

# Atchanna assures ample fertiliser supply for kharif

- Says 3.70 lakh MT urea and 0.90 lakh MT of DAP available; buffer stocks maintained across districts
- Dismisses shortage rumours, says daily monitoring will ensure uninterrupted supply to farmers



place to prevent any shortages for farmers.

By July 10, the state had 3.70 lakh metric tonnes of urea and 0.90 lakh metric tonnes of DAP available. The minister said in a statement district-wise buffer stocks have been stored in Markfed warehouses, with officials monitoring supplies daily and moving additional

fertiliser wherever needed. Currently, 3,69,646 metric tonnes of urea are in stock, covering nearly 85% of seasonal demand, while 85,683 metric tonnes of DAP meet about 64% of requirements. Fresh consignments continue to arrive, ensuring uninterrupted distribution.

Atchanna also addressed a recent incident at Sankili Rythu Seva Kendra in Vizianagaram district. He explained that while initial demand was for 811 bags of urea, extra demand arose when farmers gathered in large numbers.

The government immediately arranged 444 additional bags from a nearby centre the same day. Distribution was streamlined with

token and queue systems, he added.

The minister said Vizianagaram district currently holds 9,987 metric tonnes of urea, including 4,850 tonnes as buffer stock.

He dismissed rumours of shortages as false propaganda driven by vested interests, urging farmers not to believe such claims.

"The government is fully alert. Farmers will not face any difficulties. Supplies are being monitored daily, and stocks are moved instantly wherever needed," Atchanna assured.

He reiterated that the administration is committed to farmer welfare and will continue transparent, timely fertiliser distribution across the state.

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AGRICULTURE minister K Atchanna on Friday said the government has ensured abundant fertiliser supplies for the ongoing kharif season, with buffer stocks in

# YSRCP seeks one-month extension of SIR

- Party MLC Appi Reddy demands extension of the Special Intensive Revision, citing delays and procedural glitches
- Alleges that TDP leaders are pressuring officials and BLOs to upload voter data to the MyTDP app before submitting it to the EC
- Says his party has complained to the EC, plans legal action and seeks a probe into alleged irregularities and bogus voters



YSRCP MLC Lella Appi Reddy told media persons at the party central office in Tadepalli on Friday that the leaders of TDP are forcing the officials to first upload the data in the MyTDP app before sending it to the Election Commission office, and every effort is being put to heckle democracy, making the Election Commission redundant in the state.

He claimed that elected representatives, ministers and even personal assistants of the ruling party leaders are threatening Booth Level Officials (BLOs) to first upload the data in their party app before sending it to the Election Office, and when a BLO went to lodge a complaint at a police station, it was not accepted, and there was pressure not to go ahead with the complaint.

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YSRCP demanded that Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in the state be extended by one month.

The main opposition party cited glitches in the SIR to demand its extension by one month.

It also alleged that the coalition government is mounting pressure on officials and collecting data in advance.

"We have complained to the Election Commission on the irregularities and will again give a representation besides exploring legal options as well," he said.

The YSRCP leader said that the enumeration process has many irregularities which came to light at Atmakur, Tambalapalle and other places, and the official statement boasting of figures stands no ground.

"As our leader Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy had pointed out, every eligible voter should be given the opportunity to exercise the franchise, and as the process has been going on at a slow pace and the work at the ground level is not complete, we demand that the process be extended by one more month," said Appi Reddy.

The YSRCP MLC also demanded that the Election Commission use its discretionary powers and check the irregularities. TDP and Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu have been trying to use every opportunity for political gain even at the cost of democratic values, he alleged.

There are many duplicate votes to be weeded out, and the information is that in Kuppam (Chandrababu Naidu's constituency) itself there are 30,000 bogus votes, he added.

# CII urges industry to tap FTA boom for global growth

- Says FTAs now drive trade, investment, digital commerce and global supply chains beyond traditional market access
- Experts urge Indian businesses, especially MSMEs, to leverage FTAs with the UAE, UK, EU, Australia and other key markets to boost exports



from India's expanding network of FTAs.

Sumanta Chaudhary said that with the multilateral trading system facing increasing challenges, FTAs have become the primary drivers of market access and international business expansion. He stressed that Indian businesses should understand the provisions and benefits of these agreements to enhance exports, improve competitiveness and integrate into global value chains.

The seminar focused on creating awareness among industry stakeholders on effectively utilising India's FTAs to tap international markets.

Experts noted that India's trade strategy has evolved from regional trade arrangements to comprehensive economic partnerships with countries across Europe, the Middle East and Oceania, covering not only trade in goods but also services, investments, digital commerce and sustainable supply chains.

In his opening remarks, Abhinav Kotagiri, chairman, CII Vijayawada Zone, said India is steadily expanding its trade partnerships with major global

economies. He noted that the country's recent and ongoing FTAs with the UAE, Australia, the European Free Trade Association (EFTA), the UK, the European Union and other key markets reflect India's growing confidence and ambition in international trade.

Dr Murali Kallummal of the Centre for WTO Studies, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, highlighted that India's trade agreements with the UK, the European Union, UAE, Oman, Australia and New Zealand offer unprecedented opportunities for Indian businesses to diversify exports and access new markets.

Dr Anand Gopal, deputy director, Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA), spoke of Andhra Pradesh's vast export potential, particularly in marine products. He said the state's long coastline, world-class ports and robust seafood processing ecosystem have positioned Andhra Pradesh as one of India's leading export hubs.

CII Vijayawada chapter chairman Abhinav Kotagiri addressing a seminar on FTAs in Vijayawada on Friday

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FREE Trade Agreements (FTAs) have evolved beyond conventional trade arrangements into strategic economic partnerships that encompass goods, services, investments, digital trade, sustainability, technology and resilient supply chains, and Indian industry must fully leverage them to expand its global footprint, said Sumanta Chaudhary, principal advisor, International Trade Policy, Confederation of Indian Industry (CII).

He was addressing a seminar on 'Growing Opportunities from Free Trade Agreements (FTAs)' organised by CII Vijayawada Zone on Friday.

The event brought together exporters, representatives of export promotion organisations, industry leaders, MSMEs, logistics service providers, trade professionals and policymakers to deliberate on the opportunities emerging

# RAMAYAPATNAM PORT GETS SECOND EXTENSION

- Project completion deadline pushed to Dec 30 this year
- No penalty imposed on contractor despite second extension
- Land delays, cyclones and infrastructure hurdles cited for setback

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THE state government granted a second extension of time (EoT) for the completion of the Rs 4,923-crore Ramayapatnam port project, pushing the deadline to December 30, 2026, without

levying liquidated damages on the contractor.

The project, entrusted to the joint venture of Navayuga Engineering Company Ltd (NECL) and Aurobindo Realty Ltd (ARIPL), was originally scheduled for completion by June 23, 2025.

A first extension had already been allowed until April 27, 2026. The latest decision followed a proposal from the Andhra Pradesh Maritime Board (APMB) chief executive, based on requests from the Engineering Procurement and Construction (EPC) contractor.

Special chief secretary (infrastructure & investment) M T Krishna Babu issued the government order (GO) on Friday, clarifying that no additional financial

burden would be entertained for granting the extension. The GO noted that revised administrative sanction for the port was accorded in February 2024, while technical sanction dates back to November 2020.

The contractor cited several reasons for delay, including non-handover of 38 acres of land critical for stackyard, internal roads, railway connectivity and utilities.

Other factors included delays in external infrastructure works such as power transmission and railway links, unforeseen dredging conditions, change in dredge disposal location, and local hindrances in Karlapalem and Salipeta villages. Force majeure condi-



tions (clause in contract that absolves both parties from liability in case of an extraordinary event like war or natural disaster) were also pointed to, including severe cyclones during the construction period and disruptions in fuel supply chains due to geopolitical tensions in West Asia.

The Tender Evaluation and EPC Committee

reviewed the submission and recommended the second extension, acknowledging delays in land acquisition and force majeure events.

The government accepted the recommendation, allowing the contractor time until December 2026 to complete the greenfield port project in Prakasam district, a key maritime gateway for Andhra Pradesh.

# RTI lapses won't be tolerated, warns AP CIC

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STATE chief information commissioner Sajja Srinivasa Rao made it clear that the provisions of Section 4(1)(b) of the Right to Information (RTI) Act must be implemented in every government office without exception, warning that any negligence in enforcing the law will not be tolerated.

He conducted surprise inspections at several government offices in Gollapudi in Vijayawada Rural on Friday to review the implementation of the RTI Act. He visited the office of the commissioner of the endowments department, Gollapudi gram panchayat office, Directorate of Prosecutions and the Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission (APPSC) office in Bandar Road.

During the inspections, he reviewed the implementation of RTI provisions, examined RTI registers, records, and the information systems maintained for citizens, and issued necessary instructions to the officials concerned.

Speaking on the occasion, the chief information commissioner said the inspections were aimed at assessing how effectively the RTI Act is being implemented in government offices.



State chief information commissioner Sajja Srinivasa Rao at the endowments commissioner office in Vijayawada on Friday

He noted that the commission has been receiving a large number of complaints in recent months alleging poor implementation of RTI rules in various government departments across the state. Among the common deficiencies identified were the absence of display boards carrying the details of Public Information Officers (PIOs) and First Appellate Authorities, and the failure to display job charts and citizen charters.

To address these shortcomings, the State Information Commission has launched a special monitoring drive. As part of the initiative, each

Information Commissioner has been assigned responsibility for two districts and directed to conduct surprise inspections of government offices.

Srinivasa Rao said the primary objective of these inspections is to improve awareness of the RTI Act and ensure its transparent and effective implementation. He warned that strict action would be taken under the law against officials if inspections reveal negligence, dereliction of duty, or violations of RTI provisions.

Endowments commissioner K Ramachandra Mohan briefed the chief information commissioner on the implementation of the RTI Act in the endowments department.

After examining the records and information presented by officials of the Gollapudi gram panchayat, Directorate of Prosecutions and APPSC, the chief information commissioner expressed satisfaction with the overall implementation.

APPSC chairman Prof C Shashidhar, secretary Pattamsetti Ravi Subhash, Gollapudi panchayat secretary Chintalamma, public information officer V S K Prasad of the endowments department, joint commissioner Ratna Raju and officials from the concerned departments were present during the inspections.

# TELANGANA AIMS TO BECOME \$3-TRILLION ECONOMY: BHATTI

## Farmers' welfare & women's empowerment top priorities

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DEPUTY Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka on Friday said the Congress government was committed to transforming Telangana into a \$3-trillion economy by 2047, while simultaneously strengthening agriculture, empowering women and ensuring transparent governance.

Addressing the Rythu Ashirvada Sabha at Jagannathapuram in Chinthakani mandal of Khammam district, Bhatti said the government's vision extended beyond welfare programmes and focused on making Telangana globally competitive through sustained investments in agriculture, infrastructure, education and social development.

He said the government transferred Rs 9,000 crore under the Rythu Bharosa scheme into farmers' bank accounts within nine days, describing the exercise as a reflection of its commitment to the farming community. Agriculture, he said, was not merely an occupation but an integral part of Telangana's culture and way of life, adding that expenditure on farmers should be viewed as an investment in economic growth rather than as a subsidy. The Deputy Chief Minister said the State has spent over Rs 1.67 lakh crore on agriculture sector during the last two-and-a-half years. As many as 16.81 lakh farmers have been benefited from the latest round of investment support.

The government continued to provide free electric-



ity to the agriculture sector by bearing an annual subsidy of around Rs 14,000 crore.

Highlighting the government's focus on women's empowerment, Bhatti said interest-free loans worth Rs 67,000 crore has already been extended to women's self-help groups, while the credit ceiling

had been enhanced from Rs 5 lakh to Rs 10 lakh.

He said the government was encouraging women entrepreneurs by providing opportunities in setting up petrol pumps, canteens and power projects, with the long-term objective of improving their economic independence.

He said the government increased diet charges in government educational institutions by 40 per cent and cosmetic charges by 200 per cent, while work was underway to establish 100 Young India Integrated Residential Schools with an estimated investment of Rs 200 crore. The government has also introduced a mid-day meal programme for intermediate students, he added.

Launching a political attack on the previous BRS government, Bhatti alleged that it pushed Telangana into a debt burden of Rs 8.21 lakh crore and criticised its handling of irrigation projects, particularly the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project. He claimed that the project's cost had escalated significantly and alleged financial irregularities in

its execution.

The Deputy Chief Minister contrasted Kaleshwaram with irrigation projects such as Nagarjuna Sagar, Srisailem, Jurala, Sriram Sagar and Sripada Yellampalli, stating that projects built during Congress governments continued to benefit farmers for decades.

He also accused opposition leaders of spreading misinformation against the government through sections of the media and social media, and urged people not to be misled by what he described as false propaganda. Reiterating the government's long-term vision, Bhatti said the Congress administration would continue to protect public resources, maintain fiscal discipline and pursue inclusive development under the leadership of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy.

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2	Approx. Cost of work:	Rs. 1,80,29,018.38/-
3	Earnest Money Deposit:	Rs. 3,60,600/-
4	E-Tender Bid Online Submission Period:	21.07.2026 (00.00 Hrs.) to 04.08.2026 (15.00 Hrs.)
5	E-Tender Bid Submission End Date & E-Tender Open Date & Time:	04.08.2026 (15.00 hrs.)
6	Fund Allocation:	Capital (PH-36)
7	Website particulars where complete details of tender documents can be seen:	www.irps.gov.in
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1.	Name of work with its location:	1. Water proofing of joints of raft and walls of RCC Box joints, retaining wall and construction of road of LHS LC-16 on DLI-BTI section. (NIT 20-2026-27-W-IV). 2. Yard Improvement in DLI-BTI section in the Jurisdiction of DEN-IV/DLI. CTR-22.72 Tkm in loop lines (SQRS-16.18 Tkm and Manual-6.54 Tkm). TRR(P)-10.50 km, TTR-83 sets, Trap-34 sets, SEJ renewal-83 sets, manual deep screening-25.11 km, turnout deep screening-28 Nos. & deep screening of trap-13 Nos. (NIT 21-2026-27-W-IV).
2.	Approx. cost of work	(1) Rs. 2,86,95,014.58 (2) Rs. 8,27,03,792.67
3.	Earnest money	(1) Rs. 5,73,900.00 (2) Rs. 16,54,100.00
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