



A group of local residents and officials inspect the underground structure discovered during excavation at the historic Qutb Shahi graveyard near 18 Seedi on the Golconda premises in Hyderabad on Friday

Secret tunnel at Golconda turns out to be heritage chamber

ASI inspection finds 1.2m × 1.8m underground structure at 18 Seedi graveyard

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A tunnel has been discovered following alleged illegal excavation at a historic 400-year-old Qutb Shahi graveyard at 18 Seedi on Golconda premises, triggering serious concerns over possible damage to the protected heritage site. It revived the long-standing belief of a secret tunnel connecting Golconda Fort with the Charminar.

It was alleged that the excavation was carried out by Army officials in the area, following which the discovery of a tunnel came to light. The matter has now been brought to the attention of the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) for an immediate inspection and investigation. According to preliminary information, excavation was allegedly being carried out at the site, during which an underground passage or tunnel-like structure was noticed. The discovery has generated considerable interest because of a long-standing local belief that there is a secret underground passage between Golconda Fort and Charminar. However, there is no conclusive evidence so far establishing the existence of such a passage.

AIMIM Karwan MLA Kausar Mohiuddin visited the site and contacted officials of the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) and brought the alleged excavation and discovery to their attention. The development has also been brought to the notice of the Hyderabad Collector, Hyderabad City Police Commissioner and DCP, South-West Zone.

Authorities have also deployed police personnel at the site to prevent any further unauthorised activity until the inspection and assessment are

completed.

On receiving the information, the ASI officials inspected the site on Friday and ascertained the nature and extent of the excavation and examined the tunnel discovered at the location.

Upon preliminary inspection, ASI said it was observed that the said structure is not a tunnel but a rectangular-shaped chamber measuring approximately 1.2 m × 1.8 m in length and width and 2.2 m in depth. It is constructed of granite stone, with rough stone masonry forming an internal wall-like structure. The team also noticed a few red-coloured potsherds, which appear to belong to the medieval period. The preliminary investigation has clarified that the structure is not a tunnel but a small chamber. Its exact purpose or usage, however, could not be identified without detailed investigation. The ASI Hyderabad Circle will report the matter to the Director General, ASI, and, upon approval, a detailed investigation will be undertaken to ascertain the purpose and usage of the chamber and to determine whether similar chambers exist in the surrounding area.

It may also be stated that the Bala Hissar portion of Golconda Fort is situated on a hillock, and the fortification wall encloses several other minor structures that were congealed for the utility of the public when Golconda Fort functioned as a residential settlement.

The ASI Hyderabad Circle has informed the Artillery Centre, Golconda, not to proceed further with the levelling of the land until a clear picture regarding this discovery emerges through further investigation.

Seven-year-old's voice prompts GHMC action on stray dogs

- Arfa raises stray dog concerns
- Complaint submitted to GHMC Zonal Commissioner
- Veterinary team inspects colony
- Five to six stray dogs caught
- GHMC vehicle deployed for two days
- Focus on children's safety and animal welfare

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Seven-year-old student Arfa Mehreen hands over her representation to S Srinivas Reddy, GHMC Zonal Commissioner, Rajendranagar, on stray dog menace in University View Colony

seven-year-old child raised concerns over the stray dog menace in University View Colony, Rajendranagar.

Arfa Mehreen, a seven-

year-old child activist, noticed the growing presence of stray dogs in her area, which was creating fear among children and mak-



The handwritten complaint submitted by Arfa Mehreen to the GHMC Zonal Commissioner, Rajendranagar, highlighting safety concerns caused by stray dogs in University View Colony

ing them feel unsafe while walking to and from school.

Arfa decided to speak up and seek a solution. She wrote a complaint and submitted a representation to

S Srinivas Reddy, GHMC Zonal Commissioner, Rajendranagar, explaining the difficulties faced by children and other residents and requesting appropriate measures to address the issue.

Taking the young girl's complaint seriously, the Zonal Commissioner responded swiftly and deputised Dr Nizam, veterinary officer, along with his team, to inspect the area and resolve the issue on a war-footing.

As a result, for the past two days, GHMC's stray animal-catching vehicle has been making rounds in University View Colony, with five to six stray dogs caught and removed from the area.

Speaking to The Hans India, Arfa said her concern was never about harming animals, but about finding a safe and humane balance between animal welfare and

public safety.

"My representation sought responsible civic measures, including anti-rabies vaccination and appropriate action in cases involving aggressive dogs, while ensuring the safety of children and residents. The aim is to protect both people and animals through humane and responsible solutions," she said.

At just seven years, she saw a problem, understood that government authorities could help, raised her voice respectfully and sought a solution.

Her initiative has now become more than just a complaint about stray dogs. It stands as an example of early civic consciousness, leadership, empathy and community service—showing how even a little voice can make a big impact in building a safer neighbourhood.

Civil Supplies gets 'commando shield' against defaulting rice millers

28 personnel from Greyhounds and OCTOPUS inducted into Civil Supplies Enforcement and Vigilance wing to curb stock diversion

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IN a decisive move to safeguard the state's paddy procurement and public distribution system, the Telangana State Civil Supplies Department on Friday inducted 28 highly trained police personnel from the elite Greyhounds and OCTOPUS units into its Enforcement and Vigilance wing to crack down on defaulting rice millers.

Commissioner of Civil Supplies M Stephen Raveendra chaired a high-level briefing at Civil Supplies Bhavan to formally welcome the newly attached personnel and outline their strategic mandate.

Recognising that public distribution and civil supplies operations are a new domain for the tactical units, the Commissioner said the personnel had already undergone a specialised three-day training programme tailored to departmental protocols. The personnel

were also trained at the Telangana Police Academy in various legal aspects relating to essential commodities and enforcement procedures.

During the briefing, Raveendra highlighted the scale of the department's operations and the state's record-breaking paddy procurement during the KMS 2025-26 season. He said Telangana had successfully procured 154 lakh metric tonnes (LMT) of paddy during the procurement cycle.

He noted that the State government had spent around Rs 40,000 crore during the last procurement season to support the farming community and ensure smooth procurement operations.

The newly deputed personnel, leveraging their expertise in tactical operations, intelligence gathering and surprise inspections, will function as special task teams under the Enforcement and Vigilance wing.

The teams will be deployed across the state to conduct

intensive field inspections of rice mills identified as defaulting and verify compliance with government regulations. Their deployment is aimed at strengthening enforcement mechanisms and preventing the misappropriation of government-owned paddy and rice stocks.

The Commissioner issued a stern warning that the department would follow a strict zero-tolerance policy towards misappropriation, diversion of stocks and other operational violations.

He said criminal cases would be registered immediately against millers found violating government regulations and that stringent legal action would be initiated against those responsible.

The deployment of the specialised personnel is expected to strengthen the Civil Supplies Department's enforcement capabilities and ensure greater accountability among rice millers involved in the state's procurement and public distribution operations.

Garbage, encroachments under MMC Commissioner's scanner

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MALKAJIGIRI Municipal Corporation (MMC) Commissioner T Vinay Krishna Reddy came down heavily on civic lapses during a surprise field inspection in Kamala Nagar and Mahesh Nagar under the AS Rao Nagar Division. He directed officials to swiftly address sanitation issues, encroachments, unauthorised constructions and road-safety concerns.

During the inspection, the Commissioner expressed displeasure over garbage being dumped along road margins, in vacant plots and at other public places.

Taking note of negligence in maintaining sanitation at the field level, the Commissioner directed the Deputy Commissioner to transfer Sanitary Field Assistant (SFA) Vamsi from the area.

He suggested that Anjali, who had earlier served as the in-charge SFA of the locality, be

posted in his place.

At Nikhil Boys Hostel on Road No. 3 in Kamala Nagar, the Commissioner found that a kitchen and office room had been constructed in the designated parking area. Town Planning officials were instructed to initiate action as per rules against the unauthorised use of the parking space. The Commissioner also inspected Ayyappa Swamy Temple Road, where he found conditions affecting the safe movement of school vehicles and other motorists.

Engineering officials were directed to take appropriate technical measures to resolve the issue without causing inconvenience to the public. At the Radhika Multiplex area, he inspected a construction allegedly encroaching on the footpath and noted that construction material had been stored on the road for a prolonged period. Town Planning officials were directed to take action against such encroachments and obstructions to public movement.

Polytechnic reforms spark SIO fears over privatisation

SIO delegation visits Polytechnics, interacts with students and voices support for their concerns

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THE Students Islamic Organisation of India (SIO), Telangana, expressed serious concern over the proposed restructuring of Polytechnics under the SHAKTI framework and their integration with the Young India Skills University (YISU).

According to SIO, technical education reforms must expand opportunities for students, not weaken their

access to higher technical education. The concerns surrounding B Tech lateral entry and the future academic progression of Polytechnic students need clear assurance and protection.

There is also a serious concern that the restructuring may affect the availability of affordable government technical education. Any increase in fees or commercial use of public educational infrastructure could make technical education less ac-

cessible to students from economically weaker backgrounds.

State President Mohd Faraz Ahmed said that the proposed restructuring also raises serious concerns as the government is attempting to shift government Polytechnics towards a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model, which could lead to the gradual privatisation of technical education.

"Technical education should not become increas-

ingly privatised or commercialised, with public institutions and infrastructure being treated primarily as avenues for commercial activity."

He said that at a time when the State government cites a lack of funds for RTF and MTF scholarships, it is concerned that public education is being pushed towards PPP models. Providing affordable education is the government's responsibility, not something to be

shifted to private players.

SIO Telangana urges the government to consult students, faculty and management before implementing major changes. The future of existing students, courses and facilities must be protected.

A delegation of SIO Telangana visited various polytechnic colleges and interacted with students, listening to their concerns and expressing solidarity with them.

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
0/o. Dist. Panchayat Raj Engineer, PIU Yadadri Bhuvanagiri
Tender Notice
Short Tender Notice No. HD/02/2026-27, Dated:19.08.2026. Tenders are invited by the undersigned for total-26 Number of works in Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District, Sanctioned under Various Grants with Total Estimate cost: Rs. 194.08 Lakhs, last date of receipt of application: 28.08.2026 up to 05.00 P.M., Tender schedules will be issued 29.08.2026 upto 05.00 P.M., Date of receipt of tenders: 31.08.2026 upto 03.00PM. Date of opening of tenders: 31.08.2026 at 03.30 PM. Further details can be had from the undersigned.
Sd/- Dist. Panchayat Raj Engineer, PIU Yadadri Bhongir
DIPR R.O. No.: 8422-PP/CL/ADVT/2026-27 Date: 21-08-2026

NOTICE
Forest Clearance has been accorded under Forest Conservation Act 1980 in favour of M/s. Jio Digital Fibre Private Limited - Final (Stage-II) approval for Diversion of 0.1866 Ha of forest land (FP/TO/OF/467168/2024) in Medak Forest Division of Medak District for laying Optical Fibre Cable between Narsapur-Chandapur along the road within existing Right Of Way for providing LTE Voice & Data services vide G.O.MS.No.30, dated 04-08-2026 issued by Ministry Of Environment, Forests and Climate Change and the details of permission are available on the State Government <http://goir.telangana.gov.in>

GREATER HYDERABAD MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, RAJENDRANAGAR ZONE
Tender Notice
Sl. No. 1. NIT No.13/SE(M)/RJNRZ/GHMC /2026-27, Date: 21.08.2026, Name of the Work: 01 No of Civil Works, Estimated amount (Rs. in Lakhs): 118.00, Start Date/Last Date & Time for Receipts of Bids: Download Start Date: 22/08/2026@ 04.30 P.M, Last Date & Time for Receipt of Bids: 29/08/2026@ 3.30 P.M, Name & Address Officer Cell No.: S1 B.Narendar Goud, SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,RAJENDRANAGAR ZONE, GHMC, PH: 9989930608, Total: 01 No of Civil Works: 118.00, Further details can be seen at @ <https://tender.eprocurement.gov.in>
Sd/-SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (M) RAJENDRANAGAR ZONE, GHMC
DIPR R.O. No.: 8435-PP/CL/ADVT/2026-27, Date: 21-08-2026

CYBERABAD MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
MADHAPUR CIRCLE – 50
Lr No: 19/EE/CIR-50/KPZ/CMC/2026-27 Date: 20.08.2026
S.no Name of the Work UNITS
1 Supply and delivery of Geocellular stormwater storage modules with high-load retention and infiltration system for rainwater management in heavy traffic areas. These modules must support usage in road construction or storm water drains with high load bearing capacity. each
Further details can be seen at e-Procurement at <https://cmc.telangana.gov.in/Tenderspage>
Terms and Conditions:
1) Last date for submission of Sealed Quotations is on or before 27.08.2026 11.00AM in the O/o Executive Engineer, Madhapur circle-50, CMC.
2) Price quoted must have breakup of basic price, GST applicable and other charges if any.
3) Bidders are requested to submit rates for different sizes of the blocks which serve the purpose mentioned above with specific details like size, material and storage capacity.
4) Bidder should mention their GST number on the Quotation submitted.
Sd/-Executive Engineer, Madhapur Circle-50, CMC
DIPR R.O. No.: 8395-PP/CL/ADVT/2026-27 Date: 21-08-2026

VARALAKSHMI VRATHAM CELEBRATED WITH RELIGIOUS FERVOUR

Women perform Varalakshmi Vratam with devotion and traditional fervour at Kukatpally in Hyderabad on Friday
Photos: Adula Krishna

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Tender Notice No: 2-MECH-NMGHSFS-TPT-R-2627
Dated 19.08.2026
Dy.CME/CRS/TPTY acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders against Tender No: mentioned here under closing date as mentioned below up to 11:00 Hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored.
Sl.No.: 1, Description of work: 2-MECH-NMGHSFS-TPT-R-2627. Dated 19.08.2026 Conversion of NMG coaches to NMGHS-FS Coaches at Carriage Repair Shop Tirupati. Approx. Cost (in Rs.): Rs.3,76,28,602/-, Bid Security (in Rs.): Rs. 7,52,600/-, Period of Completion: 12 Months from the date of commencement of work. Date of Closing : 10.09.2026 @ 11.00 Hrs.
Website particulars : www.irops.gov.in
Notice Board Location where complete details of tender can be seen: Office of the Chief Workshop Manager, Carriage Repair Shop, Tirupati
For further Tender Conditions/details (available in the tender documents) and for downloading of Tender Documents, Corrigendum, please visit of website <https://www.irops.gov.in>
Dy. Chief Mechanical Engineer/ CRS/Tirupati
Tender Notice No: 09-Mech-LHB-VB-TPTY-26-27
Dated 19.08.2026
Dy.CME/CRS/TPTY acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders against Tender No: mentioned here under closing date as mentioned below up to 11:00 Hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored.
Sl.No.: 1, Description of work: 09-Mech-LHB-VB-TPTY-26-27 Dated 19.08.2026 Stripping, Cleaning and Painting of LHB & Vande Bharat Bogies for Attending SS-I, SS-II, & SS-III Schedules at Carriage Repair Shop, Tirupati. S Co. Railway for a Period of 24 Months. Approx. Cost (in Rs.): Rs. 1,40,74,757.72/-, Bid Security (in Rs.): Rs. 2,81,500/-, Period of Completion : 24 months. Date of Closing : 11.09.2026 @ 11.00 Hrs.
Website particulars : www.irops.gov.in
Notice Board Location where complete details of tender can be seen: Office of the Chief Workshop Manager, Carriage Repair Shop, Tirupati
For further Tender Conditions/details (available in the tender documents) and for downloading of Tender Documents, Corrigendum, please visit of website <https://www.irops.gov.in>
Dy. Chief Mechanical Engineer/ CRS/Tirupati
Tender No. GTL-EM-39-2026-27
Date: 20.08.2026
Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer/ Maintenance/Guntakal, acting for and on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders for the following works.
Tender No.: GTL-EM-39-26-27, Name of work: Guntakal Division: Provision of roof top solar Plants on ABSS stations COPS. Approximate Value: Rs. 9,81,10,903.05/-, Closing date and time: 11.09.2026 at 15:00 hrs
For bidding the tender and other details, log in to <http://www.irops.gov.in>. Corrigendum of tender, if any, will be issued online only.
Note: To participate/Bid in this e-Tender, the tenderer should have a valid DSC (Digital Signature Certificate).
Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer, Maintenance, Guntakal
TENDER NOTICE NO: VSKP-TRS-RT-08-2026-27
For and on behalf of the President of India, the undersigned invites E-Tender for the following works.
(i) Name of work with its location: Dismantling, Overhauling, Cleaning, assembling, testing, inspection & exterior painting of 1750 LPM Main compressor of three phase electric locomotives for a period of three years at ELS/VSKP. (ii) Value of Tender: Rs. 91,58,855.76/- (iii) Earnest Money to be deposited: Rs. 1,83,200/- (iv) Cost of Tender Form : Rs. 5,900/- (v) Address of the office: Sr. Divl. Electrical Engineer (TRS), Electric Loco Shed, South Coast Railway, NAD Post, Visakhapatnam-5009 (vi) Completion period of the work: 3 years (36 months) (vii) Bidding system: Two packet system (e-tendering) (viii) Tender closing date and time: 15.09.2026 at 15.00 hrs.
Website particulars: <http://www.irops.gov.in>
Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer (TRS), SCOR-A244 Visakhapatnam
For further tender conditions/ details and for downloading the tender documents. Please visit website at <http://www.irops.gov.in> www.scor.indianrailways.gov.in