

Rs 221.67 cr health infra projects on anvil in state

- Tenders called for 12 projects to strengthen healthcare, AYUSH and medical education
- Six 50-bed integrated AYUSH hospitals and two medical colleges are among the key projects
- Chinturu CHC to be upgraded to a 100-bed hospital; new OPD block planned at Kakinada GGH

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THE state government has initiated the tender process for 12 infrastructure projects worth an estimated Rs 221.67 crore to strengthen healthcare services, AYUSH facilities and medical education across the state.

Health, medical and family welfare minister Y Satya Kumar Yadav said in a statement here on Friday that the projects include the construction of six integrated AYUSH multi-specialty hospitals, two

medical colleges and additional facilities at existing institutions and infrastructure development at government hospitals.

Of the 12 works, 10 are related to the AYUSH sector, while two projects pertain to allopathic medical services, the Minister said.

Under the National AYUSH Mission (NAM), six 50-bed integrated AYUSH hospitals will be established at Tekkal in Srikakulam district at a cost of Rs 9.98 crore, Rampachodavaram in Polavaram district for Rs



10.57 crore, Nandigama in NTR district for ₹10.52 crore, Tenali in Guntur district for Rs 10.50 crore, Giddalur in Markapuram district for ₹10.58 crore and Tirupati district for Rs 9.99 crore.

The government will also construct a Government Unani Medical College at Proddatur in Kadapa district at an estimated cost of Rs 49 crore. Another Government Ayurvedic Medical College at

Dharmavaram in Sri Sathya Sai district will be established with an investment of Rs 49 crore.

At the Visakhapatnam Institute of Medical Sciences (VIMS), a first floor will be constructed above the existing ground floor of the Government Naturopathy and Yoga College at a cost of Rs 3.37 crore. An additional floor and facilities for the clinical department will also

be developed at the 50-bed Integrated AYUSH Hospital in the same campus at a cost of Rs 3.04 crore.

In the allopathic healthcare sector, the 50-bed Community Health Centre at Chinturu will be upgraded into a 100-bed Area Hospital at an estimated cost of Rs 21.99 crore. A new Out-Patient Department (OPD) block will also be constructed at the Government General Hospital, Kakinada, at a cost of Rs 27.13 crore.

The Andhra Pradesh Medical Services and Infrastructure Development Corporation (APMSIDC) has initiated the tender process through e-procurement for the proposed works.

Satya Kumar Yadav said the projects reflect the coalition government's commitment to strengthening medical infrastructure and expanding access to quality healthcare and medical education across Andhra Pradesh.



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Search for missing fishermen intensifies

- Five ships, aircraft have been pressed into the operation
- Alerts sent to Myanmar, Port Blair and Bangladesh coast

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SEARCH operations for the seven Andhra Pradesh fishermen missing at sea continued on Friday, with the Indian Coast Guard deploying five ships, two Dornier aircraft and a helicopter to locate their boat.

Agriculture minister K Atchannaidu said the State government was maintaining constant coordination with the Coast Guard and Navy and would pursue every possible avenue to trace the fishermen and bring them back safely.

Atchannaidu said officials had spoken to Coast Guard Assistant Commanding Officer Ranjit Kumar to review the latest position. Coast

Guard officials informed them that an extensive search was continuing at sea, though the missing boat had not yet been located.

Information about the vessel has been shared with Coast Guard authorities in Myanmar, Port Blair and coastal areas bordering Bangladesh, with instructions to remain alert for any sighting or information regarding the boat.

The minister said the search would continue without interruption. Coast Guard officials had also assured the State that the officer taking charge after August 24 would continue the operation until the fishermen were traced. He reassured the families that the government was closely monitoring the search and coordinating with all available agencies.

He appealed to the families to remain courageous and not lose hope, assuring them that the search would continue through every possible avenue until the missing boat and fishermen are located.

TDP slams 11 YSRCP MLAs for skipping Assembly

- Chief whip Anjaneyulu accuses YSRCP MLAs of avoiding the Assembly for fear of facing the govt
- Says MLAs drawing salaries must attend the House and raise public issues on behalf of voters

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GOVERNMENT chief whip and Vinukonda MLA G V Anjaneyulu strongly criticised 11 YSRCP MLAs for staying away from the Assembly sessions, alleging that they lacked the courage to face the House.

Questioning why elected representatives did not attend the Assembly to discuss public issues, Anjaneyulu said it



was unfair for MLAs to draw salaries while neglecting their responsibilities towards the people. He alleged that the YSRCP MLAs had "run away" from the Assembly because they were afraid to face the government. Speaking to the media at party headquarters in Mangalagiri, he criticised them for failing to come to the Assembly, which he described as a temple of democracy, and speak on behalf of the people. He said the four-day Assembly session witnessed meaningful discussions and continued for 25 hours and 15 minutes. A total of 103 members participated in the proceedings. Had the 11 YSRCP MLAs attended, they too

would have had an opportunity to raise public issues, he said. Anjaneyulu also took a dig at the YSRCP leadership over the DSC recruitment issue. He said Minister Nara Lokesh's presentation of facts in the Assembly had left YSRCP leaders embarrassed. He described it as ironic that a person who could not distinguish between the APPSC and DSC had served as Chief Minister for five years.

He alleged that YSRCP leaders were staying away to avoid answering questions over alleged irregularities in the APPSC during the previous government. He also accused them of creating disruptions in the Legislative Council. Anjaneyulu urged YSRCP MLAs to attend the House and participate in constructive debates on public issues, stressing that elected representatives have a responsibility to present their views before the Assembly.

BC empowerment possible only with TDP: Ravichandra

NELLORE: TDP senior leader, party district president and MLC Beeda Ravichandra asserted that the development and political empowerment of Backward Classes (BCs) is possible only under the TDP. Welcoming the state government's decision to provide 34 per cent reservation for BCs in rural areas and 33.3 per cent in urban areas, Ravichandra described it as a historic step. Addressing a press conference at the TDP office here on Friday, he said the decision was not merely about reservations but was aimed at ensuring social dignity and political empowerment for BC communities. Ravichandra said the TDP deserved credit for politically empowering BCs and challenged the YSRCP to a debate on its contribution to the community. He recalled that former Chief Minister and TDP founder N T Rama Rao had introduced reservations for BCs,

describing it as a pioneering initiative in the country. He said Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu and Education Minister Nara Lokesh were continuing NTR's legacy.

He noted that BC leaders had headed the TDP's State unit during the past 12 years. Referring to the Deputy Chief Minister's post, he said Pawan Kalyan was given the position based on the collective decision of the alliance partners. He alleged that the five Deputy Chief Ministers appointed by the previous YSRCP government had little real power. Ravichandra accused the YSRCP of obstructing BC reservations and alleged that nearly 16,800 BC leaders lost positions during its rule. He also claimed that around 70,000 backlog posts remained unfilled. He thanked Chandrababu Naidu for initiating the latest reservation measures.

Need to build strong talent ecosystem stressed

CII HR Future Bridge Summit 2026 calls for stronger Industry-Academia-Government collaboration to create a future-ready talent ecosystem



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THE future of India's workforce will depend not merely on technological advancement but on the ability of industry, academia, government and society to work together to build a strong and future-ready talent ecosystem, said Dr Narayana Bharat Gupta, commissioner of higher education, Andhra Pradesh.

Addressing the CII Vijayawada HR Future Bridge Summit 2026 held here on Friday, Dr Gupta said India is witnessing an unprecedented transformation in the nature of work, driven by artificial intelligence, automation, digitisation and emerging technologies. While technology can automate processes and enhance productivity, people will continue to be central to innovation, trust, organisational culture and leadership.

Quoting the World Economic Forum's Future of Jobs Report, he noted that significant changes are expected in the global employment landscape by 2030, with millions of jobs being created even as several existing roles and skills undergo transformation. "The future does not belong to the biggest organisations; it belongs to those who learn quickly," he said. Narendra Kumar Saranam, chairman of CII Andhra Pradesh in his address said that talent competitiveness is economic competitiveness. For Andhra Pradesh, the quality of our talent ecosystem will influence investment, innovation, productivity, entrepreneurship and the ability of our youth to participate confidently in national and global opportunities, he lamented.

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22:30	22:40	Kota Jn.	22:05	22:15	
02:10	02:20	Ratlam Jn.	18:55	19:05	
05:55	06:00	Vadodara Jn.	15:25	15:30	
07:43	07:45	Udhna Jn.	13:43	13:45	
11:10	11:15	Vasai Road	10:55	11:00	
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Civil Supplies gets ‘commando shield’ against defaulting rice millers

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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 Commis-

sioner 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 procure-

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

ment operations.

The newly deputised 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.