



RV Karnan, Principal Census Officer and Commissioner, conducts a high-level review meeting at the GHMC head office in Hyderabad on Wednesday

GHMC sets April 10 deadline for census preparations

- Focus on data accuracy
- Blocks to be scientifically defined
- 60 circles covered
- CMMS updates mandatory
- Enumerators to be appointed
- Training from April 18
- Online self-enumeration planned

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IN a bid to streamline upcoming census operations, the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation has set strict deadlines for preparatory work with a clear focus on accuracy and timely execution across all circles. A high-level review meeting was held on April 8 at the GHMC Head Office under the leadership of RV Karnan, Principal Census Officer and Commissioner.

The meeting was attended by Additional Commissioner Chandrakala along with Zonal Commissioners and Charge Census Officers from sixty circles including Cyberabad, Malkajgiri, and the Secunderabad Cantonment Board. Officials were directed to strictly adhere to guidelines in the creation of House Listing Blocks, ensuring they are scientifically defined based on household numbers. Special emphasis was laid on not merging slum areas with non-slum regions to maintain data accuracy.

The Commissioner set April 10, 2026, as the deadline for finalising and freezing these blocks with mandatory updates on the CMMS portal. Officials were also instructed to expedite the appointment of enumerators and supervisors in time for training programmes scheduled from April 18 to May 5 at the circle level. In addition, a self-enumeration process for households will be conducted online from April 26 to May 9, marking a significant step towards digital

TG issues notification for Census 2027

Self enumeration from April 26 to May 10

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THE state government has issued a notification regarding the Census of India 2027 stating that the upcoming census will be conducted digitally.

Residents have the option of self-enumeration from April 26 to May 10. During this time, households may submit their details digitally before field officers begin house visits.

The preliminary phase of the census, that is, data collection from households, will begin in Telangana on May 11 and continue till June 9, according to the notification.

Citizens are legally bound to answer the questions of their local census officers to the best of their knowledge or belief. However, individuals are not required to disclose the names of female household members unless necessary, nor is any woman required to mention the name of a person whom custom forbids her from naming, the notification clarified. Household members cannot restrict

officers from accessing their house for data collection purposes and placing visual markers necessary for the census.

The notification also mentioned violations of the census process that may be punishable by fines and imprisonment. Census officers or authorised personnel who refuse, neglect or fail to perform their duties can face strict action. Individuals face penalties for actions, including intentionally providing false information or refusing to answer a census officer's questions, denying an officer reasonable access to a home, removing, damaging or altering official census markers at their residence, failing to complete the required census forms and trespassing in a census office.

These violations are punishable by a fine of Rs 1,000 and, in case of conviction, the penalty includes imprisonment for up to three years. Separately, whoever abets any offence would be punishable with a fine of up to Rs 1,000, according to the notification.



integration.

The meeting underscored the importance of coordinated efforts and strict adherence to timelines to ensure a smooth and error-free

census process across the GHMC limits. This renewed focus on accountability is intended to modernise the data collection framework within the metropolitan region.

Pitch in as partners in devpt with CSR funds: Revanth to corporates

Govt sets framework to channel CSR funds into priority sectors

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CHIEF Minister A Revanth Reddy emphasised that contributions made towards social development by corporate companies should be considered as a subscription of partners and not merely as expenditure in the development of the state or the well-being of the people.

At a meeting regarding Corporate Social Responsibility funds with representatives of various companies on Wednesday, the Chief Minister stressed that spending under CSR initiatives must yield one hundred per cent positive results.

He explained that the government has accorded top priority to education, healthcare, and water resource conservation. Revanth Reddy suggested that companies choose sectors on their own to utilise these funds.

He noted that students will possess the skills to grab global opportunities if the government and companies spend money combined. He further stated that



Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy speaking at a meeting with representatives of various companies on Corporate Social Responsibility funds in Hyderabad on Wednesday

the government considers expenditure on education as an investment in future generations. He pointed out that 44 per cent of the state student population resides within Hyderabad city alone and asserted that the responsibility of providing them with quality education rests upon all stakeholders. Since companies utilise local infrastructure available in a region, the Chief Minister said management should allocate a significant portion of their CSR funds toward the devel-

opment of that same region.

In view of the lack of a proper mechanism for the utilisation of such funds, the Chief Minister said the government has already appointed a Special Chief Secretary specifically for this purpose. Company representatives were requested to coordinate with the official to utilise their funds for any area of interest, such as education, healthcare, water resources, skill development, preservation of heritage structures, or forest conser-

vation.

The Chief Minister praised Raheja Group, Ramky Group, and Yashoda Foundation for already coming forward with contributions of Rs 50 crore, Rs 50 crore, and Rs 10 crore, respectively, toward the development of the education sector. Other representatives in the meeting told the Chief Minister that no one had ever approached them regarding CSR funds before.

They appreciated Revanth Reddy for taking the

initiative and expressed their readiness to provide funds for school education, healthcare, and the conservation of heritage structures.

Shravan Kumar from the Raheja Foundation, Dakshayani Alla from the Ramky Foundation, Gorukanti Surender Rao and Gorukanti Phalgun Rao from Yashoda Hospitals, Sudha Reddy from Megha, Aparna Reddy and Kamineni Bhaskar Reddy from Apollo Hospitals, Sekhar Reddy from the Indian Green Building Council, and Pagidipati Devayya and Rudramadevi from the NA-ADAM Foundation attended the meeting.

The government intends to provide all necessary support to ensure these corporate initiatives are executed effectively. This collaborative approach aims to bridge the gap between industrial growth and social equity by ensuring that the benefits of Hyderabad's economic success are shared with the most vulnerable sections of the community through improved public services and infrastructure.



Water Board cracks down on illegal motor use

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IN a firm move to ensure equitable water distribution, the Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board has intensified action against consumers illegally attaching motor pumps to water taps. This practice disrupts local supply and affects thousands of residents across the city. Despite extensive efforts to provide drinking water to the Greater Hyderabad region via long-distance pipeline networks, officials have identified growing in-

stances of unauthorised motor usage. This illegal activity leads to reduced pressure, depriving other consumers of their fair share. Taking swift action, vigilance officials have been conducting regular inspections. In a recent operation, seven motor pumps illegally connected to the main pipeline were seized in SRT Colony within SR Nagar.

The action followed complaints from residents, prompting inspections during active supply hours. Officials emphasised that attaching motors directly to water

lines is a punishable offence. Strict penalties are in place to deter violations, including equipment seizure and fines of up to Rs 5,000 for repeat offenders. Legal action will also be initiated where necessary.

The Water Board has urged citizens to cooperate, stressing the importance of fair distribution. Residents facing low pressure are advised to contact local officials or lodge complaints through the customer care number 155313 to ensure grievances are addressed through proper channels.

Man lands in the soup for trolling actress Renu Desai

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THE Cyberabad Cyber Crime Police arrested a man from Guntur for posting offensive and abusive comments on actress Renu Desai's YouTube reel.

The accused was identified as Chennaiah Runjala of Guntur, Andhra Pradesh. According to police, during his free time, Runjala frequently watched reels on YouTube. Recently, the accused watched a reel of actress Renu Desai, after watching the reel, the accused posted an abusive and offensive comment from his YouTube account.

The police said while the accused was present at Guntur, the Cyber-crime Police apprehended him and informed him of the reasons for his arrests and brought him to Cyberabad Cyber Crime Police Station. During verification, the accused produced his mobile phone through which he had posted the said comment.

Recently, actress Renu Desai has issued a strong



warning to social media users indulging in trolling and obscene comments, making it clear that such behaviour will not be tolerated. Renu emphasised that freedom of expression should not be misused to spread vulgarity or hatred.

Cyber Crime police advised the social media users to maintain responsible online behaviour and avoid posting abusive, defamatory, or offensive comments. The police said posting objectionable content on social media platforms can lead to legal action under relevant provisions of law.

Citizens are encouraged to use digital platforms responsibly and report any cyber offences to the nearest Cyber Crime Police Station or through the 1930 Cyber Helpline.

H-FAST CRACKS DOWN ON ILLEGAL CITY SNACK MANUFACTURING UNIT

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A major food safety violation has been uncovered in Mailardevpally, where authorities raided an illegal snack manufacturing facility operating under unhygienic conditions. The H-Fast Team conducted a surprise inspection at the premises following specific intelligence inputs about suspicious food production activities in the area.

The officials raided the unit, which was found to be manufacturing snacks marketed under the brand names 'Karachi Polo' and 'Ring Light'. The inspecting teams discovered that these food products were being prepared in extremely unhygienic conditions that posed serious risks to public health.

During the inspection, the teams observed that the manufacturing unit was operating without proper hygiene standards.

The offices revealed that low-quality and potentially harmful substances were being used in the preparation of these snacks. "The use of such toxic materials has raised major concerns among health officials about the impact on consumers, who may have already purchased these products," said an officer.

The H-Fast Team seized a large quantity of suspected unsafe food products from the manufacturing premises. The seized items are being sent for laboratory testing to determine the exact nature and extent of contamination or adulteration.

The teams are examining production records, raw materials, and finished products to file a case against the operators.

The Mailardevpally Police Station has registered a case and launched an investigation into the matter. Police said that strict action will be taken against those responsible for endangering public health.

Over 1.4K shops in 2BHK colonies set to go under hammer from today

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THE auction of more than 1,400 commercial shops located in double bedroom (2BHK) housing colonies under the 'CURE' initiative will commence from April 9 across districts in and around Hyderabad.

District Collectors of Hyderabad, Ranga Reddy, Medchal-Malkajgiri and Sangareddy have issued notifications for the sale of shops spread across 36 colonies. The first phase will be held on April 9 and 10 in Ranga Reddy district, covering 273 shops in eight colonies.

According to Housing Corporation Managing Director VP Gautham, the shops—ranging from 60 to 400 square feet—are being auctioned on an "as is, where condition is" basis. The upset prices have been fixed at nominal rates, significantly lower than prevailing market prices. Interested bidders can register at the respective RDO offices by 11 am on auction days after submitting the required Earnest Money Deposit (EMD).

Officials stated that the proceeds from the auctions will be used exclusively for the maintenance and development of the respective colonies. Colony Residents' Welfare Associations will be formed under the Cooperative Societies Act to manage the funds through a corpus fund and joint bank accounts.

The government aims to ensure self-sustained maintenance of colonies, covering common amenities such as lighting, lifts, and bore wells, while also promoting local employment and access to essential goods.

Subsequent auctions are scheduled in Hyderabad, Medchal-Malkajgiri and Sangareddy districts between April 15 and April 21.

CMC in tandem with Metro Water Board pitches for STPs, lake revival

- CMC, HMWSSB joint inspection
- Focus on sewage, lake revival
- STP sites reviewed
- SNDP works inspected

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IN a strong push towards sustainable infrastructure and water body conservation, the Cyberabad Municipal Corporation (CMC), in coordination with the Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (HMWSSB), has intensified its focus on sewage treatment and lake rejuvenation projects through a comprehensive joint field inspection.

The Commissioner of Cyberabad Municipal Corporation, along with Managing Director of HMWSSB Ashok Reddy and senior engineering officials, inspected mul-



multiple key locations to review ongoing and proposed infrastructure works. The inspection primarily focused on strengthening sewage management systems and safeguarding water bodies across Cyberabad.

Key proposed Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) sites

at Nekkampur, Chitrapuri, Khajaguda Lake and Mushkin Cheruvu were evaluated for feasibility, planning, and timely execution.

Officials emphasised the importance of ensuring efficient sewage treatment to prevent contamination of nearby lakes and groundwa-

ter sources. The team also reviewed ongoing Strategic Nala Development Programme (SNDP) works at Pandenvaagu in Manikonda.

During the inspection, the Commissioner directed officials to accelerate work execution, adhere strictly to deadlines, and maintain high

quality standards throughout the projects. Further site visits were conducted at Mulkam Cheruvu and Khajaguda lake, where officials took stock of lake conditions and ongoing development efforts.

Special attention was given to addressing leakages at Khajaguda lake, with instructions issued for immediate corrective action. The inspection was attended by Zonal Commissioners, Deputy Commissioners and SNDP officials, highlighting a coordinated, multi-departmental approach.

The Commissioner stressed the need for close monitoring, strong inter-departmental coordination, and continuous field supervision to ensure timely completion and accountability. The initiative reflects Cyberabad's commitment to improving civic infrastructure while prioritising environmental sustainability and long term urban resilience.