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YSR distributes land pattas to tribals

ADILABAD: Chief minister YS Rajasekhara Reddy said Congress Government had fulfilled the dreams of tribal legend Komaram Bheem who fought for forest rights against the Nizams.

Addressing a public meet at modi village of Kerameri mandal on Sunday, he said about 48,000 are going to be benefited under the Forest Rights Act and the Andhra Pradesh had become the first State to have taken the historic step by choosing to implement the Act by issuing pattas to tribals.

During his one-day visit, he laid foundation stone for several development works worth Rs 88.33 crore and distributed 9464.54 acres of land by issuing pattas to 2,520 beneficiaries under Forest Rights Act. He distributed bank loans of about Rs 70 crore to Self Help Groups under Pavala Vaddi sheme.

The chief minister assured people in agency areas to upgrade 30-bed hospital in Utnoor to 100- bed hospital and re-open the Utnoor bus depot to extend transport facility to interior agency areas.

In a review meeting with district officials at Asifabad, he warned corrupt officials of action. Instructing officials to come to the rescue of genuine Indiramma beneficiaries, the chief minister maintained that the Government was conducting a survey to weed out bogus ration cards.

Contending that people in the area are suffering from lack of adequate drinking water during summer, Nirmal MLA Maheshwara Reddy appealed to him to ensure water supply from the deep areas of the Swarna project instead of periphery areas.

Adilabad MLA Jogi Ramanna urged the chief minister to sanction funds for the rehabilitation of farmers who lost crop due to natural disasters last year. Meanwhile, Mancherial MLA Aravinda Reddy appealed to provide house pattas to Singareni workers who had been staying in the company land for the last 40 years.

Earlier, he paid rich tributes to tribal leader Komaram Bheem by garlanding his statue at Hatti Village.

Minister for Health and district in-charge minister Danam Nagender, Social Welfare Minister Vishwarup and Tribal Welfare Minister Balaraj, MLC Prem Sagar Rao, former MP Inderakaran Reddy and Peddapalli MP G Vivekanand and Asifabad MLA A Sakku accompanied the chief minister.

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