The Government of Andhra Pradesh has taken the following major policy decisions for the development and welfare of STs in the state since 2nd June, 2014.

**MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS:**

1. **RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS FOR ALL STs**

   - At present, 2.00 lakh ST children are imparted quality residential education through (345) Ashram schools.
   
   - To ensure residential education for all, decided to convert all hostels into residential schools in a phased manner, starting with 80 hostels in the (8) plain area districts.
   
   - Staff sanctioned for (50) Residential Schools in plain areas (G.O.Ms.No. 17, Fin. (HR.III) Dept. dt.5-2-2016).
   
   - (30) Hostels in the scheduled areas are converted into Ashram schools (G.O. Ms. No. 39, (TW (Edn.1) Dept. dt.30-3-2016).
2. NTR VIDYONNATI

- Scheme to sponsor ST candidates to 5 nationally reputed institutions for coaching for civil services exams.
- 92 candidates are undergoing training during this year @ Rs.2.00 lakh per candidate.

3. AMBEDKAR OVERSEAS VIDYA NIDHI

- Scheme to provide financial assistance to ST students desirous of pursuing higher studies in foreign countries. (G.O.Ms.No.36 & 01, dt.4-6-2013 & 17-1-2015, TW (Edn.2) Dept.)
- Introduction of cut off system in Ambedkar Overseas Vidya Nidhi by replacing the existing 60% bench mark. (G.O.Ms.No.34, TW (Edn.1) Dept. dt.29-3-2016).

4. (10) EKALAVYA MODEL RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS (EMRS) FOR STS

- Sanctioned 10 Ekalavya Model Residential Schools benefiting 5,400 ST students.
- Infrastructure @ Rs.12 cr. per school sanctioned with a total cost of Rs.120 cr.
5. TEACHER VACANCIES FILLED UP THROUGH SPL DSC

- Conducted Spl. DSC in the scheduled areas of the State.
- Filled up 301 vacancies of teachers by qualified and local STs.
- Further permission was accorded for (309) posts of teachers in the merged mandals of East Godavari and West Godavari districts. (G.O.Ms.No.21, Fin. (HR.III) Dept. dt.17-2-2016.

6. RESTORATION OF NSTFDC LOANING

- Restored the loaning from NSTFDC for STs for high end schemes for economic support.
- Extended the govt. guarantee for Rs.40 cr.
- Support for (17) schemes in Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Petty business and Transport sectors.

7. COFFEE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT IN TRIBAL AREAS OF VISAKHAPATNAM DISTRICT

- Sanctioned with an outlay of Rs.526.16 Crs for 10 years for expansion of coffee in 1,00,000 acres.(G.O.Ms.No.33, TW(TSP) Dept., dated 03.06.2015.
- Includes processing and marketing support also.
- 727 Baby pulpers supplied to promote wet processing for value addition
- Coffee plantations in 15,000 acres and shade plantations in 14,023 acres was taken up
- Gap filling with 2.4 Cr saplings was taken up in 40,245 existing plantations affected with Hud-hud cyclone at a cost of Rs.5.00 Cr
- Rs.29.00 Cr. compensation paid to 31,050 farmers affected with Hud-hud cyclone.
SUCCESS STORY

- 20,000 coffee growing farmers were enrolled for pooling of their coffee for marketing support through GCC.
- GCC could pool about 1500 M.Ts of coffee from the farmers
- During 2015-16, coffee farmers could get highest price ever they get for their coffee with the market support extended through GCC
- Hon’ble Prime Minister while tasting the Araku Coffee at Visakhapatnam has appreciated the efforts of the state Government in promoting the coffee.

8. COMPREHENSIVE GUIDELINES FOR TRICOR PROGRAMS

- Issued guidelines for implementing TRICOR action plan effectively. (G.O.Ms.No.31, dt.01.06.2015).
- Subsidy enhanced to Rs.1,00,000 per unit to ensure quality of schemes.
- PvTGs and other Vulnerable Groups were extended 90% subsidy on the unit cost subject to a maximum of Rs.1.00 lakh.
- 17,810 ST families assisted with a subsidy of Rs.89.16 Cr.
SUCCESS STORY

- This was facilitated to implement the schemes to the PvTGs and other vulnerable groups in the remote and interior tribal areas.

10. YOUTH TRAINING CENTERS FOR SKILL DEVELOPMENT

- 28 Youth Training Centers (YTCs) were established to function as Skills Development Centers of Excellence (SDCEs).
- MoU entered with State Skill Development Corporation.
- 6,653 ST youth have trained and placed
SUCCESS STORY

- Aspirational infrastructure was created
- for trainings in the tribal areas
- This was facilitated to take up training programs to ST youth on a massive scale.
11. REIMBURSEMENT OF ELECTRICITY CHARGES TO ST HOUSEHOLDS

- Reimbursing the electricity charges of ST households consuming below 50 units per month. (G.O.Ms.No.61, TW(TS) Dept., dt 20.02.2015.)
- 90,000 ST families getting benefitted.
- Orders were issued for providing (2) addl. LED bulbs to SC/ST families and electrification of all SC/ST colonies vide G.O.Ms.No.37, TW (Edn) dept. dt.30-3-3016.

12. GIRIPUTRIKA KALAYANA PATHAKAM

- Extending Rs.50,000 assistance to ST girls at the time of marriage. (G.O.Ms.No.12, dt.20.02.2015).
- (1,000) ST girls were benefitted so far.

SUCCESS STORY

- Parents of ST girls could perform the marriages to their daughters without loan burden
13. NEW ITDA AT CHINTUR FOR 4 MERGED MANDALS IN EAST GODAVARI

- Sanctioned new ITDA at Chinturu in East Godavari district. (G.O.Ms.No.93, TW(GCC) Dept, dt. 03.12.2015)
- Special focus on the development of STs of 4 merged mandals in East Godavari district.
- New ITDA was opened by Hon’ble Chief Minister on 13.04.2016
- Orders issued for filling up of (479) posts in (6) Departments
- 915 differently abled persons identified through SADARAM camps, certificates and pensions were sanctioned.
- Every third Monday grievances redressal meetings organized in each of the merged mandal.

14. RULES ISSUED UNDER TSP

- Rules issued under the SCSP and TSP Act for effective implementation (G.O. Ms. No. 23, TW (TSP) dt. 28.4.15).

15. AGE LIMIT REDUCED FOR OLD AGE PENSIONS

16. VACANT DR DEPOTS TO RUN AS FP SHOPS

- 322 DR Depots vacant for a long time shall function as FP shops on the lines of plain areas. (G. O. Ms. No. 102 TW(GCC) Dept dated 11-12-2015)

- Accordingly (322) local ST youth have been entrusted with running of F.P. Shops in the tribal areas as a self employment activity.

SUCCESS STORY

- Facilitated access to the tribal community for the PDS as well as create self employment opportunities to ST Youth

17. ORGANIC CERTIFICATION FOR GCC PRODUCTS

- 13 GCC products awarded organic certification. Labelling and publicity under process.

SUCCESS STORY

- Through entering into organic product business, GCC will get additional income of 30% to 40% from NTFP products.

18. SRI ALLURI SITARAMARAJU MEMORIAL TRIBAL MUSEUM

- Sri Alluri Sita Ramaraju Memorial Tribal Museum sanctioned at Visakhapatnam with a cost of Rs.20 cr.

- Planned to construct with high standards with the consultancy support of national repute

19. SRI ALLURI SITARAMARAJU BIRTHDAY AS STATE FESTIVAL

- Declared 4th July as State Festival Day commemorating the birth day of Sri Alluri Sita Ramaraju in view of his martyrdom for the cause of tribals of Andhra Pradesh.

- Sri Sri Sri Modakondamma Talli Jatara at Paderu of Visakhapatnam was declared as State Festival (G.O.Ms.No.53, T.W. (OP Coordin) Dept. dt.28-4-2016). The Jatara was organized from 8th May to 10th may, 2016 on a large scale with financial support of Rs.50.00 lakhs.
20. WORLD TRIBALS DAY CELEBRATED

- World Tribals Day celebrated in 2014 and 2015 at Visakhapatnam to instil confidence among STs.

21. GIRIJAN BHAVANS

- Sanction of (13) Girijan Bhavans @ 1 for each district of District Headquarter within estimated cost of Rs.1.35 crores totalling the Rs.17.55 crores. (G.O.Rt.No.321 TW (TW.TSP) Dept, dt.24.07.2015.)

22. MINI-AUDITORIUMS

- Sanctioned (7) Mini auditoriums in (7) ITDA district for conducting cultural meetings and training classes with an total estimated cost of Rs.7.00 crores. (G.O.Ms.No.69 TW(Bud) Dept., dt.17.10.2015.)

23. Establishing a Special Sports School for SC & ST

- Sanctioned (1) Special Sports School for SC & ST children at Araku for promoting sports and train SC & ST children who can compete at national and international level in various games and sports (G.O.Ms.No.35, (TW (Edn.) Dept. dt.29-3-2016).

23. Introduction of Centralized kitchen

- Govt. permitted for undertaking scoping study for establishing centralised kitchens in the educational institutions in the merged mandals of East and West Godavari Districts (Govt. Memo No.71897/TW, dt.22-4-2016).

24. Climbing Mount Everest by an ST youth – Mr. Dubi Bhadrayya

- Sri Dubi Bhadrayya Koya by caste from Kottapalli village of Chinturu Mandal has climbed Mount Everest on 20.05.2016 and created history.

- The Tribal Welfare Department has extended a financial assistance of Rs.25.00 lakhs for this Endeavour
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