



**DR.Y.S.RAJASEKHAR REDDY AS CHIEF MINISTER OF
ANDHRA PRADESH, INDIA**

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Hon'ble Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh

Dr. Reddy sworn in as Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh in May, 2004 after a whirlwind tour (known as Paada Yatra) of rural villages across the entire state, a year before the scheduled elections which were later preponed to an earlier date along with general elections to parliament. Many critics and followers acclaim his Paada Yatra played a crucial role in bringing Indian National Congress back to power in Andhra Pradesh after 9 years. Dr. Reddy has been named as the most popular chief minister in the country. Mood of the Nation 2006 poll conducted nationwide. Sworn in as Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh on 14.05.2004, Dr. Y.S.Rajasekhara Reddy efficiently serving the interests of the people at large Hailing from a drought hit region - the Rayala Seema - he knows the real value of every drop of water. This is the very reason for his taking up the cause of farmers as a young legislator. **A curious 'pastime' of Dr Reddy is to feel the pulse of people in rural areas on Sundays through the Rajiv Palle Batta.**



- **Minister of state for rural development (1980–82)**
- **Excise minister (1982)**
- **Education minister (1982–83)**
- **Leader of Opposition, Andhra Pradesh State Assembly (1999–2004)**
- **Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh (2004–2009)**
- **Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh (20-May-2009 To 02-Sep-2009)**

PROGRAMMES IMPLEMENTED

During his tenure as CM, the government of Andhra Pradesh under took the following projects :

- **Providing free electricity as promised for farmers was initiated on the very first day of his tenure as CM in 2004.**
- **Rajiv Arogya Shree – A health insurance program for rural population below poverty line (white card holders). This insurance program pays the entire cost of any necessary surgery to a maximum of Rs.200,000^[16]**



- **Emergency service- Free public ambulance service. This service was originally started by Satyam and later adopted by government of A.P^[17]**
- **Pavala Vaddi — a program that provides loans at 3% per annum interest rate, designed to encourage small scale businesses and entrepreneurship primarily targeted at rural women.**
- **Indiramma illu — a program for construction of heavily subsidized housing for the rural poor.**
- **Rs 2/KG of rice scheme^[18]**
- **Increase in the minimum support price for rice.**
- **Reimbursement of full college fees for backward sections. Reservations for minorities.**
- **The main emphasis during his tenure was on social welfare with a majority of his projects targeted at reducing rural poverty.^[19] Apart from these schemes, his government stood as the role model in implementing the central governments flagship program – the NREGA.^[20] The BBC has called him a champion of social welfare schemes.^[3]**
- **His tenure also saw significant weakening of the violent extremist left-wing Naxalite movement that was rampant in the state when he assumed office in 2004.^{[21][22]}**
- **During his era Andhra Pradesh achieved a growth rate of more than 6% every year. Poverty levels reduced to 16% in Andhra Pradesh while the national average was 23%.^[23]**



As the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, Dr. Y.S.Rajasekhara Reddy stands as an example for the down-to-earth administrative capacities while efficiently serving the interests of the people at large.

JalaYagnam

A large-scale program to construct more than 70 pending irrigation projects in the state to improve irrigation facilities to the farmers, with a targeted irrigation to 1.2 Crore acres of land.

Free Power Supply

He assured and implemented free power supply for farmers for 7 hours a day.



Rajiv Arogya Shree

A health insurance and emergency services scheme for rural masses where the government pays the entire price of any surgery up to 200,000 rupee and does not require people to pay any premium

Pavala Vaddi

A program that provides loans to people at 3% per year so as to encourage them to take up small scale businesses and entrepreneurship primarily targeted at rural women

Indiramma illu

A program for construction of houses for the rural masses by charging a small amount and the government the remaining amount Rs 2/KG of rice scheme Increase in the minimum support price for rice. Reimbursement of full college fees for backward sections, reservations for minorities

Apart from these schemes, his government stood as the role model in implementing the central governments flagship program " the NREGA". The main thrust of his tenure was on social welfare with a majority of his schemes targeting at improving the lively hood of the rural masses. The BBC has called him a champion of social welfare schemes. His tenure also saw significant weakening of the violent extremist left-wing Naxalite movement that was rampant in the state when he assumed office in 2004. The movement was so intense that the former chief minister Chandrababu Naidu's car was blasted by them in October 2003. A major reason for the weakening for the Naxalite movement is the emphasis given by Reddy's government improving the livelihood of rural masses,



which resulted rural youth not showing interest in joining the Naxalite movement.



FIRST TIME IN THE WORLD

Dr.YSR implemented several developmental programmes and majority of them have received worldwide impression.

ITEM/SCHEME	Achievement
Aarogyasri Insurance	Medical treatment costing Rs.2 lakh to Seven and half crore including middle class people. 2 lakh surgeries as of now. A rare record in the world history. Treatment, Operations covering 942 diseases. March forward towards Total Health Andhra Pradesh.
104 Rural Mobile Health Units	Fixed Day Health Scheme through 104 mobile units to every village. 475 mobile health units availability to every village on a fixed day in a month. Free health checkups, free medicines for entire month, quality healthcare at the doorsteps of 4 crore rural people.
Pavala Vaddi	For the first time in the world, differential interest rates to women. Interest is 3% only. Applicable to farmers and weavers also.
Abhayahastham (IKP Life Insurance Scheme)	Monthly pension ranging from Rs.500 to Rs.2,200 to all women over 60 years of age. Life Insurance, Scholarships to their children. Only one rupee per day to be paid by the SHG members. Large scale benefit to One Crore 25 lakh women.
Projects	The life-line projects of Telangana region,



	“Pranahitha-Chevella” and “Devadula” are the world’s second highest level water pumping Lift Irrigation Schemes.
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FIRST TIME IN THE COUNTRY

Current charges, Taxes	Not single Paisa enhanced in current charges since the last five years. Oath taken in the Assembly, not to enhance for the next five years. No other tax was enhanced.
Additional power purchases	Rs.6,500 crore expenditure during the past two and half years. The 40% growth in power demand is the indication of the tremendous progress made in Agriculture, Industry and Service sectors.
Rajiv Udyogasri. Jobs (Government and non-Government)	No Vacancy boards disappeared. Wanted Boards reappeared. 10 lakh jobs created in the past 5 years in Government and private sectors. Another 10 lakh jobs through Rajiv Udyogasri in the coming two years. 55,000 jobs in SEZs as of now. Ultimate aim is to create 25 lakh jobs. 11,000 vehicles utilised in one Jalayagnam programme alone. Direct and indirect jobs and employment to more than one lakh persons. 50,000 teachers as of now. 17,000 Police recruitment completed. Efforts are on for recruitment of 20,000 more police. 53,000 teachers recruitment would be completed in the coming 3 months. Training in Mason jobs to 38,000 unemployed as part of INDIRAMMA housing programme.



Jalayagnam (Irrigation)	Irrigated water provided to 19 lakh acres additionally as of now. 81 projects launched. 12 projects completed. Another 13 projects under completion. Remaining projects in fast progress by working day and night.
Free Power	Uninterrupted free power supply to 30 lakh pump sets (families) since four and half years on record scale. 1500 crore units' free power to Agriculture sector every year.
Agricultural Loans	Loans worth Rs.22,650 crore distributed in 2007-08. Rs.26,000 crore targeted for 2008-09. The interest rate is only 3%.
Farmers' loans waiver	Rs.11,100 crore loans waived to 64 lakh farmers, highest in the country. Rs.1,800 crore distributed by State Government @ Rs.5,000 as incentive to each of 36 lakh farmers who were not covered under loan waiver scheme announced by the Centre.
Land distribution	6.04 lakh acres distributed to poor... Rs.500 crore for land development. Six lakh acres Land ownership rights to Tribal's.
Agricultural Laborers	All round benefit to more than one crore persons. Full stop to migrations. Daily wage enhanced from Rs.20 to Rs.82.3... Likely to be raised Rs.100. Top rank at national level in the implementation of National Rural Employment Guarantee Programme by using Social Audit, Smart Card and e-governance.
Pashu	Purchase of 1,50,000 cattle at 3% interest and



Kranthy	Rs.30,000 subsidy. White Revolution in villages.
Sheep Insurance	This scheme is being implemented in the State for the first time in the entire country.
Aarogyasri, 108 Ambulances	108 Ambulances are made available to all at all times. Ambulances were made to reach to any place in the State within 18 minutes. Every day, 802 Ambulances with 6,000 emergency trips is a new record. Total Health safety to seven and half crore people through Aarogyasri.
104 Help Line	50,000 calls per day. Tele-medicine. Free Health information. Time to time counseling.
Houses	39 lakh houses were built since the past four and half years. 28 lakh houses under construction. Indiramma target is 80 lakh houses. With the construction of the remaining houses, Andhra Pradesh would emerge as the only State without huts in the coming two years. The housing budget rose 10 times from Rs.500 crore to Rs.5,000 crores since the last four years. Check to irregularities through 24 hour help line, quick response teams and social audit. House sites were distributed to more than 20 lakh poor.
Self Help Groups	More than One crore women Self Help Groups joined as of now.
Loans	Rs.16,535 crore since the past four and half years (By December 2008). This year target is



	Rs.11,000 crore. By March, 2009 the total loan distribution would be Rs.23,000 crore in five years period. The Government aims at making one crore women as lakhiers in the coming four years.
Micro loans- Total percentage in the country.	42 %. The lion's share out of the country's micro loans is enjoyed by our State women only.
Cooking Gas	Ours is the only State that has bore the entire burden of Rs.50 on Gas enhanced by the Centre.
Ration Cards	An additional 50 lakh new white ration cards sanctioned as of now. Ration cards to all the eligible. White cards to around 2 crore families including the middle class.
Loan waiver	Rs.2,000 crore waived to beneficiaries who have taken loans through S.C., S.T., B.C., Minorities' Corporations.
Handloom Sector – Weavers	Rs.327 crore loans of handloom weavers waived. 3 lakh families benefited by loan waiver. Pensions to 1.5 lakh weavers. Budget rose to more than Rs.150 crore.
Pensions	Since the last five years, new pensions to 55 lakh. By 1st of every month, 71 lakh pensions regularly @Rs.200 each.



Education	University in every district. 17 new Universities established apart from specialized Universities. Several new Universities like IIT, IIIT, BITS established.
Fees Reimbursement for Students	For the first time in the country, 100% fee reimbursement to B.C., Minority, Poor among Upper castes (E.B.C) students including S.C. & S.Ts. Free Higher Education. Rs.2,500 crore allocation made towards fee reimbursement during 2009-10. 26 lakh students benefited as of now. 7 lakh EBC students would benefit additionally. With this Govt. will be bearing the burden of providing higher education to 85% of the students. (11 lakh B.Cs., 5 lakh S.Cs, 1.8 lakh S.Ts, 7.4 lakh minorities and 25,000 disabled...in total around 33 lakh students would benefit under the scheme.
Welfare Budget	In 2008-09, budget was allocated to welfare sector on a large scale at Rs,30,000 crore.
B.C.Budget	Rs.1,600 crore was allocated in 2008-09.
Minority Budget	Rs.200 crore allocated in 2008-09.
Mass Marriages	Mass marriages were conducted through T.T.D's Kalyanamasthu and to Minorities through Minority Department.
Development, Plan, Welfare sector, Capital	As per the latest R.B.I. Report, the State ranks 1st either in absolute terms or on per capita basis in development, plan, social,



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I.T. & I.T. Jobs.	New I.T. Policy formulated in 2005 for speedy progress and to reach top position in the country. Steps initiated for I.T. development in the cities like Visakhapatnam, Vijayawada, Tirupati, Warangal. 1,584 I.T. companies established as of now. 1.53 lakh jobs newly in I.T.sector. Rs.26,122 crore I.T.Exports in 2007-08
I.T.exports Percentage	Andhra Pradesh achieved 15% of the National exports. National growth rate is 32% and the State's growth rate recorded as 41%.
Industries	Fast industrialization in every district. Industrial development at cities like Visakhapatnam, Vijayawada, Tirupati and Warangal. According to R.B.I. report, our State ranked 2nd in the country in attracting investments in 2007-08.
Employment in Industries	Rs.16,700 crore investments from 2004 to 2008. 2.14 lakh jobs created. Some more industries being established and fast completing at a total investment of Rs.38,600 crore aimed at



	creating 1.3 lakhs jobs.
Subsidy Rice	Rice made available to 2 crore families @Rs.2 per kilo only. Government is bearing more than Rs.3,000 crore towards Rice subsidy.
Essential Commodities	Rice, Red gram and palm oil monthly essential commodities being supplied at Rs.103 only.
Local Bodies Duties-Funds	Janma Bhoomi-Nodal Agency cancelled. Rs.6,110 crore spent in the last four years itself.
Production	Agricultural production with 199 lakh M.Ts is a major achievement. The State regained its lost glory as Annapoorna. Farmers are well off and brimming with confidence.
Minimum Support Price Percentage	Price rise and percentage in MSP in the last five years- Paddy-Rs.350 (64% raise), Cotton-Rs.1075 (56% raise), Jowar, Sajja, Maize Rs.355 (66% raise), Pulses Rs.1150 (84% raise), Ground Nut Rs.700 (50% raise) and Sunflower Rs.965 (77% raise).

Universities	Government took a policy decision to establish one University in each district. 18 new Universities established including Veterinary, Horticulture universities as of now.
Educational Institutions	New educational institutions like I.I.T, IIIT, BITS Pilani established. I.T.education being imparted in 1,000 schools and computers



	supplied to Madras's.
Rural Education	World-class education being imparted in the Rajiv Gandhi Triple ITs to 6,000 rural students in I.T, Bio-technology, Nano-technology sectors. Free education to majority students. 11 Polytechnic colleges, 9 Junior Colleges, 31 Degree Colleges opened. As part of SUCCESS School education scheme, English Medium education with CBSE syllabus imparted besides computer training.
Jawahar Knowledge Centres	Training is being imparted to students of more than 1,000 vocational colleges as per the industrial needs, with the aim of creating employment to 5 lakh persons. Already training/placement provided to 60,000 students. Rural and backward class students are getting jobs employment in multi-national companies.
Community Colleges	Evening classes in Government Colleges/Universities...Diploma and Degree awards to working persons. Evening Polytechnic courses in the existing Engineering Colleges. Diploma seats in the State doubled. One I.T.I established in each of the constituency.
Education Budget	Rs.35,000 crore spent in the past five years.
Higher	Rs.1,500 crore in 2008-09 and Rs.2,383 crore



Education Budget	allocated for 2009-10.
Co-operative Sugar, Spinning Mills	5 closed Sugar Mills and 2 Cement plants were re-opened. The package of the State Government for merging BHPV in BHEL won accolades from employees and labour associations nationwide. Government jobs provided to 1,486 employees due to the closure of Allwyn based on their efficiency and utility. Pension facility to Allwyn employees on par with Government employees. Several Public Undertakings like APGENCO, RTC, Singareni company etc. are running in profit path with the support of the Government.
Rajiv Yuva Sakthi	80,000 youth trained in various sectors at a cost of Rs.21 crore. Rs.20 crore financial help extended to 4,540 weavers.
S.C.,S.T entrepreneurs	20% additional subsidy. Additional reimbursement at 0.25 paisa on power unit. 25% additional reimbursement on Sales Tax. Separate Trust established through which the entrepreneurs would be provided guarantee.
Rains	For the first time in the history ...Full rains in five years. All dams full of water continuously for five years. Water flows to tanks what were not full in twenty five years and heavy flows to Singur project that has not witnessed full waters for eight years. Plenty of Agricultural



	production and hydroelectricity generation.
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Other projects

Jala Yagnam-To irrigate 1,00,00,000 acres of land through construction of major, medium and minor irrigation projects.^[24] The program helped Andhra Pradesh make significant progress in areas of Sustainable Agriculture by making wastelands cultivable.

Election 2009

Reddy's major campaign slogan for the 2009 election was "Development and Credibility". He sought a mandate based on his past performance. He made no new election promises but vowed to continue and extend various ongoing schemes. The opposition parties had formed a 'Grand alliance' (mahakootami) comprising all the major opposition parties including, Telugu Desam Party (TDP), Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) and the communist parties. The TDP promised numerous inducements including free color televisions and the unique cash transfer scheme (CTS). There was also a new party Praja Rajyam Party (PRP) floated by a popular film star Chiranjeevi. Congress under the leadership of Reddy won the contest and came to power for a second time, winning 156 seats in the assembly while requiring 148 for a simple majority. Reddy's party also won 33 seats in parliament out of a total of



42 seats. This feat was seen as a very big victory for Reddy since he was able to come back to power for the second consecutive term against the odds of anti-incumbency.^[25] He became the Congress party's first incumbent chief minister since 1969 to win based on his performance.^[26] Reddy was sworn in as the chief minister for the term of 2009–2014 on 20 May 2009. The ceremony was held in Hyderabad's Lal Bahadur Shastri Stadium and was attended by a crowd of around 20,000 people.^[27]

Even as the election campaign by key leaders is yet to gather steam, political parties may find it tough to match the pace of Chief Minister Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy. Leaders of the other political parties including the main Opposition Telugu Desam and Praja Rajyam are still to get into full-fledged election mode owing to issues like candidate selection that remain unresolved so far. Given the acute shortage of time before the polling day, they may not be able to match Dr. Reddy in the number of tours he has undertaken even before they hit the road.

In the strict sense, Dr. Reddy's were not party tours, but he managed to reach out to voters in the districts to launch and publicise various schemes of his government. On an average, the Chief Minister visited each district 33 times from the time he assumed office in May 2004 till announcement of the poll schedule on March 2.

Dr. Reddy toured the districts 726 times! In effect, he spent a full two years of his five-year-long tenure in one district or the other, maybe not for the full day. His native district, Kadapa, accounts, perhaps understandably, for the maximum number of 52 visits. Ranga Reddy and Mahbubnagar



districts, which provided platforms for launch of a host of welfare schemes, came next with 42 visits each. Visits to faraway Vizianagaram district were lowest at 22 while Dr. Reddy visited 15 districts spread over the three regions at least 30 times each.

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