

# Andhra Pradesh - Capital : Amaravati

Andhra Pradesh is a state on the east coast of southern India. It is the seventh-largest state and the tenth-most populous in the country. Amaravati is the state capital, while the largest city is Visakhapatnam



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Telugu language, largest member of the Dravidian language family. Primarily spoken in southeastern India, it is the official language of the states. The first written material in the language date from 575 ce. The Telugu script is derived from that of the 6th-century Calukya dynasty.

**Nannaya Bhattaraka**, a pioneering figure in Telugu literature, is widely considered the "father of Telugu literature" for his translation of the Sanskrit epic *Mahabharata* into Telugu, marking the beginning of Telugu literature. Some famous literary figures in Telugu include **Tikkana Somayaji, Errana, Vemana, Gurajada Apparao, Kandukuri Veeresalingam, and Viswanatha Satyanarayana**.



The Guntur International Poetry Festival, also known as GIPF, is a literary festival which takes place annually in the Indian city Guntur, Andhra Pradesh.