

FGG seeks fast-track prosecution in ACB trap cases

- Seeks review of cases pending solely for prior approval
- ACB registers 20–25 cases every month, says FGG
- Prosecution approval reportedly refused in 22 cases
- FGG alleges Secretariat lobby is shielding accused officials
- Forum warns delays could encourage corruption

MOULI MAREEDU
HYDERABAD

THE Forum for Good Governance (FGG) has urged the Chief Secretary to direct the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) to proceed with the prosecution of officials booked in trap cases without insisting on prior approval under Section 17A of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, wherever such approval is not legally required. The forum has also sought

instructions to all concerned Secretariat departments to review cases pending solely for want of prior approval and return them to the ACB for necessary action wherever such approval is not mandatory.

FGG secretary M Padmanabha Reddy said corruption in administration remained a serious concern in Telangana. The common man was often compelled to pay bribes even to obtain services and benefits to which they were legally entitled, he said.

He said the Telangana ACB was doing commendable work at the field level by registering an average of 20 to 25 cases every month. However, he alleged that inquiry reports submitted by the ACB Director General seeking permission to prosecute accused officials faced undue delays and interference at the government level.

Even clear-cut trap cases, in which officials were allegedly caught red-handed while accepting bribes, had

remained pending for years and were eventually referred for departmental inquiries, he said. This forced the ACB to withdraw or discontinue prosecution proceedings before courts, he alleged.

Reddy further stated that permission to prosecute had reportedly been refused in 22 cases over the past couple of years, with the ACB being directed to withdraw the cases.

He alleged that the Telangana Secretariat was acting as a protective shield for officials implicated in ACB cases, sending the wrong signal to government employees and potentially encouraging corrupt practices.

Pointing out that some officials had been booked by the ACB more than once, Reddy said the FGG had submitted several representations urging the government to grant prosecution approval whenever sought by the ACB. He alleged that a strong lobby within the Secretariat was working to protect officials facing corruption charges.



CMC steps up anti-larval drive to curb mosquito menace

GOUDA SWEYACHANDRA
HYDERABAD

THE Cyberabad Municipal Corporation (CMC) is stepping up anti-larval operations (ALO) to curb mosquito breeding and prevent the spread of vector-borne diseases such as dengue and malaria. As part of the campaign, officials are carrying out anti-larval measures in water bodies and other potential mosquito-breeding sites. The operations aim to eliminate mosquito larvae before they develop into adult mosquitoes, reducing mosquito populations and the risk of disease transmission.

The civic body is conducting regular inspections to identify breeding sources and treating stagnant water wherever necessary. These preventive measures are particularly important during periods

when water accumulation creates favourable conditions for mosquito breeding.

The corporation has urged residents to support the campaign by maintaining cleanliness in and around their homes. People have been advised to remove stagnant water, keep water storage containers tightly covered, and clean flowerpot trays and unused containers regularly to prevent water accumulation. Officials stressed that public cooperation is essential for effective mosquito control. While the civic body continues its anti-larval operations, residents can help prevent mosquito breeding by adopting simple precautionary measures. The CMC has called upon citizens to join hands with the civic authorities to build a cleaner, healthier and mosquito-free Cyberabad.

KAVITHA PICKS SRIKANTH GOUD FOR GRADUATES' MLC POLL

HANS NEWS SERVICE
HYDERABAD

THE Telangana Rakshana Sena (TRS) has announced Srikanth Goud as its candidate for the Nalgonda-Warangal-Khammam Graduates' Constituency in the upcoming Telangana Legislative Council elections. Party president Kalvakuntla Kavitha announced his candidature on the occasion of Dasara, marking the party's first entry into a direct electoral contest since its formation. The TRS has also decided to contest the Hyderabad-Rangareddy-Mahbubnagar Graduates' Constituency, signalling its plans to enter the electoral fray in both graduates' constituencies.

Eatala demands relocation of Jawahar Nagar dump yard

HANS NEWS SERVICE
HYDERABAD

MALKAJGIRI BJP MP Eatala Rajender has demanded the relocation of the Jawahar Nagar dump yard away from residential areas, citing health risks associated with methane emissions and toxic air. He announced a meeting with affected residents on October 23, a roundtable with environmentalists and intellectuals on October 25, and a padayatra against the dump yard from October 27.

Rajender said the dump yard, originally designed to serve a population of two lakh, was now receiving waste generated by 1.6 crore people. He alleged that groundwater within a 25-km radius had become toxic and that residents living within 30 km were suffering from lung and skin problems.

Citing a report attributed to the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) School of Law, the MP said Jawahar Nagar ranked fourth among 25 major methane-emitting sites across 18 countries.

He urged the government to adopt modern waste-management technologies and find a permanent solution to the problem. Rajender also called on Chief Minister A Revanthy Reddy to intervene and address the concerns of residents affected by the dump yard.

Dasara liquor sales soar to ₹755 crore in Telangana

- Last year's festive sales stood at ₹698 crore
- October 19 records the highest single-day sales of ₹303.40 crore
- Sales include 6.83 lakh cases of liquor and 10.44 lakh cases of beer
- October sales reach ₹2,055 crore by October 19
- Excise Department expects record sales this month

PATAN AFZAL BABU
HYDERABAD

LIQUOR sales in Telangana recorded a massive increase during the Dasara festival, with sales worth Rs 755.14 crore during the festive pe-



riod. Last year, liquor worth Rs 698 crore was sold during the same festive period.

State Excise and Prohibition Department officials said liquor worth Rs 303.40 crore was sold across all licensed liquor outlets on October 19, the day before the

festival.

Liquor worth Rs 102.17 crore was sold on October 14, while sales stood at Rs 126.32 crore on October 16, followed by Rs 223.25 crore on October 17. Although sales dipped on October 18 due to the Sunday holiday,

they surged to Rs 303.40 crore on October 19. Total sales during these four days amounted to Rs 755.14 crore.

In all, 6.83 lakh cases of hard liquor were purchased during the four-day period. Beer sales were even higher, reaching 10.44 lakh cases. By

October 19, total liquor sales for the month had reached Rs 2,055 crore.

Sales stood at Rs 3,209 crore in September and Rs 3,482 crore in August.

Excise Department officials expect October sales to be the highest, given the surge during the Dasara festival. Sales this year have surpassed those recorded during the previous Dasara. Liquor worth Rs 698 crore was sold over four days last year, compared with Rs 755.14 crore this year, marking a significant increase.

It may be mentioned that the Excise Department is the State's second-largest revenue-generating department after the Registration and Stamps Department. The government has been focusing on increasing revenue from liquor sales by permitting new bars and restaurants and raising the prices of foreign liquor.

DGP recalls sacrifices of police martyrs

MOULI MAREEDU
HYDERABAD

STATING that the government places high priority on the welfare of police families, the Director General of Police (DGP) CV Anand on Wednesday said that the sacrifices of police martyrs, who laid down their lives in the line of duty to ensure public safety, will always be remembered.

The DGP paid tributes to police martyrs at an event held at the Goshamahal Stadium on the occasion of Police Commemoration Day.

The DGP said that Telangana has been a land of movements, where hundreds of police personnel sacrificed their lives while confronting violence perpetrated by Naxalites. He emphasised that it is because of their courage and valour that law



Director General of Police CV Anand addressing the media in Hyderabad on Wednesday

and order have improved in the state, paving the way for development.

Anand highlighted that the act of hoisting the national flag in remote, rugged areas—such as the 'Karregutalu' (hilly, forested terrains)—stands as a testament to the unwavering determination of

the police force.

Recalling an incident from 1997, when he served as the Superintendent of Police for Nizamabad, he noted that 126 police personnel were martyred—losing their lives in landmine blasts, armed encounters, and direct attacks on police personnel.

Sanitation workers' welfare, safety reviewed

HANS NEWS SERVICE
HYDERABAD

HARDEEP Singh Gill, Member of the National Commission for Safai Karmacharis, Government of India, reviewed the welfare, safety and service conditions of sanitation workers and the maintenance of Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) toilets with Malkajgiri Municipal

Corporation (MMC) officials on Wednesday.

The meeting was attended by Vikas Mahato, Zonal Commissioner, LB Nagar Zone, and other senior officials.

Key issues discussed included timely payment of salaries, insurance coverage, welfare benefits, recruitment procedures and proper maintenance of BOT toilets across

the corporation limits.

During the review, Gill stressed the need to ensure timely salary payments and provide sanitation workers with insurance coverage and eligible welfare benefits in accordance with government rules and guidelines.

Officials were also advised to ensure a safe, dignified and supportive working environment for sanitation workers.

Seethakka calls for water conservation drive to tackle El Niño

HANS NEWS SERVICE
HYDERABAD

PANCHAYAT Raj Minister Seethakka on Wednesday directed officials to utilise the employment guarantee scheme extensively for water conservation and storage in view of the potential impact of El Niño on Telangana.

She said the government was taking proactive measures to prevent water scarcity amid rising temperatures and declining rainfall. Regular reviews had been conducted with officials from various departments over the past six months to strengthen water conservation efforts, she added.

The minister inspected Ramappa Lake and the associated defluoridation project in Venkatapuram mandal of Mulugu district. She said the lake currently held water up to a level of 29 feet.

She revealed that the government was exploring the possibility of pumping water from the Godavari to augment supplies to the lake and surrounding areas. She directed officials to release water within the next two days in accordance with the annual operational schedule aimed at improving storage levels.

Seethakka said plans were

under way to treat water from Ramappa Lake through the defluoridation project and supply it for drinking purposes. Officials were continuously monitoring water supply systems, villages dependent on the lakes and groundwater levels, she added.

The minister said natural phenomena such as excessive rainfall and drought could not be completely controlled and cautioned against exploiting such situations for political gain by criticising the Congress government. Changes in Pacific Ocean temperatures influenced weather patterns, she said, stressing that tackling such challenges required collective efforts. She said the government was prioritising water conservation through percolation pits, recharge trenches, small ponds, check dams, restoration of village tanks and borewell recharge. The minister urged sarpanches and villagers to take up extensive water conservation works under the Employment Guarantee Scheme, increase worker participation and make effective use of available opportunities. Enhancing water storage now would help mitigate potential shortages in the future, she said.



GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA Office of the Director, Heritage Department, (Formerly Archaeology and Museums Dept.) Government of Telangana, Gunfoundry, Hyderabad						
NOTICE INVITING TENDERS (NIT) (1 st CALL)						
File No. B1/543/2026		Dated: 19-09-2026				
Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Estimate of contract value of work put to tender	Period of completion of work	E.M.D. to be paid in the shape of Demand Draft obtained from National Bank 1% of the Estimate Contract Value of work along with Bid Documents	Bid document download Date & Time	Bid submission Closing Date & Time
1	Conservation and Restoration works to Racha konda Fort at Rachakonda (V) Nanyanapur (M) Yadadri Bhuvanagiri Dist. B1/1001/2026	24,47,640/-	03 Months	24,47,640/-	20-10-2026 (T-10-2026) 10:00 AM	22-10-2026 (T-10-2026) 02:00 PM
2	Re-setting work to sub temple, compound wall, Construction of new pedestals, Security room at Chaya Someshwara Swamy temple at Panagal (V) in Nalgonda District B1/1005/2026	20,30,294/-	03 Months	20,30,294/-	20-10-2026 (T-10-2026) 10:00 AM	22-10-2026 (T-10-2026) 02:00 PM
3	Removal of rank vegetation and minor repairs, construction of Pedestals, labelling, security room of group of temples at Ghanpur (V&M), Jayashankar Bhupalapally (District). B1/1000/2026	16,06,857/-	03 Months	16,06,857/-	20-10-2026 (T-10-2026) 10:00 AM	22-10-2026 (T-10-2026) 02:00 PM
4	Archaeological Scientific clearance of excavated Structures.Minor repairs to the Structures, Display of Boards etc., at Buddhist Stupa, Phanigiri (V), Nagaram (M), Suryapet District. B1/1002/2026	8,17,530/-	03 Months	8,17,530/-	20-10-2026 (T-10-2026) 10:00 AM	22-10-2026 (T-10-2026) 02:00 PM
5	Providing public amenities and other urgent requirements for introducing the entrance fee ticket at the Fort and Mosque (Built for Zafaruddin by French engineers), Jagtial (V & M), Karimnagar District. B1/1003/2026	8,17,530/-	03 Months	8,17,530/-	20-10-2026 (T-10-2026) 10:00 AM	22-10-2026 (T-10-2026) 02:00 PM
6	Providing public amenities and other urgent requirements for introducing the entrance fee ticket at the Fort and Mosque (Built for Zafaruddin by French engineers), Jagtial (V & M), Karimnagar District. B1/1003/2026	20,29,039/-	03 Months	20,29,039/-	20-10-2026 (T-10-2026) 10:00 AM	22-10-2026 (T-10-2026) 02:00 PM
7	Renovation works and Construction of Security room at Khammam Fort in Khammam District. B1/1006/2026	20,45,455/-	03 Months	20,45,454/-	20-10-2026 (T-10-2026) 10:00 AM	22-10-2026 (T-10-2026) 02:00 PM
8	Construction of new Pedestals, erection of Sculptures, fixing of labels and Security Room in the premises of Kolanupaka temples at Kolanupaka (V), Alur (M), Yadadri Bhongir (Dist) B1/1004/2026	7,94,021/-	03 Months	7,94,021/-	20-10-2026 (T-10-2026) 10:00 AM	22-10-2026 (T-10-2026) 02:00 PM
For further Details Please visit: tender.telangana.gov.in						
Sd/- Prof. Arjun Rao Kuthadi DIRECTOR						
DIPR R.O. No.: 12170-PP/CL/ADVT/2026-27 Dt: 21.10.2026						

Durga idol immersions: Traffic curbs around Tank Bund

DIVERSIONS IN FORCE FROM 3 PM ON OCTOBER 21 TO 6 AM ON OCTOBER 24

MOULI MAREEDU
HYDERABAD

THE Hyderabad Traffic Police have announced traffic diversions around Tank Bund, Necklace Road and adjoining areas in view of Durga Matha idol immersions at People's Plaza, Garden Point, Jalavihar and Sanjeevaiah Park. The restrictions will remain in force from 3 pm on October 21 to 6 am on October 24, with changes made according to local traffic conditions.

Traffic from Panjagutta and Raj Bhavan Road towards Khairatabad Flyover will be diverted at V.V. Statue towards Nirankari Junction. Vehicles heading towards the Secretariat from Iqbal Minar will be diverted via the Telangana Thalli Flyover towards Lower Tank Bund.

Traffic from Liberty towards the Secretariat

will be diverted towards Upper Tank Bund, while vehicles from Upper Tank Bund heading towards Necklace Road and Nallagutta Bridge will be redirected via Sonabi Abdullah Masjid, Karbala and Ranigunj.

Motorists have been advised to avoid V.V. Statue, Old Saifabad Police Station, Ravindra Bharathi, Basheerbagh, Liberty, Old Ambedkar Statue, Upper Tank Bund and Nallagutta X Roads due to expected congestion. Citizens have been advised to use alternative routes and follow updates on the Hyderabad Traffic Police Facebook page and X handle, @HYDTP. For emergency travel assistance, they may contact the traffic helpline at 9010203626, D. Joel Davis, Joint Commissioner of Police (Traffic), Hyderabad, said in a statement.



Durga idols being immersed in Hussain Sagar in Hyderabad on Wednesday
Photos: Adula Krishna