Tummala seeks speedy execution of irrigation projects in Khammam

Minister brings to the notice of Irrigation Minister to 15 important proposals and seeks early approvals, adequate funding and speedy execution of pending works

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AGRICULTURE Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao has taken a special initiative to resolve pending irrigation-related issues and expedite development projects in Khammam and Bhadradri Kothagudem districts by holding a crucial meeting with Irrigation Minister N Uttam Kumar Reddy.

During the meeting, Tummala brought 15 important proposals concerning the two districts to the attention of the Irrigation Minister and sought early approvals, adequate funding and speedy execution of pending works. The discussions covered major irrigation projects, flood protection measures, tank restoration, drinking water security and new infrastructure proposals aimed at benefiting farmers and the public.

For Bhadradri Kothagudem district, Tummala sought steps to resume the Seethamma Sagar multipurpose project, whose construction was stalled due to an NGT case.



Agriculture Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao along with Irrigation Minister N Uttam Kumar Reddy speaking in a meeting at Hyderabad on Wednesday

He informed Uttam that environmental clearance proposals had been submitted through EPTRI on November 9 on the PARIVESH portal and requested that the clearance process be expedited.

He also stressed the need to speed up the Seetharama Lift Irrigation Scheme, particularly the Julurupadu tunnel works being undertaken by HES Infra and Pump House-4 construction under Package-11.

Other proposals included approval for the Venakamma Cheruvu flood-flow canal to provide water to minor irrigation tanks in Dabbathogu and Asupaka villages, permanent restoration of the damaged Peddavagu project bund and implementation of pressurised piped irrigation networks under Packages 1, 2, 7 and 8 of the Seetharama project.

The meeting also discussed floating solar power projects with energy storage facilities on irrigation reservoirs under the PM Surya Sarovar Yojana, the Marellapadu lift irrigation scheme, increasing the storage capacity of Domalavagu tank to 0.48 TMC and permanent flood protection measures for Mallepula Vagu and development of Bethupalli tank.

Regarding Khammam constituency, Tummala sought construction of a flood protection wall along the Munneru river up to Dhamsalapuram to protect vulnerable residential areas.

He also requested permission for a guide wall near Tekulapalli bypass along the NSP right main canal. Restoration and beautification of Dhamsalapuram Pedda Cheruvu, Khanapuram Oora Cheruvu and other tanks were among the proposals.

Further, he requested Rs 8 crore for constructing a regulator near Tekulapalli to divert water into Lakkaram tank, strengthening drinking water security for Khammam city.

Responding positively, Uttam Kumar Reddy assured that the 15 proposals would be examined and necessary steps taken in coordination with the concerned departments to resolve pending issues and accelerate project implementation. Tummala emphasised that timely completion of these projects would improve irrigation facilities for farmers, strengthen drinking water resources and provide protection to people in flood-prone areas.



Rs 2 cr addl funds sought for devpt works for Muslims

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MUSLIM leaders from the town have urged the state government to give greater priority to the welfare of minorities and the development of basic infrastructure in the Shadnagar constituency. They appealed to State Minister Mohammed Azharuddin to sanction an additional Rs 2 crore for development works.

The representatives met the Minister and brought several issues concerning the minority communities in the constituency to his attention.

The modernization of four Urdu Ghar-cum-Shadi Khanas in the constituency was among the key issues raised during the meeting. The leaders pointed out that poor maintenance and the need for repairs had affected the effective use of these buildings. They said that renovating and upgrading these facilities would greatly benefit minority families. They urged the government to release special funds for the renovation of the buildings and the provision of essential infrastructure.

The representatives also appealed to the minister to expedite incomplete works under the Minority Welfare department, improve educational facilities in Urdu schools, and ensure that eligible beneficiaries receive the benefits of government welfare schemes.

Later, the delegation met Telangana State Minority Finance Corporation Chairman Obedullah Khatwal and discussed the development needs of the constituency.

Murmu's bodyguard shot over firecracker dispute

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Police said the disagreement soon escalated into violence as Dheeraj allegedly pulled out a country-made pistol and opened fire. The bullet first struck a wall before hitting Saurabh in the head. The accused also allegedly assaulted Vineet and threatened the family with dire consequences before fleeing. Family members rushed Saurabh to a hospital, where doctors performed surgery and removed the bullet. His condition is now reported to be stable. Police registered an FIR against Dheeraj and Monu on charges of attempt to murder. Circle Officer Anshu Jain said, "Efforts are underway to trace and arrest the accused."

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad's birth anniv celebrated at Nirmal Collectorate

Additional Collectors Rathod Ramesh and Venkata Madhava Rao pay floral tributes to Maulana Azad's portrait



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Khanapur

THE birth anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, India's first Education Minister, was celebrated with enthusiasm at the Collectorate Conference Hall in Nirmal on Wednesday. Additional Collectors Rathod Ramesh and Venkata Madhava Rao participated in the programme and paid floral tributes to Azad's portrait.

Addressing the gathering, the Additional Collectors said that Azad's birth anniversary is observed as National Education Day in recognition of his invaluable contributions to the education sector. They recalled his significant role in India's freedom struggle and his services as the country's first Education Minister after Independence. They highlighted his efforts in introducing educational reforms and strengthening India's education system, describing him as a visionary leader who worked for the spread of education.

DEO Bhojanna, SC Welfare Officer Dayanand, minority community leaders, officials and staff members also attended the programme.

RESPECT. WARMTH. TOGETHERNESS.



DCC president Inagala Venkatram Reddy accorded a warm and cordial welcome to Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka Garu at his residence in Hanumakonda on Wednesday

Rahul Gandhi to visit US for fireside chats at Columbia varsity

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Indian Overseas Congress chairman Sam Pitroda said the visit is built around academic conversations and not diaspora rallies.

"He is required here at Columbia University on the 17th and Chicago on 18th November," Pitroda said. "He is here for a fireside chat at Columbia University." He added that Gandhi will then travel to Chicago. Pitroda said the first chat at Columbia will focus on the global student movement and the implications of that on overall global politics.

Gandhi will be in conversation with Robert Pape, a political science professor at the University of Chicago, on international affairs and geopolitics. Pitroda called both events very important and timely. Pitroda said Gandhi's events at Columbia and Chicago are the only formal engagements on the schedule.

TG to replace Intermediate system with 10+2 structure

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The officials were directed to select top-tier agencies for landscaping, interior design, procurement of digital equipment, sports gear, and kitchen facilities without compromising on quality.

The Chief Minister directed officials to accelerate the process of recruitment for filling Assistant Professors, Associate Professors, and other faculty positions in universities. The Chief Minister emphasized that the regulations governing the recruitment process must be strictly followed, and urged the Chairman of the Council of Higher Education as well as the Vice-Chancellors of the universities to pay special attention to this matter.

Revanth says BRS will join hands with BJP

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Therefore, the government was providing avenues for skill development to create more blue collar jobs that cannot be performed by AI even in the future.

The government was prioritising the development of skills and sports. "We have already established the 'Young India Skills University' and a 'Sports University', Revanth Reddy said, while appealing to Muslims to provide education to their children. " It is my responsibility to understand your challenges and resolve them," he observed. Education alone had the power to transform lives; so, children should receive education and acquire skills, he underlined.

The Chief Minister highlighted the political empowerment of Muslims through posts and felicitations of talented sportspersons. Famous cricketer Azharuddin was inducted in the state Cabinet and Shabbir Ali was appointed as an advisor. The state government has honoured minority athletes, Nikhat and Siraj, who brought prestige to the nation in sports with both cash rewards and government jobs. Parents should encourage children to excel in sports like Nikhat Zareen and Sirajuddin, he suggested.

Ship carrying 6 Indian seafarers hit in Persian Gulf

NEW DELHI: An oil tanker carrying six Indian seafarers was struck by a projectile while sailing through the Persian Gulf, Union Shipping Minister Sarbananda Sonowal said on Wednesday. The Liberia-flagged VLCC MT FUJAIRAH ENERGY was hit on Tuesday while travelling from Al Ruwais to Dubai. In a post on X, Sonowal said four crew members were injured in the attack, including an Indian national who suffered minor injuries. The injured sailor has been safely taken ashore for further medical examination. The remaining 18 crew members, including the other five Indian seafarers, are safe, the minister said. "We are continuously monitoring the situation and remain in close contact with the ship management company to ensure the ongoing security, medical care and well-being of our seafarers," he added.

BJP MLAs, MPs have become 'ashta grahalu': KTR

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Is there no place for Telangana in Modi's heart? They (BJP legislators) are not useful for Telangana.

The BRS leader slammed the Nirmal MLA. He said, "You ensured victory of BJP MLA here. He has not even done single paisa work in the constituency. He did not talk when the BRS MLAs were arrested near the Assembly. He only supports Revanth Reddy. They are selling CCI (Cement Corporation of India) for scrap. The BJP government has not given national project status to a single project in the state. No medical colleges, no Navodaya Schools to the state, whereas we made Nirmal as a district."

Questioning the rally taken out by the BJP in support of the Election Commission of India, KTR said, "When the country is protesting against ECI, why should BJP have a problem? When BJP is protesting on this, this means 'daal me kuch kala hai' (something is fishy)."

KTR called on the people to defeat and ensure political burial of the Congress party in the next elections and to re-elect KCR as the next Chief Minister of the state. KTR lashed out at Chief Minister Revanth Reddy stating that instead of addressing the hardships faced by farmers, he was suggesting that villagers should 'stage plays'. He questioned whether political gain was more important to Revanth Reddy than the lives of farmers.

KTR expressed his deep concern over the severe distress faced by agricultural laborers in villages due to a lack of work. He demanded that the government provide financial assistance of Rs. 1,000 per month totalling Rs. 36,000 --covering 36 months—to every agricultural labourer who has lost their livelihood due to the drought. He further demanded the immediate release of the four pending installments of the 'Rythu Bandhu', rescheduling of bank loans taken by farmers in light of the drought and immediate completion of the remaining farm loan waiver process. KTR alleged that under Revanth Reddy's administration, the entire welfare system had been utterly destroyed.

Revanth Reddy has incurred a debt of 4.5 lakh crore rupees in just three years. "Where is all this money going, given that not a single promise has been fulfilled? We brought the Congress, a mere weed, upon ourselves, and now, misfortune has returned to our doorstep. The Congress party came to power by peddling lies and painting a rosy, illusory picture of a 'paradise' that never existed," he said. When (AP Chief Minister) Chandrababu Naidu was lifting water at Pattiseema, why did Revanth Reddy not switch on the pumps at Kannepalli," he questioned. Reacting to Revanth's comment on his beard, KTR quipped: "Does anyone want to be like Revanth Reddy?"

Anthropic CEO claims cancer will be history in 10 years

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Pharmaceutical leaders emphasise that speeding up initial molecule discovery does not bypass clinical trials, regulatory reviews, or biological testing in animal and human models-a phase that makes up the vast majority of the 10-to-12-year drug development pipeline.

Finding a molecule that looks promising on a computer screen is only the beginning. It still has to be tested in laboratories, animal models and eventually human clinical trials to establish whether it is safe and actually works. AI may speed up the search for potential treatments, but it cannot simply make these steps disappear.

Critics such as cognitive scientist Gary Marcus, and cardiologist and digital medicine expert Eric Topol point out that current AI models lack the deep causal and biological understanding required to reliably yield breakthrough cures, and as of 2026, no AI-designed drug has achieved full clinical adoption. There is also a history of medical breakthroughs being promised on timelines that never materialised. The 1970s 'war on cancer' is one example. Experts warn that such ambitious predictions risk raising public expectations far beyond what science can currently deliver.

Stolen Olympic gold of hockey star recovered

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The suspects broke into Somaya's house in late October while the family was away in Kodagu and were unaware of the significance of the cluster of metallic prizes they picked up as they swept up cash and jewellery worth ₹3.5 lakh.

Police said the suspects sold a gold medal and a silver medal to a firm in Rajajinagar. "This was one of the most challenging cases for us because we did not have any clues. We finally managed to detect the case and recover the stolen articles.

PROJECTS IN NARAYANPET DISTRICT

HC tells govt to pay Rs 51.35 cr to land losers within 12 weeks

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LEGAL NOTES



TELANGANA High Court single bench of Justice Natcharaju Venkata Shravan Kumar on Wednesday directed the State government to clear bills worth Rs. 51.35 crore to land losers within 12 weeks. The land was acquired for various government projects in Narayanpet district. The court described the order as a final opportunity to the State. The Judge heard a batch of six contempt petitions filed by the land losers, including CC 1831/2026 and CC 3599/2026. The petitioners gave their lands for development works. They are still waiting for compensation; sought a direction to the government to pay.

Justice Kumar took strong exception to the absence of Sandeep Kumar Sultania, Principal Secretary (finance). He is the contemnor in the cases; appeared only in virtual mode and not in person. The judge said this reflected the officers' approach to court orders, especially in contempt cases; showed a casual attitude.

"Courts cannot be casual while dealing with contempt cases," the judge observed. This applied all the more to matters concerning compensation to land losers.

Sultania told the court that the State's financial position was precarious; it could not pay compensation at present. He sought six more months to pay. He informed tokens worth Rs. 40,000 crore have been issued.

The court did not accept the plea for more time; it directed the Finance Secretary to clear the bills within 12 weeks; to file a comprehensive additional affidavit giving details of payments made to land losers whose lands were acquired for various government projects. It must state the further time needed to clear the pending bills.