



Sindhanur in Raichur district of Karnataka hosts Grand Inauguration of Shri Krishna Devaraya Sainik School in presence of Union Minister H.D.Kumaraswamy and Union MoS of Defence Sanjay Seth

New Sainik School Reflects Centre's Vision for Nation-Building Through Education

Historic Occasion Marks Major Boost to Defence-Oriented Education in Karnataka

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Sindhanur town in Raichur district witnessed a historic and momentous occasion with the inauguration of the Shri Krishna Devaraya Sainik School, accompanied by a grand roadshow and enthusiastic public participation. The initiative marks a significant step towards strengthening value-based and defence-oriented education in the region.

The programme was attended by Union Minister for Steel and Heavy Industries, H.D. Kumaraswamy, Union Minister of State for Defence, Sanjay Seth, Minister for Information Technology, Government of Andhra Pradesh, Nara Lokesh, Visakhapatnam MP M. Sribharat, former Minister Venkatarao Nadagouda, along with several other dignitaries, members of the Shri Krishna Devaraya Education Society, students, and parents.



Addressing the gathering, Shri Sanjay Seth described the inauguration as a proud and defining moment for the region. Emphasising the importance of education, he referred to knowledge as a guiding force that shapes character and instils a sense of purpose in serving the nation.

Highlighting the legacy of North Karnataka, he spoke about its rich civilisational heritage from the architectural brilliance of the Chalukyas to the glory of the Vijayanagara Empire. He paid tribute to Sri Krishna Devaraya, noting his contributions as a patron of art, literature, and strong governance, which balanced cultural advancement with military strength. Establishing a Sainik School in his name, he said, carries deep symbolic and historical significance.

The Minister underscored the role of Sainik Schools as “institutions that go beyond academics, nurturing discipline, leadership, resilience, and a spirit of national service.” He noted that Karnataka continues to play a pivotal role in India’s defence ecosystem, contributing significantly to military leadership, defence manufacturing, and innovation. He highlighted institutions such as Hindustan Aeronautics Limited and Bharat Electronics Limited, as well as advancements in indigenous platforms like the Tejas Light Combat Aircraft, as indicators of the state’s strategic importance.

He further stated that “under the visionary leadership of Hon’ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the guidance of Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh, India is witnessing a transformative phase in defence and youth development. The expansion of the Sainik School system, with 86 new schools approved and a target of 100 under the PPP model, reflects the government’s commitment to accessible, value-based education.”

Providing key data, he noted that over 18,000 cadets are currently enrolled in existing Sainik Schools, with thousands more in newly established institutions, including a growing number of girl cadets. The expansion of the National Cadet Corps (NCC), with its capacity increased to 20 lakh cadets, further strengthens opportunities for youth participation in nation-building.

Highlighting India’s rising global stature, Shri Sanjay Seth pointed out that “defence exports have reached an all-time high of ₹38,424 crore, marking a growth of over 62 percent.” He described this achievement as a reflection of global confidence in India’s indigenous capabilities and a strong step forward in the vision of Aatmanirbhar Bharat.

The inauguration of the Shri Krishna Devaraya Sainik School is expected to serve as a transformative step in shaping disciplined, capable, and nation-oriented youth, while further strengthening the region's contribution to India's defence and educational landscape.

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