

**Republic Day Speech of the  
Hon'ble Governor of Telangana  
Dr. (Smt.) Tamilisai Soundararajan  
on January 26, 2020**

*Freedom in Mind*

*Faith in Words*

*Pride in our Hearts*

*Memories in our Souls*

*Let's salute the Nation on Republic Day*

At the outset, let me convey my Republic Day greetings to all the people of Telangana State. As citizens, it is a matter of immense pride for all of us as our country has been regarded as one of the greatest democracies in the world.

I am extremely happy to state that I am taking part in Republic Day celebrations as Governor of the state for the first time. Let me tell you all that I will cherish this moment throughout my life. My happiness and joy have been doubled as I am celebrating such an important event amid Telangana people, who are well known for their love and affection and progressive outlook.

Although it is a newly formed State, Telangana has successfully overcome innumerable challenges under the visionary leadership of its Chief Minister Sri K. Chandrasekhar Rao. Within a short period, the

State had achieved great successes in several sectors and became a role model for the entire country. The State had also built strong foundations during its course of achievement of the goals in the last six years. The Telangana State is marching ahead on the path of development with lots of positive attitudes and renewed confidence. Besides making transitions within, the State is also standing as a trailblazer and pioneer for bringing in several qualitative changes in the democratic-republic of India. The State is treading on the new paths in Governance by implementing revolutionary administrative reforms.

## **Administrative Reforms**

The success of the program or scheme is achieved only if it reaches the final person for whom it is planned.

To reach out every citizen of Telangana with the slogan “Swarashtramlo Suparipalana” (Good Governance in our own State), the State Government has implemented several administrative reforms. As part of this, the Government had initially constituted several new administrative units. As many as 23 new districts were formed taking the total number of districts in the state to 33. The total number of Revenue Divisions has been increased from 43 to 69, and the total number of mandals has also gone up to 584 mandals from 459 mandals. The government has also increased the total number of municipalities from





allowed to be negligent in their duties. The existing Acts were insufficient to make this happen. This is the reason why the State Government had brought in new Acts. The new Panchayat Raj Act and the Municipal Act were made to increase accountability in Village Panchayats and Municipalities and for participation of people. Based on these new Acts, elections to Gram Panchayats and Municipalities were held. Under these new Acts, proper and effective governance is being delivered by the government.

### **Palle Pragathi**

“The village is the cell of the National Body and the cell must be healthy and developed for the National body to be healthy and developed”, says Sri Aurobindo.

The State Government is going ahead with proper planning and action plan to make villages in Telangana State as role models for others in the country. “Palle Pragathi” (village progress) program was organized in two phases in villages to make people and other concerned to improve villages with people’s participation. People have received well the call given by the government that people in their respective villages should become real heroes of their village. Through Sramadan, people in villages collectively worked and made their villages clean and tidy. They cleaned up drainages and roads, removed





## **Funds for the Local Bodies**

The Telangana Government has successfully overcome the problem of paucity of funds for the development of villages and towns. The State Government came forward to provide matching grants to villages and towns in tune with the grants given by the Central Finance Commission. The Government is releasing Rs.339 crore every month for the development of villages. The State Government is ready to release funds regularly to towns and cities too. People and public representatives should shoulder the responsibility of ensuring proper usage of funds in a planned manner. There is a stipulation that ten per cent of Gram Panchayat Budget and Municipality Budget should be utilized to increase green cover in respective areas. Hence, I request people to plant more saplings in villages and towns, to increase green cover to realize 'Haritha Telangana'.

## **New Revenue Act**

The State Government had already embarked on Comprehensive Revenue Records rectification, updating and purification process to put an end to land related litigations and disputes, once for all. Clarity on Land rights is arrived in respect of about 96 per cent of lands. State Government is also launching an action plan to settle disputes pending in courts and other land related problems. State Government will come up with a New Revenue Act, to bring transparency

in transaction of lands, simplify the complicated land related matters. Changes are also being initiated to ensure corrupt-free, delay-free and hassle-free registrations.

In this context, let me share with you that through new Panchayat Raj, Municipalities and Revenue Acts, the State Government is committed to offer good governance, which will be a role model in the entire country.

## **Welfare**

Telangana State is the frontrunner in the country in looking after welfare of the people by providing various welfare measures. Asara Pensions, Kalyana Lakshmi, six KGs rice, KCR Kits and host of other such welfare programs have not only provided livelihood to the poor people of the state, but also a sense of security and a feeling of self-respect.

## **Agriculture**

'Jai Jawan - Jai Kisan' was the slogan of Sri Lal Bahadur Shastriji, our second Prime Minister. The State Government has initiated several innovative schemes and programs, which are unheard in the country, for the welfare of farmers and to restore past glory of the agriculture sector on which major section of people are dependent. The agriculture policies and schemes of Telangana State have become role models for the country. The Rythu Bandhu and the

Rythu Bhima, the unique schemes unveiled by the State Government found place in United Nations list of agriculture programs which are helping development of agri-sector across the world. This is a matter of pride for our state and the farmers. Under Rythu Bandhu Scheme, financial assistance had been increased from Rs.8,000/- per acre per year to Rs.10,000/-. State Government formed Rythu Samanvaya Samithis (Farmers' Coordination Committees) to help and support farmers right from sowing seeds to selling agriculture produce in the market. The Government has decided to activate Farmers' Coordination Committees very soon. The Farmers' Coordination Committees will ensure success of government policies and make agriculture profitable, besides ensuring cooperation among farmers to march forward.

## **Projects**

“There are three gems upon this earth; food, water and pleasing words”, says Chanakya.

The State Government's flagship programme of construction of Major Irrigation projects aimed at converting one crore acres of land in the State as arable, the works are progressing at a faster pace. Often called a man-made engineering marvel in the World, the Kaleshwaram project has started pumping water from the last year. From this year onwards, every day two TMC of water and from the coming year three TMC of water will be pumped from the project





The State Government has decided to fill up reservoirs during the monsoon and also fill all the tanks, which were revived and renovated under Mission Kakatiya program. With this, all reservoirs from major to minor in the state would be brimming with water. With this, the situation where the farmers would look at the sky for the rain clouds would be gone forever. I am happy to announce that the dream of Telangana State becoming famine-free will be realized very soon

### **Mission Bhagiratha**

Pure water is the first and foremost medicine.

The aim of the State Government to supply protected and safe drinking water to every household is being fulfilled under its flagship scheme, Mission Bhagiratha. As on date, major portion of works of the project is completed. As of today, protected and purified water is being supplied to 23,968 habitations in the State. In 23,919 habitations, purified drinking water is supplied to all the houses through pipes. Mission Bhagiratha scheme will be completed cent percent shortly.

### **Power Supply**

The State Government was able to overcome the power crisis with proper planning and strategies. Now, all the sectors are given 24-hour uninterrupted power supply. For the farm sector, 24-hour-free-uninterrupted quality power is being supplied throughout the state for the first time in the country.











## **Swatchh Bharat—Open Defecation Free Telangana**

As our Hon'ble Prime Minister quoted in his speech on 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2014 that cleanliness and sanitation were the two things extremely close to Mahatma Gandhi's heart.

Mahatma Gandhi said that for him sanitation was even more important than political independence.

All the districts, 12,751 gram panchayats, and 141 urban local bodies have been declared as Open Defecation Free.

With this, incidence of diseases reduced, dignity of women enhanced, enrolment of school going adolescent girls increased, and there is a substantial improvement in rural thrift.

The Telangana State within a short period, reaped excellence and bagged many national and international awards and accolades. These are the fruits of the endeavours made by the State Government with total commitment and dedication. With the encouragement and cooperation of the people, the State Government will move forward with great determination to make the state as one of the pioneering states in the country.

I once again convey my Republic Day greetings to you all.

**Thank You  
Jai Hind  
Jai Telangana.**