

AP Chambers to hold 2nd business expo from Dec 12-14

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EXPO ENTHUSIASM

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- Attract a diverse audience including MSMEs
- Businesses urged to utilise opportunity

BIZZ BUZZ BUREAU
VIJAYAWADA

ANDHRA Pradesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry Federation (AP Chambers) on Tuesday announced the holding of the second edition of its business expo here from December 12 to 14.

The decision was taken at the board meeting held in Vijayawada under the chairmanship of its president Potluri Bhakara Rao. Board members from diverse sectors from across the State participated in the meeting.

Speaking on the occasion Bhaskara Rao said the first edition of business expo organised by AP Chambers in November 2024 in Vijayawada was a huge success, marking one of the largest business gatherings in the region.

With participation from more than 150 exhibitors rep-



AP Chambers board members displaying brochure of second business expo in Vijayawada on Tuesday

resenting diverse sectors, the expo served as a vibrant platform for networking, collaboration, and showcasing innovations. The Expo featured sectoral seminars on all the three days, which drew wide participation from industrialists and entrepreneurs and witnessed an impressive footfall of over 30,000 visitors across three days.

"AP Chambers Business Expo 2025 is a premier event that will attract a diverse audience including MSMEs, entrepreneurs, industrialists, industry professionals, innovators, service providers, and consumers from across Andhra Pradesh. The expo will feature around 160 exhibitors and is estimated to have around 30,000 plus footfalls. The exhibition will provide a unique platform for networking, knowledge exchange, collaboration, and business growth. The expo

will feature parallel sectoral seminars with participation from Ministers, bureaucrats, entrepreneurs, and subject matter experts," he stated.

AP Chambers called upon the businesses based in Andhra Pradesh to utilise this opportunity by participating in the business expo, which offers them a unique platform for networking, knowledge exchange, collaboration, and business growth. During the deliberations, AP Chambers expressed hope that the State Government will release the second instalment of the incentives during this month. The Chambers' Board members opined that the power charges in Andhra Pradesh are quite high compared with other states and form the major portion of the production costs for industries.

Bhaskara Rao appealed to the State Government to

bring down the power charges and stated that lowering the power charges will help MSMEs and large industries cut down costs and also attract more investments to the State.

Among others, B Raja Sekhar, AP Chambers executive vice president; Subbarao Ravuri, general secretary and S. Akkaiah Naidu, treasurer participated in the board meeting.

Credai confident of big response to Visakhapatnam Property Expo

BIZZ BUZZ BUREAU
VISAKHAPATNAM

CREDAI is expecting a huge response from the prospective home-buyers during the 11th Credai Visakhapatnam Property Expo being held here on December 19 and 20. The hosting of CII Partnership Summit in the city on November 14 and 15, the announcement of Minister for IT, Electronics and HRD Nara Lokesh that they are expecting to ink MoUs worth Rs.9.8 lakh crore, the decision of Google to set up AI Data Center Hub with an investment of \$15 billion and several other big ticket projects will propel a realty growth in Visakhapatnam,

Credai office-bearers stated here during a curtain-raiser event. The curtain-raiser for the three-day 11th Credai Visakhapatnam Property Expo-2025, scheduled to be held at the Gadiraju Palace and Convention Centre, was organised at a city hotel on Monday. District Collector M.N. Harendhira Prasad attended as the chief guest and launched the curtain-raiser event.

SBI Deputy General Manager (Business and Operations), Visakhapatnam, Rahul Sankritya, was present. The forthcoming expo is expected to attract a large number of visitors, investors, and real estate enthusiasts.

TG Speaker to resume hearing on disqualification cases tomorrow

The Speaker will hear the cross-examination of the counsels of the petitioners by the four defected MLAs

BIZZ BUZZ BUREAU
HYDERABAD

TELANGANA Assembly Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar will conduct the second phase of the trial on November 6 in connection with petitions filed by the BRS for the disqualification of its MLAs who face charges of defection to the ruling Congress.

The trial under the Tenth Schedule of the Constitution will be held on November 6, 7, 12, and 13.

The hearing will be on the petitions for disqualification of four MLAs -- Dr Sanjay Kumar (Jagtial constituency), Pocharam Srinivas Reddy (Banswada), Tellam Venkatrao (Bhadrachalam), and Arekapudi Gandhi (Serilingampally).

The Speaker will hear the cross-examination of the counsels of the petitioners by the four defected MLAs, and vice versa.

The in-camera trial, which begins at 11 a.m. every day, will continue till 4 p.m.

This is the second phase of the trial. The hearing for the first batch of four MLAs was held on September 29, October 1, and October 24.

The earlier hearing pertained to petitions for the disqualification of T Prakash Goud (Rajendranagar), Kale Yadaiah (Chevela), Gudem Mahipal Reddy (Pancheru), and Bandla Krishnamohan Reddy (Jogulamba Gadwal).

This is the first time in Telangana Assembly's history that the Speaker is conducting the hearing on disqualification petitions.



The schedule for the next phase has been announced amid reports that the Speaker has approached the Supreme Court seeking an extension of the deadline to complete hearings in the pending disqualification petitions.

The three-month period set by the Supreme Court for concluding the inquiry into the defection cases expired on October 31.

The apex court had directed the Speaker on July 31 to complete the proceedings within three months.

The BRS leaders had, last year, filed petitions before the Speaker seeking the disqualification of 10 party MLAs who defected to the ruling Congress.

They approached the Supreme Court over the delay on the part of the Speaker in taking a decision on their petitions.

Following the Supreme Court order, the Speaker issued notices to the turncoat MLAs. After examining the replies of eight MLAs, he decided to conduct the trial.

Two MLAs, Danam Nagender and Kadiyam Srihari, are yet to reply to the Speaker's notices.

NHRC notice to K'taka govt over 'bribes' taken from dead woman's father

Has taken suo motu cognisance of media report that, while mourning death of his only daughter, elderly man was made to pay bribes at every step

NEW DELHI

THE NHRC has sought a report within two weeks from the Karnataka government and state police chief over the alleged collection of bribes from a grieving 64-year-old father of a woman who died after a brain haemorrhage, an official said on Tuesday.

The alleged harassment of the man started after the death of his daughter, an IIT Madras and IIM Ahmedabad graduate working in Bengaluru, who suffered a brain haemorrhage on September 18.

The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has taken suo motu cognisance of a media report that, while mourning the death of his only daughter, the elderly man was made to pay bribes at every step, including an ambulance driver, police, crematorium staff and civic officials in Bengaluru, Karnataka.

According to the media report, carried on October 30, what should have been a solemn farewell turned into a nightmare of corruption, bureaucracy and inhumanity.

The Commission has observed that the contents of



the news report, if true, raise serious issues of violation of human rights. Therefore, it has issued notices to the Chief Secretary and the Director General of Police, Karnataka, calling for a detailed report on the matter within two weeks.

When the father called an ambulance after the death of his daughter, the ambulance driver apparently overcharged for the services. When he reported his daughter's death to the police, they not only displayed a lack of empathy but also gave copies of the FIR and post-mortem report only after a bribe was paid.

According to the media report, the deceased's family donated the girl's eyes before cremation. Money was again demanded at the crematorium, which the father paid.

Vanguard strengthens India presence with Hyderabad tech hub

Will serve as a hub for engineering excellence, cloud modernisation, data analytics, AI, machine learning and cybersecurity

BIZZ BUZZ BUREAU
HYDERABAD

VANGUARD, investment management firm, has officially launched its Technology Center in Hyderabad, marking a key milestone in the company's global digital transformation and technology innovation journey.

The new center, located at Knowledge Park in Hitec City, will serve as a hub for engineering excellence, cloud modernisation, data analytics, artificial intelligence (AI), machine learning (ML), and cybersecurity. It will also feature collaborative labs designed to drive next-generation innovations across Vanguard's digital platforms and enterprise solutions.

Speaking at the inauguration, Nitin Tandon, Global Chief Information Officer of the company, said, "Hyderabad represents a thriving technology ecosystem with the talent and ambition that underpin company's commitment to provide our investors a world-class digital experience. This technology hub builds on our decade-long collaboration in the region and will play a vital role in advancing innovation in support of our mission."

Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, Deputy Chief Minister of Telangana and Duddilla



Vanguard India technology centre launch by Sridhar Babu and Mallu Vikramarka

Sridhar Babu, Minister for IT, Electronics & Communications, Industries & Commerce, and Legislative Affairs attended the inaugural ceremony.

Sridhar Babu said that Telangana has set an ambitious goal of establishing 120 Global Capability Centres (GCCs) in the next year, generating nearly 1.2 lakh jobs. "Hyderabad has emerged as a hub of trust, integrity, and innovation, attracting global firms from the BFSI sector. The company's entry further strengthens Telangana's position as a global financial technology hub," he said.

He emphasised that the State government is not only attracting investments but also building a future-ready workforce. "We are committed to skilling, reskilling, and upskilling local youth in AI,

ML, data analytics, cloud engineering, and cybersecurity to ensure inclusive growth," he added.

Seven of the world's top asset management firms, collectively managing over \$30 trillion in assets, currently operate from Hyderabad. Vanguard, with over \$6.4 trillion in assets under management, joins this growing ecosystem, underscoring the city's global competitiveness and technological prowess.

Venkatesh Natarajan, Head of Vanguard India, said, "Our crew members are at the heart of everything we do. This office will blend Vanguard's mission-driven culture of fairness and integrity with India's world-class technology talent to create innovative, scalable solutions for investors worldwide."

IN BRIEF

Amazon Web Services team meets CM Revanth

HYDERABAD: An official delegation of the Amazon Web Services (AWS) paid a courtesy call on Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy at his residence here on Tuesday. During the meeting, the delegation briefed the Chief Minister about the ongoing Data Center projects, expansion plans and other issues related to the AWS operations in Telangana state. The Chief Minister assured that the government will extend all kinds of support to the company to invest in the state. Kerry person, Global Head of AWS Data Center, Vikram Sridharan, Director of Infrastructure Public Policy, Anurag Kilnani, and others were also present.

Sprint Diagnostics unveils Wellness Family Card



HYDERABAD: Sprint Diagnostics, one of Hyderabad's leading diagnostic networks, has launched its Wellness Family Card, an initiative aimed at making high-quality diagnostic services more affordable and encouraging a culture of preventive healthcare among families. The launch event was held at the company's Jubilee Hills branch. The ceremony was graced by Dr Ali, renowned Indian actor, producer, and television presenter, and Dr. Madala Ravi, actor, producer, and Vice President of the Movie Artists Association (MAA). The Wellness Family Card provides members with a host of lifetime benefits for a one-time fee of Rs200, including 25 per cent discounts on lab diagnostics, CT/MRI scans, and cancer and tumor marker tests, 15 per cent on electrodiagnostic services, and 10 per cent on health check-up packages. Speaking at the event, actor Ali said, "In today's world, where lifestyle diseases are on the rise, awareness and timely diagnosis play a crucial role in saving lives. Sprint Diagnostics' Wellness Family Card is not just a discount initiative — it's a thoughtful step toward building a preventive healthcare mindset in society."

Azhar gets minority welfare ministry

HYDERABAD: The state government has assigned portfolios to the newly appointed Minister Mohammad Azharuddin. On Tuesday, Chief Secretary K. Ramakrishna Rao issued the orders designating Azharuddin to the portfolios of Minority Welfare and Public Enterprises, with the Governor's consent. Presently, Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy oversees the portfolios related to Municipal Administration and Urban Development, General Administration, Law and Order, among others, including the Public Enterprises department, which has now been transferred to Azharuddin. Additionally, the government allocated the portfolios of SC, ST, Minority, Disabled, Elderly Welfare, and Transgender Empowerment to Adhuri Laxman, who joined the cabinet last June.

TGHRC asks govt to submit report on mishap

Hyderabad: Taking Suo-Motu Cognisance of the tragic road accident near Mirjaguda village, Chevella mandal, Ranga Reddy District, on NH-163 (Hyderabad-Bijapur Highway), vide HRC No.7141/2025, which claimed 19 lives when a gravel-laden tipper collided with a Telangana RTC bus, the Telangana Human Rights Commission (TGHRC) headed by Dr. Justice Shameem Akther, Chairperson, has directed comprehensive reports from key departments, including Transport, Home, Mines & Geology, NHA, District Collector (Ranga Reddy), and TG-RTC. The Commission noted recurring accidents and alleged gross negligence in road safety, enforcement failures, and infrastructural delays violating the Right to Life under Article 21.

Hinduja Group to invest ₹20K cr in several large projects in AP

Naidu met promoters of the Group, seeking it to invest in a series of large-scale projects

EXPANDING POWER

- Long-term plan to generate 10,000 MW
- Mix of hydro, thermal, nuclear and renewable energy
- Expand capacity by 1,500MW
- Ensure stable, high-quality power supply

BIZZ BUZZ BUREAU
AMARAVATI

HINDUJA Group, a multi-billion dollar global investment and banking group, has announced an investment of Rs20,000 crore (\$2.3 bn) in expanding the capacity of 1040 MW Hinduja National Power Limited (HNPL) located at Palavalasa near here and other power projects in Andhra Pradesh as part of its \$10 billion expansion plan.

The company which set up its coal-fired power plant here in 2014-15 has a long-term plan to generate 10,000 MW. The group's major plant is in Visakhapatnam and it committed for an investment of ₹20,000 crore in Andhra Pradesh during the visit of Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu on a personal visit to London.

The group's long-term plan is to have a mix of hydro, thermal, nuclear and renewable energy. The promise to expand the Visakhapatnam plant by 1,600 MW was made when Naidu met the promoters of Hinduja Group, one of India's most respected and diversified global conglomerates, to invest in a series of large-scale projects across energy, renewables, electric mobility, and infrastructure, designed to power the State's next



phase of industrial expansion and green transformation.

Visakhapatnam economic region mooted by the State Government is soon expected to become a major power hub with Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL) having a plan for massive investment into a nuclear power plant near Ranasthalam in Srikakulam district. NTPC Super Thermal Power Station has a 1,000 MW thermal project at Parawada in Anakapalle district, about 40 km from here.

All the three power projects are close to Gangavaram and Visakhapatnam ports and the proposed Bhogapuram International Airport, under development by GMR Group.

HNPL will have an additional 1,600 MW (2 X 800 MW) through a nominated entity of the Hinduja Group. This will ensure stable, high-quality power supply to the rapidly industrialising Visakhapatnam region and its surrounding growth corridors. The group will make significant invest-

ments in renewable energy projects in the resource-rich Rayalaseema region, harnessing the area's high solar and wind potential to strengthen the State's clean energy portfolio, Andhra Pradesh Government stated in a communique. Further deepening its footprint in Andhra Pradesh, the Hinduja Group will expand its state-of-the-art electric bus and light-vehicle manufacturing facility at Malavalli, near Vijayawada, to cater to the growing domestic demand for sustainable transportation. Complementing this, the Group will also create a robust network of electric vehicle charging stations across the State, ensuring that Andhra Pradesh leads the nation in clean mobility infrastructure. Earlier, Ashok P. Hinduja, Chairman (India), Hinduja Group,

said: "We are deeply impressed with the speed and focus with which the state is expanding its manufacturing, renewable and sustainability ecosystem. This Rs20,000 crore investment represents our confidence in the State's growth vision and its strong leadership. Through expanded power generation, renewable projects, and a comprehensive EV ecosystem, we are investing not just in infrastructure but in a long-term partnership for sustainable progress. Andhra Pradesh's prosperity is our prosperity."

Reacting to the major announcement, Nara Lokesh, Minister for HRD, IT, Electronics & RTGS, and Chairman of the Group of Ministers on Job Creation, Andhra Pradesh, said: "This is a defining moment for Andhra Pradesh."