

PADDY PROCUREMENT: TELANGANA SETS UP 4 MEMBER CABINET SUB COMMITTEE

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The Telangana government established a four-member cabinet sub-committee on Wednesday, October 9, led by deputy chief minister Bhatti Vikramarka, to examine various aspects of paddy procurement. This committee also includes Irrigation and Civil Supplies minister N Uttam Kumar Reddy, Agriculture minister Tummala Nageswara Rao, and IT and Industries minister D Sridhar Babu. Their focus will be on issues related to paddy procurement, such as the hiring of storage facilities (godowns), securing bank guarantees from rice millers who have previously failed to return milled rice to the government, determining milling charges for these millers, and addressing concerns regarding the drying of wet or moisture-laden paddy. The committee has been directed to present its report to the state government as soon as possible, according to orders issued by chief secretary A Santhi Kumari on Wednesday, October 9.

FOUNDATION STONES TO BE LAID FOR 28 YOUNG INDIA -INTEGRATED RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS

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As per the directions of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy to provide world-class facilities and high-quality education to students from underprivileged and weaker sections of society, the foundation stone for the construction of Young India Integrated Residential Schools will be laid in 28 locations across various districts in Telangana on Friday. Chief Secretary Shanthi Kumari held a teleconference from the Secretariat here



on Thursday with district collectors and discussed the arrangements for the foundation stone-laying ceremony of the first phase of the schools. Education Department Principal Secretary Burra Venkatesham, Secretary to the Chief Minister's Office Ajith Reddy, and Special Commissioner of the Information Department Hanumantha Rao also

participated in the meeting. During the conference, Santhi Kumari stated that the event is conducted in a festive and grand manner. It was also specified that all public representatives from these districts should be invited. The schools will be constructed under the supervision of the Roads and Buildings department. District Collectors were

instructed to inspect the sites along with relevant officials and engineers to supervise the preparations for the ceremony, which should take place this evening. The Chief Secretary further mentioned that the first phase would commence in 28 locations where land is currently available, and in the second phase, the process of identifying land in other areas will continue. The Assembly constituencies where foundation stone will be laid are Kodangal, Madhira, Husnabad, Nalgonda, Huzurnagar, Manthani, Mulugu, Paleru, Khammam, Warangal, Kollapur, Andole, Chandrayangutta, Mancheril, Bhupalpally, Achampet, Station Ghanpur, Tungathurthy, Munugode, Chennur, Shadnagar, Parkal, Narayanankhed, Devarakadra, Nagar Kurnool, Manakondur

More manpower for Anti-Narcotics Bureau: Telangana DGP

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Director General of Police (DGP) Dr Jitender emphasized the need to intensify operations against drug suppliers during a meeting at his office on Thursday, October 10. He announced plans to deploy additional manpower to the Anti-Narcotics Bureau (ANB) to enhance their efforts. The Telangana DGP stressed the importance of dismantling the entire network of suspects upon their apprehension and urged officials to ensure that any foreign nationals involved in drug-related activities face deportation. He also suggested stationing personnel near educational institutions and other suspicious locations to enforce a stricter crackdown on drug offences. Additional DGP for Law and Order, Mahesh M Bhagwat stated the importance of



gathering sufficient evidence for successful convictions in court. "It is crucial not only to apprehend suspects but also to secure their prosecution," he added in response to the enhanced strategies. Anti-Narcotics Bureau Director Sandeep Shandilya expressed his satisfaction with the additional resources and noted that the department has developed training materials to support the prosecution process.

TELANGANA GOVT RELEASES RS 79 CR FOR CROP DAMAGES DURING FLOODS



The Telangana government has allocated Rs 79 crore in compensation for farmers affected by recent floods and heavy rainfall. From August 31 to September 6, these weather conditions resulted in significant crop damage across 79,574 acres in 28 districts. Agriculture minister Tummala Nageswara Rao said that Khammam district experienced the most severe impact, with 28,407 acres affected, followed by Mahabubabad at 14,669 acres and Suryapet at 9,828 acres. In the other 22 districts, crop damage varied from as little as 19 acres to a maximum of 3,288 acres, according to officials from the agriculture department. The minister confirmed that compensation of Rs 10,000 per acre has been directly deposited into the accounts of the affected farmers.

IAS officer Amrapali Kata's request for Telangana cadre denied, to return to AP

The IAS officer from the 2010 Andhra Pradesh cadre requested to be considered for the Telangana cadre.

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In a disappointment for IAS officer Amrapali Kata, the ministry of personnel, public grievances and pensions rejected her petition to be allocated the Telangana cadre on Wednesday, October 9. The IAS officer currently serves as the GHMC commissioner in Telangana. The IAS officer from the 2010 Andhra Pradesh cadre requested to be considered for the Telangana cadre, but the request has now been denied based on the recommendations of the Khandekar Committee. The committee noted that Kata had challenged the guidelines for IAS officer allocation after the bifurcation of Andhra Pradesh in 2014, a move that



was previously upheld by the High Court. In its detailed report, the committee highlighted that Kata had listed her "permanent address" as Visakhapatnam in her UPSC application and sought to be treated as an insider of Telangana. However, the Pratyush Sinha Committee, responsible for the initial allocations, had already denied this request

based on established guidelines. The ministry accepted the Khandekar Committee's recommendation, affirming that the allocation of officers from the undivided Andhra Pradesh cadre followed uniform procedures grounded in material facts. The High Court also reiterated the importance of adhering to these guidelines, warning that any

deviation would be discriminatory. The Court further noted that Kata's challenge to the guidelines represented an overstep into policy-making. The Khandekar Committee emphasized that her allocation to Andhra Pradesh was based on factual records and the same criteria used for all officers during the bifurcation. As a result of this decision, Amrapali Kata will be required to return to the Andhra Pradesh cadre. Who is Telangana IAS officer Amrapali Kata? Amrapali Kata was born on November 4, 1982 in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, India. She completed her schooling at Sai Satya Mandir School in Visakhapatnam.

GHMC introduces sirens, CCTV to curb garbage dumping in Hyderabad

Project is being rolled out under supervision of Deputy Commissioner Anjaneyu in the Uppal circle of GHMC.

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In a bid to tackle the issue of garbage dumping in vulnerable spots across the city, the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) is implementing a new siren system aimed at deterring people from littering. The innovative system will activate a loud siren when someone throws garbage in designated "Garbage Vulnerable Points" (GVPs). This initiative is part of GHMC's ongoing efforts to eradicate such dumping sites, which have persisted despite previous clean-up attempts.



While GHMC had earlier made attempts to eliminate GVPs across the city, some areas continued to be plagued by illegal garbage dumping. In response, the municipal body is now installing CCTV cameras in collaboration with local Res-

idential Welfare Associations (RWAs) to monitor these areas and enforce the new siren system. The project is being rolled out under the supervision of Deputy Commissioner Anjaneyu in the Uppal circle of GHMC. The authorities are

optimistic that this technology will yield positive results in reducing garbage dumping and maintaining cleaner neighborhoods. By integrating technology and community efforts, GHMC hopes to bring about a significant improvement

Hydra Demolition Drive: A Guide to Avoiding FTL and Buffer Zones in Hyderabad Real Estate

The Hydra Demolition Drive initiative is designed to empower buyers with essential knowledge and tools to navigate the complexities of property investment in Hyderabad. Here's how it can assist prospective buyers:



Hyderabad's real estate market is booming, attracting investors and homebuyers alike. However, navigating this dynamic landscape can be challenging, especially when it comes to understanding the implications of Full Tank Level (FTL) and buffer zones. The Hydra Demolition Drive initiative aims to

educate potential buyers on how to avoid these areas, ensuring informed investment decisions. FTL refers to regions designated to manage flood risks, particularly around water bodies, while buffer zones serve as protective areas to maintain ecological balance. Properties located within these zones may

encounter stringent regulations, limiting construction and development options. The Importance of Avoiding FTL and Buffer Zones Investing in properties within FTL and buffer zones can lead to numerous challenges: Legal Complications: Properties in these zones often require special approvals for

construction or renovations, resulting in delays and potential legal disputes. Decreased Property Value: Homes in flood-prone areas may suffer from lower resale values and heightened insurance costs, impacting long-term investment returns. Environmental Risks: Properties near water bodies are more susceptible to flooding and other environmental hazards, posing significant risks to homeowners. The Role of the Hydra Demolition Drive The Hydra Demolition Drive initiative is designed to empower buyers with essential knowledge and tools to navigate the complexities of property investment in Hyderabad. Here's how it can assist prospective buyers: Professional Land Surveys: The initiative connects buyers with expert surveyors

who can assess property boundaries and confirm zoning classifications, helping to identify FTL and buffer zones. Guidance from Local Authorities: The Hydra Demolition Drive encourages buyers to engage with local planning departments to understand zoning regulations and land use policies thoroughly. Access to Mapping Tools: The initiative provides access to advanced mapping technologies that help visualize property zones and identify potential risks associated with FTL and buffer areas. Educational Resources: Workshops and informational sessions organized by the Hydra Demolition Drive aim to raise awareness about the significance of these zones and their implications for buyers.

KTR files defamation case against Telangana min Konda Surekha

The minister is also facing a defamation case filed by actor Nagarjuna Akkineni.

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Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS) MLA KT Rama Rao (KTR), Thursday, October 10, filed a defamation case at the Nampally court against Telangana minister Konda Surekha, over her remarks linking him to Tollywood's Akkineni family and actor Samantha Ruth Prabhu. This follows a legal notice sent to minister Surekha, on October 2, demanding the withdrawal of her alleged derogatory statements, and an unconditional public apology for "tarnishing his reputation", within 24 hours. The minister is also facing a defamation case filed by actor Nagarjuna Akkineni on October 3, regarding the issue, which had caused a huge uproar in the state. "Don't use the lives of movie stars who stay away from politics



to criticize your opponents. Please respect other people's privacy," Nagarjuna had said condemning the minister's statements, a day earlier. "As a woman in a responsible position, your comments and accusations against our family are completely irrelevant and false. I request you to withdraw your comments immediately," Nagarjuna added. The court has scheduled a hearing over the case for October 23. Also Read- Nagarjuna files defamation case against Telangana min Konda Surekha Actor Samantha Ruth Prabhu, another party linked to

the issue, had made a strong public statement, imploring minister Konda Surekha's words, following which the minister publicly apologised to the actor. The events which cooked up a storm in Telangana's polity and social space, unfolded when Konda Surekha made a statement accusing KTR of being responsible for the divorce of actors Samantha Ruth Prabhu and Naga Chaitanya. Konda Surekha's remarks on October 2, while addressing the media, Konda Surekha made controversial statements against KTR, accusing him of being the reason behind Samantha and Naga Chaitanya's divorce. "KTR is 100% responsible for Samantha-Naga Chaitanya's divorce. He demanded that Samantha be sent to him in return for not demolishing the N-Convention. Nagarjuna asked Samantha to go to him but she refused to go. So they asked her to leave, that's how the divorce happened," said Konda Surekha.

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TGPWU Promotes Road Safety with #SelfiewithSeatBelt Campaign In an effort to raise awareness about road safety, the Telangana Gig and Platform Workers' Union (TGPWU), under the leadership of Shaik Salauddin, has launched the #SelfiewithSeatBelt challenge. This

social media initiative encourages not only drivers but also passengers to wear seat belts while traveling. Shaik Salauddin, Founder President of TGPWU, emphasized the importance of seat belts in saving lives: "The #SelfiewithSeatBelt challenge was initially introduced in 2016 and continues to gain widespread attention across India. We aim to inform the



public that wearing a seat belt can be a life-saving habit, reducing the risk of fatal injuries by up to 60%

in accidents." According to the latest government report titled Road Accidents in India - 2022, 16,715 lives were lost due to not wearing seat belts, with 8,384 drivers and 8,331 passengers among the casualties. A total of 4,61,312 road accidents occurred in 2022, resulting in 1,68,491 deaths and 4,43,366 injuries. Statistics from the National Safety

Council previously revealed that in 2016, 75% of road accident fatalities were not wearing seat belts. Thanks to awareness campaigns like #SelfiewithSeatBelt, By 2023, seat belt usage in India rose to 83% for front-seat occupants and 30% for rear-seat occupants, showing significant improvement due to increased awareness and safety campaigns.