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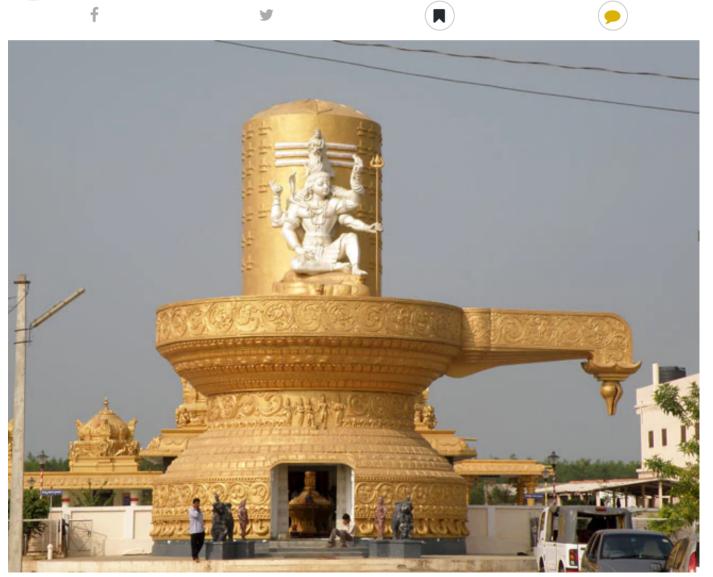
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Amravati's foundation laying on Thursday: All about the new capital of Andhra Pradesh

The foundation laying ceremony of the new capital of Andhra Pradesh, Amravati, to be held on Dussehra. Here is all you need to know about the new capital.



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Amravati, the new capital of Andhra Pradesh

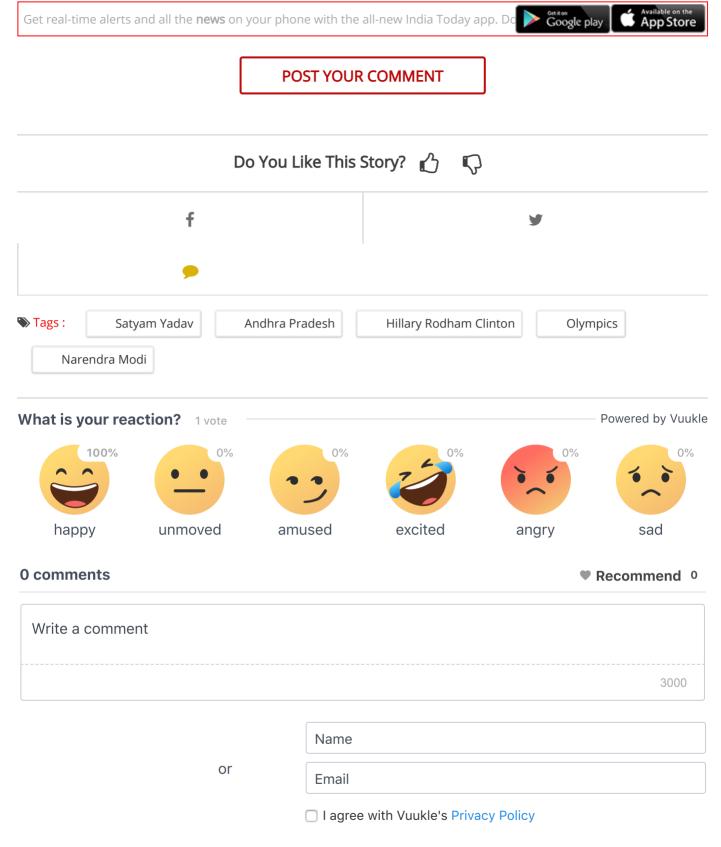
n April, Andhra Pradesh's Chief Minister, N.Chandrababu Naidu had made an announcement that the new capital of the State will be Amaravati. This Dussehra, Narendra Modi will lay the foundation of the new capital of the state. Chandrababu Naidu also said that he wants to make the new capital as a 'people's capital'. The purpose of making Amravati the new capital is the hope that it would acquire the name, fame and glory it has been associated with for long.

The government had made the master plan for the agricultural lands and roadways of the state. The government had also planned on building a couple of airports, connecting highways and developing industrial sectors.

Top 5 things that you should know about the new capital of Andhra Pradesh, Amaravati:

- Amaravati is a Pali word which means 'Abode of the Deathless' referring to nirvana. The city was formerly known as Andhra Nagari
- The ancient name of Amaravati is Udumbravati which was known for many centuries
- The history of Amaravati dates back to Second century BC, when it was the capital of Satavanhanas from 2nd century BCE to 3rd century CE
- Amravati is famous for its temple dedicated to God Shiva and Ambadevi
- Hyderabad was the former capital of Andhra Pradesh. But after, Telangana became a separate state, Hyderabad became the capital of Telangana
- Amravati is one of the Heritage cities for the Heritage City Development and Augmentation Yojana
- The city's art is regarded as one of the three major styles of ancient Indian art

For the foundation laying ceremony, pots carrying water and soil from different sacred places have been brought in. Soil and water from from each village of the 13 districts will be included in the ceremony and will later be used to build iconic buildings in the capital. Chandrababu Naidu also launched a website where people from all over the country will be able to donate for building Amravati by buying bricks at Rs 10 each. According to the reports some 20 lakh bricks have been bought by local people till now.



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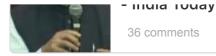
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