



CHIEF MINISTER  
ANDHRA PRADESH

**MESSAGE**

I am happy to know that APMAS has completed ten years of existence in the service of Self Help Movement in Andhra Pradesh and elsewhere in India.

Andhra Pradesh has been in the forefront, in successfully implementing schemes and programmes to eradicate poverty. Towards achieving this goal, the State has adopted the women Self Help Groups strategy.

Andhra Pradesh, today, is a global model in implementing this grassroots program, which besides reducing poverty is also helping in paving the way for women empowerment.

The Andhra Pradesh Government through the Indira Kranti Patham, MEPMA and other agencies, is backstopping the Self Help Groups and their federations and is also providing a sensitive support mechanism to make the Self Help Movement stronger, sustainable and self-reliant.

I sincerely feel that, the tremendous success of the SHGs movement in Andhra Pradesh is a testimony to the commitment as well as the collective efforts put in by different stakeholders of the movement such as the State Government, NGOs like APMAS, banks, and above all the will and wisdom exerted by the rural and poor women of the State to unite and move forward confidently and well organized.

I am also happy to note that APMAS has trained more than 1,20,000 persons, many of them from IKP, contributing to the quality of the SHG movement and is now extending it's services to some other states.

Swayam Niyantrana Udhayamam (movement for self regulation) pioneered by APMAS to promote self-reliance among the SHG federations is a unique contribution of APMAS.

I strongly hope that under the able guidance of Sri C S Reddy, APMAS will put in more decades of such service of eminence to the Self Help Movement and I wish APMAS all the very best in it's future endeavours.

  
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