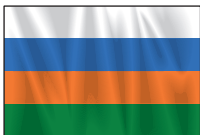


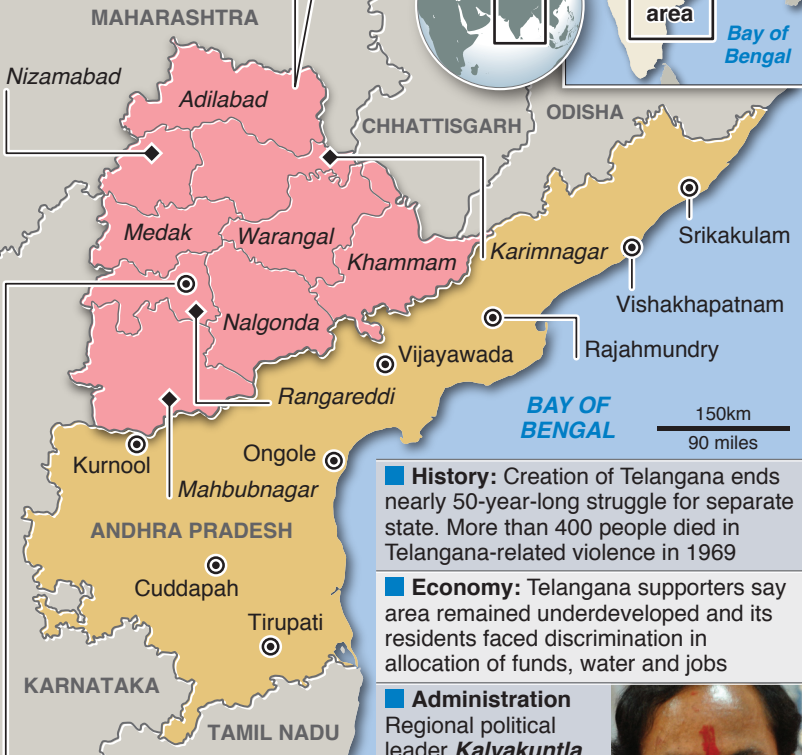
# Telangana becomes India's newest state

Telangana, India's newest and 29th state, has come into being after the southern state of Andhra Pradesh formally split in two



Telangana flag

**Telangana:** Comprises 10 former districts of Andhra Pradesh including city of Hyderabad.  
Population: **35 million**  
Area: **114,840 sq km**



**Hyderabad:** Key industrial and information technology hub. Will be shared capital of new and old state for 10 years, after which Andhra Pradesh will develop new capital

■ **History:** Creation of Telangana ends nearly 50-year-long struggle for separate state. More than 400 people died in Telangana-related violence in 1969

■ **Economy:** Telangana supporters say area remained underdeveloped and its residents faced discrimination in allocation of funds, water and jobs

■ **Administration**  
Regional political leader **Kalvakuntla Chandrasekhar Rao** becomes Telangana chief minister, having led 14-year drive for separation

