



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 development

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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.

Govt to digitise medical equipment procurement system for Govt Hospitals

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HEALTH Minister C Damaraju 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 absolute 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.

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.

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.

The BRS leaders said that the Commission should verify and delete duplicate and multiple voter registrations strictly in accordance with law after conducting due verification.

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Ensure that no genuine elector is deprived of his or her valuable constitutional and statutory right to vote on account of any procedural deficiency, inadvertent error, incomplete verification or mistaken identity.

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.

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 Puppulaguda, 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.

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 political 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 Bahubali 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.