

Yokohama ready to partner with Amaravati for urban planning, climate resilience

Govt seeking to forge a City-to-City partnership for building Amaravati into a green and resilient city

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YOKOHAMA, a progressive city in Japan famous for its glorious history and spellbound waterfront, has evinced keen interest to partner with capital city development at Amaravati.

Yokohama has Japan's first port which was thrown open to international trade in the mid-19th century. The city is known for its rich cultural heritage and architecture with a cosmopolitan outlook.

During a visit by a three-member official delegation from Andhra Pradesh Municipal Administration and Urban Development Department, which was on a three-day study tour of the city, the officials in Yokohama expressed their interest for core collaboration so as to support in urban development, climate change, smart infrastructure and city management..

MAUD Department Principal Secretary S Suresh Kumar led the delegation comprising Capital Region Development Authority Additional Commissioners G Surya Sai Praveen Chand and Mallarapu Naveen.

The State Government is seeking to forge a City-



AP Municipal Administration & Urban Development Principal Secretary S Suresh Kumar in Yokohama in Japan

to-City partnership with Yokohama, primarily for building Amaravati into a green and resilient city.

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Suresh Kumar visited the Hokubu sludge treatment plant and later the Yokohama control centre for stormwater, sewage and drainage management to study the systems being adopted.

The Yokohama administration made a presentation to the AP team on how the city has been transformed into a key growth centre in

Japan by turning its vision into a masterplan comprising six major projects.

Cross-sectoral coordination, especially integration of transport and urban development, emphasis on urban design elements and control and induction of private sector contribution into urban development were the key elements that helped the transformation

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of Yokohama. With offices of 1,800 global companies, Yokohama is highly regarded as a good business environment for researchers and engineers.

Yokohama expressed interest to provide a gamut of services throughout the whole city planning and operation value chain based on its own urban development model.

As part of the City-to-City collaboration, Yokohama is ready to provide an implementation framework of comprehensive urban development plan and urban design, facilitate private sector-led investment and initiatives, introduce smart technology by the private sector for solid waste management, wastewater, sludge, traffic management, power distribution management and renewable energy among other things, officials said.



Hyderabad school turned into drug unit, Probe underway

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HYDERABAD

TELANGANA'S Elite Action Group for Drug Law Enforcement (EAGLE) on Sunday continued its probe into how a private school in Secunderabad here was turned into a narcotics manufacturing unit.

The premises of Medha High School in the Bowenpally area were being used to produce Alprazolam, EAGLE officials said.

During the raid on Saturday, the EAGLE team seized 3.5 kg of Alprazolam, 4.3 kg of semi-finished Alprazolam, Rs21 lakh in cash, large quantities of raw material, and manufacturing equipment.

The cash seized by the team is said to be the earnings from two days' sales of the drug.

EAGLE team arrested three accused, including mastermind Malela Jaya

Prakash Goud, 39, a resident of Mahabubnagar and director of Medha High School.

Goud was running the school meant to educate children up to Class 7. About 130 children were enrolled in the school. The investigations revealed that the school was only a cover to avoid suspicion.

While the cellar of the building houses classrooms, the ground floor accommodates a bank and part of the first floor is also used for teaching.

Goud, who had previously run a toddy shop in Mahabubnagar, came in contact with Guruvu Reddy, who introduced him to Alprazolam manufacturing.

He had set up a production facility in the back portion of the building and began distributing narcotics to toddy depots in Boothpur and the surrounding areas of the Mahabubnagar district for mixing with toddy.

Nadda's jibe at YSRCP for nepotism, praises 'double engine ki sarkar'



Union Minister JP Nadda received a warm welcome by BJP Andhra Pradesh State President Madhav alongwith other party leaders and karyakartas upon his arrival in Visakhapatnam on Sunday

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VISAKHAPATNAM

PROMISING all-round development of Andhra Pradesh under the 'double engine ki sarkar,' BJP national president and Union Health Minister JP Nadda on Sunday came down heavily on YSRCP for its failure to provide good governance.

He was addressing a huge public meeting here at the railway grounds to mark the conclusion of BJP State president PVN Madhav's district tours named 'Sarathyam Yatra.'

He said during the previous regime in the State, corruption and nepotism became the hallmark. He said Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu with the support of NDA Government led by

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is accelerating the development in the State to improve the livelihood.

He said Modi's dynamic stewardship will position India as the third largest economy of the world and took Congress to task for not focusing on public welfare.

Stating that BJP had put a full-stop to dynamic rule after coming to power in 2014, he said with 14 crore members, the BJP has emerged as the world's largest party amid thunderous applause from the activists of the saffron brigade.

He said "today the BJP-led NDA has 240 Lok Sabha MPs, around 1500 MLAs and over 170 MLCs," and declared that Modi has ushered in a new era of development in the world's largest democracy.

Nadda claimed credit for the NDA for creating South Coast Zone (SCoR) with the headquarters of the railway zone in Visakhapatnam, sanctioning massive expansion of National Highway, several new ports, premier educational institutions and unveiling revival package for Visakhapatnam Steel Plant.

The BJP national president said the Centre had facilitated a financial support of Rs15,000 crore for development of capital city Amaravati.

Harping on 'Sab ka saath, sab ka vikas and sab ka viswas,' he said the Central Government under the leadership of PM Modi has kept the promises in abolishing Article 370 and banning treble talaq. The GST reforms will benefit all sections of people.

ASME's meet showcases engg prowess with global collaborations

India steps onto global stage at IMECE 2025 with focus on deep tech, green hydrogen, and academia-industry collaboration

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HYDERABAD

THE three-day global conference of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) organised its flagship International Mechanical Engineering Congress & Exposition (IMECE) in India for the first time, in Hyderabad marked a milestone. The meet spotlighted India's emergence as a hub for innovation, sustainability, and industry-academia collaboration.

Bringing together researchers, industry leaders, startups, policymakers, and academia, IMECE India 2025 featured a wide spectrum of events including Innovation Square for MSMEs and hardware-led startups, the Engineering Education Symposium, women-in-engineering panels, and a technology showcase expo.

Speaking at the congress, Sanjay Kumar, Special Chief Secretary, Telangana's Department of ITE&C and Industries & Commerce, said Telangana's progressive policies, robust infrastructure, and thriving startup ecosystem are positioning the state as a preferred global destination for technology and investment. "Platforms like IMECE India 2025 not only showcase India's engineering excellence but also reinforce Telangana's commitment to innovation and entrepreneurship," he noted.

Andhra Pradesh MSME Minister Srinivas Kondapalli, the Chief Guest, emphasised his state's rapid strides in manufacturing, exports, and sustainability. "Andhra Pradesh, with its sectoral parks, innovation hubs, and forward-



looking policies, is contributing nearly 8 per cent of India's total exports. IMECE India perfectly complements our vision by strengthening research, global collaborations, and academia-industry partnerships," he said.

Industry leaders echoed this sentiment. Skyroot Aerospace Co-Founder Pawan Kumar Chandana highlighted India's transition from being a technology consumer to a deep-tech exporter.

"From defence to drones and space to semiconductors, Indian startups are building breakthroughs that will transform industries globally. IMECE India offers a world stage for our innovation," he said.

Madhukar Sharma, President & Director of ASME India, described IMECE as a transformative moment for Indian engineers and researchers.

He said ASME's global Technical and Engineering Communities — spanning additive manufacturing, advanced materials, thermal technologies, gas turbines, cyber-physical systems, and structural dynamics — will help India develop more sustainable and innovative solutions.

ASME President Lester Su, praised India's leadership in renewable energy, smart manufacturing, and resilient infrastructure. "We are deeply committed to partnering with India in expanding research, tools, and academia-industry bridges. India's ambitious work in sustainability will shape the next century," he said.

The congress also focused on clean energy, with a keynote on accelerating green hydrogen adoption. Experts discussed India's progress in pilot-scale hydrogen projects (1-10 MW), alongside challenges such as high costs, storage limitations, and workforce readiness. The session underscored the need for cross-sector collaboration to align with national missions such as Make in India, Atmanirbhar Bharat 2047, the India Semiconductor Mission, and the National Green Hydrogen Mission.

IMECE India 2025 thus underscored India's position at the forefront of global engineering dialogue, uniting research, industry, and academia to reimagine a sustainable, innovation-driven future.

Naidu for focus on L&O to improve investment climate



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AMARAVATI

CHIEF Minister N Chandrababu Naidu has directed theSPs not to spare any one who resorts to crime in the guise of politics and underlined the need for utmost priority to law and order to attract investments and thereby pave the way to increase the growth rate of the State. He said police should adopt four R systems including React, Reach, Respond and Result for better policing. He said that police officials should give priority to react immediately and reach the spot after a report of crime. At the same time they should respond immediately to fake campaigns in media and social media platforms and adopt a humanitarian approach towards those who approach the police for help to get better results in policing.

IN BRIEF

25th annual day of KVRSS observed

HYDERABAD: The Dr K V Rao Scientific Society (KVRSS) celebrated its 25th Annual Day at the CSIR-Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB), Hyderabad. Founded to propagate science in 2001 in loving memory of Dr KV Rao, an eminent scientist, by his family with their own funds, which is very rare in the present system. The family went a step further and donated a house worth Rs 2 crore in Jubilee Hills in the year 2015, where Dr KV Rao lived for the society. The house is used as a Science Lab during the day, and a Hobby Centre during the night for the benefit of the underprivileged. Children. Today, impacting 75000 students and 250 research institutions, through school and university level competitions, innovation centres and mobile science labs, it has become the national platform. Its initiatives include Research Awards, School Programs, Science Innovation Centre, Mobile Science Lab, Teacher Training and Science safari camps. Its efforts are backed by corporations like EA-Hyderabad, OCCF, TATAs, Amazon, Microsoft and others.

Govt to initiate Poshana Masa Mahotsav

HYDERABAD: Minister for Women and Child Welfare Seethakka has declared that the State government will host the 'Poshana Masa Mahotsav' (Nutrition Month Celebrations) throughout Telangana from September 17 to October 16. This initiative aims to enhance the health and nutrition of women and children. The programme is designed to reach every household through Anganwadi staff to take the message of nutrition to eat healthy food. Minister Seethakka has also reached out to the elected representatives of Telangana by sending them letters, encouraging their active involvement in the initiative within their respective areas. In a statement issued on Sunday, the Minister emphasised that the primary goal of this event is to raise awareness about nutrition in every home, as proper nutrition is fundamental to the overall health of families. She revealed that the state government has released funds of Rs30,000 for each ICDS project and Rs50,000 for each district to undertake special programmes to create awareness among the people. Seethakka directed the officials concerned to use these funds to organise awareness programmes and health check-up camps on nutrition from the village level to the district and state levels.

Seethakka reviews Medaram jatara

HYDERABAD: Minister Seethakka set aside her official position and rode as a pillar rider on a motorcycle to review the preparations for the Medaram Jatara in Mulugu district on Sunday. Accompanied by Mulugu SP Shabarish, she traveled around the Medaram area on the bike to assess the road conditions. Anticipating the arrival of millions of devotees during the festival, she recommended identifying alternate routes to prevent traffic congestion. Seethakka instructed police officers to establish special routes for emergencies and emphasised the need for designated pathways to ensure that devotees experience minimal disruption from the movement of dignitaries. The Minister instructed the officials to work in coordination with all departments as per the comprehensive plan without any obstructions to the movement of vehicles, parking facilities and emergency vehicles in the Jatara area. She rode the SP's bike and inspected the arrangements for the Maha Jatara.

Cong sheltered infiltrators, disturbed demography in Assam: PM Modi

GUWAHATI

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday took a pot-shot at the Congress party, alleging that the opposition, while in power in Assam, gave shelter to infiltrators and failed to bring development to the state.

Kickstarting several projects in the Golaghat district, PM Modi said, "Congress ruled in Assam for several decades. However, they failed to bring development in the state; rather, the Congress party provided shelter to the infiltrators, which brought demographic alterations in Assam."

Hailing the efforts by the present BJP government in Assam, the Prime Minister said, "The current ruling dispensation in the state



has taken up the challenge to make Assam free from illegal infiltrators. The BJP government has been taking several measures to ensure the rights of the indigenous people of Assam by providing land patta to the Scheduled Tribes (ST)."

He also argued that the BJP government has focused on development, and Assam has witnessed several development initiatives in recent years due to the good work

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of the double-engine government. Earlier, the Prime Minister launched a sharp attack on the Congress, alleging that the wounds inflicted on the people of Assam by the policies of Jawaharlal Nehru during the 1962 Chinese aggression were "yet to heal."

Addressing a massive public rally in Darrang district, the Prime Minister said Assam and the Northeast were left to fend for

themselves when Chinese troops advanced, exposing what he called the "betrayal" of the then Congress leadership. "The scars of that neglect are still remembered by the people of Assam."

The Congress of today continues with the same mindset — protecting infiltrators and anti-national forces instead of standing firmly with our Army and our nation," he said. PM Modi accused the Congress of "playing with the security and identity of Assam" by allegedly shielding illegal infiltrators and conspiring to alter the state's demography. He contrasted this with the BJP's stance, asserting that his party would never allow infiltrators to grab Assam's land or undermine its cultural fabric.

Navy receives INS Androth, equipped with rockets, sonar

NEW DELHI



IN a move likely to enhance the Indian Navy's underwater capabilities, it has received 'INS Androth', the second of the eight ASW SWCs (Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft), built by Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE), Kolkata. It was delivered to the Indian Navy on September 13 at GRSE, Kolkata, marking yet another step towards self-reliance in defence manufacturing.

According to a Naval spokesperson, the ASW SWC ships have been indigenously designed and constructed as per the Classification Rules of the Indian Register of Shipping (IRS) at GRSE, Kolkata, and it will strengthen the Navy's anti-submarine, coastal surveillance and mine-laying capabilities.

The name 'Androth' holds strategic and symbolic significance, derived from Androth Island in the Lakshadweep archipelago, underscoring India's commitment to safeguarding its vast maritime territories.

"These ships at approx. 77 m length, are the largest Indian Naval warships propelled by Diesel Engine-Waterjet combination and are equipped with state-of-the-art lightweight torpedoes, indigenous ASW rockets, advanced shallow water SONAR, enabling effective submarine detection and engagement in littoral zones," the official said.