

## AP team studies S'pore's urban models for Amaravati development

Study to draw upon global experience, advanced planning systems, sustainable infra models and strong institutional partnerships

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IN line with the vision of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu to position Andhra Pradesh as a model State for planned urbanisation, sustainable infrastructure and globally benchmarked city development, a high-level delegation of the Municipal Administration & Urban Development (MA&UD) Department visited Singapore to study international best practices in urban planning, innovation-led development and scientific solid waste management.

The visit was undertaken as per the directions of the Chief Minister, who has emphasised that the development of Amaravati and other major urban centres in Andhra Pradesh must draw upon global experience, advanced planning systems, sustainable infrastructure models and strong institutional partnerships. The delegation comprised Minister for MA&UD P. Narayana, Principal Secretary



to Government, MA&UD S. Suresh Kumar and Praveen Chand, Additional Commissioner, APCRDA.

The delegation held a series of focused engagements with leading Singapore-based institutions, including NUS Cities of the National University of Singapore, Surbana Jurong Innovation Hub in the Jurong Innovation District, and the Tuas South Incineration Plant operated under Singapore's integrated waste management framework.

The visit was aimed at studying practical models that can support Andhra Pradesh's ongoing urban transformation, particularly in the con-

text of Amaravati capital city development, regional urban planning, sustainable infrastructure, municipal service delivery and waste-to-energy initiatives. At NUS Cities, the delegation explored possibilities for a knowledge partnership in the areas of urban planning, urban design, urban systems, climate resilience, governance, capacity building and data-driven city management. NUS Cities, as a platform of the National University of Singapore, brings together expertise across urban planning, architecture, engineering, climate science, data science, economics and governance.

# Andhra unveils beach shack liquor policy to boost tourism

Pilot project to begin with two beach shacks each at Vizag, Suryalanka

SANTOSH PATNAIK AMARAVATI

IN significant development in giving a fillip to coastal tourism, Andhra Pradesh Government on Wednesday unveiled the guidelines to allow sale of alcohol containing low percentage at designated beach shacks.

In the order issued on Wednesday by Principal Secretary Mukesh Kumar Meena said after several consultations, they issued the guidelines for issuing bar licences to sell liquor at the beach shacks keeping in view Andhra Pradesh Excise (Grant of Licence of Selling by Bar and Conditions of Licence) Rules 2025.

According to the GO, eligible are - star hotels, tourism resorts and the Tourism Department registered establishments located along the beach having a private beach land parcel of their own or beach land parcel al-

### SHACK REQUISITES

- Should have land parcel attached to resort/Hotel
- Premises need to be of minimum of 1,000 Sq. feet
- Premises must have deck beds, umbrellas and fencing
- Applicant has to pay a non-refundable fee of ₹2,00,000



lotted by APTDC/DTC or any other competent authority for beach shack purposes. The premises need to have a plinth area with a minimum of 1,000 Sq. feet and a maximum of 1,500 Sq. feet, separate toilets and wash facilities for ladies and gents, a kitchen licensed by the local authority with full meal service capability, adequate parking, deck beds, umbrellas and fencing. The premises must have deck beds, umbrel-

las and fencing: Deck beds and umbrellas are permitted within the licensed premises for consumption of permitted alcoholic beverages.

Initially two shacks each will be permitted at Suryalanka beach near Bapatla and somewhere in Visakhapatnam on a pilot basis having due regard to the requirement, public order, safety and other factors as the government thinks fit. Beach shack bar licence will

be valid for a tenure of three years (from

01-09-2026 to 31-08-2029), aligning with the tenure applicable to existing bar licences under the policy framework. Renewal may be subject to compliance review and payment of applicable fees at escalated rates.

The applicant has to pay a non-refundable application fee of Rs2,00,000 towards prior clearance and upon grant of prior clearance, he

has to pay Rs10,000 towards application fee for grant of licence. The Annual Retail Excise Tax (RET) shall be Rs7,50,000 for the first year, subject to an annual escalation of 10 per cent during the licence period.

Permitted alcoholic beverages service will be allowed from 10 am to 8 pm while the food service may continue beyond the alcohol service hours, subject to approvals from the Tourism Department or the local body or any other competent authority. Only low-alcoholic beverages such as beer (including mild beer & craft beer), wine (all varieties including sparkling wine) and Ready-to-Drink (RTD) beverages will be permitted for sale.

The government reviewed the excise policies implemented during the period 2019-24 and prepared the way forward regarding the new approach to be pursued for the ensuing excise years.

### IN BRIEF

#### Police conduct yoga event in Vijayawada



VIJAYAWADA: Dr CM Trivikram Varma, Director General of the State Special Protection Force (SPF), on Wednesday stated that practising yoga fosters physical fitness, mental peace, and a healthy lifestyle. He was speaking at a Yogandhra program organised by the State SPF police wing at the Dr Narla Tatarao Thermal Power Station (Dr. NTTPS) at Ibrahimpatnam here in connection with the 12th International Yoga Day on June 21. The SPF Director General noted that yoga is highly beneficial for relieving the mental and physical stress that police personnel encounter in their daily lives. He urged everyone, especially police personnel to incorporate yoga into their daily routines. Varma remarked that practising yoga not only raises health awareness but also contributes to achieving the goal of a "Fit Andhra Pradesh."

#### PK meets teen fan with rare genetic disorder

HYDERABAD: Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan on Wednesday met a teenage fan in Telangana who has a rare genetic disorder. Kalyan visited Niranjan (17) at his residence in Hanumakonda, near Warangal. The teenager, whose growth has been stunted by the disorder, is confined to bed. Moved by Niranjan's condition, Kalyan hugged him. Kalyan, president of Jana Sena, came to know about Niranjan's wish to meet him after being informed by party leaders in Telangana. He enquired about Niranjan's health with his parents, extended financial assistance of Rs 1 lakh and handed over 'kalyanam akshatalu' (sacred rice grains) of the Tirupati Venkateswara temple to the family, a press release said. Kalyan also watched videos of Niranjan dancing to his songs, filmed when the teenager was in good health. He promised to get Niranjan a puppy—something the boy had wished for—and help his parents set up a food stall. After leaving Niranjan's residence, Kalyan offered prayers at the Bhadrakali temple in Warangal.

#### Ai-CHA opens store in Vizag

VISAKHAPATNAM: Ai-CHA, the globally expanding tea and premium ice cream brand from Indonesia, announced the launch of its store in MVP Colony, Visakhapatnam, bringing its globally loved range of fruit teas, boba beverages, premium ice creams and desserts to the city. With a presence across 40 countries and more than 2,500 stores worldwide, Ai-CHA continues its international growth journey by introducing consumers in Visakhapatnam to its unique blend of innovative flavours, extensive customisation and affordable indulgence.

## Fisherfolk set out for a bumper shrimp catch as annual ban ends

The 61-day annual conservation period was enforced to allow catch to grow

SANTOSH PATNAIK VISAKHAPATNAM

THE new fishing season in Andhra coast has commenced amid hopes of high yield notwithstanding dust-monsoon showers, severe shortage of ice and increase in operational cost.

After tying their vessels at various fishing harbours and jetties, as the new season began, fisherfolk are raring to go hoping for a bumper harvest.

The 61-day annual conservation period, known as annual ban on the East Coast by the Government of India in association with the State authorities, was enforced to allow the catch to grow during the conservation period that ended at midnight of June 14. Due to Amavasya, the fisherfolk as a matter of their tra-



Boats preparing to venture into sea after the end of the annual conservation period at fishermen village of Pudimadaka in Anakapalle district

dition offered prayers to the Goddess Gangamma, mostly by women, by pouring milk and turmeric water into the

Bay of Bengal to seek blessings of the Goddess of Sea for the safe voyage of the fishermen on Tuesday.

Unlike previous years, heavy increase in diesel cost following West Asia conflict, labour charges and annual overhauling of boats, the operational cost has gone up manifold, Arjili Dasu, general secretary, Federation of Indian Fisher Organisation (FIFO), told Bizz Buzz on Wednesday.

Andhra Pradesh has around 2300 mechanised boats and 51,000 fiber boats mostly operated from Visakhapatnam, Pudimadaka, Bhavanapadu, Kakinada, Kalingapatnam and Machilipatnam. Due to severe shortage of ice, during the first two days of the new season, about 70 per cent of the boats have

ventured into the sea. Fiber boats are equipped with 10 to 100 hp motors. While the fiber boats go on short voyages of two to five days, the mechanised boats go up to Gopalpur and Paradeep in Odisha with the hope of catching a large quantity of export-quality shrimp. The fiber boats mostly bank on brown shrimp, tuna skipjack and miscellaneous fish, Pomfret and konam, which have high demand in both domestic and international markets, are facing dwindling numbers.

The price of ice has gone up from Rs.120 to at least Rs.150 per can consisting of 50 to 70 kg. This is mainly due to increase in power tariff unless for the aquaculture farmers, for whom the tariff has been reduced to Rs.1.50 per unit from June 5.

## EC enables online submission of enumeration forms in AP

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ANDHRA Pradesh CEO Vivek Yadav said that the ECI has enabled the facility to fill and submit enumeration forms online as part of the SIR.

The ECI kicked off the enumeration period of the Special Intensive Revision of the electoral roll in the southern state on June 15, which will continue for a month until July 14. "ECI has enabled the facility for filling and submission of enumeration form online. Filing this form online allows to match elector record with the historical base roll without waiting for a Booth Level Officer (BLO) home visit," Yadav said in an official release. Before availing online submission of EF via eSign, Yadav said an elector must meet the prerequisites of mobile linkage and name matching.

Under mobile linkage, he said an elector's mobile num-

ber must be linked to his Electoral Photo Identity Card (EPIC or voter ID card).

Likewise, he said the spelling of the elector's name on EPIC must match exactly with his Aadhaar card. If there is a mismatch, the digital eSign will fail, and the elector will need to submit a physical form through his/her BLO. Yadav added. Merely two years after the general elections in the southern state, which witnessed the simultaneous Parliamentary and Assembly polls, the ECI is undertaking the SIR with July 1, 2026 as the qualifying date.

The exercise will cover nearly 4.16 crore electors across 28 districts and 175 Assembly Constituencies (ACs) in Andhra Pradesh.

## Public school in every assembly segment for quality education: Revanth

Says strengthening government schools based on the recommendations of the Education Commission. A total of 1,814 students have already enrolled in TPS

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CHIEF Minister A Revanth Reddy affirmed that the State government will establish Telangana Public Schools (TPS) in every Assembly constituency to provide quality education and also train the students in sports to produce India's talented sports persons in the future. Addressing a public meeting after inaugurating Telangana Public School at Arutla in Rangareddy district on Wednesday, the Chief minister asserted that the Telan-



gana's future does not lie in glass embellished palaces or colorful walls and the government firmly believes that the future of students lies within the classrooms.

"The Arutla public school is dedicated to all students of government schools across Telangana. The same spirit will be carried out to benefit 27 lakh students studying

in the government schools across the state," he said.

"We are strengthening government schools based on the recommendations of the Education Commission. A total of 1,814 students have already enrolled in the Arutla Telangana Public School. It is proud that the 'No Admission' board has to be put up at a government school in view of huge competition for admission," he said. Revanth Reddy commended the Arutla school teachers for competing with corporate educational institutions.

## Tesla drives into Hyderabad with first Telangana experience centre

Centre at HITEC City showcases Model Y variants; deliveries to begin in July

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AMERICAN electric vehicle manufacturer Tesla has entered the Hyderabad market with the launch of its first Experience Centre in Telangana.

Located at Knowledge City in HITEC City, the facility showcases the Model Y Rear-Wheel Drive and Model Y Long Range variants, which are now available for booking through Tesla's official website. The company has also started delivery and after-sales services from its facility at Bollaram Industrial Area.

Customers who place orders before June 30, 2026, will receive a complimentary Wall Connector.

With the Hyderabad launch, Tesla now operates Experience Centres in Bengaluru, Mumbai, Delhi, Gurugram. These centres offer customers hands-on access to Tesla vehicles, product demonstrations and test-drive opportunities. Test drives for the Model Y can be sched-

uled through the Experience Centre or Tesla's customer support. The 2026 Model Y Premium Rear-Wheel Drive offers seating for up to five passengers, 2,138 litres of storage space and power-folding seats. Powered by ultra-responsive motors, it accelerates from 0 to 100 km/h in 5.9 seconds and delivers a WLTP-certified range of up to 500 km. Deliveries are expected to begin in July 2026.

Tesla also showcased the Model Y Long Range All-Wheel Drive SUV, designed as a family vehicle with a three-row, six-seat configuration.

# AP to launch 24 power projects worth ₹3,507 cr by Dec

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THE Andhra Pradesh government has directed officials to complete and commission 24 power transmission projects worth Rs 3,507 crore between June and December 2026 to strengthen the state's electricity network.

Special Chief Secretary (Energy) K Vijayanand reviewed the progress of various transmission projects being executed by Andhra Pradesh Transmission Corporation (APTRANSCO) across the state and instruct-

ed officials to ensure timely completion of the works.

"A total of 24 transmission projects worth Rs 3,507 crore are slated for completion and commissioning between June and December 2026 as part of efforts to augment the state's electricity infrastructure," Vijayanand in an official release.

The Special Chief Secretary said APTRANSCO and the state government were committed to ensuring quality, reliable and uninterrupted power supply to agriculture, industries, commercial establishments and domestic



consumers. He emphasised the need to expedite the implementation of 400 kV, 220

kV and 132 kV transmission projects to meet the growing power demand and strength-

en the state's transmission infrastructure. During the review, Vijayanand noted that APTRANSCO has already commissioned three 400 kV substations, eight 220 kV substations and 21 substations of 132 kV capacity, adding 1,465 MVA transformation capacity and 571 circuit kilometres (CKM) of transmission lines to the state grid.

According to the top official, 68 transmission projects with an estimated investment of Rs 5,279 crore are currently under various stages of execution across

Andhra Pradesh. Upon completion, these projects will add 15,224.5 MVA transformation capacity and 1,828 CKM of transmission lines, substantially enhancing the state's transmission network.

Vijayanand directed officials to closely monitor the progress of these projects and ensure completion within the scheduled timelines while maintaining quality standards. Tenders have already been floated for 29 new transmission projects, which are expected to add 4,520 MVA transformation capacity and

700 CKM of transmission lines, the release said.

In addition, 72 transmission projects are currently under planning and APTRANSCO intends to float tenders for them within the next three months. These projects are aimed at strengthening the state's transmission network and ensuring efficient evacuation of power from generating stations to load centres.

Reviewing the inauguration plan for 24 completed transmission projects, Vijayanand said the facilities,

comprising 400 kV, 220 kV and 132 kV substations along with associated transmission systems, would be inaugurated in a phased manner over the next six months.

Major projects lined up for inauguration include the Rs875-crore 400/220 kV GIS substation at Atchutapuram in Visakhapatnam district, the Rs 560-crore 400/220 kV substation at Gudivada in Krishna district and the Rs 380-crore 400/132 kV substation at Ainavilli in BR Ambedkar Konaseema district.