

# Idle-lying Rushikonda palatial structure to become a luxury resort

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A view of the Rushikonda palace in Visakhapatnam



Subcommittee members visiting Rushikonda palace in Visakhapatnam

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AFTER two years of devising serious plans to convert the opulent sea-facing 'Rushikonda palace', built during the previous government's tenure, into a viable venture, the state cabinet subcommittee has finally proposed transforming the lavish structure into a luxury resort of international standards.

The luxury resort, to be developed under the public-private-partnership (PPP) model, aims at

ensuring productive utilisation of the asset built splurging public funds to the tune of Rs.500 crore and generating revenue.

With maintenance costs amounting to crores, the palatial structure became a white elephant for the Chandrababu Naidu-led government even if it remained idle and it took quite a while to figure out workable income-generating alternative.

After visiting the building multiple times, the state cabinet subcommittee, comprising Finance Minister Payyavula Keshav, Tourism Minister Kandula Durgesh and Visakhapatnam district in-charge Minister Dola Sree Bala Veeranjanya Swamy, opined that allowing the palatial complex to

remain idle would increase maintenance costs.

Hence it recommended allocating the property to the hospitality sector so it could contribute to economic growth and the tourism sector.

Keeping Visakhapatnam people's sentiments in view, the committee suggested preserving one of the blocks of the complex as a cultural or heritage centre and it would be kept open for public visits.

The proposal will soon be placed before the state cabinet headed by Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu for the final nod. After carrying out an extensive inspection of the building, the state cabinet subcommittee reviewed the architectural design and present condition of

the structures along with tourism and revenue officials.

This was followed by another review meeting with Tourism Department Special Chief Secretary Ajay Jain, District Collector M Abhishikh Kishore, GVMC Commissioner Ketan Garg and senior officials from the revenue and tourism departments wherein the discussions centred on the future course of action.

Given the growing maintenance costs and feedback received from stakeholders and public, the subcommittee felt that operating the Rushikonda complex as a premium hospitality venture would be the most profit-generating alternative.

The ministers informed that several leading hospitality groups, including Taj, The Leela, Atmosphere Core and other reputed brands, have already expressed interest in revamping the idle-lying asset into an international luxury resort.

They informed that interested groups would soon be invited through an official notification, following a transparent process involving Request for Qualification (RFQ), eligibility assessment and prescribed timelines.

Following the committee's recommendations, the two-year-long wait to convert the lavish Rushikonda palace into a productive project has finally ended.



Anakapalli SP Tuhi Sinha and district police officials with the accused in Anakapalli on Wednesday

## Anakapalli police bust global drug network; seize 213 kg ganja

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IN a major breakthrough against interstate and international drug trafficking, the Anakapalli police cracked a ganja smuggling network with links extending beyond national borders and seized 213.360 kilograms of ganja worth Rs.1.06 crore.

The operation was carried out on the directions of Anakapalli District Superintendent of Police Tuhi Sinha and under the supervision of Parawada Sub-Division Deputy Superintendent of Police B Mohan Rao and Parawada Circle Inspector R Mallikarjuna Rao.

Briefing details of the case at a media conference held at the District Police Office on Wednesday, SP Tuhi Sinha mentioned that main accused of the network Shaikh Ajmal Khan, hails from Ramanathapuram district of Tamil Nadu, while his family is currently residing in Narsipatnam of Anakapalli district. Investigations revealed that Ajmal Khan has a significant international criminal background and maintained links with international drug syndicates.

According to the SP, Ajmal Khan was previously apprehended by Sri Lankan authorities in connection with narcotics trafficking. During his arrest, Sri Lankan investigators reportedly recovered 495 grams of Methamphetamine and 8.583 kilograms of Hashish from his possession.

He was sent to the Boossa High Security Prison in Sri Lanka from 2022 to 2025 while the case remained under investigation.

Though granted bail by a Sri Lankan court, his passport remained in the custody of Sri Lankan authorities.

Anakapalli police

- Main accused Shaikh Ajmal Khan, previously jailed in Sri Lanka's high-security Boossa Prison for trafficking meth and hashish, illegally sneaked back into India via sea routes after submitting his passport to a Sri Lankan court
- Acting on a tip-off, a special team led by Parawada WSI GSV Mahalakshmi ambushed a car and its pilot bike escort at Lankalapalem junction, seizing 213.36 kg of agency-sourced ganja
- Anakapalli SP Tuhi Sinha revealed that the syndicate was moving Odisha-border contraband to Chennai and Vijayawada. Special teams are tracking hawala transactions and six absconding operatives
- Sinha felicitated the Parawada division police and the specialized 'Eagle Team' with cash rewards and commendation certificates for smashing the cross-border ring

identified that the main accused illegally re-entered India by seaway.

He allegedly established contact with a Tamil Nadu-based drug dealer identified as Raja and devised plans to transport ganja sourced from the Andhra Pradesh Agency areas to Vijayawada, Chennai and other destinations. During investigation, the SP informed that Ajmal Khan initially attempted to procure ganja by paying an advance of Rs.6 lakh to a group led by Shetty Ravikumar of Gomangi village in Pedabayalu mandal.

As the consignment was delayed, the accused sourced the ganja through Shyam from the Janaba area of Odisha.

The transportation arrangements were coordinated by Ajmal Khan's younger brother Shaikh Abdul Rehman and another person T Durga Prasad.

After receiving credible information, a special police team led by Parawada police station Woman Sub-Inspector (WSI) GSV Mahalakshmi conducted surveillance and vehicle checks at Lankalapalem junction on June 16.

While the accused

were communicating through mobile phones and moving with a pilot motorcycle escorting a car carrying the contraband, the police team strategically intercepted and surrounded both the vehicles. A thorough search led to the seizure of a large quantity of ganja concealed in the car, resulting in the arrest of five accused persons.

Commending the officers and staff involved in the successful operation, SP Tuhi Sinha felicitated DSP B Mohan Rao, CI R Mallikarjuna Rao, WSI GSV Mahalakshmi, members of the Eagle Team and other police personnel with commendation certificates and cash rewards for their exemplary work in bursting the international drug network.

The five arrested accused were produced before the court and remanded. Special police teams have been deployed to trace rest of the accused Raja, Shyam, Mahadev, Askar, Abid and Bhadri who are involved in the case. The SP stated that a comprehensive investigation is underway to uncover the interstate drug trafficking channels and hawala money transactions allegedly linked to the syndicate.

## AP witnessing Rs 23 lakh crore worth devpt works: NDA Ministers

HANS NEWS SERVICE ANAKAPALLI

THE coalition government is steering Andhra Pradesh towards rapid development after overcoming the financial constraints and setbacks faced during the previous five years, asserted Home Minister Vangalapati Anitha and Anakapalli in-charge and Minister for Mines and Geology Kollu Ravindra.

Addressing the 'Two years of NDA Government in AP' programme organised at NTR stadium here on Wednesday, the ministers said the NDA government in AP led by Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan is giving equal priority to both welfare and development, ensuring balanced growth across the state.

They stated that Andhra Pradesh is witnessing unprecedented development works valued at nearly Rs.23 lakh crore with projects worth Rs.4 lakh crore to Rs.5 lakh crore alone being undertaken in Anakapalli district.

They noted that a large-scale infrastructure, industrial and welfare initiatives are transforming the district into a major growth hub of the state.

Railway Standing Committee Chairman and Anakapalli Member of Parliament CM Ramesh said the NDA government at the Centre and the coalition government in the state

- Home Minister Vangalapati Anitha and District In-charge Minister Kollu Ravindra reveal that the state is witnessing unprecedented development works worth nearly Rs 23 lakh crore, with Anakapalli district alone securing projects worth Rs 4 lakh crore to Rs 5 lakh crore

- Addressing the 'Two Years of NDA Government' event, the ministers asserted that the Chandrababu Naidu-Pawan Kalyan administration has successfully overcome past financial setbacks to balance welfare with rapid infrastructure growth

- Railway Standing Committee Chairman and Anakapalli MP CM Ramesh highlighted how coordinated governance under the NDA's "double-engine" model has fast-tracked state growth, pointing to a massive jump in the national railway budget to Rs 2.65 lakh crore

have delivered remarkable progress through coordinated governance. He said the concept of a double-engine government has accelerated development works across the state with strong support from the Centre.

Highlighting the achievements of the Union government, CM Ramesh said the railway budget has increased significantly from Rs.25,000 crore to Rs.2.65 lakh crore under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, enabling rapid expansion and modernisation of railway infrastructure across the country.

Speaking on the occasion, Pendurthi MLA Panchakarla Ramesh Babu stated the alliance government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu and

Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan is fulfilling the promises made to the people during the elections. He said development works worth at least Rs.1,000 crore are being taken up in every constituency while simultaneously addressing public welfare commitments and financial obligations.

A rally was carried out from the Jana Sena Party office in Anakapalli to the venue. The stadium reverberated with slogans supporting the coalition government and its development agenda.

MLAs Konathala Ramakrishna, Kalidindi Surya Naga Sanyasi Raju, Bandaru Satyanarayana Murthy, Sundarapu Vijay Kumar and MLC Vepada Chiranjeevi Rao, along with several public representatives and party leaders, attended the programme.



National convener of Jal Biradari and environmentalist Bolisetty Satyanarayana briefing the media in Visakhapatnam on Wednesday

## Bolisetty slams govt for violating green norms for data centres

HANS NEWS SERVICE VISAKHAPATNAM

THE government deliberately downgraded mega data centres, which should be strictly classified under 'category A' due to stringent environmental laws, to 'category B2' to grant environmental clearances, national convener of Jal Biradari and environmentalist Bolisetty Satyanarayana raised strong objections over government regulatory violations.

Referring to recent statements made by Visakhapatnam MP M Sribharat assuring that the proposed data centres and major industrial projects pose no threat to water resources and the environment, Bolisetty Satyanarayana disagreed with the MP's explanation.

"Classifying a mega data centre as 'category B2' in the Google project bypasses the mandatory public hearing and comprehensive Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) processes required for Category A," Satyanarayana objected, pointing out that issuing environmental clearances swiftly and laying the foundation stone immediately is entirely wrong.

This is an 'illegal' move designed to suppress citizens' voices and conceal the environmental damage caused by such projects. In the name of 'ease of doing business', Satyanarayana alleged, the city witnesses 'ease of doing destruction', which is a severe ecological onslaught and a major blow to the peaceful life of the people. He demanded classification of the proposed data centres under category

A and a halt to progress made without central-level screening and public consultation.

Responding to the MP's assurance of water supply through Polavaram, Satyanarayana asked, "What if Polavaram water becomes unavailable due to drought or some other reasons? Data centres will deplete Visakhapatnam's groundwater.

The proposed alternative desalination plants will discharge chemical brine into the ocean, destroying marine wealth and wiping out fishermen's livelihoods."

Satyanarayana further warned that these projects, with a peak load capacity of 700-900 MVA, lack adequate renewable energy sources at the ground level and cautioned that it will strain regular power grid, leading to frequent power cuts and tariff hikes for citizens.

Talking about growing city temperatures, the national convener said cutting down trees along the coast and massive heat emitted by the data centres will further alter Vizag's climate, turning it into a concrete furnace.

Jal Biradari demanded an immediate halt to the data centre works until an independent environmental audit is conducted democratically in the presence of the public. "Data centres are essential for Andhra Pradesh's economic growth and employment in the digital age. However, if we fail to plan ahead and enforce strict regulations, keeping Virginia's experiences in view, the environment will be destroyed before Vizag could even become an IT hub," he added.



Home Minister V Anitha and Anakapalli MP CM Ramesh, among others, with fishermen accessories at the 'Two Years of NDA Government in AP' event celebrated in Anakapalli on Wednesday

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