welfare & Development Corporation is established and Rs.2,100 crores allocated during the last (3) years for new schemes encompassing education, livelihoods & skill development. Maintenance Fee under Post-Matric Scholarships, to the Kapu students is being sanctioned from 2017-18.

62. The Government has allocated Rs.263 crores for welfare of the Economically Backward Classes in the year 2017-18, the highest allocation ever made.

63. During the period from 2014-15 to 2017-18, an amount of Rs.2,679.38 Crores is allocated for Minorities Welfare. Focus is placed on the educational development and (6) New residential Schools are sanctioned with an outlay of Rs.90 Crores. The new schemes of Overseas Education & NTR Vidhyonnati have been launched.

64. For providing sustainable livelihoods, loans are sanctioned to 40,111 beneficiaries during 2014-15 to 2017-18 by the AP State Minorities Finance Corporation & AP State Christian (Minorities) Corporation. The new scheme of honorarium for Pesh Imams & Mouzzans and Ramzan Tohfa scheme are being implemented. Haj House is sanctioned in Kadapa & Vijayawada. 10,954 brides have benefitted from Dulhan scheme.

65. 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. The grant for Church construction is enhanced from Rs.3.00 Lakhs to Rs.5.00 Lakhs. Christian Bhavan has been sanctioned at Guntur and the new scheme of Chandranna Christmas Kanuka has benefitted 1 lakh Christian families.

66. The Government believes that all sections of society in Andhra Pradesh have a right for equitable growth & development and that the enabling framework of Sustainable Development Goals, Samaja Vikasam and Kutumba Vikasam, coupled with Real Time Governance, will lead to the empowerment of all sections of our society & towards universal prosperity and happiness.

Empowering Women – The Social Capital

67. My government is committed to extend Rs.10,000 to each SHG women with an estimated expenditure of Rs.8600 crores for 86 lakh women SHG members in the state. Of this, an amount of Rs.6,993 crores has been released so far. Additionally, an amount of Rs.2514 crores has been paid toward interest subsidy. My government is committed to release the balance interest subsidy during the next year. It is a matter of pride to note that Andhra Pradesh is the only state in the country to provide Rs.13,500 crores every year with zero Interest which accounts for 37 percent of national bank linkage amount nationwide, with 98 percent recovery. Streenidhi Cooperative Society is arranging Rs.1000 crore interest free bankloans to SHG women for undertaking livelihood activities to improve their income. My government intends to ensure Rs.10,000/ income to each SHG women family by providing interest free loans and enabling them to access different government schemes.

68. A novel scheme of Saadhikaramitra is launched by my government wherein a trained SHG women acts as bridge between Government and 30-35 households in her neighbourhood to improve the service delivery of government schemes to reach the eligible beneficiaries. 3.57 lakh women in the rural area and 1.14 lakh women in urban area are engaged in this scheme.

69. My Government is implementing PMJJBY-Chandranna Bima Scheme covering 2.46 crore citizens of the state providing insurance cover of Rs.5.00 lakhs in case of accidental death or permanent disability, Rs.2.00 lakhs for natural death for persons of 18-50 years age group and Rs.30,000 for the age-group of 51-60 years. During 2016-17, Rs.590 crores of claim amount was disbursed to 79,960 families. In addition, Rs.202 crores was sanctioned as scholarships to the students under this scheme. It is unique scheme in the country with largest coverage providing quality service and being managed by SHG women federations.

70. My government has ensured food security to last person in the state through technology-enabled public distribution system. As many as 1.42 crore BPL families are being served through the supply of essential commodities. Red gram dal is being distributed at 1 kg per card per month at subsidized price to the tribal families. With a view to ensure festive celebration in every household, commodities were provided through public distribution

system under Christmas Gift, Sankranthi Kanuka and Ramjan Thofa. Andhra Pradesh is the first state in the country to automate Fair Price Shops. This initiative has led to an estimated saving of Rs.1526 crore in the expenditure.

71. In another new initiative, my government launched Chandranna Village Mall in Guntur and Vijayawada as pilot project wherein existing Fair Price Shops will diversify for providing branded products at affordable prices to consumers living away from urban areas. In the first phase, the Government is proposing to develop 6500 such malls across the State.

72. Andhra Pradesh has emerged as the first big State in the country to achieve the 100 % LPG connection state. In 2017-18 alone, 12.46 lakh LPG connections were provided under Deepam scheme, taking the total number of beneficiaries till date to 54.39 lakh families. Under the Tribal Welfare Package, the department is supplying mini LPG cylinders to 1.57 lakh tribal families.

73. My Government is implementing social protection scheme "NTR Bharosa" under which monthly pension of Rs.1000 to old/widow/weavers and toddy tappers/Primitive Tribal groups/ART /Kidney patients/disabled persons with disability below 79 per cent and Rs.1500/ per month to persons with more than 80 percent disability is provided. The number of pensions is now proposed to cross 50 lakh mark making it the largest social

security scheme in the entire country with increased monthly amount. My government is now introducing pension of Rs.1500/ to transgenders and single women from next year onwards.. My government is spending Rs. 5450 crores this year on this flagship program. Of this the GoI share is only Rs.284.17 crores @Rs.300/ to 9.3 lakh pensioners.

Health – A Foundation for Happiness

74. My government is continuously taking innovative steps for improvement of maternal and child health to meet the Sustainable Development Goals. To provide enhanced and strengthened services under Dr. NTR Vaidya Seva, my Government is implementing 1044 (873 Surgical and 171 Medical) procedures to the poor people who are Below Poverty Line with enhanced the cash limit of financial coverage from Rs.2.00 lakhs to Rs.2.50 lakhs per family.

75. AP is the only state in the country to provide CT and MRI scanning free of cost at all district hospitals. I am confident that the establishment of AIIMS in Mangalagiri and several world-class research medical centres and hospitals in the capital city of Amaravati will bring about a qualitative change in the health profile of the State.

76. Other major health related initiatives of my government to reduce IMR, MMR, malnutrition and to attain national benchmarks include 1.46 cr free lab tests, 7.2 lakh free tele radiology services. In addition, 2.4 lakh mothers availed thalli bidda express; 1.6 lakh NTR baby kits and 21 lakh mosquito nets were distributed. 1.97 lakh patients were covered under NTR Vaidya Seva. My government is implementing 'Anna Amrutha Hastham' in 104 projects covering 2.92 lakh pregnant and lactating women.

77. Health services are also being provided in PPP mode to ensure better delivery with quality. Reputed national & international institutions are engaged as Technology Partners to provide technical inputs. Services being delivered in this mode are Talli Bidda Express, NTR Vaidya Pariksha Free Diagnostic Laboratory Services, Tele-Radiology X Ray Services, Tele-Radiology CT Scan, NTR Baby Kit, National Free Dialysis, Chandranna Sanchara Chikitsa, Mukyamanthri Aarogya Kendralu, Mukya manthri e-Eye Kendram, Biomedical Equipment Maintenance Service, Hospital Sanitation, Security, Pest & Rodent Control, CHC Sanitation services, Hospital Linen & Laundry Services, Mahaprasthanam. Technology Partners associated with these programs are George Institute for Global Health, International academy of Environment & Public Health Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education & Research, Tata institute of Social Science, World Health Organization, CSIR, Quality Council of India, National Accreditation Board, The Energy

Research Institute, AIIMS and Administrative staff College of India.

Education hub – For Transformation to Knowledge Economy

78. Towards transforming the state as a knowledge economy as an instrument of future economic growth and employment Committed to achieve 100% literacy by 2019, my government will soon embark on conducting online courses through 'AP e-knowledge exchange' which will be a forum for discussions by students, schools and researchers. About one lakh teachers have already been partnered in this endeavor.

79. My government is moving with saturation approach for primary education enrolment, infrastructure and learning outcome as a foundation for lifelong earning. 2358 digital classrooms are proposed to be set up in 2017-18. Virtual classroom and internet connectivity is provided to 3500 schools. Physical literacy is encouraged in schools for all classes. In order to promote quality education, my government has established 4000 Model schools. 1.82 lakh bicycles are provided to girl students upto Class IX under the Badikosta scheme. Various steps like providing MIS for Schools, Aadhaar seeded student enrolment data, biometric attendance, KPIs on performance of students, teachers and school infrastructure to upgrade school

education, ensuring proper teacher-pupil ratio are producing encouraging results.

80. My government is targeting to improve the Gross Enrolment Raito in Higher Education to make Andhra Pradesh as a knowledge economy. Towards this end, Private University Act has been enacted to attract world class institutions. Technical education is reaching new heights in the state and with the advent of new premier institutions in engineering, medicine, management and other disciplines, I am sure my government will make Andhra Pradesh, hub of technical education. Strengthening of Polytechnics and ITIs in the state is recognized as the key enabler for job creation.

Rural Infrastructure – Providing basic Needs – Samaj Vikasam

81. 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. We are proud that 33 Gram Panchayats of Andhra Pradesh are identified among 83 most developed Panchayats across the country by Rural Development Ministry under "Anthyodaya Scheme". 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.

82. My Government accords highest priority for provision of potable drinking water to the people residing in rural areas of the state. During the period 2014-17, 6197 habitations have been covered under various schemes. During 2017-18 out of 1047 habitations targeted for coverage, 830 habitations are covered so far. 850 problematic habitations, including the areas where kidneys were affected in Srikakulam & Prakasam Districts, have been programmed to be covered with Reverse Osmosis plants through Hub and Spoke model.

83. My Government with intent to supply 70 LPCD drinking water with house tap connections to all households has formed Andhra Pradesh Drinking Water Supply Corporation.

84. My Government have proposed to construct underground drainage of length 2,366 Kms in 1340 GPs having population more than 5000 in the current financial year.

85. The state has been proactive in implementing MGNREGS programme. 1628 GP Buildings were completed during the last 3 years as against 472 GP buildings prior to bifurcation. 3628 Anganwadi Buildings were completed while 3559 buildings are under progress. Similarly, only 31 Mandal Buildings are

constructed under MGNREGS prior to 2014, while 346 have been completed after June 2014. As against construction of 1112 km of CC roads under MGNREGs before 2014, 15951 km CC roads are completed post bifurcation till date while 3150 km are road length is in progress.

Housing – Shelter for All

86. Pucca Housing for all eligible families is priority area for my government. My government is constructing around 19 lakh houses at an approximate cost of Rs 50,000 crores. It is planned to handover 5 lakh houses in urban areas under PMAY NTR Nagar scheme and 1.34 lakh houses under Urban NTR Housing BLC by March 2019. It is targeted to complete 2.50 lakh rural houses by June 2018 and 5.10 lakh rural houses by January 2019. Further 4.42 lakh houses pertaining to earlier housing scheme are targeted for completion by March 2019. My government has provided highest unit cost both under NTR Rural Housing and NTR Urban Housing.

Swachha Andhra Pradesh – For Self Esteem

87. Andhra Pradesh is making significant strides towards achieving a clean and green state. The State Government launched ODF action plan for rural areas to declare entire rural Andhra Pradesh as Open Defecation Free (ODF) in 2018. In last

one year we have moved from 36% rural house hold coverage to more than 80% house hold coverage as of now. Out of 12,854 GPs in the state 6,311 GPs are declared as ODF while six districts viz., West Godavari, SPS Nellore, Krishna, East Godavari, Prakasam & Guntur are declared as ODF districts.

88. All the 110 Urban Local Bodies were declared as ODF on 2nd October 2016 and certified by Quality Council of India. Inspired by the noteworthy progress made in ODF, my government has moved to next stage - ODF+ focusing on compost, dung uberisation and campaigns. To handle municipal solid waste, the state government awarded 10 wastes to energy projects under PPP mode to handle 5191 tons per day of waste.

Information Technology and Real Time Governance

89. My Government has laid out a roadmap to transform Andhra Pradesh into Digital Andhra Pradesh, and as a knowledge society of global repute by promoting Innovation, Electronics and IT, and real time e-Governance. The robust and enabling policy environment have helped in attracting marquee names in the IT sector like HCL Technologies Ltd, Conduent Business services India, ANSR Consultants Pvt. Ltd. Franklin Templeton Investments, Munoth Industries. Andhra Pradesh has developed a vision for the IT sector in the State to create 1,00,000 IT jobs and bring in investments worth USD 2 billion. It also envisions to

create 2,00,000 jobs in the electronics sector and bring investments worth USD 5 billion in the electronics sector. My Government is setting up a Hardware Hub with companies like Foxconn, Reliance, JIO and Cellkon.

90. Since, the reorganisation of Andhra Pradesh State, my Government added 355 IT and IT-allied firms creating 23,393 new IT jobs where as of June 2014, the IT sector could support only 132 firms. In all, 159 startup firms from various emerging sectors like IoT, Healthcare, Agriculture, Data science, and FinTech, have been incubated till date.

91. During the Academic Year 2017-18, 222 colleges in the state were registered with AP Information Technology Academy; 5,703 students were trained in Softskills; 2,306 in Blockchain technologies through Hackathon; 2,781 in Aptitude and reasoning; 935 in Animation; 613 in Oracle technologies, 517 in IBM Cloud applications, 224 in NI LabVIEW IoT technology, and 163 on SAP courses.

92. My Government has conducted Praja Sadhikara Survey (or the Smart Pulse survey) for detailed socioeconomic information on about 1.35 crore households and 4.35 crore citizens. This information is being interfaced with the "Peoples' Hub", which is being developed as a single source of truth, and ultimately create a "Golden record" of all the citizens in the state. Likewise, a

Golden record of the land, forest, and riverine ecosystems of the state is being developed as a "Land Hub" leveraging State-of-the-art IT and Mobile technologies to plug leakages in welfare schemes and to ensure that the benefits reach the targeted population.

93. In a first of its kind in our country and based on standards-driven enterprise architecture, my Government is implementing the e-Pragati IT project, which seeks to bring all inter- and intra-departmental process flows online, and ultimately transform my Government into a paperless entity.

94. In a first of its kind, a Real Time Governance State Centre (RTGC) is established at the Andhra Pradesh Secretariat to provide 'seamless and frictionless' real time governance with the motto of 'People First', and leading to happiness index of 80 percent. With the help of state-of-the-art technological intervention and big data analytics, RTGC is enabling the Government to take optimal data driven decisions. Asia's biggest video conference hall, at the Real Time Governance (RTG) Command Control Centre (CCC) has been set up, which has improved review, monitoring, and quick flow of instructions to field staff. Consisting of a central hub at the secretariat with 13 district centers, the core team monitors with feeds from the Peoples' hub, the AP Fibregrid, the AP content, the AP towers, the AP drones, and the AP virtual classes corporations. RTGS also

houses a dedicated social media team actively engaging with the public regarding the work done by the government on a real time basis. The Hon'ble President of India and the C-suite Corporate Heads have visited the Centre and commended the State for this initiative.

95. My Government has set up the biggest call centre run by any state government in the county to receive independent feedback from beneficiaries of various government schemes. Named Parishkara Vedika, the Call Centre 1100 is a Citizen Experience Management Centre with more than 2000 people working 24/7 listening and interacting with the citizens on a day to day basis in three languages. Additionally my government is planning to use drones for providing Real Time Information for governance. With a vision to turn the state into a hitech hub with demonstrable use cases, my government is focusing on the newly emerging technologies like artificial intelligence, cyber security forensics, IOT, Industrial IOT, and fintech, and aim to deploy these global standard tools. Thus, Andhra Pradesh has become the first state in the country to pilot Block chain technology in two departments and plans to deploy it across the administration. Likewise, my government is well on its way to develop the state as a hub for electric vehicle ecosystem and is bringing in an electric vehicle (EV) policy.

96. Government officials are strong levers in the Government machinery, and their efficiency is vital to achieve a knowledge society with optimal citizen happiness. Improving employee productivity and efficiency through technology is another prong for development strategy of my Government. To achieve this goal, my Government is committed to implement e-office in the entire state to become a trendsetter in the country in paperless governance. Biometric attendance is being implemented in all offices of the State and we will completely remove physical attendance marking soon. As a result of biometric attendance, punctuality of employees is achieved. Andhra Pradesh became the first state to lay a State wide high speed aerial optical network to provide internet backbone as e-highway. The State also holds the distinction of becoming the first state in the country to be a Triple Play Service provider, delivering services of telephone, internet and TV channels to its citizens at an affordable cost of Rs. 149/-.The AP fibre optic network has thus successfully added 1.75 lakh households, enterprises and government offices to the digital society. It is targeted to connect 10 million households and 12,000 GPs during 2018-19. AP Fibre have entered into an agreement with the Google X to establish communication connectivity to 2000 remote locations. AP Fibre grid has also undertaken a surveillance project by installing 20,000 cameras on a state wide surveillance network.

Energy Security:

97. Andhra Pradesh was one of the first three States in the country selected for implementation of "Power for All" programme of GoI. The objective is to supply 24x7 quality, reliable and affordable power to all domestic, commercial and industrial consumers and 7 hours power to agricultural consumers.

98. The State was facing severe energy deficit (22 MU per day) at the time of State formation in June, 2014. 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. All the agricultural feeders are being supplied 7 hours of free power. The rural areas are also being extended 24x7 power supply.

99. The installed capacity in the State has been doubled during last three and half years. It has increased from 8,307 MW to 17,520 MW. AP GENCO has added 1,650 MW during the period. Krishnapatnam Super Critical Thermal Power Station and Nagarjunasagar Tail Pond Hydel station have been commissioned.

100. The energy met has increased from 43,810 MU during 2013-14 to 55,160 MU during 2016-17, registering an increase of 8.7% annually. The per capita consumption of electricity has increased to 1,101 units from 957 units during the period. Andhra Pradesh is the third state in the country to electrify all the

households. There are 16.98 lakh of agricultural pump sets which have been energized. Substantial investments of Rs. 9,235 crores have been made in Transmission and Distribution segments since June 2014.

101. The State Government is promoting renewable energy, particularly Solar and Wind in a big way to harness the vast potential of green energy in the State and to reduce its carbon foot print. Government of Andhra Pradesh have come out with new wind and solar policies during 2015 for attracting investments in the renewable energy sector and providing energy security. It is planned to add 10,000 MW of Solar and 8,000 MW of wind energy in the State by 2022. As a result of promotion, the cumulative renewable energy capacity in the State has reached 6,553 MW which includes 3,819 MW of wind and 2,144 MW of Solar. The state has met 19.75% of power through renewable sources during the current year as against only 3% during 2013-14.

102. My Government have taken up 4 ultra-mega solar parks at Kurnool, Ananthapur and Kadapa with a capacity of 4,000 MW with the assistance from Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, GoI. The world's largest Solar Park at one place of 1,000 MW capacity has been commissioned in Kurnool. The State is also promoting solar pump sets for new agricultural connections in the State and already 18,045 Solar Pump sets have been

commissioned with 89% contribution from Government of India and DISCOMS. This is facilitating the farmers to avail day time supply of electricity.

103. An investment of around Rs 30,000 crores has been made in the State in Renewable Energy since June, 2014. Due to the promotional policies of the State, leading wind manufacturers have set up their manufacturing facility in the State.

104. The State is promoting energy conservation and efficiency measures in a big way. Under these schemes, 2.17 Crores LED bulbs have been distributed to households, 6.18 lakh street lights have been replaced with energy efficient lights in urban local bodies, 2.63 lakh energy efficient fans & 72,639 numbers of energy efficient tube lights have been distributed to the households and 12,207 non-ISI pump sets have been replaced with energy efficient ISI pump sets. One lakh in-efficient pump sets are proposed for replacement with energy efficient ISI pump sets during the year.

105. The State has been ranked as No.1 State in energy efficient activities by World Bank and has won almost all the awards constituted by Ministry of Power, GoI and Bureau of Energy Efficiency services. The transmission and distribution losses have been reduced from 13.91% in 2013-14 to 9.80% during December, 2017. AP has the lowest transmission and

distribution losses in the country. It has been planned to bring down T&D losses to around 5 - 6%.

106. The state is also taking up 160 MW Wind Solar Hybrid project with storage with the help of SECI and World Bank. This would be the largest "wind solar hybrid project with energy storage" in the entire world and would be completed by mid-2019. The state will be providing smart meters for all the consumers using the connectivity of AP Fibernet and would also be introducing time of day (T.O.D) tariff for consumers shortly.

New Capital and Urban Infrastructure:

107. 5.22 lakh SHG women in Urban areas of the state have been provided financial assistance of Rs. 2152 crore towards our endeavor of ensuring Rs. 10,000 per month per family. My government with a view to provide subsidized hygienic food to the poorer sections in the urban local bodies, proposed to establish 203 Anna Canteens in 14 Municipal Corporations and 4 four Municipalities. 3 Anna Canteens are already established. My government is strengthening the education and infrastructure in municipal schools in order to provide quality education to the poor and downtrodden people so as to equip them to compete with those studying in private schools.

108. My government has taken up Andhra Pradesh Urban water Supply and Septage Management and Improvement Project (APUWSSMIP) with a capital outlay of Rs.4189 crore to provide infrastructure facilities in 42 non-Amrut Local Bodies with the assistance of Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank.

109. My government is formulating a critical Infrastructure Investment Plan with a capital outlay of Rs.10,742 crore for achieving service level benchmarks in identified key performance indicators like Water Supply, Sewerage, storm water drainage, roads, solid waste management and parks and green spaces in all the 110 ULBs of the state.

110. The milestones achieved by my Government in the challenging journey of development of Amaravati are spectacular and the speed is unrivalled given the short span of 38 months' time. Amaravati, is envisioned as the people's capital with world's best infrastructure and as a global destination of people, investments and jobs. The planning principles of Amaravati ensure to make it the most livable, efficient, sustainable blue and green city. Amaravati is destined to become the Happy City on the globe. The city's development has entered crucial phase of construction.

111. The innovative and equitable Land Pooling Scheme has become a case study across the globe. As on date, 33,556 acres

have been pooled from 27,315 volunteering farmers. My Government has delivered its mandate by re-allotting 60,115 number of plots to 24,383 LPS farmers of which 35493 residential and 24,622 commercial plots. I am happy to state that the pensions to 20,996 landless families are being disbursed in the name of woman member in the family.

112. My Government has brought the governance to the doorsteps of the people by shifting the Secretariat, Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council to the Transit Government Complex in Amaravati by developing it in a record time of 192 days. The development of city infrastructure in an integrated manner with roads and other utilities like water supply, sewer, and ducts for the power and telecom cables are taken up ensuring "no dig" in future. The total estimated outlay for the infrastructure consisting of Tier-I, LPS infra and Amaravati Government Complex as of today is Rs. 45,253 Crores of which 74% has already been tendered out, 42% is under execution and 26% is at the stage of detailed project report.

113. The Amaravati Government Complex, in an area of 1375 acres would essentially be the hub of State Administration and Governance with the Legislative Assembly, Council, High Court, Raj Bhawan, Secretariat, HOD buildings and government housing. AGC master plan has been developed with world's best sustainable planning principles like micro climatic conditioning,

blue green interface, eco-friendly non-motorised transportation, green energy, energy saving district cooling systems etc.

114. The Legislature Complex is being built with an iconic design and people-centric approach, with a built up area of about 8 lakh sft. The design of the High Court Complex is inspired from the 'Historical Buddhist Stupa Architecture' with a total built up area of about 15 lakh sft. The Integrated Secretariat & HOD building is being designed over a built-up area of 50 lakh sq.ft. Over 3,840 units of apartment housing for MLA, AIS, NGO, GO and Class IV employees are under construction.

115. Amaravati has been declared as first greenfield Smart city Amaravati is envisioned not just as an administrative capital but also as a global economic hub. Top-notch universities VIT, SRM have already started their academic sessions in their newly built Amaravati campuses with about 1000 students and other universities like Amrita are going to start from next academic year. The master development of the Start Up Area by Singapore Consortium is going to start in 2018. MICE hub has been planned to be developed through PPP with an estimated investment of INR 1220 Cr.

116. The Government has partnered with various foreign Governments like Government of Singapore for the preparation of the Master plan for the city as well as the capital region,

development of start-up area and technical assistance; Government of UK for investment promotion; Government of Japan for preparation of Transportation plan and financing the city and the Government of Australia is providing best practices on water sustainability and creating active Blue-Green spaces in the city.

117. In addition to the private investment, CRDA is also developing an IT Tower with a built up area of one million sq.ft, for developing IT sector with the demand from Non-Resident Telugus, who have expressed their interest to contribute to the economy of the state's green field capital. My government is committed to the welfare of economically weaker sections and is constructing 5,024 EWS houses and 9,468 middle-income housing in Amaravati.

Airports, Ports, Logistics Parks, Inland Waterways, Roads & Buildings

118. The Vijayawada, Tirupathi and Visakhapatnam airports have witnessed highest growth in the country in terms of passenger traffic. The works of new airports at Bhogapuram, Orvakallu, Dagadarthi, Nagarjuna sagar, Donakonda and expansion works at Vijayawada, Rajahmundry, are under progress.

119. A 100% government owned SPV Bhogapuram International Airport Corporation Limited (BIACL) is formed for developing the Greenfield Airports at Bhogapuram in Vizianagaram District in an area of 2700 acres at an estimated cost of Rs. 2400 crore in PPP mode.

120. Andhra Pradesh has 14 notified ports of which 4 are captive ports. In spite of the challenging economic scenario, Andhra Pradesh has handled 130.6 Million Metric Ton cargo in 2016- 17. AP is expected to handle about 13% of total cargo handled at Indian Ports in FY 18 and is the 3rd highest in the country only after Gujarat and Maharashtra. My government has initiated the land pooling and land acquisition works of Machilipatnam and Bhavanapadu ports. Development, Operation and Maintenance of Greenfield Port at Bhavanapadu in Srikakulam District is finalized to be awarded.

121. Large investments in offshore exploration of oil & natural gas by ONGC, RIL and Vedanta are being anticipated in 2018.

122. On the inland waterways front, we are expediting the land acquisition in East Godavari, West Godavari and Krishna.

123. 10279 km of roads were improved and 167 bridges were constructed during last three years under various schemes

incurring an expenditure of 7621 crores. 2973 km of road is widened during this year.

124. It is intended to connect all habitations with all-weather roads and to develop the roads connecting Mandal Headquarters to Mandal Headquarters, Mandal Headquarters to District Headquarters and District Headquarters to State Capital on priority depending upon traffic. Certain identified roads, which will provide critical connectivity to Seaports, Airports, Industrial clusters, SEZs, etc., to nearest National Highways are proposed to widen to four lane in order to achieve overall economic development of State. Amaravathi-Ananthapuramu Expressway with spurs to Kurnool and Kadapa for a total length of 557 km with the project cost of Rs.25,000 crore is proposed to develop Rayalaseema Region by connecting the backward Ananthapuramu with Amaravathi. A computerized Road Management System (RMS) by using automated data for preparation of multi-year rolling programs for road improvements and annual maintenance plans is established.

125. As per the Govt. commitment on reducing the fatalities in road accidents, number of initiatives are being taken up such as Black spot improvements, Geometrical improvements to non-standard curves on State Highways, Junction improvements, widening of narrow culverts, etc. Action plan for the coming 3 years are prepared to reduce the fatalities due to road accidents.

Industries and investments – For Job Creation

126. **Youth – Vibrant Future** - Providing employment to youth is at top of our priority list. While encouraging employment in the private sector, my government is issuing notifications for vacancies in various government departments. Sports persons are getting encouragement and adequate infrastructure support to prove their talent in international forums. The AP State Youth Policy aims to make the youth most employable and addresses the overall welfare of youth from socially and economically disadvantaged sections of the society.

127. Skills training and job facilitation activities are being taken up in a big way for the benefit of students and unemployed youth. While 6 lakh people would be benefitted from these activities in FY 2017-18, it is planned to scale up the skill development programmes to reach out to 1 million beneficiaries in FY 2018-19. 1000 skill developments centers will be set up in identified Social Welfare/Tribal Welfare schools, degree and engineering colleges across the State to provide employability skills and training in new technologies to make them job ready. 6 Centers of Excellence and 34 Technical Skill Development Institutions have been operationalised in the current year in partnership with the German major Siemens with a capacity to train 1 lakh students in industry relevant courses.

128. Priority is given for providing placement linked, market driven short term skilling courses, modern and highly qualitative skills training infrastructure in collaboration with the industry for strengthening the skilling eco system. Action is initiated to train at least 2 lakh unemployed youth in high demand job roles in 20 indentified key sectors in FY 2018-19. 220 job drives and melas have been conducted this year enabling employment to 37,000 youth by connecting them to the employers.

129. Government of Andhra Pradesh is committed to ensure balanced, equitable and decentralized industrial development. On the industries front, I am happy that Andhra Pradesh has been attracting investments across sectors such as automobile, food processing, textiles and spinning, marine products, electronics, cement etc. Various initiatives taken up during the first 3.5 years of the Government such as policy frameworks, online systems such as Single Desk Portal, industrial infrastructure development, as well as investment promotion road shows across various countries such as China, Japan, Singapore, South Korea, UAE, UK, Switzerland etc are resulting in large-scale investor interest in the State.

130. Andhra Pradesh is currently tracking 1,946 large & mega projects across 18 departments with Rs.13.54 lakhs crores committed investment and employment of 31 lakhs. Out of these,

531 projects have commenced operations with committed investment of Rs.1.29 lakh crores and committed employment of 2.64 lakhs. Further, there are 1,143 projects in advanced stages of implementation with committed investment of Rs.5.69 lakh crores and committed employment of 11.1 lakhs. In the recently concluded Partnership Summit 2018, the Government signed another 734 MoUs with investment potential of Rs.4.39 lakh crores and employment potential of 11 lakhs, which shall also be tracked.

131. Government of Andhra Pradesh is tracking projects through an online investment tracker, which has been made transparent and open for public viewing. The tracker also provides a drill down facility to track employee details of companies that have gone into production. Some of the prominent companies that have started production in the State include Isuzu Motors, Pepsi, Mondelez, Foxconn, Berger Paints, Aurobindo Pharma, Dr. Reddy's Laboratories, Celkon, Colgate Palmolive etc. amongst many others. There is also a strong pipeline of investment with companies such as Kia Motors, Greenply, Asian Paints, RINL etc. in advanced stages of implementation.

132. In the MSME sector 26,368 units have been established with investment of Rs 11,779 crores, providing employment to 3.09 lakh persons. To further promote MSME, the Government

will be establishing a dedicated MSME Corporation. MSME Parks with plug-and-play facilities are also planned in 175 assembly constituencies in a phased manner.

133. Andhra Pradesh is ranked No. 1 in the country on ease of doing business as per the 2016 assessment of states conducted by DIPP and World Bank. Through the Single Desk Portal, over 26,000 approvals have been provided to setup industry within the State. Since June 2014, Government released Rs 3,061.01 crores of industrial incentives against 16,792 claims. The AP Public Service Delivery Guarantee Act 2017 has also been enacted where timelines have been stipulated for delivery of public services. Currently, 74 services across 22 departments are covered under the Act. Andhra Pradesh is now working on benchmarking reforms with global standards and is also working with the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy to undertake further business reforms to further improve the business environment.

134. Government of Andhra Pradesh is implementing two large industrial corridor projects - Visakhapatnam-Chennai Industrial Corridor (VCIC) and Chennai-Bangalore Industrial Corridor (CBIC). Various infrastructure projects across roads, power, industrial infrastructure and water supply are being taken under VCIC with the support of Asian Development Bank. Projects worth Rs. 1,862.69 crores have already been tendered out. Out of the 4

nodes under VCIC, master planning of 2 nodes - Visakhapatnam and Srikalahasti - Yerpedu will be completed shortly. Under CBIC, development of Krishnapatnam node is being taken up. The conceptual master plan has been approved. Government has enacted the AP Industrial Corridor Development Authority Act 2017, and shall set up the Authority shortly to ensure planned development of the corridors in the State.

135. The investment by Kia Motors and its ancillaries and vendors will be a game changer for the Anantapur district, which is emerging 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 & defence and engineering products. Districts of Guntur and Krishna are already strong hubs for textiles and food processing. We are developing 1 Ultra Mega Food Park at Kurnool, 6 Mega and 5 Integrated Food Parks across Vizianagaram (3), Visakhapatnam, Prakasam, Nellore (2), Chittoor (2), Kadapa and Ananthapuramu.

Tourism and Culture – For Happiness

136. Andhra Pradesh is endowed with unmatched tourism potential and diverse ecology with each region contributing to its

splendour and exuberance. Although bifurcation was a major setback to the state in terms of recognition and confidence in tourism sector but it has regained and consolidated its position in tourism ecosphere and now the state in the third largest state in India in terms of domestic tourists arrivals. Aggressive promotion through marquee events has brought recognition to Andhra Pradesh as premium destination in International media like Discovery and National Geographic. Initiatives in Heli Tourism, Araku Balloon Show, Kakinada Beach Festival, Multimedia shows, food festivals, TU 142, adventure sports, the proposed Hovercraft and INS viraat are generating huge interest among tourists in Andhra Pradesh.

137. The State was awarded the Best state for comprehensive development of Tourism Award by The President of India on 27th Sept, 2017. At the International level Andhra Pradesh is being awarded the Best Emerging Destination Award in ITB Berlin.

138. My government continues to strive for promotion of new tourism projects in Ecotourism, heritage tourism, Beach tourism, Village tourism and infrastructure by facilitating private investment and initiatives. 51% of the MoUs signed in the first and second Partnership Summit have been grounded and the 3rd Summit got a tremendous response with 49 projects worth Rs.4400 crores getting initiated.

139. The expectations of tourism sector in employment creation and contribution to economy are very high and my government will continue to harness this vital resource.

140. The Non Resident Telugus (NRTs) spread across the globe are a natural extension of the populace living in A.P. and have been our best flag bearers across the globe over the years. The Government recognizes their capabilities and is committed to their wellbeing. A comprehensive Migrants' welfare and development policy has been brought out this year to address all issues related to the NRTs. Migrant Resource Centre and Migrant Economic Reintegration Centres are being set up to provide necessary guidance and handholding for the AP migrants. Schemes such as NRT Helpline, Pravasaandhra Bharosa (insurance)and Emergency Relief Fund will go a long way in mitigating the hardships being faced by some of the AP migrants especially in the Gulf region.

Benchmarking & Monitoring System– ecosystem for governance

141. Happiness of our people is the most important goal of my government. 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 (ROMS). Reflecting the commitment and culminating the efforts of the state to ensure happiness and wellbeing of the people, my government has decided to set up a 'Happiness Commission'.

142. Our efforts in adopting participatory and digital financial inclusion, real time governance and an integrated framework consisting of five themes – GVA, KPI, SDG, Samaja Vikasam and Kutumba Vikasam, will go a long way in accomplishing the vision targets and in setting global benchmarks.

143. My government have tied up with Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, Singapore, and UNICEF for independent third-party evaluation of our government schemes and programmes to further improve the efficiency and effectiveness.

Law and Order – A Peaceful Society

144. My government, after taking reins of administration, has embraced on a systematic improvement of Law and Order. Technology was infused into policing, police administration

streamlined, left wing extremism brought under full control, spread of terrorism has been prevented and rowdysm fully brought under control. People are able to work and sleep peacefully. We are going to further reform the administration of Law and Order machinery to make my state a model state where police are invisible and policing is visible.

145. Agri Gold scam is one of the largest scams/ponzi schemes wherein Agri. Gold Group of Companies collected huge deposits from the gullible section of people of various states including Andhra Pradesh, by promising them high rate of interest or register a piece of land, in lieu thereof. The accused company neither returned the amounts to the depositor nor did they register plots as promised. 19.43 lakh accounts worth Rs 3945 Crore out of 32.02 lakh accounts worth Rs 6380 Crore pertain to Andhra Pradesh. Dr Subhash Chandra Foundation has filed an implead petition before the High Court showing their interest to take over the company and it is under consideration. Due to non refund of their deposited money, 136 depositors/agents either committed suicide or died due to stress, agony caused by loss of their hard earned money. The State of Andhra Pradesh has taken unique initiative and sanctioned an amount of Rs.5 lakh each to the deceased families as ex-gratia to help the victim families. Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh given cheques of Rs.5 lakh each to 100 deceased families on March 1, 2018.

Awards and Commendations

146. My government has won as many as 38 awards of national/International importance in the recent past. Nine Projects from Andhra Pradesh have been selected for SKOCH - order of Merit Award this year, out of which five projects relate to Panchayat Raj and Rural Development and IT. The state has created a hat trick record by continuously bagging National Energy Conservation Award from BEE, Ministry of Petroleum, GoI from the last three years since 2015.The World Bank has ranked AP as No. 1 state, in the country in "Energy Efficiency Implementation Readiness".

Conclusion - Sustaining the growth momentum.

147. We as a state of 5 crore people, government and private sector has to strive hard for a common cause of rebuilding our state by overcoming the pains of bifurcation. Our state is endowed with vast natural resources, coast line and huge skilled man power as our strength to be exploited to realise our dream of being not only the foremost state in the country but a power to reckon with in Asia Pacific Region and a global destination. I reassure the people of this state that my government will not rest till our dreams are realized to be a happy, inclusive and innovative society and till the fruits of the development reach the last man.

Jai Hind

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