

# TG to launch Ease of Doing Business 2.0: Sridhar Babu

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BIZZ BUZZ BUREAU HYDERABAD

MINISTER for IT and Industries Duddilla Sridhar Babu has declared that Telangana is set to implement Ease of Doing Business 2.0 as part of its initiative to establish the State as a favoured destination for global investment. The Minister was speaking after inaugurating the Growth X 2026 conference organised by the Federation of Telangana Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FTCCI) at JRC Convention Centre, Jubilee Hills on Tuesday. Sridhar Babu said the proposed policy would be developed through stakeholder consultations with the objective of accelerating industrial growth, strengthening investor confidence, and providing greater assurance to investors.

Emphasising that growth must be planned and not accidental, he said the government had prepared Telangana Vision 2047 to guide long-term economic expansion. The State, currently a \$200-billion economy, aims



to grow to \$1 trillion by 2034 and \$3 trillion by 2047, he reiterated. To achieve these goals and ensure balanced regional development, the government has adopted a three-pronged strategy — "CURE, PURE and RARE".

He stated that the government's agenda is to bring every region — from urban centres to rural areas — onto the growth path.

Highlighting structural shifts in the economy, the Minister said technologies such as artificial intelligence and Industry 5.0 are reshaping work culture and business models, and that future competitiveness would depend on strong ecosystems rather than

individual companies. Sridhar Babu said the State was committed to building the future proactively rather than waiting for it to unfold.

He said the State government seeks to function not merely as a regulatory authority granting approvals, but as a collaborative partner working alongside industry, and invited entrepreneurs to work closely with the government.

Among those present were BJP State president Ramchander Rao, Dr D Nageshwar Reddy, FTCCI president Ravi Kumar, representatives of Skyroot Aerospace, and Growth X 2026 convener Pankaj Diwan, among others.

# Focused action plan for creating wealth from waste in Andhra Pradesh

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CIRCULAR ECONOMY AND WASTE RECYCLING

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- Real-time digital dashboard being developed
- CoE and Knowledge Centre to be set up

BIZZ BUZZ BUREAU VISAKHAPATNAM



Chairman of Swachh Andhra Pradesh Corporation K. Pattabhiram speaking at a programme organised by CII in Visakhapatnam on Tuesday

SWACHH Andhra Corporation Chairman K Pattabhiram on Tuesday said under the dynamic leadership of Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu, the State has launched a first of its kind Circular Economy and Waste Recycling Policy to create a sustainable industrial, municipal waste management framework to convert waste into resources.

Speaking at a conference organised by Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) here on circular economy and green companies, he said AP pushes circular economy vigorously with plans ahead to create five parks with 107 waste processing centres and recycling dashboard. To support recycling industries, Pattabhiram said a real-time digital dashboard was under development to provide region-wise data on recyclable waste streams. A Centre of

Excellence and Knowledge Centre on Circular Economy and Recycling will also be set up in Vijayawada, focusing on training, research, and awareness, he disclosed.

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He said the State Government is implementing a focused action plan based on the "Wealth from Waste" principle and urged industries to partner with the State in promoting environmen-

tally responsible growth. He expressed confidence in the long-term potential of circularity.

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He added, AP is the first State to introduce a comprehensive circular economy policy along with operational guidelines, attributing the initiative to Chief Minister Naidu's emphasis on long-term planning and technology-led governance. Circular economy initiatives,

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architecture. He further added the concept of a circular economy has moved beyond theory and is now firmly established as an economic imperative.

APPCB Chairman P Krishnaiah in the theme address, said modern technology offered durable solutions to pollution challenges.

he informed, have been prioritised under the Swarna Andhra Vision 2047, where "Swachh Andhra" is positioned as a guiding principle linking environmental hygiene with public health.

The State plans to establish five Circular Economy Parks. In addition, 107 waste processing centres are being set up to ensure scientific segregation of dry waste into categories such as plastic, glass, cardboard, and e-waste for supply to recycling industries.

CII AP Chairman Murali Krishna Gannamani in his welcome address said, AP is uniquely positioned to lead this transition. With progressive governance, strong industrial corridors, expanding ports, and a growing manufacturing base, the state has the opportunity to embed sustainability into its growth

He noted that the growing adoption of advanced pollution-control systems by industries was critical to addressing issues such as acid rain and industrial emissions. Collaboration with the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), he added, had strengthened the State's environmental governance.

Secretary, Department of Industries and Commerce N Yuvaraj in a virtual address, said circular economy models could open new economic avenues while reducing environmental stress.

District Collector MN Haremdhira Prasad called for urgent measures to address environmental challenges. Citing scientific assessments, he pointed to rising sea levels around Visakhapatnam and deteriorating air quality, recalling that the city's Air Quality Index (AQI) had touched 347 on December 19 last year.

## Dell showcases innovation with Tech ON Wheels in Hyd



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DELL Technologies has commenced its Tech ON Wheels showcase in Hyderabad — a mobile experience centre designed to highlight its solutions portfolio across leading IT and technology hubs in the city. The experience begins at Raheja Mindspace, will continue to DLF Cyber City on February 24, and will wrap up at the 'V' IT Park (Ascendas) on February 25, before heading to other cities as part of its nationwide tour.

Having started in January from Bengaluru, the mobile experience centre will cover 80 locations across 20 cities until June 2026. It will travel across south India from January to March, make its way west and then north before culminating its journey in the eastern part of the country. It will visit major business and IT hubs in Bengaluru, Mumbai, Pune, Delhi-NCR, Hyderabad, Chennai, Ahmedabad, Kolkata and several other cities across India.

This initiative brings Dell's latest solutions portfolio from laptops, desk-

tops, servers and peripherals directly to customers' doorsteps, allowing them to experience firsthand how these technologies can drive business growth and empower their workforce.

Highlighting the importance of this journey Manish Gupta, president and managing director, Dell Technologies India said, "We believe by taking our latest solutions to their doorstep, we aren't just showcasing products but helping businesses discover solutions tailored to their specific needs. They can find the tools they need to drive growth, solve real world challenges, and accelerate their own digital transformation journeys."

The Tech ON Wheels experience is an opportunity for consumers, business executives and IT Decision makers from many of the large enterprises and small businesses to explore Dell's latest laptops, desktops and a suite of professional monitors, docks and peripherals. They will get access to product experts who can help them find the right solutions to enhance productivity and collaboration.

## Shamshabad to get new ESI hospital as CM approves land allocation: Vivek

HYDERABAD: Minister for Labour & Employment Dr G Vivek Venakatswamy announced that Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy has favourably acknowledged the proposal for land allocation intended for the establishment of a new ESI hospital in Shamshabad, a development that will significantly benefit numerous workers.

The Minister said the State government is committed to strengthening medical services for workers and is functioning with sincerity in this regard.

During his keynote address at the Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) Foundation Day event held at the Sanathanagar ESI Hospital on Tuesday, the Minister remarked on the progress observed in the districts. Specifically, he noted that the ESI hospital in Chennur, which commenced operations with 50 beds, is now functioning at its full capacity. Additionally, he revealed that, upon becoming aware of the proposed closure of 18 ESIC dispensaries, the issue was addressed within the Cabinet, leading to a resolution to move forward with their construction.

In highlighting a major achievement, the Minister referred to the implementation of organ transplantation surgeries at the ESI Hospital as a noteworthy milestone and expressed gratitude to all organ donors. Dr. Venkatswamy assured that the government would extend comprehensive support aimed at further developing and strengthening ESI services for the benefit of workers throughout the State.

## 'Organised syndicates' committed Tirupati laddu scrlige: Naidu

BY COMPROMISING WITH PRASADAM, THEY HURT SENTIMENTS OF DEVOTEES



BIZZ BUZZ BUREAU AMARAVATI

ANDHRA Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu on Tuesday alleged that during the previous YSRC regime, nearly 60 lakh kg of "adulterated ghee" was used to make over 20 crore consecrated laddus for the Tirupati temple in which "organised syndicates" were involved.

Such syndicates committed "sacrilege" by compromising with the prasadam, thereby hurting the sentiments of devotees, he said.

Participating in a short discussion in the Assembly on the alleged "sacrilege of the holy laddu prasadam of Lord Venkateswara Swamy," in Tirupati, Naidu said there was a conspiracy angle in the adulterated ghee supply issue.

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tors) became a syndicate. All these are proved in the forensic evidence."

"As much as 59.71 lakh kg of ghee supplied to TTD was adulterated. Between 2019 and 2024, over 20 crore laddus were made using adulterated ghee," Naidu said while giving a presentation in the House.

He further said that the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD), the custodian of world famous hill shrine, spent about Rs 234.51 crore to procure the adulterated ghee.

"They (the previous regime) committed sacrilege by adulterating the laddu (sacred sweet) in an organised crime," he alleged.

He also claimed that there were several attacks on temples during YS Jagan Mohan Reddy's rule between 2019 and 2014. He further said he made the comments on the adulterated ghee based on the NDDB report earlier.

## SC no to plea against AP govt's panel reviewing SIT report on laddu row

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NEW DELHI

IN a significant development, the Supreme Court on Monday declined to restrain a one-member committee appointed by the Andhra Pradesh government from reviewing an independent Special Investigation Team's (SIT) report on the Tirumala laddu controversy.

The top court, on October 4, 2024, had set up the five-member independent SIT to probe the allegations of animal fat used in preparing Tirupati laddus to "assuage the feelings of crores of people", while making clear that the court cannot be used as a "political battleground".

On Monday, a bench of Chief Justice Surya Kant and Justice Joymala Bagchi was told by Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Subramanian Swamy that the state government's decision to appoint the one-member committee amounts to setting up a parallel inquiry that would affect the SIT's probe. The plea also assailed statements made by Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu on the row. Rejecting the submissions, the CJJ noted that the SIT probe is already over and the matter is sub-judice as two chargesheets, including a supplementary one, have been



submitted in the court.

"Such an administrative enquiry cannot be called as overlapping with the criminal proceedings which led to the chargesheet and the supplementary chargesheet," the CJJ said. "There is no conflict of interest/overlapping, and the scope of the investigation/enquiry, having been well demarcated, shows that apprehension of the petitioner does not have a solid foundation. Let both processes continue strictly in accordance with the law," the court said.

Swamy argued that the state government's move undermines the authority of the SIT, constituted earlier by the Supreme Court itself to probe irregularities surrounding the laddus distributed by the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD).

During the proceedings, Solicitor General Tushar Me-

hta said the SIT has completed its investigation and filed its final report.

He underlined that according to the Central Bureau of Investigation's (CBI) manual, if administrative lapses not connected to a criminal matter are found during a probe, then those have to be intimated to the state government, and as the SIT has found certain administrative lapses, the Andhra Pradesh government's panel is looking into those.

The panel replaced the state government's SIT, constituted on September 26, 2024, following the politically-sensitive row over the alleged use of animal fat in the laddus.

The controversy erupted after Naidu's claim that animal fat was used in preparing Tirupati laddus during the previous Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy-led regime in the southern state.

## ECI asks Bengal police to identify sensitive pockets at the earliest

480 companies of CAPF will be deployed in the state by March 10

KOLKATA

AMID the crucial Assembly elections in West Bengal scheduled later this year, the Election Commission of India (ECI) has directed the police administration in the state to complete the process of identification of the sensitive pockets in the state at the earliest, and if possible, by the second week of March.

Based on the sensitive pockets identified by the state police, the Commission will do the initial planning for the concentration of the deployment of Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF), depending on the sensitivity of the pockets concerned.

The ECI has already de-

cid to deploy the CAPF in the state even before the announcement of the polling dates and the enforcement of the model code of conduct.

A total of 480 companies of CAPF will be deployed in the state by March 10, out of which 240 companies will be deployed on March 1 and the remaining 240 companies will be deployed on March 10.

At a preparatory meeting with the top police officials in the state on Monday evening, the ECI had clearly instructed that the initial 480 companies to be deployed between March 1 and March 10 can be allowed to sit idle, and instead should be utilised for early area domination.



The deployment of these 480 companies of CAPF should be done in consultation with the central observ-

ers appointed by the ECI in West Bengal.

The central observers have also been asked by the Com-

mission to supervise the process of CAPF deployment and give daily reports to the ECI in the matter, sources in the office of the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO), West Bengal said.

The Commission had already directed the West Bengal government to work out the detailed deployment plan, in consultation with the respective CAPFs and their chief force coordinators. The movement and deployment of CAPFs shall be coordinated by the CRPF, the Commission had clarified.

The first phase of 240 companies that will be deployed on March 1, will include 110 companies of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF),

55 companies of Border Security Force (BSF), 21 companies of Central Industrial Security Force (CISF), 27 companies of Indo-Tibetan Police Force (ITBP), and 27 companies of Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB).

The second phase of 240 companies that will be deployed on March 10, will include 120 companies of CRPF, 65 companies of BSF, 16 companies of CISF, 20 companies of ITBP, and 19 companies of SSB.

De-induction of these 480 companies, that is, the process of removing troops, equipment, or personnel from a specific area, will be intimated in due course of time.

## Cyient Foundation Pitch Fest held



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THE finale of the Cyient Foundation Pitch Fest 2026, organised in partnership with ICT Academy, brought together promising student entrepreneurs from leading engineering institutions across Telangana and Andhra Pradesh to showcase innovative and socially relevant business ideas.

As many forty colleges, 20 each from Andhra Pradesh and Telangana took part in the event held in Hyderabad. The Pitch Fest marked the culmination of a structured entrepreneurship development initiative designed to foster innovation, problem-solving,

and startup thinking among students. The programme witnessed an enthusiastic response, with over 2,000 students from reputed colleges across Telangana and Andhra Pradesh participating in the initiative. As part of the multi-stage evaluation process, 105 entrepreneurial ideas were presented before industry mentors to gain their perspectives and insights to improve the business potential of their concepts. The ideas spanned diverse sectors — from art cafés promoting local artisans and musicians, to innovations in agricultural mechanisation, solar energy efficiency, and technology-enabled applications designed to sustain continuous education.