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MINISTER ISWARAN AND ANDHRA PRADESH CHIEF MINISTER MEET ON THE SIDELINES OF WORLD CITIES SUMMIT 2018

1. Minister-in-charge of Trade Relations Mr S Iswaran met with Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh (AP) Mr N Chandrababu Naidu on Sunday 8 July 2018. Chief Minister Naidu is in Singapore for the World Cities Summit organised by Centre for Liveable Cities (CLC). This is their latest meeting since the 3rd Joint Implementation Steering Committee (JISC) Meeting which was held in AP on 7 June 2018.

2. The Ministers discussed the good progress made by the JISC, in bringing about greater collaboration between Singapore and Andhra Pradesh in the following areas:

- a. <u>Skills Development.</u> To prepare the people of AP for jobs in the new capital city, Singapore SynchoSkills, a joint venture between Singapore company SkillsSG Ventures Pte Ltd and Indian company Synchroserve Global Solutions Pte Ltd will begin skills development courses from July 2018. The courses cover areas such as fashion, photography and business leadership. Three other courses, in fork lift operations, boom lift operations and baking will be launched subsequently. Singapore SynchoSkills has also set up a Multi Entrepreneurship and Skills Hub (MESH) in an interim location near Guntur city, AP. Guntur is a one-hour drive from Amaravati and known for its many universities and institutes of higher learning.
- b. <u>Built Environment Business Mission to Amaravati</u>. Second Minister for National Development Mr Desmond Lee led a business delegation of more than 40 members to Amaravati from 25 to 28 June 2018. Businesses got to meet with CM Naidu, AP developers and government officials. Several potential projects were identified and are being followed up.
- c. <u>Air Connectivity</u>. SilkAir is finalising the flight schedule and timings for direct chartered flights from Singapore to Vijayawada. Once completed, direct flights will be available between Singapore's Changi Airport and Vijayawada's Gannavaram Airport. This will boost connectivity between our countries and facilitate trade and business.

3. Mr Iswaran also noted the strong participation of the Government of AP in this year's World Cities Summit. CM Naidu will be speaking twice at WCS 2018 - first at World Cities Summit Mayors Forum (WCSMF) on Sunday 8 July 11:30 am to 5 pm, and also at the Joint Opening Ceremony Opening Plenary



on Monday 9 July 9:30 am to 12 noon. In addition, he will have other meetings and visits as listed below:

- a. Meeting with Mr Lawrence Wong, Minister for National Development
- b. Meeting with Mr Khoo Teng Chye, Executive Director, Centre for Liveable Cities
- c. Meeting with Mr Pang Yee Ean, Director-General of Investment Operations, Asia Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)
- d. Meeting with Asian Competitiveness Institute (ACI), Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, NUS
- e. Business roundtable with AP and Singapore construction companies, BCA, Enterprise Singapore and SBF

4. CM Naidu's delegation includes several Ministers from Andhra Pradesh and heads of government institutions such as Dr P. Narayana, Minister for Municipal Admin & Urban Development, Mr Yanamala Ramakrishnudu, Minister for Finance and Mr Krishna Kishore, CEO, AP Economic Development Board (APEDB). Please see Annex B for the full list of AP delegates.

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Annex A: Photos & Captions Annex B: CM Naidu's Delegation

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ANNEX A: Photos and Captions



Caption: Minister-in-charge of Trade Relations S Iswaran and Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh N Chandrababu Naidu meeting at Marina Bay Sands, on the sidelines of the World Cities Summit 2018.



ANNEX B: CM Naidu's Delegation

| No | Name | Designation |
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| 1. | Mr. N Chandrababu Naidu | Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh |
| 2. | Dr. P. Narayana | Minister (Municipal Admin & Urban Development) |
| 3. | Mr. Yanamala Ramakrishnudu | Minister (Finance) |
| 4. | Mr. Sai Prasad | Principal Secretary to Chief Minister |
| 5. | Mr. Balaji Adivishnu | CEO, Real Time Governance Section |
| 6. | Mr. V. Premchand | Managing Director, AP Technology Services |
| 7. | Mr. V. Ramnath | Executive Vice-Chairman, AP Township & Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (APTIDCO) |
| 8. | Mr. K. Kanna Babu | Commissioner & Director of Municipal Administration |
| 9. | Mr. D. Muralidhar Reddy | Managing Director, Swachha Andhra |
| 10. | Dr. Parakala Prabhakar | Advisor Communications |
| 11. | Mr. Krishna Kishore | CEO, AP Economic Development Board (APEDB) |
| 12. | Mr. Babu A. | Vice-Chairman and Managing Director, AP Industrial Infrastructure Corporation Ltd (APIIC) |
| 13. | Madam Lakshmi Parthasarathy | Chairperson and Managing Director, Amaravati Development Corporation Ltd (ADCL) |
| 14. | Mr. Ajay Jain | Principal Secretary (CRDA, Energy, Infra & Investment) |
| 15. | Dr. Sreedhar Cherukuri | Commissioner, AP Capital Region Development Corporation (APCRDA) |
| 16. | Mr. Shan Mohan | Additional Commissioner, AP Capital Region Development Corporation (APCRDA) |
| 17. | Mr. Y Nagireddy | Director (Economic Development), AP Capital Region Development Corporation (APCRDA) |