



HYDRAA COMMISSIONER INSPECTS LAKE DEVELOPMENT WORKS



- Visits to Turka Cheruvu, Errakunta, and Kamuni Cheruvu
- Measures planned to consolidate temples located near Turka Cheruvu
- Commissioner announces upcoming meeting with temple administrators

Hyderabad: On Saturday, HYDRAA Commissioner AV Ranganath inspected the second phase of lake restoration works in the city at the ground level. He reviewed development activities at Errakunta in Bachupally, Turka Cheruvu in Nizampet, and Kamuni Cheruvu in Moosapet. He expressed satisfaction with the progress of the restoration works and directed officials to ensure comprehensive desilting of the lakes. Locals brought to the Commissioner's attention the issue of stagnant sewage in the GPR Layout, caused by the lack of connectivity between the sewage and stormwater drains linking Errakunta (Bachupally) to Kathvakunta. He instructed officials to take steps to construct a drain in the GPR Layout and advised them to bring the matter to the attention of the CMC Commissioner to ensure a resolution. It was noted that if Errakunta is fully developed, these canals would also be essential for diverting sewage.

Meetings with temple committees to be held soon...

HYDRAA Commissioner AV Ranganath stated that there are several temples near Turka Cheruvu in Nizampet and that measures would be taken to bring them all together in one location. He mentioned that a meeting would soon be organized with temple committee representatives and local residents to plan the necessary actions. He announced plans to facilitate the flow of floodwater from Turka Cheruvu to Papayyakunta. Diversion measures will be implemented to prevent sewage from entering the lake, and a pipeline approximately 1,200 meters long will be installed. He also directed the removal of temporary sheds located within the lake's Full Tank Level (FTL) limits. Subsequently, the HYDRAA Commissioner inspected Kamuni

Cheruvu in Moosapet. Locals expressed happiness that the mosquito menace had been eliminated following the removal of sewage and the clearing of the foul odor from the lake. The Commissioner told the residents that the lake would look visually stunning once fully developed. -- Felicitation of the HYDRAA Commissioner... Locals expressed their happiness as three meters of silt were removed from Turka Cheruvu, eliminating the mosquito menace caused by stagnant sewage. They breathed a sigh of relief now that the foul odor from the lake is gone and requested that this lake be developed just as the first phase of lake restoration was carried out. On this occasion, residents living near the lake felicitated the HYDRAA Commissioner with a shawl. They performed Mangala Harathi to show their solidarity and support. They remarked that protecting and restoring lakes is no small feat. They praised the efforts to rebuild the city by safeguarding parks, lakes, government lands, and storm-water drains (nalas), and expressed their immense confidence in and support for HYDRAA.

COME TO TELANGANA SAYS MINISTER UTTAM KUMAR

- Minister Uttam invites global businesses to invest, innovate and create jobs across Telangana
- Says State targeting \$1-trillion economy by 2034 and \$3 trillion by 2047
- Highlights opportunities in technology, life sciences, irrigation, food processing and manufacturing

Hyderabad: Irrigation, Food and Civil Supplies Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy on Saturday invited global investors, entrepreneurs and technology leaders to partner with Telangana, saying the State was positioning itself as one of the world's most competitive destinations for innovation-led, inclusive and sustainable growth. Delivering the keynote address at the Global Business Excellence & Leadership Conclave 2026 at ITC Kohenur in Hyderabad, Uttam Kumar Reddy said Telangana offered a powerful combination of skilled talent, world-class infrastructure, entrepreneurial energy and a government committed to facilitating investment with speed and transparency. He said Telangana's GSDP was estimated at around Rs 17.82 lakh crore in 2025-26, with nominal growth of 10.7 per cent, against the national growth rate of 8 per cent. Under Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy's Telangana Rising 2047 Vision, the State was aiming to become a \$1-trillion economy by 2034 and a \$3-trillion economy by 2047, he said. The strategy envisaged development through three interconnected economic regions — CURE, covering the core urban economy driven by technology and high-value industries; PURE, focusing on peri-urban manufacturing, logistics and infrastructure; and RARE, promoting agriculture, food processing and rural enterprise. "Development must not remain confined to Hyderabad. It must reach every district, every town, every village and every family in Telangana," Uttam said. Highlighting Hyderabad's emergence as a global centre for IT, artificial intelligence, pharmaceuticals, biotechnology, life sciences and Global Capability Centres, the Minister said enormous investment opportunities were opening up in [more in 2nd PAGE](#)

NO NEED TO STRIKE WE WILL RESOLVE THE ISSUES

Hyderabad: Telangana Transport Minister Ponnamm Prabhakar has appealed to auto, cab, and school van drivers to call off the indefinite strike scheduled to begin at midnight today. He emphasized that strikes do not resolve issues and that solutions can only be reached through dialogue. Stating that the government is sincere about addressing the [Read Page 02](#)

HORRIFIC INCIDENT IN THE US INDIAN BUSINESSMAN SHOT DEAD RIGHT BEFORE HIS DAUGHTER'S EYES

Another Indian national has fallen 9:00 PM on Thursday. He victim to a gunman's fire in the threatened Patel with a gun and United States. This tragic incident demanded cash. After taking the occurred on Thursday evening in the money, the assailant opened fire the city of Jackson, Tennessee. indiscriminately, killing Suresh Patel instantly. The attack took place while Suresh Patel (56), a native of Gujarat, was at his shop with his daughter. The fact that the assailant shot and killed the father right before his daughter's eyes has caused a major stir in the local community. According to the Jackson police, a masked intruder entered 'Ridgecrest Cellars,' a liquor store owned by Suresh Patel, around Police stated that Suresh Patel had purchased the shop only recently. Based on CCTV footage, the suspect was identified as wearing a grey hoodie and jeans. Authorities revealed that the suspect fled the scene in a white car. A case has been registered, and the police have intensified their search for the suspect.



Karumuri Nageswara Rao. During the hearing on July 29, the apex court observed that the scam involved an amount exceeding ₹350 crore and clarified that custodial interrogation was necessary. It appears that the ED officials arrested Karumuri against this backdrop.

FREE PRESS ESSENTIAL TO DEMOCRACY BHATTI VIKRAMARKA

Hyderabad: Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka formally launched the Federation of Press Clubs in Hyderabad, bringing together representatives of eight Press Clubs from across the country. He said a free and fearless press that holds those in power accountable is essential for democracy, and governments must have the courage to accept criticism. Bhatti highlighted the historic role of journalism in India's freedom movement, recalling the contributions of Mahatma Gandhi, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, Bal Gangadhar Tilak and others. Citing Nehru's famous message to cartoonist Shankar—"Don't spare me, Shankar"—he urged journalists to question those in power without compromising professional standards. He stressed that in the digital and AI era, credibility is journalism's greatest asset, particularly as misinformation

and deepfakes spread rapidly. Bhatti also urged the Federation to protect the safety, dignity and welfare of journalists, especially those working in districts and rural areas. He described local reporters as the government's "best early warning system" when authorities are willing to listen. Referring to the reported "purification" ritual after Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge's meeting at Ramlila Maidan in Haldwani, he questioned the persistence of discrimination even decades after Independence. "Do not spare those in power. Hold us accountable, but never compromise on professional standards. Ultimately, the benefit must go to the citizen," Bhatti said.



KARUMURI NAGESWARA RAO ARRESTED

A significant development has occurred in the Andhra Pradesh liquor transportation scam case. Enforcement Directorate (ED) officials arrested YCP senior leader and former minister Karumuri Nageswara Rao on Sunday. He was taken into custody in Kondapur, Hyderabad. While three accused had already been arrested in

connection with this case, the investigation has reached a crucial stage with Karumuri's recent arrest. It is well known that the Supreme Court recently dismissed the anticipatory bail petition filed by





Come to Telangana

From 1st PAGE... semiconductors, data centres, cybersecurity, aerospace, defence, electric mobility, clean energy and advanced manufacturing. Referring to his portfolios, Uttam said the convergence of water, agriculture, food security and industry offered another major investment opportunity. Telangana welcomed technologies involving satellite imagery, artificial intelligence, drones, sensors and predictive analytics for efficient water management. He called for greater investment in food processing, cold chains, warehouses, agricultural logistics, packaging and exports, saying agricultural produce should increasingly be processed, branded and marketed from within Telangana to generate better returns for farmers and create rural employment. The Minister also invited industries to look beyond Hyderabad to

emerging centres such as Warangal, Karimnagar, Khammam, Nizamabad, Nalgonda and Mahabubnagar. Praising Dr. J.A. Chowdary and the International Startup Foundation for encouraging startups and rural innovators, Uttam said business excellence should ultimately be measured not merely by revenues and valuations but by livelihoods created and problems solved. “Come to Telangana. Invest in Telangana. Innovate in Telangana,” he told business leaders, assuring them that the government would work as a transparent, professional and responsive long-term partner. Uttam said Telangana wanted investments that created employment, transferred knowledge, strengthened sustainable industries and improved people’s lives, making the State a place where solutions required by the world were “imagined, developed and delivered.”



US TRIP CANCELLED
CM REVANTH THANKS KHARGE FOR STANDING BY HIM

Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy alleged that the Central Government denied permission for his US visit citing "political reasons." He expressed his heartfelt gratitude to Congress National President Mallikarjun Kharge for standing firmly by him during this challenging time. Revanth Reddy issued a statement to this effect via social media. Revanth Reddy stated that the official meetings and programs scheduled for him in London had concluded successfully. However, he clarified that since the Union Ministry of External Affairs denied permission for his US visit, he is returning to Hyderabad without proceeding to Boston as originally planned. "I am very happy with the support I received in London over the past three days. I thank the party, the leaders, and the people across the country who stood by me in this matter. I will speak about all related issues after returning to Hyderabad," Revanth mentioned in his post.



LOW-PRESSURE AREA IN THE BAY OF BENGAL

The Andhra Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority (APSDMA) has announced the formation of a low-pressure area over the northwest Bay of Bengal and its adjoining regions. It stated that, as a result, moderate rainfall is likely in several parts of North Andhra today and tomorrow, and advised the public to remain alert. The APSDMA indicated that strong gusty winds, reaching speeds of 40 to 50 kmph, are likely along the coastal areas of West Bengal, Odisha, and North Andhra. It issued a clear warning to

fishermen not to venture out to sea, citing rough conditions and the risk of high waves. The low-pressure system remained stationary over the northwest Bay of Bengal as of the morning of Sunday, August 23. An associated cyclonic circulation extends up to 7.6 km above mean sea level. The monsoon trough is also passing over this low-pressure area, intensifying its impact. In light of these weather conditions, the disaster management authority has advised coastal residents and officials to take appropriate precautions.

No need to Strike

From PAGE 01.. concerns of auto workers, he urged them to cooperate in discussions. The Minister made these remarks during a visit to Husnabad.

Ponnam Prabhakar indicated that the government is favorably disposed toward the revision of fares—one of the auto workers' key demands. Noting that auto fares in the state have not been raised since 2015, he announced that a special committee would soon be constituted to study a fare hike, taking into account rising operational costs. He assured that representatives from auto workers' unions, alongside Transport Department officials, would be included in this committee.



Furthermore, Ponnam Prabhakar revealed that the Cabinet has already decided to establish a welfare board for auto-rickshaw workers. He stated that guidelines to operationalize this board would be finalized soon. The Minister assured that the issues faced by auto workers would be addressed with the same seriousness as the problems of RTC workers were in the past. He added that welfare schemes would be implemented after taking into account the difficulties faced by auto drivers in rural areas as well.

The Minister mentioned that the government is taking steps to promote eco-friendly transportation. He stated that the government would provide support to drivers who scrap their old diesel or petrol auto-rickshaws and purchase new electric ones. Additionally, he announced that a new scheme would soon be introduced to facilitate the retrofitting of old vehicles for green energy use. In light of this, Ponnam Prabhakar once again urged auto and cab drivers to withdraw their decision to strike and come forward for discussions with the government.

ANASUYA'S SENSATIONAL VIDEO
WHY MUST THE BINDI AND BANGLES BE REMOVED WHEN A HUSBAND DIES?

Comments made by popular actress and anchor Anasuya Bharadwaj on social media have sparked a heated debate. She questioned why women are expected to give up adornments like the bottu (bindi), bangles, and kaatuka (kohl) after their husbands pass away. She expressed the view that this is a matter of personal freedom and stated that she fails to understand the logic behind this custom. A video she posted on her Instagram account regarding this issue has now gone viral.

In the video, Anasuya mentioned that a question had been weighing on her mind since her father's death three years ago. "After my father passed away, my mother removed her bottu, bangles, and kaatuka. She did so out of concern for what society might say. As a daughter, it pained me deeply to see my mother—who used to adorn herself beautifully—looking that way. After all, it is usually a mother or grandmother who introduces a girl to things like the bottu, kaatuka, bangles, anklets, and gorintaku (henna). These things become part of our lives long before marriage. In that case, why are they linked specifically to one's husband?" she asked.

Anasuya stated that she sees no logic in this custom. "If it is considered right to give up adornments when a husband dies, shouldn't women do the same when their own mother or grandmother passes away? Yet, that doesn't happen. I do not know in which scriptures these rules are written. It feels as though many such restrictions are forcibly imposed, especially during rituals and auspicious occasions," she remarked. However, Anasuya clarified that she was not criticizing anyone nor opposing any tradition; she was merely sharing a doubt she had. She expressed the view that the decision to wear a bottu (bindi) or not is a matter of personal preference for every woman and that they should have the freedom to choose. Netizens have reacted with mixed opinions to Anasuya's video. While some support her stance, commenting that it is a woman's personal choice, others suggest that traditions should be respected. It is noteworthy that Anasuya has been speaking out on social issues for some time now.



MEDIA ACADEMY'S INITIATIVES COMMENDED

Hyderabad: Representatives from the Federation of Press Clubs—comprising members from various states across the country—praised the Telangana Media Academy for its commendable initiatives regarding journalist welfare, professional skill enhancement, and the protection of press freedom. A delegation from the Federation of Press Clubs visited the Telangana Media Academy building on Saturday afternoon. During the visit, Academy Chairman Mr. K. Srinivas Reddy briefed the representatives on the various programs conducted by the Academy and the schemes implemented for the welfare of journalists. Academy Secretary Nagullapalli Venkateswara Rao welcomed the delegation. The representatives were informed about the accreditation services provided to journalists by the state government, the financial assistance of ₹1 lakh extended to the families of journalists who die in the line of duty, tuition fee support for their children, and other welfare measures for journalists' families. The Federation of Press Clubs representatives expressed appreciation for the Telangana government's decision to issue accreditation

cards to desk journalists as well. They expressed happiness over the provision of accreditation facilities to over 23,000 journalists in the state and lauded the government's measures aimed at the professional recognition and welfare of journalists. Representatives of the Federation of Press Clubs submitted a memorandum to Mr. K. Srinivas Reddy, Chairman of the Telangana Media Academy, urging him to bring the issues faced by journalists in the state to the attention of Members of Parliament (MPs) and public representatives from all political parties, and to strive for their resolution. They requested that the issues be examined and appropriate steps taken to highlight them to the relevant MPs and political parties.



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