



Hyderabad City Police Commissioner VC Sajjanar chairs a high-level multi-departmental meeting at TGICCC on Friday to discuss road safety measures, including AI-based electronic enforcement on the Outer Ring Road

AI-based enforcement system planned for ORR to curb mishaps

POLICE IDENTIFY 80 CRITICAL SPOTS, TARGET REPEAT OFFENDERS AND STEP UP SAFETY MEASURES ACROSS THE CORRIDOR

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HYDERABAD City Police Commissioner VC Sajjanar stated that over 80 critical accident-prone spots have been identified across the stretch at Outer Ring Road (ORR) encircling the twin cities, and enforcement has already been strengthened at several locations.

During a high-level multi-departmental coordination meeting conducted on Friday, the Commissioner revealed that the administration is actively exploring the implementation of an Artificial Intelligence (AI)-based Electronic Enforcement System on the ORR.

In a meeting held at Telangana State Integrated Command and Control Centre (TGICCC), Sajjanar said that this advanced technology will enable seamless identification of diverse traffic violations and help clamp down heavily on chronic, habitual

offenders. Expressing concern over the behavioural pattern of drivers, he pointed out that analysis shows nearly 99 per cent of the flagged vehicles are repeat offenders, emphasizing the urgent need for extensive public awareness campaigns to instil discipline.

HMDA Commissioner Sarfaraz Ahmad, and HMDA Urban Forestry Director Rohit Gopidi, along with top representatives from NHAI, GHMC, HGCL, IRB Infra, as well as Traffic DCPs and Additional DCPs from Hyderabad, Cyberabad, and Malkajigiri commissionerates were also present.

Addressing vehicle breakdowns - the Commissioner highlighted that stationary and broken-down vehicles on the ORR pose an extreme hazard and have often led to fatal accidents.

He directed the patrolling teams and infrastructure partners to ensure immedi-

ate removal of broken-down vehicles to designated safe zones without delay. He strictly warned against parking or stopping vehicles on the main carriage-way and urged commuters to immediately dial the toll-free helpline number 14449 for swift assistance if their vehicle breaks down.

Sarfaraz assured that HMDA will continue to provide all necessary infrastructural upgrades, install appropriate warning signage, and systematically eliminate identified black spots in close coordination with all stakeholder departments to ensure a safer transit experience.

Additional CP Tafseer Iqbal, Joint CPs Joel Davis and Sunpreet Singh, JTC Chandrasekhar Goud, IRB Senior GM Chand Basha, NH Hyderabad EE, Shrawan Prakash, ORR Project Head M Girishwar, Traffic DCPs, Addl DCPs and others were present.

Govt to digitise medical equipment procurement system for govt hospitals

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HEALTH Minister C Damodar Raja Narasimha on Friday directed TGMSIDC officials to further strengthen the procurement system to ensure the speedy and transparent supply of quality medical equipment to government hospitals.

During a review meeting held on Friday at the TGMSIDC office in Koti, the Minister reviewed various aspects, including medical equipment procurement, the tender process, the operational status of equipment, and maintenance.

The Minister emphasised that every part of medical equipment installed in government hospitals must be of high quality and made available within the stipulated timeframe.

He instructed officials to prepare proposals for a new system that prioritises transparency and digitalisation. He also suggested taking measures to ensure that all



future procurements are conducted according to standardised procedures.

The Minister ordered the complete digitalisation of the procurement process. He directed the implementation of an end-to-end digital tool for procurement and the creation of a system capable of tracking every stage online from the initial indent to final installation at the hospital. He noted that this would enhance transparency, accountability, and efficiency in the procurement process.

The Minister also directed the establishment of a robust monitoring system to ensure the continuous functionality of medical equipment installed in hospitals.

It was proposed to set up a centralised dashboard to monitor the performance of equipment in all government hospitals across the state. Instructions were issued to review this dashboard at the senior management level every fortnight and take immediate, necessary action.

The Minister suggested reviewing the existing Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract (CAMC) agreements and amending the rules to impose strict penalties on vendors who fail to adhere to Service Level Agreements (SLAs).

He emphasised the need to ensure there was absolutely no room for negligence in equipment maintenance. He ordered the appointment of eight biomedical engineers to monitor the performance of medical equipment at the field level across the state. He directed that four engineers be assigned to the Hyderabad region and one each to the East, West, South, and North zones to further strengthen equipment monitoring.

Corporation posts up for grabs as Congress begins selection process

Party high command approval likely after discussions between CM, TPCC chief and state in-charge

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THE Congress leadership is expected to finalise the names for corporation chairperson posts after July 15 following discussions between Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, AICC Telangana in-charge general secretary Meenakshi Natarajan, and TPCC chief B Mahesh Kumar Goud. The tenure of all 37 corporation chairpersons has already ended.

It is learnt that the final list of leaders selected for the corporation posts will be sent to the party high command

for approval. After receiving approval, the party and the state government are likely to officially announce the appointments.

Meenakshi Natarajan is expected to arrive in Hyderabad on July 13 or 14. A meeting with the Chief Minister and TPCC chief has been scheduled for July 15 to discuss and finalise the names for the corporation posts.

Speaking on Friday, TPCC chief B Mahesh Kumar Goud said, "We will take a decision regarding corporation posts on July 15 after discussing the matter with CM Revanth Reddy and Meenakshi Natarajan."

Meanwhile, discussions at Gandhi Bhavan indicate that the party leadership is considering whether to renew the appointments of existing

chairpersons or adopt a new strategy in selecting corporation heads.

Instead of reappointing those who held the posts during the first term, the leadership is reportedly considering giving opportunities to loyal party workers who contributed to the Congress but missed out earlier. However, it is learnt that some of the existing chairpersons are likely to get renewed terms.

Sources said the State Congress in-charge, TPCC Chief, and Chief Minister Revanth Reddy are expected to hold discussions over the appointments on July 14. After reaching a preliminary deci-

sion, the leadership is likely to consult senior state leaders to build consensus before announcing the names.

There are also indications that those who served as corporation chairpersons during the previous term may be accommodated with key responsibilities within the party if they are not reappointed.

Political observers said it remains to be seen whether the Congress leadership will provide opportunities to new faces, retain existing chairpersons to avoid internal complications, or adopt a different approach in the final selection process.



Historic Golconda Fort set for grand Bonalu celebrations

Minister Konda Surekha directs departments to ensure foolproof arrangements for Telangana's iconic Ashada festival

HYDERABAD: The state festival of Ashada Masam Bonalu will commence on July 16 with the traditional offering of the first 'Bonam' to Goddess Shri Jagadambika Ammavaru at the historic Golconda Fort. The celebrations will continue through August 13, attracting lakhs of devotees from across Telangana and neighbouring states.

A coordination meeting was held at the Jagadambika Ammavari Temple inside Golconda Fort under the leadership of Endowments Minister Konda Surekha to review arrangements for the festival. The Minister directed officials from various departments to work in close coordination and ensure a smooth and safe experience for devotees.

Highlighting the historical importance of Golconda Bonalu, Surekha said it is a long-standing tradition to

offer the first Bonam to Goddess Jagadambika Mahankali during the Ashada Bonalu celebrations. She instructed officials to complete all preparations well in advance for key events, including the Bonam offering, Thottelu procession, chariot procession and Metla Puja.

The Minister directed authorities to focus on traffic regulation, parking facilities, queue management, barricading, drinking water supply, sanitation, electricity arrangements, medical services, fire safety and special bus services.

Officials were instructed to ensure cleanliness in and around the temple premises, provide mobile toilets, medical camps, 108 ambulance services and adequate drinking water points. Departments were also asked to improve roads, staircases, lighting facilities, signage and temporary sheds inside

the Fort area for the convenience of devotees.

Surekha stressed that there should be no compromise on the safety and comfort of devotees. She directed officials to remain alert, display awareness posters featuring photographs of suspects and take necessary security measures during the celebrations.

She also instructed the Electricity Department to ensure safe wiring arrangements and asked GHMC officials to complete civic works within the stipulated timelines.

Describing Golconda Bonalu as a symbol of Telangana's culture and traditions, the Minister said the government was committed to providing the best possible facilities for devotees. She, along with officials and public representatives, unveiled the Ashada Bonalu festival poster and brochure.



Kandou AI brings global chip innovation to Hyderabad

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India headquarters to accelerate AI infrastructure development and semiconductor research

KANDOU AI on Friday announced the inauguration of its India Chip Design headquarters in Hyderabad, marking a significant milestone in the company's global engineering expansion and its efforts to strengthen AI infrastructure development.

The new Hyderabad headquarters will serve as a strategic engineering hub for advanced semiconductor design, high-speed connectivity and next-generation AI system development.

With AI workloads expanding rapidly, the technology sector faces increasing demand for faster data movement, improved bandwidth and greater energy efficiency. From data centres to high-performance computing platforms, advanced connectivity has emerged as a critical component. Kandou AI's semiconductor solutions are designed to address these challenges by improving bandwidth, reducing latency and enhancing energy efficiency across modern computing architectures.

The Hyderabad centre marks a major expansion of Kandou AI's global engineering footprint, strengthening its capabilities in developing and scaling semiconductor and AI infrastructure technologies. Located in one of India's leading technology and semiconductor hubs, the facility will house key engineering functions, including chip design, verification, validation, firmware, software, systems engineering and customer-facing technical teams.

The new centre is expected to foster closer collaboration,

accelerate innovation and support Kandou AI's customers worldwide.

The headquarters was inaugurated in the presence of employees, customers, partners, industry leaders and government representatives. The event featured a traditional diya-lighting ceremony, a fireside chat and demonstrations of Kandou AI's next-generation AI infrastructure technologies, followed by a networking reception.

The inauguration was attended by BRS working president KT Rama Rao and hosted by Kandou AI CEO and Co-Founder Srujan Linga.

KTR said Hyderabad's success has been built on its strong talent pool, industry collaboration and technology-driven growth vision.

"Kandou AI's decision to establish its India headquarters here is another testament to Hyderabad's emergence as a globally recognised semiconductor and deep technology hub. I congratulate the Kandou AI team and look forward to seeing the company contribute to innovation, high-value employment and the continued growth of Telangana's semiconductor ecosystem," he said.

Water war escalates: Harish Rao questions govt's Godavari strategy

Former irrigation minister alleges Kaleshwaram project is being targeted to hide government failures

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BRS Deputy Leader T Harish Rao launched a sharp attack on Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, accusing the Congress government of deliberately allowing Telangana's Godavari waters to flow into Andhra Pradesh while farmers across the state suffer due to water scarcity.

Harish Rao said that while the Chief Minister may be accustomed to breaking promises and changing political positions, his own 25-year political career stands as proof of consistency and commitment.

"Breaking promises and switching parties may be your political culture, Revanth Reddy. It is certainly not mine. Your 20-year po-



litical career and my 25-year political journey speak for themselves. Unlike you, I do not make one promise under oath and another without it," he said.

Questioning the CM over the farm loan waiver promise made in the name of Lord

Sri Rama at Bhadrachalam, Harish Rao asked whether even farmers in Khammam district where Revanth Reddy addressed a public meeting had received complete loan waiver benefits.

He also questioned why the Chief Minister continued to display anger and political aggression in every public meeting despite repeatedly claiming that politics could wait until the final year of the government's term.

Harish Rao alleged that the Congress government was attempting to cover up its failure to lift irrigation water from Kannapalli through misinformation and false propaganda against the Kaleshwaram project.

He pointed out that the Medigadda, Annaram and

Sundilla barrages withstood floods of nearly 28 lakh cusecs in the past, and questioned why the government was now attempting to create fear when the present flood flow was only about one lakh cusecs.

He demanded that the government immediately utilise the existing Kannapalli Pump House to lift water through Annaram and Sundilla into Yellampalli Reservoir instead of allowing valuable Godavari water to flow downstream.

Drawing a comparison with Andhra Pradesh, Harish Rao said the neighbouring state had already utilised more than 60 TMC of Godavari water through Pattiseema, Tadipudi, Purushothapatnam and Pushkara Lift Irrigation Schemes by

operating its pumping systems continuously.

While Andhra Pradesh has been operating all 24 Pattiseema pumps round-the-clock, Telangana has kept its high-capacity Babubali pumps idle despite having sufficient water availability, he alleged. He questioned whether there existed any "hidden understanding" behind the government's refusal to operate the Kannapalli pumps.

Harish Rao urged the Congress government to immediately operate the Kannapalli Pump House and also demanded to urgently fill Yellampalli, Annapurna Reservoir, Ranganayaka Sagar, Mallanna Sagar and all other reservoirs by fully utilising available Godavari waters.

Konda Surekha meets Sachin Sawant behind closed doors

Cong leadership focuses on resolving differences among senior leaders

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ENDOWMENTS and Environment and Forests Minister Konda Surekha met AICC secretary in-charge Sachin Sawant at Praja Bhavan instead of Gandhi Bhavan on Friday, according to sources. It is learnt that the party high command advised Konda Surekha to remain silent and assured her that the party would take care of the remaining issues.

Sources said Sachin Sawant is expected to discuss the concerns related to Kadiyam Srihari next. The meeting between Konda Surekha and Sachin Sawant was kept private by both the party and the minister.

After the meeting, Konda Surekha reportedly received a phone call from Delhi advising her to remain silent and continue her work as



usual and assuring her that the party would handle the matter.

It may be recalled that TPCC Chief B. Mahesh Kumar Goud had earlier said that Sachin Sawant and Jagga Reddy would gather information regarding the issues involving Kadiyam Srihari, Konda Surekha, and the Tungathurthi constituency and submit a report to the party. He said further action would be taken based on the report.

Mahesh Kumar Goud had stated that two senior leaders were appointed as observers to examine the issues. According to him, Sachin Sawant would look into the concerns involving Konda Surekha and Kadiyam Srihari, while Jagga Reddy would examine the Tungathurthi issue on Saturday.

Meanwhile, it is learnt that Minister Konda Surekha had raised objections over a review meeting conducted with Endowments officials at Bogulakunta. She reportedly expressed displeasure over Kadiyam Srihari conducting a similar meeting with officials from portfolios handled by other ministers.

Sources said Konda Surekha suspected that the meeting with Endowments officials by Kadiyam Srihari had a hidden agenda and hence she took the issue seriously.