

Telangana moves SC against AP's Polavaram-Nallamala Link Project

Alleges unilateral diversion of Godavari floodwaters without clearances

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IN a fresh intensified water dispute between Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, the Telangana government filed a petition in the Supreme Court challenging the Polavaram-Nallamala Sagar Link Project (PNLP), formerly known as the Polavaram-Banakacherla Link Project (PBLP) on Tuesday.

The writ petition, filed under Article 32 of the Constitution, seeks a mandamus to restrain Andhra Pradesh from proceeding with the project, which aims to divert surplus floodwaters from the Godavari River to the Krishna and Gundlakamma basins.

The petition accuses Andhra Pradesh of unilaterally advancing the project in violation of the Godavari Water Disputes Tribunal (GWDT) Award of 1980, the

Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act (APRA) of 2014, and Central Water Commission (CWC) guidelines.

It specifically requests an interim stay on ongoing expansion works of the Polavaram project's Right Main Canal (RMC) and a recent e-procurement tender for preparing the Detailed Project Report (DPR), floated on November 21 and modified on November 24.

The PNLP, estimated at around Rs 58,000 crore, is designed to divert 2 TMC of water per day from the under-construction Polavaram dam on the Godavari.

The project comprises three segments: first, enhancing the capacity of the Polavaram RMC from 17,500 cusecs to over 35,000 cusecs or building a parallel canal to feed into the Krishna River; second, constructing the Bollapalli reservoir with a potential storage capacity



of up to 400 TMC; and third, lifting water through tunnels in the Nallamala hill range to the Nallamala Sagar reservoir in Prakasam district. It will benefit the Rayalaseema and south coastal regions in Andhra Pradesh.

Telangana contends that the project relies on "flood waters" not apportioned by the GWDT, which allocated dependable flows but left surplus waters undistributed.

The petition highlights

that Andhra Pradesh has proceeded despite lacking in-principle clearance for the Pre-Feasibility Report (PFR), submitted to the CWC in May 2025 and still under scrutiny.

Key concerns raised include inter-state implications, potential submergence risks in Telangana due to Polavaram backwaters, and environmental violations.

The petition notes that the Expert Appraisal Commit-

tee (EAC) of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change returned the proposal in June 2025, directing Andhra Pradesh to first resolve interstate issues with the CWC.

Objections have also come from Karnataka and Maharashtra, with the former claiming compensation for Krishna basin diversions and the latter seeking clarity on flood-based project guidelines.

Despite these, Andhra Pradesh formed a Special Purpose Vehicle, Jala Harathi Corporation, in April 2025 for execution and issued tenders for the DPR even as the PFR appraisal continues.

The CWC, in its letter on December 4, reportedly directed Andhra Pradesh not to proceed with DPR preparation without clearance, yet bids were received, and an award is imminent, according to the petition.

Sarpanch Chandu Naik gets blessings from KTR

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UNDER the leadership of former MLA Anjaiah Yadav, the newly elected sarpanch candidates from the local body elections met BRS working president KT Rama Rao at Telangana Bhavan in Hyderabad on Tuesday.

On this occasion, Upparigadda village sarpanch from Farooqnagar mandal, Chandu Naik, along with deputy sarpanch Eerla Srilatha, was felicitated by KTR with a shawl.

Speaking to the newly elected sarpanch Chandu Naik, KTR advised him to always remain among the people and set an example in village development. He encouraged him to work tirelessly for the progress of the village, to stay connected with the villagers, understand their problems, and strive to resolve them.

KTR further suggested that as sarpanch, Chandu Naik should extend his full cooperation and support



for the development of Upparigadda, transforming it into a model village. The programme was

attended by sarpanches, deputy sarpanches, and other leaders from various villages in the constituency.

'Govt strives to improve living standards of people'

- Minister Surekha reviews the progress of ongoing works related to various development and public welfare programmes, and laid foundation stones for new works
- Instructions officials to take the problems of the poor with a humanitarian approach and resolve them swiftly



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HANUMAKONDA

THE Congress government is working constantly to improve the living standards of the people as Chief Minister Revanth Reddy is taking development and welfare forward hand in hand, said Endowments Minister Konda Surekha here on Tuesday.

The Minister extensively toured Divisions 27, 32, 35, 37, 38 and 41 in the Warangal East Assembly constituency. She reviewed the progress

of ongoing works related to various development programmes announced by the State government with public welfare as its objective, and laid foundation stones for new works.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister Surekha said that public welfare is the primary goal of the Congress people's government. She stated that along with the promises made before the previous elections, new assurances are also being implemented. She added that welfare schemes



are being delivered to the poor with the aim of fulfilling their aspirations.

The Minister assured that all promises made for the development of the constituency before the elections would be implemented without deviation.

She instructed officials in the Warangal East constituency to examine the problems of the poor with a humanitarian approach and resolve them swiftly. She further added that, with the co-operation of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, programmes would continue in the coming days to take Warangal district forward on the path of development.

The Minister also directly

inspected the construction works of houses sanctioned to beneficiaries under the prestigious Indiramma Housing Scheme being implemented by the Congress government, and directed officials to ensure that the works are completed quickly and with quality. On this occasion, Minister Konda Surekha interacted closely with the people, listened to their problems and needs, and assured them that steps would be taken towards solutions.

Later, the Minister, along with GWMC Mayor Gundu Sudharani, the Commissioner, KUDA Chairman, public representatives and officials, conducted a review meeting on the implementation of development works.

TG Agri Dept goes smart, to launch urea distribution app

New NIC-Developed system aims for transparent supply, allowing farmers to book stocks online using pattadar passbook

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STATE Agriculture Director, Dr B Gopi, announced a major technological initiative aimed at streamlining urea distribution across Telangana. Addressing the media on Tuesday, he stressed that science and technology must support agriculture and revealed that a special mobile application developed by the National Informatics Centre (NIC) will soon be launched to ensure a transparent and efficient supply of urea to farmers.

Dr Gopi explained that the app will be managed under the supervision of the Agriculture Department and will integrate land records to prevent the diversion of urea. Farmers will be able to book urea from the comfort of their homes using just a mobile number and Pattadar Passbook. The system will also allow them to check stock availability at the district, mandal, and village levels, similar to booking movie



tickets online.

Currently, Telangana has 10,000 urea distribution centres, of which 30 per cent are government-run and 70 per cent private. Plans are underway to increase the number of centres and decentralise distribution to avoid crowding at single locations. Dealers will be required to update truckload receipts on the app, ensuring real-time transparency of stock availability.

The supply will be crop-based, covering paddy, cotton, maize, chilli, and other crops. Farmers selecting crops requiring more urea

than they actually cultivate may face issues during crop sales, making accurate declarations essential. Small and marginal farmers will receive their urea in a single instalment, while large farmers will be provided supplies in two or three instalments within a month to avoid logistical difficulties.

Tenant farmers will also benefit from the system. By entering Aadhaar, name, and Pattadar Passbook details, they can book urea, with landowners receiving an OTP to validate the transaction. The booking ID generated will remain valid for 24

hours, after which farmers must rebook if they fail to collect supplies.

Dr Gopi noted that while only urea will be available through the app initially, other fertilisers like DAP and complex varieties will continue to be purchased through regular channels. He emphasised that agricultural officers and dealers have been instructed to assist farmers with bookings, and women's groups will also be involved to spread awareness.

Highlighting last season's shortages, he said that delays in supply from Ramagundam Fertiliser Industry and the central government had created difficulties, with farmers rushing to purchase available stocks in advance.

For the October-March season, 10 lakh metric tonnes of urea are required, while 4.5 lakh metric tonnes are currently available.

The new app-based system, he assured, will eliminate shortages and ensure timely supply without inconvenience to farmers.

Centre's thumbs up to 100-bed ESIC hospital in Shamshabad mandal

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THE Central Government has approved the construction of a 100-bed Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) hospital in Shamshabad, marking a significant step towards strengthening healthcare facilities for industrial workers and their families in the fast-developing Ranga Reddy district.

The hospital will be established at Rayikunta village, Pedda Golconda habitation, Shamshabad mandal. In the 197th ESIC meeting held on December 11, 2025, chaired by Union Minister for Labour and Employment Dr Mansukh Mandaviya, the government sanctioned land acquisi-

tion worth Rs 16.125 crore for the project. The facility will be constructed entirely under the supervision of the Central Government.

Currently, Ranga Reddy district has over 1.32 lakh workers covered under ESI insurance. With rapid industrialisation and commercial expansion in the Shamshabad airport area, the number of insured workers is expected to rise substantially in the coming years. The new hospital will ensure that medical services are available in close proximity, reducing the need for workers and their families to travel long distances for treatment.

The ESIC already operates a Super Specialty Hospital in Sanathnagar, Hyderabad, which provides corporate-level medical services to insured

workers. In addition, ESI hospitals sanctioned in Nacharam, Ramachandrapuram, Sirpur Kagaznagar and Warangal are catering to healthcare needs across Telangana. The Shamshabad hospital will add to this network, addressing the growing demand for medical infrastructure in one of the state's most rapidly industrialising regions.

Union Minister for Coal and Mines G Kishan Reddy welcomed the decision and expressed gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Dr Mansukh Mandaviya for their commitment to worker welfare. He noted that the hospital would serve as a vital healthcare hub for thousands of families, ensuring timely and quality medical services.

The approval reflects the government's broader vision of expanding healthcare access for insured workers under the ESIC framework, particularly in regions witnessing industrial growth. By situating the hospital in Shamshabad, the Centre aims to provide comprehensive medical support to workers employed in industries around the airport zone and adjoining areas, he added.

India's youth key to nation-building, says Kishan Reddy

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UNION Minister G Kishan Reddy emphasised the pivotal role of India's youth in national development, outlining a series of initiatives launched under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to empower young people and strengthen the country's sports ecosystem.

Addressing the media on Tuesday, in the national capital, the Minister noted that India has the world's largest youth population, and the Central Government has introduced multiple schemes to involve them in shaping the nation's future. From school-level fitness programmes to preparing athletes for the Olympic Games, the government is working to nurture talent and instil fitness habits among the younger generation.

He highlighted the Fit India Movement, which has seen over five lakh schools register, with Fit India Week celebrated in 3.57 lakh schools. The initiative also extends



to society at large, with the 'Sunday on Cycle' programme witnessing participation from 15.84 lakh people across 1.4 lakh locations. Prime Minister Modi himself praised the programme in his 128th Mann Ki Baat address.

Kishan Reddy underscored the government's efforts to promote traditional sports through the Khelo India programme, now active in 792 districts. Rural athletes are being identified and trained under the Athlete Development Programme, which provides an eight-year structured training plan with financial support of Rs 6.28 lakh per athlete annually.

The minister also pointed

to the Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS), introduced in 2014, which has boosted India's medal tally in global competitions. He recalled Neeraj Chopra's historic medal at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics and India's impressive haul of 29 medals at the 2024 Paris Paralympic Games. He added that preparations are underway for India's ambitious bid to host the Olympic Games in 2036.

On infrastructure, Kishan Reddy said that since 2014, the government has undertaken 350 projects with an investment of Rs 3,181 crore to strengthen sports facilities nationwide. He also mentioned the introduction of

the National Sports Governance Act in 2025, aimed at ensuring transparency and accountability in sports administration.

The minister highlighted the new draft of the National Youth Policy, designed to develop youth as innovators and leaders, and the 'One Corporate One Sport' CSR model, which encourages private sector participation in nurturing talent. He also referred to the launch of the Mera Yuva Bharat platform on National Unity Day, which has already registered 2.06 crore young people.

Through the National Service Scheme (NSS), nearly four million volunteers from 19,000 schools and 11,000 colleges are engaged in awareness and development activities across the country.

Kishan Reddy reiterated Prime Minister Modi's vision that national development can only be achieved by uplifting all sections of society—youth, farmers, women, and the poor—ensuring India's progress towards becoming a developed nation.

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