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FOREWORD

The man drew inspiration from Mahatma Gandhi at a very young age of 10, and rose from a humble lower middle class farming family to the positions of a Minister in the State Cabinet, Union Minister, twice Chief Minister, four Governor that is Dr. M. Channa Reddy, indeed highly creditable and a rare record. A freedom fighter, an astute politician, an able administrator, a great statesman, a trustee of the weak -above all a man of the masses Dr. Reddy +in his chequered career of over five decades played an outstanding role in shaping the destiny of Andhra Pradesh. His services to the cause of the people

both at the state and national level will always remain green in the minds of the people. Quick in thinking and decision making, unhesitating, and vibrant drive in action and abhorrence of inertia and sluggishness are only a few characteristics of his dynamic leadership.

Dr. Channa Reddy turned 75 on January 13, 1994. It is the endeavor of the Felicitations Committee to bring out a comprehensive volume covering the speeches and other works of Dr. Channa Reddy as a fitting tribute to his services. However, a small version of our project is now brought out as a token to mark the occasion.

People from all walks of life find in him a friend, philosopher and guide. Besides fighting for the cause of common man, Dr. Reddy has associated himself with various religious, literary. Cultural, scientific and academic fields. In fact, he is a multi - faceted personality. All these qualities of Dr. Reddy have found expression in this volume. Grateful thanks are due to all those who have contributed to this volume on various facets of Dr. Reddy's life - triumphs as well as travails.

The Committee places on record its deep sense of gratitude for the services and helpit received from Dr. Channa Reddy's friends and well-wishers in bringing out this volume. The Commemoration volume took a final shape only with the loving care of Dr. C.V. Narasimha Reddy, prof. G.V. Subramanyam, prof M.N. Reddy and Dr. M. Bagaiah whose help in editing is very much appreciated.

FELICITATIONS COMMITTEE

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MESSAGES

K.R. Narayanan
Vice President

New Delhi
January 18, 1994.

I have great pleasure to join in the felicitations to Dr. Channa Reddy on the happy occasion of his 75th birthday.

Dr. Reddy has made important contributions both to his state and national politics as Chief Minister, Governor of different states and as Member of Parliament.

I wish Dr. Reddy many more years of service to the nation and all happiness and success in life.

K.R. Narayanan.

P.V. Narasimha Rao
Prime Minister of India

New Delhi
January 17, 1994

I am happy to learn that the 75th birthday of Dr. M. Channa Reddy is being celebrated on January 22, 1994 in Hyderabad.

Dr. Channa Reddy is one of the most dynamic, energetic and untiring leaders of our country. He has served the nation with great distinction during the last five decades in various capacities including Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, Union Minister and Governor. He has excelled in whatever work he has devoted to, and brought to it his stamp of knowledge. He has earned the affection and admiration of all in ample measure.

I send my very best wishes to him on this happy occasion for many more years of service to the nation.

P.V. Narasimha Rao

R. Venkataraman
Former President of India,

Madras
January 14, 1994.

On the happy occasion of the 75th birthday of Dr. M. Channa Reddy, Governor of Tamil Nadu, I offer my greetings and good wishes for many happy returns of the day with best health, happiness and fulfillment.

In the long multi - faceted career of Dr. Channa Reddy as Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, Union Cabinet Minister and Governor of four States, he acquitted himself with credit and glory. An able administrator with a capacity for firm and quick decisions on all critical issue, Dr. Reddy had tackled many a vexed issue with ease and confidence.

Dr. Reddy has both knowledge and felicity of expression and could handle any assembly with his skill in debates. Turbulent situations were converted into opportunities to display his mastery of situations.

His career is studded with achievements in every office he has held.

May god bless him with long and healthy life to render continued service to the nation?

R. Venkataraman

Dr. B.D. Jatti
Former Vice-President of India

Bangalore
January 13, 1994

I am extremely happy to know that Dr. Marri Channa Reddy Felicitation Committee is going to celebrate the 75th Birthday of Dr. M. Channa Reddy, Governor of Tamil Nadu on 22nd January, 1994 at Hyderabad. I know Dr. Reddy closely for the last 30 years. He is a dynamic person who has contributed immensely for the welfare of the State of Andhra Pradesh. He has served our Nation in various capacities as Minister, twice as Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, as Central Minister and Governor of four States I had an occasion to go to U.P. when he was the Governor of that State, when I was the Vice-President of India. In s in the fitness of things to felicitate and bring out a Souvenir on this occasion. I wish him long life, sound health to serve the public for many more years.

B.D. Jatti

Shivraj V. Patil
Speaker Lok Sabha

New Delhi
January 11, 1994.

I am happy to learn that the 75th birthday of Dr. M. Channa Reddy, Honorable Governor of Tamil Nadu, is being celebrated on 22nd January 1994 at Hyderabad.

The contribution of Dr. M. Channa Reddy for the welfare of the people of the country in general and of the state of Andhra Pradesh in particular, is well known.

On this happy occasion, I send my best wishes for the success of the function.

Shivraj V. Patil

KRISHAN KANT
Governor, Andhra Pradesh.

Hyderabad
January 20, 1994.

I am happy to learn that the well - wishers and admirers of Dr. Marri Channa Reddy are celebrating his 75th birthday in Hyderabad. Dr. Channa Reddy is a towering leader who has been playing a dominant role in the public life of Andhra Pradesh for nearly four decades, and a significant role in our national life for more than two decades. He is a rare leader who has continued to grow and enlarge his horizons throughout his public life. He has the unique ability to blend tradition and modernity in everything he does. His sharp intellect, political acumen and administrative competence are legendary. Dr. Reddy never shirked a challenge in his life. His courage, strength of conviction and leadership qualities has won him innumerable admirers, who are fiercely loyal to him. Time and again he has demonstrated the capacity to rise above petty politics and exhibited statesman-like vision. India is in need of the continued services of distinguished public men of the caliber of Dr. Channa Reddy.

I congratulate and Felicitations Committee for their thoughtful gesture in honoring an eminent son of Andhra Pradesh. I wish Dr. Channa Reddy many more years of happy, fruitful and fulfilling life in the service of the people.

Krishna Kanth.

**PROFILE OF
Dr. M. Channa Reddy**

Among the few leaders, who played an outstanding role in shaping the destiny of Andhra Pradesh, Dr. Channa Reddy with his political career of over five decades, though chequered, would undoubtedly, stand as a towering personality. His rise from a humble lower middle class agricultural family, to the positions of a State Minister, the Union Cabinet Minister, Governor of Several States and twice Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh bears an eloquent proof to a fascinating saga.

Dr. Channa Reddy has turned 75 and this profile has been brought out to mark this occasion. By any reckoning he is one of the most prominent national leaders, able administrator, and astute politician who rendered great service in political, economic, social and cultural fields.

Dr. Reddy's home life is a happy and harmonious. In fact, smt. Savitri Devi whom he married in 1936 is the daughter of his maternal Uncle Sri K.V. Narayan a Reddy. Savitri Devi, known as 'Amma' to everyone, inspires the entire family. With her spiritual bent of mind she has been a great source of courage and inspiration to Dr. Reddy. Savitri Devi, a synonym for devotion, sees to everything that Dr. Reddy needs and, to her, this is the most important mission in life.

Dr. Reddy is blessed with three sons and a daughter. The eldest son, Krishna Reddy passed away at an early age of 21 years in 1961. Even at that tender age, he was elected Sarpanch, Marpalli Village. Now, the elder son Ravindra Reddy is an active member of the Rotary Organization, involving various Community Service Projects and served as the District Governor of Rotary District-315, besides managing his own printing. The younger son Shashidhar Reddy is an agricultural scientist who secured his Master,s Degree from Kansas University, U.S.A. he was elected to the Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly in 1992 in the vacancy caused by Dr. Reddy's resignation on being appointed as Governor of Rajasthan. He is now a Minister in the Vijayabhaskar Reddy Cabinet. Daughter Vasudha's husband Sudershan Reddy is also in the printing line. Dr. Reddy has three grand-sons and three grand-daughters.

Dr. Reddy survived a very serious car accident during 1978 elections, further he survived the Indian Airlines Plane crash at Hyderabad on 17th December, 1978 when he was Chief Minister. In June 1990, he underwent a kidney Transplant surgery in U.S.A. To the surprise and delight of many of his friends, countless well-wishers and followers his recovery made medical history. All these can be seen as acts of Divine Grace and makes people believe that he was born for a special purpose.

Early Life

Dr. Channa Reddy was born on January 13, 1919 in a village, Pedda Mangalaram of the then Hyderabad District. He hails from Siripuram Village, now in Ranga Reddy District, near Vikarabad. The only son of Lakshma Reddy and Shankamma, Channa Reddy had schooling under the watchful eyes of his two maternal uncles Sri K.V. Ranga Reddy (who incidentally joined the cabinet in 1952 along with Dr. Channa Reddy and later became Deputy Chief Minister in 1957.) and Sri K.V. Narayana Reddy. Even as child of 9 years, he

nursed a secret ambition to study medicine and also participate in the freedom struggle. His determination grew stronger when he listened to Mahatma Gandhi addressing a public meeting at the Vivek Vardhini College grounds in Hyderabad, even at the age of 10 years.

During his student days, Dr. Reddy organized a Debating Association and a library of which he became the Secretary. He saw that dealing with Ramayana, Mahabharata and other mythological stories were collected and given to the members for reading and assimilating the benefits of virtuous life. This early grounding in our great epics made Channa Reddy a great adherent of the noble ideals set forth by the epic characters. He began to win laurels in all the examinations he took, including the M.B.B.S.

After graduating from the Osmania Medical College with distinction, Channa Reddy has set up his own medical practice by establishing two hospitals. However, he could not do justice to his growing practice and the increasing urge of the people to espouse their cause in the fight against the repression of Nizam, at the same time. He, therefore, gave up his medical practice and plunged headlong into the turbulent waters of public life. There was no looking back after that.

At first, it was the Andhra Mahasabha - the forerunner of the State branch of the Indian National Congress, of which he was the General Secretary. His organising capacity was effectively demonstrated during the conference of the Hyderabad state Congress in 1946, when Dr. Reddy was only 27 years old. It was his desire that the struggle against the Nizam should be conducted on Gandhi an lines. Dr. Reddy Journeyed all the way to Delhi to meet Mahatma Gandhi again and again, sought his blessings in the people's fight against the Nizam who wanted Hyderabad to be an independent nation.

Dr. Reddy was not only among the top leaders in Hyderabad who were imprisoned, but was also the youngest. Later, eight leaders including Dr. Reddy were released by the Nizam to explore the possibility of negotiating a settlement with them. As a tactical move, some of the State Congress leaders established themselves outside the borders of Hyderabad State and intensified the struggle. Dr. Reddy, on his part, published 'Hyderabad' a Telugu weekly from Vijayawada and smuggled its copies into the State, which yielded dividends in that the highly explosive writings of Dr. Reddy stirred many inside the State to fight against the Nizam.

In the wake of unprecedented violence let loose by the Razakars, the Nizam's police on the one side and the communists on the other, Dr. Reddy braved to visit almost all the affected villages to build up the morale of the people against the Nizam. Along with Sri Burgula Ramakrishna Rao (who later

became Chief Minister), Sri Kashinath Rao Vaidya (who became Speaker of Hyderabad Assembly). Dr. Reddy frequently visited Delhi to impress upon the then Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and Deputy Prime Minister Sardar Patel on the explosive situation then prevailing in Hyderabad State.

When the Government of India launched Police Action in September 1948, against the Nizam of Hyderabad, it heralded a new era with the merger of Hyderabad with the Indian union. After the Hyderabad State became a part of the Indian Union, Dr. Reddy was nominated, in June 1950 to Provisional Parliament of India, which converted itself into Constituent Assembly after the Constitution was adopted. At 31, Dr. Reddy was the youngest member of the Parliament. His dynamic qualities and his fiery speeches on the problems of Hyderabad attracted the attention of Jawaharlal Nehru and Rajaji. They were quick to utilize the services of Dr. Reddy, as one of the four whips of the party. Dr. Reddy's speeches were so eloquent and penetrating that they were published as major stories in the national newspapers. Blood Curdling Reports of Dr. Reddy a three column front page story in Hindustan Times highlighted the atrocities committed by the Communist party.

1952 - 62

During the first General Elections in 1952, Dr. Channa Reddy was elected to the Hyderabad Assembly from Vikarabad double member constituency. He had his first experience of ministerial office immediately when he was appointed as Minister with Cabinet rank in the B. Ramakrishna Rao Cabinet. He was entrusted with the portfolio of food and Agriculture as per his own choice as he was confident of successfully tackling the most difficult subject. That was the period when the food supply position was very precarious, but the insight he brought into play and the pragmatic approach he adopted to solve the problem set a record which every politician and administrator envies even to this day.

In 1953, he established the Hyderabad Farmers' Forum and functioned as its President. This Forum published 'Kisan' a monthly farm magazine in four languages- English, Telugu, Marathi and Kannada, the circulation of which was over 10,000. In fact, the journal was being published by the Agricultural Department without any regularity and at a huge cost of Rs. 1.20 lakhs. Dr. Reddy made a revolutionary change by entrusting this publication to a non-official organization with only a meager amount of Rs. 10,000 as financial assistance. The standard set by the journal was acclaimed by officers academicians and farmers.

During his term as Food and Agriculture Minister, Dr. Reddy led the Indian Delegation to the conference of International Federation of Agricultural

Producers held in Rome in 1953 and also worked as Deputy Leader of the Indian Delegation that went to the FAO Conference held at Rome in 1955. He availed these visits to study the agricultural and industrial economies of 13 European Countries including France, West Germany, England and Switzerland. He brought in many reforms in the administrative setup that benefitted the toiling farming community. The use of fertilizers was uncommon then. Dr. Reddy, as Minister for Agriculture introduced a scheme under which any farmer owner, tenant or a sharecropper could obtain on credit under the advice of the Agricultural Officers, with the certification of village officer that he is the bonafide cultivator. The money due was deducted at the time of payment for the food grains the cultivator produced and surrendered to the government under the levy system. In the process, the farmers not only became fertilizer conscious, but also the use of fertilizers went up and food production rose phenomenally. This was one of the several measures introduced by Dr. Reddy.

Dr. Channa Reddy was one of the Agricultural Ministers of our country who fought for establishing separate. Agricultural Universities to promote agricultural and veterinary sciences as distinct academic disciplines. However, there were several hurdles and difficulties which delayed the formation of Agricultural University in Andhra Pradesh. In 1962, as Minister for Planning, he was able to clinch the issue quickly. As a result of his personal effort the Andhra Pradesh Agricultural University came into existing in 1964.

After the formation of A.P. on Nov.1, 1956, Dr. Reddy remained outside the government. In 1957 he was returned to the state assembly and was very effective in the legislature heading various committees and making very useful contributions. Dr. Reddy was the presiding member of the Sub - Committee on Planning and Development of the Telangana Regional Committee from 1958 till he became minister in the State Cabinet once again in 1962. He rendered yeoman services to the Telangana region by carrying out an incessant battle for the economic and social uplift of the people. As Chairman, he submitted 35 reports including a White Paper on Telangana. He strived for the development of the Osmania University by arranging Rs. 3 crores for its foundation grant from the Telangana surpluses. As a Syndicate Member, Dr. Reddy made a significant contribution to the growth of the Osmania University.

In 1960 - 61, Dr. Reddy became Chairman of the Estimates Committee and was responsible for submission of 12 voluminous reports covering all important projects ranging from Nagarjuna Sagar Project to Hyderabad Allwyn Metal Works. Some of the present major irrigation and power projects in the State were the result of his efforts.

1962 - 67

After the 1962 General Elections, Dr. Reddy was once again elected to the State Assembly and joined Dr. Neelam Sanjeeva Reddy Cabinet. He was entrusted with the portfolio of Planning and Panchayati Raj. This was a golden period for the Panchayati Raj institutions in the State. As a firm believer in democratic decentralization, Dr. Reddy revitalized the functioning of Panchayati Raj institutions. Following his spirited exhortations many people in rural areas donated their land for construction of village roads. School buildings and other community works of public utility without seeking compensation. About 10,000 miles road length works were taken up in that period. Dr. Reddy could always find a way out to provide the necessary resources when any one approached him for any development activity anywhere in the state. In 1964, Sri Kasu Brahmananda Reddy took over as Chief Minister, and Dr. Reddy was entrusted with the portfolio of Finance and Industries. It was during this period that the State Government had acquired thousands of acres land for setting up of industrial estates. This foresight of Dr. Reddy proved to be a great boon to the rapid industrialization of the State by creating the necessary infrastructure industrial growth. He also gave a fillip to the industrialization of the state by allocating more funds to the industrial sector and inviting entrepreneurs from outside the state.

Dr. Reddy was returned to the State Legislative Assembly for the fourth time from the fourth time from the Tandoor Constituency in 1967 and continued in the Brahmananda Reddy Cabinet for a very brief period. Within a week, after being sworn in as a Minister for Finance, Industries & Education, Dr. Reddy had the rare distinction of being inducted into the Indira Gandhi Cabinet as Minister for Steel, Mines and Metals with cabinet rank and became a member of Rajya Sabha. He was the second State Minister who became Union Minister without being a Chief Minister. The first one was Dr. C. Subramaniam in the Jawaharlal Nehru Cabinet. Instances were there when Chief Ministers joined the Union Cabinet as Ministers of State. During his tenure as Central Minister, Dr. Reddy, effected several far-reaching changes in the setup of the steel industry. His role in selecting Visakhapatnam for the setting up of the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant as Union Minister will always be remembered. This was done while establishing Steel Plants at Salem in Tamil Nadu and at Vijayanagar in Karnataka. He resigned his Central Minister ship in April, 1968 owing to the judgment of the Supreme Court in an election petition.

1968-73

In 1955, the Government of India appointed Fazal Ali Commission to recommend the reorganization of States on linguistic basis. At that time, Dr. Reddy being in the State Cabinet, submitted a memorandum to the Commission against the idea of formation of a larger State for Telugu

Speaking people with relevant and figures. It was his view that the State should have an ideal population and resources to enable it to grow and become prosperous. The Fazal Ali Commission recommended that the Telangana State should function for the five years. Later the elected Telangana Assembly Members based on their experience would exercise their choice to remain as a separate Telangana State or to merge with Andhra State. After the commission's Report, the situation became tense and the Government of India appointed a Three Man Committee with Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru as Chairman, Maulana Abdul Kalam Azad, Govind Ballabh Pant as members to look into the problems of the proposed State. The Telangana and Andhra regions were asked to send three representatives each to present their problems to the Three Man Committee. Dr. Reddy was one of the members of the Committee along with Chief Minister Sri Burgula Ramakrishna Rao and Kashinath Vaidya from Telangana while Chief Minister Gopal Reddy, Dr. Sanjeeva Reddy and Kala Venkata Rao were members from the Andhra region that discussed with the Union Government. The outcome was the 'Gentlemen Agreement' which was literally drafted by Dr. Reddy himself. However, the agreement was not adhered to and it proved detrimental to the development of the Telangana region. In 1969, it reaped into an unprecedented agitation popularly known as "Telangana Agitation" spearheaded by the Telangana Praja Samithi.

The period between 1968 and 1973 was a very significant one in Dr. Reddy's political life. During this period there was a great turmoil and tumult among people the manner in which the legitimate interests of the people of the Telangana region were being trampled upon by the government. The students and youth started an agitation for redressal of the grievances of Telangana People. As one who always stood by the just cause of the people Dr. Reddy could not remain indifferent to the demand of the people of Telangana to lead them in the hour of their distress. When this agitation was sought to be put down by the State Government through use of force Dr. Reddy rebelled and wanted a separate Statehood for Telangana so that the people could achieve fulfillment of their aspirations. This was followed by the formation of the regional party Telangana Praja Samithi, the leadership of which ultimately fell on Dr. Reddy's shoulders. He led this party to a landslide victory bagging 11 out of 14 Lok Sabha seats in Telangana region in the Parliamentary elections of 1971. This glorious victory of Dr. Reddy in the cause of Telangana people opened the eyes of the central leaders and soon they took steps to come to terms with the demands of the Telangana people. In the six-point formula that was evolved as a solution by the Central leaders in consultation with and approval of Dr. Reddy, steps were taken to safeguard the legitimate interests of the people of Telangana. This period established Fr. Reddy as an undisputed mass leader.

Subsequently the Telangana Praja Samithi adopted an unanimous resolution to merge with the Congress. Later, the dissenters of the resolution set up 41 candidates in 1972 Assembly elections. But all of them were defeated.

In 1974 Dr. Reddy accepted the office of Governor of Uttar Pradesh, the most populous State of the country. Smt. Indira Gandhi made a personal plea that she required Dr. Reddy's assistance to help her as the Governor of Uttar Pradesh which was also her home state. Within a period of one year after assuming charge as Governor, Dr. Reddy toured 55 districts of the State, meeting people from various walks of life and understood the mind and the problems of the people. During his tenure as Governor, he had two spells of President's Rule. There were no Advisors in the first spell, while three Advisors assisted him in the second spell. Dr. Reddy undertook the most arduous task of reorganizing the state administration. He transformed the administrative machinery of the State, reinvigorated the decaying and ailing universities and educational institutions, introduced land reforms, promoted irrigation programs, rehabilitated the ex-servicemen by giving them plots to construct houses and land to cultivate. As a result of his efforts to introduce popular measures for the benefit of the people in the State, Dr. Reddy came to be regarded as the 'People's Governor'. On his advice, the Uttar Pradesh Cabinet appointed a team of administrators for studying the working of the Hindu Religious Endowments Acts of Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Karnataka. Later, he succeeded in persuading the Cabinet to promulgate an ordinance for constituting a statutory body to control, regulate and utilise the resources, properties and establishment of the Hindu Religious and Endowments in U.P. The people of the State considered it as a unique achievement. However, the State Government, on the advice of Smt. Indira Gandhi, allowed the ordinance to lapse just before the elections.

As Chancellor of 17 Universities of the State, Dr. Reddy provided unique leadership and with a surgeon's precision, tried to cure the educational environment of Uttar Pradesh. He also set a practice of conferring Honorary Degrees on great scholars and renowned scientists from other parts of the country, particularly, from the south. As a lover of children, Dr. Reddy paid utmost attention to children's education and their extra-curricular activities. He was instrumental in establishing a number of Bal Bhavans and promoted children's theatres and publication of useful model literature.

With his sharp administrative acumen, Dr. Reddy as Governor of Uttar Pradesh, within just 55 days when the state was put under the President's Rule, exercised full powers and brought far-reaching changes. The Pioneer, paid, handsome tribute to Dr. Reddy when it said, there is, however, no denying that the ability and integrity of the Rajyapal is fully tested when he has

to bear the sole responsibility of administration after the state comes under the President's Rule. Uttar Pradesh has been no stranger to this kind of interregnum, Without in any way detracting from the ability and worth of Rajyapal Reddy's predecessors in office, it should be placed on record that never was so much done for so many in such a short time at the instance of single individual while paying rich tributes for his contribution a Hindi Daily from Luck now described as "A Restless Swimmer in the Ocean of the comforts and honor " (Sukh aur Samman ke sagar may ek bechaini Tairaalk).

In 1977, the people of India voted for a change, the Janata Party came to power at the Centre and congress and Indira Gandhi were defeated. Dr. Reddy resigned from Governorship and decided to stand by Smt. Indira Gandhi when virtually every one deserted her. The Congress party was split in January, 1978. Dr. Reddy became the President of A.P.C.C. while different parties opposed to Mrs. Gandhi were in power at the Centre and also in Andhra Pradesh. Dr. Reddy led the party to a landslide victory in the elections to the Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly in February, 1978. Even 15 days before the polling he predicted that congress would win 175 seats and the final tally was 176. The book "Political Identity in South Asia" published by University of London (1979) says the victory can be only partly explained by the support Mrs. Gandhi still enjoys among Harijans and backward classes in Andhra Pradesh (where the cruder policies of Emergency were not implemented). It is also due to Dr. Channa Reddy having forged a coalition of enemies of both Brahmananda Reddy (then congress president) and the then Chief Minister Vengal Rao. Last but not least Dr. Channa Reddy is a dynamic and skillful organizer of election campaign as he demonstrated in 1971 as leader of Telangana Praja Samiti. That was yet another creditable achievement of Dr. Reddy in his political career. Naturally, the choice of Chief Minister ship fell on his shoulders in March 1978. The period from 1978 to 1980 was indeed, a golden era for the people of Andhra Pradesh in the sense that Dr, Reddy as Chief Minister launched a number of revolutionary schemes unique in the country for the overall development of the state. Reservation of seats in Municipal Councils and Panchayati Raj Institutions for Scheduled Castes, Schedule Tribes and women, allocation of 15 % funds of local bodies for welfare of weaker sections, reduction of age of voters for local body elections to 18 from 21 years, exemption of land revenue for small farmers with holding of 2 ½ acres wet and 5 acres dry, conferring right of land to about 75,000 persons by distributing 1.33 lakh acres, establishment of grievances redressal cells from village level to state level, opening of 600 Abhyudaya Schools, linked with yoga the model of which was adopted by Government of India later when they setup Navodaya schools etc., were some of the schemes deserving mention. It was during his tenure as Chief Minister in 1980. Dr. Reddy for the first time announced 25% reservation for backward classes in government jobs and educational institutions to improve their living standard and to bring

about the social equality. This decision was taken much before the Mandal Commission report and before any demand for setting up of any such commission. Another novel self-employment scheme was started by setting up an organization called SETWIN which was commended not only within the country but also abroad by the International labour organization. This concept was adopted by the Planning Commission and a chapter was written by the then Special Officer Sri Yugender, IAS who was In charge of self-employment under Dr. Reddy. "Uru Uru Ki Bus " (Bus to every village) was another unique scheme in the country introduced by Dr. Reddy to link all villages in the state with public transport. "Int Intiki Deepam " (a bulb to every house) was also launched to provide power supply to every home in the state, Dr. Reddy's concern for women and children is evident from the fact that he promoted and financed both the Andhra Pradesh Women Cooperative Financial Corporation and the Jawahar Bal Bhavan. Dr. Reddy quit as Chief Minister in October, 1980.

In 1982, Mrs Indira Gandhi offered the post of Dy. Chairman of the Planning Commission. Later he was considered to be sent as the Governor of Punjab. Dr. Reddy took over as Governor of Panjab in April, 1982. It was a difficult state with many problems. In June, 1982 the Akalis launched their agitation which grew out of proportions. Dr. Reddy was asked by Prime Minister Mrs. Indira Gandhi to use his good offices with Akali Dal in preventing the killings. Dr. Reddy suggested to the Prime Minister to involve all the political parties to avoid and curb such an agitation and create a peaceful atmosphere. It should by no means be considered as a limited battle between the Akalies and the Congress. As agreed by the Prime Minister, Dr, Reddy took initiative and invited 10 political parties separately and each one of them gave consensus and agreed to curb the violence and also to prevent violence. Based on the consensus of various political parties, Dr. Reddy submitted a report to the Prime Minister. Unfortunately, no concrete steps were taken by the Centre and things somehow slipped into chaos and confusion. In the process, forces like Bhindranwale were allowed to emerge.

Dr. Reddy being forthright and frank was liked even by the Akalis. The last meeting before resigning as Governor, Dr. Reddy attended a meeting at Tohra village where G.S. Tohra, Chairman, Guru Prabhandhak Committee waited outside the village to receive Dr. Reddy with garlands very respectfully. This meeting was held to inaugurate the Red Cross Hospital, which was ready for inauguration, but lying idle for a few years. Sri Tohra in his address stated. "It was a great day for the village, not because the hospital was inaugurated but because it was inaugurated by a great son of the country". Such a tribute coming from Akali Dal leader even after several instances in which Dr. Reddy took a firm stand including the appointment of a Hindu Vice-Chancellor in the Punjab University at a time when all universities in Punjab had only Sikhs is remarkable, to say the least. The Akalies went to the extent, as was narrated

later by the then President of India Giani Zail Singh, that the Akalis were willing to accept the arbitration of the Governor if the whole matter was left to him by the Central Government. Dr. Reddy felt that things were not moving in the right direction and he started feeling that his continuation as governor may appear as a mere political rehabilitation. He submitted his resignation only after 9 months in office with another 4 years and 3 months to complete the term.

In May 1989, Dr. Reddy was called upon by the Party High Command to take up the reins of the State Congress to prepare the party to challenge the Telugu Desam Party in the elections to the State Assembly. His appointment as P.C.C president itself had an electrifying effect on the rank and file of the Party, because Dr. Reddy had always been known for his rich organizational capabilities. Within a short span of six months, Dr. Reddy strengthened the party base activated the grass-root level workers. The "One Crore signature Campaign" call given by him evoked a tremendous response from the people to come out in overwhelming numbers to express their feelings against the Telugu Desam Government. Over 1.5 crore of people put their signatures on the memorandum to be submitted to the President of India. In response to his subsequent clarion call of "Jail Bharo" program in October 1989, lakhs of party workers courted arrest wearing Gandhi caps all over the State. This remind people of the days of the Gandhi Era, when in response to the call of the father of the Nation, people donning Gandhi caps used to come out in large numbers to participate in the 'Satyagraha' movements during freedom struggle. In this manner, Dr. Reddy with his charismatic leadership galvanized the people in favour of the Congress Party to secure a 2/3rd majority in the Assembly elections held in November 1989. Thus, he proved many political pundits including some of those in his own party to be wrong, they felt that the Telugu Desam Party was invincible force. As in 1978, Dr. Reddy once again led the Congress Party to stage a comeback. Identical to his prophecy in 1978, much before the elections. Dr. Reddy predicted that the party would bag 180 seats and ultimately the party won 181 seats in the Assembly. Dr. Channa Reddy was the natural choice to head the Government and he was sworn-in as Chief Minister on 3rd December, 1989 for the second time in his political career.

This was a period of transition and great challenge to head the Government after the Telugu Desam Party had been in power for about 7 years. There were innumerable problems confronting the geared and Dr. Reddy immediately plunged into action. The entire administration had to be geared up and improve the dwindled state financial position. A lot of effort was required to set-right the priorities, particularly, when certain core sectors were very much neglected.

Within three weeks the Government was immediately confronted with a diabolical challenge from the Naxalites when two M.L.As and other public representatives were kidnapped. The sensitive situation was handled very carefully. A new approach to solve the extremists problem was conceived which later on evolved into the three pronged program me. To tackle the root cause, he contemplated a novel scheme for the upliftment of the poorer sections of the people, particularly, in the remote areas and as early as in January, 1990 he took up the 'Remote Area Development Plan' with the Planning Commission at the time of the discussions in the Annual Plan in 1990-91. The Planning Commission readily accepted this plan and allotted Rs.65 crores over and above the regular State Plan. The Remote Area Development was launched on 1st May, 1990 in 16 districts of the State in a very unique manner so that the right kind of thrust could be ensured. Senior Secretary level Officers were made in charge of each District to personally supervise the formulation and execution of schemes. This program me could have yielded much more dramatic results, had it not been in a way disturbed by one of the worst cyclones ever Andhra Pradesh had to face.

The early warning of the cyclonic storm was signaled on 5th May, while the storm itself crossed the shore on 9th and 10th May, 1990. Dr. Reddy immediately took up the responsibility of gearing up the administration and monitoring the largest mass evacuation program me anywhere in the world till date, by arranging to shift 15 lakhs of people to safer places to avoid loss of life.

The immediate response and the precautionary measures taken by the Government saved lives of the lakhs of the people who would have been otherwise perished. This time, the intensity of the cyclone was much more severe than the earlier ones, which claimed thousands of lives.

In the wake of the 1977 cyclone, Dr. Reddy gained sufficient experience in providing relief measures, when he became the Chief Minister for the first time in 1978. He was not satisfied with short term relief measures and wanted to take up some permanent measures to prevent further loss of human life, cattle and crops, which became a regular feature of such cyclones to which the coastal belt of Andhra Pradesh was susceptible to.

Over 100 years ago, an English Engineer by name Sir Arthur Cotton designed the drainage system in the Godavari and Krishna delta areas and constructed a barrage over the Godavari River. All those measures proved to be a great boon to the farmers of the delta areas and transformed the entire area into a vibrating economy. However, over the years, the drainage and the irrigation system started getting silted resulting in heavy damage of crops by inundating thousands of acres of crop land, even with a rainfall slightly above

the average. Over the decades the people of the area were demanding the improvement to the drainage system which at times even lead to agitations. As a result of his concern for this situation and foresightedness, Dr. Reddy immediately ordered that a proposal should be drawn up to provide long term relief measures on a permanent basis.

After taking over as the P.C.C. President in May, 1989, Dr. Reddy started developing a serious health problem, but unmindful of his health, he started working tirelessly for the organization till the elections were completed and continued his work in the beginning of January 1990 and Dr. Reddy was in fact planning to go to the States immediately after the conclusion of the budget session and launching the remote Area Development Programme on 1st of May, 90. However, this had to be postponed in view of the cyclone and the other related developments. Finally he left for the United States in the last week of May, fully equipped to go to the World Bank to seek assistance for his ambitious plans. Before meeting the World Bank officials, Dr. Reddy also had an interaction with a number of N.R. Is. to get them interested in investing in the State's economy.

In Washington, Dr. Reddy met Mr. Moin Quresh, Senior Vice-President, World Bank (who later became the interim Prime Minister of Pakistan) and after discussion for just 45 minutes, the Vice-President of the World Bank readily agreed for an assistance of Rs. 2,000 -3,000 crores in phases; depending on the progress of the works. However, an assistance of Rs. 730 crores was immediately, within hours of this meeting, the World Bank nominated a team of international experts to visit Andhra Pradesh for an on-the-spot study. Barely hours after the meeting with the World Bank officials, was Dr. Reddy admitted to a New Hospital to undergo kidney transplant surgery. Before he was admitted to the Hospital, Dr. Reddy was so exhausted and his health was affected in such a manner that he could not walk without assistance. It was his anxiety and determination to translate his plans into action that kept him going and delayed his treatment much against medical advice and at great risk at the time of the cyclone. He visited the affected areas several times along with the Prime Minister, Sri V.P. Singh, Dy. Prime Minister, Sri Devi Lal and the Congress president Late Sri Rajiv Gandhi and delayed his departure to United States to be able to meet the World Bank officials.

This was the first time in the history of the World Bank that a project of this nature was sanctioned in such a short time and several schemes were grounded in a record time. There was resistance from vested interests to some of the schemes being taken up, by overcoming all such hurdles the Government went ahead. But everyone realized very soon that great benefit was awaiting the people of the share of this World Bank Project which was called the Cyclone Emergency Reconstruction Project which was called the

Cyclone Emergency Reconstruction project (C.E.R.P.). The results of this Project will be remembered by the people of the areas for generations to come and the farmers of this area have developed great affection and respect for Dr. Reddy and many people regard him as “Second Cotton”.

However, Dr. Channa Reddy second tenure as Chief Minister was shorter than the first one and he resigned as Chief Minister in December, 1990. Even within a period of one year, many far-reaching decisions were taken by his Government. Dr. Reddy always had a strong commitment to the welfare of the weaker sections and to provide them with better opportunities. Because, he firmly believes that unless this is done, it would not be possible to achieve an all-round development. On 15th August, 1990 in his Independence Day address after the flag hoisting, he announced an extension of 25% reservation to Backward classes in Government jobs and admissions to educational institutions for a further period of 10 years which he had introduced for the first time in the country during his first tenure as Chief Minister in 1980.

With a view to fulfill the party’s commitment to provide better housing for the Weaker Sections, the Government lifted the ban on acquiring land for construction of houses for Weaker Sections which was one of the first acts, no sooner he assumed the office as Chief Minister.

Even in the Remote Area Development Plan, specific guidelines were given that the works should be entrusted only to the tribals in that area; so that they would derive benefit even at the stage of executing the works part from long term benefits that would be available to them in view of the overall development in their particular area.

Dr. Reddy paid special attention to the needs of the people of Rayalaseema also and related substantial amounts for the non-going projects. Dr. Reddy assumed the office of the Governor of Rajasthan in February 1992. Incidentally, Rajasthan came under the President Rule in December 1992, after the dismissal of the Government headed by Shri Bhairon Singh Shekavat in the wake of the Ayodhya incidents of 6th December, 1992. The convocation of Udaipur University was fixed to be held in the last week of December. This was held very successfully of the imposition of the President Rule. It may pointed out that the convocation Udaipur University was being held after a gap of about 15 years.

For the first time, doors of Raj Bhavan were thrown open to the people. A man of masses, Dr, Reddy has initiated the system of celebrating major festivals like Id, Holi Dussehra and Deepavali at Raj Bhavan in which people from all walks of life, were invited to participate. He also held the ‘Janata Darbar’ on the first Sunday of every month for listening to the problems and

complaints of the people to solve them on the spot. In his usual meticulous manner, after acquainting himself with the people and problems of Rajasthan. Dr. Reddy has prepared "Priority Calendar " for the administration to implement various policies and programmes, he exhorted the senior officers that the State Administration should function in such a way to provide immediate relief and justice to the people, complete the tasks in time and generate new hope and confidence among the people at large. No delay, no postponement should be 'the watch words'. All the officers have been asked to promote harmonious relations between the administration and the people. The thrust of the Government under President rule was that the programmes undertaken for the welfare of the downtrodden and for the people living below the poverty line should be given top priority in the implementation. As chancellor of the Universities of Rajasthan he has undertaken the task of streamlining the university education in the State. The main thrust has been to evolve a common Act, common syllabi, common academic calendar, common code and an ombudsmanic mechanism for monitoring, all the universities in the State. The Law and Order situation in the State was brought under control.

From Rajasthan, Dr. Reddy went to Madras as Governor of Tamil Nadu in May 1993. Having vast experience as Chief Minister twice and Governor four times, he knows the rule of the game, at both the giving and receiving ends of the position.

In his 50 years of political career, Dr. Reddy has seen both triumphs and travails, but treated them alike, and equally unmoved by them. In fact, he is a believer in 'Nish Kama karma'. He has very often said that, 'Even a blade of grass will not move without the will of the God '. In perception and practice, his attitude towards the life is "do your best and leave the rest to God".

On the occasion of his completing 75 years, we pray for his long life with good health and happiness and greater service to the people of the State and Country.

Dr. Channa Reddy
Planning and Panchayati Raj
B.P.R. Vithal

In 1952 the first General Elections under the Constitution of India were held in the State of Hyderabad. This was also the first General Election in my service when I was the Returning Officer of the Vikarabad Assembly Constituency. It is my happy privilege that this was the Constituency from which Dr. M Channa Reddy was elected that year for the first time in his

political career as Member of the Assembly. Our that year for the first time in his political career as Member of the Assembly. Our association, therefore starts with these two firsts in our respective careers. Dr. Channa Reddy immediately became a Minister in the Cabinet of Dr. Ramakrishna Rao and was given the portfolio of Civil Supplies. Very soon after his induction as a Minister he and Dr. Ramakrishna Rao, Chief Minister visited Vikarabad. This was dry area and there were always difficulties in achieving, what was then, a Levy Quota for compulsory acquisition of cereals. Dr. Ramakrishna Rao therefor, commented on arrival that Vikarabad had not been giving its due share of the Levy. I replied to him, in a lighter vein, that the shortfall in the Levy should be set off against our having contributed the Minister for Civil Supplies. It was Dr. Channa Reddy himself who many years later reminded me of this incident.

Regional Planning

When the Community Development Programme was inaugurated in 1952 all over the country under the aegis of Sri S.K. Dey, Dr. Channa Reddy was put in-charge of this program me in Hyderabad State. Mr. Dey and Channa Reddy had excellent mutual rapport. Dr. Channa Reddy selected me as one of the three project officers for the first set of Community Development Projects. It is the Community Development Programme that later developed into Panchayati Raj. Both during the community Development and the Panchayati Raj phases, Dr. Channa Reddy imparted to these programmers his characteristic dynamism. The Community Development Programme was the beginning of local area planning and multilevel planning. In Andhra Pradesh was the beginning of local level area planning and multilevel planning? In Andhra Pradesh we had a regional committee for some years and then Regional Planning and Development Committees. There are several socio-economic regions in the state with distinet endowments and problems and potentialities. Planning has, therefore, always been a complex process in the State. It requires considerable skill to be able, on the one hand, to satisfy the aspiration of the people of the various regions and, on the other, to work within the constraint of the available financial resources. Dr. Channa Reddy had the intellectual acumen, administrative ability and political skills necessary for this task. The political stance of Dr. Channa Reddy during some of the periods when he was not in office, used to give rise to some concern as to whether he would be able to balance various considerations in such a way as to achieve the development of the State as a whole. In politics a good leader needs this ability to switch roles; he cannot be a Chief Minister in waiting while out of office and a Leader of the opposition of his own administration when in office. Dr. Channa Reddy has been in and out office with ease, because of the ability he had of an autofocus lens in modern cameras, which can focus on the near object or the far field with equal sharpness. In his approach to the development of the State also therefore, he could bring to bear this capacity to keep several objectives

harmoniously in view. He championed the cause of the state with the Planning Commission and the Government of India as Planning Minister and as Chief Minister.

Two Operations

One of the first engagements Dr. Channa Reddy attended, on his return from his operation in the United States in 1990 was to preside over a meeting of the State Development Board. He was in those days being felicitated for the success of a difficult operation performed on him. At the Board meeting I mentioned that Dr. Channa Reddy had returned, in fact, after two operations, for both of which he deserved to be congratulated one that had been performed upon him and the other which he had performed on the World Bank. It was during that he had met the senior officials of the World Bank and persuaded them to sanction a project for repairs of the damages caused by the cyclone in the Coastal districts. This was the first time that the World Bank had sanctioned a project of this type and the credit for persuading them to set a new precedent has to go to Dr. Channa Reddy. This singular achievement served to show how, as Chief Minister, he was really concerned with the development of the state as a whole. In 1989, when Dr. Channa Reddy became Chief Minister, the situation was that the Panchayati Raj system in the State had undergone a considerable change, the most important of which was at the intermediate level. Dr. Channa Reddy quickly came to the view that the number of Mandals should be such that each MLA would not have more than two Mandals to deal with. There was some misunderstanding immediately, because of the fact that Assembly constituencies were neither permanent jurisdiction nor were they always geographically viable. It was, therefore, felt by some that we could not reorganize administrative units so as to suit Assembly constituencies. By that time I had been appointed Deputy Chairman, State planning Board, as well as Chairman of an expert

Committee of Panchayati Raj institutions set up by the Government. I had occasion, therefore to discuss this issue with Dr. Channa Reddy. The impression I gathered was that he was not rigid on the issue of exact jurisdiction. The basis of his suggestion was really the relationship of an MLA with the Panchayati Raj institutions in the Jurisdiction. The question of numbers arose out of this.

Legislative Jurisdiction

Whatever the final decision about the number of institutions at this level, the basic perception of Dr. Channa Reddy Regarding the relationship between the members of the Legislature and of the Parliament, on the one hand, and the elected members of the Panchayati Raj institutions, on the other has

proved to be correct. This Constitutional Amendment, proposed originally, denied the members of the House of People and of the Legislative Assembly of the State the Right to Vote in the Panchayats within their respective constituencies. This denial of full participation in Panchayati Raj institutions by members of Legislature overlooked certain basic political compulsions and realities. The electorate which returns representatives to the Panchayati Raj institutions, the State Assemblies and the Lok Sabha, is the same. The Lok Sabha and the Assembly can be clearly distinguished as bodies with separate legislative jurisdiction. The legislation passed, and the policies decided upon, in each of these Houses has its own effect on the lives of the people in the Constituency, from which these members have been elected. But this effect is indirect and distinguishable, compared to the kinds of developmental and welfare programmes that are directly implemented in the Constituency by the Panchayati Raj institutions. The very same Constitution Amendment Bill, which denied a right to vote to the members of the members of the State Assembly and the Lok Sabha in the Panchayati Raj institutions, also made it permissible for a large scale devolution of all developmental programmes and activities to the Panchayati Raj institutions. Which would have had a direct bearing on the lives of the people in the Constituency.

It is therefore, but natural that the members of the Assembly and the Lok Sabha should wish to, not merely, be appraised of what is happening in their Constituencies but have a say in the implementation of programmes which have such a direct impact in their Constituencies. The Amendment as finally passed, does give these members the right to vote. But, more than this, the wheel has come full circle, in as much as, it is now proposed to place funds at the disposal of members of Parliament for being directly spent in their Constituencies, which would necessarily be part of some Panchayati Raj institution. The role of these institutions in the deployment of such funds is, as of now not clear. Therefore, the idea of Dr. Channa Reddy at that time of establishing some viable linkage between the constituency of a Member of the Legislature and the jurisdiction of Panchayati Raj institutions showed great political insight. The administrative and political inertia of institutions once established was recognized. The consequent difficulties involved in a reduction of their numbers were, perhaps, somewhat under estimated then but they have increased considerably with the passage of time.

Dr. Channa Reddy is now identified with the stick he always carries. It is taken to be symbolic of his general approach to men and matters. However, those of us who have known him long were always aware that he wielded the stick figuratively even when he was not carrying it physically. But we also knew that, in his other hand, he carries a carrot which he has always been generous in distributing. This combination has enabled him, on the one hand

to achieve results and on the other to build loyalties qualities essential for a leader of men.

**Twice Chief Minister -
Four Times Governor - A Rare Record
P. Vaman Rao**

The career of Dr. M. Channa Reddy, who is now Governor of Tamil Nadu, is unpredictable and imponderable. At the moment he is right royal confrontations with a formidable Chief Minister Mr Jayalalitha. It is not new to him. He had similar confrontationist situation as Governor of Uttar Pradesh when Sri Hemavathy Nandan Bahuguna was Chief Minister. But, this time it a lady. Every time he is taken to be in the wings or wilderness, he shoots into limelight and makes a mark which startlingly is followed by exits from office, all too sudden. But he never goes into a shell when out of office, as some top leaders are prone to, but keeps himself as active as ever. This has happened several times in his 50 years of chequered but eventful political life. A medical man who did practice for a while, Dr. Reddy was drawn to politics as a magnet. His dynamism and organisational capacities were noticed by elder leaders at an early age. They entrusted him responsible work. It was not a question of how he fitted into a slot, it was a poser to the powers that be as to how to contain his boundless energies. As a congressman, he was indefatigable in his tours, which were intensive as well as extensive. He knows Telangana inside out as the palm of his hand, its leaders and workers. In this peregrination, he resembles late Sri T. Prakasam, Prof. N.G. Ranga who was his mentor for a while. Those were the days of freedom struggle and the winds of change in British India were being also felt in Princely India and the erstwhile Hyderabad State. A bastion of feudalism was breaking its shackles and shaking off its double- distilled slavery”.

Dr. Reddy's forte or weakness is his outspokenness. He is always frank and cannot keep things in his bosom. If this has landed him in trouble sometimes and alienated him from some friends, it has given him an image, that he is no mincer of words and he cannot be taken for granted. He is always in his element when he meets the press. His replies are unfettered does not shy away from controversy. He would be in its vortex.

When in December 1990, he was eased out from the Chief Minister ship unceremoniously, he felt deeply hurt. He would have continued for a full term had not Sri Rajiv Gandhi, for unknown reasons, been bent upon his exit so convincing was Dr. Reddy's hold on the Legislature party. It is strange but

true, that mother and son displayed the same propensity to scuttle one who stood by them solidly. In 1978 Andhra Pradesh was the only State where Congress-I was in power under Dr. Reddy's stewardship which became a backbone for Mrs. Gandhi and contributed a lot in her returning to power, but strangely it was she who immediately, after she became prime Minister made him quit. Though analogies are odious, it was something like Winston Churchill being thrown overboard in the wake of victory by the British electorate.

The spectacular victory of Telugu desam in 1983 and the iron grip of Sri N.T. Rama Rao enabled the party to rule the State for about 7 years. The congress was demoralized and never expected to come back to power again in the near future. There is no doubt that the people had been disenchanted with Telugu Desam but they were not sure about the Congress. At that stage, Dr. M. Channa Reddy stepped in and led the Pradesh Congress to victory in the 1989 elections. But again he was to be in office for only an year. History repeated itself and so much happened following which Dr. Channa Reddy resigned.

Dr. Reddy who first became a Minister in 1952 and was in out of office periodically. He was in office till 1956, when he quit the Congress, formed a Socialist Democratic party and also joined Rajaji in his fight against "Permit, license quota Raj" which exactly after 30 years the Congress is jettisoning. He rejoined Congress and became Minister in 1962. Though he was elected to the State Assembly in 1967, he was drawn to the Centre as Cabinet Minister, in charge of Steel, but he had to soon resign as a result of Court verdict in an election petition. It was thought that Dr. Reddy will never be able to rejoin parliamentary politics. But, after some time the ban on his contesting election was lifted. He led the agitation for a separate Telangana State to assert its legitimate rights and much against the Indira wave the candidates contested on Telangana Praja Samithi got almost all Lok Sabha seats in 1971.

He had emerged as an undisputed leader of Telangana. Mrs Gandhi, shrewd as she was, negotiated with him by offering 6 points formula as a compromise for separate state of Telangana. Later, he became Governor of Punjab which was difficult state. In view of some differences with Mrs. Gandhi with regard to the approach of the Punjab problem he resigned and gravitated to the State to tread the thorny path of political fight. He formed the National Democratic Party which led massive victory for the Congress with Sri Rajiv Gandhi as P.M. in 1984. It is strange but true that Dr. Channa Reddy thrived in office only when a non-congress Government was at the Centre. It happened in 1978 to 1980 and again in 1989.

It was body's guess as to Dr. Channa Reddy would do when he quit office recently and again went out of political focus. He was 72 but in good healths.

His kidney ailment has been cured as a result of transplantation of the kidney. It was at that stage when he had to go out of office. Dr. Channa Reddy is not the one to keep his finger crossed. He kept himself in touch with the political developments and influences the decisions in the Congress Party. Dr. Reddy was one of the first leaders who have supported Sri P.V. Narasimha Rao for the office for the office of the Prime Minister following the assassination of Sri Rajiv Gandhi. Dr. Reddy and Sri Narasimha Rao, though cast in opposite camps in the Pradesh Congress has been friends. It was evident that Dr. Reddy would be offered a gubernatorial post for the third time. Sri Rao is averse to changing Governors and the only state where a vacancy arose was in Rajasthan, as a result of the resignation of the resignation of Sri D.P. Chattopadhyay and Dr. Reddy stepped into Jaipur's Raj Bhavan. He had behind him the rich experience of holding that post in both the sprawling U.P. and problem ridden Punjab. As he is well versed in Hindi and Urdu, language did not offer any problem to him in Rajasthan. He discharged his duties as Governor with effortless ease as senior leader who had faced many challenges and passed through fair and foul weather. His relations with BJP Government and its Chief Minister, Sri B.S. Shekhawat were correct and cordial.

When the BJP Government was dismissed following Babri Masjid tragedy and the state came under President's Rule, he took the reins of Government, worked hard and never allowed the void of a Chief Minister in office felt. Due to certain political circumstances, Dr. Reddy was shifted to Tamil Nadu as Governor, which is a prestigious State. It was expected he, a seasoned politician with ability to deal with though chief Ministers or Governors for he was both almost alternatively would touch off famously. After some initial honeymooning, strains have developed and it has become a case of action and reaction, both acting strongly. Dr. Reddy is fully aware of the constitutional position of a Governor having been one, three times as also of Chief Minister having held that office twice. Jayalalitha may have got on excellently with the previous incumbent, Sri Bhishma Narain Singh, but may be on the strength of her popularity and numbers in the Assembly, has taken a collision course, which is not in the interest of smooth functions of the Government.

Wherever he is, Dr. Reddy can never be immune to political development. He would watch carefully the goings on and would not hesitate to renounce office and plunge into the centre stage politics. Though he may not be in active politics at a given moment, he would keep himself in touch with political developments and if the situation demands he may re-enter politics again.

Dr. Channa Reddy's qualities of leadership have been proved time and again, he would always wish to be number one or two no second-in-command. His dynamism and ability to organise and mobilize the people have been demonstrably proved. Every time his opponents thought that he was finished

politically, he rose, asserted himself and emerged as a formidable figure. It happened every time. From thick of a battle to Governorship of a State and then to rough and tumble of politics and later to another Raj Bhavan, again hectic political work, and then from opposition to the seat of power and vice versa, Dr. Reddy's career reads like heroic and romantic story from the pages of thrilling novel. He is not the one to brook interference or tolerate opposition from within and outside. He has sufficient self-confidence and resilience to challenge any leader, however mighty. If he has stood up against Dr. Ramakrishna Rao, he did it equally against N. Sanjiva Reddy or K. Brahmananda Reddy or H.N. Bahuguna when the latter was Chief Minister and he (Dr. Channa Reddy) esd Governor of U.P. In fact, Bahuguna used to quip that U.P. had two Chief Ministers, one Dr. Reddy and second himself, Whether it was Mrs. Gandhi or her son, he never took things lying down. For him there is nothing like wilderness of going out of limelight. He can revel in controversy. He is a trusted and steadfast friend but an inveterate opponent. He can create work for himself whenever he is cast.

At 75, he retains his dynamic and his penchant for quick reaction and inhibited outspokenness. He is God-fearing, friendly but unsparing. He is God-fearing friendly but unsparing. He is tireless in his saying he believed in God and destiny he is among the few top political leaders who acknowledge openly and publicly their faith in astrology, Sri N.T. Rama Rao is one such. Dr. Reddy is hard working putting 18 to 20 hours of work a day even now. He goes into details and is good with his file work and home work, up-to-date and perfect. He is meticulous in his correspondence and interviews and given an impression of certain old world grandeur in his demeanor and courtesies. Despite the strains and stress between them. Dr. Reddy sent a get well bouquet to Jayalalitha when she was indisposed and cancelled her visit to Delhi. But he can be curt and tick off a person when annoyed or angered. With his administrative abilities and rich experience both in Government and in public life, in opposition as well as in power, he can bid fair to be model Governor as expected by the Constitution. He says that while a Governor governs, Chief Minister rules, defining their respective roles. He was both at the giving and receiving ends and therefore knows to what extent a Governor can go and the limits of a Chief Minister, however strong.

**Dr. Channa Reddy As I Knew Him
V.P. Rama Rao**

I was, indeed, excited when I was asked to write about "Dr. Channa Reddy as I knew him "for his 75th birth anniversary Abhinandana Sanchika.

I have had many occasions in my thirty six years of Civil Service to work very closely with Dr. Channa Reddy. The first time was when he was in his early forties, the second time when he was just turning into his sixties and finally when he was in his early seventies. Each one of these periods bought at different standing qualities of Dr. Channa Reddy as a “statesman administrator par excellence”

Dr. Channa Reddy was one of the most indefatigable workers. To him 24 hours in a day were not sufficient for his work. He was truly a “workaholic” I recall an instance of this habit of his, way back in the early sixties. One day he had come back after a whirlwind election tour of his constituency which lasted the whole previous night and even stretched towards the early hours of next morning. He returned to his residence at 5 o’clock in the morning. One of my colleagues and I who were then working as fairly Junior Officers of the Industries Department had something important to discuss with him. When we rang up at 6.30 A.M. asking at what time we could come? Promptly he said come straight away. To him the famous saying of Jawaharlal Nehru “Aaram Haram Ha” totally applies.

He never attended a meeting without thorough and full-fledged preparation. Even if it is a fifty page note given to him on the previous evening for a meeting to be held next morning, he not only would read every word of it, but also he had the knack of pinpointing the weakest point in the note which everyone else would miss. This ability speaks volumes not only of his hard work but also of his outstanding intellect which could separate the chaff from the grain.

In his early when Dr. Channa Reddy was in the prime of his youth he was anxious to achieve results and he would project an image himself purposely, as being extraordinarily impatient. This was just to move the slothful members of his team to speed up the work and show concrete results. It is not as if he was not aware that certain things would need time and good administration does not mean hasty administration. He felt however that in a country like ours with vast problems and with an administrative system not always sufficiently fast one needed to ginger up the hierarchy of administrations to get some minimum results quickly even if here and there a few errors are made. During informal conversation he would open up and say. I should not because I was angry with so and so, but unless that much of outward harshness is there the required speed would not be achieved.

He was extraordinarily courteous to both young and old it he was convinced that they were not trying to bluff their way through and that while trying to do their best in the task assigned to then had the courage to point out the hurdles in the path. There were some who used to complain that he

would keep them waiting for long hours and they could not get an appointment from him. Dr. Channa Reddy had his own way of prioritizing his various items work and attentioning his time.

From a very early stage in his career as a minister he laid emphasis on employment generation, through industrialization. He felt that in the field of education it is not the universities and higher education that need immediate attention but emphasis shall be on the primary school in the village. It will be true to say that many ideas of his were adopted years later by Government of India. In that sense he thought very much ahead of others in many matters and perhaps it will be no exaggeration if one says. That what Dr. Channa Reddy thinks today, the rest of the country thinks tomorrow.

Dr. Channa Reddy never held any prejudice or rancour against anybody. He may hold a different view but as long as he felt that the man on the other side had no one to grind, he had affection and admonition for the other person. In the early seventies I took a very tough stand to protect Law and Order during the Telangana agitation of which Dr. Channa Reddy was a leader. To my pleasant surprise he never held it against me and he considered that what I was doing was only performing my duty at that point of time.

In this early sixties Dr. Reddy was the Chief Minister of the State in an unusual political atmosphere. The Government at the Centre was under the control of a different political party from the Government at the state. The political compulsions in our country are such that big changes can come about in the leaders priorities and techniques from time to time in times of stress. What has however to be said to the credit of Dr. Channa Reddy is that, invariably the interest of the State and the people were paramount and he always thought of how best to make permanent structural improvements in different fields.

After almost a decade out of active politics Dr. Reddy in his early seventies took over as the Chief Minister of the State. I had an opportunity to work closely with him as Chief Secretary of the state. A couple of days before I took over as Chief Secretary, Dr Reddy were leaving for USA for medical consultations. His faith and confidence in the civil servants was such that when I asked him. There will naturally be some day-to -day problems during your absence from the country. Would you like me to consult any Ministers in particular on these matters? Very promptly he said consult you conscience and do whatever you feel is right". Perhaps it is this trust and confidence which make a civil servant put in his very best to justify the trust.

The crowning glory of his performance was in getting a massive aid for the relief of the "cyclone hit coastal Andhra" No-other proof is required, whatever

may have been his political stances, that deep down here was a leader who was very cosmopolitan in his outlook and who felt for the suffering masses. When he went to the USA, for medical attention the first thing he did was to discuss with the World Bank about cyclone relief. He created a history of sorts by persuading them to send a team within 10 days of his visit to Washington. He rang me up very excited and happy one midnight from Washington and he said “world bank have agreed to send a team. Please look into the preparation of the material required for them “Next morning he rang up again and he said in my excitement I totally forgot that I was disturbing you in the middle of the night. I hope you would not mind the inconvenience I caused you:. I still recall that this reflects the deep consideration he had for the convenience and comfort of those who were working with him, be it Minister or Civil servant. This was indeed a rare quality of leadership which enthused as all to put in an very best.

Dr. Reddy had a great sense of humour. After the major operation of kidney Transplant was completed and the period of recuperation over he was about to be discharged from the hospital and return back to the State. Talking in a lighter vein on telephone I said “you are able to devote more time for administration sitting in Washington as nobody else disturbs you with minor problems, you cannot devote the same time for major problems you cannot devote the same time for major problems in Hyderabad. Administration is better with you in Washington “I Remember vividly how he roared with laughter and said, “I agree with you but you will have to put up with me in Hyderabad from now on”.

He had great value for the time of others particularly when he felt that the other persons were involved in serious work. I remember an instance when I had gone to his office, for some discussion at 3.30 PM one afternoon with a prior appointment. Some important visitors were with him at that time and his personal staff hesitated to tell him for few minutes.(Hardly this was for five minutes) that I had reached there. When they did tell him, he immediately took me to another room and asked me whether I had been waiting. I told him that I had come just 5 minutes back. He was furious with the personal staff for not telling him that I had arrived there and chided them. “You cannot keep the Chief Secretary waiting”. Some of these instances, small as they are abundantly go to disprove the unfair image that as a habit, he kept people waiting. Perhaps it depended on whether he considered the person who had come was on a serious work or otherwise.

As the Secretary to the Cabinet I used to observe his style of conducting the Cabinet meeting. In his second spell as Chief Minister. I found that he was extremely anxious to get all the points of view and didn't want mere “Yes men”

either among the Ministers or civil servants. Totally democratic he would go by the consensus.

He was above, all types of narrow considerations. If he found any particular rule bad, he would always ask for amending the rule, not for mere relaxation in individual cases. He did not want that a distinction should be made in favour of those who were near and dear to him. He wanted the interpretation of rules to be uniform, and fair to one and all.

He was always receptive to new ideas and would appreciate any new ideas which could be implemented. In he trusted an officer and felt he was doing his best he would support him to the hilt and not let him down at any stage. One wonders in retrospect, if only a visionary an intellectual and a statesman administrator with the capabilities of Dr. Reddy, had a more propitious climate and less hurdles to contend with what could he have not achieved for the people.

On the occasion of his 75th birth anniversary let us hope and pray that he will have all the time and energy to contribute more and more to the wellbeing of the country at large and the citizens of the State in particular.

A Birthday Tribute V. H. Desai

Dr. Marri Channa Reddy has turned 75 (Born January 13, 1919) with a record of service spanning over a period of five decades and more, which could make any leader of his eminence envious of Dr. Reddy is unique and unparalleled in the context of Indian politics. It was during the last phase of freedom struggle fought on the soil of the Nizam's State of Hyderabad that I landed myself in the Central jail at Chanchalguda, Hyderabad, as his co-prisoner. I was in the midst of galaxy of leaders of the then Hyderabad State Congress, including Swami Ramanda Tirtha, K.V. Ranga Reddy, Dr. M. Channa Reddy, K.S. Vaidya H.C. Heda, Dr. G.S. Melkote, Pandit Narendra Ji, B.S. Mahadev singh and host of others.

Even in Jail Dr. Channa Reddy's presence was felt among the seniors for his matchless enthusiasm and keen intellect. Dr. Reddy was an active student leader till his graduation from Osmania Medical College. Like Dr. B.C. Roy, he gave up his medical practice to become the General Secretary of the Andhra Mahasabha in 1942. The post literally chasing him being a born leader.

After Police Action in September, 1949, Dr. Reddy was already in the forefront. He was nominated to the Constituent Assembly in 1950. The first general elections were held in 1952 and he got elected to the State Assembly with a thumping majority. He was inducted as the Minister in the first and last popular Ministry in the erstwhile Hyderabad State, headed By Mr. B. Ramakrishna Rao.

Greatness never eluded Dr. Reddy. When the Congress was routed in North India in 1977 elections, it was Dr. Reddy as the only Congress Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, not only retained power but helped Mrs. Gandhi to stage a grand come-back at the Centre in 1980. Again when Mr. N.T. Rama Rao was the Chief Minister of the Telugu Desam Government, it was Dr. Reddy who as the President of Andhra Pradesh Congress Committee humbled the party in the elections to Parliament as well as the Assembly. He again became the Chief Minister after nearly 10 years. This is just one example how Dr. Reddy strode like a Colossus in his own right. In Spite of his differences with Mrs. Gandhi he had great admiration for her stewardship in finding some way to fight back like him. It may be recalled it was Mrs. Gandhi who brought him to the Centre in 1967 as a full-fledged Cabinet Minister of Steel and Mines. After a lapse of six years between 1968 and 1974 he was sent as Governor of Uttar Pradesh in 1974. Again when Mrs. Gandhi came back to power at the Centre, Dr. Channa Reddy fell out with Sanjay Gandhi and was appointed as Governor of Punjab. Dr. Reddy minced no words about the day-to-day interference of the Union Home Ministry in the State matters and he hit Punjabi Governorship.

In the meanwhile the Congress was trounced at the hustings, in Andhra Pradesh. He quit congress and formed National Democratic Party. However, it was Rajiv Gandhi who brought back Dr. Reddy to the congress fold as the President of Andhra Pradesh Congress Committee. Again it was Dr. Reddy who helped the Congress(I) for its astounding success at the polls by securing nearly two-thirds majority in the Assembly. It was a stunning blow to Mr. N.T. Rama Rao who had his eyes on the Prime Minister's 'gaddi' many such instances can be cited how Dr. Reddy proved himself as the man of the Crisis. He has always played a sheet-anchor role. This he had also the distinction of becoming the Chief Minister twice like N. Sanjeeva Reddy and D. Sanjivayya earlier.

Dr. Reddy is a fighter and continues to be a fighter for the cause which he believes right. A great crowd-puller, Dr. Reddy's amazing sway over the masses is to be seen to the believed. In power or out of power, he will be at his best before a big crowd. The organising ability and dynamism of Dr. Reddy is down to earth, and dedicated. Having had the privilege of working with him between 1968 and 1971, I had noticed one great quality in him. He is the one man who calls a spade a spade after making himself sure of his strong

political base. He has the vision and thinks independently. He is the one man who stands shoulders above his peers; and not even Mrs. Gandhi took him for granted.

As the President of the Telangana Praja Samithi (TPS), Dr. Reddy declared in a press statement that ...there is nothing secret about it (six-point formula) and no under-hand dealing. It is open negotiations and was carried out with specific and expressed objective of solving the Telangana problem. Among the points the change in leadership was the dominant.. he added.

In the context of the dramatic changes in the political set-up following the TPS merger with the Congress in 1971, it would be wrong and unwise to compare those events with the events to the formation of Andhra Pradesh in 1956 in that the situation was clearly beyond the purview of the Prime Minister and the Central Government. The experience of the past 14 years (1956 - 1972) Dr. Reddy as the Chairman of the TPS took all the care and the pains to go deep on every point that had emerged during the protracted discussions with the Prime Minister Mrs. Gandhi and the Central leaders. Shri C. Subramaniam and Shri U.S. Dixit. For the first time after three years of mass agitation for separate Telangana, the Central leaders realized though belatedly that the grievances of the people of Telangana were genuine and they should not be driven to the wall. In this process, it was but natural that the main hurdle - change of leadership - should be removed before the Formula could have a smooth sailing. Whatever may be merits of demerits of the formula, one greatest achievement of the TPS was the Telangana Personality emerged in all its dimensions in all walks of life, so far subdued and suppressed ever since the formation of Andhra Pradesh. The full credit should go to Dr. M. Channa Reddy for his political acumen and vision.

The TPS realistically came to terms with the post-election situation which despite its impressive performance in the 1971 midterm Lok Sabha election the separatist stance was given up in the changed national context. That should speak volumes about the leader and his ardent nationalism.

The Prime Minister Mr. P.V. Narsimha Rao, it should be acknowledge without exaggeration that his present eminence in Indian politics, was Largely due to the success achieved by the TPS by virtue of which a Telangana leader was 'elected' as the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh (for the first time since 1956). Mr. Narasimha Rao took the oath of office on September 30, 1971. This compromise resulted in the merger of TPS with the Congress Party.

The emergence of the Telangana leaders at the State and national levels today was the result of relentless struggle that the TPS had waged under the leadership of Dr. Reddy from 1968 to 1971. If there would have been no TPS

perhaps no Telangana stalwart could have occupied key positions today both at the Centre and the state. This plus point is the greatest contribution to the leadership qualities of Dr. Reddy. In fact he had come to be regarded as the destiny maker in throwing open the Telangana leadership at national level too.

Dr. Reddy is not the type who can be subjugated by brute force. He is the strong man of Andhra Pradesh. He is sharp and highly intelligent. Though on his officials and helpful to his friends, he had faith in his destiny. A god fearing man, Dr. Reddy has many years ahead of him of playing a leading national role. He was right when he told a scribe some time back; "Every more of mine is calculated, pre medicated and planned by vigilant mind Vigilance, indeed, should be the first watch word of every political leader who feels the pulse of the people.

And Dr. Reddy the architect of Telangana Personality in national politics is a rare phenomenon- a leader with a difference.

May Almighty bless Dr. M. Channa Reddy for many years of useful service in the cause of the Nation?

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Great Connoisseur of Arts
Vastushilpi B.N. Reddy

Dr. M. Channa Reddy is a multi-faceted personality. Described aptly as a fine product of Hyderabad culture, a man of drive and dynamism, a leader with a golden heart a yogi visionary, a person of charisma trustee of the weak an able administrator and a man of the masses he is all things to all people.

Art and culture very dear to Dr. Channa Reddy. He has always had highest respect for the art and theatre and its artistes. He loves the theatre not with the patronizing attitude of a politician, but with the firm conviction that there is essential for the health of the nation. He believes that cultural activity not only an educative and social value but has a significant curative effect on the human psyche. He knows this instinctively through his close contact with the theatre for well over six decades.

Varasulkam

His association with the theatre movement began in 1937 when he, as a college student. Played the female lead in a Telugu play. 'Varasulkam' with his thespian appetite, whetted by the praise he received for his histrionic ability, he directed and produced another play 'DAYYALA PANNUGUDA' on the evils of drinking. This play was staged with inspiration received from the Temperance Movement launched by the late Raja Bhadur Venkata Rama Reddy, the then Commissioner of Police and a great social reformer. This play testifies Dr. Reddy's firm conviction that has to be abhorred at all times.

It was after the Nizam's Hyderabad State became part of the Indian Union in 1948 as a result of the Police Action, and Dr. Channa Reddy was chosen a Minister in the Government of Hyderabad State in 1952 at a very young age, that his interest in theatre was renewed with vigor. Since then Dr. Channa Reddy has been playing a key role in the theatre arts of Andhra Pradesh. As Minister, he attended the Andhra Nataka Kala Paris had at Machilipatnam in 1953. He invited the Parishat to for Hyderabad their next drama festival. The 1954 Kala Parishad held its festival at the Exhibition Grounds. Hyderabad and it turned out to be a historic event, because it brought together great talents in the Telugu Theatre. As a host Dr, Channa Reddy took personal interest and saw that the festival was a great success from every angle.

In those days, the Indian National theatre association (INTA). Hyderabad Branch was the only prominent theatre organization. Dr. Channa Reddy was closely associated with it. In 1954 Bharatiya Natya Sangh the Theatre Centre of India established its branch in Hyderabad. Dr. Channa Reddy became its Presidents, and guided its destinies for more than a decade. In course of time other institutions like the Sangeetha Nataka Akademi came into being and amateur theatre groups also developed.

Ravindra Bharathi

Another standing monument to the zeal of Dr. Channa Reddy for arts is the Ravindra Bharati perhaps the only people's theatre in the twin cities at that time. In its planning, construction and organization, he played a key role and became the first President of Ravindra Bharathi. He encouraged theatre activity at Bal Bhavan in Hyderabad. His interest in the Folk theatre led to the conduct of the all India Folk Festival when he was the governor of Uttar Pradesh.

The day he assumed office as Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh in 1978, he announced what he envisioned for the betterment of the theatre. Theatre and Film have engaged his attention and he has been taking a keen interest in the problems of the artistes and the technicians. Cinema, though an art, is still

essentially an industry. It has the enormous capacity for organimy and creating public opinion. It also contributes crores of rupees to the exchequer. Dr. Channa Reddy has come to grips with the problems of the film industry and has brought the government and the industry together to solve the problems and clear the bottlenecks. Of course, a lot needs to be done; but he took steps in the right direction. On the other hand, drama is a highly individualistic art and hence there is a smug self-satisfaction on the part of theatre people, most of them not dependent on theatre for their livelihood. It is difficult for them to organize themselves. No professional theatre will grow in such conditions. Unless the imperatives of putting up a show every night are there, and the need to face an audience night after night is present, on appreciable progress can be achieved, that is the prerequisite to the promotion of theatre.

It was his cherished desire to have one play every day in Ravindra Bharathi, the premier theatre of Hyderabad. He was prepared to make Ravindra Bharathi available for staging plays every day from 9.30 p.m. Of course he was aware of the technical and logistic problems; the experiment could be tried, while another theatre could be built specifically for regular drama, regarding the rural theatre, which consist of folk and mythological plays, which unfortunately are languishing due to lack of patronage, he felt that a Theatre Institute should be established to bring youth from the villages, train them and provide gainful employment in the art. The main weakness of theatre people when they faced problems was to stop all activity. This was due to the lack of dedication and firm conviction. His advice is, "Don't stop, and solve the difficulties".

All the theatre artists know that Dr. Reddy is one of them and he has the feel for their problems. Theatre is in his blood. It is almost impossible to see Dr. Channa Reddy leave the theatre in the middle of a performance. Indeed, he considers t a sacrilege not with stand his hectare public life as a Minister in the State, or at the Centre, Chief Minister or Governor, he always needed the theatre for relaxation and entertainment. He always stayed till the curtain. Call on could even see him disposing urgent official papers, between the scenes of a play. The performer could not expect greater tribute from their beloved leader. He is keen in his observations about the theatre and is unsparing in his criticism whenever they go. At the same time, he can laugh like a child when his mind is engaged and he is thoroughly entertained.

When he became the Chief Minister in 1989, further fillip was given to the growth of cultural institutions. Andhra Pradesh had various cultural Academies like Sahitya Academy, Sangeetha Academy, Nataka Academy, and Lalithakala Academy for the promotion of respective artforms. These academies were abolished when telugu desam party came into power. Though

there was a persistent demand both from people and cultural institutions, the Government paid a deaf ear to the revival of the academies. As a great connoisseur and lover of arts. Dr. Channa Reddy in his second spell of Chief Ministership, issued orders reviving all the cultural academies wound up by the Telugu Desam Government. He also restored the old age pensions for poor artistes. That was the service of Dr. Channa Reddy to the cause of art and artistes.

The theatre people, on the occasion of his 75th birthday wish him all that is bright and beautiful in life, a life which is full of vigour, health and happiness, and pray that his dreams come true.

Dr. Reddy - A Dynamic Intellect
Prof. M. N. Reddy

Combination of dynamism and intellect is a rare phenomenon. Generally intellectuals are less dynamic in actions, because intellectuals are in habit of viewing the subject from different angles under different magnification, often prone to see smaller problems as big and bigger ones as small resulting into loss of precious time in resolving the problems which deserve immediate attention and speedier remedies. When an intellectual is dynamic he looks at the things in right perspective under correct focus and magnification. He will be able to provide appealing answers to the problems and suggest quick remedies in matters of greater urgency. Rapid solution to the problems, which are normally faced while initiating steps for progressive measures and quick implementation of plans and schemes, particularly in overcoming devastating circumstances is something like a lifesaving drug. Dr. Reddy is like a rapid lifesaving drug which can be administered to the patient (society) for immediate relief from passive environment, because he is both intellectual and dynamic.

Darwin's popular theory of biological evolution explaining the concept of Survival of the Fittest is a synonym with the political profile of Dr. Reddy undoubtedly, politics is a slippery game and ascent is like climbing a greasy pole Dr. Reddy, in his long political career spanning over 50 years has survived through triumphs and travails, experienced turmoil and tumult, escaped from fatal accidents, often went into political hibernation, yet times entrapped in the circumstances, maintained dynamic silence as a disciplined soldier with fresh breeze of fragrance. But every time he baffled his political opponents who thought that he is finished. But, to their utter dismay and disillusionment, like Phoenix he literally rose from ashes with a glittering success much to the amazement of his political adversaries and always proved that he is more fit to survive under extremely difficult circumstances,

while subscribing to the popular concept of Darwin's theory. Because he hardened his fibre to face bigger challenges in the life on the basis of active and untinted support of God. he retains his unquenchable spirit under the powerful shadow of spiritualism and divinity. Though his political career is a high drama with full of agony and ecstasy which experienced the rise and fall of the tides, he could face any challenge with courage and determination. Thus, he learnt the art of swimming against turbulent tides.

Mandel's Law of Mutation and concept of inheritance appears to be more pronounced in its practicality, which resulted in shaping the inherent qualities of Dr. Reddy. Though, he was born in a middle class agricultural family, his meteoric rise to the national political scenario is an eloquent testimony to the theory of mutation, which reflected the grandiose of faithful preservation of chromosomal character of his parents, which enhanced those characters with photo precision. Dr. Reddy inherited the innate intellectual abilities from his father and dynamic approach of his mother to the utmost accuracy..

He has also gained intimate knowledge of rural people and their problems due to the agricultural background of the family, which left the imprint of events and memories right from his childhood and during subsequent periods. Although he is trained in medicine his passion for agriculturists. Love farming and farm environment is clearly discernible from the interest he has been evincing in agriculture right from the initial stages of his career. He is a pro kisan and pro grameen. The first opportunity of serving as a Minister for Food and Agriculture in Government of Hyderabad enlarged his vision and increased his love for agriculture which found a better play. For the first time he has introduced his love for agriculture which found and better play. For the first time he has introduced fertilisers and paved the way for the green revolution, resulting into higher productivity.

His childhood and rural environment in a remote village schooling and education at Hyderabad influenced his thoughts and actions. A Major part of his life is spent at Hyderabad and imbibed the culture of this historic city. The culture of Hyderabad is very popular for its cosmopolitan outlook, sense of tolerance, brotherhood, above all the most sophisticated manners churned out from both Hindu - Muslim cultures, which registered a profound impact on each other. This symbolic cultural fusion may be eventually heading for repetition of history. The cultural background and the environment which nursed the personality of Dr. Reddy has helped in shaping the secular outlook. He carried with him people from different shades, covering the entire spectrum of society. Usually man is shaped and fashioned by what he loves, thus he loved the concept of Secularism. He is restless in implementing his ideas and executing plans particularly in ameliorating the sufferings of the people and becomes impatient when the benefits are not reached out to the downtrodden.

His political life is full of vicissitudes and faced formidable opposition throughout his political career. He could withstand his opponents by virtue of his rare qualities like strong convictions, courage eloquent oratory, razor sharp intellect, computer memory, passion for reading, quick and therapeutic decisions and profound faith in God. In his real life also he could survive fatal accidents with the Divine Grace of God.

He is an amalgam of administrative dynamism and courage. His administrative actions are blended by imagination, quick thinking, speedier implementation of the programmes, displeasure at bureaucratic delays, procrastination, humanism and in terms of everything "active". He displays courage both during triumphs and political quietudes. This was the most significant and pervasive quality which he has possessed and displayed throughout the five decades of his political career. His diabolical courage while leading Telangana Praja Samithi has badiled the determined City Police Commissioner and entire police machinery while laying foundation for construction of memorial for Telangana martyrs which still remain fresh in the minds of people. He rose from the level of Secretary of City Congress Committee to the stature of a matured statesman by virtue of innate leadership qualities and courage to pluck success from failure, courage to accept reality, courage of conviction and courage to leap forward. The political philosophy that influenced him the most is realisation of socialism. He explains. "Socialism to me does not mean distribution of poverty. In a socialist state of my dream I would like prosperity to reach every home". He constantly reminds public servants to serve the people and look into their changing, dynamic needs and interests that should govern their structure, shape and purpose. It is in the interests of their creator - the people - that fresh breeze of ideas should constantly be blowing across its doors and windows.

His process of thinking is always ahead of people around him, and his thoughts and ideas are appreciated at a very later stage. His liberalised policies towards naxalism are in fact aimed to expose their weak points and educate the people and eventually erase them totally. However, his original plan to win the minds of the naxalites was not understood in the right perspective. He is a visionary and dreamer, this is necessary to be able to do great things. People who call him impractical fail to look at the breadth of his vision. Those who do not have dreams can never achieve big things. As a mass leader, he is capable of anticipating and forecasting the changes and attempt to translate his ideas into actions with tremendous zeal and drive, which attracted the popular attention. In fact the present schemes, plans and policies of the government and establishments and growth of some of the institutions in the state find their roots into the thinking of Dr. Reddy which he has been assiduously pursuing right from the early days of his involvement in the administration as Minister for food and Agriculture, presiding member of

the subcommittee on planning (Telangana Regional Committee). Minister for Panchayati Raj Planning, Finance and Industry and as Chief Minister. If we study the earlier history of any development almost all the plans and projects in the state are conceived by Dr. Reddy at one stage or the other. Some of them have become so popular that they have been adopted by other states also. We can hardly find any project which has not been initiated and constantly pursued by Dr. Reddy. Some of the projects are outcome of his agitations and constantly pursued by Dr. Reddy. Some of the projects are outcome of his agitation; attitude in realising them. Thus, the history and the process of development always intertwined with his political career.

As envisioned by Lenin, as true leader, he always submersed himself in the foundation of the people. He firmly believes in democratic process of thinking and decision making. He believes in consensus and is never tired of discussing with opposing groups. He is a true democrat and respects for democratic values. He has never been a blind follower, always politics revolved around him.

Dr. Reddy is a rare combination of a thinker a visionary, a manager, an able administrator and a courageous politician who matured into a super statesman, all these qualities mark him out as the “Man of Destiny”.

perhaps , the dramatic influence of Mandal’s Law of Mutation has bloomed in the enhanced original qualities from his parents, and blossomed into several new equalities resulting into the production of a man with combination of rare qualities - i.e. Dr. Channa Reddy.

On the occasion of 75th birthday of Dr. Channa Reddy I sincerely Pray God to give him long and healthy life and many happy returns of the day in order to serve the people of this great Nation.

**A Multi - Faceted Personality
K. Chandra Mouli Reddy**

Dr. M. Channa Reddy is multi-faceted personality with a difference over the years he shaped and reshaped his personal traits with a view to evolving what could be apply termed as the “Channa touch” always inimitable. So much so, whatever cause he espouses he does it with a crusading zeal leaving those around and behind him.

Spanning more than half a century, the Doctor’s enduring contribution to the political and apolitical life of Andhra Pradesh has carved out for him a

niche in our recent history. He has during this long innings, been associated with many facets of nation building activities such as to cite but a few planning land reforms, community development social welfare and democratic decentralization. He adorned all he touched, and left behind a lasting impress.

In a broad sense, the Doctor is a visionary. As such, he took to planning with effortless ease. His arduous exertions - down the years to re shape the future of his home state have to be viewed in a wider context, for a correct valuation of his personality. Our Five - Year plans, launched at the turn of the mid-century, evoked considerable interest the world over. They sought to give concrete shape to our phased economic development in a policy based parliamentary democracy. And Yojana Bhawan emerged as the prime architect.

During the formative 50's the Planning Commission, it be recalled, was still considering how best the herculean problem of planning in a federal seup could be solved and how the consent and cooperation of the central and State Governments could be rallied round. Against this backdrop, Dr. Reddy became the Planning Minister of Andhra Pradesh way back in 1962. He brought to bear upon the portfolio, his experience as the youngest minister in the erstwhile Hyderabad State.

Since those early days, he was one among those front - rank leaders who believed that planning and execution should be decentralized to accelerate the pace of progress of a state like Andhra Pradesh which in the 60's had 78% of the rural households in the expenditure group pf Rs. 100 or less per month. He was the first to sound the tocsin that rural development alone would not be sufficient to give a big push to the state. He therefore laid ample emphasis on the simultaneous development of such vital sectors like the small scale and cottage industries, and pisciculture for a faster growth rate of the state's economy. While formulating the third five-year plan, in particular this broad approach was kept in view by our planners.

Doctor Reddy was also instrumental in paving the groundwork for the ways and means of securing additional funds to meet the state's share of the plan expenditure. He insisted on, inter alia, the increased grants fo the centre to the state and raising open market loans, by the Govt of India to cover adequately the needs of the State. It is a matter of gratification to record here that many of these reasonable demands of his have since been conceded by the Centre and the Planning Commission, an eloquent tribute to his states manly approach.

Most of the irrigation power and industrial schemes that have been yielding good results in the recent years were conceived planned, and sanctioned when Dr. Reddy was the Planning Minister, Finance Minister and Chief Minister

at different points of time. The political will of the government of his day was much stronger and they could, therefore go forward confidently, producing tangible results far the greatest number.

There are many in this part of the country who are inclined to look upon him as a partisan champion of the Telangana region, given to agitational approach. I should say this is quite unfair to him as borne out by the passage of years. True, there were turbulent time in the late 60's. As a high profile politician he had no other alternative but to bow to political expediency. Even then, he did not hesitate to move on constructive lines when an opportunity presented itself.

Following the famous "Gentlemen Agreement" when the regional committee for Telangana came into being. Dr. Reddy, it will be recalled, was the presiding - member of the subcommittee on Planning and Development. In that capacity, he authored as many as thirty - five well- documented reports covering the entire plan arena and its financing. He also did lay great emphasis on the implementation of the Pochampad Project for the region's all round development. Most of the areas spotlighted by his crucial reports, it was be emphasised here, received good attention in the subsequent plans of the state.

In the 70's when he was at the helm in his home state as the Chief Minister he imparted a new found fillip to the administrative machinery with the "Channa touch "Accordingly official procedures were simplified; delegation of powers was widened and great momentum was achieved with varying degrees of success all in a row. Thus he cleared the decks for launching in quick succession a string of bench mark reforms that evoked administration and envy of his contemporaries, inside and outside Andhra Pradesh.

The hydra-headed problem of land reforms has always been dear to his heart. His well formulated scheme of distribution of surplus land among the landless and conferment of possession was widely acclaimed as a panacea for the ills of the "bold peasantry their country's pride". In this one respect, Andhra Pradesh stole the thunder and, marched to new frontiers with aplomb. So much so, the then Prime Minister Smt. Indira Gandhi paid open compliments to the Chief Minister. Dr. Reddy during a New Delhi meet of the National Development Council. Indeed a father in his cap.

A distinguished administrator steeped in politics ought to draw inspiration not from extraneous sources, but from within. In the heart of hearts, he should firmly believe in a set of crystallized convictions that are capable of conferring public good, Dr. Reddy fits into this slot admirably. His convictions cover a wide spectrum - administrative reforms, democratic decentralization, land

problem, social services and industrialization. When opportunities presented themselves in the course of his distinguished public life, Dr. Reddy did not hesitate to project his bone-deep convictions, still the administrative machinery achieve the results. In fine =, he brought into full play his dynamism with single minded devotion to duty. The impact was electrifying. And the masses accoladed his moves.

In or out of office, one distinguishing trait marks him out. He is a born leader, good and true. Always he will be in the VANGUARD, always he will be after pastures anew. Always he will strive to seek and not to yield. verily , septuagenarian Dr. Marri Channa Reddy dwells apart.

Dynamic Administration in Rajasthan

Dr. M. Channa Reddy assumed the office of the Governor of Rajasthan in February 1992. However, Rajasthan came under the President's Rule in December 1992, after the dismissal of the government headed by Mr. Bhairon Singh Shekhawat. The reigns of the administration were taken over by the Governor, till h left for Madras as Governor of Tamil Nadu in May 1993. A brief report of the welfare programmes undertaken in Rajasthan under Dr. Reddy's dynamic leadership are summarized herewith.

The Governor, Dr. Channa Reddy took up the reigns of the Government at a time when communal riots had put the law and order machinery on trial and posed a challenge to the administration. He gave the highest priority to this aspect and personally visited the riot-hit areas of Jaipur, Tonk and Malpura, he not only consoled the victims of those areas but also went to the hospitals to meet the injured persons. Dr. Reddy issued immediate orders for conducting an enquiry into the riots by Additional District Magistrates. One-man enquiry commission was appointed which was headed by a member of the Board of Revenue to inquire into the riots that had rocked Jaipur and Tonk. the situation in the State came under control, which was evident from the fact that Convocation of the Sukhadia University, Udaipur was held on December, 30 1992 after a period of seventeen years in a peaceful atmosphere.

Financial Assistance increased

The administration was responsive to the needs of the riot-affected people and revised the norms of financial assistance adopted by the previous Government. The financial assistance to those killed in the communal riots was raised from Rs. 70,000 to Rs. 2.2 lakhs. Similarly, assistance to those permanently incapacitated was raised from Rs. 20,000 to Rs. 50,000.

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In the wake of the aftermath of the aftermath of the Ayodhya incidents, communal organization were banned by the Government of India and the State Administration took immediate steps to implement the ban orders. As many as 1629 persons were arrested by December 31, 1992 only in period of two weeks of the President's rule while only four persons could be arrested by the previous Government, during the first few days of the ban.

Constant vigilance was kept on the law and order situation and the key officials connected with the law and order machinery were required to report matters directly to the Governor.

Administration Streamlined

The State Administration was toned up and streamlined. A full fledged post of Secretary. Personnel and Administrative Reforms has been created for the first time to give adequate and concentrated attention on matters relating to administrative reforms and personnel management. The Governor, Dr. Channa Reddy, in his address to the senior officers and heads of the department on December 16, 1992 exhorted them to win the confidence of the people. The State Administration should function in such a way as to provide immediate relief and justice to the people, complete the tasks in time and generate new hope and confidence among the people at large.

Whatever could be accomplished should be done immediately and that which could not done should be conveyed to the people with reasons. No delay and no postponement were 'the watch words 'then.

Work-Culture to be developed

Dr. Channa Reddy worked in the Secretariat right from 11 A.M. to 2.30 P.M. An Advisory Council consisting of three Advisors and the Chief Secretary has

been set up to perform all the functions of the former Cabinet. Secretaries have been asked to send weekly reports to the Governor about the important decisions taken and the proposed implementation of various programmes under their respective departments.

Value of Time

It was a common sight for an outsider to find Government servants on their seats sharp at 10 A.M. and start disposing of their allotted tasks. The very first step of strictly observing office-time has resulted in quick disposal of files and consequent relief to the affected people. There were instructions from the Chief Secretary to all the Collectors to see that punctuality is observed in their offices and the office complexes are kept clean and made comfortable for the visitors. Officers make timely inspections and ensure timely disposal of work. All the officers have been asked to promote harmonious relations between the administration and the people.

Raids have been conducted to check the timely attendance of the employees and strict action was taken against absentees. Raids were also organised to inspect pending papers. The Governor sought opinion from senior and experienced officers for toning up the administration and also about the introduction of a five-day week.

Development Programmes

The Governor, in his very first address, asked the officers to work with all sincerity and dedication for the overall development of the State. The programmes undertaken for the welfare of the downtrodden and for the people living below the poverty line should be given top priority in the implementation. Cent-per-cent implementation of the physical and financial targets was ensured.

The Governor has personally reviewed various important programmes like power development, women and adult literacy, tourism development, water supply, education and pollution. Detailed consultations were undertaken for expeditiously executing programmes of water supply on a large scale to cover the hitherto uncovered areas with potable drinking water, Similarly, reorganization of Panchayati Raj organization was contemplated to infuse a new spirit in their functioning by ensuring more and more people's participation. A policy paper was prepared to increase the number of gram earlier panchayats recently notified and to provide one secretary for each panchayat. The administration may change but development should go on.

Urban Development

On the third day of the President's rule a notification was issued to declare Jaipur and Jodhpur Municipalities as Municipal Corporation. A long awaited

expectation of the people was fulfilled. Municipal councils with more than one lakh population were also declared as Municipalities.

All the five Urban improvement Trusts were reorganized. The nominated Presidents and Members of the Urban Improvement trusts of Bhilwara, Jodhpur, Udaipur, Bikaner and Kota were removed and administrators appointed. The three chairmen of the Khadi Board, the Sports Council and the Small Industries Corporation were removed in view of their political appointments by the previous Government.

Education

As Chancellor of the Universities of Rajasthan Dr. Channa Reddy has undertaken the task of streamlining the university education in the State. The main trust has been to evolve a common Act, common syllabi, common academic calendar, common code and an ombudshmanic mechanism for monitoring all the universities in the State. With a view to streamlining the system of higher education in the State, a separate post of Secretary. Higher Education was created for the first time.

The Rajasthan Education Rules (college), 1986, were suitably amended and proposals have been submitted to the Rajasthan Public Service Commission. Drawing and disbursing powers have been given to senior teachers to fulfil 576 posts of headmasters lying vacant. This has ensured smooth functioning of schools especially in the rural areas.

A committee under the chairmanship of Secretary, Technical Education, has been constituted for suggesting viable and practical training programmes for Engineering Colleges, Polytechnics and ITIs.

To provide relief to the employees of private and Government aided educational institutions, the State Administration has promulgated a non-Government Educational Institutions Act 1989, from January 1, 1993, which provides for the same pay and allowances to the employees of private Government aided educational institutions as admissible to the Government employees. This would greatly minimize the hardships faced by private school teachers.

A high level committee which met under the chairmanship of the Governor, has decided to open primary schools in revenue villages having a population of 1,50 and above in the next two years. The Governor has laid great stress on taking up large scale literacy programmes in the State Ajmer District has been declared as fully literate and the program me of hundred percent coverage of

literacy has been launched vigorously in the district of Bharatpur, Dungarpur and sikar.

Agriculture

A sum of Rs 16 Crores was provided to small and marginal farmers to assist them in increasing their form out-put. A sanction of Rs. 16 crores has been received from the Government of India for assistance to small and marginal farmers during the years 1992-93.

There has been widespread attack of white rust in grape seed and mustard crops in Jaipur and Udaipur divisions. Prompt steps have been taken to supply pesticides to the farmers under oilseeds production preform.

The State Government has exempted sales tax on purchase of aluminum and H. D.P Pipes being used in sprinkler and drip irrigation to promote facilities of minor irrigation.

Khatedari Rights

A second amendment has been made in section is of the Rajasthan Khatedari Act by adding a Sub Section 2, giving khatedari rights in the Indira Gandhi Canal acres. The amendment has been made effective from November, 11,1992.

Medical and Health

The Rajasthan Nursing Council has been reconstituted and sanction for constructing a girls hostel at Kota has been issued. An important landmark is the preparation of project report of Rs. 70 crores for obtaining assistance from the World Bank to combat blindness.

Several steps have been taken to reorganize the functioning of SMS Hospital. Jaipur and increase its level of effectiveness by including operations like bypass surgery.

UNICEF and World Bank assisted Schemes

The UNICEF assisted schemes for women and child development, installation of hand pumps, water supply and education are being run in the State successfully. The chairman of UNICEF Mr. Frederic Ward visited Rajasthan during January 1993 and greatly appreciated the State's efforts. The Bisalpur-Jaipur project for water supply has been sent to the world Bank for financing.

Tourism

A 12-member committee under the chairmanship of commissioner, Jodhpur has been constituted for preparing a detailed plan for the Conservation of forts and other places of tourist interest in Jaisalmer district.

In the conference of Tourism Ministers, Rajasthan requested the Government of India to link Ajmer by air. The air coverage will give a fillip to religious tourism. It has been requested to make available funds for tourism development in the desert region comprising Jodhpur, Barmer, Jaisalmer and Bikaner districts through the international financing agencies. A provision of Rs. 1.10 crores has been made available for the development of the Dargah area in Ajmer during the current year out of the total plan of Rs. 7.75 crores for dargah area development.

Industries

A decision has been taken to set up a big steel plant of 12 lakh tonnes annual capacity in Pali district with an investment of Rs. 400 crores. Efforts were also made to set up five such big steel plants in the State.

Multinational companies were coming up for investment in Rajasthan. There companies have so far taken up 16 major projects involving an investment of Rs. 1,400 crores. Efforts are also going on to attract more and more non-resident Rajasthanis in the State.

The administration has approved a policy with regard to the transfer of plots in saline areas by allottees. Powers have been delegated to General Managers, District Industries Centres under the capital investment subsidy scheme. They can now execute bonds to ensure quick disposal. This would boost industrial development in districts.

Consumer Councils

Rajasthan was the first State where Consumer Protection Councils have been constituted at the district level. There are full time forums in 15 districts and part-time forums in 15 districts, under the Consumer Protection Act.

Upliftment of Weaker Sections

Dr. Channa Reddy has taken keen interest in the development of the depressed classes i.e. SC and ST, women and weaker sections of the society.

He has advocated reservation developmental programmes for the oppressed and downtrodden.

Marching Ahead

Rajasthan has registered considerable progress under the dynamic leadership of Dr. Channa Reddy during his stay as its Governor.

The Governor firmly believes, “The past is beyond recovery; the future you are not sure; the given moment is now, do not delay in the path if it is right action.

As Journalists see Dr. Reddy

“.....Dr. Channa Reddy, as I understand him modelled himself on three prototypes the Nehrus (the father and the daughter), the Telangana Leaders, particularly Burgula and Rajaji, his adorable chief during his brief honeymoon with the swatantra Party. To Panditji, he owes his romanticized leftism, to Mrs Gandhi his diabolical dynamism, to pragmatism. He is a strong man who cannot be taken for a ride”.

A.S. Raman

“...Dr. Channa Reddy’s qualities of leadership have been proved time and again. He would always wish to be number one or two, no second-in-command. His dynamism and ability to organize and mobilize the people have been demonstrably proved. Every time his opponents thought that he was finished politically, he rose asserted himself and emerged as a formidable figure”.

P. Vaman Rao

“... To Journalists Dr, Reddy is always a ‘good copy’. No one knows what he will say and when. It may be an innocuous cultural and ordinary meeting. But then he will make policy statement or a big pronouncement affecting the people. A journalist cannot take the risk or skipping any of his meetings.

S.N.Sastri

“... He is a “Sreyas-Sankara for Trilinga Desa”. If divine grace descends on a determined and idealistic person, there are no positions which are beyond

one's reach. This principle is one hundred percent true in respect of Dr. Channa Reddy.

P.V.R. Sarma

"... Dr. Channa Reddy is a great statesman an admirable leader and noble friend".

_ Potturi Venkateswara Rao

"... As Chief Minister in 1978, Dr. Channa Reddy ordered government employees and school children to work hard from day-break till noon and devote the evenings for self development activities. This novel idea eminently suited people in a tropical country like ours. Who can question Dr. Reddy's vision of society in introducing this change? There lay Dr. Reddy's qualities of dynamic leadership that go beyond successes and failures a leadership that will do right. Regardless of consequences.

Glory of Temples - A Mission

P. Anand Rao Mudaliar

Dr. Marri Channa Reddy is a 'Karma Yogi' with a strong religious bent of mind. Notwithstanding his multifarious administrative and political responsibilities, Dr. Reddy always found time for religious activities and visits to temples.

He is a true believer of 'Nishkama Karma'. He has very often said that " a blade of grass will not move without the will of God". what is a taught in Gita, Dr. Reddy practices. He conducts himself in the true sense of 'karma Yogi'. He believes in doing his duty and leaving rest to Almighty. Thus his unflinching faith in God and love for temples and their environment is well-known.

Since he became Minister in 1952, he spared no pains and has engaging himself in the work of renovation of temples in some way or the other. Dr. Reddy has all-round knowledge of temple renovation work. He is aware of the Aagama and the Shilpa Shastras.He is also quite conversant with the constructional aspects as well. Dr. Reddy's role in this field has been very commendable and appreciated by devotees.

Srisailam

Srisailam is one of the most important and ancient temples not only in Andhra Pradesh, but in the whole of India. Lord Mallikarjuna Swamy, the ruling deity, is one of the Twelve Jyotirlingas of Bharat and his consort, Sri Bhramaramba Devi is one of the Ashtadasas Shaktis of the country. Srisailam is therefore most sacred and an important temple to those who are adherents of the Saiva form of worship. This famous kshetra has four maha Dwaras; in the east, south and north and in all these places, famous temples are situated. In the East is located the Tripurantaka temple which has marvellous architectural beauty. It had no approach road. The temple was in a dilapidated condition. Dr. Channa Reddy, as Minister for Planning, visited the place and immediately arranged for laying the Ghat road to the hill on which the temple stands. He got the Panchayat to construct the road and secured for them the necessary funds.

Dharmapuri

The temple at Dharmapuri in Karimnagar district is one of the few famous temples in the Telangana Region. The ruling deity is Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy. Every Telugu man knows Narasimha Satakam. This book was written in this village as could be seen from the Mukuta "Sri Dharmapuri Nivasa Dushta Samhara Narasimha Durita Dura". Dr. Reddy undertook the renovation of this temple and he was the chairman of the Renovation committee. A number of renovation works were executed. He laid the foundation stone for the Rajagopuram and got the Venkateswara Swamy Mandapam constructed. He also got the blue-print prepared for the construction of choultries. The T.T.D. also constructed a choultry at his express desire.

Venkateswara temple in Hyderabad

The temple which catches the eye of any one passing through the metropolis of Hyderabad is Sri Venkateswara Swamy Temple of Kalapahad. It was constructed by the Hindusthan Charitable Trust. It was Dr. Channa Reddy who conceived this idea as long back as in 1962 when he was the Finance Minister. He, in collaboration with the late Sri Alapati Venkataramaiah, the then Minister for Endowments, pioneered the venture on the highest point in the twin cities. Dr. Reddy is shrewd in finding ways and means of execution of such stupendous works. He made necessary efforts for the assignment of land and then for the preparation of the blue-prints. The Hindusthan Charitable Trust put up a beautiful temple on this hill which is now one of the centres of interest for all the visiting public, apart from being a source of inspiration to the citizens. Dr. Reddy supervised its execution at all stages. These are only a few examples to quote.

Common Good Fund

It is on account of his drive, a good number of temples were renovated. One might ask what is the source of funding these renovation works. Dr. Channa Reddy has introduced a novel scheme known as “Common Good Fund “ with the contributions from the temples whose annual income exceeds Rs. 50,000 per annum at the rate of 3% of the assessable income. The Tirumala Tirupathi Devasthanam is presently contributing Rs. 2.2 crores per annum towards Common Good fund.

The fund is mainly intended for renovation preservation, maintenance of Charitable and Hindu Religious institutions, establishment and maintenance of Veda Patashala and Schools for training in Archakatwam, Adyapakatwam, Veda Parayani Team, Silpn etc. The Chief Minister himself was the Chairman of this fund committee for allotment to various deserving temples.

Sthapathi

In order to carry out renovation works, an Engineering Cell with a Superintendent Engineer was created within the Endowment Department. The post of ‘sthapathi’ was created to design the renovation plans and get the works executed. Te renovation programmes required the services of good and efficient silpis, there was dearth of such workmen in the State. They have to be brought from outside. In order to meet this deficiency. A silpa kalasala was established some time ago, but somehow it remained inactive. Dr. Channa Reddy gave a fillip to relativizing the Kalasala, he also directed that stipends to students must be adequate in order to attract, sizeable number of candidates.

During 1979-80, 25 temples were renovated at a cost of Rs. 1 crore, later 2 crores were also sanctioned for the renovation of over 1500 temples. From 1990-93, about Rs. 1.25 crores were sanctioned for the works. The total number of temples for which sanctions were given since 1978 to 1993 are 2,802. Out of these 1322 have been complete.

Another significant feature of his devotion was the sanction of grants of temple outside the State, in Karnataka and Uttar Pradesh and also Sri Lanka. Beside renovation programmes, Dr. Reddy was responsible for establishing Veda Patasalas, Adhyapaka Scheme, Silpa Kalasala and Archaka Training School - all funded from the Common Good Fund.

Dr. Channa Reddy has endeared himself to the devout public by his remarkable service to the cause of temples. More importantly, he has received in abundance the blessings of the presiding in sacred shrines. May God bless him on his 75th birthday to serve the cause of shrines?

Dr. Reddy's "Jana Janardhana Seva"

N. Muralidhar

As a newspaper, I observed Dr. Channa Reddy closely and distantly since around 1960, with however certain long intervals. Looking back it seems that batting on a sticky wicket has been an inescapable feature in his long hectic public life.

Whether in or out of office, whether he was in his home state or elsewhere, Dr. Channa Reddy occupied the centre stage of political developments in Andhra Pradesh. Indeed, no political discussion that concerned Andhra Pradesh could progress without referring to him.

I have seen him make rousing speeches in public rallies or offer satyagraha in City streets and court arrest; I saw him transform the sedate proceedings in a government meeting into a brainstorming session by throwing up bold revolutionary and creative ideas which stunned the listeners into silence.

Though one among a host of politicians, he stood from the rest, with his irrepressible dynamism, sharp responses, extraordinary intelligence, and a strange restlessness that was perhaps born out of an impatient desire for change.

Even when I watched him engrossed in some writing work, or discussion with an aide, his concentration was total, conjuring up a political image of some "force seething in idleness".

Fifteen years ago on the occasion of his Shashtipoorthi celebrations Maa Anandamayi sent a short three sentence message which provides a wonderful insight into Dr. Reddy's life and work.

The message read as follow :

"Illumine the moment of your birth by proceeding on the path of immortality.

"Success lies through actions in the form of Jana Janardhana Seva-
"May you life long to achieve your cherished goal".

Ananda Mai's message not only spans the past and future of Dr. Reddy, but also provides a valuable clue for understanding his personality.

Ananda Mai states that Dr. Channa Reddy's success lies in rendering 'Seva' to Jana Janardhana' No wonder, he gravitated towards medical studies and practiced in the City to serve the sick and ailing - real Jana Janardhana Seva - before entering politics.

His political activity commenced with the non-violent struggle against the oppressive rule of the erstwhile Nizam Government again seva to Jana Janardhana in Telangana.

Perhaps his seva flowered full bloom after he took over the reins of Andhra Pradesh State as Chief Minister in 1978. Besides reducing the age of voters for Panchayat Raj and local bodies from 21 to 18, he introduced reservation in favour of members of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in Panchayat Samithis, extending upto the post of President of the Smithies and Chairman of Zilla Parishads. Dr. Reddy initiated these measures to utilize the instrument of Panchayats for transforming the rural economy and reduce the hold of rural elite vested interests on these institutions.

To bring the weaker sections into the mainstream of life, he gave a vigorous thrust to the implementation of 20 point Economic Programme, and construction of permanent houses. He allotted more than 50% of the state's resources for development of activities catering to the rural people.

By exempting land revenue for small farmers with holdings of 2 1/2 acres wet and 5 acres dry, he became a friend of the poor farmer. In providing villages with bus transport he was constantly trying to expand his Jana Janardhana Seva activities. Dr. Channa Reddy's "pro-kisan, pro-dalit and pro-grameen" approach had wholesome praise and support of veteran leaders like prof. N.G. Ranga.

By reserving 25% to Backward classes in Government jobs and educational institutions, even before such a demand was voiced by anyone, Dr. Reddy emerged as a forerunner of the Mandal commission recommendations.

The self-employment schemes he grounded through SETWIN to enable the unemployed youth become productive individuals won the praise of the International Labour Organisation. The bias Dr. Channa Reddy displayed in bettering the lot of weaker sections has thus distinguished him as a per among the sevaks of Jana Janardhana.

H.E. Dr. Marri Channa Reddy - A Mass Leader

**S. Vishwanatham (Advocate)
Khammam**

Dr. M. Channa Reddy whom I know for the last Twenty four years is everGreen mass leader, who is in National Public life for more than fifty years. I am happy that on completion of his 75 years, Committee is celebrating his Birthday, in fact it would have been much befitting if “Golden Jubilee of his political life” is also celebrated. His contribution to the country which though commenced from erstwhile Hyderabad State expanded to the entire country. To be brief in highlighting his achievements he was a member of Constituent Assembly, first Youngest Minister in late Burgula Ramakrishna Rao cabinet in erstwhile Hyderabad State, was also a member in Dr. Sanjeev Reddy’s Cabinet and Sri Brahmananda Reddy’s cabinet in Andhra Pradesh. He was also a Central Minister in Indira Gandhi’s cabinet.

His foresight is the basis for bringing out “Gentleman’s Agreement”. Where his apprehensions became true he had firmly stood for that cause and in dealing that movement he had produced many leaders to lead the nation and the native State.

He proved himself to be the most successful Governor in three big states e., Uttar Pradesh. Punjab and Rajasthan. To my personal knowledge the people of Rajasthan had praise for him and I heard people saying “Rajbhavan is Praja Bhavan”. At present he is the Governor of Tamilnadu by holding an additional charge of Pondicherry. Thus in this way he is Governor for five states and nobody else can claim credit of being Governor for so many stats. Twice he became Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh for two times by shouldering the entire responsibility, and in his own right and not at the mercy of Centre.

The secret behind all these success is that he is not only a politician, but a great Statesman and not confined to those walks of life only. He is a Philosopher, a great Devotee and in a nutshell he is “Sthitha Pragya”.

He is a great thinker and heights of his thinking are of Himalayan height, and the depth of his thinking touches bed of a sea, the purity of his thinking is like the water of Ganges, the speed of execution of execution of his plans are like the flow of river Yamuna. He had very noble qualities as a Politician which are responsible for his continuing in politics irrespective of the fact he holds a

position or he has no position. In all respects he himself is an institution and not an individual.

He has no discrimination among the party men, whether big or small. Whenever a worker is in trouble he extends all possible help and also tries to join in all the function held in the house of a Party worker. He is also a disciplined worker and fresh memory is his participation in a Satyagraha during the regime of Telugu Desam when the bus charges were raised and he himself sat in Secunderabad Bus Station as a disciplined worker. He is soft spoken gentleman with plenty humour and full of abundant caution. He at times gets anger also, but even in anger he never committed error. He has a neck of using anger against the wrongdoer at proper place and time an degree required. But never he is carried by malice. A great orator in all the three languages and conversant with few more Indian languages. The deeds and achievements and qualities of Dr. Channa Reddy are innumerable, but time and space limitation is such, that by narrating few important achievements during his two tenures as Chief Minister which indicate sharpness of his mind and statesmanship.

He has raised the retirement age of Public servants in State, payment of salaries to the Public Servants on the last day of month, the return of Agricultural lands which were acquired and nor used for digging the canal, refund of the compensation with nominal interest by the person from whom it is acquired, appointed single eligible village officer for each village, and thereby removed vacuum that existed in the village for want of V.O. Created quota for BCs and SCs in Panchayati Raj Institutions, concessions extended to attract Cinema industry from Tamilnadu to Andhra Pradesh, introduced Bus services to each and every village and the scheme was implemented in typhoon speed introduced system of producing a electric bulb to each house of Scheduled Caste, he has established noble conventions in dealing with opposition leaders, within and outside the house, he had very tactfully and successfully tackled the naxalites problem in the State and there by exhibited his metal as a Great statesman.

One of the major achievements of him is getting loan for the development of cyclone prone area and the repairs to the Irrigation Canals in the Coastal Districts of the State and we are looking forward for many more achievements in the coming years.

75th Birthday Celebrations Of

Dr. Marri Channa Reddy

To felicitate Dr. Channa Reddy on the occasion of completing 75 years of his eventful life, a grand function befitting the unique stature of this great leader, was arranged on 22nd January, 94 at Lal Bahadur Stadium in the great city of Hyderabad. Well - wishers, followers and friends assembled in thousands to express their love and show their benevolence to their beloved leader. People started pouring into the stadium, through the four main arches, in thousands, by 4 P.M. itself. The beautifully decorated entry arches added to the grandeur of the birthday festival. One thing was evident from all those who came to attend this momentous function, that people came from all walks of life.

The reception committee took all care to extend affectionate invitation to everyone who had intimate contact with Dr. Channa Reddy from the day on which he entered public life. They came with all enthusiasm and affection to participate in the birthday celebrations; because of their unforgettable life-long bondage and cordiality with their beloved leader. It was their earnest desire to express their profound feelings. Presence of former President of India, Sri Giani Zail Singh Ji, among the distinguished guests, was an interesting feature of the function and also added attraction to it. There were poor agricultural labourers also, who came from far flung villages of Andhra Pradesh. Infact, people from all walks of life thronged the grounds well before 5 P.M. to participate in Dr. Reddy's birthday festival which went beyond 10 P.M.

The decorated stage on which more than 100 VIPS were seated was indeed ' a feast to the eye ' In other words, the illuminated stage, the dais, depicted thoughts, the discipline, enthusiasm and the spirit of Dr. Channa Reddy. Life size colourful cutouts which were erected at different places added an indescribable splendour and solemnity to the premises. Thus, the stage was set to create an everlasting impression of this great event.

The entrance on the right side of the dais through which Dr. Channa Reddy and his wife came to the area was brightly illuminated. Nadaswaram was played delightfully extending welcome to the elite and the popular leader. Dr. Marri Channa Reddy and his spouse Smt. Savithamma, accompanied by relatives, near and dear ones got down from their vehicles and walked towards the entrance.

Vedic pandits extended welcome to them with 'Poorna Kumbham ' and blessings, with music in the background and chanting of vedic Hymns. Dr. Channa Reddy ascended the dais, folded his hands with gratitude to his

followers for their tumultuous welcome and sat in the middle of the dais. Smt. Savitramma occupied the seat by his side. Smt. Asalatha, the commentator, invited all the VIPS Participating by name in the function to occupy their seats on the dais. The dais appeared to be a “Mini India “with the elders hailing from the four corners of our country. The meeting seemed to declare that Dr. Marri Channa Reddy’s personality and leadership were not confined to Andhra Pradesh alone but extended to the entire country.

**He is a glowing torch -
..... People march around him**

Along with this popular upsurge Dr. Marri Channa Reddy is marching forward as a man of the Masses.

The 75th Birthday celebrations of Dr. Marri Channa Reddy commenced with rendering of ‘Vande Mataram Smt Rama Laxmi Achar gave a bright start to the function by singing a prayer song. The welcome dance with the song composed by ‘MALLEMALA ‘ Sri M.S. Reddy, Chairman, Andhra Pradesh Film Development Corporation was performed to the appreciation of the entire audience. There was a great applause.

Sri Subba Raju, Chairman of the Felicitation Committee gave the welcome address. He introduced all the participants in the function to the audience and welcomed them and filled the meeting with an atmosphere of friendship and cordiality. He explained the excellent leadership qualities Dr. Channa Reddy in detail. His achievements in different fields the various high positions he occupied and the enormous affection for him in the hearts of the people and how the felicitation committee performed its task. Here are a few extracts from the welcome address of Sri Subba Raju : “ Dr. Marri Channa Reddy is a dear friend to the Telugu people. He is a great administrator, fighter, eminent leader,unparalleled statesman, intellectual and connoisseur. Today the Telugu people have gathered here to celebrate his 75th Birthday with great enthusiasm and eclat. Some people live for themselves, while some people live for others. Dr. Channa Reddy is an extraordinary person who has dedicated his life to the service of the people. He exhibits unique intellect and statesmanship while remaining within the reach of all.

He is an intellectual of high order. He fought relentlessly for the truth he believed in and the people who trusted him and won Victory after Victory. Dr. Channa Reddy has thorough knowledge of the Constitution. He is a scholar in political science. He is a person, who dedicated his talents and life for the people. He is an eminent personality who had over the past 50 years developed an active political life. He is a symbol for popular movements. He can build up movements, achieve their objectives and he can also fight his

adversaries relentlessly. He has the capacity to absorb the sweetness in honey and bitterness in the bitterest condition with consummate ease. He has revealed his political and administrative capabilities by becoming the Chief Minister of our State twice, Union Minister and Governor of five states. He is a great statesman who can run the administration as per the needs of the people. He gave a new shape to Panchayati Raj as part of the decentralisation of power. Dr. Marri Channa Reddy is also responsible for introducing reforms for the rapid development of the villages.

Dr. Channa Reddy is a pioneer who introduced novel schemes. Inspired by his love for the motherland, Dr. Channa Reddy plunged himself into the freedom struggle when he was a student. He participated in the Vandemataram movement and stood as a bridge between the older generation and present generation. He faced autocratic rule of the Nizam fearlessly. Dr. Channa Reddy symbolises ceaseless fight “for freedom “.

Sri Subba Raju concluded the welcome address with an appeal to all to extend their blessings to Dr. Channa Reddy on the occasion of his 75th Birthday. He wished a long and prosperous life to Dr. Channa Reddy and hoped that he would occupy many more top positions to provide his services to the nation.

The garlanding of the elders on the dais commenced in a grand manner. Huge garlands were presented to Dr. Channa Reddy and his wife on behalf of the Felicitations Committee. Dr. Channa Reddy personally felicitated all the prominent persons participating in the function with shawls, beginning with Sri Kasu Brahmananda Reddy personally felicitated all the prominent persons participating in the function with shawls, beginning with Sri Kasu Brahmananda Reddy. This gesture on his part made all the participants very happy.

The former Chief Minister Sri Kasu Brahmananda Reddy in his presidential address said that Dr. Marri Channa Reddy has the blessings of the people which reflected in this grand and unprecedented reception to him. He hoped that in future also Doctor Reddy would be honoured, similarly he praised Dr. Channa Reddy as the only person with distinctions in the country, who had been Chief Minister of the State twice, held the post of Union Minister and also became the Governor for the fourth time. He also said that effective leadership is needed for the nation to take it forward and to maintain National Unity and Dr. Channa Reddy has these qualities in him. He said that the people should bless Dr. Channa Reddy so that he would serve the nation for many more years. As an elder, he showered his blessings on Dr. Channa Reddy.

Architect Sri B.N. Reddy read out the Telugu messages received from prominent persons, while Sri K.V. Kesavulu. Secretary of the Reception Committee read out the messages in English, later 'Mallema' Sri M.S. Reddy presented a felicitation poem composed by him in praise of Dr. Channa Reddy.

On the occasion of the 75th Birthday Celebrations of Dr. Marri Channa Reddy, the felicitation committee brought out a special Souvenir. It contained about 75 articles, and poems in English, Telugu and Urdu written by eminent persons. Highlighting the unique characteristics and life details of Dr. Marri Channa Reddy. This felicitation souvenir which reflects the 75 years of the life history of Dr. Channa Reddy was released by the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh Sri Kotla Vijaya Bhaskara Reddy.

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Sri Kotla Vijaya Bhaskara Reddy in his speech praised the unique personality of Dr. Channa Reddy, who has always been facing problems. "It is the unique feature of Dr. Channa Reddy, in whatever position he is, he successfully fulfills the needs of those who trust him. In a crisis, he rises as a great leader. Look at his life. Whatever he achieves whether in power or outside reveals his uniqueness. He came up as a great leader in times of crisis. During 1989 Elections to the State Assembly, he was the President of the State Congress. Similarly, in 1969 when the congress party faced a crisis, the congress was split and Indira Congress came into existence, he became the Central figure in State Politics. Rajiv Gandhi came to Nandyala in 1989 in connection with the elections. By 7.30 A.M. itself, lakhs of people gathered for his meeting. Support for congress became evident in the people and then itself I said that the congress would win in the State and Dr. Channa Reddy would become the Chief Minister. It happened just like that, I know the leadership of Dr. Channa Reddy. Throughout his life he faced many crises and he overcame all of them. A person's greatness becomes evident when he shows leadership qualities in the face of difficulties and comes out with definite solutions. In the process, sometimes, this quality has resulted in confrontation with other leaders. Still he is able to face them and achieve his objectives. This is the specialty in him. Whether as Chief Minister, Governor or the Union Minister we cannot forget his achievements. The country now needs such a great person".

Sri Kotla Vijayabhaskara Reddy wished perfect health to Dr. Channa Reddy so that he could serve the country for many more years. He expanded his greetings to Dr. Reddy on his 75 th Birthday.

The Governor of Andhra Pradesh Hon'ble Sri Krishna Kant released the Illustrated Biography of Dr. Channa Reddy brought out on the occasion of his birthday.

Sri Krishna Kanth in his speech praised the multi-faceted personality of Dr. Channa Reddy. He said that Dr. Reddy who reached very top positions from a humble beginning despite many odds in his 75 years of life, is really worthy of being felicitated by the people. He said that some leaders stop growing after sometime, but Dr. Channa Reddy is a leader who grows every moment. This is the unique quality in him. He has celebrated Silver Jubilee and Golden Jubilee. Now the Platinum Jubilee is being celebrated. He has, in his life, developed from Silver to Gold and Gold to Platinum. The Governor said that Dr. Channa Reddy may be physically weak but he is mentally ever alert and active. When he went to Washington for health check-up, the discussions he held with World Bank authorities for providing permanent facilities to the Cyclone Victims in the Coastal districts of Andhra Pradesh proved successful. This was proof of the affection he had for the Country and the people. DR. Channa Reddy approves some matters....while he seriously differs with others on certain matters. However, in the matter of national unity, he comes out on the side of consensus exhibiting his intellect. Like Babu Jagjivan Ram he thoroughly understands any issue. That is why he would be very careful while discussing the matter with the officials. Dr. Channa Reddy is “a symbol of dedication in discharging his duties” said Sri Krishna Kanth and prayed to God to give a life of hundred years to Dr. Channa Reddy.

Sri All Siddiqui wrote a book in Urdu depicting the highlights of Dr. Channa Reddy's life. It was presented to Dr. Reddy on his birthday. The book was released by the Chief Guest of the function Hon'ble Sri Giani Zail Singh Jee, the former President of India. Speaking on the occasion Sri Zail Singh Jee extended his greetings to Dr. Channa Reddy and felicitated him with a shawl, garland and a memento. Some highlights of his speech ... “Andhra Pradesh has a matter of pride in that one President of India was elected from this State. Besides today's important person also belongs to Andhra Pradesh. So I extend my greetings to Andhra Pradesh on this occasion. I have enormous respect for Dr. Marri Channa Reddy. That is why I came here in person. There is one similarity between him and me, both of us are born in a Native State. Dr. Channa Reddy, born in Hyderabad State, participated in the people movement under the guidance of Ramananda Tirtha, made many sacrifices, his name comes first in the list of those who made great sacrifices. That is why there is a close link for me with him. Our thoughts are identical and a link of friendship developed between us “.

I consider Dr. Channa Reddy not as a mere Andhra but as an ideal Indian, a great man. He had confronted many ups and downs in his life. Dr. Channa Reddy is fully aware of how to mould his life. He is one who is not upset even in crisis situations and knows how to tackle the difficulties that confront him. This felicitation is attended by not only his admirers among congressmen and leaders belong to other political parties, but also many intellectuals and people

with great experience. It is also notable that many youth are participating with great enthusiasm, remarked Giani Zail Singh jee.

On the occasion of Dr. Channa Reddy's birthday, North and South came together in Hyderabad, the capital of Andhra Pradesh. It is not enough to give speeches and write articles on the suffering of the people in the World. We have to work for World peace. Till today, I have not come across any scientist who works to destroy the world. Whatever the scientists do, it is only for good of the world. Today some countries are said to be atomic powers'. We do not know which countries have this power, because we are living in an age of mistrust. India is an ancient land where Vedas and Mythologies emerged contributing great knowledge and culture. Our culture is an ancient one containing multifaceted knowledge. It considers the whole world as a single family. This country which considers the world as a family is being troubled by another country. So, to tackle those difficulties, we have to be ever vigilant, ever awake. Dr. Channa Reddy worked as Governor of Uttar Pradesh, the largest State in our country. He was also Governor of Punjab, today he is Governor of Tamil Nadu and he is fulfilling his onerous responsibilities efficiently and with foresight, as such posts require great tact and intelligence. This day is a day of great significance in India's history because today we are celebrating the birthday of a great person" concluded Sri Giani Zail Singh jee.

The Chief Minister of Pondicherry Hon'ble Sri Vaidyalingam spoke next and conveyed the greetings from the people of Pondicherry to Dr. Channa Reddy and his wife and also to the people of Andhra Pradesh. He described Dr. Marri Channa Reddy as a multifaceted intellectual, great administrator, true representative of the people, social reformer and humanist. He said that Dr. Marri Channa Reddy reached the Himalayan heights in his life and it was the good fortune of his followers and friends to walk in his footsteps.

Dr. Subrahmanya Swamp, President of Janata Praised Dr. Channa Reddy's role as Governor of Tamil Nadu in extending humanitarian assistance to the victims of the victims of the earthquake in Maharashtra. He said that it was the good fortune of this area that they had a great personality like Dr. Channa Reddy as the administrator, who was able to take decisions fearlessly and could give advice with great foresight.

Looking at this large concourse of people, I wondered Dr. Channa Reddy has come here leaving Tamil Nadu. After the arrival of Dr. Channa Reddy in Tamil Nadu, a new climate became apparent there. Anyone can enter the Raj Bhavan and speak with the Governor... Dr. Channa Reddy listens to everyone, young or old and shows consideration to them. Dr. Channa Reddy had introduced a climate of freedom in Tamil Nadu. so, we want him to continue in Tamil Nadu. it will be very beneficial to the people there. He said that the

interest shown by Dr. Channa Reddy in the welfare programmes introduced in Pondicherry and guidance he gives are indication of his leadership.

Hon'ble Dr. Channa Reddy is not only a doctor by profession but also a good psychologist, who can remove the feelings of disappointment and discouragement in the hearts of others and take decisions suitable to the contemporary situation. He is a great leader who leads others with enthusiasm. He hopes that Tamil Nadu would march forward on the path of progress under his dynamic leadership. He conveyed his greetings to Dr. Channa Reddy.

The President of Tamil Nadu P.C.C. and Parliament Member Sri Ramamurthy in his speech paying rich tributes to Dr. Channa Reddy said that it was only a very happy thing to participate in the Birthday Celebrations of Dr. Channa Reddy, but it was also a rare opportunity for him. He said that ever since Dr. Channa Reddy became the Governor of Tamil Nadu, the people of the State were feeling very happy. He pointed out that for nearly two to three decades Tamil Nadu was separated from the mainstream of Indian Politics and thereby suffered great loss. Sri Ramamurthy said that Dr. Channa Reddy's declaration that 'I am first a citizen of Tamil Nadu' created a feeling of unity in the people of the State. He stressed that there was a great need for the leadership of Dr. Channa Reddy, not only for the State but for the country, as well as for the Congress Party. Though the Governor should be alien to political parties, they should promote the ideals in which they believe. Sri Ramamurthy conveyed his good wishes and greetings to Dr. Channa Reddy's services should be available to the nation at all times, particularly in the present time when able leadership is becoming rare. He wished long life to Dr. Channa Reddy who is an inspiration to the Nation.

Smt. Chandralekha, I.A.S. President of Tamilnadu Janata Party in her felicitation speech described Dr. Channa Reddy as the most popular among the Governors of Tamil Nadu. She said that Dr. Channa Reddy is an able administrator worked day and night for the welfare of the people. She further stated that he was instrumental in starting the campaign to collect donations for the victims of Maharashtra earthquake. Inspired by Dr. Channa Reddy's appeal, even auto rickshaw drivers and the common people contributed. Though there might be differences with Dr. Reddy's policies. It is a fact that he is the most popular Governor of Tamil Nadu. He had provided a new cordial atmosphere in Tamil Nadu politics and in the life of the people. Smt. Chandralekha concluded her speech by extending hearty greetings to Dr. Channa Reddy.

Dr. C. Narayan Reddy, winner of Gnana Peetha Award and the Cultural advisor of Andhra Pradesh Government spoke in an artistic manner felicitating

Dr. Channa Reddy. He said that while he was the Governor of U.P. he spoke at a meeting stressing the need for cultural unity between the North and the South. Dr. Channa Reddy commented 'Aap Hamesha Ganga Yamuna Sangam Ki Baat Karthe Hain. Aap Ne Kabhi Ganga - Godavari Sangam, Ganga - Kaveri Sangam ke Bare Me Soncha Hain?' Though I cannot say that Dr. Channa Reddy has the magic wand that can change hot winds into cool breeze, I can say that he has that determination in his heart. Dr. Channa Reddy is a lover of arts and films. During the Nizam's Rule, there was no patronage for Telugu and there was no teaching in Telugu. At that time Dr. Channa Reddy was inspired by dramas, street plays and Harikathas, developed interest towards Telugu and acting; with that inspiration, he acted in dramas. He enacted female roles. Later he became an able leader of the people. We can describe Dr. Channa Reddy as an Eternal Youth. Age doesn't apply to the mind but to the body. I will put it in a Urdu couplet Aare Saat Ya Sattar Kya? Ginte Nahin Umar Ke Arman Aur Josh - Budapa Jawan Bantha Hain, if there is inspiration in the mind old age changes into youth according to this message in Urdu, I wish eternal youth to Dr. Channa Reddy and hope that he would turn all the odds against him in his favour and would reach very top positions.

Senior retired IAS Officer Sri C. Narasimham in his speech in his speech said that among the great leaders known to him, Dr. Channa Reddy is one. He described Dr. Reddy as a hard working leader. As he was intimately familiar with the rural scenario in our country, he was able to bring about great changes in the rural areas through planning and Panchayati Raj added Sri Narsaimham. Dr. Channa Reddy's scholarly outlook has brought about many successes. Sri Narasimha also said that Dr. Reddy is known not only for his wise decisions, but also for his ability to implement them effectively. That is why people recognise him as a great and ever active leader. Sri Narasimha also congratulated Smt. Savitri Channa Reddy who stood by the side of Dr. Channa Reddy over the past half century and extended her co-operation and assistance to him.

Dadasaheb Phalke Award winner and renowned film actor Dr. akkineni Nageswara Rao in his lengthy and affectionate felicitation address paid glowing tributes to Dr. Reddy, here are few extracts from his speech. I always compliment him for his intellect, timely action, love for fine arts and his ability as a doctor to administer the right remedy and medicine at the right time. From his opinions on different subjects, we can detect his intellect, his ability to grasp the intricacies of a subject, his humanitarian outlook and spiritual thinking, making him a 'superior person'. To think that he is 75 years old surprises me. Ever since I came to know him. I was aware that he worked for 20 hours a day. He still does so. Explaining the unique nature of Dr. Channa Reddy. Sri Nageswara Rao said that during normal times he is not Channa Reddy but only Chinna Reddy (small Reddy). But when ticklish problems arise,

he does not remain as 5 feet 8 inches Channa Reddy but rises to several hundreds of feet. I do not know why ... but wherever a crisis develops, he is sent there to find a solution to it. That is the speciality in him. We do not remember him during normal times, but he is recalled to mind when there are ticklish problems to solve, that too... in a short time. He is always cheerful and dedicated to the service of the people. He is a great leader and a towering personality. His services are necessary to the country for the long time to come. He is a good friend. It is a bit difficult to withstand the force of friendship with Dr. Reddy. He does not discriminate between the great and the common persons among his friends. Some friends might have deserted him, but he never deserts his friends. Once he loves a person, he remains a 'great lover', concluded Sri Nageswara Rao.

The former Minister of Tamil Nadu Sri G. Viswanatham recalled his acquaintance with Dr. Channa Reddy from 1967 onwards. He said that Dr. Reddy's personality is revealed well during press conferences. In one press meet, a correspondent referred to an event in Tamil Nadu and asked Dr. Reddy for his reaction to the event. Dr. Channa Reddy retorted immediately. "I don't react to anything. I only act". Sri Viswanatham praised the active thinking process of Dr. Reddy as revealed in this reply. He said that Dr. Reddy was the spirit behind many movements. Fighting is in his blood. When confronted with struggles, he rises as a powerful leader. Along with determination, he has also the ability for adjustment. Today all these qualities are enabling him to receive the praises and affection of the people in Tamil Nadu. The people of that State firmly believe that he can uphold Justice, the Constitution and Democracy. That is a blessing to him. With these remarks Sri Viswanatham conveyed his greetings to Dr. Channa Reddy.

Sri G. Venkataswamy, Union Minister for Textiles in his affectionate speech made a review of the political developments. He recalled a number of events during the fight against the Nizam's rule in which he participated along with Dr. Channa Reddy since 1946. He complimented Dr. Reddy for his efforts to organise the congress, meetings when the party was 'under ban'. He said that Dr. Reddy strove sincerely to fulfill the promises made during the days of struggle, after he came to power. However, he also said that he had learnt much as a member in Channa Reddy's cabinet. He praised the sincerity, determination and in resolve in implementing programmes. He also appreciated the leadership and capabilities shown by Dr. Channa Reddy as Chief Minister, Union Minister and Governor both in struggles and in adjustments. He conveyed his greetings to Dr. Reddy and hoped that he would extend his services to the poor, both as Tamil Nadu Governor and also in the future. He prayed to God, to give strength to Dr. Reddy, to continue to serve the people in the years to come.

The Finance Minister of Andhra Pradesh, Sri Rosaiah in his speech recalled his experience as Minister in the cabinet of Dr. Channa Reddy. "He is capable of speaking with authority on any subject including 'Vastu', Jyotisha' etc. he shows his vast knowledge in such subjects which surprises even scholars". He cited many instances of Dr. Reddy's multifaceted personality which was exhibited in his administration and in finding solutions to the problems of the people not only in our State. But also in various other States.

Dr. Channa Reddy has the capacity to take forward the people under his able leadership. He can make the people 'turn right' or 'turn left' or even 'about turn'. He became the Chief Minister for the second time, a severe cyclone on May 9 and 10, 1990 caused great destruction in the coastal districts of the state. Many persons and newspapers estimated huge losses; even the Government estimated the loss which was to the tune of 2,800 crores. Fear was expressed, whether normal life could be restored in the area? Whether the farmers would be able to resume cultivation? Though great loss was caused previously due to natural calamities in many other states, the World Bank had never come forward to provide assistance. In only one instance such an assistance has been provided. Dr. Channa Reddy, who went to the United States for medical treatment talked with World Bank officials and secured assistance for reconstruction of cyclone affected areas. That is why, now we are able to take up reconstruction programmes throughout the coastal area.

Eminent political leader Sardar Sri Gouthu Latchanna also spoke in the felicitation. Some extracts from his speech; 'There is a speciality in his life. He has taken a movement (struggle) as his life mission, which is dearer to me also. I believe that he is one of the very few who is dedicated to the ideal that we can achieve anything noble only through service to the people. He is continuing this philosophy of struggle in all issues. He is also achieving success. That is a lesson we have to learn in this felicitation function.'

The leader of handloom weavers Sri Pragada Kotaiah, M.P. in his speech said that he is a born leader. In my opinion he became a man of masses; because, like Mahatma Gandhi he can start a movement, run it and also put an end to it. Gandhiji did so during the freedom movement. Today we are witnessing the same quality in Dr. Channa Reddy. He has the capacity to put into action what he said. He has the leadership traits of putting into action what he said whatever difficulties may come in the way. Another speciality in him is, he does not feel happy when in power and become frustrated when out of power like a majority of others. Just as he can assume power cheerfully, so also he can give up power with the same enthusiasm. He can help those who trust him. The large number of handloom weavers in the country could not send their representative to New Delhi, even after forty seven years of independence. Dr. Channa Reddy made it possible due to his efforts, a special

department handloom workers was set-up and the conditions of handloom weavers discussed in parliament. Omy because of these virtues in him he is continuing as a great leader. He remains leader even out of office. I wish him 100 years, even 160 years as per our Vedic Dharma to serve the poor.

Dr. Ali Siddiqui in his speech detailed the services of Dr. Channa Reddy to minorities. He said I am speaking here as a Muslim. Some people consider Dr. Channa Reddy as merely a Telangana: Leader. But he is a leader of entire Andhra Pradesh. He is a National Leader. His affection for Telangana and Andhra Pradesh is a memorable one. During the separate Telangana struggle in the time of Sri Brahmananda Reddy, Dr. Channa Reddy stood by the minorities and gave them protection. Sometime back communal riots used to take place here but after the formation of Andhra Pradesh, Muslims felt safe and secure, when Dr. Channa Reddy became Chief Minister, he not only provided protection to minorities but also gave them representation in his cabinet. Dr. Channa Reddy's name is mentioned with respect among Urdu speaking sections. I have authored a book containing all these details. I will get this book translated in Telugu and make it available to you in the near future. While Dr. Reddy was the Governor of Rajasthan, there was BJP Government. Muslims there used to feel insecure. But Dr. Reddy, with permission from the Central Government got all Muslims released from Jail. that was why Congress was able to secure all the minority votes. You are aware how the minorities always have respect for Congress. Dr. Reddy did great service to Urdu language. I had participated in a meeting at Delhi under the President ship of Dr. Reddy. The lovers of literature there became the disciples of Dr. Reddy. I wanted to organise Urdu Poets gathering but due to lack of time. I could not do so. I cannot say how fluent Dr. Reddy is in Urdu due to the cosmopolitan culture of Hyderabad. He has contacts with people of high cultura;-values. They also respect him for his perfect personality.

The Chairman of Kasturba National Memorial Trust Dr. M. Vijaya Lakshmi praised Dr. M. Channa Reddy for his efforts to maintain the unity of Andhra Pradesh.

The President of Andhra Pradesh Congress committee Sri Majji Tulsidas in his address praised the services of Dr. Channa Reddy to the Congress Party. He said that only the Congress Party is able to solve the problems of the people and the country; maintain national unity, develop the country and take it on the path of peace. He extended greetings to Dr. Channa Reddy and his wife on behalf of the Congress Party and Party workers.

Later the Tamil Nadu Governor Dr. Channa Reddy spoke nearly for one hour in his 75th Birthday function. He reviewed various incidents and events in his life and national politics. His speech was heard with rapt attention and

frequent cheers by the large number of people present at the meeting. (It may be noted that Dr. Channa Reddy's speech has been printed separately in this Volume). After his speech, a large number of admirers conveyed birthday greetings to him by offering garlands in an orderly manner.

The 75th Birthday Celebrations of Dr. Channa Reddy ended successfully with a vote of thanks by eminent congress leader Sri Kota Punnaiah garu.

Speech of Dr. Marri Channa Reddy

Respected Chairman Sri Brahmanada Reddy garu, ex-President of India and our Chief Guest Sri Gyani Zail Singh garu, Governor of Andhra Pradesh Sri Krishna Kant garu, Chief Minister Sri Vijaya Bhaskar Reddy garu, Sri Rama Murthy garu, Pondicherry Chief Minister Sri Vaidyallagam garu, other elders, brother and sisters...

Today's programme has progressed very extensively, and in more detail, taking a very long time. I am aware that this is causing you great inconvenience. It is usual for such meetings to drag on for a long time. I do not want to inconvenience you further and will wind up my speech as early as possible. I request your pardon for the inconvenience. I express my grateful thanks to all of you for coming in large numbers from far off places' various districts with great affection. As rightly said by the elders who spoke before me, my strength lies in your strength, in your power and in your blessings. I believe in this. I strongly believe and think that a worker is life-blood of the organisation. We, the leaders give speeches like a Harikatha artist and go away. It is you who give shape to the congress, strengthen it and work with dedication and enhance its prestige in the eyes of the people. I am not one to believe that something will happen merely with the speeches of its leaders. In places where even Jawaharlal Nehru gives speeches, a candidate loses even his deposit and in another a candidate wins! Why? Because of the circumstances and local conditions. The strength and sincerity of the local workers is of paramount importance. I have learnt it with my practical experience and I value it very much.

In a democracy the values of such lessons should be preserved. Many persons have come in the morning. Roughly about ten thousand people have come here. I did not have an opportunity to talk to them individually, but thanked them separately. I appreciate their spirit and enthusiasm, it is overwhelming, I am enthused and inspired by their spirit you are congratulating me on my completing 75 years of age. You want me to live more? But how long? A hundred years! Two hundred years !! You have

blessed me so generously. Whether, I live a long life or nor, the work done by me should remain green and fresh here, and should be useful to the public. Particularly, we should uplift the weaker sections of the society, it is not out of love or fascination for weaker sections, but I am one of those who believe that upliftment of weaker sections is our obligation. We should unify all sections of the society with a sense of unity and integrity. In a chain, if some rings are weak, the entire chain itself will be in danger. There will be no democracy. Then critical conditions will prevail. At present we are in such conditions. If one party is in power the other party will always be thinking of coming to power. There is nothing wrong in that. I want them to come to power if democracy has to be strong in our country, both the parties should be strong. If one party wins at one time, the people should have confidence that the other party may come to power next time. Then only our democracy will be strong. There is no other alternative. If a party alone wants to perpetuate itself in power, then people will get cexed and might say, 'we don't want them.

Regarding the recent elections. I particularly congratulate the president of the A.I.C.C. and Prime Minister Sri P.V. Narsimha Rao garu. Different people say different things about him. That is another thing. This is not the occasion to go into it. It is only because of his boldness, the elections were conducted peacefully. The Chief Election Commissioner has also co-operated in this direction. People have also co-operated. This change has come because the situation at the grass - root level was understood. The number of political parties is coming down. I don't want the parties to go. What I want is that some of them are of no use, then it is better that they merge. Our country's credibility and image will be high if we keep away from caste or creed dogmas.

We have ourselves witnessed that situation when an unfortunate incident happened last year. Our relations with the Middle East countries, which were hitherto cordial have somewhat strained in a sort of misunderstanding. Why is no-body concerned about that? Infact, they were really joining along with us in International Forums with love, affection and faith. We have lost them. It should not be our aim to lose any country in the International Arena. In the past Mahatma Gandhi, Jawaharlal Nehru and sardar Patel strived hard to earn the affection of Non-Aligned Countries. We should perpetuate their efforts, instead of addressing ourselves to answer the question. 'Whose country is this?' should we not try to promote the idea that this country is for all? We are all one, I am afraid that we are doing great injustice to those great leaders who have faced gallows and those who have laid down their lives for our freedom.

I am not prepared to accept political interference in this particular principle, whichever party comes to power. I had no political affiliations, when I was a Governor ... but before that I had a party. That is a different matter. If party is there it should keep the interests of the country and the people in mind. I am

one of those who believe that the utmost importance should be given to people's interest. By this method no harm will be done to the party. We will be strengthening the party's organization to suit the needs of the people, after understanding the ground realities. Party and the people should always go hand in hand in realizing the welfare of the nation and its stability.

Earlier, many elders have said many things about me. Nobody can give me a better certificate than the one given by Sri Krishna Kanthji. He has given me a fairly big certificate. I am thankful to all of them. When I was the Chief Minister. The Governor asked me a question: "Dr. Reddy so many things are appearing in the press. What do you think of them?" I replied "There is no strength in it, nothing is there". After sometime, he had realised that he was wrong. Those words were said in critical conditions. A friend from the press had asked me "Your life is always full of turbulence. Your politics are turbulent". My reply was "I thrive in turbulence and that is for the sake of the people and the country; I thrive in turbulence, and I can sacrifice anything. I can cite many instances, nothing in self-interest, but in the interest of the ideals for which this country has been standing and for which this country and countrymen have to stand in future." we have a great responsibility that is heredity. If we want to keep our head high, if we have a desire to bring our country to its past glory, there is still need for us to strive and sacrifice. It is not correct to say that since we have achieved our independence there is nothing more to be done. It is true... we have achieved our Independence. We have got freedom to chalk out our programmes independently, relating to the needs of our people. Other than this, I do not see any strength in our power. To get strength we have to struggle more. We have to awaken the masses, even those who live in huts, and unify them. We have to struggle a lot to promote a powerful people's force, people to work for this country. There is no escape from this.

Some elders spoke about me and said.- "He has got something in his hand. He wins every election. He gets his party elected. Dust turns into gold in his iron hand". Whether I make gold or not, I have got one faith.. "The faith in God". Then ... I see God in people. But I don't believe that God is somewhere... or that the God is in a temple. Of course, I visit temples. I have much devotion and affection towards Swamijis, During my Shastipurthi Celebrations, on my completing sixty years, a souvenir was published. Those in-charge of bringing out that publication were involved in strange controversy and raised doubts about inclusion of a photograph in the souvenir. In this photo a Swamiji, while sitting on a high pedestal was blessing me by placing his foot on my head. One gentleman was saying. "What is this blessing?' The Swamiji is placing his foot on our souvenir? With all humility they wanted to ask me about this. They all came to me; I told them one thing, when I was ready to receive his blessings, with Swamiji's foot on my head, would it not be hypocrisy. If I go

back on its inclusion in the souvenir? We should be bold, some people privately believe in religion. But they criticise it in their public speeches. Those who see cinemas also act similarly. In my younger days, while I was a minister in the Hyderabad State in 1952, I was touring in Khammam district, where a meeting was held to honour Sri S.V. Ranga Rao, Cine Artist. The local people had requested me to preside. In my speech - I said "you have acted like this in 'Bangaru Papa'. In another picture you acted like that; By looks you are young; I really thought you are an elderly person". I said that I have seen his other pictures also. The cine artist said only one thing: " I am not concerned with other things said by Dr. Channa Reddy Garu, but I am concerned with one thing that here is a man who is bold enough to say that he sees pictures." wholeheartedly he congratulated me. When we want to see a picture why should we be afraid? In those days, I used to have a flag on my car wherever I went round in the city, when they saw my car with the flag they commented that I went to a cinema theatre with the flag. If I don't carry a flag they will say that I have gone to the theatre stealthily. But I didn't care for these comments. I went publicly with the flag. I once told cine actress Savithri, "Madam...how could you manage to fall in that picture without being injured?" But that was not a natural fall, she agreed and wondered how keenly I observed every detail in a picture, a to which I replied, 'if we see ..Either we have to see in detail or don't see at all'. Similarly, I try to observe everything in detail. We have a responsibility in such observation.

Whether in power or not. I have your blessings... the blessing of the people, besides God alone... and God here is observing what we do for the good of the people. That is why I will be careful in my actions. I will often be visiting Sri Satya Sai Baba. Once I was there for sixteen days, among the teachers and students. After my return to Hyderabad, an officer asked me "Sir was your stay in Sri Sai Baba's Ashram very good? The institutions are very good. But his approach is personal. Is it not personal"? He asked. To that I replied, "What do you mean? Do you really know whether it is personal or impersonal? Or are you simply saying so?" If there is anything in Sathya Sai Baba, it is only personal and nothing other than that. Sri Sai Baba recently said: "I will be here till March end. If I stir out from here, studies of the students will get spoiled". Sri sai Baba thinks in this manner. I have also noticed that the students attend to their studies only when he is present there. We have educated our children and grandchildren there. I Am saying this...with that experience and with personal experience I gained at Sri Sai Baba's Ashram for many days. The students feel his presence and show interest in their studies. We have to inculcate such interest in them. The teachers will also have similar feelings. We have to maintain such high standards.

There is need for us to act ideally with a practical view. We have seen many controversies. Many parties are coming and going. From these happenings, it seems necessary that we should have some principles to strengthen our democracy and shape the future of our country. There is no use blaming the

other party. I am one of those who believe that it is better not to criticise. No political worker of any party is less patriotic than any one of you. First we have to develop faith in this. If we criticise, we will be insulting the democratic politics. We will be weakening it. We should avoid this. If an opportunity is given I will do my best, If not.... Let our people who are the masters choose whom - so -ever they want.

Often we will be saying - this C.M. is not good, that minister is not good. But I say how could you comment like that? You have got the power to appoint a Chief Minister. The parties should also have such attitude. Then there will not be so many controversies. I know that this is a very difficult task. At a time when you are showing such love and affection, I will not be doing justice if I do not say this. You have said that I win...whatever I touch. But nobody has said anything about what happens after I win?!. You never said! That is it ! that is the whole story!! When press people asked me what is this every time it is turbulent? Then I said ... “to show my tenacity”. God always shows alternative ways. Rich persons will send their children to school separately in a car. As far as possible, children should be sent to school in a normal bus. They should be taken in buses to and from schools so that they could mingle with other students. They should understand the problems and prospects of life.

We have to believe God. There might be some who do not believe in Him. Perhaps they are also correct. I do not want to involve myself in that controversy. God will never ask you for votes. Even if we deny his existence. God will go on doing his own work. What I submit is - what I think about this theory is ... I had never worried even if I resign or even when I am asked to resign. Many friends will be visiting me to console me. They will be worried that an injustice has been done to me. They perhaps think that I am worried about such things. But I will be normal, the same chair ... the same table.. The same talk and the same happiness... I will be laughing and talking to them with all happiness. Why? Because I believe in God. we often quote the popular saying that” even an ant would not bite without the permission of Shiva”. What a good quotation this is! I always try to remember this. Whether I put this into practice. When I was U.P. Governor, an All India Religious Leaders Conference was held. As usual, I was asked to speak. Along with others, I also spoke well. At the end of my speech I said “with all my humility, I submit to you, do you believe in the saying that “not even a blade of grass moves without the will of the God?” Do you believe it? Or only use it in speeches? Do you believe it only to use in conversations, to make your speeches impressive? Or Do you use it when you are confronted with circumstances, both good and bad?” Have you achieved anything when you have become the Chief Minister? Tomorrow, you will be the Prime Minister. Whatever it is.... If you think that you have achieved it, then I will have to say ‘your head is not in its proper place’. You love your head. That is why people say to a person who gets some position, ‘your head

is reeling' or if you fail in your efforts you will be sorry for your failure. You will then be disheartened. A person without body, without mind and arms is a dead body. So let us maintain stability. In philosophy it is known as 'Sthita Pragnyathvam'. That is very difficult to practice. But still if we can succeed at least to some extent, this country and the world will change. Then we can achieve everything. If we are happy without perverting our mind with worries, disappointments and disillusion, what else do we require! My friends often say if you are here in Andhra Pradesh, how good your services would be? I tell them... 'Are not Andhras the Children of God? If he wishes he will certainly send me there. I am an instrument of God. so he will use me only as an instrument. I do not think that I am the one who run these people, these leaders, these elders. I have no grudge against Him or on anyone. In a vast forest we will see the bloom of beautiful flowers, they get withered and trampled. Perhaps we are like that. In the market they may cost more. We go to the temple and offer flowers to God. Ladies love them and adorn them in their hair. How is it that some flowers have this honour and others not?. There is no use of thinking about this. This...you take as the 'Will of God'. when you agree that even a leaf does not move without His will; how Judicious it would be if you think that this power, this Chief Ministership has gone because of somebody's doing? But generally it looks harsh if somebody asks you to leave it. I was surprised when an elder person said "Dr. Saheb does not care to leave the positions. He doesn't bother". During my discussion with such a great leader like Smt. Indira Gandhi, when she asked me to resign, I told her, 'you have delayed it by two hours. I would have dictated my resignation here itself, got it typed, go by plane and drive straight to the Governor, give it to him and then only I would have gone home. If I keep my resignation always ready... it would look as if I am keeping a corpse in my house. We should have that attitude. Respectfully, I submitted to her another matter. My idea in specially telling you about Indira Gandhi is ... that I have never seen any other leader so close....so affectionate... as her. In difficult times I fell out with her. Even during telangana Movement we had differences. Yet, our dialogue continued. We faced similar situations many times. "Even though, I made you win the elections you are saying that I didn't do it!" During Telangana Movement I challenged her that this is the people's will ...it is a fact, if you want you can count this as plebiscite, otherwise ...when elections come, even though I am a congressman, even though I am a Member of the A.I.C.C. I will see that the Congress is defeated. At that time I beg to remind you that we won 10 out of 13 seats. I spoke this to understand people's power... But I am not an idiot to oppose either the Congress or Indira Gandhi. I want you to understand this aspect. People have power, understand that!! In the end Indira Gandhi said - we spoke for three hours ... "Dr. Reddy, I will give Congress tickets on any name you want". I replied "Indiraji ! If I give names... and you give tickets... the people will throw us down from Charminar and spit on us! The present mood is like that. We should be realistic, we should understand the people, we

should realise their psychology. If you don't understand, you will be fooling the organisation". Then what I told her was this... "Madam, you tell me the names. I will see that they win elections in the name of Telangana Praja Samithi and then at appropriate time, I will see that they merge with you".

I was the only man according to Sri K.c. Pant who was dealing with this matter at that time" a politician who says what he does, who says what he can do, who does what he says and who is prepared to say what he can do and what he can't do "...such compliment was given by him in the Rajya Sabha. That is why we have to understand this in depth.

We have to prepare the people in such a manner... sometimes; people will be differing with us. Then we have to convince them. We have to understand them. To-day people say our fertiliser policy is not correct. They say GATT agreement is not good. Some economists feel that globalisation is not good. We have to discuss these things, understand them and follow and then convince our people, we must make them really educated citizens of this country. Not just to raise their hands whenever you want, If they just raise it, they will say that they would also like to put down their hand, when it comes to it. We must appreciate that. Oh God! it is a difficult task. Leadership requires another trait. We should go along with the people. True... but when occasion demands the leader should have the capacity to carry the people along with him. Without such leadership it has no value. In erstwhile Hyderabad State there was a party by name Ittehad-ul-Muslimeen. Its leader was Bahadur Yar Jung. Do you know what he did? He did it, I was watching. People were marching with open swords. When he said, "stop.." they did not move an inch - as if a Laxmana Rekha was drawn before them. He is capable of stopping them in such a manner. Though they differed in their religious faith with him, all the leaders of that period and also those who later grew in Congress, respected him very much. That kind of capacity is required. That is why, I have only one request to all the leaders of different political ideologies... to be courageous to tell the realistic words. We should prepare our people like that. We should carry the people along with us. It is required to the country. To-day Sri P.V. Narasimha Rao is implementing economic liberalization. To a little extent it was there previously; with the help of his experience as Finance Minister, or on account of initiative of the Prime Minister...based on certain methods ' economic liberalisation' is introduced. Whether this economic liberalization is good or bad, let us keep it aside, while implementing it, when this policy is marching ahead.. I believe that a country where economy is developing.. There will not be emphasis on politics. They the economic situation in America is...whether it is Clinton or Glington... we are not bothered who is becoming President. There the people say that we don't want the interference of the Government at all. Here, we expect the Government even to 'spoon-feed' us. This attitude should go, when this attitude changes... i have

faith that this will go in our country also...on that day we need not be anxious about politics in our country, it becomes free from anxiety, let it grow and let it take its own shape, whether it is a Democratic Party or a Republic Party, whether it is Conservative Party in England or Labour Party is there... Such things will go on. But the economy level should be achieved. That is why I say the liberalised policy of Sri P.V. Narasimha Rao is good, stable and necessary. We raise the standards of our economy. Once we go above certain level then we can forget about controversies in politics. Let any party rule. May be, individuals may be interested in state as a whole ... I desire that this feeling should come.

Now, I will speak about the controversy. I know what you are all thinking... you are all thinking... "Alas! Our Channa Reddy is experiencing knee-deep troubles!?" you are sympathizing with me! Even the press people are sympathizing with me. Where are the differences? I have no difference with anyone. "I have differences certainly on principles, on matters of policies, on matter of implementation of those principles." where is the difference of opinion between me and Chief Minister Jayalalitha? She phoned me when I was in Rajasthan. She tried to contact me soon after my name was announced. One day she tried for four hours. I was then at Mt. Abu. she phoned me there... early in the morning. She talked to me. Earlier, she wrote me a letter that she could not get me on the morning. She talked to me. Earlier, she wrote me a letter that she could not get me on phone. I still have that letter. She said" we welcome you, you are this, you are that, we have old association, we are friends." she said "we are this ... that..". It is also true. She asked me to give advice. When I was the C.M. of Andhra Pradesh.... Once when I went to Madras, there I stayed in Raj Bhavan. She took time and met me there. People say that this is unusual. I do not know whether it is unusual or not. But she came. Then I told her Madam don't be afraid that somebody would throw acid on you. Don't neglect your duties as opposition leader with that fear. Nobody dare throw any acid or geeked on you. If you go forward daringly with confidence, then all the troubles will be diffused by themselves. Well.. You go ahead, you work, take interest in the Assembly on my subject, this is what I told her. She appreciated my advice. That morning when she spoke to me on phone, then I was in Raj Bhavan as Chief Minister. Now I am in Raj Bhavan as Chief Minister. Now I am in Raj Bhavan as Governor....you are Chief Minister. That is all ... all these big positions are temporary things....yet...written in our Constitution...written in our books and are also included in our accounts. What should a Governor do when somebody says "I am in troubles? My car has been burnt and they beat me in elections?" Let the Governor, be anybody He cannot carry on even for four days. Under provisions of articles, 166, 167 and I can quote many other provisions it is laid down in the Constitution that the Governor have a right to call for the reports. The Chief Minister and the Government has an obligation to constantly keep the Governor informed about

the situation. This should be implemented. Is that interference? When you say that the stone is thrown at me... and I am in trouble, how many times should I say "I do not know!", 'I don't know '! Why should I be the Governor? Simply to move about in cars? Only to go in big processions with so many officers, people around you attending? Will not people question such things? Every time and every individual, as part of this entire machinery has to be respected. We should not belittle anybody's respect. We should not belittle the respect of the Chief Minister also. We should not go against the Constitution. These are not disputes. How can they do it? I told the press people...No problems... why are you worried? They will get sorted out. The funniest part of it is... as I told this... while I was leaving, they thought that something serious is brewing. When I said no problems I meant no difficulties, that is what I told.. It is true? How does it happen? Time will it happen now? Tomorrow? Does not happen? Never will it happen? Time will answer all such doubts expressed by you. To the people of Andhra ...I went there as your representative, the representative of all Andhras. It is my responsibility to uphold your respect. I worked in four states. People say I am the Governor of our states, but they forget about Pondicherry. I am the Governor of Pondicherry also. With that it is five states. We should not belittle Pondicherry. The people there are already worried about the absence of a permanent Lt. Governor. Though the Chief Minister is not so unhappy, but certain political parties there are unhappy. Sometimes they threaten to demonstrate. It is not fault. What is my fault ? if somebody is posted I will be happy. Except the time... that I spend to look after Pondicherry affairs.. Then I can spare more time to look after Tamilnadu affairs. It is not my fault, nor am I responsible for it. Still I would not say that I have got nothing to do with the Government of India. They might have their own problems. What can I do? I am not going to sit here completely. Our Sri Subramanya Swamy said that they will close the door and keep me inside. I am not asking the Central Government not to give an order. The same thing, I humbly submitted to the people of Pondicherry. At a time when they are worried so much and if you don't associate me with Pondicherry you will be insulting them. As long as I am here, as long as I am capable, I will continue to associate with them till the Central Government makes an alternative arrangement. So, I am now really the Governor of five states. First time, in 1974 Smt. Indira Gandhi ... since she is not there and it is not my intention to tell something against her... called me and asked me to go as Governor of Uttar Pradesh. I asked, Madam... why are you sending me at this age? She said I am having many problems. That is my home state. I am having trouble with the Chief Minister there. Why has she chosen me? Perhaps, she thought that I can confront with such a strong Chief Minister. That is my good fortune. Why should I not go?... when she asked me to go, so wholeheartedly, with such affection, good will and faith in me, so I went,Sri Bahuguna is close to me, in the beginning he felt that he was not consulted before my appointment. I told him, 'so what? Am here only to bring harmony to the people of your State and to create congenial atmosphere for

constructive and useful work. I have not come here to belittle you'. After some time, we understood each other very well. Then by my good fortune. I came to Punjab... respected Gyaniji came here personally, he was then Home Minister. I was going to Chandigarh via Delhi. I went to see and pay my respects. He said, I am recalling his words. "Any person who comes to Punjab, as a Governor, offers thanks to me. But I thank you... because you have consented to be the Governor of Punjab with full faith and confidence." I cannot forget you, because you have encouraged me both as a great son of Punjab and Home Minister. And maintained that word, which I gave till the end. You have forgotten one thing. When you as President of India came to Hyderabad, yourself, myself and Sri N.T. Rama Rao, there of us were talking. Sri N.T. Rama Rao gave a statement. "I would be going to Punjab and I would settle everything; " Swifty he said... "am I a servant to anybody ?" I have great respect for Sri Ramlal.

But the worker of any party, more so Sri Subramanya Swamy, who is present here telephoned to me uninterruptedly... ten times he phoned to me. I was getting strained. But I don't find fault with him. He has something which he has considered as urgent. I consider it has to be dealt with differently and in a mild manner. But now we understand each other and today he was gracious enough to be present here with his state President. But, I would call her Chandi. She is just like Chandi. Her name is Chandralekha. In short I will call her always "Gandi". She did not come out in her true spirits. Otherwise, it would have been a fighting speech. They now understand, it is good of them that both of them have been able to come here. This is the type of friendship and relationship I want to develop in political working and also working in other areas.

When I went to Punjab, by then crimes were being committed there. There were Killings! The Governor was urged to give a statement requesting to stop such killings. What I told her (smt. Indira Gandhi) was, I will give such a statement. They will continue the killing. Not one... but two... that is why I told that this problem is the problem of the entire people of the Punjab. It is not merely Congress versus Akalies. Let us involve all the people.. I made this proposal and she (Mrs Indira Gandhi) agreed. I invited each party separately. I requested them to issue statement and all of them have issued the statement. I may tell you today, to place it on record that one party was left over. They were not according to me very active. That was Congress (R) ... Brahmananda Reddy Garu... it is the Congress under your Presidency. They came running and asked to be invited. I feel extremely happy. I tried that all the parties working with the people should get into ideas. When they came to me and said that I should call them also, I welcomed them. I had another session with them. This is to involve all persons. What happened next.. Was all reported... something has happened... something brewed? I don't want to go into details

now... But I want to say one thing. When I felt that I was merely in political rehabilitation, I said goodbye... and resigned. I resigned in nine months. What people are saying now is.. Doctor Sahib was in Andhra only for three years once, and only for one year another time. What do these people know about the story? What do they know How?... and Why?.. What do they know as to why I quit?

Some great people have got filed a case against me in court with charges of corruption. There should not be court cases against the Governor no case should be filed. Corrupt practice in People's Representation Act is entirely different than what you commonly call corruption. Some responsible persons there thought that I took some sort of bribe and they filed a case against me in the court. You know that... for some time when people sympathized with me, you all felt pity and thought that Doctor is facing so many troubles. But I was laughing ... while sitting ... no troubles...anything of that sort. Still, I am a trouble free person. That is all wrong interpretation. As such, what I want to submit before you is, there... at Punjab also...I thought that there is no use of staying there on... that is why I quit Punjab. Thereafter Rajasthan.. It is B.J.P. Party, a very active opposition party and a very strong man of the B.J.P. Party was Chief Minister there. I must tell you, not for my personal aggrandizement, the same Chief Minister told me after he was dismissed by the Central Government... not because of my recommendation... Central Government also has its own limitations and found that there were some banned parties and this B.J.P. Government cannot deal with the situation. They dismissed his Government also, along with other governments. Next day he came to Raj Bhavan and said Sir... after talking for a little while... half an hour, one-hour.. He said "people thought that you are a strong man and I am a strong man, we will have clash" Generally they enjoy, I don't attribute any motive to anyone, but they thought... in that way. But the way things have happened, ultimately, it showed "Dr. Reddy... you have been my friend, philosopher and guide". This has gone on record, saying that same thing.... I told the new Chief Minister of the new State, where I am again a Governor... to Miss Jayalalitha I only remind... she not only said this " you are not merely my friend, philosopher and guide, you are also my advisor" she said, I do not know how she said? I do not know what change has come about? I do not want to go into the details of Madras for Particular reason, while all this is going on... It is not fair on my part to talk about this. I am bound to keep quiet, even at the point of being misunderstood that I am a weak man and I am swallowing up every bitter pill.. It is against my nature. I am a very strong revolting type of man. But... discretion should be used. Restraint is the best part and more I keep quiet, continue to maintain silence of this type... I think.. I want to help the state of Tamil Nadu. i love it. I want to devote everything every ounce of my energy for the improvement and betterment of the people of Tamil Nadu. That does not mean that I don't have anything to do with Andhra. Also it does not mean that I

have nothing to do with Congress Party. As a Governor, I tell you I assure you, I talk from the top, in the loudest voice... that want to keep myself at equidistant to all political parties. That is what I learnt, and that is what I think is the best in democracy. So.. No question of my support to anyone. But what I will do is if injustice is being done anywhere.. As a Governor I am responsible. In Punjab, I saw there was something happening.. I said I am the Governor for all the people of the state, not this section or that section. So also here and everywhere, every Governor would feel like that... that it is my responsibility and therefore we do it. Because..it will be atrocious and it will be insulting. If a governor has to take care and make free use of Raj Bhavan as a P.C.C. Office we shall not make it. I tell you, it is only people with inferiority complex imagine these things.. Accuse one with an experience of 50 years or even more! for some time, I have allowed this 50 years to go on... but I think, another 5 years should to my life and with that experience I don't get down to the level of being atrocious to be away from the parties. I had attended Mr. Karunanidhi's granddaughter's marriage, though it was at inconvenience to me, I had to postpone certain programmes. I attended a function organized by a former Minister, from AIADMK. Who was removed from the AIADMK Cabinet? That does not mean anything to me. I also attended the marriage of Annadural's granddaughter. I attended Mr. Ramdas marriage, when AIADMK people have called me, I should not look with suspicion. And the latest thing that has happened in Tanjore was as simple as this... people wanted. Mr M.G. Ramchandran. He was a great leader and a good friend of mine. I am proud of that, Mr. Karunanidhi is also a good friend of mine. I have been a Chief Minister they were Chief Ministers at separate times. It so happened... Karunanidhi goes out, I go out. Karunanidhi comes in... I come in...! There could be some astrological explanation. But I don't want to take your time on that. At one time... to attend the funeral of Mr. V.V. Giri in an ambassador car, Mr. Karunanidhi was sitting on my right in the back seat, and Mr. M.G.R. was sitting on my left side, three of us travelled together in that car for about two hours. This is my relationship with them and I am proud of it. I would not run away. But I would not commit a mistake for Congress Party or any other party. I only want to make one thing clear.. This governor ship is a responsibility and mind you.. As a representative of the people of Andhra Pradesh, I will live upto my reputation and keep up my promise of striving and working for high standards... I will not bring down your reputation at any cost. Any day if you feel that I have done otherwise, I would just resign; I have resigned after being in Punjab only for nine months. I do not know, if other people have this experience of resigning. I once told the then Prime Minister of India, Mrs Gandhi who asked me to resign.. Then I said "this is equal to the little finger of my left foot." that appeared in the press that I mentioned in the Assembly, that is reported in the Assembly speeches. Not that the post is bad. But my attitude will.. Just now.. Throw it out... I not that I tend to keep to it... weeping over it... weeping over it... certainly not. Every minute I am accountable to God, if not to

anybody else. You have to just weep and weep. God will say damn fool what I had given to you? So... that is how I feel and look at it. Why I am saying this is... press people talked to me two or three times. A pressman was angry, very angry..still I read his newspaper to know what he wrote, whether he wrote something less or more. But I found what he wrote was correct. He wrote what I spoke. I asked him 'what can I do if you don't leave Madras at all? Repeatedly he asked me "what are your achievements? After all she is your Chief Minister". When did I say.. She is my chief Minister?' I am a simple poor worker. Mostly in the society Governor means an ineffective man. That is your impression, but I do not consider so... if it is ineffective. I should not accept it. We want to make it effective, but without interfering. I have once said in 1974. When I was first asked to be the Governor he should take active interest, but he should not have active interference. Between 'active interest' and 'active interference'. There is a fine line of demarcation; and with the experience that I have for all these years, I know.. What is right what is interference... and what is active interest, what happens? What is happening around? When we order something we must see what would be the outcome? Submit that no Governor will stoop to such low level so as to dictate the postings of sub-Inspectors and collectors. What I want to tell you is that I am not suffering at all... I am quite happy I think I am doing the right thing. I don't want to encroach on anybody. Therefore Andhra people should understand me, should advise me, and should bless me for this work. It is not a difficult task. Where is the difficult task? To whom is it a difficult task? It is God almighty that gives work. With that strengthen face the difficulties. God thought that I am capable... with that you give me difficulty... that is my feeling so many elders. Elderly people have said so nicely... How nicely Sri Nageswara Rao has spoken. How nicely Sri B.N. Reddy has spoken Channa Reddy will be active only when he active only when he is confronted with problems and difficulties. That does not mean I will be idle in normal times. Yesi when in difficulties you fully apply yourself. That is the thing....that is being given to you. If is not brought... not by me. It has not come by my merit, not by my strength. I did not get first rank by writing any competitive examination. I did not get any recommendations. I would get some position on my own reputation. When I became the U.P. Governor in 1974, Sri P.v. Narasimha Rao said the same thing as said by Mysore Swamiji today-post does not add to the personality, but the personality should add to the post. Sri P.V. Narsimha Rao said post does not bring laurels to Dr. Channa Reddy, but Dr. Channa Reddy brings laurels to the post. It might be his generosity or his decency, though he has ideological difference, he said these words out of respect for me. I am reminding you these words are based on facts. So I tell you, I can assure you... and why I have talked is... because I want to tell the people of Andhra Pradesh that I stand by you, and by the commitment I made.. Any day you feel happy. I want to show Dr. subramanian Swamy and others, don't keep the doors closed, you also asked to join others and then asked me to go back. I may go back, because I may not be able to

conduct the things properly or I go back. Because, I am supposed to be called upon to do something bigger, something greater, something more critical. What happens... I do not know. But I can assure you, I am an Andhra citizen, having been brought by you, having been trained by you, having been loved by you all ... I owe every inch of it to you... to the people. My ups and downs is my life. But I am not sorry for it. But I am proud of it and I look upon this, as really God has selected me for this, chosen me to give more and more exercise.

My date of birth by Calendar year is 13th January; as per tithi on my birthday I will come to my house and I myself perform Havanam religiously. By chance , this time, it happens to be my Platinum Jubilee, this time... with a view to celebrate Platinum Jubilee on a grand scale, all my friends and my family members in fact, my real friends, Congress workers, who are more than my family members. In fact I want to become a family member of all the people of Andhra Pradesh if I can gain their confidence... that is great than all the posts. What I believe is; that is much greater than any other post that I can get. So also my friends, many colleagues, they worked with my family members my sons and others who worked so hard that this was done much beyond my imagination.

There are some friends who had helped us. I greatly acknowledge their generosity. I also appreciate the great and hard work they had put in. And much more than that the blessings I have received in such an immense and such a large number of great leaders like Gyaniji, K. Brahmananda Reddy, Mr. Vijaya Bhaskara Reddy, several poets... my good friend, Mr. G. Venkataswamy. I take his blessings also in a very good manner; I have suggested something... one thing he did not say. Which he should have said.. That as far as working for weaker sections, it is not just getting one member. I insisted for the first time and perhaps was the last time that they should get the proportionate reservation in posts of Gram Panchayat Presidents.. For the first time in the country. I fced litigation, fortunately I was successful. Later, on it is not taken up. But now I am glad Mr. Venkatswamy went there to the centre, who took up Rural Development Ministry. Sri P.V. Narasimha Rao has these ideals. All of them together, had incorporated this amendment in the All India Act. still they had not yet passed it, hence when I first suggested this to the Rajasthan Chief Minister, he agreed within five minutes. Though he had agreed.. Later what had happened? After giving consent he called a cabinet meeting and sent to me, so I had issued an Ordinance. But his party people objected, they did not want this! Why? What is this? How an Harijan can become a president of our village? That is their philosophy.. Then I said Harijan should become a President. Mahatma Gandhi promised this, we are living by his name. You should remember that if a Harijan is not allowed to become a President, again

not allowed to become... mind you be will revolt and snatch away with a sense of Vengeance.

To avoid such a situation, to avoid violence in society, based on the principle of nonviolence; all of us should work based on principles and ideals of love affection, mutual cooperation and unity. I got it approved in Cabinet. At that time, Sri Rosaiah and some of those who are here now (now I cannot tell their names) were in cabinet. With the cooperation of all we got it approved. When the situation is like this. I desire that you have to carry them with us with same desire in Rajasthan I could not do anything. But now it has come it has come at all India level. I am happy that it is applicable to the entire Nation. It seems Sri Venkata Swamy has also forgotten this. Otherwise he would be always talking about these things. He said the same words when he was the Central Minister. Now he is the Handlooms Minister. He is holding the same. Sri Kotiah garu is present... the importance of handlooms... when I suggested his name. I Don't subscribe Mr, Kotiah or anyone.. I don't consider them opponents, dissidents or contestants they may have their opinion and I have my opinion. Those who opposed his inclusion. They say that Kotiah is uneducated; he can't see... he can't walk... then why do you give him position? Such great people are there! Some people raised doubts... Rajiv Gandhi? here ! I do not agree with such ideas. You say he is uneducated, but I argue, you tell me... whom you want to make Textiles Minister at the Centre, this pragada Kotaiah garu can teach lessons for 3 months to that minister on Handloom matters. That confidence I have In Andhra every handloom family has great respect for him. His name is a household name is a house among the weavers. That is how I thought.. And he deserves that... i am very happy about it. I promised to complete my speech, as early as possible. Sri Tulsidas wanted to speak for only one minute. He spoke about many.. Many things... similarly some others. We have not given time to our Ali Siddiqui, what a good book he has written in Urdu. I have affection to Urdu. How much? I do not know, but I love Urdu. in such a situation, perhaps I am also responsible to deny a chance to these people to speak. Perhaps, I vexed you with my long speech. You are getting bored since this morning. I will be doing injustice to you, if I take any more time. Once again, I thank you individually and collectively. You have seen the lady who has made announcements in such an excellent manner. Her announcements were pleasant and clear. Many elders have spoken. My thanks to them and to all of you Namaskar - Good Bye - Jai hind
