

CITY ERUPTS INTO CELEBRATIONS

Officials show their creative side

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The first formation day of Telangana state organized by the state government has turned out to be a grandiose affair viz-a-viz the parading of tableaux of various departments. It was love at first sight for the audience as they liked the portrayals prepared by various departments. The officials sweated it out to unveil the vision, objectives ongoing welfare and development programs of the state government through the spectacular illustrations.

The hard work of the many departments appears to have paid off as chief minister KChandrashekar Rao seemed impressed at the sight of several of them. The tableau of Information and Public Relations Department set the stage for the grand display of all the tableaux at the parade grounds, the venue for the first formation day celebrations.

The tableau contained a huge replica of Telangana Martyrs' memorial besides exhibiting the official symbols of the State government, the State bird (Pala pitta), State animal (Jinka), State tree (Jamma chettu) and the

State flower (Tangedu). The tableau of irrigation and command area development department came next highlighting the state government's ongoing flagship program, Mission Kakatiya with a caption 'Cheruvu Aderuvu-Cheruvutome Bahukudervi'. Later, the tableau of Rural Water Supply department exhibited the ubiquitous rural life of the state. It also stressed on the importance of pucca toilets in rural households with a caption 'Marugu doddai unna illu- arogya sampadaku mettinilla.' The agriculture departments of the state have prepared a tableau depicting their ongoing programmes. The tableau stressed on the urgent need for the farmers to conduct soil tests in order to reduce the uncontrolled usage of fertilizers across the state. The tableau of the horticulture department stressed on the need to take up farming in horticulture, to earn more revenues.

Among the tableaux, the tableau prepared by the Hyderabad Metro Rail (HMR) authorities impressed the audience and ended up winning the best tableau award from the state government. The tableau highlighted the

need for having a metro rail system in the city with the help of a folk song. The tableau of the forest department won the second best award as it aptly highlighted the need to take up afforestation in the state. The third best prize was won by the rural water supply department as it highlighted the need to have pucca toilets in the state besides depicting the features of Telangana state drinking water project.

The tableaux of minority welfare and SC welfare departments promoted the ongoing welfare schemes like Shadi Mubarak and Kalyana Lakshmi. The two schemes provide Rs 51,000 financial assistance to prospective brides from the two communities. The tableau of the SC department attracted the attention of one and all including the CM as an artiste dressed up as a bridegroom tied a knot with another artiste in a bride's outfit, receiving instant applause from the audience. Other departments of the state like energy, tribal welfare, endowments, civil supplies, industries and commerce, roads and buildings, housing departments have also paraded their tableaux at the formation day celebrations.

