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Hon'ble Governor Sri ESL. Narasimhan on Sunday has showered praises on Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri K. Chandrashekar Rao, his team and good governance of Telangana Government for the past 31 months. The Governor was speaking at Raj Bhavan, when the Chief Minister along with Cabinet colleagues, Bureaucrats, Legislators, and other Senior Officers, met him to greet him on the occasion of New year.

Reeling out a series of achievements and innovations that the KCR government has ushered in the Telangana State, Sri Narasimhan said, " I have not heard of any Chief Minister who listens to the advice of others if it is for the benefit of the State and its people. Moreover, once KCR makes up his mind, there is no going back, come what may."

Wishing that the Telangana state will stand as No.1 in the country in all aspects, the Governor said under the dynamic leadership of Sri Chandrashekar Rao, 2017 would be the year of achievement.

Tracing the 31 months progress of the Telangana Government, the Governor has expressed his happiness over the planning and execution of various programmes. "We have completed 31 months in the government. Our targets and priorities are well defined. Our planning and execution of many welfare programmes for the poor are commendable," he said.

Referring to the Mission Bhagiratha Programme, the Governor said the programme is aimed at providing drinking water to every household, "To fetch a pail of water." The Mission Bhagiratha programme has received several compliments. Prime Minister Sri Narendra Modi has inaugurated the first phase of the project. By this New Year end, Mission Bhagiratha may well reach its target. This is something that should be complimented," Sri Narasimhan observed.

On Mission Kakatiya, the Governor said the benefits of several irrigation schemes; projects and programmes launched by the government will bear fruit shortly. "Thankfully, nature is also kind to us. There is abundant water. Mission Kakatiya's two phases are over. The State will have adequate water for the irrigation," he said.

The rapid strides that the Telangana State made in the power sector are something the Governor found to be amazing. “This is a spectacular development. There were apprehensions that the new State of Telangana would experience darkness due to the crisis in the power generation and supply. But KCR has turned it around and to everyone’s disbelief; he could tide over the crisis and make the State without power cuts. He did what our ancient wisdom says: Tamasoma Jyothirgamaya!” (Lead from darkness to light). In other words, KCR has redefined the meaning of the word “Darkness”, the Governor remarked.

On the Information Technology front, Sri Narasimhan has all praise for the rapid innovations and policies made by the government. “I particularly compliment IT Minister Sri KT Rama Rao for making the State as No.1 in the Information Technology sector. It was often thought that the IT Technology is meant for elite class and elitist. But the State government policies have turned it around and made IT available for the common man. IT is being used by common man for several day-to-day requirements. It is also used effectively in several social welfare measures and policies. IT is helping the benefits of the government reach to the genuine beneficiaries. It also helps to monitor the programmes that they reach the last mile.

On the T-Hub, the Governor said it is one of its kind in the world and it is talked about in several other countries including the US. “People have brilliant ideas and the T-Hub will help innovators to realise their dreams and put their ideas to practice. I am sure by this year end, some of the innovators and their ideas from the T-Hub will reach to the world.”

Expressing his total satisfaction over the law and order front, the Governor has complimented the Telangana State Police for their yeoman services, dedication and commitment. With the help of latest Technological advances, the TS Police not only maintained the law and order in the State but also made Hyderabad as tension-free.

The Governor also has a word of praise for the State Government’s Industrial Policy and the Ease of Doing Business. “The proactive policies have attracted huge investments into the State. These investments will now create more jobs for the unemployed.

In his entire impromptu address to the visiting dignitaries, the Governor has particularly picked upon the team spirit with which the entire government is functioning from the Chief Minister to the lowest rung employee. “I appreciate KCR for imbibing team spirit among his colleagues, bureaucrats and others. The entire government is working and

functioning as a good team. KCR and his team are like one family discharging their duties with utmost commitment and dedication,” Sri Narasimhan said.

The Governor also has a word of advice. He wanted the eradication of corruption at every level in the government and in society. “This is what exactly, the state government is doing. Once the corruption is eradicated, people will get the benefit. Projects will be completed on time and in an expeditious way. Everyone involved in the government should work towards a corrupt free society, which is non-negotiable,” the Governor said.

Urging the bureaucrats to rise to the occasion, the Governor said, “What the good you do today, you will be doing for the next several decades. It is laying a strong foundation for decades to come. All should cooperate with the Chief Minister and help him realise his goals for the State.”

The Governor also wished people in the Telangana State a splendid and fantastic New Year ahead, congratulated and thanked the Chief Minister for his wonderful leadership.

Earlier, the Chief Minister’s Camp Office Pragathi Bhavan is flooded with visitors who came to greet Sri Chandrashekar Rao on the New Year day. TS legislative Council Chairman Sri Swamy Goud, Deputy CMs Sri Kadiyam Srihari, Sri Mohammed Mahmood Ali, TRS Party secretary General Dr K. Keshav Rao, several ministers MLAs, Council Members, MPs, IAS, IPS Officers met the CM.

TSPSC Chairman Prof. Ghanta Chakrapani, Member Sri C. Vital, BC Commission Chairman Sri BS. Ramulu, Members Sri Vakulabharanam Krishna Mohan, SC, ST Commission Chairman, TS Transco, Genco Chairman and MDs, Hyderabad City Deputy Mayor, senior bureaucrats including SRI SP. Singh, who became the Chief Secretary, CMO officials, State government officials from New Delhi, TNGO, TGO and Power Employees trade unions representatives, film personalities, officials from all the state departments, and host of who’s who have come to greet the Chief Minister.

Later, the Chief Minister went to Raj Bhavan to meet the Governor. Along with the Chief Minister, his Cabinet Colleagues, MLAs, MPs, Senior Bureaucrats, IPS officers went to the Raj Bhavan.

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