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Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu along with Swami Amritaswarupananda Puri, president, Board of Management, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham and ministers G. Srinivas Rao, K. Srinivas Rao, N. Anand Babu lays foundation for Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham - Amaravati Campus at Kuragallu in Capital region on Wednesday.

GUNTUR: Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham's Amaravati campus will see an investment of Rs 2,500 crore over two decades and admissions will start this July said Swami Amritaswarupananda Puri, President, Board of Management, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham during the foundation stone laying programme at Kuragallu on Wednesday.

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Mr Sadasiva Chaitanya, Director of Amaravati Campus, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham said, "Amaravati campus will be constructed in two phases — the first phase will comprise 150 acre and the second, 50 acre. Admissions will begin from 2018 for courses such as Computer Science, Information Technology, EEE and MBA — HR, Finance, Marketing, Production, Operations and strategy. It will have a state-of-the-art R&D centre for cutting-edge research in frontier areas of technology, focusing on societal benefit. To ensure academic excellence, the ratio of students to faculty will be kept at 10:1."

He stated that Amaravati campus, once completed, will offer the full complement of courses including Engineering, Management, Medicine, Humanities, Arts and Sciences, Bio-Technology, Nano sciences, Philosophy, Yogic Sciences, Ayurveda and other upcoming technologies. It will have state-of-the-art infrastructure, and have tie ups with top-ranked universities.