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Festivities across length and breadth of Telangana

The newest state of Telangana kicked off its first birthday with a week-long celebration comprising cultural events, food festivals and a formation day parade that reflected the state's culture and the work being done by the government. The city has also taken on a glitzy look with almost all the main streets lined with fairy lights.

The formation day celebrations were watched over with great pride by chief minister K Chandrasekhara Rao at the Parade Grounds that acquired a festive atmosphere with a large number of pink flags, the official colour of the ruling TRS.

Various government departments showcased the programmes being implemented by them. The home department's tableau with a team of Octopus, the anti-terror wing of the state police, in their black outfits, caught the eye while a float with a team of six police dogs bowing in perfect unison garnered cheers and claps from the gathering. While the Hyderabad Metro Rail tableau got the first prize, the rural water supply (water grid) and forest departments got second and third prizes respectively.

The chief minister also honoured several people from various walks of life who have made great contributions to the Telangana society over the years. Each of the honourees was covered with a shawl and presented with a cash award and a memento depicting the Kakatiya arch.

Elsewhere in the city, events were organized at the People's Plaza, Ravindra Bharati, Hari Hara Kala Bhavan, Taramati Baradari near Goldconda fort and Salarjung Museum. Reports of celebrations also came in from as far as Toronto in Canada and Melbourne in Australia, where expatriates from Telangana gathered to mark the formation day.



OF THE BEST: The Hyderabad City Police was declared the best contingent of the parade while the Metro Rail tableau (below) was adjudged the best at the Formation Day parade on Tuesday. (Below) The Octopus tableau

