New Agricultural Schemes- Andhra Pradesh

1. YSR Jagananna Saswatha Bhoomi Hakku-Bhoo Rakshana Scheme

YSR Jagananna Saswatha Bhoomi Hakku-Bhoo Rakshana scheme is launched for land protection of the residents of the state. It tends to protect the entitled ownership and rights of the residents. This scheme was initially announced and the pilot project was started in Krishna district in a village named Thakkellapadu. On December 21, 2020, CM officially laid the boundary stone for this pilot project. This scheme is basically launched to remove the irregularities and bring transparency in land matters. It is mainly a solution for maintaining the records related to ownerships of land properties. It will tend to reduce the property disputes which are prevalent. On April 22, 2021 CM held a review meeting regarding the scheme so as to ensure the process is corruption free and easy for farmers.

Scheme Objectives and Benefits:

- > The scheme aims to claim ownership and maintain records of all the residential property owned
- ➤ Land titling card will be a proof of ownership to the property holders
- > These cards can be produced as security and this will enable the holder to get loan
- ➤ Use of technology in villages will lead to rural and urban development
- > It aims to reducing disputes in villages over property issues
- ➤ Property ownership will give the rural youth self-confidence thereby making them self-reliant

Key Points:

YSR Jagananna Saswatha Bhoomi Hakku-Bhoo Rakshana Scheme is launched by the Andhra Pradesh government mainly for tracing property ownership and reducing the property disputes in rural areas

- ➤ This scheme is implemented through Survey of Villages and Mapping with Improvised Modern Technology and Drone Technology
- ➤ Under this scheme land titling cards will be issued to the property owners after tracing the ownership
- ➤ The scheme was initially implemented in Thakkellapadu village in Krishna district, as a pilot project
- ➤ About 4500 survey teams are set up for this scheme
- ➤ Under this scheme, the property owner should reach out to the department with all the documents entitling the details of the land along with Aadhaar card, then proper location of the property will be traced and based on verification and social audit, the land title will be given to the owner
- ➤ With the implementation of this scheme the land owner will get the legal rights of his property even if he doesn't have the papers/ documents to claim his property
- ➤ CM held a review meeting on April 22, 2021 on this scheme to ensure things are going well and the process is corruption free
- ➤ He also advised the officials to ensure accuracy during the survey
- > Sub registrar offices will be set up in the villages where land survey is completed
- Currently land survey in 51 villages will be completed by the month of July
- ➤ Survey using drone is completed in 545 villages and will be completed by January, 2022
- ➤ Second phase of the land survey will start in February, 2022 and is planned to be completed by October, 2022
- ➤ Third phase of the land survey will start in November, 2022 and will be completed by April, 2023
- ➤ Once the survey under this scheme covering the entire state finish by 2023, thereby the property deed will be issued to the owners directly
- > Due to this scheme land owners will be able to use their land as their assets and thereby can be used for taking loans from banks
- > This scheme will denote ownership of the land and will avoid illegal capture of property by any third person.
- ➤ Property ownership will give the rural youth self-confidence thereby making them self-reliant.

2. YSR Sunna Vaddi Scheme

YSR Zero Interest Crop scheme launched on April 20, 2021. Under this scheme farmers were provided crop loans up to Rs. 1 lakh during the rabi season (2019-20). This scheme covers the farmers who availed crop loans up to Rs. 1 lakh and repaid the same within 1 year. CM disbursed the interest subsidy amount directly in the bank accounts of the 6.27 lakh farmers. Total amount disbursed is Rs. 128.47 crores. This scheme is launched in the state for the welfare of the farmers thereby relieving them from the vicious debt circle.

Objectives and Benefits:

- ➤ The main objective of the scheme is welfare of the farmers across the state
- ➤ Under this scheme, interest subsidy is provided to the farmers availing crop loans and repaying the same within 1 year
- ➤ It aims to free the farmers from the vicious circle of money lenders rather government will directly provide them interest subsidy on loans taken
- ➤ Loans provided under this scheme are interest free/ zero interest basis
- Burden of interest will be borne by the government
- > Repayment of loans will be in easy installments
- ➤ It aims at welfare and benefit of the farmers in the state

Scheme Details:

- > YSR Zero Interest Crop loan is launched by the CM YS Jagan Mohan Reddy
- ➤ This scheme is mainly launched for the farmers across the state
- ➤ Under this scheme all the farmers who take crop loans up to Rs. 1 lakh and repay the same within 1 year will be covered
- > Interest subsidy will be provided to the beneficiary farmers under this scheme
- ➤ On April 20, 2021 CM disbursed interest subsidies into total 6.27 lakh beneficiary farmers accounts directly
- > Total of Rs. 128.47 crores were disbursed by the CM as interest subsidy
- ➤ The interest burden is borne by the state government itself
- ➤ If the beneficiary repays the loan on time the government will reimburse the interest amount is the basic concept of the scheme
- > It aims at relieving the farmers from the vicious debt circles

> Financial assistance through this scheme aims at benefit and welfare of the farmers in the state

3. Jagananna Jeeva Kranthi Scheme

Andhra Pradesh government launched 'Jagananna Jeeva Kranthi Scheme' on December 10, 2020. The main aim of the scheme is to empower women and to provide them with social stability. Through this scheme government will provide sheep and goat units to the women belonging to SC, ST, BC categories in the state. It will operate in 3 scheduled phases. This scheme will enable the women to earn for living thereby improving their standard of living. It will make them self-reliant and thus they can also support their families.]

Scheme Objectives and Benefits:

- ➤ The main objective of the scheme is to empower the women
- ➤ This scheme aims to provide social stability to women
- > It also aims at assisting the dairy and animal husbandry sector of the state
- ➤ This scheme will also help and benefit the framers
- ➤ It aims to encourage the financial stability of women across the state.
- ➤ It will better the way of living of these women and their families.
- ➤ It will boost the economy of the state in the long run.

Key Points:

- ➤ Jagananna Jeeva Kranthi scheme is newly introduced by the Andhra Pradesh government
- ➤ It was launched virtually by CMO Andhra Pradesh, Mr. YS Jagan Mohan Reddy on December 10, 2020
- ➤ This scheme covers women in the age group of 45-60 years and belonging to SC, ST and BC categories in the state
- ➤ Under this scheme beneficiary women would get sheep and goat units
- These units would be provided for rearing
- About 2.49 lakh sheep and goat units will be provided and each unit would consist of 15 sheeps/ goats with 1 ram/ billy in it
- ➤ It will not only hep the women but will also help the farmers

- ➤ In case if a beneficiary woman wants to buy sheep/ goat on her own then the state government would provide suggestions for the same
- > Training centres will also be set up by the government in Dhone of Kurnool district and Penugonda of Anantapur district
- ➤ This scheme will function in 3 phases
- ➤ In the first phase 20,000 units will be distributed staring from December 10 till March 2021
- ➤ In the second phase 1,30,000 units will be distributed starting from April 2021 to August 2021
- ➤ In the third phase 99,000 units will be distributed starting from September 2021 to December 2021
- ➤ Estimated outlay for this scheme is Rs. 1869 crore
- ➤ State government also has signed MOUs with Reliance, Allana Group, Amul, HUL, Procter & Gamble and ITC
- ➤ This is mainly to assist and empower women
- > It will thus contribute in betterment and welfare.

4. Free Crop Insurance Scheme

Andhra Pradesh government has come up with a new scheme for the benefit of the farmers across the state. CMO Andhra Pradesh, Mr. YS Jagan Mohan Reddy, announced the implementation of the Free Crop Insurance scheme in the scheme. Under this scheme an insurance is provided to the farmers for the upcoming Kharif season. This insurance is provided to the farmers for free along with physical verification of crops and easy enrollment process.

Scheme Objectives:

- ➤ The main objective of the scheme is to provide a protection to the crops of the farmers
- > This protection/cover is provided to the farmers for free
- ➤ It aims to cover all the farmers across the state.
- ➤ The scheme aims to provide a cover of protection to the farmers against all the excessive climate changes, natural calamities and unprecedented events.
- ➤ Enrollment is easy under the scheme, just a token of Re. 1 will be charged.
- ➤ This free insurance will prove to be a boon to the farmers in the upcoming Kharif season
- > This scheme enables the overall agricultural development

Key Points:

- ➤ Free crop insurance scheme is announced and implemented by the Andhra Pradesh government for the assistance of farmers in the state
- ➤ Implementation of this scheme was announced on October 9, 2020 by CM YS Jagan Mohan Reddy while addressing the public at Jammalamadugu
- ➤ Under this free insurance will be provided to the farmers for the upcoming kharif season
- ➤ The farmers will pay only Re. 1 as a token amount for enrollment under the scheme
- ➤ Along with this free insurance, physical verification of crops will also be provided to the farmers
- ➤ Enrollment process will be kept as simple and hassle free as possible
- ➤ Thus, the scheme aims to provide a free cover of protection to the farmers against all the excessive climate changes, natural calamities and unprecedented events.
- > CM made an announcement for this earlier this year during YSR Rythu Dinotsavam
- ➤ He also distributed insurance enrollment receipts as a mark of launch
- ➤ Estimated claims to be made after implementation of the scheme could go up to Rs. 1,801 crores
- ➤ State government has also ensured MSP for the farmers.

5. YSR Jala Kala Scheme

Andhra Pradesh government launched 'YSR Jala Kala Scheme' On September 28, 2020 for the farmers across the state. This scheme is launched basically for the needy and eligible farmers across the state. Under this scheme, the farmers get the benefit of free borewells drilled from the government. Currently this scheme is implemented in all the 13 districts of the state. The main aim of this scheme is to solve the issue of shortage of water for agriculture and irrigation. The farmer without any borewell and 2.5 acres continuous land is eligible under the scheme. Farmers can apply online and offline under the scheme. A separate dedicated portal is devised for this scheme by the state government.

Official Website: ysrjalakala.ap.gov.in

Scheme Objectives and Benefits:

- The main objective of this scheme is to help solve the water issues faced by the farmers in the state
- ➤ Under the scheme, free borewells will be drilled for the farmers
- ➤ This will help utilize the groundwater available
- ➤ If one borewell fails the farmer will get one more chance to get the borewell drilled
- ➤ This borewell will lead to help in irrigation which is much needed for agriculture
- > Small and marginal farmers and SC/ST/Women farmers will be
- Easy online and offline application is available for the farmers under this scheme

Eligibility:

- ➤ Any farmer without an existing borewell with a land ownership of 2.5 crores
- ➤ In case of lack of 2.5 acres land, a group can be formed to apply
- ➤ Preference will be given to small and marginal farmers as well as SC/ST/Women farmers

How to Apply:

- ➤ The applicant can apply via online or offline mode
- ➤ For applying offline, the applicant has to visit the office of Secretariat.
- Fill in the form with the required details like name, address, land details, crop details, etc
- > Submit the duly filled in form along with the required documents in the office
- ➤ The VRO will verify the application and forward it to the concerned APD/MPDO for generating estimate
- ➤ Then the PD will take the administrative approval form the District Collector/JC, Aasara and assign the work to drilling contractor
- ➤ Information regarding the sanction of borewells will be communicated to the applicants at each stage through SMS
- For applying Online, the applicant has to visit @ ysrjalakala.ap.gov.in
- Click on apply for borewell option on the homepage
- ➤ Enter Aadhaar no. and OTP for verification
- Then the application form is displayed
- ➤ Enter the required details like district, village, panchayat, etc
- ➤ Then fill in land details, total acres owned, etc and submit
- ➤ In case of any issues while filling the form, applicant can contact the village secretariat

- ➤ After verification of the submitted form, a drilling contractor will be assigned for conducting a survey of the ground water levels
- ➤ For this survey, a qualified geologist will be appointed and he will be responsible to submit a feasibility report to the concerned ADP/MPDO for generating estimate
- ➤ PD will ten take an approval from District Collector/JC, Aasara
- Digital photograph with geotag will be taken by the concerned authorities along with beneficiary in the presence of drilling contractor after competition of drilling
- ➤ Construction of recharge pit or water harvesting structure will be taken up at the borewell site
- ➤ If one borewell fails the farmer will get chance for second borewell drilling

Key Points:

- ➤ Under this scheme the farmer will get the benefit of free borewells drilled for irrigation and solving the overall water issues
- Farmers can apply through online or offline process
- Proper verification will be conducted for the ground water levels
- Drilling contract will be assigned to a drilling contractor
- ➤ Information at each stage will be given to the farmer through SMS
- ➤ Depth of borewell drilled will be measured with advanced IoT enabled equipment
- ➤ Social audit will be conducted for all the borewells drilled
- ➤ A Programme Management Unit (PMU) will be set up at the headquarters for effectively monitoring the entire process
- District Collectors will guide and direct all the stakeholders for overall management
- For any query of difficulty in the process the applicant can call on the toll-free no. 1902.

6. Agriculture Electricity Cash Transfer Scheme

Andhra Pradesh government issued guidelines regarding Agriculture Electricity Cash Transfer Scheme, which is planned to be launched in the state. This scheme is about to be implemented from the financial year 2021-22. Under this scheme free power supply will be provided to the agriculture sector. All the processing will be done virtually. Government will install smart meters to all agricultural power connections and the bill amount will be credited to the bank accounts of the farmers.

Scheme Objectives and Benefits:

- ➤ The main objective of the scheme is to benefit the farming sector
- ➤ It aims at providing assistance in electricity bill payment
- This scheme will enable free power supply to the agricultural sector
- ➤ This will lessen the financial burden on the farmers
- ➤ It will enable the farmers to use this scheme's benefit along with the already existing free power scheme

Scheme Details:

- The scheme will be available to all the farmers across the state
- ➤ Government will set up smart meters to all the agricultural power connections. Estimated cost of this installation is Rs. 1,500 crores
- ➤ This installation will be as a part of centre suggested reforms which will enable a 2% hike in the borrowing limit under FRBM act up to an additional amount of Rs. 20,000 crores to the state as loan.
- ➤ Under this scheme, farmers will be required to open separate bank accounts
- ➤ Government will credit the bill amount directly to these bank accounts
- Accordingly, the farmer will pay the same amount to the applicable power distribution company in the area.
- Farmers will not have to pay their own money, rather government will pay for it.

Key Points:

- ➤ Agriculture electricity cash transfer scheme is about to be implemented from the year 2021-22
- Andhra Pradesh government has estimated the bill expenditure as about Rs. 8,400 crores per annum.
- ➤ This scheme will function as aligned with the already existing Free power scheme.
- Free power scheme was introduced in 2004 and is functioning since then.
- ➤ Currently 10,000 MW solar power plants are being developed under the existing government so as to provide free power to the agricultural sector for the next 30 years.
- ➤ Government was spending Rs. 1700 crores to improve the transmission system so as to supply power for 9 hours during daytime.
- Agriculture Minister stated that, there won't be any change in the existing free power scheme.

➤ In 2020-21 the agriculture power connections were 18.72 lakes by the end of March but the current order states that the total is 17.55 lakes.

7. YSR Rythu Bharosa-PM Kisan Scheme

This is a financial assistance scheme for the farmers in AP. They are given grant of Rs.13, 500 in 3 installment. 49 lakh farmer families will get benefit of the scheme. Government has given total budget of Rs. 6,534 crore for Rythu Bharosa-PM Kisan scheme.

Installment	Amount	Month
1st	Rs. 7,500	April-May 2020
2nd	Rs. 4,000	October 2020
3rd	Rs. 2000	January 2021 (Sankranti)
Total	Rs. 13500/-	·

Benefits:

Financial assistance Rs.13, 500 for farmers

Eligibility Criteria:

- ➤ Scheme is available for Andhra Pradesh only
- ➤ Scheme is available for Farmers only
- ➤ The amount is deposited directly into farmers bank account. Scheme is applicable to tenant farmers from SC, ST, BC and Minorities.

8. Rythu Raksha Scheme

The primary objective of the scheme is to provide financial assistance to the farmers in the state. Rs. 5,000 per acre will be given to the farmers at the beginning of both Kharif & Rabi seasons. The agricultural input subsidy given under the scheme is directly deposited to the farmer's DBT account under the scheme. It can

be used for land preparation for the upcoming sowing season, purchasing seeds, fertilizers & to pay labor charges.

AP Rythu Raksha Scheme: An Andhra Pradesh government scheme to provide financial assistance of Rs. 10,000 / acre every year to the state farmers.

Objectives:

- ➤ To provide financial security to the farmers
- > To help farmers during both the sowing seasons
- ➤ To make sure that the farmers don't have to take loans
- > To stop farmer suicides

Rythu Raksha Scheme Benefits:

- Financial assistance of Rs. 10,000 per year
- ➤ Rs. 5,000 per acre every year will be given at the beginning of Kharip & Rabi seasons

Eligibility Criteria:

- ➤ Applicable only in Andhra Pradesh
- ➤ Applicable only for the small, marginal & tenant farmers.