All set for 'CII Partnership Summit 2026'

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Footpaths get a facelift for the CII Partnership Summit – 2026 in Visakhapatnam

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THE Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), in partnership with the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce and Industry and the Government of Andhra Pradesh is organising the 31st CII Partnership Summit 2026 on November 12-13 in Visakhapatnam.

Piyush Goyal, Minister of Commerce and Industry, will serve as the Summit Chairman, and N Chandrababu Naidu, Chief Minister, will serve as the co-chair of the summit. Since its inception in 1995, the CII Partnership Summit has emerged as one of India's premier platforms for international economic cooperation, investment promotion and business engagement. The summit attracts global leaders from government, industry, academia, multilateral institutions and the investor community, fostering partnerships that drive economic growth and global collaboration. As the global business landscape undergoes rapid transformation driven by evolving trade patterns, emerging technologies, sustainability imperatives and geopolitical shifts, the partnership summit provides a powerful platform to connect with policymakers, investors, business leaders and innovators from across the world. The summit is expected to bring together around 20 overseas ministers, senior policymakers, global CEOs, investors, industry leaders, academicians and thought leaders from countries across Asia, Europe, Africa, the Middle East, Oceania and the Americas.

The summit will serve as a premier platform for dialogue, collaboration and business engagement, enabling participants to explore emerging opportunities, forge strategic partnerships and gain insights into the trends shaping the future of trade, technology, investment and sustainable growth.

Centered on trade, investment & global value chains, trust, geo-economics and global cooperation, technology, innovation & future industry, talent, skills and global mobility, transition to clean energy and sustainable growth and transforming agriculture, food security and bio-economy, the summit will feature high-level deliberations across six strategic tracks.

Participants will benefit from ministerial and sectoral sessions, fireside chats, country dialogues, technology showcases, and curated B2B and B2G meetings. These engagements will provide opportunities for knowledge exchange, networking, partnership development, and business growth. As the host state, Andhra Pradesh offers a compelling investment destination with its strategic coastline, world-class ports, industrial corridors, advanced logistics infrastructure, thriving manufacturing ecosystem and investor-friendly policies.

Delegates will have an opportunity to explore investment prospects, strategic partnerships and collaboration opportunities across key sectors driving the state's growth several notches up.

It may be recalled that the 2025 edition of the summit saw the signing of over 600 MoUs with an investment commitment of Rs 13.35 lakh crore.

Bolisetty calls for setting up environmentally-sustainable industries

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INDIA is facing a serious environmental crisis, which should be a matter of grave concern for all, emphasised national convenor of Jal Biradari Bolisetty Satyanarayana on Tuesday.

Highlighting the 2026 Yale Environmental Performance Index (EPI), the environmental activist said India ranked 176th among 177 countries. "Given raising environmental concerns, CII Partnership Summit should focus on promoting pollution-free industries, green technologies, conservation of water resources and reduction of carbon emissions rather than focusing merely on industrial investments, production and job creation," Satyanarayana stressed. At a time when India is facing severe water scarcity and serious environmental challenges, why are thousands of megawatts of data centre projects encouraged, he questioned, drawing the attention to hyperscale data centres. "People in several countries across the world are raising concerns about the enormous electricity consumption, water requirement and environmental impact of data centres," the national convenor of Jal Biradari expressed concern. What are the actual economic benefits of these projects? What will be their environmental impact? How will their enormous water and electricity requirements be met and these are the points which needed larger attention, he conveyed.



National convenor of Jal Biradari Bolisetty Satyanarayana

Calling for scientific and evidence-based discussion at the CII Summit, rather than decisions being driven by political considerations, Satyanarayana mentioned that the summit should not remain an investment-oriented one but become a platform that provides global direction for pollution-free and environmentally-sustainable industrial development.

Murthy Yadav quits JSP



Jana Sena Party former corporator Peethala Murthy Yadav addressing the media in Visakhapatnam on Tuesday

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FORMER Jana Sena Party corporator Peethala Murthy Yadav resigned from the party's membership, expressing disappointment over a lack of recognition for his years of hard work and commitment to the party. Speaking to the media in Visakhapatnam on Tuesday, Murthy Yadav said he had worked tirelessly for the Jana Sena Party over the years but was deeply hurt by the leadership's failure to recognise his contributions.

Recalling his association with the party, he said he was among the few leaders who faced police cases and imprisonment during the previous YSR Congress Party government for going to the Visakhapatnam Airport to welcome Jana Sena chief K. Pawan Kalyan. He alleged that the police had booked cases against those who participated in the welcome programme and sent them to jail.

He expressed anguish that several others who faced imprisonment during the same episode were offered positions in the party and government, while he was not even given an opportunity to contest as a corporator again in the recently concluded GVMC polls.

Murthy Yadav highlighted his legal battles to protect valuable government and public properties in Visakhapatnam and the Uttarandhra region. He recalled filing several Public Interest Litigations (PILs) to expose alleged irregularities and prevent the misuse of public assets.

He also referred to his legal fight concerning the controversial Rushikonda palace constructed during the previous YSRCP government. He alleged that former Chief Minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy had pursued legal action to prevent him from entering the premises.

Similarly, he recalled challenging the multi-storey construction allegedly undertaken by former YSRCP MP M V V Satyanarayana on land belonging to the CBCNC Christian organisation, claiming that his legal intervention helped halt the project.

Hassle-free transportation for delegates for CII Partnership Summit

- Special staff has been deployed at the airport bus bay to guide delegates arriving from different parts of the country and abroad



APSRTC Visakhapatnam Regional Manager B Appala Naidu instructing the staff at the ASR International Airport in Vizianagaram

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IN a major move to make hassle-free transportation for delegates attending the 31st CII Partnership Summit-2026, the APSRTC made detailed arrangements to operate special bus services connecting Bhogapuram Airport with key locations across the city.

As part of these arrangements, APSRTC Visakhapatnam Regional Manager B Appala Naidu visited ASR International Airport and inspected the transport facilities and operational setup.

Special staff has been deployed at the airport bus bay to guide delegates arriving from different parts of the country and abroad. They will provide necessary information, assist passengers in identifying bus services and facilitate their boarding.

According to APSRTC officials, buses will operate every hour from the airport along the highway, connecting Marikavalasa, Madhurawada, Anandapuram, Gurudwara, NAD and Old Gajuwaka.

Similarly, hourly bus services will be available from the airport to IT Park, RTC Complex, Railway Station, Scindia and Old Gajuwaka for convenient connectivity to important destinations.

Special attention was also paid to flight schedules to ensure that delegates and other passengers do not face difficulties while travelling to and from the airport. APSRTC will operate buses between Gajuwaka and airport at designated timings to facilitate smooth connectivity.

Appala Naidu appealed to delegates, visitors and the general public attending the prestigious summit to use the special transport facilities arranged by APSRTC. The initiative aims to provide seamless mobility and ensure a comfortable travel experience for participants during the two-day international business event.

DEVOTEES' OFFERINGS!



Devasthanam staff and volunteers counting hundi collection at Simhachalam amounting Rs 2.22 crore in the past 36 days in Visakhapatnam

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An infant dumped in drainage

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IN a tragic incident, unidentified persons dumped a newborn in a drainage ditch, wrapping the infant in a gunny bag. Hearing the cries from the jute bag, locals in Pithapuram Colony rescued the infant and alerted the MVP police. Upon receiving the information, Sub-Inspector Seetharam reached the spot and shifted the child to King George Hospital for treatment. According to the police, the child is safe. A case was registered, and the investigation is in progress.

NTPC Simhadri celebrates 52nd Raising Day

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NTPC Simhadri celebrated its 52nd Raising Day with great enthusiasm

COMMEMORATING the organisation's remarkable journey of over five decades and its significant contribution to India's energy security and nation-building, NTPC Simhadri celebrated the 52nd Raising Day with great enthusiasm. The celebrations commenced with the unfurling of the NTPC flag by Ayaskanta Jena, ED and HoP, Simhadri. The occasion symbolised NTPC's enduring commitment to excellence, sustainability and its mission of powering the nation's progress. Addressing the gathering, Ayaskanta Jena highlighted NTPC's achievements over the years and its pivotal role in meeting the country's growing energy requirements. He appreciated the dedication and collective efforts of employees in strengthening the organisation and contributing to its continued growth.

As part of the celebrations, employees at Simhadri joined the organisation-wide programme through the live streaming of the address by Gurdeep Singh, CMD, NTPC.

The address highlighted the organisation's vision, achievements and priorities for the future. The programme also included the distribution of certificates to the winners and participants of various competitions organised during Hindi Pakhwada 2026.

Revanth Anna's flexies grab public attention

- Revanth Reddy's birthday wishes flexies set up at Pendurthi
- Even earlier, his powerful speeches drew big crowds in Vizag



A 'Happy birthday Revanth Anna' flexi being put up at Pendurthi junction in Visakhapatnam

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Even as the two Telugu states divided, adoration for the neighbouring state's political leaders continues to grow stronger in Andhra Pradesh. Flexies conveying birthday wishes to Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy clearly indicated this, grabbing public attention as they were displayed at Pendurthi junction in Visakhapatnam. Earlier, when the Telangana Chief Minister visited Visakhapatnam to attend a public meeting—accompanied by Andhra Pradesh Congress Committee (APCC) Chief YS Sharmila to extend solidarity to the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant agitation—a large crowd gathered at Ukkunagaram.

When Revanth Reddy was with TDP during the undivided Andhra Pradesh, his powerful speeches always drew scores of party activists along with the public in Visakhapatnam. However, there is no clarity on who had displayed the flexies at Pendurthi junction. Whether they were set up by the partymen or admirers of Telangana CM is yet to be known. Such flexies were not confined to Revanth Reddy alone. Years before, When the then Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao visited Visakhapatnam, huge flexies welcomed him all along the route. He frequented Vizag to perform special yagams at Visakha Sri Sarada Peetham. In Visakhapatnam, the flexies displaying birthday wishes of the Telangana Chief Minister sparked debate over the steps taken to make the Congress Party's presence felt.

