



HILTP web portal rolled out

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THE State government launched Hyderabad Industrial Lands Transformation Policy (HILTP) Portal on Saturday. The government operationalised the HILTP Policy by issuing detailed implementation guidelines. IT and Industry D Sridhar Babu formally launched the dedicated online portal for receiving applications from eligible industrial units seeking to avail benefits under the policy. The policy has been formulated to facilitate the relocation of polluting industries situated in 21 Industrial Parks and

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standalone units within the Core Urban Region (CURE) of Hyderabad. As part of the implementation framework, the government, based on the recommendations of the Cabinet Sub-Committee, has approved the payment of an upfront development impact fee (DIF) of 10 per cent and consideration of existing SRO market rates for applicants submitting their applications on or before 30 June 2026.

The newly launched digital portal enables eligible industrial unit holders to

submit, monitor, and track their applications online, reinforcing the government's commitment towards transparent, technology-driven, and citizen-centric governance. A dedicated support and grievance redressal mechanism has been established to assist applicants and departmental officials throughout the application process. Stakeholders may raise queries or report issues through a structured ticketing system.



SCB can collect transfer of property tax from June 1

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IN a significant move aimed at improving revenue flow and speeding up development works, the Secunderabad Cantonment Board (SCB) has been authorised to directly collect transfer of property tax (TPT) through its online portal from June 1, reducing dependence on delayed state government disbursements.

The decision comes in response to prolonged delays in the release of TPT dues by the State government, which officials say have adversely impacted developmental activities within the Cantonment Board limits due to inadequate funds. To address the issue, SCB officials, during a recent board meeting, resolved to directly collect TPT charges from property owners.

Following the proposal, SCB Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Aravind Kumar reportedly



communicated with the Telangana Registration and Stamps department seeking necessary approvals. Subsequently, the Commissioner and Inspector General of the Registration and Stamps Department issued a GO, formally granting permission to implement the new system.

Under the revised process, property owners must pay 5 per cent TPT directly through the SCB portal, while the remaining 6 per cent registration charges on property transactions

will continue to be paid through the Integrated Grievance Redressal System (IGRS) portal. Until now, the government collected a total of 11 per cent taxes and charges on property sale value, including the 5 per cent TPT component allocated to the Cantonment Board. Officials said that the new mechanism is also expected to help recover nearly Rs 73 crore in pending dues owed to the Board. Citizens must generate a fine through the SCB portal and submit the receipt during property registration.

Cong govt won't tolerate attempts to derail devpt, warns Sridhar Babu

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TELANGANA IT and Industries Minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu on Saturday accused leaders of the Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS) of indulging in "blackmail politics" and attempting to obstruct the State government's developmental initiatives, particularly the proposed "Bharat Future City" project.

Addressing a press conference at the CLP Media Hall in Hyderabad, Sridhar Babu said opposition parties should engage in constructive criticism instead of pursuing "destructive politics" that hinder the State's progress.

Says the pink part is resorting to 'blackmail & diversion politics' against the Future City' Project

The Minister alleged that senior BRS leaders, including T Harish Rao and KT Rama Rao, were unable to accept the party's electoral setbacks and were continuing to indulge in "cheap politics, diversion politics and blackmail politics." Referring to Harish Rao's recent remarks during his visit to the United States, Sridhar Babu said the BRS leader was "daydreaming" about returning to power and threatening to cancel



the "Bharat Future City" project if the party came back to office.

"The people removed the BRS from power in the Assembly elections and gave the party zero seats in the Parliament elections. Yet they have failed to learn any lesson," he remarked.

The Minister accused the BRS of earlier trying to obstruct the Musi River rejuvenation project and now conspiring against the Future City initiative. He asserted that the Congress government was moving ahead in line with the aspirations of the people and would not tolerate attempts to derail development.

16 die due to heatwave in State

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AS many as 16 people died due to heatwave conditions prevailing in the State during the current summer, informed Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy here on Saturday

The Minister who held a meeting with officials on the situation arising out of the heatwave, said the 16 deaths took place in seven districts of the State. Quoting reports received from district Collectors, he said four persons died in Jayashankar Bhupalpally district, followed by three each in Warangal Urban, Karimnagar and Nizamabad and one each in Jogulamba Gadwal, Ranga Reddy and Suryapet.

The government would provide an ex-gratia of Rs four lakh each to the kin of the deceased persons, he said, according to an official



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release. The revenue minister directed officials to identify villages recording very high temperatures and send alerts about the heat through media, social media and other means to those villages. He said drinking water, butter milk, ORS packets should be made available at bus stations, markets, major roads and places where workers work in large numbers. Steps should be taken to prevent loss of life due to the heat, he said.

The minister urged that senior citizens, pregnant

women, children and unhealthy people should not venture out of their homes between 11 am and 4 pm. He instructed district Collectors to specially monitor heatwave conditions and government employees from mandal to village level should be on the field as part of heat-relief measures. Along with human life, the administration should arrange drinking water for animals and birds in the villages, he said. Citing reports from the Met department, Reddy said Karimnagar, Peddapally, Bhupalpally, Mulugu, Khammam, Nalgonda, Suryapet, Mahabubnagar, Hyderabad and Ranga Reddy district would witness severe heat conditions till May 26. He urged the district Collectors to take measures to provide relief to the people.

Let's ensure a Cong victory to make Rahul Gandhi as PM: Jagga Reddy

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TELANGANA Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) working president T Jagga Reddy on Saturday made a strong pitch for the Congress party's return to power at the national level, stating that the party must secure a decisive majority in the next Lok Sabha elections to see Rahul Gandhi as the Prime Minister of India.

Addressing the media at Gandhi Bhavan, Jagga Reddy said the Congress should aim to win more than 300 of the 543 parliamentary seats, and, if delimitation expands the number of constituencies, should target over 500 of the projected 850 seats.

Referring to a "Cockroach Janata Party" in his remarks, he urged the online group to use social media platforms to highlight what he described as the contrast between development during the Congress era and the present Modi government.

He said the intent behind the so-called "Cockroach movement" remained unclear and suggested that Rahul Gandhi should extend support to it, adding that clarity on the issue should come from the party's top

- We must ensure Cong wins over 300 of 543 Lok Sabha seats in next polls
- Rahul Gandhi's slogan, "Samvidhan Bachao" is of pivotal importance
- Indira Gandhi nationalised the banks, benefiting common people
- Rajiv Gandhi sowed seeds of IT revolution, lowered voting age to 18
- Cockroach Janata Party should highlight achievements of Cong era
- It should expose failures of Modi govt in last 12 years, says TPCC working president T Jagga Reddy



leadership.

Jagga Reddy described Rahul Gandhi's "Samvidhan Bachao" (Save the Constitution) campaign as "critical," saying the Constitution drafted by Dr BR Ambedkar acts as a protective framework for citizens, similar to the "Kavacha Kundalas" of Karna in the Mahabharata.

He said protecting constitutional values was central to the Congress party's ideology and to Rahul Gandhi's political message. The TPCC leader credited earlier Congress governments with shaping India's modern development. He said Indira Gandhi nationalised banks to expand financial access, while Rajiv Gandhi laid the foundation for the

Information Technology revolution and lowered the voting age to 18.

He also cited welfare initiatives under the Congress-led UPA government headed by Dr Manmohan Singh and Congress president Sonia Gandhi, including the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), which he said ensured employment security for rural households.

Jagga Reddy accused the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) of misusing institutions and questioned the fairness of democratic processes, referring to the Election Commission while alleging erosion of electoral integrity.

He also accused the BJP

of using religion in politics and failing to fulfill major promises, including large-scale job creation.

Jagga Reddy further cited rising national debt levels, claiming that public debt had increased significantly since 2014 and arguing that governance standards had declined under the present government.

Calling for strong electoral support for Congress, Jagga Reddy said a decisive mandate would help address issues such as Special Category Status and key infrastructure projects like Polavaram to Andhra Pradesh. He urged voters to exercise their franchise carefully and support what he described as constitutional and inclusive governance.

Jagga Reddy said he personally participates in religious traditions such as 'Sita Rama Kalyanam' but does not seek votes in the name of religion. He accused political opponents of misusing religious symbolism for electoral gain.

Reiterating his position, he said Rahul Gandhi should lead the country as Prime Minister and described the Congress party as a collective movement rather than a leader-centric organization.

He added that the outcome of the next general elections would determine whether India continues on its current path or returns to what he called constitutional governance under the Congress party.

Kishan hands over appointment letters to over 220 candidates

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- Since October 2022, over 12.5 lakh youth have been recruited into central government and PSU roles.

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UNION Minister Kishan Reddy described the initiative of providing employment to the youth as a "national mission" born out of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision to empower youth and strengthen India's workforce.

Addressing the 19th Rozgar Mela as the chief guest on Saturday, he congratulated young job seekers, and handed over 220 candidates' appointment letters for central government positions. The Minister noted that



the Rozgar Mela, launched on October 22, 2022, on the occasion of Diwali, has already transformed the lives of over 12 lakh young people across the country. With the latest round, the figure has crossed 12.5 lakh appointments in ministries and public sector undertakings. "Today, in 47 locations across India, 51,000 youths are receiving appointment letters. This is not just recruitment — it is empowerment," he said.

Reddy emphasised that the government's focus is

not limited to public sector jobs. Massive investments in infrastructure — highways, airports, railways, ports, housing, metro projects, renewable energy, and industrial corridors — are creating millions of private-sector opportunities. He pointed out that annual capital expenditure of Rs 12 lakh crore is driving rapid growth and generating employment at scale. "For every lakh crore invested, 14-15 lakh jobs are created directly and indirectly," he explained. Highlighting

the changing aspirations of India's youth, the Minister said that young people are increasingly embracing modern technologies alongside traditional courses.

Kishan Reddy urged the newly recruited employees to see themselves as partners in building Viksit Bharat 2047. "You are not just joining government service; you are becoming part of India's growth story. Work with honesty, creativity, and the spirit of Nation First, Family Next," he told the recruits.

Water Board MD inspects tanker filling stations

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AMID rising water demand and concerns over uninterrupted supply during the summer season, Water Board Managing Director Ashok Reddy conducted a surprise inspection of the Tattikhana and Jubilee Hills tanker filling stations on Saturday, directing officials to ensure timely delivery and strict monitoring of tanker operations.

During the inspection, the MD reviewed the water tanker supply system in the respective command areas and undertook a detailed assessment of the tanker delivery mechanism. He closely examined the functioning of the filling stations and interacted with officials regarding the efficiency of tanker services being provided to consumers.

Ashok Reddy particularly focused on the timely distribution of tankers, operational standards, and whether supply systems were functioning in accordance with prescribed norms.