

Southern police meet in Hyd today to tighten security grid

- **CM Revanth Reddy to grace high level conference at TGICCC as southern states unite against cybercrime drugs and terrorism**
- **Police chiefs and senior officials from southern states and UTs assemble in Hyderabad on Friday**
- **Focuses on counter-terrorism, narcotics, cyber fraud, organised crime, and intelligence sharing**
- **Forge a unified and inter-state operational strategy to dismantle cross-border criminal networks**

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HYDERABAD

POLICE chiefs and senior law enforcement officers from southern states and union territories will assemble in Hyderabad on Friday to bolster inter-state police coordination and establish a unified action plan against cross-border criminal networks.

Telangana Chief Minister

A Revanth Reddy will attend the Southern Regional Police Coordination Committee meeting as chief guest at the Telangana Integrated Command and Control Centre. Organised by Telangana Police, the summit aims to enhance institutional cooperation, streamline intelligence sharing, and improve joint tactical responses against emerging security threats, according to Director General of



Police CV Anand.

Delegations will include Directors General of Police and Inspectors General from Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, and Kerala, along with official representatives from Union Territories including Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Puducherry, and Lakshadweep.

Additionally, leadership from central agencies including the Intelligence Bureau, Central Bureau of Investigation, Directorate of

Revenue Intelligence, National Investigation Agency, Central Industrial Security Force, Border Security Force, and Central Reserve Police Force will participate. Deliberations will focus on exchanging operational best practices, strengthening inter-agency synergies, and addressing practical challenges encountered during trans-boundary investigations.

Key topics on the official agenda comprise counter-terrorism strategies, post-Maoist security dynamics, narcotics trafficking, inter-state cyber fraud, organised syndicates, economic offences, youth protests, and human trafficking. Delegates will review criminal gang movements, real-time intelligence sharing, and investigation coordination among police forces.

Further discussions will encompass national implementation of new criminal laws, coastal security measures, road accident reduction, and artificial intelligence integration in modern policing. Ultimately, the high-level meeting aims to forge a synchronized operational strategy to dismantle organized criminal syndicates and mitigate national security threats through timely intelligence exchange, joint field operations, and sustained cooperation across southern police jurisdictions.

Bhatti for robust steps to stave off power crunch amid El Nino effect

- **Daily thermal power generation targeted at 140 million units to meet Rabi and summer demand**
- **Alternative coal supply secured from Coal India for two Yadadri Thermal Power Plant units**
- **One-Time Settlement proposals sought for pending electricity dues of closed industrial units**

PATAN AFZAL BABU
HYDERABAD

DEPUTY Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka directed officials to take robust measures to prevent any power shortage across the state, considering potential reductions in hydel power generation due to El Nino conditions and expected increases in electricity demand during upcoming months. Emphasising the necessity of a comprehensive action plan,



Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka chaired a high-level review meeting with senior Energy Department officials at Secretariat in Hyderabad on Thursday

Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka instructed the Energy Department to elevate daily thermal power generation to 140 million units to meet agricultural and domestic electricity requirements during the Rabi and summer seasons.

On Thursday, the Deputy Chief Minister convened a high-level review meeting with senior Energy Department officials at Dr BR Ambedkar Telangana State Secretariat to evaluate power generation, grid supply, and pending electricity dues. Officials informed him that average daily thermal power generation had reached approximately 91 million units,

with single-day peak production touching 118 million units recently. Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka instructed officials to expand operational capacity further and work consistently towards achieving the daily benchmark of 140 million units.

To ensure uninterrupted fuel supplies to two units at Yadadri Thermal Power Plant, an alternative coal procurement arrangement has been finalized with Coal India Limited, with deliveries scheduled to commence in November. Calling for focused attention on Yadadri Thermal Power Plant to boost overall state generation, the

Deputy Chief Minister reviewed unit operations. Officials reported that four 800 MW capacity units were currently generating electricity, while the fifth unit was successfully synchronised with the grid on Tuesday. Technical and operational issues are being addressed on a war footing to bring the fifth unit into full-fledged commercial operation.

According to official figures, average daily thermal power generation from TGGENCO plants stood at 65.90 million units during 2024-25 and approximately 76.46 million units during 2025-26. In the current fi-

nancial year, average daily generation rose to 90.97 million units as of Wednesday, reflecting a 19 per cent growth with an increase of 14.51 million units daily compared to the previous year. Thermal power generation previously peaked at 118 million units on Friday.

Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka directed officials to ensure that all thermal power plant units operate at maximum capacity, raise the overall Plant Load Factor, and monitor daily generation outputs continuously to achieve target thresholds.

Furthermore, the Deputy Chief Minister instructed officials to formulate detailed proposals for a One-Time Settlement scheme to clear long-standing electricity dues owed by closed industrial units in Telangana, providing structured relief to eligible consumers. He also directed senior Finance Department officials to initiate prompt recovery measures for outstanding dues owed to Singareni Collieries Company Limited, GENCO, TRANSCO, and other state power sector organisations by various government departments. Departments are urged to promptly

Sridhar Babu calls for strong graduate voter enrolment

PATAN AFZAL BABU
HYDERABAD

MINISTER for IT and Industries Duddilla Sridhar Babu urged Congress leaders and workers to prioritise graduate voter enrolment ahead of the Hyderabad-Rangareddy-Mahbubnagar Graduates' MLC elections, calling for a coordinated campaign to ensure that every eligible graduate is registered.

Addressing a preparatory meeting on Thursday, Sridhar Babu said the party should secure its highest margin from the erstwhile Rangareddy district. He called for a comprehensive booth-level plan and better coordination between senior and new leaders.

Exuding confidence in the Congress's victory, he asked party leaders and workers to highlight the state govern-



ment's development and welfare initiatives, government job recruitment and skill development programmes among graduates.

He appealed to the cadre to counter the BRS and BJP's criticism and alleged misinformation through public outreach and social media, while highlighting the opposition parties' record before the electorate.

The minister called for special voter enrolment

drives across villages, mandals, municipalities and municipal corporations. He directed party workers to reach out to eligible graduates and ensure that applications were completed accurately, with proper monitoring at the local level. He assured party leaders and workers that those who performed well in voter enrolment and election campaigning would receive due recognition within the party.

MMC Commissioner orders speedy action on land disputes

GOUDA SWEEYACHANDRA
HYDERABAD

MMC Commissioner T Vinay Krishna Reddy directed officials on Thursday to expedite legal proceedings regarding the Survey No 53 dumping yard and lands under status quo by pursuing pending court cases and resolving issues through reasoned speaking orders. Disposed files and court order copies must be forwarded to Malkajgiri headquarters. Inspecting the Boduppal Circle Office, Commissioner reviewed long-pending land disputes, controversial issues, and infrastructure projects, instructing officials to resolve pending matters promptly to enhance public civic amenities.

Reviewing Suddakunta Nala development, the Commissioner instructed officials to obtain a No

Objection Certificate from the Irrigation Department and coordinate with the HYDRABAD Commissioner to complete required permissions quickly.

Inspecting free-left areas at Boduppal Turning and Chengicherla-Tulip Road, he urged steps to ensure smooth traffic flow, including resolving bellmouth areas into free-left facilities on 30-to-40-foot wide roads to ease junction congestion.

Furthermore, the Commissioner ordered the cancellation of current proposals regarding Rs 96 crore works previously sanctioned under the Strategic Nala Development Programme, directing fresh proposals to be submitted to the government. Following state approval, officials must initiate a new tendering process in accordance with established rules.

Cong seeks probe into water diversion to KCR's farmhouse

VENKATESHWARLU
KOLISHETTY
HYDERABAD

CONGRESS MP Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy has urged the Irrigation and CAD Department to conduct a comprehensive and impartial enquiry into the Kondapochemma Sagar Lift Irrigation Project following recent media reports. In a formal representation submitted to Irrigation and CAD Department Secretary E Sridhar on Thursday, the MP highlighted allegations regarding the construction of a special canal from Kondapochemma Sagar to feed Panduranga Cheruvu, reportedly after 2016.

The media report further alleged that water from Panduranga Cheruvu was subsequently pumped into a well spread across approximately three acres located at the Erravelli farmhouse of former Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao. Emphasising the paramount necessity for transparency and public accountability in utilizing state irrigation infrastructure and natural water resources, Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy requested



the department to scrutinise project records, official sanction approvals, canal construction specifications, water diversion mechanisms, pumping arrangements, and overall public fund expenditures incurred.

Furthermore, the MP urged the Irrigation Department to verify all facts and circumstances surrounding the reported activities and initiate appropriate legal action if any irregularities are established. Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy requested Secretary E Sridhar to submit a detailed enquiry report at the earliest possible instance and inform him regarding official steps taken in this matter.



BJP Telangana unit president N Ramchander Rao speaking after paying tributes to tribal freedom fighter Komaram Bheem on his birth anniversary at the BJP state office in Hyderabad on Thursday

BJP slams Cong govt over tribal neglect

K CHANDRASHEKAR
HYDERABAD

BJP Telangana unit president N Ramchander Rao on Thursday accused the Congress government of neglecting tribal welfare and demanded immediate action on unresolved issues, particularly those concerning Podu lands.

Speaking after paying tributes to tribal freedom fighter Komaram Bheem on his birth anniversary here at the BJP state office, Rao said the gov-

ernment should address the problems of tribal communities instead of making promises during elections.

Union Minister G Kishan Reddy, party MPs, MLAs and other leaders also paid floral tributes to Komaram Bheem, raising slogans honouring his legacy.

Rao recalled Komaram Bheem's struggle against the Nizam's rule under the slogan "Jal, Jungle, Zameen" (Water, Forest, Land), which symbolised the fight for tribal

rights, land and freedom. He said Bheem's ideals continued to inspire Telangana's movements and the wider struggle for tribal empowerment.

The BJP state president criticised the alleged lack of development in tribal and agency areas, citing inadequate medical facilities, roads and schools, besides concerns over the roster system for Scheduled Tribe reservations. He urged the state government to take concrete measures to resolve these issues.



Minister for Agriculture Tummala Nageswara Rao speaking at a review meeting with officials at the Secretariat on Thursday

Government to open Cotton Procurement Centres for Kharif

PATAN AFZAL BABU
HYDERABAD

MINISTER for Agriculture, Marketing, Handlooms and Textiles Tummala Nageswara Rao directed officials on Thursday to open cotton procurement centres for the 2026-27 kharif marketing season and ensure farmers receive the minimum support price for produce.

Reviewing cotton cultivation, production estimates, market prices, and Cotton Corporation of India procurement arrangements at the Secretariat, Tummala

Nageswara Rao emphasized that securing remunerative prices and preventing procurement delays remain top government priorities.

Officials reported that cotton was cultivated across 48.20 lakh acres in Telangana during the current kharif season, with total production estimated at 29.43 lakh metric tonnes. In comparison, the previous season recorded 50.73 lakh acres of cultivation and 28.33 lakh metric tonnes of yield.

Expressing concern over potential crop yield declines stemming from adverse

weather conditions and nationwide El Nino impacts, the Minister stressed the absolute necessity for efficient procurement management statewide.

The Central government set the official cotton MSP at Rs 8,667 per quintal for the 2026-27 kharif season. Department officials informed Tummala Nageswara Rao that current model market prices for cotton in Telangana hover around Rs 9,000 per quintal, remaining Rs 333 higher than the mandated minimum support price.

Man stripped over unpaid caer rental dues

the vehicle and demanded Rs 50,000 to cover accumulated rental arrears and repair costs. Unable to pay the demanded sum, Arbaz was detained by Malik, who stripped him naked, ton-

sured his head, and subjected him to severe mental abuse. Following a complaint filed by the victim, Golconda police registered cases under relevant legal sections against Malik and his friends.