

Indian Sister State benefits WA



The Liberal-led Government has signed a Sister State agreement with the Indian state of Andhra Pradesh to build valuable business, education and cultural links.

Recognising that Western Australia will increasingly look to the Indian Ocean region in the future, this government has committed to working with Andhra Pradesh across key economic areas, including mining and mining services, agriculture and fisheries, energy production and distribution, higher education and vocational education and training to create opportunities for businesses and further diversify the economy.

First proposed by Premier Colin Barnett on a visit to India in 2015, the Sister State agreement was signed in India by Minister for Multicultural, Interests Mike Nahan in December 2016.

Fast Facts

- Andhra Pradesh, on the east coast of India, has a population of 49.5 million people.
- It is the eighth biggest in area of India's 29 states with the 10th largest population.
- Andhra Pradesh is an emerging mining, technology and agricultural hub with Gross Domestic Product of more than US\$85 billion in 2014-15.
- India is already a major customer for Western Australia's LNG and wool.
- More than 40,000 Western Australians claim Indian ancestry.
- In 2011, India was the fourth-largest source country of the overseas-born in WA – more than half of whom arrived between 2000 and 2010.



Sister States

Andhra Pradesh and WA both have rich mineral resources, arable land and long coastlines meaning resources, agriculture and aquaculture industries are important for both jurisdictions

In 2016, two delegations from Andhra Pradesh travelled to WA, with a focus on higher education, mining and agriculture. Western Australia and Andhra Pradesh have agreed to a number of initial projects which will explore opportunities for collaboration and the sharing of knowledge.

Our Commitment

- The Liberal Government will build on the Sister State agreement negotiated by this government to foster a beneficial relationship with Andhra Pradesh to open new trade opportunities in mining, agriculture, energy and education services.
- We will appoint a WA representative to be based in Andhra Pradesh during the next term of government. (This may be a contract or part time position initially).

A Strong Record

Sister State relationships provide opportunities for mutual collaboration between key industries and organisations, and create export and investment opportunities.

The Liberal-led Government has fostered economic and cultural ties through Sister State relationships with East Java in Indonesia, Hyogo Prefecture in Japan and Zhejiang Province in China.



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