

Government of Andhra Pradesh
CHILD BUDGET STATEMENT
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I. INTRODUCTION

The Constitution of India guarantees fundamental rights to children. The states are empowered to make necessary provisions for upholding and ensuring the rights and well-being of children. Both international and national commitments are in place to ensure the same. The United Nations' Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC), 1989 emphasize on safeguarding the needs and rights on survival, protection, development, and participation of the children. Article 4 specifically asserts that children are the right holders, and state needs to ensure the implementation of child rights by making suitable legislations, child-friendly policies, and programs.

Similarly, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) also highlight the importance of improvement, empowerment, and mainstreaming of children in the development process. Forty four child-related indicators have been integrated throughout the 17 SDGs. At the national level, various policies and legislations have been formulated to ensure that the rights of all children are protected, such as the National Policy of Children 2013; the National Plan of Action for Children 2016 (NPAC) and others, that guide the efforts and interventions to realise the rights of every child in India. In the Constitution of India, Article 39F directs the state to ensure that children are given opportunities and facilities to develop in healthy manner and are protected against exploitation.

The rights approach driven national commitments incorporate public allocations and expenditures focused on children as a crucial investment for achieving the sustainable development of the overall nation. It includes budget planning, and effective and efficient government spending by implementing child-centric investment. It is, therefore, guided by the principle that the constitutional, legislative, and legal provisions along with developmental priorities and policy commitments towards children should guide the budgetary allocations and expenditure on programs and schemes of the state.

Child Budgeting is a specifically targeted Public Finance Management (PFM) tool to integrate the concerns related to children in the policy planning and budgetary frameworks. Child budgeting therefore presents the states commitment on child focused schemes, programs, and policies from the overall budget of a fiscal year. It entails analysing the budgetary process, institutions, outlays, outputs, and outcomes from a child-right perspective.

The Government of Andhra Pradesh (GoAP) aims to create an enabling environment where children are able to realise their full potential and live a healthy and peaceful life, irrespective of their caste, gender, disabilities, class, religious and cultural preferences, and geographic location. Budgetary allocations and expenditures on children have thus been made by the State under various schemes and programs which reach children of different ages, either directly or indirectly. Under the dynamic

leadership of Sri Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, the first child budget was presented in the State in the FY 2021-22 with an outlay of Rs.16,748.47 crore.

The Child Budget Statement is presented in two parts: Part A reflecting the schemes that are 100 per cent targeted towards children, and Part B reflecting schemes in which less than 100 per cent allocations are made for children. Major allocations and expenditures on children are in the Departments of Education, Social Welfare, Women Development and Child Welfare, and Health and Family Welfare Department. Further, children are expected to benefit directly or indirectly from other budgetary allocations and expenditures in other Departments under social and economic sectors.

The Department wise allocation covers three types of activities:

- Support Schemes and Welfare Measures
- Beneficiary oriented Schemes (Self Employment / Economic support)
- Creation of Permanent Infrastructure

Methodology for Budget allocation in the Child Budget Statement:

- For Schemes exclusively benefitting children, 100% of Scheme cost has been allocated and accounted for.
- For General Schemes benefitting children along with others, the Scheme cost has been allocated and accounted for, in proportion to the children covered.
- In respect of non-divisible infrastructure works, a portion of the Scheme cost as determined by the Government has been deemed to have been dedicated to children.

Executive summary

1. The total outlay of Child Budget for the FY 2022-23 is Rs.16,903.17 Crore.
2. The total outlay on 100 % schemes targeted for children is Rs..13,117.69 crore in the FY 2022-23 (Part A of the Child Budget).
3. The total outlay is Rs. 3,785.48 Crore for the FY 2022-23 for the Pro-children schemes in which less than 100% allocations are towards children (Part B of the Child Budget).
4. There are a total of 15 schemes which are listed in Part A of the Child Budget Statement.
5. There are 18 schemes which are mentioned in Part B of the Child Budget Statement.
6. Mana Badi – Nadu Nedu Scheme has been made the highest allocation under the Child Budget Statement.

I. PART A: SCHEMES THAT ARE 100% TARGETED TOWARDS CHILDREN

An amount of Rs.13,117.69 Crore is provided under Part A for the FY 2022-23.

The details of Schemes along with budgetary allocations are as follows:

S.No.	Name of the Department and Scheme	Amount allocated in FY 2022-23 (in Crore)
1	Department for Women, Children, Differently Abled and Senior Citizens	
1.1	YSR Sampoorna Poshana And YSR Sampoorna Poshana Plus Scheme	2303.38
1.2	Integrated Child Protection Scheme	50.06
1.3	State Commission for Protection of Child Rights	2.46
2	School Education Department:	
2.1	Jagananna Vidya Kanuka	750.00
2.2	Jagananna Gorumudda	1595.55
2.3	Maintenance of Toilets and Sanitation in Schools	450.00
2.4	Mana Badi Nadu-Nedu	3500.00
2.5	Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan	2500.00
3	Higher Education Department	
3.1	Government Junior Colleges	683.22
4	Social Welfare Department	
4.1	Social Welfare Residential Schools and Social Welfare Hostels	702.15
5	Tribal Welfare Department	
5.1	Tribal Welfare Schools, Ashram Schools / Gurukulams and Hostels	265.00
6	BC Welfare Department	
6.1	BC Welfare Schools, College Hostels for Boys and Girls and Assistance to Assistance to Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Andhra Pradesh Backward Classes Welfare Residential Educational Institutions Society.	314.59
7	Minority Welfare Department	
7.1	Minority Residential Schools	0.15
7.2	Urdu Schools and Madrasas	0.15
7.3	Minority Welfare Hostels	1.00
	TOTAL	13,117.69

III. PART A: SCHEMES THAT ARE 100% TARGETED TOWARDS CHILDREN – SCHEMES DESCRIPTION

1. DEPARTMENT FOR WOMEN, CHILDREN, DIFFERENTLY ABLED AND SENIOR CITIZENS:

(1.1) YSR Sampoorna Poshana And YSR Sampoorna Poshana Plus Scheme :

To address the problem of anemia and malnutrition among children aged 6 months to 72 months, the Government has introduced YSR Sampoorna Poshana Plus and YSR Sampoorna Poshana schemes for supplementary nutrition through Anganwadi centres from the year 2020-21.

6.41 Lakhs **Pregnant and Lactating women** are entitled to get monthly iron and protein rich millet based Take Home Nutrition Kit and Daily One Full Meal at Anganwadi Centre, consisting of Rice, Dal, Green leafy vegetables, Milk and Egg.

Approximately 13 Lakhs **Children aged 36-72 months are being** provided mid-day meal at Anganwadi. All children in this age group are being given milk (100ml) and Egg daily at the Anganwadi Centre. Children in tribal mandals are being given 200 ml milk per day.

Approximately 16 Lakhs **Children aged 6-36 months**, are being provided Eggs (25 per month), Milk (2.5 litres per month) and 2.5 kg Balamrutham (fortified weaning food) as Take-Home Ration under YSR Sampoorna Poshana Scheme. All children in 77 tribal mandals are being given 30 days Egg and 6 ltrs milk per month.

YSR Sampoorna Poshana and YSR Sampoorna Poshana Plus Scheme **aim at coverage of all beneficiaries in saturation mode** within the respective mandals through **uniform food models** with focus on addressing the issues of anemia and malnutrition. The scheme has been launched on 7th September, 2020 by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh.

An amount of Rs.2303.38 Crore has been allocated during the FY 2022-23

(1.2) Integrated Child Protection Scheme:

Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS) is a centrally sponsored scheme designed with an objective to provide a protective environment for overall development of children. The scheme has strengthened the prevention of child rights violation, enhanced the infrastructure for protection services and provided financial support for implementation of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection) Act, 2015. The main objective is to contribute towards well-being of children (0-18 years) in difficult circumstances and to reduce vulnerabilities towards situations and actions which lead to abuse, neglect, exploitation, abandonment and separation of children from their families. 52 Children Homes for girls, 14 Sisu Grehs, 6 Observation Homes for children in conflict with law and 2 Special Homes are operational in the State under this Scheme.

An amount of Rs.50.06 Crore has been allocated during the FY 2022-23.

(1.3) State Commission for Protection of Child Rights:

Vide G.O.Ms.No.34 Dated: 04-12-2012 of Dept. For Women, Children, Disabled & Senior Citizens, State Commission for Protection of Child Rights has been constituted and notified in Andhra Pradesh, for providing speedy review of offences against children, enquiry into violation of child rights and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

An amount of Rs.2.46 Crore has been allocated during the FY 2022-23.

2. SCHOOL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT:

(2.1) Jagananna Vidya Kanuka:

Government of Andhra Pradesh has supplied Student Kits consisting of three (3) pairs of uniforms, set of Notebooks, text books, a pair of shoes and two (2) pairs of socks, a belt and School bag to all the students studying from Classes I to X in all the Government/MPP/Municipal/ Residential Schools of Education & Welfare Departments/ Ashram Schools/Aided Schools/ Model Schools/ KGBVs/ Registered Madarasas in the State under “Jagananna Vidya Kanuka” Scheme from the Academic Year 2020-2021 onwards covering 42,34,322 children.

This scheme is aimed to minimize the dropouts, improve gross Enrolment ratio, improve students participation in learning activity and thereby improve the learning outcomes of the children.

An amount of Rs.450 Crore has been allocated during the FY 2022-23

(2.2) Jagananna Gorumudda:

Jagananna Gorumudda (Mid Day Meals) Scheme is a Flagship Programme of Government of Andhra Pradesh. This program is dovetailed with the Mid day meal scheme of Government of India. Hot cooked mid-day meals are being provided on all school working days to all children studying in elementary classes(I-X) in all Govt schools, Govt.Aided schools, Special Training centers and Madrasas & Maqtabas supported under Samagra Shiksha covering 45,545 schools and 42,66,670 children.

The daily meal menu has been made more nutritious and attractive. Eggs are being provided 5 days in a week and Peanut-Jaggery Chikki is being provided to school children (3 days in a week) as an additional nutritious food under Jagananna Gorumudda (Mid-Day Meal Scheme). The new menu is under implementation since 21st January, 2020.

An amount of Rs.1,595.55 Crore has been allocated during the FY 2022-23.

(2.3) Maintenance of Toilets and Sanitation in Schools:

Government of Andhra Pradesh has set up the Toilet Maintenance Fund (TMF) for maintaining cleanliness of the toilets, urinals, dress changing room, wash basins and other associated items of the toilet complexes in all the government schools and all the Government Junior Colleges in Rural and Urban areas. The creation of TMF is a revolutionary concept and first of its kind in India and probably the largest fund created exclusively for maintenance of toilets in 44,478 Government schools and 472 Junior Colleges.

An amount of Rs.1,000 Crore has been allocated during the FY 2022-23.

(2.4) Mana Badi Nadu-Nedu:

Government of Andhra Pradesh has taken up major upgradation works in Schools under the Mana Badi Nadu- Nedu program to improve the learning infrastructure and decrease the dropout rate in all Govt schools. This program was launched on 14th November, 2019 for focused development of school infrastructure in the state by involving the parents committees who are the key stakeholders in development of the schools.

Mana Badi – Nadu Nedu is being taken up in mission mode in a phased manner over a period of three years, starting from 2019-20. Under Mana Badi – Nadu Nedu program, following 10 infrastructure components have been taken up: (1) Toilets with running water (2) Drinking water supply (3) Major and minor repairs (4) Electrification with fans and tube lights (5) Furniture for students and staff (6)

Green chalk boards (7) Painting (8) English lab (9) Compound wall and (10) Kitchen shed. The project covers total 46600 schools and junior colleges including hostels, residential schools, run by all managements.

An amount of Rs.3,500 Crore has been allocated during the FY 2022-23.

(2.5) Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan:

This programme is being implemented since 2000-01 as a joint effort of Central, State and local bodies to achieve universalization of elementary education. The sharing pattern is 60(Central): 40 (State). The goals of this Scheme are enrolment of all children in school, retention of all children till the upper primary stage, bridging the gender and social category gaps in enrolment retention and learning, and to ensure significant enhancement in the learning achievement levels of the children.

An amount of Rs. 2,500 Crore has been allocated during the FY 2022-23.

3. HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

(3.1) Government Junior Colleges

There are 472 Government and Vocational Junior Colleges and 122 Aided Junior Colleges functioning under the administrative control of the Commissioner of Intermediate Education. Conventional courses in science, arts and commerce are offered at Intermediate level. 27 Vocational courses are also being offered in the fields of Engineering & Technology, Agriculture, Home Science, Para Medical, and Business & Management.

An amount of Rs. 683.22 Crore has been allocated during the FY 2022-23

4. SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT

(4.1) Social Welfare Residential Schools and Social Welfare Hostels

To provide qualitative school education to the SC students, APSWREIS is running 189 Residential Institutions with 1,06,783 students from Class 5th to 12th.

Scheduled Castes Component Funds are being utilised for maintaining the residential schools, for repairs and maintenance, capital works creation, for developing centres of excellence and for various new initiatives for the educational development of SC students.

An amount of Rs. 702.15 Crore has been allocated during the FY 2022-23.

5. TRIBAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT

(5.1) Tribal Welfare Schools , Ashram Schools/Gurukulams and Hostels

Government is committed to provide quality education for all STs and to convert hostels into Residential schools in a phased manner. Government has sanctioned 50 Residential Schools in non-ITDA districts. 30 Hostels in Scheduled Areas have been converted into Ashram Schools and 30 Tribal Welfare Hostels have been converted into Residential Schools.

Presently 190 educational institutions are functioning under the control of AP Gurukulam, out of which 78 are residential institutions funded by Government of AP. In addition to this, 19 EMRS and 12 Mini Gurukulams meant for low literacy areas are being funded by Govt. of India. 81 newly converted Tribal Welfare Residential schools are also functioning under Gurukulam.

An amount of Rs. 265 Crore has been allocated during the FY 2022-23.

6. BC WELFARE DEPARTMENT:

(6.1) BC Welfare Schools, College Hostels and Assistance to Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Andhra Pradesh Backward Classes Welfare Residential Educational Institutions Society.

Government formed a new society for the administration of the Backward Classes Welfare Residential Schools in the State during the year 2012-13 vide G.O.Ms. No. 6 & 7 BC Welfare (B2) Dept., Dt. 02-4-2012 & 11-4-2012 respectively. The BC Residential Schools were transferred from the control of APREIS to the newly formed society named as Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Andhra Pradesh Backward Classes Welfare Residential Educational Institutions Society (MJPAPBCWREIS).

There are 84 BC Residential Schools of which 42 are meant for Boys and 42 are for Girls and there are 14 BC Residential Junior Colleges of which 7 are meant for Boys and 7 are for Girls. Students are admitted from 5th Standard. Random selection method (Lottery) is adopted for admission into these Institutions.

An amount of Rs. 314.59 Crore has been allocated during the FY 2022-23.

7. MINORITY WELFARE DEPARTMENT:

(7.1) Minority Residential Schools:

In Andhra Pradesh, 12 Andhra Pradesh Residential Minority Schools (6 for Boys and 6 for Girls) are being maintained by Andhra Pradesh Residential Educational Institutions Society. The funding for

maintaining these Residential schools is being provided by Department of Minority Welfare and School Education Department. The percentage of Minorities, Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe in these schools is 79%, 15% & 6% respectively.

An amount of Rs.0.15 Crore has been allocated during the FY 2022-23.

(7.2) Urdu Schools and Madrasas:

Urdu Schools and Madrasas are operational in the State for providing quality education to the Minority students of the States.

An amount of Rs.0.15 Crore has been allocated during the FY 2022-23.

(7.3) Minority Welfare Hostels

There are 15 Pre matric Hostels and 13 Post Matric Hostels functioning in the State for admission of students from 3rd class to Intermediate class. Further, Under PMJVK 13 hostel buildings are sanctioned of which (12) i.e., 9 Pre-Metric Hostel and 3 Post Metric Hostel buildings are constructed in the State and one Post Metric Hostel building is under construction at Chittoor district.

An amount of Rs. 1 Crore has been allocated during the FY 2022-23.

IV. PART B: PRO-CHILDREN SCHEMES IN WHICH LESS THAN 100% ALLOCATIONS ARE TOWARDS CHILDREN

An amount of Rs. **3,785.48** Crore is provided under Part B for the FY 2022-23.

The details of Schemes along with budgetary allocations are as follows:

Sl. No.	Name of the Department and Scheme	Amount allocated in FY 2022-23 (in Crore)
1	Health, Medical and Family Welfare Department:	
1.1	National Health Mission	675.00
1.2	Dr. YSR Arogya Asara	75.00
1.3	YSR Arogyasri Scheme	500.00
1.4	Maternity and Child Health Centres	0.44
2.	Department for Women, Children, Differently Abled and Senior Citizens:	0.00
2.1	Poshan Abhiyaan	72.38
2.2	Integrated Child Development Services	1217.26
2.3	Institutions for the Differently Abled Children	0.00
2.4	Aids and Appliances for the Disabled	7.50
3.	Department of Youth Affairs and Sports:	0.00
3.1	National Cadet Corps	38.19
4	Food and Civil Supplies Department:	0.00
4.1	Subsidy for Rice Distribution	730.36
5	School Education Dept	0.00
5.1	Model Schools	208.46
5.2	Assistance to Sainik Schools	7.12
5.3	Assistance to AP Residential Educational Institutions Society	215.67
5.4	Scouts and Guides	0.40
5.5	Vocational Education	19.21
6	Home Department:	0.00
6.1	Implementation of Crime and Criminal Tracking Network System(CCTNS)	0.39
6.2	Nation-wide Emergency Response System (NERS)	0.20
6.3	DISHA	17.91
	TOTAL	3785.48

V. PART B: PRO-CHILDREN SCHEMES IN WHICH LESS THAN 100% ALLOCATIONS ARE TOWARDS CHILDREN – SCHEMES DESCRIPTION

1. HEALTH, MEDICAL AND FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT:

(1.1) National Health Mission (NHM):

National Health Mission was launched in 2005 to provide accessible, affordable and quality health care both preventative and curative to the rural population, especially the vulnerable groups such as women, Scheduled Castes (SC), Scheduled Tribes (ST), children, aged, disabled, poor migrants, people living with HIV/AIDS and Sexual Minorities. Later in 2013, the National Urban Health Mission (NUHM) and National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) were launched as Sub-missions of National Health Mission (NHM). Under this Centrally Sponsored Scheme, the Central and State share is 60: 40 with six financing components; (i) NRHM-RCH Flexi pool, (ii) NUHM Flexi pool, (iii) Flexible pool for Communicable disease, (iv) Flexible pool for Non-communicable diseases including Injury and Trauma, (v) Infrastructure Maintenance and (vi) Family Welfare Central Sector component. Besides, Reproductive and Child health programs are the major component under NHM.

An amount of Rs.675 Crore has been allocated during the FY 2022-23.

(1.2) Dr. YSR Arogya Asara Scheme:

Government has launched Dr. YSR Arogya Asara Scheme to provide post-therapeutic sustenance allowance to the poor patients during their recovery period. After the poor patients get their treatment with the help of YSR Arogyasri, the state government offers them a maximum of Rs 225 per day or a maximum of Rs 5,000 per month for the prescribed relaxation time under the Aarogya Aasara scheme. This wage-loss allowance is applicable to 836 kinds of surgeries in 26 specialised areas.

An amount of Rs.75 Crore has been allocated during the FY 2022-23.

(1.3) YSR Arogyasri Scheme:

The YSR Aarogyasri Scheme is a health insurance programme launched by the State Government of Andhra Pradesh which is being administered by the government Aarogyasri Health Care Trust. It allows low-income families to access good-quality health care services without spending money. The scheme covers hospitalization (In-patient care), Out-Patient treatment, cashless services,

coverage for Pre-existing diseases, coverage for Follow-up treatment, Family-floater Health Insurance Cover etc.

An amount of Rs. 500 Crore has been allocated during the FY 2022-23.

(1.4) Maternity and Child Health Centres:

To provide round the clock normal delivery services for rural mothers, 24-hours Mother & Child Health Centre is being run. Under the scheme, 1145 MCH centres are functioning in the state to provide round the clock normal delivery services for rural mothers. The GOI is providing additional staff nurses to conduct normal delivery round the clock along with contingent workers in 24x7 MCH centres. In order to achieve the reduction of Maternal Mortality Rate (MMR) and Infant Mortality Rate (IMR), the GOI has identified certain First Referral Units as CEMONC centres. At present 90 CEMONC centres are functioning as Comprehensive Emergency Obstetric and Neonatal Care Centres. Mother and Child Health Cards are issued to every registered pregnant woman to have on-hand record of health services being provided. Birth certificates are also included in this card.

An amount of Rs.0.44 Crore has been allocated during the FY 2022-23.

2. DEPARTMENT FOR WOMEN, CHILDREN, DIFFERENTLY ABLED AND SENIOR CITIZENS:

(2.1) Poshan Abhiyan:

The goal of Poshan Abhiyan is to improve nutritional status of children 0-6 years, adolescent girls, pregnant women and lactating mothers in a time bound manner by adopting synergized efforts with all line departments in a result-oriented approach. This program is being implemented across the state. All Anganwadi Workers have been provided with Smartphones through which online entry of attendance and growth monitoring is being done. Four types of Growth monitoring devices i.e. Infantometer, Salter Scale, Electronic Weighing Scale and Stadiometer have been provided in each Anganwadi Centre. 21 Modules of Incremental learning trainings have been given to all Anganwadi workers, Supervisors and CDPOs. Intensive focus is being put on Home Visits by the Anganwadi Workers. Community Based Events like Sreemantham, Annaprasana, early registration etc. are being done on fortnightly basis in each Anganwadi Centre.

An amount of Rs. 72.38 Crore has been allocated during the FY 2022-23.

(2.2) Integrated Child Development Services:

Started in 1975 as ICDS, this Centrally Sponsored Scheme provides financial assistance to the State to meet administrative cost, salary, honorarium to Anganwadi Workers/Helpers (AWW/H), purchase of medicine kits, preschool kits to Anganwadi centres and uniforms to AWW/Helpers in 257 ICDS projects.

An amount of Rs. 1217.26 Crore has been allocated during the FY 2022-23.

(2.3) Institutions for the Differently Abled Children:

This Department is running 3 Residential schools for Visually Impaired students, 3 Residential schools for Hearing Impaired students, a Junior College for Hearing Impaired students, 20 Hostels for Differently Abled students and 4 Homes for destitute Differently Abled persons.

An amount of Rs.3.53 Crore has been allocated during the FY 2022-23.

(2.4) Aids and Appliances for the Disabled:

A.P Differently Abled & Senior Citizens Assistance Corporation is providing aids and appliances like Tricycles, Wheelchairs, crutches, calipers, artificial limbs, laptops, smartphones, motorised wheelchairs etc., free of cost to the needy differently abled persons.

An amount of Rs.7.5 Crore has been allocated during the FY 2022-23.

3. DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS:

(3.1) National Cadet Corps

The National Cadet Corps is an inter-services organization comprising all Units of Defence wings in Senior and Junior category of Boys and Girls cadets with an authorized cadet strength of 75,260 in Andhra Pradesh and 44 Units. NCC imparts two broad types of basic training i.e., Institutional and Camps. The funds for conducting various training programmes are being shared 25:75 by State and Central Governments respectively.

An amount of Rs. 38.19 Crore has been allocated during the FY 2022-23

4. FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT:

(4.1) Subsidy for Rice Distribution:

The aim of this Scheme is to provide food security to public, especially to Below Poverty Line (BPL) families which is inclusive of children as per National Food Security Act (NFSA) and Essential Commodities Act (ECA). Funds are being utilized for providing 5 kg of cost-free food grains for each member of the family holding AAY/ BPL ration card.

An amount of Rs. 730.36 Crore has been allocated during the FY 2022-23.

5. SCHOOL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT:

(5.1) Model Schools:

Model Schools have been established in EBB Mandals in Andhra Pradesh under Andhra Pradesh Secondary Education Society with classes 6th to Intermediate with English Medium of instruction from the academic year 2013-14. The maximum student strength per school is 560 students @ 80 students per class and 40 in each section.

An amount of Rs. 208.46 Crore has been allocated during the FY 2022-23.

(5.2) Assistance to Sainik Schools:

The objective of the Sainik Schools is to prepare the students to lead as officers in the Defence Services of the country. The schools select smart and promising students through a national entrance examination and mould their personality, for them to become part of the Defence services. There are 2 Sainik schools in the State of Andhra Pradesh : in Korukonda of Guntur district and in Kalikiri of Chittoor district.

An amount of Rs. 7.12 Crore has been allocated during the FY 2022-23.

(5.3) Assistance to AP Residential Educational Institutions Society:

A.P. Residential Educational Institutions Society (APREIS) was established in the year 1972 to cater to the educational needs of rural talented children up to Secondary Level, and later extended to Intermediate and Degree Level also. After Bifurcation of the State, APREI Society is managing 61 Institutions i.e., (50) Residential schools, (10) Residential Junior Colleges and (01) Degree College. In 61 Institutions, 48 are Own Buildings and 13 are in Rented Buildings. An amount of Rs.215.67 Crore has been allocated during the FY 2022-23.

(5.4) Scouts and Guides:

Regional Training Centres at Tadikonda, Guntur District, Horsley Hills, Chittoor district, Vizianagaram District and Kurnool District have been established for training of Scouts and Guides. Beneficiaries of this Scheme are the teachers, headmasters, P.E.Ts and all the students in Mandal Parishad Schools, Zilla Parishad Schools, Government Schools, Kasturba Gandhi Balikala Vidyalayas and Andhra Pradesh Model schools who have established Bharat Scouts and Guides units.

An amount of Rs. 0.40 Crore has been allocated during the FY 2022-23.

(5.5) Vocational Education:

Vocational education is being implemented in the State by engaging 19 Vocational Training Partners for supporting the implementation of Vocational Education in 437 Schools of Andhra Pradesh. A total of 843 Vocational Trainers (VTs) have been deployed by the VTPs to teach Vocational Subjects in Schools. Guest lectures, Industrial visits and internships are covered in each School under this Programme.

An amount of Rs. 19.21 Crore has been allocated during the FY 2022-23.

6. HOME DEPARTMENT:

(6.1) Implementation of Crime and Criminal Tracking Network System (CCTNS)

CCTNS – Crime and Criminal Tracking & Network Systems is a Mission Mode Project under National e-governance Plan of Government of India. It facilitates collection, storage, retrieval, analysis, transfer and sharing of data and information at the police station and between the police station, district and the State Headquarters and the Central Police Organizations.

An amount of Rs. 0.39 Crore has been allocated during the FY 2022-23.

(6.2) Nation-wide Emergency Response System (NERS)

National Emergency Response System (NERS) project has been conceived to bridge the existing gaps and meet the current challenges being faced by Police Department for an immediate emergency response system specifically inclined towards women and children issues. The Department of Telecommunications has allotted the emergency number '112' for this project. Andhra Pradesh has been successfully implementing this project.

An amount of Rs.0.20 Crore has been allocated during the FY 2022-23.

(6.3) DISHA

To ensure that a strong foundation is laid for stringent and prompt action in cases of atrocities against women and children, the legislature has passed the historic Andhra Pradesh Disha Bill, 2019 for making amendments in the Indian Penal Code and Criminal Procedure Code for ensuring completion of investigation and trial within 21 working days and for providing death penalty in cases of rape of women which are heinous in nature. The bills also provide for establishment of Exclusive Special Courts for trial of specified offences against women and children. The Disha Bills: Criminal Law (Andhra Pradesh Amendment) Bill, 2019 and Andhra Pradesh Special Courts for Specified Offences against Women and Children Bill have been sent to Government of India for assent of the President under Article 254(2) of the Constitution of India. These Bills will be a landmark legislation providing speedy justice and stringent punishment in cases of sexual offences against women and children. In anticipation of the assent of DISHA Bills, the State of Andhra Pradesh has taken pro-active action for establishment of an enabling framework for timely completion of investigation and trial in cases of sexual offences against women and children.

- 18 Disha Women Police Stations have been set up in 18 police units by upgrading the existing Mahila Police Stations. Regular DSPs have been posted in all these Police Stations to ensure speedy investigation and better monitoring. These Police Stations have been certified by ISO as being women and child friendly.
- Disha App, an emergency SOS app for women in distress was launched on 8th Feb, 2020 as an emergency response system to offences against women and children. This app has become very popular amongst women and has above 1.13 Crore downloads. So far 4,76,258 SOS requests have been received through this App, 9,379 are actionable and 1,090 FIRs registered.
- 2277 cases related to crime against women have been charged within 7 days since December 2019.
- 158 convictions including three death sentences and 18 life imprisonments since December 2019 in cases of Crimes against Women.
- The Forensic capabilities of the state are also being strengthened, both in terms of infrastructure and manpower. New Disha Forensic Labs are being set up in Mangalagiri, Tirupati and Visakhapatnam. Work is already underway for the establishment of these labs.
- To ensure speedy trial to the victims, 12 Exclusive POCSO Courts and 13 Designated Courts for offences against women are operational in the State.
- Exclusive Special Public Prosecutors have been appointed in all the Exclusive POCSO Courts and all designated Special Courts for trial of offences against women.

- Women Help Desks are being set up in all Police Stations across the state to enable women to approach the Police Stations without any difficulty.
- 18 customized Mini Buses have been procured for integrated Crime Scene Management to improve quality of investigation and to ensure privacy to the victim.
- Disha Patrol consisting of 900 two wheeler patrols for visible policing for women safety has been launched. 163 Nos. of 4-Wheelers procured for Disha Patrolling.
- To put focus on welfare of the victim/survivor of sexual violence as an important component of the States policy, an exclusive Sub Inspector has been posted in each One Stop Centre to ensure easy filing of FIR without any hesitation and fear. All 13 One Stop Centres in the State have been strengthened to provide psycho-social counselling, medico-legal assistance and temporary shelter to the victims of sexual violence.
- Government medical practitioners across the State have been extensively trained on the protocol for medico-legal care for survivors/victims of sexual violence.
- 18 National Level Awards were received from various organizations for all Women Safety initiatives under Disha umbrella.
- Mahila Samrakshana Karyadarshi (Mahila Police) has been deployed in each Gram/Ward Secretariat to address and ensure the safety of women and children in the village.
- Mahila Mitra Committees have been organized in each Police station comprising of Women personnel and local women to coordinate all women related issues.
- Mahila Beat to prevent crimes against women and visits to rural /urban areas along with NGOs/Volunteers on weekly basis to create awareness.
- Mahila Beat (Mufti) – to pick up Eve teasers to counsel on daily basis.
- 9121211100 WhatsApp number has been launched for reporting of Cyber Crimes against women. So far, 4011 Petitions were received through WhatsApp and 467 FIRs have been registered.
- Twitter @APPolice 100 has been launched.
- Cyber Bullying WhatsApp Number Launched – 9071666667 and Twitter handle @APCID9071666667 launched for Women/Public for reporting Cyber bullying related Offences.
- A total of 5651 girls have been rescued under OPERATION MUSKAAN in four phases in the year 2020 & 2021 with 689 girls, 731 girls, 2860 girls and 1371 girls rescued in four phases.

An amount of Rs. 17.90 Crore has been allocated during the FY 2022-23.
