

Andhra Pradesh Current Affairs 2020

AP Jagananna Palle Velugu Scheme

Andhra Pradesh state government launched AP Jagananna Palle Velugu Scheme 2020. In this scheme, the state govt. will install 4 lakh LED street lights in 2,000 habitations across the state.

These 2k selected areas does not have street lights as these are not yet covered under any present project.

The goals of environment protection, reduction of dark sports in AP state and ensuring women safety to be achieved through this scheme.

AP cabinet committee has also decided to put up a new Complaint Monitoring System.

The CMS will also have 1 executive at the assembly constituency level, 1 at the revenue division level and 1 at the district level to monitor and supervise repair works of street lights.

Benefits of this Scheme:

LED street lights depreciate at a much slower rate than other alternatives.

These LED lights does not have filaments, so they do not burn out quickly and have incredibly long lives.

There are no toxic chemicals like mercury in LED street lights.

Reduced maintenance costs and lesser heat production is a major reason for its installation in remote areas.

LED lights to be installed would consume little energy while providing appropriate lighting on streets. This would result in ensuring safety of women on roads.

After installation of these LED street lights under AP Jagananna Palle Velugu Scheme, there would be less areas of dark spots.

The new LED lights to be installed will have improved color rendering comparative to other street lamps.



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YSR Cheyutha Scheme 2020

Andhra Pradesh Government launched YSR Cheyutha Scheme or “Jagananna Cheyutha” by the order to provide financial assistance to women in the state. Through this scheme, AP govt. intends to support all women from SC, ST, BC and minority communities.

The Andhra Pradesh govt. announced some welfare schemes in June 2019 and one of those schemes was a women welfare scheme named YSR Cheyutha Scheme 2020. Under YSR Cheyutha Scheme 2020, the state govt. will provide Rs. 75,000 to all the women belonging to the SC / ST / BC / Minority community over a period of 4 years. Hence the annual sum of Rs. 18,750 per annum will be provided as the financial assistance to all the eligible women in the state.

The scheme is expected to benefit about 3 Lakh women across the state through this scheme.

All the poor women who are deprived of various basic facilities can utilize the money given under YSR Cheyutha Scheme and lead a life of dignity and honour. To avail the benefits of AP YSR Cheyutha Yojana, women must be above 45 years of age while the maximum age is 60 years.

Jagananna Vidya Kanuka Kits Scheme 2020-21

Andhra Pradesh government launched Jagananna Vidya Kanuka Scheme 2020-21 for students on 5th September. Under this scheme the state government will provide education kits to government school students.

The government is launching this scheme so that the students of govt. schools can easily focus on their studies.

Under the Jagananna Vidya Kanuka Scheme, the state government would provide kit consisting of three pairs of uniforms, textbooks, notebooks, a pair of shoes, two pairs of socks, belts and a school bag to each student of class 1st to 10th in government schools.

A total of 43 Lakh students across the state will be given Vidya Kanuka Kits under the scheme. The state government will spend Rs. 648.09 crore for the scheme.

The Vidya Kanuka kits will be distributed among the students on the reporting day which will consists of the following:

3 Pair of Uniform: Each student of class 1st to 10th will be provided 3 pairs of school uniform as per their fit size.

2 Pairs of socks: 2 pairs of socks which will be all weather socks will be given in the Vidya Kanuka kit.

1 Pair of shoes: Each student will be given a pair of school uniform shoes of either black or white color.

Texts & Notebooks: Textbooks and notebooks according to the class of the students will be provided on the same day along with the kit.

1 Belt: A belt which is essentially a uniform belt would also be given to the students of all classes from 1st to 10th under the Vidya Kanuka scheme.

Bag: A school bag with size matching his/her class will be provided so that students can easily carry their study material from home to school and vice-versa.

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AP YSR Sampoorna Poshan Plus Scheme 2020

Andhra Pradesh government has launched AP YSR Sampoorna Poshan Plus Scheme on 1 September 2020. In this scheme, the state govt. will provide nutritious food to tribal pregnant women, new mothers and poor children.

This Y.S.R Sampoorna Poshan Plus Scheme will be implemented in the 77 tribal mandals in the state.

Another YSR Sampurna Poshana Scheme will also be implemented for remaining plain areas.

The state govt. will spend around Rs. 1863 crore for both these schemes.

In this scheme, nutritious food will be supplied to children and pregnant women, irrespective of their health profile. These new diet schemes will address underweight complication in children.

Some Important features of the new AP YSR Sampoorna Poshan Plus Scheme:-

Around 3 lakh tribal women and children would be covered through 8,320 anganwadi centres spread of 77 tribal mandals.

Pregnant women and infants b/w 6 months to 3 years will get nutritious diet.

Eggs and milk will be provided to children b/w 3 to 6 years of age.

AP govt. will spend Rs. 1100 per month to provide diet to pregnant women. The state govt. will also spend Rs. 553 p.m for diet to children in tribal areas.

A budget of Rs. 308 crore has been allocated for AP YSR Sampoorna Poshan Plus Scheme implementation.

AP Agriculture Electricity Cash Transfer Scheme 2021-22

Andhra Pradesh government is going to launch the Agriculture Electricity Cash Transfer Scheme. This scheme will remain applicable for FY 2021-22.

The main objective is to provide free power supply to the farmers working in farm sector.

The state govt. has maintained that the entire bill footing amount will be Rs. 8,400 crore per annum.

AP govt. will also install smart meters to all agricultural power connections.

It is a part of the central govt. suggested reforms which the state govt. had agreed to implement for 2% hike in FRBM Act borrowing limit.

This would facilitate AP govt. to entail an additional loan amount of Rs. 20,000 crore during the current fiscal.

Farmers will not be required to pay a single rupee from their own pockets. However, AP govt. has came out with varying figures on the total number of agriculture power connections in the state.

As the Agriculture Budget 2020-21 and Socio-Economic Survey 2019-20, there were 18.72 lakh agricultural power connections by the end of March.

AP YSR Asara Scheme 2020

Andhra Pradesh government has launched AP YSR Asara Scheme 2020 for Women Self Help Groups (SHGs) on 11 September 2020. In this debt waiver scheme, the state govt. will reimburse outstanding loans of SHGs.

People would be able to check their status, beneficiary list of scheme aiming to forgive loans.

Many women in Andhra Pradesh state have incurred massive loans and now would get relief under YSR Asara Scheme.

These loans were taken to cope up with expenses towards education, health care, elderly care, daily needs and other emergencies.

A total amount of Rs. 6345.87 crore would be released for the benefit of 7,91,257 SHGs.

Women will now come out of the vicious cycle of debts which they were in due to incapability to cope with exorbitant rates of interest. It is a big step to help women as govt. will give big relief by forgiving their loan amounts.

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AP YSR Jala Kala Scheme

Andhra Pradesh government has launched the AP Ysr Jala Kala Scheme 2020 on 28 September 2020. In this scheme, govt. will dig up free of cost borewells for farmers.

The state govt. of Andhra Pradesh has earmarked Rs. 2,340 crore to implement YSR Jalakalha Scheme.

Salient Features of this Scheme”

Under YSR Jala Kala programme of Navaratnalu, government have decided to drill free borewells to needy and eligible farmers in all thirteen (13) districts of the State by for the purpose of irrigating every acre of arable land.

The borewell sites shall be identified scientifically by conducting ground water surveys before taking up the drilling.

Any farmer without an existing borewell and with a contiguous land of 2.5 acres is eligible. If the farmer is not having contiguous land of 2.5 acres, a group may be formed and can apply for free borewell.

Priority shall be given to small & marginal farmers and SC / ST / Women farmers.

Farmers can apply for free borewell through online or offline through village secretariat and VRO will verify and forward the application to concerned APD / MPDO.

Assigned drilling contractor will conduct ground water survey by engaging qualified geologist and submit the feasibility report to concerned APD / MPDO for generating estimate.

PD will take administrative approval from District Collector / JC, Aasara and entrust the work to drilling contractor.

Information regarding the sanction of borewells will be communicated to the applicants at each stage through SMS.

The digital photograph with geo-tag will be taken by the concerned authorities along with beneficiary in the presence of drilling contractor after completion of borewell drilling.

The depth of borewell drilled and depth of casing will be measured with advanced IoT enabled equipments minimizing human intervention.

Payment to drilling contractors will be made as per the predefined success rates of districts.

If a borewell fails, a second borewell will be drilled if feasible.

Construction of recharge pit / water harvesting structure will be taken up at successful borewell site.

Social Audit will be conducted for all the borewells drilled under this program.

A programme management unit (PMU) will be set up at headquarters for effective monitoring of the implementation of the programme.

Roles & responsibilities of various functionaries for implementation of the programme are defined and are included in the GO.

District Collectors will guide and direct all the stakeholders for effective implementation of the programme.

Grid Connected Solar BLDC Pump Sets Scheme

Andhra Pradesh state government has launched Grid Connected Solar BLDC Pump Sets Scheme for Farmers. Under this scheme, now all the new agriculture connections will be solar based.

The state govt. will supply Solar Pumpsets having capacity of 3 HP & 5 HP.

This Pump Set Yojana is to push Agricultural Connections to Solar Connections.

This Grid connected Solar BLDC Pump Sets Scheme will ensure daytime power supply, cost efficient irrigation to farmers. Moreover, the subsidy burden for new agricultural connections will be reduced from the AP government.

Objectives of the Scheme:-

Reducing the subsidy burden for agricultural connections – Till date, the state govt. pays subsidy on the purchase of each new agriculture connections. Now this scheme will change the agricultural connections to solar connections will reduce the subsidy burden from the state govt.

Cost Effective – Most of the pump sets used in agriculture are electricity based or diesel based (generators). In India, Villages usually suffers from problem of Electricity while the diesel based generators runs on diesel whose prices are increasing. So, this will be a cost effective method.

Daytime Power Supply – For usage of pumps in irrigation, govt. usually provides electricity at night both in winters and summers. In winters, farmers have to work in adverse conditions due to

cold weather. So, Solar Pump Sets will enable the farmers to utilize the generated electricity for irrigation even during daytime.

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AP Announced Renewable Energy Export Policy 2020

The State Government of Andhra Pradesh announced the Andhra Pradesh Renewable Energy Export Policy 2020, which permits the sale of power to the other states of India. The policy will be in force for the five years.

The policy aimed to utilize the unused potential and to attract private investments to boost the economy and to generate additional revenue to the government.

To implement the projects the New and Renewable Energy Development Corporation of AP Limited (NREDCAP), will be the nodal agency under the new export policy 2020.

The NREDCAP, will allocate the renewable energy resource potentials to the developers on a first come first serve basis through online application.

The developers planning to set up energy export projects with manufacturing facilities will be given priority.

The Export policy of 2020 facilitates the establishment of solar, wind and solar-wind hybrid projects of capacity up to 120 Giga Watts(GW) and renewable energy equipment manufacturing facilities in the state.

The power generated from these projects will be exported to other states. The power distribution companies do not have any obligations to procure the power generated under this policy.

Andhra Pradesh launched Amma Vodi scheme

Andhra Pradesh CM has launched the flagship 'Amma Vodi' scheme to support lakhs of below poverty line mothers or guardians to educate their children in Chittoor. It is the first-of-its-kind scheme in the country, which is aimed at bringing significant changes in the education system of Andhra Pradesh.

The scheme aims at benefitting school students studying in classes I to XII. It includes both public and private schools.

Under the scheme, these students belonging to Below Poverty Line will get Rs 15,000 per annum. However, the guardian or mother of the child should ensure 75% attendance of the child.

The State Government has allocated Rs 6318 crores under the scheme. The funding aims at helping lakhs of below poverty line mothers trying to educate their children. The amount is to be directly transferred to the bank account of the beneficiaries.

The amount is to be transferred to the accounts of the mothers till the children complete their Class 12 education.

The Andhra Pradesh Government has allocated budget of Rs 14,000 crores to enable educational institutions and revamp the older infrastructure. It has also adopted English as medium of instruction in schools for class 1 to 6.

Andhra Pradesh Decentralisation and Equal Development of All Regions Bill, 2020

State Government of AP has passed the “Andhra Pradesh Decentralisation and Equal Development of All Regions Bill”, 2020. The bill paves way for three capitals of the state.

The three capitals are Amaravati-legislative capital, Vishakhapatnam-the executive capital and Kurnool-judicial capital. The three-capital system is being adopted by the government of Andhra Pradesh in order to ensure equal development throughout the state.

This also aids in decentralization of government. The above cities were selected as capitals for their strategic location to aid decentralization.

The cities were recommended by the committees namely B N Sri Krishna Committee, G N Rao Committee and K Sivaramakrishnan Committee.

Andhra Pradesh to abolish Legislative Council

Andhra Pradesh cabinet has gave a nod to abolish Legislative Council. It is to be noted that the Legislative Council stalled two bills that were passed by the assembly. It includes AP Capital Region Development Authority Repeal Bill and Decentralization bill.

Andhra Pradesh is one of the few states to have bicameral legislature. The states with legislative council includes Bihar, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh and Telangana.

Why does the Legislative Council needed?

- To act as a check on hasty actions by the popularly elected House and
- To ensure that individuals who might not be cut out for the direct elections too are able to contribute to the legislative process.

Article 169 of the constitution defines Legislative Council. As of November 2019, there are 6 states with State Legislative Council.

The members of the State Legislative Council are selected in the following way

- One-third are elected from the local bodies such as Gram Panchayat, municipalities and district councils.
- One-third are elected by members of State Legislative Assembly.
- One-Sixth of the members are nominated by the governor
- One-twelfth are graduates who have resided for three years in the state
- One-twelfth are teaching professions.

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Andhra Pradesh Unveiled New Industrial Development Policy 2020-23

Andhra Pradesh State Government has unveiled state’s new Industrial Development Policy 2020-23. The policy aims at the holistic development of all areas including Industrial, commercial and economic activities.

The policy includes steps that are being taken up by the state government to boost industrial growth post the impact of COVID-19.

The government has identified industrial zoning as a key focus area to ensure planned industrial development and provide a risk-free, investment-friendly environment for setting up and operating industries in the state with minimal impact on the environment.

- The major incentive a prospective investor gets, under the new policy, is reimbursement of State Goods and Services Tax for five years (capped to Fixed Capital Investment) for medium, large and mega industries linked to employment creation, the minister added.
- The current lease and buy models for land allotment are being replaced with a composite lease buy model, where an industrialist gets to purchase the land after successfully running his unit for 10 years.
- The thrust areas identified by the government, under the new industrial policy include food processing, pharmaceuticals and biotechnology, textiles, electronics, footwear and leather, toys and furniture, petrochemicals, aerospace and defence, automobiles and components, machinery, precision equipment and mineral-based industries.

India's first Online Waste Exchange launched in Andhra Pradesh

- 'Online waste exchange platform' of Andhra Pradesh Environment Management Corporation (APEMC) has been launched in the state. The digital platform was launched on the occasion of World Environment Day for safe disposal of toxic wastes and promote recycling and reuse of toxic wastes.
- The online waste exchange programme was launched on the occasion of World Environment day. The platform is to track, audit, scrutinize the waste and encourage proper utilization of the waste.
- The platform launched is to comply the principles of 6Rs namely Reuse, Recycle, Reduce, Redesign, Refurbish and Remanufacture.
- During the launch of the programme, it was announced that the AP Environment Improvement Act, 2020 is to be enacted soon.
- The Andhra Pradesh Environment Management Corporation or APEMC was set up to handle industrial wastes. The Corporation will take over the responsibility of the online platform.
- According to environment Rules and Regulations, the Andhra Pradesh Pollution Control Board is to make necessary changes in order to hand over the waste to the APEMC.

Disha police station to fight crimes against women and children

- In Andhra Pradesh the special police station has been set up under the AP Criminal Law (Amendment) Bill, 2019 which, entire investigation has to be completed within 7 days and trial within 14 days.
- The Andhra Pradesh Government is to inaugurate 18 Disha Police Stations by the end of February 2020. Every police station is to add 26 to 47 police officers.
- The 18 Disha police stations will act as upgraded versions of existing women police stations. The stations have been allocated fund of 30% of special allowance. The stations are established under Disha act, 2019.
- In December 2019, the Andhra Pradesh Government passed the Disha Bill, 2019. The bill aims to complete investigation of cases related to crimes against women within 7 to 14 days. It also prescribes death penalty under Section 376 of IPC (Indian Penal Code).
- Also, the act punishes crimes against children with 10 to 14 years of imprisonment.

- “Disha” is a symbolic name given to the 26-year-old veterinarian who was raped and murdered on the outskirts of Hyderabad on the night of November 27.

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Andhra Pradesh launched Jagananna Chedodu Scheme

Andhra Pradesh recently launched “Jagananna Chedodu” scheme to provide financial assistance to barbers, tailors and washer men.

The Jagananna Chedodu scheme is to provide Rs 10,000 per person. It is to benefit 2.47 lakhs of barbers, washer men and tailors. The State Government has transferred Rs 247 crores to the bank accounts so far under the scheme.

The Andhra Pradesh Government had recently launched several schemes that benefitted people of Andhra in a greater way.

This includes Rythu Bharosa, Pension Kanuka, Amma Vodi, Vidya Devena, Vahana Mitra, Vasathi Devena, Nethanna Nestham, Matsyakara Bharosa.

The State Government allocated Rs 4,000 crore under the Jagananna Vidya Devena scheme. The scheme provides full fees reimbursement to more than 14 lakhs college students.

The ReStart Programme of AP was also a huge success that boosted and supported the MSME sector of the state.

3M Houses to be built under YSR Jagananna Colonies

Andhra Pradesh State Government will take up the construction of 3 Million houses under the YSR Jagananna Colonies project after distributing the house sites to the beneficiaries on 8th July 2020.

Jagananna Colonies is part of the State Government’s Navratnalu- Pedalandariki Illu (houses for all the poor) Program.

For the land acquisition of the colonies, the state government will bear around Rs 10,000 to Rs 11,000 crore. The house sites will be provided at Rs 1 to the selected white Ration Card beneficiaries.

The total expenditure for the project including the share of the Central Government is estimated at RS 50,000 crore.

The project will be implemented in two phases with 15 lakh houses being constructed in each phase. Construction for the first phase will begin on 28th August this year while the second phase construction will begin from August 2021.

All necessary facilities will be provided in the colonies such as water, connecting roads, electricity, etc. Each house will have a carpet area of 230 square feet. The cost of each house is estimated to be around Rs 1.80 lakh.

The State Government has set a target for completion of the project by 2024.

Andhra Pradesh launched Activities of APCOS

Andhra Pradesh launched the activities of state-owned placement agency-Andhra Pradesh Corporation for Outsourced Services (APCOS) through video conferencing on 3rd July 2020 ensuring corruption-free job placements.

Some outsourcing staff working in the General Administration Department were handed over appointment letters by the Chief Minister for the launch of the activities of APCOS.

The Chief Minister at the launch stated that with the establishment of APCOS, for hiring outsourcing employees the corrupt practices will be eliminated.

As per the policy of the Andhra Pradesh Government of providing 50 reservation for minorities, women, SCs, STs, and BCs, the same will also be applicable under APCOS.

On 18th October 2019, APCOS was incorporated as a Not-For-Profit Company under the Companies Act 2013. APCOS was created with the aim of the Andhra Pradesh state government for bringing transparency into governance by ending corruption and nepotism, as over the years, the complaints in the recruitment process of outsourcing employees have significantly increased such as unpaid or delayed salaries, bribes demanded at various levels for getting the job, etc.

With the launch of APCOS, recruitment of outsourcing employees will now be made online in the state of Andhra Pradesh. Also, the salaries of the outsourcing employees will now be directly transferred into the bank accounts of the employees.



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Rythu Dinotsavam celebrated in Andhra Pradesh

Andhra Pradesh celebrated the birth anniversary of Former and the 14th Chief Minister of Y.S Rajasekhara Reddy as Rythu Dinotsavam meaning Farmer's Day.

The day was first celebrated in 2019 when the current Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh Y.S Jagan Mohan Reddy issued a government order designating the day as Farmer's Day in Andhra Pradesh.

Yeduguri Sandinti Rajasekhara Reddy was elected as a member of Lok Sabha for 4 consecutive terms. He served as the full term Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh from 2004 to 2009 and was re-elected as the Chief Minister in the 2009 Assembly Election.

On 2nd September 2009, Y.S Rajasekhara Reddy died in a helicopter crash. In his career, he had never lost in an election.

The former Chief Minister is known for various reforms that have made a long-lasting transformational impact on the agricultural and health sector of the state, as on the first day of his tenure in 2004, he launched a campaign project under which free electricity was provided to the farmers in the state.

Some of the projects and reforms made by Y.S Rajasekhara Reddy during his tenure are Jalayagnam water management program: To bring 8.2 million acres of land under irrigation, Indiramma Illu: housing for rural poor, Pavala Vaddi program: to encourage small business and entrepreneurship of rural women by providing loan at a subsidized rate, 108 and 104 helpline services were first introduced in the state under his tenure, etc.

Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, the State Government will be launching new 412 ambulances in the state and 656 new mobile medical units.

Online Registration of Crops 'E-Cropping' Began in Andhra Pradesh

A Comprehensive exercise for mapping of crops under each of the Rythu Bharosa Kendra (RBK) in the state has begun in Andhra Pradesh from 13th July 2020. This will help in preparing the State Government from crop planning to e-marketing of the crop.

The officials of the Andhra Pradesh Governments Revenue and Agricultural Department have been tasked to jointly online register the details of crops sown by each farmer in the state.

Based on the data from the electronic crop registration, the Seeds for the crops will be provided or supplied.

Also, this data from the online registration will help the State Government in schemes and initiatives such as for providing interest-free loans, crop insurance, Rythu Bharosa, MSP- Minimum Support Price, etc.

Under the online portal, details of Farmers such as the name of the farmer, details of his/her village, bank details, contact number, area of the land for farming, and the crop that the farmer will be cultivating will be asked from the farmer by the officials.

If the cultivator of the land is other than the landowner, then a CCRC- Crop Cultivation Registration Certificate will be issued to the cultivator.

The land on which fish farming is done across the state will also be registered separately.

AP signed MoU with AMUL to help Women Self Help Groups

Andhra Pradesh state government has signed a MoU with AMUL to empower women selfhelp groups and to encourage the cooperatives in government sectors.

AMUL will support the women self-help groups and provide opportunities to the dairy farming in cooperatives and exposure to the world class infrastructure, technology and marketing to increase the standard of living and selfreliance of women.

The partnership with AMUL will support the Self Help groups and the Farmers to get better prices for their produce.

Andhra Pradesh produces around 4crore litres of milk per day and stands 4th in the production of Milk with only 24% under the organised sector.

The State Government is providing around Rs.11000 crores per year to the 90 lakh women SHGs under YSR Cheyutha and YSR Aasara.

Andhra Pradesh with a gateway to the south with Anantapur, Chittoor and Visakhapatnam connecting other states, provides a potential to develop as a marketing hub.

1st online NISHTHA programme launched for 1200 Key Resources Persons of Andhra Pradesh

Union Human Resource Development Minister launched the first online National Initiative for School Heads and Teachers Holistic Advancement (NISHTHA) programme for 1,200 key resources persons of Andhra Pradesh.

It is to be noted that, originally NISHTHA was launched in face-to-face mode in August 2019, but COVID-19 pandemic lockdown has affected the conduct of this programme, therefore, NCERT has customised NISHTHA for an online mode through the DIKSHA and NISHTHA portals.

NISHTHA is organised at the elementary stage under Samagra Shiksha, a Centrally sponsored flagship programme of Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) to improve learning outcomes and holistic development of children

NISHTHA is the world's largest teachers' training programme of its kind. 33 states and union territories launched this programme in collaboration under Samagra Shiksha.

In 29 states/union territories (UTs) the NCERT completed the NISHTHA training at state level. The training programme at the state level in 4 States/UTs (Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, J&K and Bihar) are still in progress.

A district-level teacher training programme has been initiated in 23 states/UTs.

In NISHTHA-face-to-face, first level training had been provided by the National Resource Group (NRG) to the KRPs and state Resources Persons-Leadership (SRLs-L) identified by the states/UTs. Then KRPs and SRPs-L had provided training directly to teachers at block level. In NISHTHA –online also, KRPs will play a role of mentors for the teachers, who will take online NISHTHA training on DIKSHA later on DIKSHA later on.

1st Indian State presented its Budget amid COVID-19

Andhra Pradesh state government presented the AP state budget for Rs 2.24 lakh crore for the FY20-21. With this, AP became the first Indian state to convene its Legislative Assembly and Council which will adopt a budget for FY21 amid the Covid-19 pandemic.

Apart from this, AP Governor Biswabhusan Harichandan addressed the Assembly through video conference, which is also another first for the country.

The budget amount stated a decrease of 1.4% over FY19-20 due to major economic slowdown caused by Covid-19. The revenue deficit estimated at Rs. 18, 434 crore and a fiscal deficit estimated at Rs 48, 295 crore.

In addition to the direct money transfer schemes implemented in the last fiscal, at least seven others will be launched this year under the government's flagship "Navaratnalu" programme.

A sum of Rs 37,659 crore will be spent under the head Direct Benefit Transfer for schemes like YSR Pension Kanuka, YSR Aasara, Jagananna Amma Vodi, Jagananna Vidya Deevena, YSR Kapu Nestham, YSR Jagananna Chedodu, Jagananna Thodu, YSR Cheyuta.

The same schemes, with a total outlay of Rs 37,618 crore, will also be implemented under various sub-components like SC, ST, BC, Minority and Kapu welfare for the respective communities. The allocation for Kapu welfare is Rs 2,845 crore and Rs 23,406 crore for BC welfare. The government allocated Rs 1,998 crore for minority welfare.

Andhra Pradesh launched 'Jagananna Chedodu' scheme

Andhra Pradesh launched the 'Jagananna Chedodu' scheme to provide financial assistance to tailors, barbers and dhobis(washermen). Under the scheme, Rs 10,000 per person was provided to 2.47 lakh washermen(82,347), barbers(38,767) and tailors(1,25,926).

In total Rs.247 crore was transferred to their bank accounts under financial liability so that bankers cannot use the money to offset the loan repayment balances.

Rs 4,000 crore Jagananna Vidya Deevena scheme to provide full fees reimbursement to about 14 lakh college students(including those in professional courses)

CMAPP(Comprehensive Monitoring of Agriculture, Price, and Procurement) mobile application to monitor the agricultural needs of the farmers in the state.

'ReStart' a new programme, with an outlay of Rs 1,110 crores to support & boost the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise (MSME) sector in the state.

AP launched YSR Kapu Nestham Scheme for Women of Kapu

Andhra Pradesh launched the Kapu Nestham scheme by keeping his pre-poll promise to provide financial support of Rs 75000/- for a period of 5 year (Rs 15000/- per annum) to women of Kapu community.

The objective of the scheme is to financially empower Kapu women by enhancing their livelihood and living standards with financial assistance.

Women in the age group of 45-60 belonging to Kapu Community are benefited with this scheme. In a period of Five years(from March 2020 to March 2024) an eligible woman will get a sum of Rs 75000. About 354 crore is distributed to over 2.36 lakh womens belonging to Kapu, Balija, Telaga and Ontari communities and having rice cards.

The amount will be deposited in their bank accounts every month. Around 23 lakh people of the Kapu community are benefited with Rs 4,470 crores by the YSR government under different schemes (Amma Vodi, Vasati Deevena, Vidya Deevena, Vahana Mitra, Chedodu, Videsi Vidya Deevena and the Kapu Nestham).

AP launched India's 1st online waste management platform

Andhra Pradesh launched India's 1st "online waste management platform" of Andhra Pradesh Environment Management Corporation(APEMC) on the occasion of World Environment Day to ensure 100% safe disposal of industrial toxic wastes.

The State Department of Environmental Management, APEMC, will take over responsibility of the online platform. Also released the poster APEMC of e-platform highlighting its salient features, of the portal. Key Point

APEMC has been set up as a government company to handle the industrial waste & will work in coordination with Andhra Pradesh Pollution Control Board (APPCB) with a strong regulatory framework to handle the waste from its generation till the end of its life cycle including sorting & streamlining the waste as hazardous or non-hazardous or e-waste according to category, scientifically disposing of the waste at the disposal centres.

As per the Environmental Rules and Regulations APPCB will make necessary provisions for industries/organizations to hand over the waste generated by their units which cannot be treated within their premises, to APEMC for management of waste

The platform will comply with the principles of 6 'R's- Reuse, Reduce, Recycle, Redesign, Refurbish and Remanufacture.

It ensures proper tracking, scrutiny and audit of the (industrial) waste & encourages the utilization of wastes through co-processing

AP has many industries falling under red and orange categories, which generate significant quantities of liquid waste, hazardous and non-hazardous solid waste and air pollutants.

Note- CM informed that a new legislation, the AP Environment Improvement Act, 2020, will be enacted soon to safeguard the environment

Officials present in the launch- Environment and Forests Minister Balineni Srinivasa Reddy, Chief Secretary Nilam Sawhney, Special Chief Secretary Neerabh Kumar Prasad, Pollution Control Board Chairman B S S Prasad & membersecretary Vivek Yadav among others.

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AP launched ₹1110 crores 'ReStart' to revive MSME sector

Andhra Pradesh state government launched Rs 1,110 crores 'ReStart' a new programme to support & boost the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise (MSME) sector in the State.

This initiative will benefit over 72,531 micro-enterprises, 24,252 small and 645 medium scale industries. The state government will allocate Rs 200 crores as investment capital by providing loans in partnership with the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) at a low-interest rate.

Release of Rs 905 crores of pending incentives to MSME units in two months, waive fixed demand charges towards power for three months from April 20 to June 20 for MSMEs amounting to Rs 188 crores, provide Rs 200 crores working capital loans by creating a fund to meet their liquidity crisis.

As part of this scheme, the 1st instalment of Rs 450 crores was released which will benefit nearly 98,000 units that provide employment to more than 10 lakh people who were facing hardships due to the lockdown.

The state has identified around 360 products to be purchased from the MSMEs, and its payments will be cleared in 45 days.

Of the total purchases, almost 25% will be done from the micro and small enterprises, 4% from the Scheduled Caste(SC) and Scheduled Tribes(ST) community enterprises, and 3% from women entrepreneurs. Over 97,428 MSMEs are established in the state which employs about 10 lakh workforce.

The collectors are directed to make a skill gap study with the industries and accordingly impart the required skills among the youth through Skill Development Colleges & to lay special focus on the sector and assign a Joint Collector exclusively for its development.

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AP launched 'CMAPP' to monitor farming needs

The Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh launched a mobile application 'CMAPP (Comprehensive Monitoring of Agriculture, Price, and Procurement)' with the aim to monitor the agriculture needs of the farmers in the state.

The mobile app showcases all data relating to the cost, procurement, and marketing facilities of the farmers for their agriculture produce.

Respective officials of the state are entrusted to monitor & review village level agriculture conditions including the sale and procurement of crops on a daily basis & all the joint collectors work on agriculture department related will be trained through a quick session on the use of the app.

AP Agricultural Mission Vice-Chairman MVS Nagi Reddy & Special Chief Secretary of Agricultural Department Poonam Malakondaiah were also present during the launch.

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