

Regarding need to develop Rajahmundry in Andhra Pradesh under HRIDAY Scheme-Laid

SHRIMATI DAGGUBATI PURANDESWARI (RAJAHMUNDRY): Rajahmundry is one of the major cities in the State of Andhra Pradesh located on the banks of the river Godavari. In its earlier days, it was called 'Rajamahendravaram'. It is a historical city famous for its political, agricultural, literary, economic, social and cultural background. Hence, the city is also known as the "Cultural Capital of Andhra Pradesh". Rajahmundry is also acclaimed as the birthplace of the Telugu language. Adi Kavi Nannayya translated Mahabharata from Sanskrit on this sacred land. Kandukuri Veeresalingam, a great social reformer, walked on this land. Despite its historical and cultural wealth, Rajahmundry has not yet received the recognition it truly deserves. Bestowing the Heritage City status upon Rajahmundry would not only honor its rich legacy but also ensure the preservation and promotion of its numerous cultural landmarks. This status would attract more tourists, boost the local economy, and provide the necessary funds and infrastructure for the conservation of its heritage sites. Therefore, I urge the Central Government to recognize Rajahmundry as a Heritage City and ensure its development through the HRIDAY Scheme. This recognition will preserve our cultural heritage for future generations and showcase the rich history of Rajahmundry on a national and global stage.