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Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri K. Chandrashekar Rao on Wednesday called upon the State administration to be more pro-active to ensure benefits of the re-organisations of the districts in the State reached the people. He said re-organization of the districts was done to decentralize administrative wings so that the fruits of development and welfare schemes reached the beneficiaries without fail.

The Chief Minister was speaking at the inaugural session of the District Collectors' Conference held at Pragathi Bhavan here, in which Ministers, Chief Secretary, District Collectors, Joint Collector's, Police Commissioners, Superintendents of Police, heads of the departments and other senior officials concerned were present.

"In the past several governments with different ideologies implemented many programmes and schemes. But yet, there is a simmering discontentment among the people. We have to find out the reason for it and where exactly things went wrong. We have to identify what exactly the people need and try to find solutions. If the discontent among the people crosses its limits, then, some vested interests may take an undue advantage of it. In this background, the official machinery should think in an innovative and creative way. There is a need to bring in a tangible change among the people, change for the better. There is nothing impossible for us to rectify discrepancies in the society. People are not mere beneficiaries of government funds. Money will not solve all the problems. Good policies and programmes should come and change people in the society for better. The TS iPASS policy gave a wonderful boost to the industrial policy in the State. About 2500 industries have come to the state. Under Mission Kakatiya programme we are reviving and revitalizing our water bodies. Under Haritha Haram programme we are increasing the green cover in the state by leaps and bounds. We have successfully clamped on the gambling with playing cards and illicit liquor sale. There is a need to provide an alternative employment to the women, hitherto, involved in the manufacture of the illicit liquor. The State has become No.1 in the implementation of welfare schemes. We are spending more than Rs.30,000 Crore on this. We are successful in eradicating all the social evils. With the same spirit all the government programmes and policies should be implemented," the CM explained.

Elaborating on the re-organisation of districts, the Chief Minister said, “For more efficiency in the administration, we have re-organized the districts and each district on an average has about 3 to 4 lakh households. The district collectors and SPs concerned should have all the data about their district. The district annual plan should be prepared based on the socio-economic-geographic and other district specific needs and resources. All districts need not have a one common blue print for the annual plan. Know your district, plan your district is the motto. The plan should be made in tune with the locally available resources, needs and demands of the people. This resource-specific planning should happen in each district,” the CM instructed.

Stating that works under Mission Kakatiya programme are doing well, the Chief Minister said, “Due to good amount of rains received there is water in abundance. Now it is the time to encourage pisciculture. Mission Kakatiya works should be monitored on a regular basis. There should also be a constant monitoring of the schemes and programmes meant for the SC/ST/BCs. Find out what is the status of assigned lands given in the past. Action plan should be prepared to bring them under cultivation. Many national Highways are sanctioned. We have to extend cooperation for these projects. Land acquisition for both highways and other projects should be taken up.”

Referring to the demonetization of higher denomination of the currency notes by the Centre, the CM reiterated that like other states, the policy has also affected the State. “We have no option but to go for total cashless financial transactions in the State. Attempts are being made to make Siddipet Assembly Constituency area as totally cashless transaction place. This model should be replicated in other districts too. More and more transactions should be done with credit and debit cards, mobile apps and other digital formats. Ordinary people should be made aware of the cashless transactions. More swiping machines and ATMs should be made available in the rural areas. I have been talking to the bankers and I want you to have periodical meetings with the bankers to evolve strategies. The idea is to make the state totally cashless in the near future. Very soon T-Wallet will be in place. Involve teachers, lawyers, students in educating the general mass on the cashless transactions,” the CM said.

Coming back to the districts re-organisations, the Chief Minister said since the geographical size of the district has become short, it would be easier to monitor the administration. “Facilities and services in the government hospitals should improve since for each bed in these hospitals, the government is spending Rs.5,000 per month. We have increased the budget for procuring medicines. Government hospitals should perform well and the Collectors should ensure this,” the CM remarked.

On the land registrations, the Chief Minister said that instructions have already been issued to register Sada Bainama lands free of cost. "We are giving permission to treat Agriculture lands under Hyderabad, HMDA and Warangal as Sada Bainama lands," he said.

He also suggested that crematoria should be created in the villages and where there is a sizable Muslim and Christian population, burial grounds should be established. Cremation and burial grounds can be established by using funds available under MGNREGP. Donations can also be raised from the philanthropists. "Take this programme on a priority basis. Every village should be clean and tidy. In all the rural and urban areas dumping yards should be created," the CM desired.

On the availability of funds, the Chief Minister said about Rs.3 crore funds would be placed with each district collector. Powers will be given to the district collectors to utilise these funds for an emergency work and other important issues. Utilise the constituency development funds of the Legislators and Parliament members. Focus on improving conditions in hospitals and hostels," the CM pointed out.

Referring to the on-going Haritha Haram programme, the Chief Minister said under the programme an effort is made to increase the green cover in the State. "Indiscriminate felling of trees has decreased the forest cover in the State. Now we want to increase it by 33 per cent area in the State. Have proper coordination with the forest officials. Review the status of the plant nurseries, monitor them. Ensure the trees are grown near the national highways and talk to the agencies concerned in this regard," he said.

On the grievances day, the Chief Minister said it should not be treated as a mere formality. "Ensure that all the complains received on the grievances day are attend to and solved. Speed up the construction of new godowns in the State. Law and Order situation in the state has improved substantially. SHE teams are doing a great job and we have initiated several steps in the RTC buses for the women commuter's safety. Form SHE Teams in the district too. If the Collectors, SPs and Joint Collectors in the district concerned work with team spirit, we will get good results and people will get many benefits," the Chief Minister exhorted.

The CM also wanted officials concerned not to harass trade License holders about the transactions they did in the past. He also wanted the officials not to tax the trade License holders based on the past years transactions.

At the Collectors Conference, Deputy CM Sri Mohammed Ali delivered the opening remarks. Chief Secretary Sri K Pradeep Chandra spoke on the aims and objectives and

has set the agenda for the Conference. Finance Secretary Sri Ramakrishna Rao spoke on the demonetization policy, while Siddipet Collector Sri Venkatram Reddy spoke on the measures taken to make Siddipet Assembly Segment as cashless Constituency. Hyderabad CP Sri M Mahender Reddy spoke on SHE teams.

Collectors' Conference: Afternoon Session

Hon'ble Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao released the CDs/booklets on guidelines of know Your District; Plan your district at the Collectors Conference.

The Collectors individually have explained their experiences at the ground level in the district for the past two months since the reorganisation of the districts.

Responding, the Chief Minister said that the cropping pattern in the State should be redesigned based on the soil condition, its characteristics, weather conditions and local situations. Which crop is best suited for the land should be arrived at based on the rate of rain fall, availability of water, type of soil etc. Soil testing should be done to find out what type of crop is best suited for the land.

Horticulture crops should be encouraged in the urban areas and guidelines to be formulated about the type of crops to be raised in the lands under various Irrigation projects in the State. In coordination with the officials in the agriculture department, crop planning should be done in the districts, the CM said. All the repair works on SRSP canal should be completed by the time Kaleswaram project is ready.

Stating that district level plan is necessary to make the State's annual budget, the Chief Minister asked the Collectors to send District Plans based on the needs and requirements of the each district.

On the people living in tribal areas in the State, the Chief Minister said that a majority of the people living in the agency areas are being subjected to frequent illness due to lack of nutritious food. The State Cultural Council should launch a campaign in these areas on the need to take nutritious food and having good healthy habits. He wanted special allowance to be given to doctors working in the remote tribal areas. Special plans to be prepared for the SC/ST dominated districts and RTC buses should ply to these areas. He also wanted the officials to examine setting up of vegetable market at Gudepad in Warangal rural district and a Mirchi Yard at Narasampet.

On developing Warangal city, the Chief Minister wanted it should not be developed in a haphazard way the Hyderabad was developed. "We have put a special focus on

Warangal to make it second largest city after Hyderabad. We have already sanctioned Rs 300 crore for its development and these funds should be utilised properly. We have established several educational institutions. Plan a ring road for the city. Construct a health University integrating KMCC and Central jail. Since it is selected under Heritage, Amruth and Smart City categories, spend funds released under these categories for the development of the city. Set up vegetable and non-veg food markets in a scientific way. Set up new storage units. Have separate veg and non-veg markers in all the corporations. We will also put pressure on the Centre to develop Mannanur Airport, the Chief Minister said.

Women and Child Welfare Commissioner Ms Vakati Karuna spoke about the advantages of women having their deliveries at the government hospitals. Responding to this, the Chief Minister said there are adequate facilities in the government hospitals for performing deliveries. Instead of rushing to the private hospitals and spending a lot of money, women, especially from the poorer sections of the society should be encouraged to go to the government hospitals. He wanted elected representatives and officials to educate the women and wanted a campaign to be launched to create awareness on this. He also asked the people to utilise the mortuary vans available at the government hospitals whenever the need arises.

The Chief Minister wanted more encouragement should be given for the fish breeding in lakes, reservoirs in the State. He also wanted all the dilapidated rooms and buildings of the government schools should be rebuilt and toilet facilities should be created in all the educational institutions. He wanted officials concerned to take action against child labour and child marriage in Gadwal district where the incidence is more. Special focus on health and education should be given to Jayashankar Bhoopalpally district.

The other suggestions given by the Chief Minister include identify sites for the setting up of integrated Collectors complexes, SP offices and multishop complexes in the district head quarters. Identify human resource in the district; train them to educate people on the cashless transaction system, use of credit and debit cards, mobile apps and other digital formats. To establish one BC Residential School in the district, identify the land. While accepting the Sada Bainama lands and registering them free of cost, relax the strict conditions imposed therein. Based on the transactions done on the plain paper, regularise the agriculture lands and change the ownership names accordingly.

The Chief Minister asked the officials concerned to use PD Act against those supplying fake seed and fertilizer. He also wanted to put a stop to the adulteration of food items. He asked the officials to form squads and be alert on the Khammam district, which is in border with the neighbouring State.

In Mahabubabad district where SCs and STs are more than 50 per cent in population, better medical facilities should be organised on a war footing. He also wanted the officials take steps to put an end unnecessary hysterectomy operations being held in the rural areas. Awareness on this should be created among the rural women, the CM said.

Some of the suggestions given by Honourble Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao at the Collectors' Conference today included appointment of one agronomist in every Assembly Constituency. School uniforms, hospital bed sheets and all the cloth requirements of the Government departments to be sourced from Handloom sector only.

Funds from MGNREGA, Corporate Social Responsibility, funds from the elected representatives Constituency development fund should be utilised to create infrastructure facilities in the schools. Ministers and Collectors should pay more attention to this.

To encourage SC beneficiaries to go in for commercial crops under Green Houses, the SC Corporation should arrange for the 25 per cent of the margin money while the rest 75 per cent is given as subsidy by the government.

To restore the past glory of Vikarabad area, medicinal plantation should be taken up on a big scale by the Forest department. Saplings from Dehradun should be brought in to make Vikarabad area as the medicinal plantation hub.

Plans should be made in Hyderabad and other Corporation areas to encourage commercial crops. Youth in the State should be trained in different skills to help them gainful employment here only.

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