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## TELANGANA, THE 29<sup>TH</sup> STATE IN THE UNION

Thanks to millions of Indians who believed in the principle that smaller states are better for the Indian Union, there will be a new state Telangana with 10 districts, including the Hyderabad city, with the assent of President Pranab Mukherjee on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014.

[Telangana](#) comprises the districts of Hyderabad, Adilabad, Khammam, Karimnagar, Mahbubnagar, Medak, Nalgonda, Nizamabad, Rangareddy, and Warangal, and the main rivers are the Musi, Manjira, Krishna and Godavari flowing from west to east to reach Bay of Bengal through Andhra. The region has an area of 114,840 Square Kilometers (44,340 sq mi), and a population of about 35 Million.

On November 1st, 1956, a Telugu state called Andhra Pradesh was formed from the merger of a Telangana part of Hyderabad kingdom and Andhra state that was formed in 1953 from the Madras province of British East India. After the military action, the [Nizam's kingdom](#) was made into an Indian state named Hyderabad state. It continued to exist as Hyderabad state from 1948 to 1956. The States Reorganization Commission had recommended constituting Telangana into a separate state in 1955. But a powerful lobby from Andhra state influenced the leadership in Delhi and forcefully merged Telangana with the Andhra state to form the Andhra Pradesh state on November 1st, 1956. The State of Andhra Pradesh is home for approximately eighty million strong [Telugu speaking nationality](#).

There are several arguments that suggest a strong political and economic imperative for a [greater number of States in the Indian Union](#). Smaller states are better managed. This is good for [Andhra, \(Rayalaseema\) and Telangana](#), each having [enough resources to survive](#). Each new state will have many times larger populations than countries like Suriname (0.5 m), Swaziland (1 m), Singapore (3m), Slovakia (5 m), Israel (5m), Eritrea (4 m), Switzerland (7 m), Denmark (5 m), (and more, both rich and poor countries, the list is very long), etc., each having a vote in the United Nations.

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After 6 decades of struggle for Telangana, it became a reality now, as the 29<sup>th</sup> state in the Union. Unfortunately, the delay in Telangana re-formation has led to a tragic death of hundreds of people who committed suicide for the cause, in the last four years. Many others missed the formation like late [Prof Jayashankar Kothapalli](#) who had been dreaming about it since the merger, "[History tells us that it is the will of the people that ultimately prevails. It is only a question of time,](#)" which has come to pass this year, 2014. The ball has been in the court of [the people of Telangana](#) and they finally played it.

CONGRATULATIONS to All Indians!

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"Earth provides enough to satisfy every man's needs, but not every man's greed."  
- Mahatma Gandhi

Hinduism is a way of life, with diversity of religion, and Indian teachings share the importance of *seva* (service).

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**Om! Asatoma Sadgamaya, Tamasoma Jyotirgamaya, Mrityorma Amritamgamaya,**  
**Om Shantih, Shantih, Shantih!**  
**(Aum! Lead the world from wrong path to the right path, from ignorance to**  
**knowledge, from mortality to immortality, and peace!)**

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