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BSY, Jagan launch work for Rs 200-cr K'taka pilgrim complex in Tirumala

arnataka Chief Minister
BS Yediyurappa and his
Andhra Pradesh counterpart Jaganmohan Reddy,
on Thursday, laid the foundation stone for the Rs 200-crore
Karnataka pilgrim accommodation complex in Tirumala.

The two CMs took part in the bhumi puja of the modern complex to be built on 7.05 acres of land leased by the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams to Karnataka Choultries in 2008.

While the expense of Rs 200 crore would be funded by the Karnataka government, the project would be executed by the TTD.

The complex, on completion would have 252 ordinary looms, 3% suite rooms, 12 domitories, a Kalyana Mandapam and a dining hall, said Karnataka endowments commissioner Rohini Sindhuri, explaining the plan, which also includes the rejuvenation of an existing Pushkaranion the old premises.

Located in a prime spot, on the backside of the Lord Ven-



Chief Minister Yediyurappa felicitates his Andhra Pradesh counterpart Jaganmohan Reddy at Tirumala on Thursday. They later laid the foundation for the Rs 200-crore Karnataka choultries complex in the pilgrimage town.

kateshwaratemple, the Karnataka Choultries is a landmark on the hill. But the old choultry buildings were reportedly not being maintained properly for some time. A plan to build a new complex has been stuck for many years because of legal hurdles, TTD officials said.

Inter-state pact

An agreement in July between the Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka governments has cleared the way for the ministerslater partithe 106th day Sund Pathanam at the Najanam Mandapam.

construction of the expansive guest house in Tirumala to serve the large number of devotees from Karnataka.

Offer prayers

Earlier in the morning, Yediyurappa and Reddy together had darshan and offered prayers at the Lord Venkateswara temple. The chief ministers later participated in the 106th day Sundarakanda Pathanam at the Nadaneeraianam Mandapam.