

# Expand PNG infra fast, Nadendla to companies

- Civil supplies minister directs PNG firms to speed up infrastructure expansion and public outreach to shift households from LPG to Piped Natural Gas across the state
- Announces large-scale skill training for youth through ITIs and polytechnics, with free accommodation, food and stipends, to meet manpower needs in the growing PNG sector and boost employment
- PNG connections will be mandatory for major temples conducting Annadanam

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FOOD and civil supplies minister Nadendla Manohar directed officials and PNG companies to accelerate efforts to shift people from LPG usage to Piped Natural Gas (PNG) across the state.

He assured that the government machinery would fully support PNG companies in expanding infrastructure and creating public awareness about the benefits of PNG usage.

The minister conducted a special review meeting at the Secretariat here on Friday with representatives of PNG companies and senior officials from various departments. Transport minister B C Janardhan Reddy participated in the meeting through video conference.

Speaking on the occasion, Manohar said the coalition

government is committed to providing alternative gas solutions to the public quickly and efficiently. He stated that the government aims to ensure uninterrupted cooking gas supply to households and urged the five PNG companies operating in the state to be fully prepared for rapid expansion. He noted that people are increasingly turning towards PNG gas in line with changing times and asked companies to strengthen infrastructure and intensify promotional campaigns.

The minister assured that the government is granting approvals for gas expansion works in cities and towns at a faster pace and promised immediate resolution of any issues faced by companies. He also said the government would facilitate land allotment on lease basis for setting up PNG filling stations. Highlighting the need



Civil supplies minister Nadendla Manohar holds a review with officials and representatives of PNG companies at the Secretariat in Amaravati on Friday

for skilled manpower, the Minister said youth should be trained in PNG technical skills through ITIs, polytechnic colleges and other skill institutions.

Under the supervision of AP Skill Development and district collectors, batches of 100 youth from each district would be trained every 15 days with free accommodation, food and stipend support. He said linking trained youth with PNG companies would create employment opportunities while addressing manpower shortages in the sector.

Manohar also stressed the need for extensive awareness campaigns through women self-help groups, SERP and MEPMA net-

works to educate people about the convenience, cost savings and safety benefits of PNG usage. He instructed gas companies to coordinate with women's groups and offer incentives for their participation in expansion activities.

The minister announced that PNG connections would be made mandatory for major temples where Annadanam is conducted. He said the government would resolve pending issues in temples like Kanaka Durga temple and Srikanthasteeswara temple to speed up PNG implementation, following directions from Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu. He also stated that simplified guidelines

would soon be introduced for tenants using PNG connections and availing LPG subsidy benefits.

He said the government is preparing regulations to ensure PNG users also receive the Rs 2,400 Deepam-2 scheme subsidy annually, as directed by the Chief Minister.

Special focus would be given to expanding PNG connections in apartments, group housing complexes and villas in urban areas.

He warned that another review on the performance of PNG companies would be conducted within 15 days and made it clear that visible progress in expansion activities must be achieved by then.

# AP plans gold mining expansion to boost jobs, economy

- Mines minister Ravindra reviews operations at the Jonnagiri gold mine in Kurnool district, where nearly one kilogram of gold is being produced daily using advanced underground mining technology
- Says AP is focusing on expanding mining activity, identifying new gold zones in Ramagiri and speeding up mineral block tenders near Visakhapatnam to drive industrial growth
- Pattikonda MLA Shyam Babu states that the Jonnagiri project has generated jobs for 300-400 local youth, reduced migration from drought-prone villages and strengthened economic activity in the region

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MINISTER for mines and geology and excise Kollu Ravindra on Friday said the state government is focusing on expanding the mining sector to generate employment, increase industrial growth and strengthen the economy.

The minister, accompanied by Pattikonda MLA K E Shyam Babu visited the Jonnagiri gold mine operated by Geo Mysore Services India Private Limited near Jonnagiri village in Tuggali mandal and reviewed mining and mineral processing operations.

During the inspection, the minister examined underground mining activities, ore extraction systems, and gold refining processes being carried out with advanced technology.

He said mining operations are currently being conducted at a depth of nearly 300 metres and may be expanded further in the coming years. According to officials, the mine is producing around one kilogram of gold every



Mines and geology minister Kollu Ravindra visits Jonnagiri gold mine in Kurnool district on Friday

day, while the monthly production has reached nearly 30 kilograms.

Ravindra said geological assessments indicate the presence of nearly 13,000 tonnes of mineral reserves in and around the Jonnagiri belt, making it one of the most significant private gold mining projects in the country.

Highlighting the state government's mining policy, the minister said Andhra Pradesh possesses vast mineral resources with strong industrial potential. He noted that efforts are underway to identify and develop additional gold mining zones in the Ramagiri region of Anantapur district.

He also pointed out that rare earth minerals available along the state's coastline

have immense international demand and said the government is accelerating the tendering process for mineral blocks near Visakhapatnam.

The minister added that value-added industries based on quartz and granite resources are also being promoted to encourage manufacturing activity and create large-scale employment opportunities.

Speaking on the occasion, MLA Shyam Babu said the Jonnagiri gold mine has brought fresh economic activity to the region by providing direct and indirect employment to local youth. He said nearly 300 to 400 people from nearby villages have already secured jobs through the project, reducing seasonal migration in drought-prone areas.

# State welcomes ECLGS 5.0 for MSME relief

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MINISTER for micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) Kondapalli Srinivas welcomed the Centre's launch of the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS) 5.0, describing it as a crucial relief measure for industries affected by the ongoing political and economic instability in West Asia.

The minister said the scheme would help businesses secure additional working capital through government-backed credit guarantees at a time of rising global uncertainty and supply-chain disruptions. He stated that the Central government would provide guarantee coverage on additional loans extended by scheduled banks and financial institutions under the scheme.

Explaining the framework of ECLGS 5.0, the minister said MSMEs would receive 100 per cent credit guarantee coverage in the event of loan default, while non-MSME sectors would be eligible for guarantee protection of up to



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90 per cent.

Eligible businesses can avail additional credit of up to 20 per cent of the highest outstanding working capital utilised during the fourth quarter of the 2025-26 financial year, he said. The scheme allows each eligible borrower to access additional credit support of up to Rs 100 crore.

According to the minister, the facility will apply only to loans sanctioned before March 31, 2027, and disbursed by June 30, 2027. He clarified that only borrowers maintaining regular repayment records with banks and financial institutions would qualify for the scheme. The scheme will be adminis-

tered and monitored by the National Credit Guarantee Trustee Company Limited (NCGTC).

Highlighting Andhra Pradesh's MSME ecosystem, Srinivas said the state currently has nearly 20.77 lakh MSME units, including 4.98 lakh manufacturing enterprises, around 10 lakh service-sector units and 5.74 lakh trading establishments.

The minister urged MSMEs impacted by the West Asia crisis to utilise the scheme to strengthen liquidity and sustain operations. He also thanked the Central Government for introducing ECLGS 5.0 at a critical time for domestic industries.

# Atchanna hits back at Jagan's charges on deaths

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AGRICULTURE minister K Atchannaidu on Friday strongly criticised YSRCP chief Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy for linking family deaths to the TDP and Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu.

Speaking in Amaravati, Atchannaidu said people were well aware of the circumstances surrounding the murder of Jagan's grandfather, Y S Raja Reddy. He alleged that victims of that era had spoken of a "reign of oppression and anarchy" under the rule of the Raja Reddy case had since died, he claimed one accused remained in the YSRCP, exposing the party's "double standards." Rejecting Jagan's claims about former CM Y S Rajasekhara Reddy's helicopter crash, Atchannaidu said Chandrababu's Assembly remarks only referred to faith in Lord Venkateswara and had no link to YSR's death. He accused Jagan of twisting the statement for political gain.

On the murder of Y S Vivekananda Reddy, Atchannaidu alleged the YSRCP initially portrayed it as a heart attack before evidence proved otherwise.

# KTR accuses Revanth, Bandi Sanjay of sheltering POCSO accused

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BRS Working President KT Rama Rao on Friday alleged that a young woman in Telangana suffered injustice due to the collusion between Chief Minister Revanth Reddy and Union Minister Bandi Sanjay.

Speaking sharply against the State Government, KTR accused the Chief Minister of intimidating the victim's family, orchestrating a counter-case against them, and shielding the accused for nine days.

Rao condemned the "reckless remarks" made by the CM on the case, asserting that it was the State Government that subjected the minor girl to severe distress, forcing her to wait at the police station until midnight when she went there with her parents to report the injustice. He questioned how the accused was allowed to remain at large for over a week, alleging it was due to the "close ties" between Bandi Sanjay and Revanth Reddy.

"The accused was finally arrested only after the High

Court refused to grant bail, and after public outrage across Telangana," KTR said. He criticised the CM, who also holds the Home portfolio, for offering excuses like, "The police were, too, busy due to the Prime Minister's visit." KTR questioned whether the Prime Minister's visit justified allowing associates to roam freely while crimes went unchecked. KTR said his party had maintained silence out of sensitivity toward the young girl, avoiding politicisation of the matter. However, he was compelled to speak after the CM levelled criticism against BRS.

He demanded clarity on whether there was any other instance in the country where an accused in a POCSO case was shielded for nine days. Reports suggest the accused was allegedly sheltered in a hospital owned by a close associate of the Chief Minister. KTR called for a thorough government inquiry into the matter.

He challenged both Bandi Sanjay and the CM to reveal who orchestrated the conspiracy to file a counter-

case alleging a "honey trap" against the victim's family. KTR also alleged that the two leaders personally contacted media offices to suppress the publication of reports exposing the case.

Concluding his statement, KTR asserted that whenever injustice is committed against women in Telangana, it is the BRS that steps forward to fight for justice, and accused the ruling government of failing its duty to protect the vulnerable.

# TG govt set to revise land market value from May 28

- Property registrations to follow new rates from month-end
- HILT policy guidelines finalised to boost revenue
- Cabinet panel reviews revised land values
- N Uttam Kumar Reddy orders action against revenue leakages
- Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka pushes departments to mobilise additional revenue
- Officials told to align collections with 2026-27 budget targets.
- Government aims to plug all financial leakages

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THE market value of lands in Telangana is set to increase from May 28. The Stamps and Registration Department has made elaborate arrangements to register properties with the revised market values from the end of this month.

In a bid to generate additional revenue, the government has also finalised guidelines for the HILT policy, and the State Industries Department is expected to

issue a notification soon.

The Cabinet Sub-Committee on Resource Mobilisation held a meeting with officials of the Registration and Industries Departments to review the revised land market values. Irrigation Minister N Uttam Kumar Reddy instructed officials to take strict action against individuals involved in illegal activities that cause financial losses to the state exchequer.

Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka directed officials of all de-



partments to focus on mobilising additional revenue sources to meet the budgetary requirements of the current financial year and accelerate the state's economic growth.

He emphasised that re-

source mobilisation should be aligned with the budget estimates proposed for the 2026-27 financial year. Officials were instructed to completely plug all leakages and fully utilise every available revenue source to

achieve the budget targets. Bhatti further clarified that officials across departments must work towards enhancing revenue strictly in accordance with the pre-determined timeline and implementation calendar.

# ACB raids Medchal deputy collector in DA case

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THE sleuths of Telangana Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) on Friday carried out raids at the house of Medchal-Malkajgiri Deputy Collector Vamsi Mohan in connection with a disproportionate assets (DA) case booked against him.

The Rangareddy district ACB special teams carried out searches at eight places linked to him across Medchal and Ranga Reddy districts to collect more details about the DA assets beyond his known sources of income. Mohan earlier worked as Serilingampally RDO. Following allegations that Mohan amassed disproportionate assets, the ACB booked a case against him. The investigation has also brought attention to allegations linked to government land transactions during Vamsi Mohan's period as Shamirpet and later Serilingampally revenue officer.

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Approx. cost of the works in:- Rs. 5614097.00/-  
Address of the office :- Sr. Div. Elect. Engineer/General, DRM Office, Delhi Division, Northern Railway, State Entry Road, New Delhi, 110055  
Earnest Money :- Rs. 112300.00/-  
Last Date & time of submission of tender :- 15/06/2026, 16.00 Hrs.  
Opening of tender :- 15/06/2026, 16.00 Hrs.  
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3. Earnest Money to be Deposited: Rs. 2,98,000.00/- (Rupees Two Lakh Ninety Eight Thousand Only)  
4. Cost of tender document: Rs. 0.00/-  
5. Date & Time of submission of tender bid and opening of tender: 15.06.2026 @ 15:00 Hrs.  
6. Website particulars where complete details of tender documents can be seen: www.ireps.gov.in  
\* The tenderers must be registered on the Indian Railway E-Procurement system (IREPS) site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in for participating in the e-tender system. \* For all terms and conditions please refer tender document. \* No manual offers are acceptable. \* Cost of tender document and Earnest money will be acceptable through net banking or payment gateway only. No. 128-W/280/e Tender Notice/NIT/22/2026-27/W-3 Dated:-22.05.2026  
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Work Place: Delhi Division (ANVT, DLI, DEE, NDLS, NZM)  
Period of Work: Three (03) Months  
Advertised Value: Rs.47,30,172.60/- (including provision of GST)  
Earnest Money to be deposited: Rs.94,600.00/-, through net banking or gateway only  
Tender Document Cost: Nil  
Date and Time availability of E-Tender Document: From 21.05.2026 to 12.06.2026 at 12:00 hrs  
Date and Time of E-Tender Closing: 12.06.2026 12:00 hrs  
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Place for opening E-Tender: Mechanical Department, Divisional Railway Manager's Office, Northern Railway, State Entry Road, New Delhi-55  
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