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## SOUTH ZONAL COUNCIL MEET

# Settle lingering bifurcation issues, Naidu urges Centre

## Calls for solution to issues under Sections 56 & 66

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AMARAVATI

CHIEF Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu on Thursday used the 31st Southern Zonal Council meeting in Mahabalipuram to press the Centre for closure of lingering bifurcation issues concerning Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, while putting forward an ambitious blueprint for south India's economic and infrastructure integration.

Addressing the meeting chaired by Union Home Minister Amit Shah, Naidu pointed out that 12 years after bifurcation, the division of certain institutions and assets between Andhra Pradesh



Union Home Minister Amit Shah with Telangana Dy CM Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, Karnataka CM DK Shivkumar, TN CM Joseph Vijay and AP CM Chandrababu Naidu during the Southern Zonal Council meeting in Mahabalipuram on Thursday

### SHAH FAVOURS EARLY RESOLUTION OF WATER-RELATED ISSUES THRU TALKS

**Hails development of South at CMs' meet**

CHENNAI: UNION Home Minister Amit Shah on Thursday hailed the development journey of the southern states, saying "high literacy rate, trained manpower and technical expertise in the utilisation of deep seas" have been the three pillars behind the progress of these states. Chairing the 31st meeting of the Southern

Zonal Council at Mahabalipuram, Shah stressed the need for early resolution of pending water-related issues concerning southern states through mutual dialogues and joint meetings involving the Union Ministries of Jal Shakti, Home Affairs, the Inter-State Council, and the respective states.

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### SOUTH CMs RAISE DELIMITATION, WATER DISPUTES AT SZC MEET

CHENNAI: Delimitation issue was raised by the participating state governments at the 31st meeting of the South Zonal Council, chaired by Union Home Minister Amit Shah at Mahabalipuram on Thursday.

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and Telangana remains incomplete. He said Andhra Pradesh had been waiting for nine years for a decision on issues under Section 66 of the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisa-

tion Act. He sought action also on matters under Section 56, the resource gap and the

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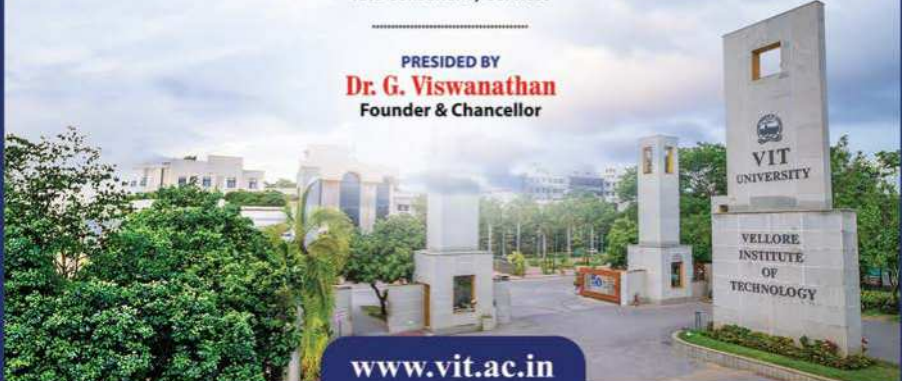
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