



Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju chaired a review meeting with senior officials of the Industries and Commerce Department at the Secretariat in Hyderabad on Friday

## Govt fast-tracks mega industrial projects to attract global investments

**CS Sanjay Jaju reviews Bharat Future City, Zaheerabad Industrial City and Kakatiya Mega Textile Park progress**

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THE Telangana Government has decided to develop investor friendly infrastructure at Bharat Future City, Zaheerabad Industrial City, and the Kakatiya Mega Textile Park aiming to invite global investments and accelerate industrial growth.

Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju on Friday instructed the TGICC to expedite the process to develop industrial infrastructure. He convened a review meeting with senior officials of the Industries and Commerce Department to assess the progress of key industrial infrastructure projects being developed across the state.

The Chief Secretary focused on accelerating industrial growth, attracting investments and creating large-scale employment opportunities in the state.

He took stock of the progress of major projects being implemented by the Telangana Industrial Infrastruc-

ture Corporation (TGIIC), including the Bharat Future City, Zaheerabad Industrial City, Kakatiya Mega Textile Park and other strategic industrial infrastructure initiatives.

MD TGIIC Shashanka briefed him on the present status of these projects, the infrastructure being created, investment prospects and the timelines for their completion.

The Chief Secretary stressed that the primary objective of the department should be to position Telangana as a preferred investment destination by facilitating industries with world-class infrastructure and a business-friendly ecosystem.

He said that attracting both domestic and global investments is essential for sustaining the state's economic growth and generating large-scale employment opportunities for the youth.

Sanjay Jaju directed the officials to work with a clear focus on achieving the goals

envisioned by the government. He emphasised that all departments and implementing agencies should function in close coordination to ensure the timely execution of industrial projects without delays.

He also instructed the officials to regularly monitor the progress of ongoing projects, identify bottlenecks at an early stage and resolve them through effective inter-departmental coordination.

The Chief Secretary noted that flagship projects such as Bharat Future City, Zaheerabad Industrial City and the Kakatiya Mega Textile Park have the potential to transform Telangana's industrial landscape by attracting significant investments and promoting balanced regional development. He asked the officials to adopt a proactive approach in providing necessary infrastructure and investor facilitation services to ensure the successful implementation of these projects.

# Govt launches 'Bill One' for easier municipal transactions

**Citizens in ULBs can now pay property tax, water charges and trade licence fees in a single transaction**

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THE citizens in the Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) other than the CURE areas (GHMC, MMC and CMC) can now pay all their bills, including property tax, water charges, trade licence fees, together in one transaction 'Bill One' eliminating the need for separate payments.

MAUD secretary TK Sreedevi launched the 'Bill One' service for unified municipal payments with a more convenient and citizen-friendly mechanism. The Bill One service enables citizens to pay multiple municipal dues through a single platform.

Under this initiative, citizens can pay property



CDMA Commissioner TK Sreedevi launches the 'Bill One' service in Hyderabad on Friday

tax, water charges, and trade licence fees together in one transaction, eliminating the need for separate payments.

A key feature of the service it generates consolidated demand notice for all the municipal services assigned

to the PTIN no. i.e., property tax, water charges and trade licence.

Even if a person has multiple properties same are shown in a single demand notice instead of raising multiple demand notices. It also reduces the burden on the municipality to generate multiple demand notices for various services viz., water charges and trade licence.

The multiple visits to collect different taxes and fees will also be reduced with this initiative. It allows the tax payers to pay in part land also in instalments based on their convenience, thereby providing greater financial flexibility while ensuring timely payment of municipal dues.

The service is available through Handheld Devices

(HHDs) used by municipal ward officers/bill collectors and is also accessible through the official online municipal portal <https://emunicipal.telangana.gov.in/>, enabling citizens to make payments anytime and from anywhere.

The CDMA officials said that the launch of the Bill One service reflects the Government of Telangana's commitment to leverage technology for improved public service delivery, enhancing ease of payment, and promoting greater transparency and convenience in municipal governance.

Citizens are encouraged to make use of this new facility for seamless, secure, and hassle-free payment of their municipal dues.

## Mahesh Goud takes potshots at Harish Rao's '3-month water fix' claim

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TPCC chief Mahesh Kumar Goud on Friday responded to remarks made by former BRS minister and Siddipet MLA T Harish Rao, who claimed that he could resolve the state's water crisis if given an opportunity to serve as Irrigation Minister for three months.

Speaking to the media, Goud said that if Harish Rao genuinely wished to join the Congress party, the matter would be discussed internally. He added that a decision on whether to induct Harish Rao into the party would be taken after deliberations in the Political Affairs Committee (PAC).

Questioning Harish Rao's claim, Mahesh Kumar Goud said that a person who could not achieve significant results during 10 years in power could not be expected to accomplish much in three months. He said the present government was working to address the debts and mistakes inherited from the previous administration.

"What did Harish Rao achieve during his 10-year tenure as a minister? A project constructed while he was the Irrigation Minister collapsed—what does he have to say about that? What did



**TPCC chief questions BRS irrigation record, asks why issues remained unresolved during its 10-year rule**

he do during those 10 years? Why ask for another three months?" Goud questioned.

Responding to comments made by Telangana Jagruthi president K. Kavitha regarding BRS party funds, Mahesh Kumar Goud said, "There is truth in the allegations made by Kavitha regarding BRS party funds. How did a regional party come to possess Rs 1,400 crore? he said.

On internal issues within the Congress party, Goud said differences of opinion were natural in any organi-

sation. He assured that the issues involving Minister Konda Surekha, MLA Kadiyam Srihari, and the situation in Tungaturthi would be resolved after hearing the concerns of all sides.

He emphasised that all party members were equal and said two senior leaders had been appointed to resolve internal disputes as the Disciplinary Committee Chairman was occupied with other responsibilities. He clarified that suspension was not the only way to address differences within the party.

Recalling earlier political developments, Goud said 10 MLAs had supported the Congress government when attempts were allegedly made to destabilise it. He also alleged that Eatela Rajender was a minister when the alleged irregularities in water resource management took place.

## BRS urges ECI for 'One Person, One Vote' system

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BRS leaders on Friday urged the Election Commission of India to implement the 'one person one vote' across the country and linking Aadhaar with voter ID. A delegation of BRS leaders led by Parliamentary Party Vaddiraju Ravichandra met Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Gyanesh Kumar in New Delhi on Friday. Bringing to the notice of the CEC about suspected duplicate and multiple voter registrations identified during the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR)-2026, the BRS leaders wanted together with certain other connected issues requiring immediate consideration.

The BRS leaders requested the Election Commission to utilise all available scientific and technological tools, including Aadhaar-enabled verification wherever legally permissible, de-duplication software, Artificial Intelligence-assisted matching, facial recognition-assisted verification, GIS-based verification and other advanced technological solutions together with field verification through the statutory machinery, for effective identification and elimination of duplicate and multiple voter registrations.

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The party leaders further urged the ECI to continue to conduct the SIR in a transparent, fair, participative, scientific and legally sustainable manner so as to ensure preparation of a pure, accurate, error-free and credible electoral roll.

Such an integrated approach would substantially strengthen the accuracy, purity, transparency and credi-

bility of the electoral rolls and reinforce public confidence in the electoral process.

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## CMC clears 488 footpath encroachments in 'Walk Free' drive

HYDERABAD: The Cyberabad Municipal Corporation (CMC) on Friday conducted a large-scale 'Walk Free - Footpath Encroachment Removal Drive' across its three zones, clearing 488 encroachments from 22.28 km of footpaths to improve pedestrian safety and restore public walkways.

The drive was carried out simultaneously in the Serilingampally, Kukatpally and Quthbullapur zones under the directions of the Commissioner.

Zonal Commissioners, along with officials from the Town Planning, Engineering and Enforcement wings, participated in the special operation to remove encroachments obstructing pedestrian movement. In the Serilingampally zone, officials covered five road stretches spanning 9.86 km and removed 193 encroachments.

The Kukatpally zone covered three road stretches over 3.50 km, where 89 encroachments were cleared. In the Quthbullapur zone,

seven road stretches measuring 8.92 km were taken up, resulting in the removal of 206 encroachments.

Overall, the corporation covered 15 road stretches and reclaimed 22.28 km of footpaths during the drive. The Commissioner said that footpaths are meant exclusively for pedestrians and reiterated the corporation's commitment to keeping public walkways free from encroachments.

The Commissioner added that similar enforcement drives would be conducted regularly to ensure safe, accessible and pedestrian-friendly public spaces across Cyberabad.

# Expired food, dirty kitchens: Food safety raids expose major violations

**Seven establishments face action over unsafe ingredients, poor hygiene and improper storage practices**

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A series of raids by the Food Safety Department in Hyderabad uncovered multiple food safety violations at seven food establishments, from the use of expired food ingredients and unhygienic kitchen conditions to improper storage practices. Authorities disposed of unsafe food items, temporary suspension of operations and action to suspend an FSSAI licence to the hotel in Gachibowli.

On Friday, at Rebel Foods Private Limited (Cloud Kitchen) in Kondapur, which operates brands, including Oven Story, Behrouz, Faasos, Sweet Truth, Wendy's and LunchBox, inspectors found expired curd packets and expired Indian gravy stored on the premises.

Officials also found mint chaas prepared using expired curd, while the wash area was unhygienic. Medical fitness certificates of food handlers were suspected to have been altered and did not reflect actual medical test results.



Unhygienic kitchen conditions observed during Food Safety Department inspections at food establishments



Food Safety Department officials found cut vegetables that were not fresh during inspections at a Hyderabad food outlet as part of a citywide safety drive.

During the inspection of Burger King at Puppalaguda, officials observed oil leakage from kitchen equipment, poorly cleaned storage crates and the absence of food testing reports and packaging records.

At KFC in Alkapur Township, Manikonda, inspectors reported water stagnation

and foul odour in the wash area. Four packs of cut lettuce that were found to be not fresh were discarded immediately. The outlet has been served with directions to rectify the deficiencies through an improvement notice.

The inspection at Fire Water Neo Bar & Kitchen

in Nanakramguda revealed several serious violations, including unlabelled raw food items, an expired pack of mushrooms, unsupported shelf-life declarations for prepared food, absence of water testing for cooking and beverage ice. Unlabelled food items were discarded on the spot, and an improve-

ment notice will be issued.

Earlier on Thursday, at Alsaba Restaurant in Gachibowli, inspectors found meat stored under improper freezer conditions, water stagnation in the wash area, unhygienic worker washrooms, lack of hot-water sanitisation of utensils, rumali roti being prepared adjacent to unclean washrooms with fly infestation and an unhygienic slaughtering area.

Authorities initiated action to suspend the restaurant's FSSAI licence and directed the establishment to remain closed until all violations are rectified and compliance is verified.

The inspection of Zepto at Narsingi found poor overall hygiene, with dirt accumulation on racks, crates, flooring, walls and ceilings. Officials also noted improper positioning of the Pest-o-Flash unit in the fruits and vegetables section, food bags stored without pallets, food waste scattered on racks and floors, improper segregation of food and non-food items, non-display of the FSSAI licence and unclean air curtains.

## Kavitha's ₹1,400-cr charge exposes Kaleshwaram's inside story: Min Uttam

**MINISTER ALLEGES CONTRACTOR-POLITICIAN LINKS LED TO QUALITY COMPROMISES IN THE KALESHWARAM PROJECT**

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IRRIGATION and Civil Supplies Minister N Uttam Kumar Reddy on Friday alleged that the structural failures in the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Scheme owed to poor-quality construction, arbitrary deviations from the approved design and above all a contractor-politician nexus.

Citing BRS chief, KCR's daughter K Kavitha's allegation that Rs 1,400 crore was received from Kaleshwaram contractors by the BRS, he claimed the "inside story" behind the project explained why Medigadda collapsed and why Annaram and Sundilla were also in a precarious condition.

The Minister further alleged that two of the Kaleshwaram barrages were constructed nearly five kilometres away from the location approved in



the Detailed Project Report (DPR), calling it a glaring example of engineering deviations that had endangered the project's structural integrity.

"When the former Chief Minister's daughter says that Rs 1,400 crore was received from Kaleshwaram contractors, the BRS leadership owed an explanation to the people of Telangana," Uttam Kumar Reddy said.

ruling party and the project contractors compromised engineering standards, construction quality and public safety.

"When money is allegedly received from contractors on a quid pro quo basis, what quality of construction can the people expect?" the Minister asked.

Uttam Kumar Reddy said Kavitha's allegation assumed greater significance in the backdrop of the partial collapse of the Medigadda Barrage and the serious structural and foundation-related problems subsequently identified at Annaram and Sundilla.

He alleged that the failure of Medigadda and the precarious condition of the other two barrages were the consequences of poor design, substandard construction, weak supervision and the neglect of sound engineering principles during the BRS government.