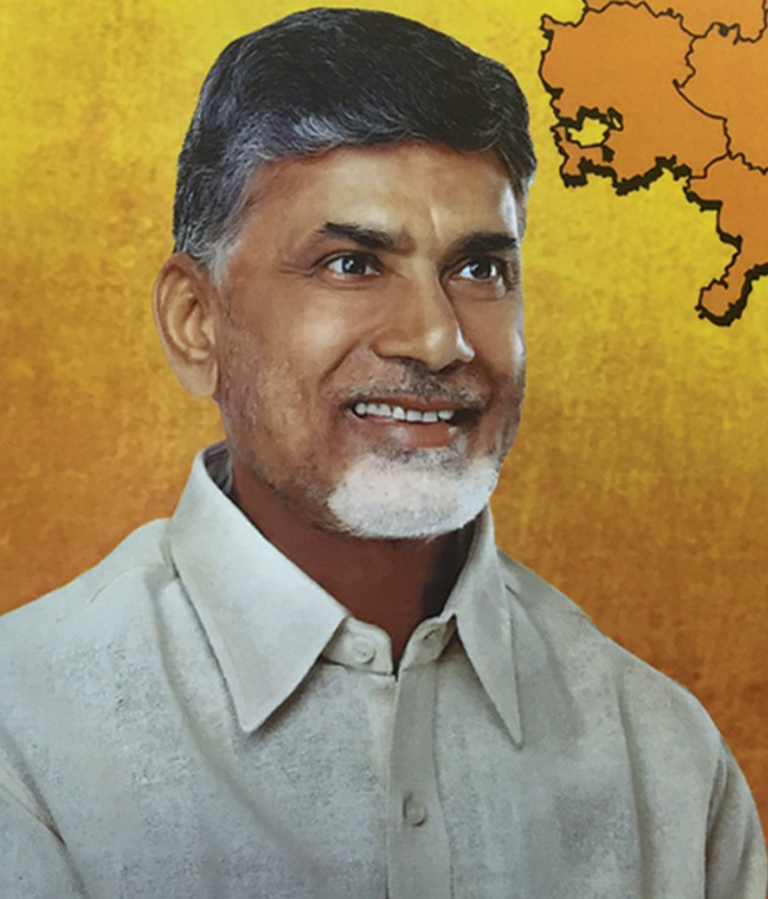
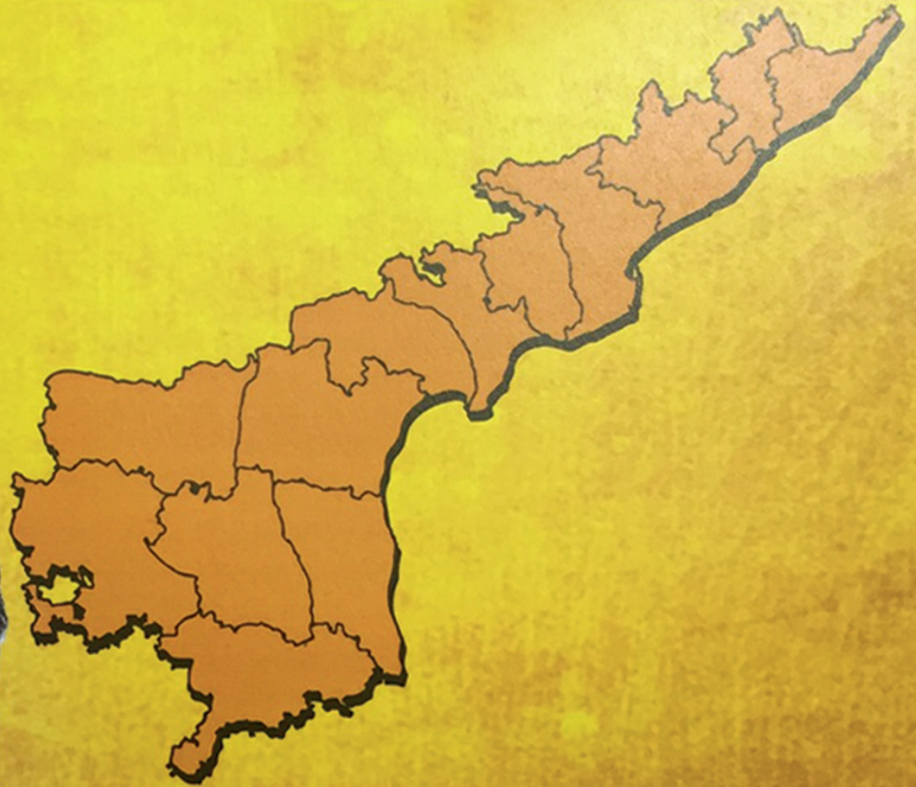




Andhra Pradesh Road Safety Policy



I. Preamble:

The Government of Andhra Pradesh is seriously concerned about the number of road accidents, injuries and fatalities in recent years. Road safety has become a public health issue which needs to be addressed with a holistic approach involving concerted efforts from all the stake holding departments/ organisations in the State. With a view to bring about significant reduction in mortality and morbidity on roads, the Government of Andhra Pradesh desires to reduce by 2020 the road accident fatalities in the State by 15 % of the base line figure of 2013.

II. Policy Statements:

The Government of A.P. is committed to undertake the following measures to achieve the objective mentioned above:

(i) Raise Awareness about Road Safety Issues:

The Government would increase its efforts to promote awareness about various issues of road safety and their social and economic implications to the individuals concerned and the society at large. The Government would enable and empower the different stakeholders to play a meaningful role in promoting road safety.

(ii) Strengthening Institutional Environment:

The Government will take appropriate measures to ensure that the required legal and institutional environment for road safety is further strengthened and a mechanism for effective coordination of various stakeholders is put in place with active and extensive participation of the community at large, of the private sector, academia and NGOs.

(iii) Establish a Road Safety Information Database:

The Government will establish state level Road Safety Information System by having a state wide Road Accident Database Management System, connecting all Trauma Care centres, district hospitals and 108 ambulances and integrating the data bases of Traffic Police and Transport departments and Insurance companies into the information system.

(iv) Ensure Safer Road Infrastructure:

The Government will take measures to review standards pertaining to safety in the design of rural and urban roads and bring them in consonance with international best practices keeping in view the local traffic conditions. The planning, design, construction and management of road development projects and improvement and maintenance of existing roads should invariably consist of road

safety component. Continuous identification and rectification of accident prone spots and road safety audit shall be a regular feature on all the roads. Continuing application of Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS) under a national framework to establish a safe and efficient transport system will be encouraged.

(v) Safer Vehicles:

The Government will take steps to promote statutory periodic and qualitative inspection as an essential check on the road worthiness of all vehicles, particularly with respect to speed control and emission norms, aiming at automated inspection and certification of motor vehicles encouraging private participation for providing required infrastructure.

(vi) Safer Drivers:

The Government recognises the fact that improving the manpower and driving skills both qualitatively and quantitatively will go a long way in improving road safety. The Government shall strive to provide efficient driver training infrastructure and effective driving testing infrastructure, aiming at automated testing of drivers for issue of driving licences.

(vii) Safety of Vulnerable Road Users:

The design and construction of all road facilities (rural and urban) will take into account the needs of non-motorized transport and the vulnerable and physically challenged in an appropriate manner. The Government will seek to disseminate ‘best practices’ in this regard to town planners, architects, and highway and traffic engineers.

(viii) Road Traffic Safety Education and Training:

The Government will take steps to create awareness regarding road safety amongst the population through education, training and publicity campaigns. Road safety education will also focus on school children and college going students, while road safety publicity campaigns will be used to propagate good road safety practices among the community. The Government will strive to build capacity of First Aid treatment to all the school leaving students and all the employees of the stake holding departments like Police, Transport and R&B departments. The Government will encourage all professionals associated with road design, road construction, road network management, traffic management and law enforcement to attain adequate knowledge of road safety issues.

(ix) Enforcement of Safety Laws:

The Government will take appropriate measures to establish permanent and exclusive enforcement teams involving officials of Police and Transport departments for effective enforcement of road safety with special focus on issues like use of helmets and seat belts and on drunken driving and over speeding, by providing appropriate manpower with gadgets. The government will work in coordination with Government of India for establishment and strengthening of highway Patrolling on National and State Highways.

(x) Emergency Medical Services for Road Accidents:

The Government will strive to ensure that all persons involved in road accidents benefit from speedy and effective trauma care and management. Both pre-hospital care and hospital based injury management shall be provided to crash victims through a comprehensive trauma care system. Government will strive to improve emergency medical service response with basic life support (BLS) ambulances within 20 minutes of accident call and use of advanced life support (ALS) ambulances for critical case Inter - Facility Transfer with atleast one functioning Level II Trauma Care

centre in every district and Level I Trauma Care centre in the State

(xi) HRD & Research for Road Safety:

The Government will encourage increased activity in programmes of road safety research by identifying priority areas, funding research in those area adequately and establishing centers of excellence in research and academic institutions. The Government will encourage research to leverage latest technology in improving enforcement, engineering and emergency care.

(xii) Creating Financial Infrastructure:

The Government shall strive to create a dedicated Road Safety Fund for the State by making specific budgetary allocation and by way of any other possible sources.

III. Implementation Strategy:

The Government realises that coordination between the stake holding departments and organisations is very critical to improve road safety. The Lead Agency for road safety created under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary to Government shall finalise the strategy for each of the stake holding departments, by creating appropriate performance indicators for each department / organisation.

AP Transport Department