PREFACE

The Political and administrative structure of any country is determined by the quality of leadership that emerges from within. Leadership is sinequanon for the development of any nation because its planning, policies and programmes are guided by capable leaders. The capability of any leader is determined by his social, economic and political background and inturn how he emerges himself harnessing all the available sources. Generally this has been the case with majority of the political leaders who dominated the political as well as other related fields both at national and state level.

Kotla Vijaya Bhaskara Reddy, the present Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh has been acclaimed to be one of the popular political leaders of Andhra Pradesh in general and the Kurnool district in particular. Having no political background to his ancestors however with the situations and circumstances he was made to be attracted to the political culture of the nation and made him to raise to the level of Central administrator and to the position of Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh at Present. With a humble beginning of being a student
leader at early years he experienced various vicissitudes in his political career and gained much experience as a polished and plain administrator of the State. His policies and programmes are of commendable in nature and qualitative in building up of the State. His considerable period of just 15 months as Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh he has been identified as a clean administrator without corrupt practices. Inspite of various social as well as economic problems haunting in the State he so courageously and tactfully encountered and evolved suitable remedies. Thus, in the light of above background an attempt is made in this thesis to study the various important and interesting aspects relating to the life and achievements of Kotla Vijaya Bhaskara Reddy both as a political as well as administrative leader.

**METHODOLOGY**

The topic for the present study is focussed on the political leadership in India in general and Kurnool District of Andhra Pradesh in particular with a case point on Kotla Vijaya Bhaskara Reddy. This study is
limited to the political as well as administrative life of Kotla Vijaya Bhaskara Reddy and his activities and achievements both as political executive as well as in the administration of the State.

In view of the fact that the material on political leaders of moderate stature like Kotla Vijaya Bhaskara Reddy is scarcely available, it became very difficult to extract information on various profiles of Kotla Vijaya Bhaskara Reddy. Much of the material was collected through personal interviews with the persons associated with the life and activities of Kotla Vijaya Bhaskara Reddy including himself.

The data used in this dissertation is drawn from various primary and secondary sources. To understand the emergence of political leadership, attempts were made to collect data from various sources like books and pamphlets published by the Government. Newspaper items, booklets and pamphlets issued by the Information and Public Relations Department, published reports of Conferences and Speeches, personal interviews with the officials and non-officials.
The studies of this nature certainly attract the scholars as well as the students of Indian Government and Politics which enable to lay the path for future research on personalities.

PLAN OF STUDY:

The whole work is divided into five chapters. The length of each chapter is limited to the importance of the subject matter. Some chapters are discussed in the broadest outline, others are discussed in a limited outline depending on their relative importance.

The introductory chapter deals with the emergence and role of various types of leaderships in general and political leadership in particular.

The second chapter deals with the congenial conditions responsible for the emergence of good number of political leaders representing from various sections of the Kurnool district in addition to briefly giving a note on the profile of the district of Kurnool.

Chapter three clearly explains the life and family background of Kotla Vijaya Bhaskara Reddy and his
political achievements in his life and how he emerged as an active student leader, freedom fighter, party leader and an administrator. This Chapter also clearly explains the socio-economic and political background of Kotla Vijaya Bhaskara Reddy.

Chapter four clearly analyse the programmes and policies of Kotla Vijaya Bhaskara Reddy as Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh serving for two occasions. As a Chief Minister how he has designed these programmes to suit the requirements of the people of Andhra Pradesh and to elevate the people from below the poverty line.

The last chapter has been acclaimed as a comprehensive one dealing with the summary and conclusion.