

Need to acknowledge Rajahmundry in Andhra Pradesh as a heritage city and include the same under HRIDAY Scheme)-laid

SHRIMATI DAGGUBATI PURANDESWARI (RAJAHMUNDY): Rajahmundry is one of the major cities in the State of A.P. located on the banks of the river Godavari in East Godavari District. 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 A.P". It 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 and the great Social worker, Durga Bai Deshmukh are also from Rajahmundry. 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 as well as respect the Telugu culture & Heritage. Therefore, I urge the Government to recognize Rajahmundry as a Heritage City and ensure its development through the HRIDAY Scheme.