



DGP CV Anand and HYDRAA Commissioner AV Ranganath conduct extensive inspections of flood-prone areas in Hyderabad on Wednesday

Admin ratchets up efforts to deal with monsoon challenges in Hyd

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THE onset of the monsoon and the recent spell of rains last week that exposed Hyderabad's persistent urban flooding problems, inundating several roads in various areas, appear to have finally forced Telangana state authorities to step onto the ground and review the city's preparedness for the monsoon season.

On the second consecutive day, a high-level team of senior officials led by Government Advisor Sudarshan Reddy and Telangana DGP CV Anand conducted extensive inspections of flood-prone areas across the city, assessing drainage bottlenecks, ongoing mitigation measures and pending infrastructure works aimed at preventing a repeat of last year's flood-related disruptions.

After visiting the various flood-prone areas in Cyberabad limits on Tuesday, the team conducted an extensive inspection of flood-prone areas within the Malkajgiri and other vulnerable locations across the city on Wednesday.

The inspection team included HYDRAA Commissioner AV Ranganath, Water Board MD Ashok Reddy, MMC Commissioner Vinay Krishna Reddy, Malkajgiri Police Commissioner B Sumati, along with officials from the HYDRAA, municipal administration, irrigation and police departments.

The officials reviewed flood-prone locations that witnessed severe waterlogging during previous monsoons.

The team assessed the causes of flooding, inspected drainage infrastructure, and

Senior officials led by Sudarshan Reddy and DGP CV Anand inspect vulnerable zones after recent flooding

discussed immediate as well as long-term solutions to safeguard residents during the rainy season.

On Wednesday, the inspection began at Prakashnagar Metro Station and surrounding areas, which have historically experienced significant waterlogging during heavy rainfall.

Ranganath informed the team that major desilting operations in the underground drainage network last year have considerably improved the area's flood resilience.

He noted that the construction of a floodwater retention pond with a storage capacity of 40 lakh litres has helped regulate the large volume of runoff flowing from the Begumpet Airport catchment area.

Ranganath further stated that lowering the water level in Hussain Sagar would substantially ease flooding in the Prakashnagar region and adjoining localities.

They later visited Uppal Cross Roads, where they inspected a floodwater sump with a storage capacity of five lakh litres established to manage stormwater accumulation. At LB Nagar, the team reviewed the condition of flood canals carrying stormwater towards Bairamalgudacheruvu.

Officials observed that the flooding issue in the area could be effectively addressed by constructing a 900-mm flood canal along the main road connecting Chandrapuri Colony and Gunturi Jangaiah Colony.

The inspection team also

visited Vanasthalipuram, where they examined flood canal and drainage infrastructure associated with ongoing national highway development works near KLM Fashion Mall.

They inspected underground pipelines laid last year through tunnel-like excavations beneath the Vijayawada Highway. They observed that an additional 1,000-mm pipeline is required to channel large volumes of floodwater originating from FCI Colony, Prasanth Nagar, Abhyudaya Nagar, and Chintalakuntavillage towards the larger Mansoorabadcheruvu.

According to officials, the area faced severe flooding during last year's monsoon. While the installation of a 1.10-metre pipeline has already reduced the problem considerably, the proposed additional line is expected to provide a permanent solution by improving stormwater discharge across the national highway corridor.

Government Advisor Sudarshan Reddy directed departments concerned to expedite the proposed works and ensure timely completion before peak monsoon activity.

The DGP directed all departments to remain on high alert throughout the monsoon season and respond swiftly to emergencies; preventing urban flooding and ensuring public safety require sustained coordination among the Police, Municipalities, HYDRAA, Irrigation and other civic agencies.

Viksit Bharat Gram Act to transform Telangana villages into growth engines

GRASSROOTS DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT AND COMPREHENSIVE CIVIC WELFARE UTILITIES DRIVE MAJOR TRANSFORMATION ACROSS REGIONAL AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITIES

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TELANGANA is set to witness a rural renaissance under the Viksit Bharat Gram Act. Moving away from traditional vulnerabilities, the modern Telangana village will stand as a self-sustaining economic powerhouse. Under the act, modern grain silos and state-of-the-art Rural Skill Development Centres sit harmoniously alongside flourishing agricultural fields, proving that technological advancement and environmental sustainability can coexist seamlessly. Under inclusive governance and participatory democracy, officials said that empowerment of the community where women, elders, and youth actively engage with local administration will be given priority. Rather than a top-down ad-



ministrative mandate, the implementation remains an evolving, democratic dialogue.

The government's decision to accept public suggestions up to June 21, 2026, ensures that the grassroots population remains the primary architects of their own

development. Interactive digital information systems installed at village squares symbolise transparency, bringing real-time policy updates, agricultural schemes, and skill-training schedules directly to citizens. The physical transformation is anchored by a meticulously

planned network of public utilities that directly elevate the human development index of the region. Gram Panchayat buildings are topped with solar panels, demonstrating a commitment to clean energy and ensuring uninterrupted administrative workflows.

As part of preventative healthcare, upgraded Primary Health Centres bring modern medical diagnostics to the doorstep of rural families, reducing out-of-pocket healthcare expenses. Newly installed, community-managed water purification plants stand prominently, safeguarding public health and eliminating waterborne diseases.

The fields are alive with modern tractors and mechanised agricultural tools, shifting the farming paradigm from subsistence to highly profitable entrepreneurship. For researchers and policymakers, this model offers a vital case study in positive rural disruption, proving that robust digital infrastructure combined with public feedback pathways allows rural communities to transition rapidly into centers of regional innovation.

Govt plans four new CMS outlets to improve healthcare delivery

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HEALTH Minister C Damodar Raja Narasimha on Wednesday said that the government would set up four additional Central Medicines Stores (CMS) in addition to existing two stores in the CURE area to strengthen the medicine supply system.

The Minister on Wednesday had a high-level review meeting at the Rajiv Aarogyasri Health Care Trust conference hall in Hyderabad regarding the functioning of Central Medicine Stores (CMS) managed by the Telangana State Medical Services and Infrastructure Development Corporation (TGSIDC).

During the meeting, the Minister directed TGSIDC officials to prepare proposals for the construction of 15 permanent buildings for CMS centres. He wanted the officials to formulate guidelines ensuring transparency in the procurement of medicines, surgical items, reagents, and equipment.

To further enhance transparency in the tendering process, the Minister ordered



Health Minister C Damodar Raja Narasimha conducts a review meeting on medicine procurement and storage systems at the Rajiv Aarogyasri Health Care Trust conference hall in Hyderabad on Wednesday

the formation of three additional committees, bringing the total number of committees to five. The Minister directed the organisation's MD, Gaurav Uppal, to immediately transfer officials, who have been working in the organisation for a long time. He ordered the immediate appointment of nodal officers to regularly monitor the procurement of medicines, equipment, and civil works undertaken by TGSIDC for the Directorate of Medical Education (DME) and Telangana Vaidya Vidhana Parishad (TVVP) hospitals. Minister instructed of-

officials to conduct a mandatory monthly review of medicines, equipment, surgical items, and reagents procured through tenders by TGSIDC. The Minister directed officials to prepare and maintain a standard equipment list for hospitals at all levels, including Primary Health Centres, Community Health Centres, Area Hospitals, and District Hospitals. Raja Narasimha stated that this measure would ensure uniformity across hospitals at all levels.

During the review, he affirmed the government's support for hemophilia patients and directed officials to pro-

vide the necessary monthly medication to them free of cost.

The Minister clarified that these medicines should be made available to patients through Government General Hospitals (GGH). Corporation officials informed the Minister that emicizumab, a medication used for hemophilia-A patients, was currently available at Osmania, Gandhi, and Niloufer hospitals. Minister directed officials to take measures to ensure the drug is also made available at the Government General Hospitals in Khammam and Warangal.

Cong PR wing set to resort to Gandhigiri protest on June 20

HYDERABAD: The Rajiv Gandhi Panchayat Raj Sangathan, Telangana, has announced a 'Satyagrah' protest at Gandhi Bhavan on June 20 to condemn the rejection of the Rajya Sabha nomination of Telangana Congress In-charge Meenakshi Natarajan.

According to a statement issued by Rachamalla Sideshwar on Wednesday, the protest is being organised against what the Congress terms the Election Commission's decision to reject Natarajan's nomination. The organisers appealed to party leaders, workers and supporters to participate in large numbers and make the protest a success.

The Satyagraha, aimed at upholding democratic values and expressing solidarity with the party's stand on the issue, will be held at Gandhi Bhavan in Hyderabad from 10 am to 3 pm on June 20.

Congress leaders are expected to attend the programme and voice their concerns over the developments surrounding the Rajya Sabha nomination. The organisers called upon party cadres from across the state to join the protest and demonstrate their commitment to democratic principles.

HEAPS OF TRASH TROUBLE COMMUTERS



LBS Nagar-Fatehnagar



Fatehnagar



Balanagar



Balanagar

Overflowing garbage bins and heaps of waste spill onto a busy roadside near Balanagar in Hyderabad, raising sanitation concerns and health hazards to commuters

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Revanth will go Hitler way, says Harish Rao

BRS Deputy Leader alleged widespread corruption in student fee reimbursements and welfare distribution systems

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BRS Deputy Leader T Harish Rao on Wednesday said that Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, who claims Hitler as his inspiration, would meet the same fate as Hitler. Rao made these comments while participating as the chief guest at the BRS Membership Enrollment and SIR Awareness Meeting held in Husnabad, Siddipet. Harish Rao recalled the contribution of senior leader Captain Lakshmi Kanth Rao, who stood alongside KCR during the Telangana movement and was arrested at Alugunur crossroads while participating in the struggle. Harish Rao said Husnabad had always enjoyed a special place in KCR's heart and has historically been the launchpad for many important political campaigns.

He noted that the region played a crucial role in the early growth of the party and later benefited from several developmental initiatives under the BRS government,



including the establishment of the Husnabad Revenue Division, SP and DSP offices, Electricity DE office, a full-fledged RTC depot, the Gouravelli Project, and the development of Gandhi Mahasamudram tank. Referring to the Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls, Harish Rao urged party workers to remain vigilant and ensure that genuine voters are not excluded from the electoral process. Harish Rao stated that while BRS leaders resigned from their positions and made genuine sacrifices for Telangana statehood, Revanth Reddy only indulged in political drama. He alleged that when the

movement demanded resignations, BRS legislators submitted originals, whereas Revanth Reddy resorted to theatrics by submitting photocopies. Rao further alleged that while fee reimbursement payments for poor students were being delayed, contractors continued to receive payments because commissions were involved, calling it commission mode governance.

Responding to remarks allegedly made by the Chief Minister about his height, Harish Rao said personal attacks would not divert attention from pending farmer assistance, crop bonuses, and unfulfilled promises.