

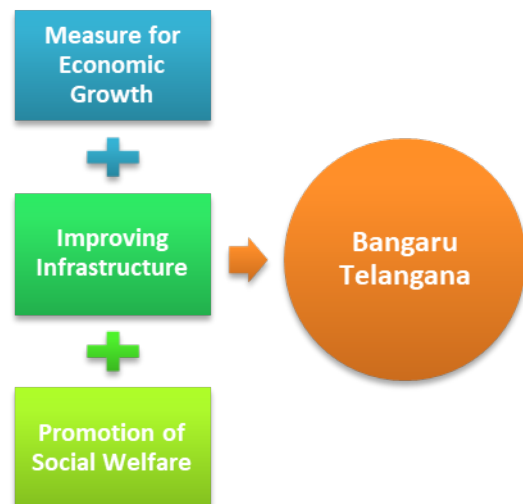
# Telangana: Ushering in the New Era

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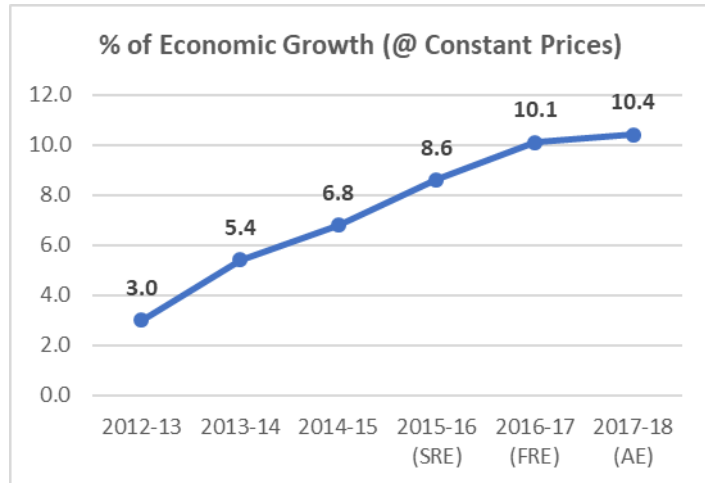
**Telangana**, the youngest State, started its progressive journey on 02 June 2014. The geographically unified Andhra Pradesh included three distinct regions, i.e., coastal Andhra, Rayalaseema and Telangana. Telangana has secured statehood through the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014 after a prolonged struggle against the unjust, deliberate neglect, discriminatory resource allocation, etc., with an overarching aim to ensure the pace of development and expansion of employment opportunities in Telangana.

The citizens of Telangana have genuine aspirations of development of their lives as well as the State's progress towards Bangaru Telangana. Citizens also aspire to see their State emerge peacefully/socially cohesive, culturally strong, economically ahead and ready to engage with the global economy. Keeping these aspirations in mind, the Government has embarked on a mission to overcome the legacy of deliberate neglect and create an enabling political, social, and economic environment, which promotes growth and overall human development.



At the time of State formation, Telangana inherited an awry economy with a very modest growth rate of 3-5%. Manufacturing sector even reeling under negative growth. There was acute power shortage – be it agriculture, industry or domestic. Even though the State started its journey under such circumstances, it was able to turn around the situation within short span.

Steps in right direction started yielding results from the very first year with significant growth of 12.0% (@ current prices). It continued to be pioneer in subsequent years and registered an impressive growth of 14.1% in 2017-18. The economic growth trajectory of State has surpassed the national growth of 11.0% in 2014-15 and maintained the same pace.



The Government is giving equal focus to the social sectors and is committed to the goal of inclusive development of all citizens. Based on the inputs received through Samagra Kutumba Survey, the Government has introduced various infrastructure, welfare and development-oriented reforms and measures/programmes/missions with adequate resources and flexibility to adopt better practices.

Some of the key policy decisions and flagship programmes of the Government, which are taking Telangana forward rapidly and making it frontrunner in development, are listed below with achievements. The policy prescriptions are derived from **Inclusive Development Model of Telangana** and might help other States to emulate the same.

Table: Reforms/Programmes with Achievements of Telangana

Transformative Reforms/ Programmes	Main Objectives*	Achievements/Key Outcomes	Policy Prescriptions
<b>Governance</b>			
District Reorganisation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Achieving citizen-centric governance by bringing it closer to people</li> <li>Reducing average size and population per District</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Average size = 3,608 Sq.Km; Average population = 10.61 Lakhs</li> <li>Enhanced access to officials/administration</li> <li>Increased efficiency of programmes leading to universal coverage</li> </ul>	Districts with high population creates hurdle in programme implementation leaving little scope for local solutions/customisation
Telangana Panchayati Raj Act, 2018 and revision in Municipal Acts (in process)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Achieving impactful Local Self-Governance (LSG) at grassroots</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Almost every village has a statutory Gram Panchayat</li> <li>Empowered LSG with accountability towards citizens; fulfilling their aspirations with transparency</li> </ul>	LSG should be endowed with adequate devolution of 3Fs (Funds, Functions and Functionaries)
<b>Agriculture &amp; Rural Sector</b>			
Rayathu Bandhu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reducing burden of cultivators through input purchase assistance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>50 Lakh+ cultivators received support</li> </ul>	Efficient way of supporting farming community instead of loan-waiver trap benefiting mostly rich farmers and discouraging honest repayment
Rayathu Bima	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensuring financial security</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10,000+ families benefited</li> </ul>	Tremendous impact on the lives of bereaved families and helping their livelihoods

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Mission Kakatiya	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Restoring minor irrigation sources/tank restoration</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Four phases</li> <li>27,742 tanks taken-up</li> <li>17,859 tanks completed</li> <li>12.47 Lakh acres of ayacut stabilised</li> </ul>	<p>To be planned combinedly for optimum utilisation of available resources – first attempting for low hanging fruits</p>
Irrigation (Kaleshwaram and Other Projects)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increasing Irrigation Potential (IP)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>50.80 Lakh acres of IP to be created at completion of all projects benefiting 20 Districts</li> </ul>	
Free 24X7 Power Supply	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensuring continuous power supply</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Extended crucial support to farmers dependent on groundwater for irrigation</li> </ul>	
<b>Health</b>			
KCR Kit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reduce Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) and Maternal Mortality Rate (MMR) while encouraging institutional deliveries</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“Achiever Category” in NITI Aayog’s National Health Index</li> <li>4.70 Lakh+ kits distributed</li> <li>IMR and MMR brought down to 31 and 80 respectively (lower than national average)</li> <li>Institutional deliveries in public facilities increased to 52.5%</li> </ul>	<p>Quality kit for new-born with financial support to mother goes a long way</p>
Kanti Velugu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Achieving “avoidable blindness free” status</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Three Lakh+ people screened</li> <li>35,000+ given spectacles</li> <li>51,000+ referred for further check-ups</li> </ul>	<p>Word “Avoidable” is significant as many economically marginalised people tend to ignore early signs</p>

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Aarogyasri	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improve access of BPL families to quality medical care</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assisted 24.54 Lakh+ out-patients and 15.14 Lakh+ in-patients</li> </ul>	Expansion of infrastructure with competent manpower	
<b>Infrastructure</b>				
Mission Bhagiratha	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provision of safe drinking water to all</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Covers 2.72 crore people (65.29 Lakh households)</li> <li>98% of transmission and distribution systems through gravity</li> </ul>	Water grid (combining maximum habitations) with shared infrastructure for optimum utilisation of surface water	
2 BHK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Providing dignity to poor by providing 100% subsidised housing</li> </ul>	<b>Particulars</b>	<b>Units</b>	Rationale land-use policy, land pooling, Corporate Social Responsibility, etc., can give boost to construction
		Administrative sanctions	2.29 Lakh	
		Tender finalised	1.62 Lakh	
		Grounded Completed	1.23 Lakh 4,200+	
Strategic Road Development Project & Hyderabad Metro Rail	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Access to safe and speedy urban transportation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2,000 Kms. of roads consisting 5 skyways, 11 major corridors and 50 grid separators</li> <li>Three corridors (total 72 Kms with 65 stations) catering 15 Lakh+ passengers</li> </ul>	Integrated planning for all mode of transportation leads towards efficiency	
<b>Economy</b>				
TS-iPass	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Creating investor friendly environment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Secured top rank in Ease of Doing Business (EoDB)-2016</li> <li>72.04% applications approved</li> </ul>	Use of Information Technology, Business Process Reengineering, scrapping outdated laws/rules and	

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		within timeline from total 20,982 since Apr-2016 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attracted 1 Lakh Crore+ investment</li> </ul>	mainly trusting entrepreneurs
T-Hub	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pioneering innovation ecosystem powering next-generation products and business models</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provided 1100+ national and international start-ups with access to better technology, talent, investors, customers</li> </ul>	
<b>Environment and Culture</b>			
Telangana Ku Haritha Haram	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Achieve 33% of green cover</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Planted 62.63 Crore plants till Jul-2017</li> </ul>	Creating a people's movement
Celebrating Festivals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promoting indigenous culture</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sense of pride among citizens</li> </ul>	Retaining cultural identity is the core of development

\* = Stated objectives are rephrased based on understanding for this paper

**Source/Reference:** Official websites of Government of Telangana/ Government Departments and respective programmes/schemes.

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