

SINGAPORE PARTNERS ANDHRA PRADESH TO MASTERPLAN AND DEVELOP NEW CAPITAL CITY

1. Singapore will partner India's Andhra Pradesh (AP) state to masterplan and develop the latter's new capital city and surrounding region. Both parties agreed to jointly implement the masterplan through a "seed development". Singapore also agreed to conduct courses and workshops in urban governance for selected AP officials.
2. Towards this end, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between International Enterprise (IE) Singapore¹ and the Infrastructure Corporation of Andhra Pradesh was signed today in the presence of AP Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu and Mr S Iswaran, Minister, Prime Minister's Office and Second Minister for Home Affairs and Trade & Industry.
3. Under the MoU, a *Capital Region Plan* covering some 7,325 km² and a *Capital City Master Plan* covering some 125 km² of the core of the capital city will be drawn up, while a detailed *Seed Development Master Plan* will guide the construction of the first 8 km² section by a Singapore master developer and various AP state entities. The Centre for Liveable Cities and Singapore Cooperation Enterprise will also help AP develop its institutional capacity in urban governance and related areas through training programmes for AP officials responsible for the development of the capital city.
4. At the event, Mr S Iswaran said, "Singapore is pleased to be Andhra Pradesh's partner in masterplanning and developing its new capital city and surrounding region. A good masterplan lays a strong foundation, and its effective implementation, beginning with the seed development, will ensure the city develops sustainably into a vibrant political, economic and cultural centre of the state.

Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu is keen to work with Singapore, and benefit from our experience, to realise his vision for the capital city. This partnership is also an excellent example of how Singapore and Singapore companies can seize opportunities and contribute our expertise in urban planning, development and governance to Indian Prime Minister Modi's plan to develop Smart Cities for India."

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¹ International Enterprise (IE) Singapore is a Singapore government agency under the Ministry of Trade and Industry. It grows the external wing of the Singapore economy by promoting international trade and spearheading the global growth of Singapore-based companies.

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