

Vote on Account 2024-25
Speech of
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Hon'ble Speaker Sir,

With your permission, I rise to present the Vote-on-Account budget for the financial year 2024-25 before this august House.

2. I would like to mention that today, I feel greatly honoured and privileged for having the opportunity to present our State's Budgets for the last five years.

3. The experience of our government, while serving the people of Andhra Pradesh has been truly gratifying, and our feelings are best expressed by the words of Mahatma Gandhi,

"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others"

4. Five years ago, while presenting my first budget, I stated that our Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy garu, regarded our manifesto as a sacrosanct text. It was a collation of expressions of the genuine needs of the people of Andhra Pradesh, our Hon'ble Chief Minister had observed during his 3,648 km padayatra and meeting people from all sections of society, especially the poor and vulnerable. His energy and motivation have been the driving force for ensuring that all the commitments made in our manifesto are implemented on a saturation approach, disregarding political affiliation.

This echoes the philosophy of late Dr. Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy garu, I quote,

"...while leaving none behind, we should be doing more for the disadvantaged."

5. Abraham Lincoln famously said that democracy is about ***"the government of the people, by the people, for the people"***.

6. The Indian democracy which has enshrined this tenet, has also much to owe to the father of our Constitution, Dr B.R. Ambedkar who viewed the ideals of equality, liberty, and fraternity as pillars of democracy and justice. In homage to the visionary leader and architect of our Constitution, our government has installed the 206 ft world's tallest Dr. Ambedkar statue - the 'Statue of Social Justice' at Swaraj maidan in Vijayawada. His ideals serve as a guiding light for our government.

Our government has put the thoughts of these two visionaries into action. We have exhibited to the people of Andhra Pradesh that theirs' is a government of the people, by the people, and for the people. Our government has discharged the moral imperative responsibility of removing inequalities; protection and empowerment of vulnerable groups; creating enabling conditions for human capacity development by providing access to quality education, nutrition, healthcare & financial support for livelihood activities. These are essential conditions for sustainable growth.

7. Inspired by the leadership, vision and spirit of service of our Hon'ble Chief Minister at every step along the way, our government has followed the cardinal principal of implementing our promises and fulfilling the aspirations of the people. The dedication and responsibility demonstrated by him towards welfare of the people reminds me of the principle articulated by Kautilya in Arthashastra more than 2000 years ago,

यः प्रजाः सुखे सुखिनोऽन्तरारामाः, तदर्थस्यार्थेषु परेषु नियन्तारः।

Which means,

"The ruler is the one who considers the happiness and well-being of his people as his own happiness and well-being"

8. Hon'ble Chief Minister's steadfast belief that any challenge, no matter how difficult, is not unsurmountable and can be upended into opportunities has been instrumental in Andhra Pradesh regaining its place amongst the most progressive states in the country after bifurcation.

Pathbreaking Governance Initiatives

9. Andhra Pradesh is a young state brimming with ambition and energy but also handicapped by the bifurcation-related disruption and losses. However, being a new state has provided the opportunity to start with a clean slate, reimagine boundaries, and catapult to a high growth path.

10. Besides our Chief Minister's accumulated experiences during his long padayatra convinced him that the problems of the state cannot be addressed through incremental measures. Instead, they require measures that break the entrenched status quo and usher in a new paradigm in governance and development.

11. Accordingly, over the last five years, our government has harnessed this opportunity with several pathbreaking initiatives that are having a transformational impact on the lives of the people. These initiatives implemented through Navaratnalu, Manifesto schemes, and strategic interventions are in close alignment with the intent of the Sustainable Development Goals. The programs have delivered positive outcomes and have met national and global acclaim. The transformational impact has been brought about due to both new ideas and innovation, and also the unprecedented scale of many of these initiatives - done on a saturation mode and within a short time period.

"The important thing for Government is not to do things which individuals are doing already, and to do them a little better or a little worse; but to do those things which at present are not done at all."

-John Maynard Keynes

12. I would now elaborate on the transformative impacts of some of the important pathbreaking initiatives of our government.

I. Suparipalita Andhra

Decentralization of Governance - Gadapa Vaddake Prabhutvam

13. Arguably the most important requirement for good governance and development is decentralization and empowerment of the people. Our government has taken several steps in the direction of taking governance to the doorsteps of the people. They include dramatically strengthening the government at the village-level, landmark reorganization of the administrative units, and empowering communities.

14. The decentralization extends beyond district restructuring to include reorganization of police services, empowering local law enforcement to collaborate closely with the residents, and ensure a more responsive and accountable approach to public safety. Through community contracting, the decision-making process fosters active citizen participation and promotes a sense of ownership in the local community, ultimately strengthening the fabric of democracy at the grassroots level.

15. The establishment of 15,004 Gram and Ward Sachivalayams along with recruitment of around 1.35 lakh functionaries and 2.66 lakh volunteers has ensured last mile delivery of welfare schemes and citizen centric services to the intended beneficiaries in a transparent, seamless and timely manner without leakages.

16. Our government carried out administrative restructuring by increasing the number of districts from the 13 to 26 and revenue divisions from 52 to 77 including Kuppam subdivision, by making optimal use of resources. This has brought governance closer to the people and made government more accountable, efficient and effective. The construction of new integrated modern Collectorate Complexes will further facilitate easier access of services to the people.

17. In order to enhance the safety and security of the citizens, our government reorganised and established new police sub-divisions as well as police stations wherever necessary. For instance, Kuppam Police Subdivision was created with jurisdiction of six police stations. Disha Police Stations have been established in every District. Tourist police stations at 20 important religious and tourist destinations were opened in various districts. These measures have bolstered security infrastructure, addressing public safety concerns.

18. To ensure responsive governance, the **Gadapa Gadapaku Mana Prabhutvamu** program was implemented, under which the public representatives took feedback directly from the citizens and took cognisance of gaps in basic amenities and infrastructure. More than 58,000 high impact works with an estimated cost of Rs.2,356 crore were sanctioned & 17,239 works to a tune of Rs.729 crore are completed, so far.

19. Finally, our government has constituted the **Fifth State Finance Commission** to deepen participatory democracy in the State & also approved the recommendations of the **Fourth State Finance Commission** providing greater resources to the local bodies.

II. **Samarthya Andhra**

Holistic Human Development- Paurula Pai Pettubadi

*"Knowledge is power. Information is liberating.
Education is the premise of progress,
in every society, in every family." - Kofi Annan*

20. The greatest wealth of a country are its citizens. The development of their capabilities is essential to ensure that they emerge as productive citizens who can contribute meaningfully to the development and economic growth of the state. Our government has therefore made human capital development its biggest priority over the last five years.

21. The emphasis on investing in human capital ensures that individuals can adapt to changing economic landscapes and promote inclusive growth. By combining initiatives in education, health, and skills development, our government strives to create a society where equal opportunities are not just a distant ideal but a tangible reality for everyone.

22. To make our children globally competitive, our government has introduced English medium education in all government schools, has affiliated 1,000 schools covering 4,39,595 students into CBSE, and taken steps to introduce **International Baccalaureate (IB)** syllabus and TOEFL certification to every child.

23. To facilitate learning through innovative methods, our government has installed 62,000 **Interactive Flat Panels** with in-built content in all schools & provided 9,52,925 **free TABs** with pre-loaded content to students and teachers to promote self-learning. This has dramatically improved classroom instruction and learning outcomes, thereby empowering 34.3 lakh students from 4th to 12th grade.

24. Pioneering the adoption of the New Education Policy 2020, 14,255 AWCs have been co-located with nearby Primary Schools, and 4,470 Primary Schools have been co-located with nearby High Schools. This has provided children with access to qualified subject teachers & improved the quality of instruction.

25. Under **Jagananna Vidya Kanuka**, school-kits with uniform, bags, shoes, textbooks, etc. have been provided to 47 lakh children annually, at a cost of Rs.3,367 crore till date. Similarly, Pre-School kits with 26 items on activity-based learning have also been distributed to all the 55,607 AWCs.

26. **Mana Badi - Nadu Nedu** has enhanced the learning environment in 56,703 government schools, welfare hostels, & junior colleges, encompassing essential components such as furniture, drinking water, improved sanitation, and well-equipped classrooms. Phase I is completed covering 15,715 schools &

Phase II continues this momentum in 22,344 schools. An amount of Rs. 7,163 crore has been spent so far under Nadu-Nedu. Under this scheme, 99.81 % schools have been provided basic infrastructure.

27. Mid-Day Meal scheme is revamped by **Jagananna Gorumudda** to serve tasty & quality food to more than 43 lakh students & Rs. 1,910 crore per annum is incurred, which is four times the expenditure of the previous government. To address malnutrition & anaemia, **YSR Sampoorna Poshana plus** is implemented in 77 tribal mandals and **YSR Sampoorna Poshana** in plain areas, benefitting 35.71 lakh women and children. These schemes have reduced the percentage of anaemic pregnant women aged 15-49 years from 53.7% in 2019 to 24.66 % in 2023; reduced the percentage of stunted children under five years from 31.2% in 2019 to 6.84% in 2023.

Higher Education

*"Education makes us the human beings we are.
It has major impacts on economic development,
on social equity, gender equity.
In all kinds of ways, our lives are transformed
by education and security"*

-Amartya Sen

28. Our Hon'ble Chief Minister considers any expenditure on education as an investment for the future. Andhra Pradesh is the only state in the country to take complete responsibility for providing higher education free of cost to all eligible students.

29. Under **Jagananna Vidya Deevena**, Rs.11,901 crore and under **Jagananna Vasathi Deevena** Rs. 4,276 crore is incurred and has benefited about 52 lakh students. The dramatic decline in drop-out percentage in higher education from 20.37% in 2018-19 to 6.62% in 2022-23 can be attributed to these two schemes.

30. Under **Jagananna Videsi Vidya Deevena**, 1,858 SC/ST/BC/Minority students are benefitted up to Rs. 1.25 crore per student for pursuing higher education in the top 50 globally ranked universities.

31. The government has facilitated short-term internships for more than 1.95 lakh under-graduate students, many of them in MNCs like Microsoft, Salesforce, AWS, Palo Alto, Blue Prism, etc.

32. For the first time in the country, our government has created a 50% government quota in medical/dental courses and a 35% quota in all other courses in private universities in our State. As a result, 2118 students could join prestigious private universities.

Healthcare

There is an ancient Roman saying:

***"Salus populi suprema lex esto" which means,
"The health of the people should be the supreme law"***

33. Public health infrastructure is central for effective last-mile delivery of healthcare services. **Nadu-Nedu (Health)** with investment of Rs. 16,852 crore, has strengthened health facilities from Sub-Centres to Teaching Hospital and provides quality health care services to the people. 1,142 PHCs have been renovated and made functional 24/7 with 2 shifts.

34. Our Chief Minister has conceptualised the idea of **Family Doctor** as an innovative program to take healthcare to doorstep of the people. About 284 family doctors, types of medical tests and types of medicines have been made accessible to the people.

35. To complement the Family Doctor, the fleet of **108-Ambulances & Mobile Medical Units (104 Services)** is expanded to ensure that there is minimum availability of 1 unit each per mandal.

36. **Dr. YSR Aargoyasri** scheme is reimagined, enhancing the income limit from Rs. 2.5 lakh to Rs. 5 lakh per annum per family; providing services up to Rs.25 lakh per family per annum, including unlimited coverage for critical ailments like cancer; increase in procedures from 1,059 to 3,257; and expansion of coverage to Hyderabad, Chennai, and Bangalore. The number of beneficiaries has increased from 13.82 lakh between 2014 - 2019 to 35.91 lakh between 2019 - 2023. Further, a 200-bed Dr YSR Kidney Research & Super Speciality Hospital has been established at Palasa to provide corporate treatment free of cost to kidney patients.

37. Under the innovative scheme of **Dr. YSR Aarogya Aasara**, Rs. 225 per day is provided from December 2019 to over 25 lakh poor patients as post-operative sustenance allowance at a cost of Rs. 1,366 crore.

38. Under **Jagananna Arogya Suraksha**, free doorstep healthcare services along with free medicines were provided through camps covering 1.67 crore families.

39. Recruitment of 53,126 healthcare staff was done to deliver high quality medical care. As a result, the average vacancies of Specialist Doctors in public hospitals were brought down to 4% as against national average of 61%, which is lowest in the country.

Skill Development & Training

*"Skill is the unified force of experience,
intellect and passion in their operation."*

- John Ruskin, an English writer, philosopher of the 19th century

40. Our government is deeply committed to empowering our youth with relevant skills that match industry needs and drive sustainable growth. We have created a robust ecosystem built on strong industry partnerships, quality infrastructure, and innovative programs like Cascading Skill Ecosystem, with

Skill University, Skill Colleges, and Skill Hubs to cater to diverse skilling needs. So far, 192 Skill Hubs at Assembly Constituency level and 27 Skill Colleges at Parliamentary Constituency level have been established and 1.06 lakh candidates have been trained in FY 2023-24 in 21 sectors, of which 95% are placed.

41. Virtual labs and class rooms are set up in 201 government polytechnics and KIA motors, Maruti, Toyota, Isuzu, Hitachi, Samsung, etc. have set up labs in 14 ITIs with sophisticated machinery and equipment to train students

III. **Mana Mahila Maharanula Andhra**

Empowered Woman - Nari Shakti

*"I measure the progress of a community by
the degree of progress which women have achieved."*

-Dr. B.R. Ambedkar

42. No state can progress without ensuring the welfare and empowerment of half of its population. In recognition of this, our government initiated several transformative programs at massive scale aimed at helping the women of Andhra Pradesh stand up on their feet and become equal participants in the economy. By addressing economic barriers, women are empowered to actively contribute to and benefit from the broader developmental journey.

43. Since FY 2021-22, the introduction of Gender Budget and Child Budget facilitates the scrutiny of budgets through the gender lens & ensures safeguarding health, protection, and holistic development of women and children.

44. The **Jagananna Ammavodi** scheme was aimed at removing poverty as a barrier for accessing quality education and ensuring equity. An amount of Rs. 26,067 crore has been provided to over 43.61 lakh mahila maharanis, benefiting more than 83 lakh students of classes I to Intermediate. As a result, the Adjusted Net Enrolment Ratio in elementary education has increased from 87.8 in 2019 to 98.73 in 2023. The GER in higher secondary has increased from 46.88% in 2019 to 79.69% during the last 4 years.

45. The failure of the previous government to support SHGs in the state led to their deep indebtedness and financial ruin. Our government stood by its manifesto promise & implemented the **YSR Aasara** scheme to reimburse the outstanding debt of SHG as on 11th April 2019. Since 2019, Rs 25,571 crore is reimbursed to 78.94 lakh mahila maharanis in 7.98 lakh SHGs.

46. Under **YSR Sunna Vaddi**, our government disbursed Rs 4,969 crore to mahila maharanis which has led to reactivation of SHGs which had become defunct during the previous government. As a result, outstanding NPAs which used to be 18.36% have drastically reduced to a meagre 0.17%, which is the lowest in the country.

47. Through **YSR Cheyutha** scheme, over 26 lakh mahila maharanis have secured their livelihood through economic activities with a disbursement of Rs. 14,129 crore.

48. Under **Jagananna Paala Velluva** scheme, Rs 2,697 crore has been spent to facilitate 3.6 lakh mahila maharanis to get higher income from dairy.

49. For enhancing the security of women and children the Disha Mobile App with more than 1 crore users, Disha Patrol vehicles, and 26 Disha Police Stations are established.

IV. Annapoorna Andhra

Remunerative and Sustainable Agriculture - Rythe Raju

*"Farming looks mighty easy when your plow is a pencil
and you're a thousand miles from the cornfield."*

- Dwight D. Eisenhower

Rythannaku jejelu!

50. To bolster the livelihoods of farmers, our government has crafted a comprehensive strategy for making agriculture both productive and resilient.

The government provides financial assistance and multiple safety nets to farmers viz., Price Stabilisation Fund, crop insurance, input subsidy, etc. thereby ensuring a more stable and secure environment for agriculture.

51. Since 2019, Rs 33,300 crore has been credited to the accounts of 53.53 lakh farmers, including 1.60 lakh tenants and 93 thousand RoFR farmers, through DBT mode under **Dr.YSR Rythu Bharosa-PM KISAN**. The financial assistance of Rs 13,500 for tenant and ROFR cultivators has been provided entirely by our government.

52. Under **Dr. YSR Free Crop Insurance**, the government has settled claim amount of Rs.7,802 crore to 54.55 lakh farmers accounts. In comparison, the previous government had settled claims of only Rs. 3,411 crore for 30.85 lakh farmers.

53. Under **Dr. YSR Sunna Vaddi Panta Runalu**, from Kharif 2019, the government has credited Rs 1,835 crore in 73.88 lakh farmers' bank accounts including the dues of the previous government.

54. 10,778 **Dr.YSR Rythu Bharosa Kendralu** are established as one stop centre to provide services to farmers at their doorstep. It has been acclaimed by the NITI Aayog as a best practice for emulation by others.

55. In addition, we are providing 9-hour daily uninterrupted free power to more than 19 lakh agricultural connections incurring Rs.37,374 crore since 2019; established the **Price Stabilization Fund** of Rs.3,000 crore to provide MSP; promptly provided **input subsidy** of Rs.1,977 crore to 22.85 lakh farmers as immediate relief for crop losses and Rs.1,200 crore more is being released this month.

56. Our government has also established 127 new **Dr. YSR Agri Testing Labs**; implemented **Dr. YSR Polambadi**; created post harvest infrastructure through the **Agriculture Infrastructure Fund**; provided agriculture machinery under **YSR Yantra Seva Padhakam**; and pioneered drone pilot training of farmers and village youth.

Thus, our government's comprehensive basket of initiatives covering the full spectrum of inputs, credit, insurance, post-harvest management, marketing, and fair prices is transforming agriculture in the state as never before.

Horticulture

57. Our government provided Rs.4,363 crore through various schemes benefitting 17.27 lakh farmers in the horticulture sector. To strengthen the extension network, 2356 Village Horticulture Assistants have been recruited and posted in RBKs. Additional storage capacity of 2.44 lakh MTs involving 462 Collection Centres, 84 Solar Cold Rooms, 2905 Pack Houses have been created to prevent post-harvest losses and fetch better prices for farmers.

Animal Husbandry, Dairy Development & Fisheries

58. **Jagananna Paala Velluva**, has helped dairy farmers get higher prices up to Rs.5 to Rs.20 per litre than earlier. Chittoor Dairy is being revived in collaboration with AMUL with an investment of Rs 385 crore to provide employment to 5,000 people directly and 2 lakh indirectly.

59. Livestock insurance is provided through **YSR Pasu Bhima Padhakam scheme & Dr. YSR Sanchara Pasu Arogya Seva** with 340 Mobile Ambulatory Veterinary Clinics has resulted in doorstep delivery of services to farmers.

Fisheries

60. Under **YSR Matsyakara Bharosa**, 2.43 lakh fishermen families benefitted from enhancement of the fishing ban-period relief from Rs 4,000 to Rs 10,000. The enhanced subsidy on diesel oil from Rs 6.03 per litre to Rs 9.00 per litre covers 20,034 fishing boats. The ex-gratia for untimely death of fishermen during fishing was enhanced from Rs 5 lakh to Rs 10 lakh.

61. Ten **Fishing Harbours** are being constructed, as per international standards to facilitate deep sea fishing & 35 integrated aqua labs are being established to provide inputs testing facilities at the village level. For market

linkage, 2,000 'Fish Andhra' retail stores are established and linked to the 26 Aqua hubs.

62. The AP State Aquaculture Development Authority was established for regulation, monitoring and promoting aquaculture. The Fishery Sciences University in West Godavari District is functioning from 1st April 2022.

63. New livelihood opportunities to 16.5 lakh people have been generated by bringing 2.12 lakh hectares of area under aquaculture, making the state the Aqua Hub of India.

V. Samkshema Andhra

Robust Social Safety Net - Pedarikam Pai Yudham

"The test of our progress is not whether we add more to the abundance of those who have much; it is whether we provide enough for those who have too little."

- Franklin D. Roosevelt

64. Our government has tailored a robust social safety net to address the needs of the economically and socially vulnerable. This inclusive framework encompasses multiple initiatives such as house sites distribution, housing, welfare pensions, doorstep delivery of rations, income support, etc. schemes. This effort underscores a commitment to eradicating poverty at its roots based on the cardinal principle that every individual, deserves a dignified and secure life.

Housing

65. Our government distributed 30,65,315 houses pattas since 2019 worth Rs.1.53 lakh crore, as against 4,63,697 house pattas distributed in the previous five years.

66. Under **Pedalandariki Illu**, our government is providing each beneficiary Rs. 1.80 lakh towards unit cost and an additional benefit of Rs. 6.90 lakh towards

infrastructure, which has helped in expediting the pace of construction. Out of the planned 22 lakh houses, nearly 9 lakh houses have been completed. The remaining houses are targeted to be completed by December, 2024.

67. **YSR Jagananna Colonies** are being developed as model villages, providing the required physical infrastructure such as drinking water supply, electricity, roads, etc. at an estimated cost of Rs.32,909 crore. So far, 1,62,538 beneficiaries have started residing in the YSR Jagananna Colonies.

Welfare

Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT)

68. In tune with the motto of the government of reaching out to all the deserving without any discrimination, and ensuring the benefits reach without any leakages, the government is implementing all welfare schemes in the DBT mode, leveraging the Village and Ward Secretariats and Volunteer network. This has ensured that the benefits reach all the deserving beneficiaries, irrespective of caste, religion, and any other affiliations on a real time basis. This also provided reassuring protection to people from the financial distress and hardship caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. I take this opportunity for thanking the staff of the Village and Ward Secretariats and Volunteers who have worked selflessly and tirelessly for making the vision of the government a reality, and making it a model for the country.

69. To put things in perspective, Rs. 2.53 lakh crore was spent through DBT between 2019-20 to 2023-24 & non-DBT transfers were Rs. 1.68 lakh crore. Rs. 4.21 lakh crore has thus been transferred to the hands of the people in the last five years.

70. Due to the DBT regime of our government, lakhs of families have escaped poverty, uplifted their standard of living, and availed new opportunities for growth & development. This is exemplified by the fact that, the per-capita income (NSDP) of Andhra Pradesh has showed a quantum jump from Rs. 1,54,031 in

2018-19 to Rs. 2,19,518 in 2022-23 and the rank has improved to 9th from 18th.

YSR Pension Kanuka

71. Under YSR Pension Kanuka, being implemented on saturation mode, the eligible age criterion was reduced from 65 years to 60 years, the amount enhanced to Rs. 3,000 from 1st January 2024 and new health related pensions sanctioned with Rs. 10,000 per month. The monthly disbursal of pensions has increased from Rs.1,385 crore in 2019 to Rs. 1,968 crore in January 2024. Since 2019, our government disbursed Rs 84,731 crore through YSR Pension Kanuka to 66.35 lakh beneficiaries.

Public Distribution System

72. We introduced 9,260 Mobile Dispensing Units for doorstep delivery of civil supplies. This has eliminated the hardships faced by elderly, differently abled & wage labourers & also provided gainful employment of the MDU owners belonging to the SC/ST/BC/EBC/Minority communities.

73. Our government has enhanced the expenditure incurred under rice subsidy. Against Rs 14,256 crore incurred during 2014-2019, Rs 29,628 crore has been incurred from 2019 to 2023.

74. Under **YSR Bima**, from 2022-23 till date, more than 45,000 families in case of natural death and more than 4,000 families in case of accidental death have been supported with an amount of Rs. 650 crore.

75. A separate **Department of Economically Weaker Sections Welfare** was created to focus on all round development of poor Kapu, Kamma, Reddy, Brahmin, Arya Vysya, Kshatriya and EBCs. During 2019-2024, Rs.36,321 crore was spent covering 1.15 crore beneficiaries.

76. Under **YSR Kalyanamasthu** for SC, ST, BC, Minorities other than Muslims, Differently Abled, & under YSR Shaadi Tohfa for Muslim Minorities more than Rs. 350 crore has been disbursed to 46,329 beneficiaries.
77. Under **YSR EBC Nestham**, Rs. 1,257 crore is disbursed to 4.39 lakh women from economically backward sections of the Reddy, Kamma, Aryavaisya, Brahmin, Kshatriya, Velama, and other OC communities.
78. Under **YSR Kapu Nestham**, Rs. 2,029 crore is disbursed to 3.57 lakh women from the Kapu, Baliya, Telaga, and Ontari community. For welfare of the Kapu community, our government has incurred Rs. 39,247 crore, benefiting 77 lakh persons, through both Direct Benefit Transfers (DBT) and non-DBT means.
79. Under **YSR Nethana Nestham**, Rs. 983 crore is disbursed to 81,783 beneficiaries.
80. Under **Jagananna Thodu**, Rs. 3,374 crore is disbursed to 16.73 lakh street hawkers, vendors and artisans.
81. Under **Jagananna Chedhodu Scheme**, Rs. 1,268 crore is disbursed to the 3.4 lakh beneficiaries belonging to the Rajakas, Nayee Brahmins and Tailors.
82. Under **YSR Vahana Mitra**, Rs. 1,305 crore is disbursed to more than 2.78 lakh taxi, cab and auto drivers.
83. Under **YSR Law Nestham**, a monthly stipend of Rs 5,000 per month for 3 years has been provided to 6,069 junior advocates.
84. Under **NREGA**, 2,141 lakh person days is generated till December 2023. 72 lakh wage seekers from 45 lakh households were provided wage employment & payments made within 15 days.
85. As per the promise made by Hon'ble Chief Minister during the padayatra, the Government has come to the succour of the Agrigold victims and assistance of Rs.883.5 crore has been disbursed.

Social Welfare

86. In addition to the DBT and priority schemes, our government also implements several programs for the holistic development of youth from SC communities. The students from Social Welfare Residential Schools have performed commendably in competitive exams like JEE and NEET. Over 200 students have secured admissions in IITs, NITs and other premier colleges from 2019 to 2023. Furthermore, eight students were selected for the completely funded one year Kennedy Lugar-Youth Exchange and Study Program. One student also represented at the UN conference on SDG in New York in September 2023.

Tribal Welfare

87. Under the leadership of Hon'ble Chief Minister, from June 2019 till date, 1,29,842 individual titles for 2,19,763 acres, 526 Community titles for 67,946 acres have been are recognised. Further, 26,287 DKT pattas for 39,272 acres have been distributed to empower tribal communities and uphold their rightful claims to land.

88. Free power was enhanced from 100 to 200 units per month for ST households. To provide the income security to tribal coffee farmers, our government has expanded existing coffee plantations, rejuvenated existing plantations, improve quality of coffee through provision of pulpers, organic certification and facilitated marketing through GCC.

BC Welfare

89. Our government established 56 new corporations for BCs. In the last 5 years, our government has spent Rs 71,740 crore covering 102 lakh beneficiaries under various programs and schemes for BC welfare.

Minority Welfare

90. Our government has assisted the students belonging to the Minority communities to overcome the socio-economic & educational backwardness, by supporting with coaching for job-oriented exams, competitive exams and school level exams. In 2023-24, nearly 5,000 students benefitted.

91. The assistance provided for Imams was enhanced from Rs. 5000 to Rs. 10,000 per month to benefit 4,983 Imams and for Mouzzams from Rs. 3,000 to Rs. 5,000 per month to benefit 4,983 Mouzzams. Pastors were provided assistance of Rs.5000 per month from 2021-22 to benefit 8427 Pastors. Further, the government sanctioned Rs. 80,000 to each pilgrim proceedings for Haj from Vijayawada embarkation point for the year 2023 benefitting 1,756 pilgrims. Similarly, an assistance up to Rs. 60,000 was provided to 1,178 pilgrims to Jerusalem since 2019.

VI. Sampanna Andhra

Infrastructure & Productivity - Abhyunnathi sankalpam

92. Infrastructure is the foundation for economic growth. Our government has undertaken several pathbreaking initiatives to accelerate industrialization and enhance competitiveness. The AP Industrial Policy 2023-27 and related policies provide the necessary underpinning for this strategy cutting across diverse sectors with an aim to create a vibrant industrial ecosystem.

93. The infrastructure investments range from community assets in villages, like the Sachivalayams, YSR Clinics, etc. to strategic investments in pivotal infrastructure elements like ports, fishing harbors, airports, industrial corridors, etc. and ambitious new initiatives like 17 new medical colleges underscore a resolute commitment to construct a robust foundation poised not only to spur economic growth but also to elevate the overall quality of life for residents of the state.

94. Mindful of the need for a holistic approach, the physical infrastructure is being converged with soft infrastructure like skilled manpower, digital knowledge, & social infrastructure like health, education and housing, to realise the full potential of these investments & maximise employment creation. This will lay the foundation for a thriving and resilient industrial sector that will propel our state towards greater prosperity.

Ports & Airports

"A nation is great not by its size alone. It is the will, the cohesion, the stamina, the discipline of its people and the quality of their leaders which ensure it an honourable place in history."

-Lee Kuan Yew

95. Four greenfield ports are being constructed at Ramayapatnam, Machilipatnam, Mulapeta, Kakinada with total investment of Rs. 20,000 crore, additional capacity of 110 MTPA by 2025-26, and employment potential of around 75,000 persons.

96. Ten Fishing Harbours are being constructed with an investment of Rs. 3,800 crore at Juvvaladinne, Nizampatnam, Machilipatnam, Uppada, Budagatlapalem, Kothapatnam, Vodarevu, Budagatlapalem, Biyyaputhippa, and Manchineellapeta. This would add 4.5 lakh tonnes of additional fish and prawn catch worth of Rs. 9,000 crore as GVA employment potential of 1,00,000 persons.

97. Additionally, development of 6 Fish Landing Centres with an investment of Rs. 127 crore is initiated at Chintapalli, Bheemili, Rajayyapeta, Dondawaka, Uppalanka, and Rayadaruvu.

98. The **AP Inland Waterways Authority** was established in June 2023 for the development of inland water transport. AP's first riverine project, between Muktyala and Madipadu on Krishna river has been conceived in a record time of five months and is ready for implementation.

99. Our government has revitalized the development works of Bhogapuram International Airport, and airports at Gannavaram, Kadapa, Rajahmundry, Tirupati, Kurnool, and Visakhapatnam. Flight operations have already commenced at Kurnool.

Roads

100. Our Government has incurred an expenditure of Rs.2,626 crore for the development of State Highways, Rs.1,955 crore for Major District Roads and Rs.272 crore under RCPLWE during last 5 years. Under NDB project phase-1, 1,243 Kms roads are being developed with an outlay of Rs.3,014 crore. Under NIDA-1, 98 State Highway works and 132 MDR have been completed with an expenditure of Rs.1,158 crore. The riding quality of 8,286 Kms has been improved with an expenditure of Rs.2,205 through APRDC. 19 ROBs with an outlay of Rs.992 crore are being developed under SETU BANDHAN and other grants. About 350 km of National Highways are improved as two lane with paved shoulders / 4 lane with Rs.7,182 crore. 10 roads with a length of 872.52 km have been declared as new National Highways by MORTH.

Andhra Pradesh Fibre Grid - Every Village Connected

101. Our government has successfully completed the implementation of the BharatNet Phase-II Project in November 2023. A total of 55,000 km of Optical Fiber Network was laid connecting 11,254 Gram Panchayats across 613 mandals. 30Gpbs throughput was achieved in each Gram Panchayat though the required provision by GoI is just 1Gbps. All Village and Ward Secretariats, Rythu Bharosa Kendralu, Schools and PHCs are internet enabled

New Medical Institutions

102. While, since independence, only 11 Government Medical Colleges were established in the State, our government has sanctioned 17 new Government Medical Colleges. So far, 10 new Medical Colleges, 10 Teaching Hospitals, 4 Other Hospitals and 3 Nursing Colleges have been established. Three super

speciality hospitals such as Kidney Research Centre in Palasa, Childrens' Heart Centre in Tirupati, and 6 Cancer Centres are also established.

103. Special attention is bestowed to establish multi-speciality hospitals in tribal-dominated areas of Seethampeta, Parvathipuram, Rampachodavaram, Buttayigudem, & Dornala, to bridge the gap in healthcare access and promote equity.

New Knowledge Institutions

104. Our government has also established the Tribal Engineering College at Kurupam, Central Tribal University at Vizianagaram, JNTU at Gurajada, Vizianagaram, Andhra Kesari University at Ongole, Dr. YSR Architecture and Fine Arts University at YSR Kadapa, New Model Degree College for Women in Araku, and Cluster University at Kurnool to provide accessible and inclusive higher education for all sections of the society. Our government has also sanctioned the second National Law University of the State at Kurnool.

Water Resources

105. The government is committed to complete the Polavaram National Project, the lifeline of Andhra. The government is taking all steps to get the revised cost estimates of the project approved by the GoI and has expedited the construction activity. The works are progressing at a brisk pace. The progress of Headworks which was at 42% in May 2019 is now more than 70%. For the first time in the history of river Godavari, the flood water is being diverted through spillway duly erecting all the radial gates.

106. On 30th November 2023, Owk Tunnel-II was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister which will carry additional 10,000 cusecs of water to Gandikota Reservoir. The Tunnel 3 is nearing completion with an estimated cost of Rs.1,079 crore. This will irrigate 2.06 lakh acres in Kadapa, Chittoor, & Nellore districts & provide drinking water to 20 lakh people across 640 villages.

107. On 19th September 2023, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has inaugurated the 77 Tanks Project. Since then, 1.24 TMC of water has been lifted, stabilising 10,394 acres and increasing drinking water table level in Dhone, Pattikonda, Alur and Panyam Constituencies. This has resulted in dramatic increase of ground level water, & immensely benefited the farmers, who were solely dependent on rains in the endemically drought-prone regions.

108. The Sri Mekapati Goutham Reddy Sangam Barrage and Nellore Barrage were inaugurated by Hon'ble Chief Minister on 6th September 2022 to stabilise the ayacut of 2.85 lakh acres under Pennar Delta System, Kavali canal, and Kanupur canal, & the ayacut of 99,525 acres under Pennar Delta System.

109. The Poola Subbaiah Veligonda Project is being implemented to provide drinking water facilities to 15.25 lakh people in the 30 drought prone and fluoride affected mandals of Prakasam, Nellore & Kadapa Districts. The Tunnel 1 and Tunnel 2 of the projects have been completed and are ready to be inaugurated.

110. The Kuppam branch canal of HNSS Phase-2 has been completed and planned for inauguration during this month and will feed 110 Minor Irrigation tanks in Kuppam constituency.

111. Our government is committed to complete all the priority projects in a timebound manner. The works under Uttaraandhra Srujala Sravanthi project, Tarakarama Tirthasagaram, Gajapathinagaram Branch Canal, Vamsadhaara Nagavali link, Hiramandalam reservoir, Gotta LIS, SGL Thotapalli barrage project, Mahendratana offshoore reservoir, Thandava LIS, Rayalaseema Drought Mitigation Scheme, etc. are under brisk progress.

Drinking Water

112. Nine drinking water projects were sanctioned with an amount of Rs. 10,137 crore in 9 districts to cover water stressed and quality affected habitations. The Hon'ble Chief Minister has inaugurated the YSR Sujaladhara project on 14th December 2023 to supply 1.12 TMC purified safe drinking water to 807

villages in 7 mandals in the Uddanam area, where chronic kidney diseases are prevalent, resolving the decades-long plight.

Energy

113. The per capita consumption of electricity, a key indicator of economic development, has increased from 1,203 units in 2019-20 to 1,400 till December 2023. The transmission and distribution losses are reduced from 13 % to 9.27%. The government is installing smart meters at no additional cost to consumers for making electricity grid in the state more efficient.

114. Agreement is entered with SECI for supply of 7,000 MW per annum at a an attractive rate of Rs. 2.49 per unit. The Hon'ble Chief Minister has dedicated to the State, the 2nd stage 800 MW Unit at Sri Damodaram Sanjeeviah Thermal Power Station, Krishnapatnam & also the Stage V 800 MW unit at NTTPS, Ibrahimpatnam.

115. The government has notified the AP Renewable Energy Export Policy 2020, AP Pumped Storage Promotion Policy 2022 and AP Green Energy and Green Ammonia Promotion Policy 2023 for encouraging green energy generation for a sustainable future. Andhra Pradesh is at the forefront in the country in identifying potential sites for promotion of Pumped Storage Hydro Power Projects.

New Industries

116. Since 2019, over 311 large and mega industries are established, providing employment to more than 1.3 lakh people. Further, 1.93 lakh MSMEs went into production with investment of Rs.5,995 crore & employment for 13,67,618 persons.

117. The Global Investors' Summit held in March 2023 resulted in securing 386 agreements with investments worth Rs. 13.11 lakh crore and additional job potential of 6.07 lakh.

118. From 2019 to 2023, 56,645 applications were received through the AP Industries Single Desk Portal, out of which 54,292 applications i.e. 98.83 % have been approved within the stipulated time.

Industrial Incentives to MSMEs

119. A Special Industrial Incentives Package for SC & ST entrepreneurs, including women, was extended under **YSR Jagananna Badugu Vikasam**, under the Industrial Development Policy 2023-27.

120. Fifty-five new clusters are identified under the MSE Cluster Development Programme. Six Common Facility Centres are accorded final approval by GoI with employment potential of 37,400 persons. Three infrastructure development Projects were completed & 18 projects are under implementation with 15,144 employment generation potential.

121. Our government is also working on the expeditious implementation of major industrial corridor projects like Visakhapatnam-Chennai Industrial Corridor, Chennai-Bangalore Industrial Corridor and Hyderabad-Bangalore Industrial Corridor for promotion of industries, including MSMEs.

122. AP Information Technology Policy 2021-2024 and AP Electronics Policy 2021-2024 are being implemented for promoting investments. Since 2019, 65 new IT companies are established, providing employment for 47,908 persons. IT majors like Adani Data Center Park, WNS, Pulsar, Randstad, and Infosys are in the process of setting up their offices. Our Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurated the Infosys Development Centre at Visakhapatnam on 16th October 2023, thereby cementing its position as an emerging IT hub.

123. The Global Investors' Summit witnessed overwhelming response from investors in electronics sector. 23 MoUs were signed, amounting to Rs 15,711 crore in investments & potential employment of 55,140. The state added 17 new electronic manufacturing companies since 2019, providing employment opportunities for 34,750 individuals with investment of Rs 7,832 crore.

124. The Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurated AIL Dixon Technologies Pvt Ltd, laid foundation stones for two companies, and exchanged two MoUs in July 2023 in YSR Electronics Manufacturing Cluster (EMC), Kadapa. A total of over 6,350 jobs is expected to be created with investment of Rs 450 crore.

125. To maintain environment standards & meet the demand, Government 100 AC electric buses are introduced in Tirupati. Clearance is accorded for 1,500 new diesel BS VI buses.

126. Development of Judicial Infrastructure is being taken up & 32 Judicial Buildings are completed & another 13 Judicial Buildings are under progress.

Urban Development

127. Under Jagananna Smart Townships, MIG layouts with 12,042 plots covering 1,426 acres are being developed. Under AMRUT 2.0, rejuvenation of 101 urban water bodies covering more than 5,000 acres is taken up with a project cost of Rs.189 crore. Also, 481 Urban Health Centres were newly established.

128. Under the Clean Andhra Pradesh program, 3000 vehicles have been provided to ULBs for door-to-door waste collection and segregation. Two waste-to-energy plants were commissioned at Guntur & Vishakhapatnam. Legacy waste treatment has commenced in all 123 ULBs. Three ULBs are in top 10 of the National Swachh Awards.

Other Rural Infrastructure

129. Under Rural infrastructure, 10,893 Gram Panchayat buildings, 10,216 agriculture produce storage structures, 8,299 Bharat Nirman Seva Kendras, and 3,734 Bulk Milk Cooling Units have been constructed.

Youth Advancement, Tourism & Culture

"Sports is a huge medium of empowerment for women because it makes you emotionally and physically very strong. It gives you the ability to face challenges, chase a target."

-Deepa Malik

130. Physical education & sports play a significant role in youth development. On these lines, our government for the 1st time in the history of the state, has organised the **Aadudam Andhra** mega event at 5 levels, involving 38 lakh players and 90 lakh spectators, allotting Rs. 119 crore, including Rs. 12.21 crore as prize money.

131. To encourage sports persons at national level, incentives under the **YSR Kreedha Protsahakaalu** are being provided. To provide sports infrastructure, 41 **Kreedha Vikasa Kendrams** are established so far and 65 are in progress.

Tourism

132. Our State, with its rich cultural heritage, stunning natural landscapes, and ancient historical sites, offers immense tourism potential. From the serene beaches of Visakhapatnam to the sacred temples of Tirupati, and the biodiverse landscapes of the Eastern Ghats, it's a destination that promises diverse experiences for every traveller

133. During the Global Investor Summit 2023, 117 MoUs were signed in the tourism sector with an investment of Rs.19,345 crore and employment potential of 51,083, attracting marquee investors like the Oberoi Group, Novotel, Mayfair Hotels & Resorts, and Hyatt Regency. Seventeen projects are being implemented with an investment of Rs. 3,685 crore and potential employment opportunities of 7,290 people.

Environment and Forests

134. During 2023-24, massive plantation campaign was carried out under **Jagananna Pachhathoranam** by planting 5.11 crore seedlings involving multiple stakeholders. In addition, under the **Nagaravanam** scheme, the government is developing climate resilient cities by managing and expanding green spaces.

VII. Bhubadhra Andhra

Transformative Land Governance-Mee Aasthiki Prabhuthva Barosa

Speaking about the importance of land reforms Nelson Mandela said,

"Our land reform programme helps redress the injustices of apartheid. It fosters national reconciliation and stability. It also underpins economic growth and improves household welfare and food security."

135. Land is the most important economic asset for those whose livelihood depends on it. However, over a period of time the lack of adequate and trained manpower in the land administration system, has led to poor quality in maintenance of land and survey records, and which has resulted in disputes and litigation, and obstacles to realizing the full economic value of this important asset.

136. Our government has taken several pioneering and transformational steps to change this entrenched status quo. It's fair to say that in the last five years, with several path-breaking initiatives, Andhra Pradesh has emerged as the leader in land governance and improving the ease of living on land related issues.

137. The **YSR Jagananna Saswatha Bhu Hakku Mariyu Bhu Raksha scheme** was launched on 21st December 2020 for resurvey of landholdings across the state after a gap of 100 years. The resurvey is using the latest Continuously Operating Reference Stations (CORS) technology & the newly

recruited 11,118 Village surveyors. The farmers are given Bhu Hakku Patras with geo-coordinates, thus securing the land rights of the farmers permanently.

138. The Andhra Pradesh Land Titling Act, 2022 is enacted to ensure the security of titles to the property holders. So far, 17.53 lakh farmers have received permanent title deeds, 4.8 lakh mutations resolved, 45,000 boundary disputes settled. The clear system of titles has helped to increase the liquidity of land markets, reduce land litigation and accelerate economic growth.

139. Our government has removed lands from prohibited properties u/s 22(A) of the Registration Act 1908, such as all village service Inam lands measuring 1.37 lakh acres, benefitting 1.13 lakh farmers; 33,428.64 cents of Sharatugala patta lands; 2.06 lakh acres of dotted lands, giving permanent rights to 1.07 lakh farmers; 22,837 cents under Land Purchase Scheme from 1982 to 2014, benefitting 22,346 poor landless SC beneficiaries. In addition, our government has assigned 46,463 acres of DKT pattas to 42,307 landless poor beneficiaries, and 9,064 acres Lanka lands to 17,768 landless poor beneficiaries.

140. This combination of initiatives reflects a visionary agenda aimed at expanding land ownership, ensuring secure and efficient land management, and significantly improving the overall ease of living for citizens.

Employee Welfare

141. Government employees are the linchpin of governance, instrumental in policy implementation, service provision, and driving the state's development agenda. Their expertise, dedication, and service underpin the administration's efforts to enhance public welfare and ensure the smooth operation of governmental functions across diverse sectors.

142. Our government has created 4,93,000 new jobs, of which 2,13,662 are permanent against 34,108 jobs provided from 2014 to 2019. Around 10,000 contract employees are being regularised; absorbed 51,387 APSRTC employees into government; announced DSC for recruitment of 6,100 vacancies; provided

MTS for all contract employees; established APCOS; implemented the recommendations of 11th PRC; raised retirement age to 62 years.

143. Remuneration is enhanced for ASHAs, Tribal Community Health Workers, Municipal outsourced Public Health workers, SERP Village Organization Assistant, MEPMA Resource person, Home Guards, Mid-Day Meal cook cum helper, Anganwadi Workers and Anganwadi Helpers.

144. Four battalions with 3,920 posts sanctioned and recruitment is under process. Composite Group Personal Accident Insurance Policy with enhanced risk coverage to all serving Police Officers & other employees of the Andhra Pradesh Police Department is implemented.

145. For addressing post-retirement concerns of the employees under the New Pension Scheme, our government has pioneered the implementation of the AP Guaranteed Pension System, as a more beneficial & sustainable alternative. By this, Andhra Pradesh, has yet again delivered a solution being adopted by other states & Government of India

Landmark achievements of the last 5 years

- Andhra Pradesh in 2018-19, ranked 14th in terms of GSDP growth rate of 11 %. In 2022-23, we are placed at 4th position with GSDP growth rate 16.2 %.
- Andhra Pradesh is categorised as "Top Achiever" in Ease of Doing Business under the Business Reform Action Plan for 2020-21.
- Andhra Pradesh in 2018-19, ranked 12th in terms of the agricultural sector CAGR of 8.3 %. Today, we rank 6th with a CAGR of 13%.
- Andhra Pradesh is the first and only state to achieve universal coverage of farmers under the Dr. YSR Free Crop Insurance scheme.

- Andhra Pradesh's RBKs, rendering services to 13.05 lakh farmers, is lauded by the World Bank. Delegates from Ethiopia, Bangladesh and Vietnam wish to emulate this concept of "seed to sale" in their countries.
- Andhra Pradesh stands 2nd in micro irrigation implementation. In the top 15 districts of the country, 6 districts are from the State.
- Andhra Pradesh won the Best State Award of ICAR - National Research Centre for Banana for export promotion. About 1.67 lakh MT of banana have been exported compared to only 387 MTs before 2019.
- Andhra Pradesh leads with 30% share in total fish production and 31% of total sea food exports & in 2023, awarded the Best Marine State by Government of India.
- Sri Venkateswara Veterinary University, Tirupati has received Breed conservation award from ICAR for conserving Punganur cattle.
- Andhra Pradesh is the only state to provide 50% reservation for Women SC/ST/BC in the Agricultural Market Committees.
- Andhra Pradesh is ranked 3rd for end-to-end implementation of National Food Security Act.
- Andhra Pradesh today has a thriving ecosystem for start-ups. New MSMEs registrations increased from 65,174 in 2020 to 7.2 lakh in 2023.
- Andhra Pradesh ranks 7th in terms of women owned MSMEs with a share of 5 % in the country.

- Andhra Pradesh, has 27.45 lakh persons employed in MSMEs under the Udyam Portal in 2023, a massive increase from 1.17 lakh people in 2017.
- Andhra Pradesh is categorised as "Top Achiever" in Ease of Doing Business under the Business Reform Action Plan for 2020-21.
- Andhra Pradesh received Gold Award for Uppada Jamdani sarees under One District One Product & four more awards under handloom products.
- Andhra Pradesh, secured best performance award for PMAY-Urban Housing & three beneficiaries received Best House Construction Award from the Hon'ble Prime Minister.
- Industry giants like Microsoft, Jindal, Reliance, Adani, Laurus Synthesis, TCS, Infosys, Hero Motocorp, Yokohama, Grasim Industries, Greenko Energy and many more well-known industries have invested in Andhra Pradesh in the last 4 years.
- Andhra Pradesh, is ranked 3rd most popular tourist destination in 2022.
- Rushikonda, acquired 'Blue Flag' most environment friendly beach label.
- Lepakshi awarded as the Best Tourism Village 2023 by the Gol.
- Andhra Pradesh, received three awards on 15th Enertia Award-2023 for promoting SDGs through clean & green renewable energy, meeting Renewable Power Purchase Obligations, & top State utility for energy and infrastructure.
- Our government supported the National Academy of Customs, Indirect Taxes, & Narcotics (NACIN) in establishing its state-of-

the-art campus in Palasamudram. Spanning 500 acres, this apex institution specialises in capacity building of Indian Revenue Service officers and allied services from both Centre and States, as well as partner nations.

- Ministry of Panchayati Raj, GoI in collaboration with State Government organised a 3-day National Workshop on Localization of Sustainable Development Goals in Gram Panchayats through Adopting Thematic Approaches - Healthy Village, in January 2024 at Tirupati.
- Facilitated the Defence Electronics and Semiconductor Innovations Conclaves in partnership with the India Electronics and Semiconductor Association in February 2023 at Tirupati.

Centre State Relations - Resolution of State Bifurcation Issues

146. The state suffered a grievous wound in 2014. However, the previous government did not take any substantive measures to amicably resolve the issues or to get rightful entitlements of the State when time was appropriate. Our government inherited a legacy of unresolved issues and antagonistic ties with our neighbour. Nevertheless, over last five years, we relentlessly fought for our rights. We succeeded in releasing of Rs. 10,460 crore Revenue Deficit Grant of 2014-15 by the Government of India. We obtained directions from the Government of India to the State of Telangana to pay the power dues of Rs. 6,756 crore to Andhra Pradesh. We resolved the pending issues between Andhra Pradesh and Telangana pertaining to AP Civil Supplies Corporation. We obtained pending instalments of Backward district grants of Rs.1,050 crore. We convinced the 15th Finance Commission to award higher revenue deficit grant of Rs. 30,497 crore to AP; also convinced the GoI to sanction the revised project cost for Polavaram Project. Thanks to our efforts & cooperation of GoI, all other issues too are at very advanced stages of resolution.

Allocation for 2024-25

Accounts 2022-23

147. The finance accounts finalized by the Accountant General of Andhra Pradesh show a revenue deficit of Rs.44,487.49 crore, and a fiscal deficit of Rs.52,508.34 crore, which was 3.30 % and 3.98% of the GSDP respectively, for FY 2022-23.

Revised Estimates 2023-24

148. The revised estimate for revenue expenditure for FY 2023-24 is Rs.2,28,237.77 crore, whereas for capital expenditure it is Rs.27,308.12 crore. The revenue deficit for 2023-24 is around Rs.31,534.94 crore, whereas the fiscal deficit for the same period is around Rs. 60,153.59 crore, which amounts to 2.19 % and 4.18 % of the GSDP respectively.

Budget Estimates 2024-25

149. For the financial year 2024-25, I propose an expenditure of Rs.2,86,389.27 crore, with revenue expenditure estimated at Rs.2,30,110.41 crore, and capital expenditure Rs. 30,530.18 crore. The estimated revenue deficit is around Rs.24,758.22 crore and the fiscal deficit is estimated at around Rs.55,817.50 crore. The fiscal deficit will be around 3.51 % of the GSDP, whereas the revenue deficit will be around 1.56 % of the GSDP.

Conclusion

"The most reliable way to predict the future is to create it."

- Abraham Lincoln

150. Under the Hon'ble Chief Minister's dynamic leadership, the novel growth & welfare-oriented governance paradigm of our government, in last five years, has ushered economic development, infrastructure creation & prosperity in Andhra Pradesh. The programs, policies, and systems have created the ecosystem

to enable and empower the people of Andhra Pradesh to script their success story. What lies ahead of us is a big, bold, bright future for Andhra Pradesh.

I would like to quote the inspirational words of Swami Vivekananda,

***"We are responsible for what we are,
and whatever we wish ourselves to be,
we have the power to make ourselves.
If what we are now has been the result of
our own past actions,
it certainly follows that whatever we wish
to be in the future can be produced by our present actions;
so we have to know how to act."***

With these words, I now commend the budget to the august House for approval.

Jai Andhra Pradesh

Jai Hind
