

మాన్యశ్రీ శాసన మండలి అధ్యక్షులు,
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అందరికీ నా వందనాలు!

2017-18 బడ్జెట్ సమావేశాల సందర్భంగా నవ తెలంగాణ
శాసన సభ సంయుక్త సమావేశాలను ఉద్దేశించి ప్రసంగించడం
నాకు సంతోషంగా ఉంది.

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ప్రజల ఆకాంక్షల మేరకు నిలబెట్టుకునేలా ఉంటాయని
ఆశిస్తున్నాను. ఈ సభలో జరిగే చర్చలు తెలంగాణ రాష్ట్ర ఏర్పాటుకు
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Telangana, the youngest State of India
and the most happening State has embarked
upon many innovative steps to give the
much needed boost to the State economy.
The infant State has come to be recognized

throughout the Country for launching many an initiative in a very short span of time.

The results of many initiatives taken by my Government in the last thirty-three months in various sectors is there for all of you to see. Uninterrupted power supply, revamping of minor irrigation tanks through 'Mission Kakatiya', drinking water supply to households through 'Mission Bhagiratha' and obtaining the number one rank in the 'Ease of Doing Business', are a few among the many.

In a move aimed at launching people-friendly administrative reforms, my Government carved out 21 new districts on the auspicious Dussehra Day last year, increasing the total number of districts to 31. In addition to the new districts, 25 new

Revenue Divisions, 125 new Mandals, 5 new Police Commissionerates, 23 new police sub divisions, 28 circle offices, and 94 new police stations have also been created as part of this exercise. This is aimed at taking the administration/governance to every doorstep and to improve the delivery systems so as to ensure that the benefits of development and welfare schemes reach the last person in the State. It is heartening to note that under 'Know Your District – Plan Your District' concept, many district specific developmental strategies have been initiated through micro-level planning by the district administration.

It gives me immense pleasure to note that there has been a significant improvement in the growth of Gross State

Domestic Product (GSDP) since the formation of the new State. As per the advance estimates of 2016-17, the GSDP is likely to grow at an impressive rate of 13.7% at current prices, compared to the estimated all India growth rate of 11.5%. At constant prices of 2011-12, this corresponds to 10.1% growth, as against the projected national growth rate of 7.1%.

As per the advance estimates, Telangana's Gross State Domestic Product is estimated to be Rs.6.54 lakh crore in 2016-17, at current prices. The Primary sector that includes agriculture and allied activities is likely to register an impressive growth of 17.2%, due to the good monsoon and proactive measures taken by my Government to revamp the rural economy.

This is significantly higher than the All-India growth rate of 9% for this sector. The Secondary sector that includes industries and manufacturing is likely to grow at 9.8%, which is higher than that of All India 8.7%. The Services sector is likely to grow at 14.6%, as compared to All India growth of 11.9%.

In energy sector, the State formation heralded a new dawn, ending years of neglect of this sector. The most significant achievement over the last 33 months on this front has been to end the power cuts and to ensure uninterrupted power supply. The people of Telangana have finally realized their dream of this 24/7-power supply to reap consequential benefits.

This was the first challenge, which the State Government had to face after the formation of the new State. The farmers of Telangana are heavily dependent on agricultural pump sets that require power. In the past, hardly 4-5 hours of power could be supplied for agriculture, that too with problems of low voltage resulting in the burning of transformers that affected timely supply of water to the crops. The farmers of Telangana suffered untold misery due to this. Even the industrial sector had to deal with power holidays twice a week and the domestic and commercial sector had to suffer power cuts of more than 4-8 hours duration.

Within six months of the State formation, the well planned, coordinated and concerted

steps undertaken by my Government helped us tide over this crisis. Power cuts are now a thing of the past. Today my Government is ensuring supply of nine hours quality power during daytime for the farming community. This has resulted in significant increase in the agriculture output during the current Rabi (Yasangi) season. The market yards are brimming with the produce of the farmers. Our aim is to replace power holidays with the concept of 'power everyday and any time' by making the State, power surplus. This has also given a fillip to the industrial sector by instilling confidence on reliable power supply among the investors and the MSME sector is breathing a great sigh of relief. Commercial establishments and other sectors dependent on power are also stabilizing their activities.

Last month, although the demand for power reached a peak level of 9000 MW, my Government through the power utilities ensured uninterrupted power supply. They truly deserve to be complimented. During the ensuing summer season, although the demand for power is expected to reach 9,500 to 10,000 MW, the agencies concerned are readying to ensure uninterrupted supply without any break. With significant progress in power sector, my Government is striving to usher in a new era of progress and prosperity in the State. This has generated a new spirit of optimism and enthusiasm all over the State.

My Government has embarked upon a long-term action plan to augment power generation in the State. While the installed

generation capacity at the time of State formation was 6,574 MW, in the last two and half years, my Government has created an additional generation capacity of 4,190 MW. By the end of the current year, further generation capacity of 4,130 MW will be added. By the end of next 3 years, the total availability of power shall be 16,306 MW. This includes, 800 MW from Paloncha KTPS, 1000 MW from Chhattisgarh, 1080 MW from Bhadradi Power Plant, 4000 MW from NTPC, 800 from Singareni, 4000 MW from Yadadri power station, 809 MW from CGS, apart from 3727 MW from Solar, 90 MW from Hydel projects. In addition, Wardha–Dichpalli transmission line has now been completed, through which, the State can tap 2000 MW from northern grid, from anywhere in the Country as and when required by the State.

My Government, through these innovative measures of power management and augmentation of capacity, has successfully transformed the State from a power deficit into a power surplus State.

Notwithstanding Telangana being the youngest State, it has secured the number one rank in ease of doing business. My Government has unveiled TS-iPASS Act, the most investor friendly industrial policy with a statutory backing conferring right to clearance within 15 days through an innovative system popularly known as 'single window without grills'. This has paved the way for the industrial growth of the State. Self-certification of the entrepreneurs is allowed where clearance is delayed, thereby ending 'License Raj' of the past. A leading

manufacturer of mobile phones recently conveyed its pleasant surprise and appreciation to my Government on the seamless system of clearances in the State, without any scope for corruption or delay. This bears ample testimony to the transparent, simple, and graft free system of industrial clearances ensured by my Government.

As a result, the State is witnessing an unprecedented flow of investments totaling to over Rs.54,000crore through 3,451 units with an employment generation potential of 2.20 lakh persons.

The services sector has become the main growth engine of the State economy in the recent decades. There has been a spurt in the number of IT/ITES units in the State,

due to industry-friendly policies and the world-class infrastructure. The State contributes about 12% of the share in the country's IT exports and Hyderabad ranks second in terms of total revenue from IT sector in the country. The value of IT exports in 2015-16 from the State was Rs.75,070crore. This sector provides direct employment to over four lakh persons.

My Government has announced ICT Policy Framework, Electronics Policy, IMAGE Policy for Animation & Gaming Industry, Innovation Policy, Rural Technology Policy, Data Centres Policy, Open Data Policy, Cyber Security Policy and Data Analytics Policy. These policies will consolidate our pre-eminence in this sector.

After achieving phenomenal success in the establishment of T-Hub, my Government has embarked on a plan to develop the Phase-II of T-Hub with a total built up space of 3.5-lakh sft. This will provide incubation space for over 4,000 IT entrepreneurs.

As Dr.Ambedkar had said, "Political Democracy cannot last unless there lies at the base of it, a social democracy". In order to achieve inclusive social justice, the poor and the backward remain the focus of my Government.

My Government is committed to provide social security to destitute and helpless persons. True meaning of development is not only economic prosperity and technological advancement, but more importantly, inclusive growth that can be

achieved by ensuring support and social security to the downtrodden.

My Government firmly believes that real development is possible only when the fruits of progress reach the poorest family in the remotest hamlet and to ensure this, several welfare initiatives have been launched with a human touch. My Government has earmarked the lion's share of the budget for the welfare sector by allocating over Rs.35,000 crore to implement over 30 welfare schemes. I am happy to state that today Telangana is considered the leading State in implementation of welfare measures.

Contrary to the ritualistic practice of doling out paltry assistance through the social welfare pensions, my Government

significantly enhanced the quantum of pensions for the old persons, widows, weavers, toddy tappers, AIDS patients and increased it to Rs.1000/- per month under Aasara scheme. The pensions for differently-abled and aged artists has been enhanced to Rs.1500/- per month.

Many poor women in the State eke out their livelihood by Beedi Rolling without proper remuneration. To alleviate their plight, my Government for the first time introduced a financial assistance scheme of Rs.1000/- per month for the Beedi Workers. Telangana is the only State in the Country that can boast of such a scheme for the Beedi Workers.

While 29 lakh persons were sanctioned social security pensions before the formation

of the State, currently as many as 36 lakh persons are benefitting under the pension and assistance schemes introduced by my Government. As compared to the annual expenditure of Rs.835 crore towards this in the past, currently my Government is spending over Rs.4,729 crore for this purpose. My Government has taken yet another humanitarian decision to mitigate the plight of single women, by introducing an assistance of Rs.1000/- per month to enable them live with dignity.

My Government is determined to ensure that no one suffers from pangs of hunger and to eliminate any starvation death in the State. The food security scheme has been significantly strengthened to serve this need by enhancing the quantum of ration supply.

The ceiling of rice supply has been increased from four to six kilos, per person without any restriction on the number of family members.

To build a strong nation, children have to be provided nutritious food. In the past, the boarders in the welfare hostels were being given coarse and unpalatable rice. Recognizing their plight, my Government introduced the scheme of supplying fine rice (Sanna Biyyam) to the welfare hostels and also under mid-day meal scheme in the schools, which resulted in significant increase in the attendance of the students. For this purpose, 1.44 lakh tonnes of fine rice is utilized at cost of Rs.496.61 crore per year.

My Government is providing financial assistance of Rs.51,000/- to poor unmarried

girls through Kalyana Lakshmi and Shadi Mubarak Scheme. As a result, the number of child marriages has come down drastically in recent years. So far, 1.74 lakh brides were benefitted under this scheme.

My Government has launched overseas scholarship scheme by providing financial assistance to economically poor students for pursuing higher studies abroad. Rs.20 lakh financial assistance is being provided to SC/ST students under BR Ambedkar Overseas Scholarship scheme; for BC students under Mahatma Jyothiba Phule BC Overseas Scholarship scheme and for students for minority community under the CM Overseas Scholarship scheme.

My Government is committed to provide assistance to the families of martyrs who

sacrificed their lives to achieve separate statehood. Apart from financial assistance of Rs.10 lakh to each family, Government employment is being provided to one member of each such family.

My Government abolished transport tax on agricultural tractors and autos. Accident insurance scheme cover of Rs.5 lakh was provided to drivers, construction workers, journalists, home-guards, toddy tappers, fishermen.

For the first time in the Country, a welfare fund of Rs.50 crore for journalists and Rs.100 crore for advocates has been created by my Government. To alleviate the plight of poor Brahmin families, Brahmin Samkshema Parishad has been set up with an allocation of Rs.100 crore.

My Government is committed to the welfare of retired Army personnel. Extending double pension scheme to them and their widows, substantial increase of cash awards to the gallantry awardees, strengthening Sainik Welfare Boards, both at the State and District levels, are some of the measures, in this regard.

After the formation of the State, my Government undertook several employee-friendly measures, including sanction of special Telangana increment, 43% fitment and health cards for employees. Remuneration to outsourced and contract employees has been increased much above the scale prescribed under the Minimum Wages Act. Remuneration to contract teachers working in residential schools has

also been increased and the human touch of my Government was once again reflected in the decision to enhance the remuneration for Village Revenue Assistants from Rs.6,500/- to Rs.10,500/- apart from the Telangana increment of Rs.200/-. Recognizing the services rendered by the Anganwadi Teachers and helpers, my Government enhanced their wages from Rs.4200/- to Rs.10,500/- for Anganwadi teachers and from Rs.2,200/- to Rs.6,000/- for helpers.

My Government is committed to fill up one lakh vacancies in the Government sector in a period of five years, as assured at the time of State formation. As a part of this commitment, so far recruitment of 5,936 posts has been completed through the Telangana State Public Service Commission

(TSPSC). In addition, 2,681 posts were filled up in the Power sector and 4,500 in the Singareni Collieries. Further, 3,950 persons were recruited in RTC and 10,422 posts were filled up in Police Department. With this, the total recruitment after formation of the State has gone up to 27,481. Soon notification will be issued to fill up 12,000 new posts. My Government intends to regularize the services of 20,000 contract employees and 24,000 outsourced employees in Power Sector. Further, 24,000 posts are likely to be sanctioned for the newly established residential schools, of which, 8,000 posts will be filled up this year and the remaining 16,000 in the next two years. Further, large scale recruitment of teachers is planned by the Government. The dependant employees of Singareni collieries are being provided

with employment. By filling up all these posts through a time bound action plan, my Government aims to fulfil its assurance of providing recruitment opportunities for one lakh persons.

The agriculture sector in the State is poised for revival, ending the agrarian distress that marked the past. My Government has embarked on an ambitious plan for holistic development of agriculture sector, dovetailing it with irrigation projects and revival of tanks.

As an immediate measure of relief, my Government has already waived agricultural loans amounting Rs.17,000 crore and three installments of Rs.12,105 crore were adjusted into the accounts of 35.30 lakh farmers. As per my Government's assurance,

the amount required for the last installment will be allocated in the ensuing budget.

To address the credit needs of the farmers, Rs.29,101 crore was earmarked for crop loans under Annual Credit Plan for 2016-17, which is significantly higher compared to the last year.

To popularise micro-irrigation, subsidy has been extended up to 5 hectares to all categories of farmers, relaxing the earlier limit of Rs.1 lakh per family and coverage of 1 hectare. Today maximum subsidy of Rs.6.25 lakh is allowed per farmer for micro-irrigation.

My Government has encouraged poly-house cultivation of vegetables and flowers by providing 95% subsidy to SC/ST farmers

and 75% to other farmers. An area of 1,005 acres is covered under this, so far.

Realizing that there is an acute shortage of agricultural storage facilities in the State, my Government has taken up construction of godowns with additional storage capacity of 17,057 lakh metric tonnes at 330 locations with the assistance of NABARD. So far, 138 godowns have been completed.

In order to ensure drought-proofing of agriculture sector, my Government has taken up the ambitious task of providing and stabilizing irrigation facilities to one crore acres, as one of its main flagship programmes spread throughout the State, with the ultimate objective of ensuring one lakh acres of irrigation in each of the rural constituencies. Only then it is expected that

prevailing drought conditions and distress in agriculture sector would be mitigated on a permanent basis and rural economy would be revamped.

Towards this objective, 23 major and 13 medium irrigation projects, which have been ongoing since many years have been fast-tracked duly resolving many issues and bottlenecks in their execution. So far 7 projects have been completed and 14 projects are partially commissioned. Out of the total contemplated new irrigation potential of 68.19 lakh acres and stabilization of 8.44 lakh acres through these projects, new irrigation potential of 12.29 lakh acres and stabilisation of ayacut of 2 lakh acres has been achieved.

Bhaktha Ramadasu Lift Irrigation Scheme that was launched on 31st January 2017 is designed to irrigate about 58,958 acres and the project was completed in a record time of eleven months. This paves the way for bumper harvest in future in the hitherto parched lands.

Under the flagship programme of 'Mission Kakatiya', my Government has taken steps to rejuvenate and restore 46,531 tanks, to revive the eco-system in the rural areas. This has become a role model for the entire country. So far, restoration of 17,278 tanks has been taken up under Phase-I and II of the Scheme.

My government has taken up the prestigious Telangana ku Haritha Haram programme to increase Green cover upto

33% in our state. We have fixed the target of planting 230 crore saplings all over the State of which 100 crore saplings are being planted along the road ways, open places, on the banks of tanks, embankments of the agriculture lands, private and public offices premises, colonies and in private houses in the Cities, towns and villages. Another 120 Crore saplings will be planted in the forest areas to restore the forest land which was lost due to deforestation. Under GHMC limits, 10 Crore saplings will be planted.

The programme, which was launched on July 3, 2015 has planted 15.86 Crore saplings in the first year and 40 Crore saplings in the second year. Efforts are on to plant 46 Crore saplings this year. Programme is on to plant on an average

40,000 saplings on an per village, which will be 40 Lakh saplings every Assembly Constitutency. To protect and safe guard the Toddy trade, a programme is on to plant 5 Crore Toddy Palm saplings along the Tank embankments. Last year 50 Lakh Toddy Palm saplings were planted. 4,000 Nurseries were set up in the state to make available the saplings wherever there is a need. On an average one Nursery was set up for two villages.

Society should come forward to unveil Green Telangana.

Road development has been taken up as a specific policy. This coupled with maintenance will remove the hardship faced by people in the past and improve their mobility.

After formation of the State, my Government has formulated a comprehensive road development policy framework suiting geographical needs of the State. As per the present policy, each village is connected with Mandal headquarters with a pucca road, Mandal to district headquarters with a double lane road and District headquarters to the State capital with a four lane road.

14,689 km length of roads was upgraded to BT roads under the Panchayat Raj department, with an expenditure of Rs.2,247.28 crore. Further 8,987 km length of road are being widened and 46 bridges are being built with an expenditure of Rs.891 crore.

Under Roads & Buildings Department, 5,150 km length of road is being upgraded with the investment of Rs.1,550 crore and 512 bridges are being built by spending Rs.2,782 crore. So far, 2,850 km length of road has been widened with the expenditure of Rs.4,100 crore.

My Government has achieved remarkable success in securing adequate funds for the construction of new national highways in the State. The State has secured 2,872 km National highways in last two and half years as against the 2,527 km length of National Highways laid in Telangana in the last 7 decades.

As a result, the total national highways road length will increase to 5,399 km, resulting in increase in average national

highway road length in the State to 4.7 km, as against the national average of 3.81 kms.

My Government is committed to complete the ambitious project of Mission Bhagiratha to provide safe drinking water to every household in the State by the end of 2017. This gigantic project has been segregated into 26 segments and takes into account the water needs of the entire population for the next three decades.

This prestigious scheme was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Prime Minister in Komatibanda village in Gajwel constituency in August last year. This flagship project received encomiums from NITI Aayog, HUDCO and several States.

My Government is determined to revamp the entire education system in the State. For

this purpose, KG to PG free education system has been initiated. As a part of this, 103 Residential Educational Institutions are being established for SCs and 51 Residential schools for STs. Out of the 201 Residential schools sanctioned for Minorities, 71 have already started functioning. Residential schools will be established for Backward Classes in each of the 119 Assembly constituencies from the next academic year. For the first time, my Government has sanctioned 30 Residential Degree Colleges for SC women, of which, 23 Residential Degree Colleges have commenced.

Public safety and security are the top most priorities of my Government. Providing safety and security has a multiplier effect in terms of attracting investments. As a part of

its efforts to control crime, Telangana State Police is constantly upgrading its skills. Latest technologies are being extensively used in Smart Policing. Efforts are underway to establish a modern technology based Command and Control centre to ensure safety and security of the public. 'SHE' Teams have been deployed and are active against eve-teasers to curb harassment of women.

My Government has acquired the much-needed land for establishment of Commando Training Centre for OCTOPUS, which is specialised in anti-terrorist mission.

My Government is implementing a two-pronged strategy for eradication of illicit distillation in the State. Apart from the prevention of manufacturing and sale of illicit

liquor, an alternative employment is also being provided to all those involved in this activity. The steps taken by my Government in this regard are yielding good results.

Over 4,000 modern vehicles were procured for the police force and 3,896 posts were sanctioned for four new Indian Reserve battalions.

Considering the growing needs for fire safety, 100 Motor Cycles with mist equipment were provided at a cost of Rs.6.42 crore for the Fire Stations. This will enable easy maneuverability in narrow lanes. Six new Fire Stations were also sanctioned during the current year.

As Gandhiji said, "India lives in its villages". Rural communities of the State based on traditional occupations had to

undergo severe trials and tribulations in the past, resulting in distress migration to urban areas. My Government believes that future of our State will depend on how we transform our villages towards social and economic progress.

My Government has launched concerted steps for revamping the rural economy. The life of rural people will be changed by providing irrigation facilities and in turn, it will revive the whole eco system. For example, in Mahabubnagar district alone, on completion of ongoing projects, irrigation potential of 4.50 lakh acres shall be created which will increase to 8.50 lakh acres by next year. The fallow lands brought under cultivation through canal and renovated tanks has created hitherto unseen greenery

in this parched area. The migrant labourers who had given up farming are now returning to their native villages. In addition to the agriculture crops, a conducive atmosphere is being created for fish cultivation and animal husbandry.

To revive the rural economy, it is important to give new thrust to the community-based traditional occupations. To achieve this objective, my Government has prepared a blueprint to revamp the activities of shepherds, fishermen, weavers, barbers and other artisans.

As a result of the restoration of tanks and execution of irrigation projects, the fisheries sector in the State is poised for a big boost.

Fisheries sector is recognized as a growth engine of the economy, as it generates

income and employment to fishermen community. Towards this end, my Government has supplied 27.22 crore fish seed free of cost, for stocking 3901 reservoirs and tanks, this year. This is expected to yield 81,650 tons of fish, with a value of Rs.408.25 crore. Steps are being taken to improve marketing outlets for fishermen by construction of 100 retail fish markets at different locations.

On similar lines, a major boost will be given to sheep rearing to improve the lot of the communities involved and to revive the rural economy of the State.

To revive the textile and garment industry and to improve the lot of weavers in the State, my Government proposes to establish mega textile parks at Warangal,

Siricilla and Mahabubnagar, by providing common infrastructure facilities such as Effluent Treatment Plant, R&D centers and capacity building support through skill development along with the added incentives.

My Government is making all efforts to explore domestic and international markets to revive the glorious tradition of handlooms in the State pertaining to weavers' clusters in Gadwal, Narayanapet, Pochampalli etc.

A Commission is also constituted to look into the problems and social status of Backward Classes. My Government is preparing a comprehensive plan for the development of 'Most Backward Classes' to alleviate their sufferings. A separate Corporation is established to uplift these

classes into the social mainstream through financial assistance.

My Government is committed for the welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. Due to the modified guidelines stipulated by the Government of India for the preparation of budget from this year onwards, although the classification of plan and non-plan will cease to exist, my Government is committed to introduce suitable legislative mechanism for adequate statutory earmarking of funds for SCs and STs, under the new dispensation. Necessary steps will be taken to ensure this in the current session of the legislature.

My Government has been implementing several programmes for the welfare and development of minorities such as, pre-

matric and post-matric scholarships, fee reimbursement, and overseas scholarships for pursuing higher education abroad.

A Commission of Inquiry was constituted to study the social, educational and economic conditions of Muslims. The Commission has submitted its recommendations for policy initiatives, as well as reservations for Muslims.

Telangana is one of the States with about 40% population living in the urban areas. My Government is taking concerted steps to develop Hyderabad as a global city. The first phase of Hyderabad Metro Rail Project is expected to be completed this year. I am happy to note that, Hyderabad has been ranked the fifth most dynamic city of the

world, as per the JLL City Momentum Index, 2017.

My Government is providing special fund of Rs.300 crore to develop infrastructure in Warangal, which is the second largest city in the State. Similarly, other Municipal Corporations are also being provided Rs.100 crore each for development. Other urban local bodies are also being supported with ample funds.

My Government is committed to upgrade basic services such as water supply, sewerage, transport and build amenities in the urban areas of the State, which will improve the quality of life for all, especially the poor and the disadvantaged. In this direction, my Government is developing twelve urban centres in the State with

central assistance under the 'AMRUT Scheme', namely Hyderabad, Warangal, Khammam, Karimnagar, Ramagundam, Nizamabad, Mahabubnagar, Miryalaguda, Suryapet, Nalgonda, Adilabad and Siddipet.

My Government has identified '14 thrust areas' with high growth potentials, such as, Life sciences, IT hardware, precision engineering, food processing, polymers, capital goods, green technologies, solar energy etc. My Government has taken initiatives to promote both the domestic and international investment in these sectors by creating an enabling business environment.

Godavari Pushkaralu were conducted successfully in the State in 2015. With the same fervour, Krishna Pushkaralu were conducted successfully in 2016, at 90 ghats

in the State. Nearly 3.5 crore devotees took the holy dip in Krishna River.

Tourism has huge potential for employment generation and economic growth. Recognizing the importance of Tourism in Telangana, my Government has embarked on various initiatives to build tourism infrastructure in the State. It is proposed to develop four new tourism circuits under 'Swadesh Darshan' scheme namely, eco-tourism circuit in Nagarkurnool district; Tribal and eco-tourism circuit covering Adilabad, Nirmal and Kumuram Bheem-Asifabad districts; Medaram Tribal circuit in Jayashankar-Bhupalpally district and Hyderabad Heritage circuit, to showcase the tourist destinations in the State.

To promote pilgrimage tourism in the State, my Government is taking steps to develop Yadadri, Vemulawada, Jogulamba, Bhadradri, Dharmapuri, Basara and other major temples by upgrading the infrastructure.

While addressing the joint session of the Legislature in 2014, I assured that my Government would provide transparent governance without any scope for the political corruption. True to this commitment, my Government has been providing corruption free administration during last two-and-half years. I firmly believe that this tradition of my Government will enhance the faith of the people in the democratic system and values.

Our Legislature reflects the supreme will of the people. Democratic temper calls for meaningful debate and discussions on important issues to resolve the problems of the people.

As the Rig Veda says, "Aano Bhadra Kratavo Yantu Vishwatah", which means, "let noble thoughts come from all directions". That should be the spirit behind the debates in this sacred temple of democracy. Being a member of this august institution bestows great honour as well as important responsibilities. My Government will constantly strive for smooth and constructive conduct of Legislative business.

సభలో చర్చలు మంచి వాతావరణంలో స్ఫూర్తిదాయకంగా ఉండేలా సభ నిర్వహణకు సభ్యులు అందరు సహకరించాలని కోరుతున్నాను. తెలంగాణ రాష్ట్రాన్ని అభివృద్ధి పథంలో

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