

**CHIEF MINISTER'S OFFICE
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Chief Minister Sri K. Chandrashekar Rao told members of a research based company from California, USA, that Telangana State has adequate medical and healthcare facilities in both public and private hospitals. These include Government-run Primary Health Centers, Area, District Hospitals as well as teaching hospitals and private run specialty and super-specialty hospitals. CM said that these days even in mandal headquarters private hospitals are being established to provide specialized healthcare. In addition, telemedicine is also being practiced in the State and two private hospitals are having linkage with international specialists abroad through telemedicine system and consult them as and when required. Saying that there are number of specialists in several areas of medicine and surgery, CM mentioned that, from other states and abroad many patients come to Hyderabad for better treatment and cure.

Senior Director, South East Asia and Pacific Aaron Brinkworth and Director, Government Affairs - Asia Claudio Lilienfeld of Gilead Sciences called on Hon'ble CM today afternoon in camp office along with their team. Gilead is a research-based company founded in 1987 focusing on creating access for better healthcare in California and is one of the world's largest bio-pharmaceutical companies with its presence in six continents. Gilead seeks to improve the care of millions of patients living with life-threatening diseases around the world. It has its presence in Telangana also. The Company expressed its intention to participate in the healthcare initiatives of State Government and desires to establish its unit in the proposed pharma city near Hyderabad. The team had lunch with CM.

Responding to the team's request to brief them about the details of various developmental activities being implemented in the state, Hon'ble CM detailed on the Single Window Industrial Policy and presented them with a copy of the policy document. Saying that growth has to be inclusive, CM has shown the designs of the proposed two bed room houses and mentioned that about a million of such houses will

be built in the state over a period this year, within a period of 6-8 months 60, 000 houses will be built.

Touching upon the subject of NITI Ayog CM said that in India the country's growth as a whole depends on the growth of different States and towards this Prime Minister and Chief Ministers are working with a spirit of Team India. Hon'ble CM also mentioned about the State's IT linkages with USA and said that lot of international IT companies like Google and Microsoft have their presence in Hyderabad. CM also briefed them about the safe drinking water supply project and said this will reduce the water-borne communicable diseases in the State.

Deputy Chief Minister Sri Kadiyam Srihari, Industries Minister Jupalli Krishna Rao, Principal Secretary to CM Sri S Narsing Rao, Additional Principal Secretary to CM Smt Shanti Kumari, Secretary Industries Sri Arvind Kumar, Director General of Police Sri Anurag Sharma, Executive Vice-President for Corporate and Medical Affairs Gregg Alton and Regional Director India Sushil Sule of Gilead, Chairman Hetero Drugs Parthasaradhi Reddy and Director Hetero Drugs Ratnakar Reddy were present at the meeting.

CPRO to CM