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NEW HOPE



The country in general and the newly carved states of Seemandhra and Telangana have many-a-challenge before them. It's not only the governments that have to play their role but also the institutions and individuals. Private players should be given equal importance to develop the Seemandhra. Private investors are major key players of the globe, not as a tool for national competitive advantage. They play an essential supporting role, facilitating growth and promoting a sustainable and prosperous global economy.

We need:

- ✓ A vision to develop Tier II cities and place them on the world map by creating world-class infrastructure
- ✓ To ensure Public Private Partnership (PPP) is encouraged with investor friendly regulations
- ✓ To utilise Tier II resources to the maximum extent while providing employment and association opportunities in large scale from Tier II cities
- ✓ Send a strong message to other Tier II cities across India by showcasing our success

Ramesh Lingamaneni
chairman, Air Costa



I am looking forward to tremendous growth in infrastructure. Not only ports, hinterland transport, and auxiliary industry should develop swiftly now. We are looking at a tremendous boost in the Andhra region.

There is also scope for defence and naval industries, and all related ancillary industries. Automobile sector is another vertical, given that we have a steel plant and ports here; it should be very easy to set them up here. Then, coastal shipping could get really big. We have enough strain on the hinterland. Hence coastal waterways will expedite traffic to Chennai and Bangalore, and other cities. With new government in place, logistics should get a boost.

GVL Satya Kumar
deputy chairman, Vizag Port Trust

KARUNA GOPAL HIGHLIGHTS HOW SIMPLE THINGS MATTER WHILE CREATING NEW CITIES, AND WARNS AGAINST GETTING MIRED IN DEVELOPMENT JARGON



BUILDING A SMART CAPITAL

The arc lights are now on the capital city of Andhra Pradesh - a city that will soon emerge as the epitome of smartness and sustainability, a 'show stopper' at any global Smart City catwalk.

Perhaps it is now when all the excitement, energy, investments, technology and action are at a high point, we have to hear what some 2,000 Smart Projects around the world have learnt through experience. Before that voice is lost in high decibel technology, cacophony of competing priorities and stew of strategic plans, a few pointers:

A SMART CITY IS

- Less about investments and is more about innovative business and operating models.
- Less about smart grids, smart transportation, smart buildings and smart governance and is more about sustainability and livability.

- Less about technology and more about the 'technique' of picking a right set of technology vendors, system integrators and investors from a landscape that's practically littered with options.
- Less about bureaucratic bustle and is more about a common man, managing expectations and keeping the fire of hope alive as citizens have to be engaged and entertained.
- Less about technology platforms to integrate, discrete and disparate technologies and is more about collaborative platforms to break interdepartmental siloes.
- Less about computers 'talking' to one another and is more about stakeholders 'sharing' information, ideas and collaborating.
- Less about international best practices and is more about the city's internal dynamics, collective readiness and geo political realities.
- Less about IT legacy systems

in departments and is more about the load of legacy' presented as attitudes and beliefs that cannot be ripped and replaced easily.

- Less about sensors, open data and cloud computing and is more about sensitivity being open, and dispelling clouds of doubt.
- Less about exotic international brands and is more about herbs in the back yard - home grown resources have proved to be invaluable in smart city efforts around the world.

Be it the grandiose plan of Songdo of south Korea or the humble efforts of a Rokkasho village in Japan, this has been the common thread of learning. It is just as well we heard it before the city goes under the scalpel to be shaped into a smart city

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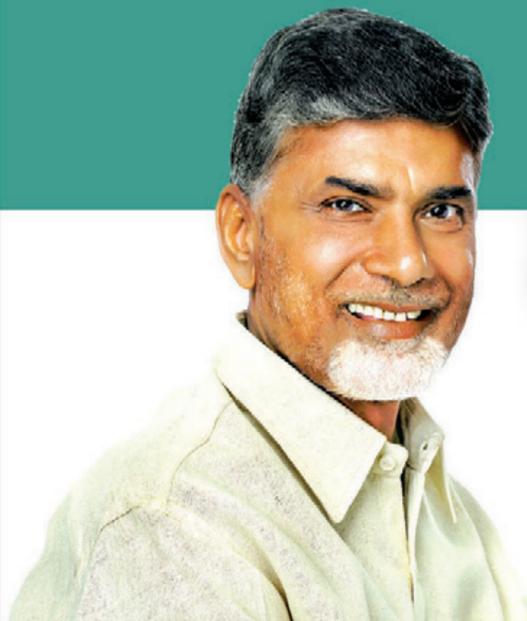
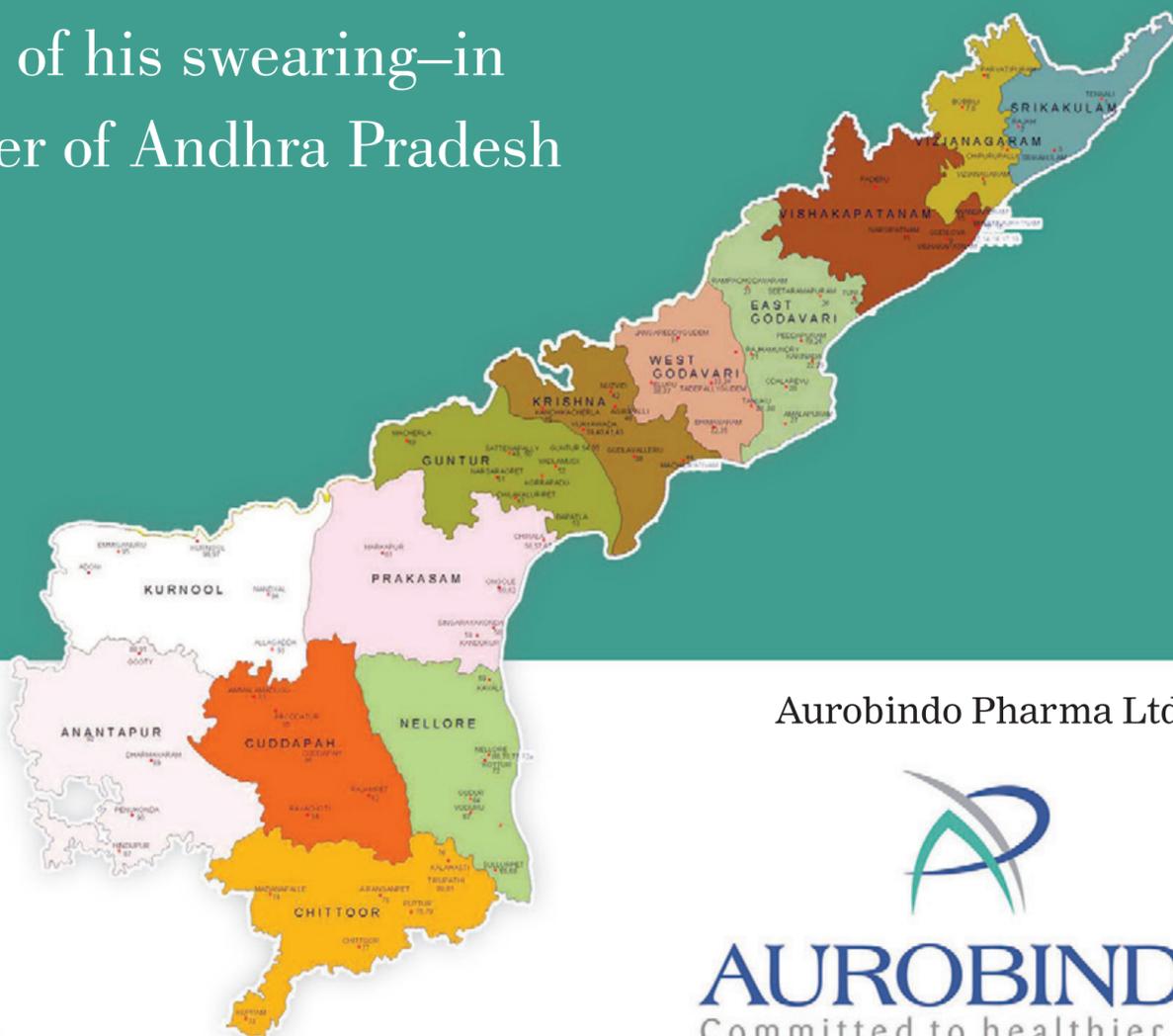
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