RACING TOWARDS A HAPPY STATE

By hosting the prestigious F1 Powerboat Racing competitions, Amaravati has emerged as an international sporting venue.
After the Social Media Summit Awards 2018 and the adrenaline thumping F1H2O, the Tourism Department came up with an air show, which enthralled the young and the old alike for good three days. On November 23, 24 and 25, expert British pilots have performed amazing stunts in the sky on the banks of river Krishna at Punnami ghat. The UK-based Global Stars performed aerobatics and synchronised smoke acts such as butterfly loop, diamond and heart shape as part of the air show. Viewers were thrilled to witness daredevil stunts such as wing over cloud, loop rolling, barrel roll, cross over and mirror stunt.

Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu attended the air show for the valedictory. Speaking on the occasion, he spoke of his effort to make Amaravati an international tourism hub. He felicitated the engineers of the team, France Neil Jeffery and Jones Christopher Peter at the event.
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First Fruits of Hard Work

It is time for Andhra Pradesh to taste the first fruits of development process that began four years ago amid circumstances that were less than optimistic. The State Government’s focussed efforts on economic growth, education, health and living standards, even while complementing traditional income-based poverty measures, have yielded early results.

The month gone by encapsulates the multi-pronged approach being adopted by Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu in a wide variety of initiatives. We could not have imagined a while ago that the dream capital Amaravati was capable of hosting an international event like F1H2O on the banks of Krishna. The capital also hosted the second edition of Social Media Summit, hailed as India’s biggest social media event. The Amaravati Air Show that followed has put the city in league with the big metros.

It was a pleasant coincidence when Andhra Pradesh's Zero Budget Natural Farming program was declared as one of the top 10 projects out of a total of 120 projects from across the world by Paris Peace Forum. This recognition came soon after the honour for the CM to address a United Nations forum on the same topic. While agriculture sector is receiving boost in the state, the tech world is brimming with new initiatives.

It is a proud moment when the three-day global conference TECH-2018 organised by UNESCO’s MGIEP and State Government framed the guidelines under ‘Vizag Declaration’ to ensure quality in digital learning. The efforts to transform the state into a knowledge hub have resulted in Andhra Pradesh emerging top in terms of employability among the states, according to the latest report.

Welfare has been going hand in hand with development. The strong commitment towards the development of the BC community once again came to the fore in the latest phase of Adarana scheme launched at an outlay of Rs 1697 crore for capacity building among the artisans in Andhra Pradesh.

It was not fluke that Andhra Pradesh recently topped the ‘Ease of Living Index’ ranking of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs. The State Government is determined to make the state in general and Amaravati in particular not just livable but happy. As part of this philosophy, the capital is being groomed into a global cultural hub. November witnessed a plethora of cultural and social events including the Bheemli Utsav and the second edition of the Amaravati Global Music and Dance Festival.

Miles to go, but the journey is certainly exciting.

Ramesh Kandula
Editor
Andhra Pradesh has emerged on top in terms of employability among the states with the engineering graduates having the highest level of employability, according to India Skills Report-2019.

Employability level of B.Tech and B.E graduates from the state shot up significantly to 63.11 per cent this year from 42.08 per cent last year. MBA and polytechnic graduates’ employability increased to 47.18 per cent and 45.90 per cent respectively against 44.90 per cent and 35.85 per cent respectively the previous year.

The report is a joint initiative of Wheebox, a global talent assessment company, PeopleStrong, a leading HR Tech company and the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII). Andhra Pradesh was one of the preferred hiring destinations and one of the most preferred states of work by both men and women.

It is our vision to make AP the knowledge and skills hub of the country by facilitating the development of a robust skilling ecosystem of international standards, said CM Chandrababu Naidu. We are on a mission mode to enhance the employability skills of our students and unemployed youth to meet the skilled manpower demand from industry, he said.

AP tops in employability level among states

The India Skills Report said Andhra Pradesh is one of the preferred hiring destinations and one of the most preferred states for work by both men and women.
Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu said he would develop the Palasa and Ichchapuram municipalities, which were badly affected due to cyclone Titli, as smart municipalities. Addressing the gathering in a public meeting held at railway ground in Palasa, he said that he was mulling to replace all the thatched houses with pucca houses in the coastal villages in the cyclone-affected areas. About Rs 3,618 crore-worth properties were damaged in the district due to the cyclone. The compensation of about Rs 520 crore was disbursed in the cyclone-affected areas, including the compensation disbursed by the CM at the public meeting. He also assured the people that he would develop Uddanam better than it was earlier.

Speaking about the cyclone damage, he said that about 15 lakh people in 25 mandals were affected due to the cyclone. As many as 14 fire service teams, two naval teams, 43 police teams, 22 boats, two naval helicopters, six NDRF teams and nine SDRF teams were deployed in the cyclone-affected areas, he said. As many as 286 generators and 186 water tanks were also brought in for use in the affected-areas.

About 1.24 lakh milk packets, 10,325 metric tonnes rice, 365 metric tonnes red gram and other essential commodities were distributed. As many as 24,991 tarpaulins, 20 thousand asbestos sheets, six lakh candles and 15 thousand solar lanterns were distributed, he added. As many as 863 medical camps were organised in the cyclone-affected areas.

Reacting on the wrong and extra entries of cyclone damage, he said he would publish the list of beneficiaries online, so that the people of the affected areas can lodge complaints with the People First 1100 website directly. Strict action would be taken against people who furnish false information, he said. Appreciating the efforts of officials for the cyclone relief works, he said he would grant special leave to officials in view of their service.

On the occasion, the CM came down heavily on the Centre. He said the Centre did not grant even a single rupee to the Titli victims. Ministers Pithani Satyanarayana, Somireddy Chandramohan Reddy, Kala Venkata Rao, Atchannaidu and Nara Lokesh were present.

AP disburses Rs 520-crore aid to Cyclone Titli victims

All vehicles in AP to have new number series - AP 39

All vehicles in Andhra Pradesh henceforth will have AP 39 as prefix in their registration numbers. The number will be uniform for all the 13 districts in the state. Presently, each district has its own code and vehicles were registered with codes upto AP38. But according to Transport Minister K Atchannaidu, the new system has commenced from November and all registration numbers will feature the new prefix- AP39. The State government has decided to issue uniform registration numbers for vehicles (AP 39) across Andhra Pradesh to ensure there were no bogus registrations with false addresses.

Briefing media persons at the Interim Government Complex in Velagapudi, K Atchannaidu said this is a first of its kind initiative where the registration numbers will be issued to vehicles as one unit. The government has decided to implement the uniform code following the discrepancies that cropped up benefitting people who use false certificates for registration, said he.

Transport Commissioner N Balasubramanyam said, as the number series in the code will be changed once in every two-and-half days, there will be a possibility to issue more fancy numbers to generate additional revenue for the RTA. The total income through fancy registration numbers this year stood at Rs 2.98 Crore and the revenue will be increased with the uniform code.

The new numbering is a solution to the allegations that people are getting their vehicles registered with wrong addresses in other districts due to different code numbers. Officials said that RTC buses would be given Z series, police department P series and other government vehicles would be given TU, VW, WX, Y series. But the code number would remain AP 39.
E-CARS to REPLACE GOVT VEHICLES SOON

The state government vehicles in all departments will soon make way for electric cars as Andhra Pradesh aims at promoting non-polluting vehicles.

The government, which has brought in the Electric Mobility Policy 2018-2023 to encourage use of carbon-free cars, has followed it up by signing with the Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL). The EESL in principle has agreed to invest a whopping Rs10,250 crore in the State to procure 1,00,000 cars.

In the coming days, conventional fuel cars hired by government departments in the State will be replaced by electric vehicles in a phased manner.

In the next one month, 300 vehicles will be replaced in Visakhapatnam, East Godavari, Vijayawada, Guntur, and Tirupati. By February, next year, 4,000 vehicles are expected to be replaced.

“We are planning to replace the petrol and diesel cars being used on hire basis with electric cars. I have asked the two automobile companies — the Mahindra and the Tata and Sons — to provide 100 cars before the end of December. The New and Renewable Energy Development Corporation of AP will be the nodal agency for the project,” said Guntur district Collector Kona Sasidhar who test drove the cars at his camp office.

The two signature electric cars, the Mahindra Verito and the Tata Tigor, can be charged for six hours with AC charger and 90 minutes with DC charger and can travel for 100-110 km. On the economy side, fuel costs just Rs1 for every one km. “Now the procedures for exemption of registration and road tax for electric vehicles are over, the new-breed of pollution-free vehicles could be seen on the roads in the State in coming days,” NREDCAP managing director M Kamalakar Babu was quoted as saying.

Md Farooq and Kidari Sravan Kumar were sworn in as Ministers by Governor ESL Narasimhan at Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu’s residence in Amaravati on November 11. With the addition of these two, the strength of the Cabinet rose to 26.

The two were inducted as part of the decision to give representation to the minorities and tribals in the Cabinet. Sravan is the son of Araku MLA, Sarveswara Rao, who had been killed by the Maoists recently.

Portfolios

Farooq was allocated the subjects of Minority Welfare, Health, APMSIDC, Food Safety and NTR Health University and Sravan Kumar was given the responsibility of Tribal Welfare, Primary Health, Family Welfare, Vaidya Vidhana Parishad, Drug Control and Ayush ministries.

Addressing the media after the swearing-in ceremony, the CM said all the Ministers should cooperate with the new members of the Cabinet. “Sravan is an IIT graduate. He is preparing for the civil services. Instead of becoming a civil servant, he has become a Minister. We will groom him into a good leader. We will also offer Group-I post to Sravan’s brother and help his sister become a doctor,” he said. Abraham, son of former MLA Siveri Soma, who was also killed along with Sarveswara Rao, was appointed member of the SC, ST Commission.

The CM said he would strive for the welfare of the minorities and tribals. He said Farooq had vast political experience and was an efficient leader. Farooq had earlier served as a Minister and Chairman of the Legislative Council.
Andhra Pradesh cabinet cleared the proposal to set up a steel plant in Kadapa. It will be taken up as a government-owned entity with private participation. In the backdrop of the Centre’s denial to take up the steel plant as promised in AP Bifurcation Act, the AP cabinet decided to set up a special purpose vehicle (SPV) Rayalaseema Steel Corporation on public private partnership for taking up the much awaited project. In response to the Central government dragging its feet on fulfilling the assurance to set up the steel plant, the cabinet has finally took this decision.

Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (Vizag Steel Plant) former CMD P Madhusudhan has been appointed as the managing director of the SPV which will have an initial corpus of Rs 2 Crore and the total project cost has been estimated to be Rs 12,000 Crore. Andhra Pradesh Mineral Development Corporation Limited has been mandated to extend financial assistance for it.

Meanwhile, the Cabinet has also decided to develop Visakhapatnam metro rail in a public-private partnership and to provide for it Rs 8300 Crore. The Visakha metro on public-private partnership will be connecting three corridors at a stretch of 42.55 kms.

For mounting pressure on the Central government to deliver its promises to Andhra Pradesh, the Cabinet has decided to write three letters to the Prime Minister. Through the letters, Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu will reiterate the State’s right to have all its legitimate demands including the Special Category Status, implementation of Reorganisation Act, and seek a adequate compensation for damages caused by cyclone Titli and protest against the alleged neglect of the Centre in sanctioning Kadapa steel plant.

The Cabinet has also given the nod for allotment of nearly 2400 acres free of cost to AP Industrial Infrastructure Corporation Limited for the development of a mega industrial hub at Donakonda in Prakasam district. Not only that, the government of Andhra Pradesh will stand guarantee for a loan of Rs 3,283 Crore for AP fibernet for upgradation of fibrenet at a stretch of 24,000 kms and providing internet facility to all regions.

Besides, the Cabinet has cleared the implementation of protected drinking water schemes in Rayalaseema districts at a cost of Rs 9400 Crore, sanctioned Rs 6000 Crore for the development of critical infrastructure in urban areas and decided to set up 152 more Anna canteens.
The designs of the proposed Assembly building prepared by Norman Foster Architects and finalised by the Chief Minister for Amaravati.
Andhra Pradesh will have a separate High Court from next year. The Supreme Court has given the green signal for issuing the notification to this effect. It will be the 25th high court in the country and will initially function from a temporary structure till the permanent building comes up in the ambitious Justice City complex in the State’s capital Amaravati.

Since the bifurcation of the State on June 2, 2014, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana have had a common High Court situated at Hyderabad, capital of Telangana. A Bench of Justices A.K. Sikri and Ashok Bhushan said that since all the requirements have been fulfilled, there is no embargo for the competent authority to issue a notification bifurcating the courts into the High Court of Telangana and High Court of Andhra Pradesh respectively.

“We expect such a notification to be issued by January 1, 2019, so that the two High Courts start functioning separately and High Court of Andhra Pradesh also starts functioning in the new building at the earliest”, the Bench said.

The court noted the submission of the state that the building, where the Andhra Pradesh High Court would be temporarily shifted would be ready by December 15. “It is also clear that the judges of the High Court, who would become judges of High Court of Andhra Pradesh, are satisfied with the facilities in the said building inasmuch as Full Court of the High Court has approved the proposal after Inspection Committee of Judges submitted a report in this behalf,” the Bench said after perusing the affidavit of Andhra Pradesh said.

Senior advocate Fali S. Nariman, appearing for State of Andhra Pradesh, said that the government would be hiring villas to take care of the residential needs of the judges at Amaravati.

“We may place on record that in Amaravati a very big complex known as Justice City is under construction where the High Court and subordinate courts and even some tribunals would be accommodated and there is a provision for construction of residential complex for the Judges of the High Court and judicial officers of the subordinate courts,” the Bench said.

It said that hiring villas for residences of judges is an ad hoc arrangement till the Justice City gets completely constructed.

Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014, which had come into effect from June 2, 2014, has a provision for separate high courts for State of Telangana and State of Andhra Pradesh. The existing High Court is located at Hyderabad and it would be housing the High Court of State of Telangana.

The Civil Courts Complex (CCC), which will host the temporary High Court, is going to be ready for occupation by the end of December becoming one of the first permanent structures in the capital area’s Justice City to take...
Municipal Administration and Urban Development Minister P. Narayana, who inspected the Complex being built on a four-acre plot near Nelapadu village recently told reporters that 70% work of the 2.5 lakh square feet built up area was finished and a major part would be completed by December 15. “The complex would be handed over to the government by the end of December,” he said.

The Minister said the tenders for the construction of the Assembly were called already.

“With this, the tendering process for all constructions in the capital area will be completed.” Narayana said 3,840 apartments were being constructed for officials and the MLAs. “So far slabs for 713 apartments have been laid and the finishing work is being taken up. We have set a target to complete 2,000 apartments by the year end,” he said.

The Minister said construction was going at an “unprecedented pace” with the help of shear wall technology and the government intended to finish the residential work and basic administrative structures by March 2019.

Narayana said 25% of the 360-km trunk roads with integrated facilities like sewage, electricity and gas lines in the capital had been finished so far. “We have been doing all this without the support of the Centre which is supposed to help the State as per the AP Re-organisation Act. The Centre is investing thousands of crores on statues but gave only Rs 1,500 crore for capital construction so far,” Narayana said.

The first-ever government residential project proposed in Amaravati is a big draw.

The Andhra Pradesh Capital Region Development Authority (AP-CRDA) got all the 300 flats in ‘Happy Nest’ proposed to be built in the first-ever government residential project within five hours.

HappyNest is a modern commune of 1,200 smart 2 & 3 BHK apartments in 12 high-rise towers, coming up on a sprawling 14.46 acres plot.

Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu had released the brochure and logo of first housing project Amaravati Happy nest - with a tagline of See future, be future. The web portal of the project was open for public from Nov 9 for online applications. However, the first phase of bookings quickly filled up. “We will be opening bookings for 300 or more flats in the project soon,” an official said.

The Chief Minister instructed the HappyNest project should reach the expectations of people with world class standards. He said futuristic visualisation is important and officials should concentrate on time bound projects.

With over 80% of the land earmarked for aesthetic landscaping and nature, HappyNest is where every inch exudes pure joy, CRDA says. HappyNest is part of the blueprint of Amaravati which incorporates several innovative ideas that are critical for a large city, including transit-oriented development, modern waste collection and disposal mechanisms, and maintaining the ecological balance with green spaces. Even as sustainability remains the core focus, the City will reflect the unmistakable veneer of class.

Spread over 217 sq. km., Amaravati will be an innovation hub comprising of nine cities - Media City, Sports City, Government City, Justice City, Finance City, Knowledge City, Tourism City, Electronics City and Health City.
An I-hub will be created in association with UNESCO in Visakhapatnam district to provide new way of teaching and learning. Once the I-hub picked up, the children will be able to work wonders. According to Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu who announced the establishment of I-hub in Vizag during the Transforming Education Conference for Humanity-TECH 2018 in the port-cum-steel city, noted that learning and de-learning was a continuous process which shaped up careers and art of living for successful, quality life which is reflected on the happiness index which his Government was keen on. “Visakhapatnam is going to create history in education. We are bringing in the best in the field, experts, teachers and institutions and best practices in education. There should be a total change in curriculum and re-orientation of education is important. Virtual classrooms should be set up and integrated with field work. Life-skills also should be imparted and inter-personal relations should be improved for better learning in education,” he pointed out.

The Chief Minister said he was happy that CEOs of top companies like Microsoft and Google were from India. Again, one among four Indians in the IT world was from Andhra Pradesh.

In his inaugural address at the international conference TECH 2018 at Novotel hotel on the day, he said that he was a strong believer in technology which brought transparency, accountability and speed in the administration. There was need to streamline the education system using modern technology towards this. Andhra Pradesh was rich in human resource which would be utilised to strengthen the education sector which would be helpful to the future generations, he pointed out.

Citing examples of the success of his government by using technology, he said that 15Mbps internet facility was being provided to every household through fibre grid all over the State. Besides, there were over 25,000 hotspot connections provided. Andhra Pradesh was the first to set up a content corporation and content for several government departments was provided and put to use. He also said that the State was ready to take up content marketing in case any among the gathering had developed some useful content through technology.

Thanks to technology, the growth rate in the State had reached 10.5 per cent and it was his aim to take it to 15 per cent, he said. Former President of Kyrgyzstan Rooza Otunbuyeva, Director of Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Education for Peace and Sustainable Development Prof. Anantha Duniappah, and HRD minister Ganta Srinivasa...
Rao spoke while Union Minister for HRD Prakash Javadekar sent his greetings through video message. A feature of the three-day conference is the launch of Collective Human Intelligence (CHI) Platform, indigenously developed artificial learning platform of UNSECO MGIEP by Chandrababu Naidu and Ms. Roza Otunbuyeva. International Ministers of Education - Ms. Emmalin Pierre, Minister of Human Resource Development of Grenada, Prof. Yasser Refaat Abdel Fattah Mohamed, Deputy Vice Minister of Higher Education from Egypt, and Dr. Yaw Osei Adutwum, Deputy Minister of Education from Ghana also participated in the TECH 2018.

Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu had a meeting with potential investors for the India Global Head-Partnerships and Development who included Peje Emilsson, executive chairman Kreab Group, chair Sweden-India Business Councils Skilling Committee; Dominic Marcotte, Director Quebec Bureau India, Anand Govindaluri, founder and CEO Govin Academy and Incubation Centre, Peter Vesterbacka and Ms. Gunan Garg Hatch from Finloand, Peter Rhee, Deputy MD, Samsung India, Deepak Bhardwaj, Vice-President, Strategy and Investment, Samsung India, Ms. Vinnie Jauhari, Education Advocacy-MicroSoft, Amitabh Nag, Country Manager-Public Sector Solutions HP India, Ms. Garima Babbar, Head of Strategic Projects, Adobe, Vipin Goyal, Head Veative Labs and Eric Falt, UNESCO Director and Representative for Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, the Maldives, Nepal and Sri Lanka.

There were also product announcemnts like launch of Samsung Smartclasses for Andhra Pradesh by Deepak Bhardwaj, for B.Ed and D.Ed colleges in Andhra Pradesh and setting up of Design University as part of the upcoming Intelligent Global hub for digital pedagogies. Awards to winners of Games for Sustainable Development Hackathon Challenge were presented by Jessica Lindl, Education Head, Unity Tech, Winny Patro, CEO APIS, and Ramesh Anumakonda, Head Unity Education and Centre of Excellence Initiatives-Asia Pacific (APAC). Skilling programme on creative digital technologies for AP was held. Launch of First Global Universal screening App for Dyslexia: DALI (Dyslexia Assessment for Languages of India, unveiling of the Telugu version of the app) also happened.

Deputy Chief Minister N. Chnarajappa, HRD Minister Ganta Srinivasa Rao, and others attended. After Fintech conference, it was TECH 2018, both annual affairs being held in the City of Destiny year after year which only adds to the growing importance of Visakhapatnam in the new Andhra Pradesh state.

- B. Prabhakara Sarma

AP CM’s precedent should be rule, not exception

Declares assets, yet again

The Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh Nara Chandrababu Naidu declared his family’s assets in continuation of the tradition he established to ensure transparency. His son and Information Technology Minister Nara Lokesh declared the family’s assets at a press conference in November.

Chandrababu Naidu has been declaring his assets for many years in power or out of it. However, no other political leader in the state has followed this tradition which serves as an example of accountability and integrity in public life. Interestingly, some of the political leaders sought to find loopholes in the declaration of assets without ever trying to follow the footsteps of the Chief Minister.

The most senior political leader in the state, and probably in the country, the Chief Minister has been declaring not only his personal assets, but also those of his entire family, including his wife Bhuvaneswari, son Lokesh, daughter-in-law Brahmani and grandson Devaansh.

No other politician even in the country has established such probity in public life, but for some strange reason, this welcome gesture has not received as much attention and praise as it deserves. We don’t have any examples of those in power – at the state or Centre – making their assets public.

It is true that election affidavits contain details of assets, but they are filed once in five years. Ministers are expected to submit their assets to the assembly in some states, but they are rarely made public. But the AP Chief Minister has not only been making his assets public, but declaring them year after year so that people can understand the status of their leader’s finances on a regular basis.

There is a need to make compulsory asset declaration annually by all those who hold public offices. AP should be proud that its Chief Minister has already set the example to follow.

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Minister for Information Technology Nara Lokesh formally launched the city’s first ever eco system platform for start-ups. ‘The Sedibus’ at Malaxmi hub in Nidamanuru village on the outskirts of Vijayawada is spread across 10,000 sq ft and will mentor and handhold start ups and young innovators from Amaravati in the initial phases. It will spread out operations across the State gradually.

“It is very heartening to see private players plunging into action to create a meaningful ecosystem for the startups in the state. Extending my best wishes to the entire team,” said Lokesh, speaking on the occasion.

The Sedibus Vijayawada will offer incubation, acceleration, co-work space, networking platform, lecture halls, events, offering of support systems etc. Vijayawada is a hotspot for all the startup related events and activities for The Sedibus. It offers support especially to startups in deep tech sphere, into AI, ML, IoT, Drone technology etc.

The Sedibus is Malaxmi Group’s endeavour to build complete startup ecosystem in Andhra Pradesh, fostering entrepreneurship, enabling mentor programs and creating sustainable investor networking for the young and innovative entrepreneurs. The Sedibus will become a domain of quality networking bringing together innovators and industry leaders.

“There is no dearth of talent and innovation in Andhra Pradesh. What is lacking here is the robust ecosystem to support and grow such ideas and disruptions. The Sedibus is our brainchild to address the gap. Meaning ‘catalyst’ in Latin, The Sedibus will truly bring the startup entrepreneurs in the region closer to mentors and industry leaders, connecting the dots. We will be working closely with some of the startups in deep tech and automation and handhold them in terms of mentoring, investment and other possibilities. Focus will also be working on strategic sectors like smart cities, agritech and healthcare” said Harish Chandra Prasad, Founder of Malaxmi Group.

“We have conducted elaborate research on the prevailing ecosystem at other places to fully understand what fits while building a similar platform in Andhra Pradesh. In the course of time, we have understood that Andhra Pradesh requires a lot of work from the scratch, enabling ground level engagement in the form of mentor interactions, boot camps, hackathons and active networking summits. We will be bringing mentors from leading accelerators from across the country to come and conduct their boot camps and workshops. We have already signed up with startup platforms and accelerators like The Entrepreneur Zone and 50K Ventures to bring their accelerator innovator programs and machine learning boot camps. More associations are underway to create feasible environment and opportunities for startups within the state” said Deepa Balasubramanian, Chief Executive Officer of the Sedibus.

**Sedibus MoU with VRSEC**

The Sedibus has signed a MoU with Velagapudi Ramakrishna Sidhhartha Engineering College (VRSEC) to establish their Technology Business Incubator (TBI). The TBI will be established in the premises of the campus to promote the spirit of entrepreneurship and nurture disruptive ideas coming from the students. The pact was signed and exchanged between Deepa Balasubramanian, CEO, The Sedibus and Dr A V Ratna Prasad, Principal, VRSEC in the presence of Head of the Department of IT, M Suneetha, Dean of Student Affairs, B Pandu Ranga Rao and students.

The Sedibus and VRSEC will be in the forefront of the Startup India and other such similar initiatives. The startups/ideas incubated at the TBI at different stages will help the students to launch their innovative ideas/business during the incubation time frames through viable business plan and mentor-
ing. Further, these ideas will be given handholding from industry leaders to become early stage startups.

Under this TBI, students of VRSEC are trained to incubate their ideas, enabling innovation, job creation and economic development. The incubator will provide sustainable platform for commercialization of technologies developed by the students of VRSEC or the R&D department comprising of future entrepreneurs.

“The Sedibus technology business incubator in VRSEC will work closely with the students who have promising ideas into technological innovations like AI, ML, robotics, drone technology, and any such disruptions in other streams capable of becoming futuristic business models. We will bring mentors and startups from the industry to the campus to interact with the students and help them turn their ideas into possible early stage enterprises. This kind of initiative will help young minds to gain quick access to support and mentoring right within their college” said Deepa Balasubramanian.

“The goal of the institution is to develop industry ready professionals and entrepreneurs with required knowledge & skills who are competent to face global challenges by providing technologically innovative solutions. In this direction, the initiative between The Sedibus & VRSEC will go a long way in bridging the gap between industry and institution, by imparting the necessary skills to make the students into upcoming entrepreneurs” said AV Ratna Prasad.

The technology business incubator will be ready in December in the campus premises and will kick start with launch activities in the form of interaction with the startups and mentors in the deep tech sphere and phase wise execution of business plans.

The New Development Bank has come forward to fund for development of Amaravati capital. The Roads and Buildings Department has proposed two projects including AP Mandal connectivity and rural connectivity improvement project (APMCRGIP) and AP roads and bridges reconstruction project (APRBRP) to New Development Bank (NDB) under externally aided projects and the bank in principle agreed to finance the proposed projects. The cost of each project is Rs 3,200 cr with the loan assistance in 70:30 ratio.

The AP mandal connectivity and rural connectivity improvement project is proposed to improve major district roads. The APRBRP is proposed to improve state highways including 792 km length double lane connectivity from district head quarters to mandal head quarters, 2,219 km double lane connectivity from mandal Headquaters to adjoining mandal head quarters. Construction of 132 number of bridges and reconstruction of 300 weak and narrow bridges. Administrative sanction for the two projects with an estimated cost of Rs 3,200 cr each is under process and will be accorded soon.

The New Development Bank vice-president and cooperation officer Xian Zhu, Executive assistant to Vice-president Ningqian Zhang, project financing officers Jianshiyao, Garvit Sah and Ninad Rajpurkar met Chief Minister at his residence in Undavalli and evinced interest to fund for Amaravati capital and R&B projects.

Speaking on the occasion Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu explained on the advantages and achievements of the state including in Ease of doing business, employability and several other sectors. He said that he want to improve quality of life and make the state number one in the country. He said priority is being given to innovation and technology in all the sectors to emerge as number one in the country. The United Nations also appreciated the efforts of State in zero budget natural farming.

Praising the efforts of Chief Minister, NDB vice-chairman xian Zhu said that the NDB is interested in funding the projects in the state. Special chief secretary (R&B) Neerabkumar Prasad explained on the proposals of R&B.
Lands in Andhra Pradesh will soon get a unique identification number called 'Bhudhar', like Aadhar for individuals. 'Bhudhar' will be a 11-digit unique number that will be issued for every plot and agricultural land, Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu announced.

The ambitious programme was formally launched by the Chief Minister at his Undavalli residence.

The Chief Minister said the Land Hub project called 'Bhu Seva' would to resolve the growing land disputes and also check land value.

Core data of the Land Hub would be prepared and 20 services related to six departments would be delivered to citizens through Bhu Seva.

"Survey and mapping of lands would be done in a fool-proof manner to check irregularities in land transactions. Technology should be put to good use to remove all hassles for people," the Chief Minister said.

In future, there would be need to run all around government offices and around banks to get all the relevant documents to buy space, mortgage or construction. Authorities will check online only if they have a unique number assigned to the revenue department.

The Pahani, Adangal and other Revenue Records are connected to Bhudhar by survey numbers. During the registration, this unique number will be used to check all necessary documents.

There are no possibly of fake registrations and double registrations.

The Bhoodar Project will provide services to the public at the touch of a button. Survey maps are currently being digitized as part of reform in the revenue department. This program is almost complete. Each survey number has been digitized by sub-divisions. Satellite map with high resolution is completed. Subsequently, the survey images are used to match the satellite imagery. If the two correspond, the record is considered okay and the asset is given a property ID number. This is called Bhudhar number.

The Bhudhaar Project as the next step in revenue reforms. People can enter the Bhudhar number in the bhoo-seva portal and check their property details.

The pilot project that was initially implemented in Vuyyur and Jaggaiahpet in Krishna district and was extended to the entire state. Bhudhaar numbers will be given to 2.84 crore agricultural lands and 50 lakh urban and 85 lakh rural properties.

The CM said said the Bhudhaar numbers could not be tampered with and any land-related transaction could be monitored on a real-time basis. The lands would be geotagged and 11-digit temporary Bhudhaar numbers starting with 99 would be given. This was a major initiative aimed at establishing a fool-proof database of lands which makes land administration a lot easier, and makes the transactions simpler and takes the technology adoption to a higher level as the State looked to improve efficiencies across the board, the CM explained.

Like **Aadhar, Bhudhar for land in AP**

Under Bhudhar, the land records will be available to people on the lines of Aadhar card. The Chief Minister said that new system of Bhudaar will end litigation and corruption in land records.
The Andhra Pradesh State Skill Development Corporation (APSSDC) will conduct training courses for beneficiaries of Mukhyamantri Yuva Nestham (MYN) scheme from December 10 to enhance their employability quotient.

Around 555 training centres will be set up for imparting training to the candidates in all the mandals of the State. So far, about five lakh unemployed youth have applied to receive the monetary benefit of Rs1,000.

APSSDC Managing Director and CEO K Sambasiva Rao and Deputy CEO Krithika Shukla said the main objective of the programme was to impart skill training to youth so that they get employment in industries as well as open market. In this connection, a specialised 40-hour training programme has been developed.

The programme, Employability Skills Enhancement Module (ESEM), has been designed focusing on soft/life skills to equip the youth with the employable skills. The module comprises communication skills, interview essentials, basic presentation skills, e-mail writing, intra and interpersonal skills, social responsibility and growth development dynamics.

The beneficiaries can select training centres of their choice through the MYN portal, developed by RTGS and after completion of training assessment, certification will be issued to the candidates. CM N Chandrababu Naidu will inaugurate the module during the District Collectors’ conference on November 30 and on the same day, the registration process of the candidates will be started.

Babu Jagjeevan Ram Uttarandhra Sujala Sravanthi project which provides assured irrigation facility to 1.3 lakh acres in Visakhapatnam district will be completed by the May-end next year, said Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu.

Laying the foundation stone for the Phase-I of the ‘Babu Jagjivan Ram Uttarandhra Sujala Sravanthi’ (BJR USSP) project at Chodavaram on November 15, the Chief Minister said that the government was according a top priority to irrigation. “The project will ensure that every acre of land in Visakhapatnam district gets water for irrigation,” he said.

Describing the Polavaram project as ‘the lifeline of Andhra Pradesh’, CM Naidu said that 65 % of the works under the Polavaram Left Main Canal (PLMC) project had been completed and the remaining work would be dover by May next year. He criticized the Centre for Rafale deal controversy and CBI row. He also targeted the union government over demonetisation and “improper” implementation of GST.

“Though the Centre is not cooperating, as we consider Polavaram as the lifeline of the State, we are determined to complete the Polavaram project by May, 2019, at any cost. By completing Polavaram project by May, 2019, at any cost. By completing Polavaram project and interlinking other rivers of the State, we will give irrigation water to all cultivable lands in the State. Through ‘Babu Jagjivan Ram Uttarandhra Sujala Sravanthi Project’, we will supply water to all cultivable lands in Visakhapatnam district. Our priority is to complete all pending projects and we will definitely do it,” the Chief Minister assured.

Reiterating that the government had big plans for linking of rivers, he said the Vamsadhara, Nagavali, Bahuda, Penna and Krishna rivers would be inter-linked to prevent drought situation and provide irrigation facility to all districts in the State during deficit of rainfall.

“The government is doing its best, despite the hurdles being created by the Centre. We have signed several MoUs worth Rs 16 lakh Crore for setting up of industries. Once, the projects are completed, there will be no more unemployment problem in the State,” affirmed the CM while addressing the gathering.
Second edition of Social Media Summit and Awards 2018

The focus of the second edition of the blockbuster event was to envision the vital role of social media in the day to day life and the change it might bring to respect the information, governance, business, and commerce.

- Bollywood actress Kareena Kapoor Khan was conferred Style Icon of the Year 2018 award which was given away to Deepika Padukone in the year 2017.
- Actress Samantha received the Most liked South Indian Actress on Social Media Award.
- Musician Devi Sri Prasad was awarded the Most popular Musician in South India award.
- The event was organised in association with department of Tourism on November 9 and 10.

Social Media Summit & Awards is a massive national movement started to connect people, content and extended conversations around emerging trends in media, importantly social media which is now one of world’s biggest medium to communicate, promote and develop individually as a community. Themed to raise conversations about such an enormous and growing industry Social Media Summit & Awards in 2018 has delivered a network of creative conference experience and awarded pioneers of this industry and streamed the entire 2-day event online through social media.

The Awards Night in the second edition (SMSA 2018) organised on November 9 and 10 has witnessed leading actors, musicians and various entertainers from Indian film and social media fraternity who were recognized as the best practitioners and influencers in Social Media. With 40 categories and 5+ nominees in each category, the awards had an immense response from the public on social media and for the event to support their favorites.

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This time around, the event recreated the case of the technology behind the industry and connects with top-notch social media companies and thought-leaders to collaborate and raise conversations about the future of increasing products and services based on social media. A Complete Summit, Social Media Expo, Awards Nights were the three important parts of the event.

The summit discussed different facets of social media in terms of growth, knowledge, awareness, use cases, policy and regulation, on the first day of the event. It also focused on creating an experience zone with various social media platforms and cutting-edge technologies like Virtual Reality, Augmented Reality, fire side chats, and panel discussions and so on with industry leaders and governments. The Social Media Summit witnessed diverse conversations around Politics, Sports, Tourism, Social Impact movements and the impact of Social Media on several different aspects. The Summit was hosted in the Futuristic capital - Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh with over 1000 delegates & over 250 high impact content creators.

**Day One**

The 2nd edition of the event witnessed a turnover of 23000 people, according to the organisers. Over 35 high impact content creators, actors & organisations have been recognised for making Social Media as vibrant as it is today.

The event was attended by Andhra Pradesh Law Minister Kollu Raveendra during the inauguration. Cricketer VVS Lakshman and actor Swara Bhasker also took part in fire side chat session on the topic, "How social media is amplifying the sports fervour," and "Usage of social media for social media impact movements" respectively. Actress Kushboo Sundar too spoke in an interactive session about the role of social media in politics and elections.

Co-Founder Josh Talks, Supriya Paul, Producer & Writer, Nikhil Taneja, Content Head- PocketAces, Pradipta Sarkar, Founder of ProjectFuel, Deepak Ramola were on the panel discussion. There were several guest lectures, talk sessions on the day one, who spoke on various issues and challenges in social media. Panel discussion was on 'Leveraging social media for Startups and young enterprises' with Mayuk Choudhury, Founder Milaap.org, Lavim Mirchandani, Founder Get Evangelized, Snehaal Dhruve CEO & Co Founder Superfan.ai and the conversation is moderated by Anurag Batra, Chairman and Editor in Chief of Business World. The Rise of Venacular Social Media was discussed with Founder of Vokal, Aparameya...
Radha Krishna and Founder Denture Capital, Manu Sri Kumar. Managing partner, Producer & Host at PLUSH PLAZA, Rahul Jagtiani was moderating the panel for ‘How Social Media influences tourism marketing’. Indian humanoid robot, Mitra was a special attraction at the event.

Day Two and the Finale
The grand finale was hosted by latest sensation Kaushal and Syamala, who made their way straight into everyone’s home after the success of a recent reality show. Contrary to the first day of the event, the finale had a more relaxing vibe and enthusiasm spread across the visitors who thronged the Indira Gandhi Municipal Stadium Complex.

For the first time, Bollywood actress Kareena Kapoor Khan has touched down to the future capital Amaravati to receive the award of Style Icon of the year at the SMSA 2018.

Minister for Tourism, AP State government, Bhuma Akhila Priya gave away the award to the actress who said, “For somebody who is not on social media, receiving this award is a big honour. Also, I am so happy to receive the award in Amaravati.” After receiving the award, explaining what style is to her, the actress added, “I think I am stylish only to my fans. I am proud to be fit as a mother. Young women can work, be a mother and still lead the pack.”

Actress Samantha was given away the award for ‘Most Liked South Indian Actress on Social Media’ category and after receiving the award, an exited Samantha said that social media had become the most powerful tool and receiving such an innovative award made her happy. She thanked her fans and followers on social media. Minister for Irrigation, Devineni Umamaheswara Rao gave away the award.

Star-studded performances
Music Director Devi Sri Prasad enthralled the visitors with his thumping music renditions for about an hour while south Indian actresses Pranitha Subhash, Seerat Kapoor, Hebah Patel, Shubra Aiyappa were among others who performed on the second day of the Summit for the Vijayawada crowds. Film actors Sudheer Varma, Sushanth, actresses Payal rajput, Chitra Shukla and singer Shirley Setia performed on the occasion. Actor Siva Reddy’s mimicry had the gathering in splits. Minister Kollu Ravindra, Mayor Koneru Sridhar, MLC Buddha Venkanna, Women’s Commission Chairperson Nannapenni Rajakumari were among a few leaders representing the State government during the event. The event was organised by Tourism Department, represented by its secretary Mukesh Kumar Meena and Tourism Development Corporation CEO Himanshu Shukla.
Arvind Mills to invest Rs 4000 crore in Andhra Pradesh, set up plant

Naidu is likely to lay foundation for the Arvind Mills on December 13, when he attends MSME conclave at Tirupati.

Arvind Mills will set up its first plant outside Gujarat in Kuppam in Chittoor district of Andhra Pradesh. Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu cleared Arvind Mills proposal and the proposals of several other companies. The CM chaired the state investment promotion board meeting at Secretariat at Amaravati and cleared proposals of companies including Arvind Mills, which will come up with an investment of Rs 4,000 crore to provide employment opportunity to nearly 20,000 people.

The Arvind Mills green field integrated textile plant, will set up the plant at Kuppam, the CM’s constituency, with an investment of Rs 700 crore with a capacity to manufacture 24 million garments per annum. The textile plant will provide employment to 80 per cent of women with 9,300 direct employment. The Arvind Mills plant will produce denim jeans and is likely to start production in February 2020. Naidu is expected to lay foundation for the Arvind Mills on December 13, when he attends MSME conclave at Tirupati. THK, a leading Japanese manufacturer of linear motion equipment manufacturing company will set up a manufacturing facility in Sri City at Chittoor. This facility will provide a fillip to machine tool industry in India by providing components essential to increased precision, rigidity, speed and energy efficiency,” Economic Development Board CEO Jasti Krishna Kishore said.

AP State’s new emblem inspired by Amaravati art

- After the bifurcation of Andhra Pradesh, the Government has finalised on the State emblem for official use.
- The new emblem is released in multi-colour, black and white and Blue.
- Earlier this year, the residual State of AP has announced its State symbols - Ringed Parakeet, Black Buck, Jasmine and Neem tree.

Inspired by the ancient Buddhist town and the new capital city Amaravati, the AP State government’s new emblem has been released officially. “The State Emblem is inspired by the Amaravati School of Art. It consists of a ‘Dhamma Chakka’, the ‘Wheel of Law’ embellished with a ring of triatnas (Buddhist symbol) alternating with pinnate leaves and precious stones. The three circles of decorative beads in ascending order of numbers – 48 in the inner, 118 in the middle and 148 in the outer circle. ‘Puna Ghataka’ or ‘The vase of plenty’ is at the hub of the ‘Dhamma Chakka’. It is decorated with a four banded garland on the main body with medallions and tassels. There is a braid around the thin neck and a flaring mouth.

The colours used in multi-colour design of the emblem are Green, Yellow and Red besides one in blue and black and white. In the multi-colour emblem, Lions are designed in Orange and Dhamma Chakka and Ghataka in Green. Spokes of Dhamma Chakka are designed in Gold colour. There is a single Blue colour emblem against the White colour background and the regular Black and White reproduction.

The further changes to the emblem include: The word ‘Andhra Pradesh Prabhutvam’ in Telugu is placed on the top flanked by the words ‘Andhra Pradesh Government’ in English and Hindi. The words ‘Satyameva Jayate’ appears in Telugu at the bottom of the emblem.

The new official logo is permitted to be used on letter heads, visiting cards, printing of government approved exhibits and public affairs related materials only by permitted officials of the government of AP.
India successfully played host to a round of the F1H2O World Championship on River Krishna in Amaravati in November, marking the country’s return to the international powerboat racing calendar. Indian fans witnessed high-octane powerboat racing in Andhra Pradesh’s capital Amaravati from November 16 to 18 with the UIM World Championship returning to the country after a gap of 14 years. There were nine teams in the fray for the fifth round of the World Championship, including Team Amaravati. While 19 drivers from all over the world took part in the F1H20 Grand Prix of India, the team from Abu Dhabi took top honours and Amaravati’s own squad finishing sixth. The last time the event was held in India was in 2004, in Mumbai.
With this mega event, the government of Andhra Pradesh aims to promote tourism and has left no stone unturned to make the F1H2O India Grand Prix a success. The event is expected to help Andhra Pradesh promote the state as a destination for adventure tourism.

F1H2O’s director of logistics, Marco Pietrini said Amaravati was a “perfect location” for the world championship race. “I am happy with the way this event is shaping up. The state of Andhra Pradesh and the tourism department strived hard to put up a gala show for all the spectators and visitors. I am confident that this initiative will take the sport to greater heights in the years to come. I won’t be surprised if India has its own team competing on the global arena in the coming years,” Pietrini said.

The 23km stretch along the River Krishna turned into a carnival site celebrating the UIM powerboat racing. Viewing galleries were set up near Punnami Ghat and the Prakasam Barrage were closed for the event.

The F1H2O World Championship is the leading formula in single-seater inshore circuit powerboat racing and was sanctioned by the UIM in 1981. It is a multiple Grand Prix series of eight events taking place in Europe, the Middle East and Asia. Points allocated at each Grand Prix count towards the overall World Championship standings.

In addition to the World Championship, points are also allocated for the BRM Pole Position and Team Championship sessions and the Fast Lap Trophy. A three-tiered qualifying session is run over 60 minutes, the multiple lap Grand Prix run over a minimum 45 minutes, not to exceed 60 minutes.

In 2018 nine teams, 20 drivers plus technicians and support staff from 12 countries competed for the coveted World title. Team Abu Dhabi’s Shaun Torrente put up a great performance to emerge winner in the UIM F1H2O Grand Prix of India held in Amaravati, the emerging capital of Andhra Pradesh. Torrente, who maintained a lead from the word go, clinched his seventh career-victory and moved to the top of the championship standings.

The second place went to the Emirates Racing’s Marit Stromoy, the only woman racer and ‘Darling of the day’ with Erik Stark, also of Team Abu Dhabi, making it a one-three for Abu Dhabi.

Almost immediately after the final round began, CTIC F1Shenxhen China’s Philippe Chiappe crashed heavily on the start lap at the very first turn, ending his title hopes while defending champion Alex Carella’s bid ended almost before it began, retiring on the same lap due to technical issues.

The local favourite Jonas Andersson, the Team Amaravati driver, had to opt out after maintaining fourth position in 33 of the 44-lap race due to a technical glitch in his powerboat. “Pole-sitter’ Torrente made a perfect start and didn’t leave the first position all through the race. “My goal is to win the world championship. Stromoy gave me a tough fight making me push harder than ever at some points,” he later told a press conference.

“I tried and pushed as hard as I could till the end but it was a great race for me,” said Ms. Stromoy, admitting: “I had a bad start for me and was bit lucky with the yellow flag.” Andersson looked strong in fourth position till his exit. But Team Amaravati’s Erik Edin brought the fading smiles back by moving up from 18th off-the-pontoon to finish in sixth place.

In the F4 race that preceded the F1 championship, Al Fahim Ahmed of Victory Team bagged the first place followed by Whittle Sam of F1Atlantic Team in the second place and Jelf Benjamin of Team Amaravati in the third.

As the race started with a thunderous roar of the powerful engines, the powerboats glided through the water at great speed leaving behind a white curtain of water. People in the galleries left their seats, moved to the front and cheered the participants lustily.

After the prize distribution, the winners were felicitated by Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu and Tourism Minister Bhuma Akhila Priya. The CM asked people to mark their calendars for the next year’s event. “The F1H2O World Championships at Amaravati will be bigger and even better,” he said amidst applause.
1. Chief Minister with the winners of the F1H20 Grand Prix of India.
2. CM’s wife Ms Bhuvaneswari trying out the gear for the water sport.
3. A scene from the adrenaline-pumping race.
4. Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu at the launch of the F1H20 at Amravati.
The Government of Andhra Pradesh has been implementing many welfare programmes and development schemes with a view to empower the rural poor through creating additional income by improving their productivity. To minimize drudgery, improve product and service quality with the help of modernizing the process of operations, Government relaunched Adarana programme with the ultimate aim of contributing to increased income levels and living standards of the practicing artisans and all the BC communities.

BCs pursue traditional occupations such as cattle and sheep rearing, toddy tapping, earth works, fishing, weaving, goldsmithy, blacksmithy, brasssmithy, carpentry, stone carving, laundry, pottery, oil pressing, basketry, hair dressing, tailoring and dyeing fall. Under Adarana II, the Government is providing financial assistance to the practicing artisans for acquiring improved modern tools and gadgets for sustainable income generating activity and economic development. The scheme empowers the BCs by imparting necessary training to improve their productivity with minimum drudgery and enhance the service quality according to the market needs.
It was an action-packed year for Telugu film industry which saw some of its biggest films crash at box-office, but before it was too late, the industry was back on its feet with a bunch of blockbusters, surprise hits, and the rise of new stars on the block.

Telugu film industry saw the rise of a new force in 2018 in the form of Vijay Deverakonda, who proved that he was a bonafide star in the making. Post the stunning success of Arjun Reddy in 2017, all eyes were on the youngster to see if he would continue riding high on the success wave, and he certainly didn’t disappoint his fans. Although there were quite a few blockbusters this year in the form of Rangasthalam, Bharat Ane Nenu, Mahanati, Aravinda Sametha Veera Raghava, it was the staggering success of Vijay Deverakonda’s Geetha Govindam which made waves in the industry.

But long before Vijay Deverakonda became a force to reckon with, one of the biggest newsmakers of 2018 was Pawan Kalyan, who vowed to quit his acting career to focus on politics, much to the surprise of his ardent fans. In January this year, when Pawan Kalyan-Trivikram Srinivas’ Agnyaathavaasi bombed at the box-office, many expected him to act in one more film before he quit acting altogether. Despite rumours that he might team up with Santosh Srinivas for the Telugu remake of Theri, the actor was reportedly quite clear that he wanted to devote his time to politics and he continued to make news with his political rallies subsequently.

Him quitting films was a big jolt to his ardent admirers; however, many have made peace with the fact that Pawan Kalyan’s heart was no longer in films anymore.

Around the same time of the year, filmmaker RGV was in news for his explicit video titled GST - God, Sex, And Truth, starring Mia Malkova. The director ran into major trouble when several legal suits were filed against him for promoting explicit content. Much to everyone’s surprise, not only did he remain stoic throughout this controversy, he shocked a lot of people when he announced that he was making a comeback in Telugu after a long gap with Nagarjuna starrer Officer. The film, which released in June, turned out to be a box-office turkey and the collections were so low that it had to be removed from several theatres even before its first weekend run at the box-office.

2018 was also the year where several actresses proved their calibre at the box-office with a wide-range of films, spanning action dramas to thrillers. In January, Anushka Shetty proved why she’s a big crowd-puller when it
The year saw five major money-spinners including Rangasthalam, Bharat Ane Nenu, Mahanati, Geetha Govindam and Aravinda Sametha - which set the cash registers ringing, apart from some surprise hits like Chalo, RX100 was the surprise hit of the year, and the success of Taxiwala in November proved that there is no looking for Vijay Deverakonda now.

comes to female-centric films. Her solo film in 2018, Bhaagamathie, turned out to be a big hit, and later, the actress took a long break to focus on her health, and towards the end of the year, she signed a thriller in which she’s paired with Madhavan. Another actress who had a terrific year was Samantha. Rangasthalam, her first film post her wedding with Naga Chaitanya, turned out to be a smash hit, and she was equally impressive in PS Mithran's Abhimanyudu, in which she was paired alongside Vishal. In September, she pulled off an impressive feat with Pawan Kumar's U Turn, which was her first female-centric film in her career. The biggest newsmaker, among actresses, in 2018 was Keerthy Suresh, whose career best performance as Savitri in Nag Ashwin’s Mahanati got a big thumbs up from everyone. Till now, the actress was curtailed to action dramas or romantic entertainers, but as Savitri in Mahanati, Keerthy Suresh proved her mettle as a serious performer too. Post Mahanati’s release, Keerthy didn’t sign any film in Telugu, and she went on record to state that she wants to do meaningful roles because her image had changed with this film. Apart from these three, Rashmika Mandanna became a new heartthrob among youngsters with films like Chalo and Geetha Govindam. She signed two more films including Vijay Deverakonda’s Dear Comrade and another film with Nithin towards the end of the year. Another surprise find of the year was Payal Rajput, whose bold performance in Ajay Bhupathi's RX100, turned quite a few heads in the industry.

On the other hand, there was no dearth of controversies either this year. While the first half of the year saw Sri Reddy make a series of accusations against several people in the industry and alleged that casting couch and sexual harassment is a stark reality within the industry, several celebrities including Nani, Vijay Deverakonda, Trivikram Srinivas, Sreenu Vaitla, among others were trolled on social media for a variety of reasons in the second half of the year. Nani, in particular, had to face the heat on social media from fans of Kaushal, a contestant in Bigg Boss Season 2, and they accused Nani of being a biased host. On the other hand, Vijay Deverakonda’s devil-may-care attitude, coupled with below average performance of NOTA, irked quite a few people when he made sly remarks in a tweet post the film’s release. In October, Trivikram Srinivas was accused of plagiarism by a couple of people, who claimed to have helped the director during the making of Aravinda Sametha; however, the director denied these claims. This was the second such instance that the director had to face in 2018 after serious allegations that he had ripped off plenty of scenes and plot from a French film, Largo Winch, to make Agnyaathavaasi.

The year saw five major money-spinners including Rangasthalam, Bharat Ane Nenu, Mahanati, Geetha Govindam and Aravinda Sametha - which set the cash registers ringing, apart from some surprise hits like Chalo, TholiPrema, RX 100, Goodachari, and Taxiwala. April was, perhaps, the best month of the year for Telugu film industry with Ram Charan and Sukumar’s Rangasthalam, and Mahesh Babu, Kiara Advani, and Koratala Siva’s Bharat Ane Nenu raking in close to Rs 375 crores (gross) at the box-office within a span of 45 days. Although Allu Arjun, Vakkantham Vamsi’s Naa Peru Surya too was expected to continue the momentum, the film lost its steam way too soon. However, a week later, in May, Mahanati turned out to be a profitable film for all its buyers. RX100 was the surprise hit of the year, and the success of Taxiwala in November proved that there is no looking back for Vijay Deverakonda now.

Although SS Rajamouli didn’t have a film releasing in 2018, he continued to make news with his much-awaited film, starring Ram Charan and NTR, going on floors on November 19. So far, the details about the film have been kept under the wraps, and buzz suggests that it won’t be ready for release until late 2019. Despite all this, the filmmaker continued to be in news for most part of the year with Baahubali 2 turning into a cultural phenomenon in Japan.

In the next few months, there’s a lot to look forward to with NTR’s biopic, starring Balakrishna, slated for release in early January, apart from Ram Charan, Boyapati Sreenu’s Vinaya Vidheya Rama. Then, there’s the biopic of VS Rajasekhar Reddy, titled as Yatra, starring Mammootty, and a space thriller, Anthariksham featuring Varun Tej, Aditi Rao Hydari, and Lavanya. 2019 will also see Chiranjeevi’s Sye Raa Narasimha Reddy, Mahesh Babu-Pooja Hegde’s Maharshi, and Prabhas’ Saaho releasing in theatres in summer. But for now, there’s no denying that 2018 has been a good year for Telugu film industry and it continued to grab a lot of eyeballs on a national level year after year.

- Hemanth Kumar C R
Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu has the unenviable record of completing the first river-linking project – the Pattiseema Lift Irrigation Scheme - in the country in record time. He has now taken up another ambitious project to link Godavari and Penna rivers to supply water to parched lands of Rayalaseema region.

The Chief Minister laid the stone for the NTR Sagar Godavari-Penna Interlinking project at Nakerikallu in Guntur district in November.

Upon completion, the project would be the most ambitious irrigation facility in the country. After years of successive drought and consequent depletion in the storage levels at Nagarjuna Sagar, farmers in the Krishna Western Delta and Penna ayacut are unable to realise the harvest. With this project, 3,000 tmcft flood water from the Godavari will be diverted and impounded in the basins of the Krishna and the Penna.

Tenders for the Phase I of the project being taken up at an estimated cost of Rs 6,000 Crore had been called for, and works were likely to begin in a month. Godavari and Penna linkage in five phases would cost an estimated cost of Rs 83,796 Cr.

The CM also laid the stone for double-laning of the Kondamudu-Perecharla State highway at a cost of Rs 503 crore. The road was being laid in the PPP mode and would be completed in two years.

In the first phase works of Godavari-Penna linking 8500 cusecs of water from Pattiseema and 6870 cusecs of water from Chintalapudi lift will be taken to Prakasam barrage. From Prakasam barrage 7000 cusecs of water will be taken to Nagarjuna Sagar right main canal in five phases by laying 10.25 km pipeline from Krishna river and gravity canal at a stretch of 56.35 km and using five lifts. The first lift will be set up at Harischandrapuram, second at Lingapuram, third lift at Vyyandana, fourth lift at Gangireddypalem and the fifth one at Nakirekal.

Bringing Godavari water upto Nakirekal and linking to Sagar right main canal will stabilise over 9,61,000 acres of both Guntur and Prakasam district.

Farmers in 39 mandals of Guntur districts including Prattipadu, Tadikonda, Pedakurapadu, Sattenapalli,
Vinukonda, Chilakaluripet, Narasaraopet, Gurazala constituencies will get benefited. Likewise farmers in 40 mandals in Prakasam district including Yerragondapalem, Kondepi, Ongole, Darsi, Santanutalapadu, Parchuru, Addanki constituencies will also get water.

According to officials, the proposal was to lift water from the right bank of Krishna river by arranging five lifts up to Nagarjunasagar project right canal to join at km-80 with a total lift of 148.68m. 20 pumps involving a pressure main of 10.09 km and gravity canal of 56.5 km length has to be constructed for the above proposal. It is estimated that the cost per acre could be around Rs 62,645 for the interlinking in the phase-1.

The Water and Power Consultancy Services (WAPCOS) prepared the detailed project report (DPR) for the interlinking of Godavari and Penna rivers. The State government has included the Godavari-Penna interlinking as one of the 20 high priority projects. If the project is completed, around 320 tmc ft of Godavari surplus water will be diverted to cater the needs of Prakasam, Nellore and Rayalaseema region.

62 projects to be completed by May next

The Andhra Pradesh government has set an ambitious target of completing 62 major and minor irrigation projects before May next year, the Chief Minister said.

“From the Vamsadhara project in north coastal Andhra to the Gandikota project in Kadapa district, this government has designed projects aimed at tapping every drop of water. Of the 62 irrigation projects, we have completed 17 and the rest will be completed by May-end,” the CM told a gathering of farmers after laying the foundation stone for the first phase of the Godavari-Penna river-linking project.

The Pattiseema project has saved the standing crop in Krishna Western Delta and raised farm incomes by Rs 20,000 crore in Guntur and Krishna districts. The largest irrigation project in the country - Polavaram - is in final stages of completion and by May next year, works relating to the coffer dam and installation of radial crest gates would be completed. The Godavari-Penna river-linking project would be completed within two years, he added.

AP Assembly Speaker Kodela Siva Prasada Rao, who arranged the meeting at the Nagarjuna Sagar Project canal office, hailed the CM as today’s “Bhageeratha” and said that the river-linking project would transform the lives of lakhs of farmers in the Palnadu region and Prakasam district.

Ministers Prathipati Pulla Rao, Nakka Ananda Babu and Collector Kona Sasidhar were present.

AP ranked first, with 10.5% growth

Andhra Pradesh has achieved the number one rank in the country with an average growth of 10.5% during the last four years. It has surpassed many developed States such as Maharashtra and Gujarat following a “focused approach” and setting high targets for itself.

According to the State Planning Department, the average growth in the country stood at 7.3% during the last four years.

Probably, Andhra Pradesh is the only State to clock the double-digit growth rate.

While Telangana has slipped to the second place, Maharashtra is ranked sixth. Punjab is placed 14th and Karnataka third.

The growth in Andhra Pradesh was 9.2% in 2014-15, the year of bifurcation. Later, it was ranked second. In the subsequent year, it achieved a double-digit growth of 10.6% though its rank had slipped to the 4th place.

Double-digit progress

Since then, the State has been achieving double-digit growth rates. Gujarat, which is considered the most developed State, registered a growth of 10.5% in 2014-15. But it slipped to 10.1 in 2016-17. The data pertaining to 2017-18 is not available.

Telangana, which registered 6.8% growth in 2014-15 could achieve 10.4% in 2017-18, officials said.

The Per Capita Income (PCI) also increased by more than Rs 40,000 during 2017-18 in the State, which started its journey with “the lowest PCI of Rs 93,903 in the southern States.

The PCI crossed the Rs 1 lakh mark in 2015-16. The trend has been upward since then. The PCI grew to Rs 1,08,163 in 2015-16 and to Rs 1,23,664 in 2016-17 and Rs 1,42,054 in 2017-18. Planning Secretary Sanjay Gupta said Andhra Pradesh, with a population of 4.96 crore (as per 2011 census), was placed 9th in the country with a PCI of Rs 1.24 lakh in 2016-17 against Rs 1.07 lakh in 2015-16.

Compared with the all-India PCI of Rs 1.13 lakh in 2017-18, there is a quantum jump in the State’s PCI in 2017-18 and 2015-16.
Andhra Pradesh government’s Tourism department has organised ‘Bheemili Utsav 2018’ for two days in the 17th century Dutch township from November 10. Thousands of people thronged the famous Bheemunipatnam beach to celebrate the event in fervour. The event also marked the 150th anniversary of the Bheemili municipality. The place, called Bheemunipatnam in Telugu, was named after the famous mythological character, Bheema. The
getting there

Bheemili is located at a distance of 46 kilometres north from Vizag and there are frequent public transport facilities available throughout the day. You can get set on a two-wheeler or four-wheeler, which might take an hour to reach the underrated gem.

best time to visit

Irrespective of seasons, Visakhapatnam always has a pleasant and bearable weather conditions and towards the end of the year, when the cool breezes set in, welcoming the monsoon, the naturally blessed city embraces a soothing new avatar. From October to February, the location is ideal to explore. The nearby hill station, Araku also puts up a pretty face with yellow flowers (Valasa pvuvulu), misty mornings and chilled evenings, a complete package offering natural detox for the tired souls.

must see

- Clock tower built by the Britishers
- Dutch settlements
- Sri Narasimha Swamy Temple
- Pavurallakonda and other Buddhist relics

tourism department had conceived the idea to promote Bheemili as a major tourist attraction on par with Vizag and Araku, which was left as a laid back getaway from the mainstream Vizag tourism belt. A large stage was set up for the occasion at Beach Road and many events of the cultural and traditional extravaganza were held there. An amount of Rs 25 lakh was spent by the department towards the celebrations of ‘Bheemili Utsav’.

On the first day of the utsav, a huge procession was carried out with close to 150 folk artistes dressed in their traditional attire—colourful headgear, chestblades, tribal anklets and bright makeovers leading the way from Doratota to Bheemili Junction. About 6000 students from schools and colleges took part in the procession. The event was all about depicting the district’s rich and varied culture dominating by tribal art forms. Thappeta Gullu, Kolatam, Dhimsa and Karra Samu were performed. The entire event was not short of a spectacle as there were breathtaking yet fun-filled performances that followed throughout. On the other hand, women took part in a few cultural activities and games which include cookery contest, rangolis among other sports. A musical night was also held on the night of the event which had the visitors sticking around until late night.

Besides a galore of cultural activities, there were mouth-water delicacies offered on plates for the visitors at make-shift stalls. The delectable Andhra cuisine accentuated with the beach experience left the revellers ecstatic. The bright colours paired with blue hues in the sky with chilly winds brushing past them, the youth went on to participate in festivities with enthusiasm until dusk. As the night kicked in, the sky was filled with amazing fireworks lighting up the entire region amid cheerful screams.

Boat race competitions

On the second day of the event, the organisers held a boat racing competition on the beach waters. There were three categories— one flat boat race in the backwaters and two fishing boat races. The fishermen participating in boat racing competitions were thrilled by the continuous encouragement from the viewers. The fishermen community has put up a beautiful camaraderie during the entire event. Over 25,000 people are estimated to have witnessed the event that happened across two days.

The fishermen in boat racing competitions were thrilled by the audience who encouraged them with loud cheers and chants. The spectators got an opportunity to witness the boat race in three different categories on catamaran boats, traditional fishing boats and backwater boats for the first time (though the traditional boats were seen in action earlier during the Yachting Festival), at the Bheemili utsav and needless to say, the experience was breathtaking for sure. The winners of the boat races walked away with a cash reward of Rs 50,000. The fishermen community put up a beautiful camaraderie during the entire event.

The utsav saw citizens of Vizag coming together with their families and loved ones to have a gala time. The entire event seemed to have evolved right out of a drama scene, with people as its characters, jumping in joy and excitement. HRD Minister Ganta Srinivasa Rao, MP Haribabu, district Collector Praveen Kumar took part in the event. Speaking on the occasion, Minister Ganta said that State government had decided to conduct the utsav every year and the aim is to attract more number of tourists and promote the rich heritage of the oldest municipality. After the boat racing competition, prizes for various competitions were given away to respective winners. The tourism department is also gearing up to organise ‘Visakha Utsav 2018’ for three days from December 28.
Facelift to Kotappakonda Temple

The abode of Trikoteswara Swamy will soon have a complete makeover. In order to promote temple tourism across the State, APTDC has prepared a detailed project to give a facelift to the famous Kotappakonda temple. According to the proposals, there will be a water tank, tourism complex, an amphitheatre, a dedicated viewpoint, an aquarium and a deer park. The ropeway works are proceeding at a brisk pace. Speaker Kodela Siva Prasada Rao on his recent visit to the temple asked the concerned management to install CCTV cameras at the entry and the exit points for better surveillance and security.

Hub for digital pedagogies in Vizag

The State government is contemplating to establish a ‘Intelligent Global Hub for Digital Pedagogies’ in Visakhapatnam to give a big boost to education technology (edutech) after declaring its resolve to make the city a destination for investments in financial technology (fintech). Following the TECH -18 meeting held in the month of November, the AP government has decided to discuss the possibilities for the same. The hub will consist of a centre of excellence (CoE) on science of learning, an incubation centre to train startups in building edutech products, a school for different learners (children with dyslexia, dyscalculia), Global Standards Certification Bureau and teachers’ training academy, among other things.

Internet in every home soon

Internet will soon become a fundamental right of people in Andhra Pradesh with every household provided with Internet, WiFi, and television facility through fibre grid for just Rs 149 per month, IT and panchayat raj minister Nara Lokesh said. The Minister, who attended FICCI women entrepreneurs’ meet in Vizag, noted that the State government was resolving issues through real time governance. He gave an example of Titli cyclone in this context and said that all the relief and restoration activity as well as payment of compensation was completed in 25 days. Visakhapatnam was becoming an IT hub with the establishment of Fintech Valley, while Rayalaseema will be manufacturing hub, he said.

Greater flamingoes visit Hope Island

After a gap of two decades, the long-necked flamingoes have been spotted on the coast of Hope Island, a part of Coringa Wildlife Sanctuary. The exotic birds were last seen in groups in the year 1993 and after that, a single bird was spotted in 2016 during the Asian Water Bird Census at Sirra Yanam village, East Godavari district. The greater flamingoes seem to have turned back to the sanctuary in groups again, after two decades. The sanctuary is an abode for about 35 species of mangrove plants and another 120 species of rare birds. In addition, 236 species of migratory birds are spotted in and around the sanctuary with over 60,000 water birds visiting the sanctuary every year.

Star ratings to social welfare hostels in Chittoor

All the 231 social welfare hostels catering to the students from SC/ST/BC and minorities in Chittoor district will soon have star ratings based on the quality of services and infrastructure. Collector P S Pradyumna, who mooted the concept of ‘Star Hostels’, said that the project of transforming government hostels into vibrant entities to prepare students to enjoy studies would be taken up in mission mode. The focus areas included condition of rooms, toilets, doors, windows, working condition of electric and electronic gadgets in the hostels, availability of playgrounds and identification of hostels run in own buildings and rented premises. Quality of food supplied to students, condition of their uniforms, beddings and cots will also be taken into consideration.

SEBI to tap investment potential in State

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) opened its 17th local office in Vijayawada near Moghal-
Kondaveedu fort to be a tourist spot

The 14th century Kondaveedu fort would be developed as a major tourist destination, said Minister for Civil Supplies Prathipati Pulla Rao. Among the amenities that would give fillip to tourism were national zoo parks, an eco park and guest house complex. The Minister along with Minister for Social Welfare Nakka Ananda Babu, Minister for Forest Sidda Raghava Rao and Collector Kona Sasidhar visited the fort area and went through the woods along the rugged terrain. The district administration is gearing up to conduct a tourism festival during February 2-3, 2019. Pulla Rao said the fort was located 1,400 feet above sea level and has about 200 metres of plain land which could be developed as a tourist centre. The ghat road up the hill would be connected to internal roads leading to various temples on the hill. Later, the Minister laid the foundation stone for laying internal roads at a cost of Rs 12 crore.

Singapore flight to take off on Dec 4

After a prolonged wait, the Singapore bound direct flight from Gannavaram airport, Vijayawada is going to take off on December 4. IndiGo has come forward run non-stop twice a week services to Singapore from Vijayawada. Airbus A-320 is specially introduced by the airlines with support from State government in the form of viability gap funding. Bookings for these flights have been opened on the corporate website of Indigo Airlines and efforts are under way to establish air connectivity with Dubai in a few months, stated an official release. The onward journey ticket costs Rs 7,500 per person and return ticket fares start from Rs 10,000.

CM inaugurates Digital Classrooms

Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu has been advocating for technology driven learning experience for youngsters in the State. Digital learning helps students to experience and understand topics in a better way. In one such attempt to introduce digital learning in government schools, he inaugurated an equipped digital classroom at MPUP School at Ullipalem village, Krishna district on November 21. On the occasion, he interacted with the staff and students of the school. He said that 3,500 digital classrooms have been set up in government schools across the State and 200 such classrooms have been set in Krishna district alone. In another 250 classrooms, digital touch screens were set up, he added.

Anantapur road overbridge is ready

The Rs 32-crore road overbridge (RoB) project at Ramnagar in Ananthapur is nearing completion with Roads and Buildings Department officials hopeful of allowing traffic on it any day after December 30. While 96% of the bridge work has been completed, work on small portions of the drains, approach and service roads is progressing at a hectic pace, Deputy Executive Engineer G. Sanjeevaiah and Executive Engineer K. Shanti Kumar said. The 1,034-metre-long bridge has 28 vents with a section —51.2 mt— over the track constructed by the Railways, the R&B has joined its portion from both sides and this will enable motorists to get on to National Highway 44 (Hyderabad-Bangalore road) directly.

Greenfield medical park in Tirupati

Mages-AP, a consortium of various healthcare infrastructure firms, has come forward to set up a greenfield Electronics Manufacturing Cluster (EMC) Medical Device Park near Tirupati. The consortium, called Mages Electronics Park Pvt Ltd, consists of Dubai-based Al Bakara Plastic Industries LLC, Sri Siddharth Infratech Services (I) Private Ltd, and Medicube Healthcare Private Ltd. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to this effect was signed in the presence of Information Technology, Electronics and Communication Minister Nara Lokesh.
Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu advised the officials to transform all the state and national highways as pothole free. During a review meeting of roads, it was disclosed that Anantapuram district stands in first place in pot hole free roads status with 99.86 per cent and Srikakulam stands in last place with 86.62 per cent.

The Chief Minister said roads should be developed on priority basis basing on population and vehicle traffic. He directed the officials to arrange CC cameras to assess the traffic density.

The Chief Minister directed the R&B officials to take possession of Krishna bund road connecting Vijayawada to Avanigadda to develop the road further to improve economic activity and tourism in the region. He said AP should be developed as a role model in development of roads.

Special Chief Secretary Neerab Kumar Prasad gave a presentation on the progress of development of R&B roads. He said an action plan was prepared for Rs 855 cr to take up roads with traffic density. Regarding state highways, a goal was set to widen 3,729 km of single lane state highways, 789 km of intermediate and State highways and to reconstruct dilapidated bridges to ensure safe flow of traffic.

The total length of roads in the state include National highways-6401 km, state highways-13,604 km, district roads-32.280 km and main district roads-26,849 km and 5,431 km rural roads covering a total of 52,285 km. He said 913 km length of state highways completed during 2014-18 including 19 bridges at a cost of Rs 1681 cr.

Reviewing the progress of widening of national highways, the Chief Minister conducted a tele conference with district collectors and directed them to complete the process of land acquisition in Anantapur, Kurnool, Prakasam and Guntur districts immediately.

The national highway officials said that the Kanaka Durga flyover will be completed by March 2019. Chief Minister asked the officials to beautify the flyover as iconic bridge with beautiful designing.

Kakinada Gateway Port Ltd (KGPL), a subsidiary of Kakinada SEZ Ltd (KSEZ), has signed a concession agreement with the Andhra Pradesh government for development of a greenfield commercial port. The port is to be developed on design, build, finance, operate and transfer (DBFOT) basis at Kona village in East Godavari district of Andhra Pradesh.

KSEZ is a company promoted by GMR Infrastructure Ltd, the flagship company of GMR Group, which is a leading infrastructure developer in the country. The agreement was signed by the Director of Ports, Koya Praveen, and the CEO Kakinada SEZ, Prasanna Chaila, in the presence of Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu, Ajay Jain, Principal Secretary, Energy and Nagarjuna Tadury, Vice-President, Ports, Kakinada SEZ.

The ground-breaking ceremony of the Rs 2,123-crore port is expected to be held in December 2018 and the port is projected to generate employment for about 3,000 people, according to a government statement.

The concession has been awarded with a concession fee of 2.7 per cent of revenue share in the first 30 years, 4.4 per cent of revenue share in years 31 to 40 and 5.4 per cent revenue share in years 41 to 50. The port would be developed in an area of approximately 1,811 acres owned by KSEZ.

Kakinada SEZ Ltd had received the letter of award for development of the greenfield commercial port in October 2018. KSEZ has promoted KGPL as its wholly-owned subsidiary and the Special Purpose Vehicle for implementation of the port project.

The Kakinada SEZ industrial park is strategically located on the Vizag-Chennai Industrial Corridor in East Godavari district of Andhra Pradesh, and offers approximately 8,521 acres of industrial land and greenfield commercial port spread in 1,811 acres.

Given the advantages of abundant water, surplus power, assured gas supply by the Andhra Pradesh Gas Distribution Corporation (APGDC) and a developed industrial park with a commercial port in proximity, companies are making a beeline to establish their manufacturing units in Kakinada SEZ.
Pic 1: Children are the best teachers, they inspire us to have the courage to dream big", said the CM at an interaction with children on Children’s Day.

Pic 2: Asha workers at a meeting addressed by Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu.

Pic 3: The state government is making all efforts to rehabilitate Polavaram displaced in a couple of months. A model house to be provided to the oustees.

Pic 4: CM visited to inspect the ongoing construction works at Amaravati. He checked the quarters under construction for IAS officers.

Pic 5: Chandrababu Naidu inaugurated Gandhi Stupam along with Deputy Speaker Buddha Prasad and Minister Kollu Ravindra.

Pic 6: CM inaugurated Ullipalem-Bhavanipuram bridge built on River Krishna at a cost Rs 77 crore.