

## **ABSTRACT**

ITE&C Department - Andhra Pradesh Space Applications Centre (APSAC) - Designation as Nodal Agency for Remote Sensing, GIS, and WebGIS Services for Government Departments - Orders - Issued.

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## **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, ELECTRONICS & COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT**

G.O. Ms. No.6

Dated:17.03.2026  
Read the following:

1. G.O. Ms. No. 213, Energy, Forest, Environment, Science & Technology (S&T) Department, dated 04.07.1989.
2. G.O. Ms. No. 256, Energy, Forests, Environment, Science & Technology (S&T) Department, dated 20.10.1992.
3. G.O. Ms. No. 164, Finance & Planning (Plg-XVI) Department, dated 05.10.1999.
4. G.O. Ms. No. 21, Planning (III) Department, dated 30.09.2014.
5. G.O. Ms. No. 91, General Administration (Cabinet-II) Department, dated 05.07.2018.

### **ORDER:**

1. In the G.O. first read above, the Andhra Pradesh State Remote Sensing Applications Centre (APSRAC) was established to function as the nodal agency for all Remote Sensing activities in the State and to assist planners by providing reliable and up-to-date information on natural resources for better planning, management and decision making. All Departments, Government undertakings and Government funded organizations were requested to avail the services of APSRAC for Remote Sensing applications on actual cost basis, and were directed not to establish separate units or cells for such activities.
2. In the G.O. third read above, the Government appointed APSRAC as the Nodal Agency for Remote Sensing and GIS applications and directed all Government Departments to approach APSRAC for their requirements relating to satellite data procurement and GIS applications. The Departments were also instructed to deposit funds available under State Plan Schemes / Centrally Sponsored Schemes / Externally Aided Projects meant for digitisation and procurement of satellite data with APSRAC, in order to optimise procurement and reduce duplication of expenditure.
3. In the G.O. fourth read above, consequent upon the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014, orders were issued for registration of a new society by name Andhra Pradesh Space Applications Centre (APSAC) by expanding the scope of APSRAC from Remote Sensing applications to broader Space Applications.
4. APSAC presently maintains a large repository of geospatial data, including satellite imagery, Survey of India (SOI) toposheets and

thematic datasets such as Land Use/Land Cover, Geology, Geomorphology, Soil Resources, Drainage, Surface Water Bodies and Transportation Networks at various spatial scales and time periods. The Government of Andhra Pradesh has been increasingly utilising Remote Sensing and Geographic Information System (GIS) technologies for planning, implementation, monitoring and regulation of various developmental programmes. The Government intends to further strengthen e-Governance through integration of spatial and non-spatial data services for effective decision making and sustainable development.

5. In view of the above, the Government after careful examination of the matter and in partial modification of the orders issued in the G.O. third read above, hereby designates Andhra Pradesh Space Applications Centre (APSAC) as the Nodal Agency for Remote Sensing, GIS, Photogrammetry, UAV Remote Sensing, Satellite Data Procurement and WebGIS Applications and related geospatial activities for all Government Departments, Agencies, Public Sector Undertakings and Government funded organizations in the State, and issues the following orders:

- a) All Departments, Government undertakings and organizations funded by Government shall mandatorily utilise the services of APSAC for Remote Sensing, GIS, WebGIS solutions and related geospatial activities on actual cost payment basis.
- b) No Department, Government undertaking, Public Sector Unit, or Government funded organisation shall independently procure satellite imagery, undertake topographical surveys, establish GIS / WebGIS platforms, or develop geospatial databases without consulting APSAC.
- c) The funds available under State Plan Schemes / Centrally Sponsored Schemes / Externally Aided Projects meant for digitisation, geospatial database creation, development of WebGIS solutions and procurement of satellite data shall be deposited with APSAC, so as to avoid duplication in procurement of satellite imagery and ensure optimal utilisation of geospatial resources available with the State.
- d) APSAC shall act as the State level repository and custodian of geospatial datasets, and shall ensure standardisation, integration and sharing of spatial data across departments in accordance with Government policies and national geospatial guidelines.
- e) All Departments shall coordinate with APSAC for planning, implementation and monitoring of geospatial projects, and APSAC shall provide technical support, advisory services and capacity building in Remote Sensing, GIS, and WebGIS technologies.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

**G. SAI PRASAD**  
**CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

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