

# CAPITAL WILL BE BUILT IN GUNTUR: CHANDRABABU NAIDU

GUNTUR: Laying bare his plans, chief minister N Chandrababu Naidu on Wednesday said the new capital of Andhra Pradesh will come up in Guntur district.

Putting speculation to rest, Naidu said the capital will be constructed in Guntur district. So far, he has been saying that the capital will be close to Vijayawada and it will be located somewhere between Vijayawada and Guntur. Naidu's remark on Wednesday on location of capital in Guntur district is significant as it gives strong indication that the capital will come up in Amaravati.

Addressing a gram sabha at Savalyapuram village of Vinukonda assembly constituency, the CM said the government will collect one brick from each household in the state for the construction of the capital. Naidu said Telangana chief minister K Chandrasekhar Rao has been `unnecessarily targeting' him for his (KCR) own faults in managing power crisis.

"While KCR never bothered for cordial relationship either with the neighbouring state or with the Centre, I have been promoting brotherhood between the people of both the states. He is targeting me only because TDP is strong in Telangana too," said Naidu. He advised KCR to compete with him in development instead of wasting time on unnecessary issues.

Naidu said that the State Government is drafting a detailed plan for the construction of the capital and it would be announced soon.

Last month, Naidu had announced that Andhra Pradesh's new capital would be constructed around Vijayawada and would be located somewhere between Vijayawada and Guntur.

Naidu's formal announcement that new capital would be situated in Guntur makes a sufficient indication that Naidu is likely to build a world class river front capital at Amaravati, on the bank of River Krishna.

Chandrababu Naidu as the Chief Minister of undivided Andhra Pradesh had transformed Hyderabad to a global IT destination. After Andhra Pradesh was divided in February 2014, there was some disillusionment in Seemandhara region that a well-bred Hyderabad is lost for the residuary Andhra. But a visionary Chandrababu Naidu is working hard to prove such thinking wrong.

Now he is trying to recreate the magic once again, by preparing the blue print for a high-tech capital city in the State which could attract investment, mobilise resources, generate revenue and create new employment opportunities. This will prove to be a big leap forward for Andhra Pradesh's economy.

