

Bhogapuram Airport set to propel north Andhra growth

- PM to inaugurate Bhogapuram International Airport on tomorrow
- Project is expected to boost investment, tourism, exports and employment
- Aerocity, logistics hubs and future expansion planned to drive long-term growth

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THE state government on Thursday said the upcoming inauguration of the Bhogapuram International Airport will mark a major milestone in the state's infrastructure development and is expected to accelerate economic growth, investment, tourism and employment opportunities in north Andhra.

In a statement, the government said the project, to be inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on August 1, Saturday, is the realisation of a vision conceived more than a decade ago by Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu to meet the



region's future aviation and infrastructure needs.

According to the government, the airport, located near Visakhapatnam, is expected to transform the Visakhapatnam-Bhogapuram corridor into a major investment destination on India's east coast. It said the region is likely to attract investments in information technology, manufacturing, logistics,

tourism, healthcare and hospitality.

It said a world-class Aerocity is planned around the airport, featuring IT and ITES parks, industrial parks, logistics hubs, warehousing and cold storage facilities, business centres, retail and commercial complexes, convention centres, educational institutions, corporate hospitals and star hotels. It added

that industry estimates suggest these developments could attract private investments worth thousands of crores of rupees over the next decade.

The statement said the airport's connectivity with Visakhapatnam Port, Ganavaram Port, national highways and the railway network would strengthen North Andhra's logistics ecosystem by improving cargo movement and reducing transportation costs. This, it said, would support exports of pharmaceuticals, marine products, agricultural and horticultural produce, fresh fruits, flowers, handicrafts and electronics.

Improved air connectivity is expected to boost tourism by providing easier access to destinations such as Visakhapatnam beaches, Araku Valley, Borra Caves, Bheemunipatnam, Yarada Beach, Kailasagiri, Thotlakonda, Bavikonda and the Simhachalam temple. It said the increased tourist flow would benefit hotels, resorts, transport operators, travel agencies, restaurants and local artisans. The airport project is expected to create significant employment opportunities.

Besides direct jobs in airport operations, ground handling, cargo services, aviation engineering, maintenance, security and air traffic management, it said indirect employment would be generated in hospitality, tourism, logistics, retail, warehousing, transport and event management.

According to the government, the airport is being developed over about 2,200 acres at an estimated Phase-I cost of Rs 4,500 crore to Rs 5,000 crore. It said the airport will initially have the capacity to handle six million passengers annually, with future expansion planned to increase capacity to 18 million passengers.

Describing the project as a landmark in Andhra Pradesh's development journey, the government said the Bhogapuram International Airport would strengthen the state's global connectivity, attract investments, promote industrial growth, boost exports and tourism, and contribute to its vision of building a prosperous and investment-friendly 'Swarna Andhra.'

Centre sanctions 61,084 PMAY houses to state

- To provide Rs 882 cr assistance
- 12,370 houses approved for 107 cities in latest sanction meeting
- Says Amaravati land-pooling farmers not covered under special beneficiary category

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THE Centre has sanctioned 61,084 houses for Andhra Pradesh under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban (PMAY-U) 2.0, with a Central assistance of Rs 882.32 crore, the Union ministry of housing and urban affairs informed Parliament on Thursday.

Replying to a starred question by MP Maddila Gurumoorthy in the Lok Sabha, Union housing and urban affairs minister Manohar Lal said that 16.20 lakh houses have been sanctioned nationwide under PMAY-U 2.0 with Central assistance of Rs 23,383 crore. Of these, Andhra Pradesh received approval for 61,084 houses.

The minister said that in the latest Central Sanctioning and



Monitoring Committee (CSMC) meeting held on June 17, 2026, Andhra Pradesh was sanctioned 12,370 houses across 107 urban local bodies, with Central assistance of Rs 185.55 crore.

Providing details of the scheme's implementation in the State, the Centre said that 19.07 lakh houses had been sanctioned under the earlier PMAY-U programme. Of these, 3.71 lakh were non-starter houses, while 15.36 lakh houses were taken up for construction. So far, 11.38 lakh houses have been completed, and 10.75 lakh houses are occupied, the Minister informed.

Under PMAY-U 2.0, 43,947 houses have already been grounded in Andhra Pradesh, while 1,980 houses have been completed

and handed over to beneficiaries, according to the reply.

On the demand to extend PMAY-U 2.0 benefits to Amaravati land-pooling farmers, the Centre clarified that they are not included in the Special Focus Group identified under the scheme.

The Minister explained that PMAY-U 2.0 gives priority to beneficiaries belonging to categories such as PM SVANidhi street vendors, Safai Karmis, PM Vishwakarma artisans, Anganwadi workers, construction workers, and slum residents. Since land-pooling farmers do not fall under these notified categories, they are currently not eligible for benefits under the special focus group provisions of the scheme.

Jagan denied meeting with Appalaraju in jail

- Former minister's request rejected after visiting hours ended
- Prison authorities cite jail manual; refuse to relax rules
- YSRCP chief accuses the state govt of pursuing 'vindictive politics'; vows support to Appalaraju's family

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YSRCP president Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy and former minister Seediri Appalaraju were unable to meet in jail on Wednesday after prison authorities denied permission, citing prison regulations.

According to prison officials, YSRCP leaders sought permission for Appalaraju to meet Jagan after 5 pm. However, the request was rejected as prison rules permit visitors only during the prescribed visiting hours, which end before 5 pm. After consulting higher authorities, the jail administration decided that no exception could be made and denied the meeting.

The development comes days after Appalaraju was arrested by the Kasibugga police in Srikakulam district on July 22. He was named as an accused in a case alleging that he conspired to tamper with evidence and cover up



YSRCP president Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy with wife and son of former minister Seediri Appalaraju at district jail in Srikakulam on Thursday

his son's involvement in a road accident. The refusal to allow the meeting has triggered political discussion, with the YSRCP seeking to facilitate interaction between its chief and the former minister, while prison authorities maintained that the decision was taken strictly in accordance with jail rules. Later, speaking to media along with family members of Appalaraju, Jagan Mohan Reddy accused the Chandrababu Naidu-led government of conspiring against the family of former minister. He alleged that an accidental case involving Raju's son was deliberately turned into a murder charge to target the family.

Jagan said the incident reflected "vindictive politics" in the state. He claimed Raju's son, an 18-year-old student aspiring to become a doctor, was involved in an accident but tried to help the victim by calling

emergency services and performing CPR. Despite this, the case was twisted into a murder conspiracy, Jagan alleged.

He questioned whether similar action would have been taken if the accident had involved ruling party legislators. Jagan accused the government of sowing divisions among communities and misusing the system to harass political opponents. He also criticized Naidu for failing to support fishermen and BC communities, alleging that welfare schemes were being neglected while false cases were filed against rivals.

Jagan asserted that the YSRCP stood firmly with Appalaraju's family and expressed confidence that justice would prevail. "Appalaraju will soon walk free," he said, condemning what he described as attempts to destroy the career and reputation of a leader from a humble background.

Rs 2,714.78 cr released for Aug Bharosa pensions

- Rs 514.42 crore will be disbursed early in north Andhra in view of PM visit to Bhogapuram

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THE state government released Rs 2,714.78 crore towards NTR Bharosa pensions for 62,07,573 beneficiaries across the state for the month of August, according to minister for MSME, rural poverty alleviation Konnapalli Srinivas.

In a statement here on Thursday, the minister said that pension payments in the six districts of north Andhra would be made a day in advance, on July 31, in view of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to dedicate the Alluri Sitarama Raju International Greenfield Airport to the nation on August 1.

A total of 11,98,044 beneficiaries in the

six north Andhra districts will receive Rs 514.42 crore on Thursday. The remaining 50,09,529 pensioners across the rest of the state will receive Rs 2,198.31 crore on August 1, he said.

The minister said that since the coalition government assumed office, it has spent a record Rs 70,907.41 crore on pension payments, reflecting its commitment to the welfare of senior citizens, persons with disabilities, widows, and other vulnerable sections of society.

Srinivas reiterated that the government is committed to ensuring the timely disbursement of NTR Bharosa pensions, with beneficiaries receiving their pensions on the first day of every month.

He said the initiative reflects the coalition government's focus on social security and the welfare of the poor, elderly, and underprivileged families across Andhra Pradesh.

Be vigilant amid heavy rains, CS Jaju directs Collectors and police

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HYDERABAD

IN view of heavy rains lashing Telangana, Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju has directed district Collectors to take all necessary precautionary measures to prevent any loss of life or property.

The Chief Secretary ordered that tourists should be prevented from visiting waterfalls, picnic spots, and other hazardous tourist destinations during the period of heavy rains.

Collectors in the Godavari river basin districts were asked to closely monitor river conditions and alert residents in low-lying areas.

The CS held a video conference on Thursday with Collectors, Police Commissioners, and Superintendents of Police to review preparedness, as the India Meteorological Department (IMD) has forecast heavy rainfall for another two days.

He said that since heavy rainfall is expected to continue through Thursday night in several districts, coordinated action must be taken by all departments, particularly the police and district administration. He instructed Collectors to establish control rooms in every district headquarters and continuously monitor the situation.

He stated that National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) and State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) teams have already been deployed and assured that any additional assistance required would be provided immediately.

Referring to the anticipated impact of El Niño, the Chief Secretary noted that rainfall is expected to remain below normal even in September.

Govt rolls out 'Nethannala Sevalo', weavers to get Rs 25K annual aid

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THE state government has launched 'Nethannala Sevalo' scheme, under which Below Poverty Line (BPL) handloom weaver families will receive Rs 25,000 per household annually from the 2026-27 financial year to strengthen the handloom sector and improve the livelihoods of traditional weavers.

According to officials, the financial assistance will be provided to all active handloom weaver households irrespective of the age of the beneficiary or the number of looms owned, with one benefit per eligible family.

The scheme is intended to help weavers meet expenses on yarn, dyes, chemicals, loom modernization, replacement of worn-out equipment and repairs, enabling them to

improve productivity, increase income and compete more effectively with the power loom sector.

The government approved detailed implementation guidelines submitted by the commissioner of handlooms and textiles for rolling out the scheme across the State.

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Rains revive agriculture, fill reservoirs across Karimnagar

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AFTER weeks of uncertainty caused by a prolonged dry spell, widespread rainfall over the past three days has brought much-needed relief to farmers across the united Karimnagar district. The Showers have accelerated paddy transplantation and other kharif operations while replenishing reservoirs, tanks and streams across the region. Farmers have resumed cultivation of paddy, cotton, maize and horticultural crops after delayed monsoon rains had slowed agricultural activity during June.

Against the kharif cultivation target of 9.51 lakh acres of paddy, 2.02 lakh acres of cotton, 50,000 acres of maize and 1.72 lakh acres of horticultural crops, only a small area had been cultivated due to poor rainfall. Farmer Koppula Satyanarayana from Kishitampet village in Peddapalli district said the recent rains had restored hope after the prolonged impact of El Niño conditions and encouraged farmers to restart field operations.

The rainfall has improved storage in the Lower Manair, Mid Manair, Upper Manair and Shanigaram reservoirs, while water from the Sri Ram Sagar Project has



started reaching the united Karimnagar district through the Kakatiya and Flood Flow canals. Meanwhile, heavy rainfall has disrupted coal

production in Ramagundam due to waterlogging in open-cast mines.

Authorities remain on alert as the IMD has forecast

more rain, while Karimnagar District Collector Chitra Mishra declared a holiday for schools on July 31 as a precautionary measure.

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09093	Udhna Jn	Ayodhya Cantt	Weekly (Fri)	31.07.2026	Upto 28.08.2026	4
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09097	Udhna Jn	Ayodhya Cantt	Weekly (Tue)	28.07.2026	Upto 25.08.2026	4
09098	Ayodhya Cantt	Udhna Jn	Weekly (Wed)	29.07.2026	Upto 26.08.2026	4
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