

CM: Telangana Cracks Down on Narcotics



Hyderabad: Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy on Wednesday,

October 21, said that the state government is taking concrete steps to check new challenges to policing, including narcotics and cyber-crimes. Speaking at the Police Commemoration Day Parade here, he also said all vacancies in the police department would be filled up by 2027. Highlighting the growing challenges of narcotics and others, Reddy said Union Home Minister Amit Shah recently appreciated the efforts of the Elite Action Group for Drug Law Enforcement (EAGLE) Force set up by the state government to check the supply of narcotics. Observing that the fight against drug abuse is not the responsibility of the police alone, he said educational institutions, teachers and youth need to contribute to the effort.

K-Harmony Festa 2026 at Shilpakala Vedika on Oct 25

Hyderabad, Oct.21 (TDN): International cultural festivals serve as vital bridges to deepen bilateral ties, foster mutual understanding, and showcase Telangana's vibrant heritage on the global stage, Tourism and Culture Minister Jupally Krishna Rao said on Wednesday. Speaking ahead of the upcoming K-Harmony Festa 2026, the Minister highlighted the significance of cross-cultural exchanges in building enduring friendships between India and the Republic of Korea. Organised by the Korean Cultural Centre India in collaboration with the Telangana government, the day-long event will take place at Shilpakala Vedika in Hyderabad on October 25. The festival forms a core part of Korea Culture Day 2026, themed "One Light, Two Cities," symbolising the historical and contemporary cultural affinities connecting Seoul and Hyderabad.

Bathukamma and Dussehra Celebrations Held at Gowlipura

Hyderabad, Oct, 21 (TDN): Bathukamma and Dussehra celebrations were held grandly at the historic Sri Laxmi Narayana Swamy Devalayam and Bathukamma Baavi in Gowlipura on Tuesday night. The deity's Utsava idols were taken out in a palki and placed on a flower-decorated ratham, followed by a procession to a nearby ground where Ravana Dahanam was performed. Chatrinaka ACP Ch. Chandrashekar, Inspector S. Koteswar Rao and other officials visited the temple and offered prayers. Police made elaborate bandobast arrangements for the peaceful conduct of the celebrations. Temple Trust Chairman Sheshadri Iyyengar, Utsav Committee General Secretary S. Kranthi Kumar and other committee members supervised the arrangements. A large number of women participated in the Bathukamma festivities, and the temple committee presented prizes to the six best Bathukammas.

Top priority to drinking water: Seethakka inspects Ramappa Lake

Speaking on the occasion, she said that Ramappa Lake currently has 29 feet of water available. She said the government is examining the possibility of pumping water from the Godavari River to improve supply to lakes and surrounding areas.



Seethakka inspects the Ramappa Lake and Defluoridation Project in Venkatapuram Mandal, Mulugu district, Wednesday, October 21.

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Telangana's Minister for Panchayat Raj, Rural Development and Rural Water Supply, Seethakka, on Wednesday, October 21, inspected the Ramappa Lake and the defluoridation project within the Venkatapuram mandal of Mulugu district.

Speaking on the occasion, she said that Ramappa Lake currently has 29 feet of water available. She said the government is examining the possibility of pumping water from the Godavari River to improve supply to lakes and surrounding areas.

Taking into account the annual interval provided to allow water storage levels to improve, she said she had requested the concerned officials to arrange for the release

'No politics over natural disasters'

The minister said that no force can completely control natural phenomena such as excessive rainfall and drought and that it is inappropriate to use such circumstances for political gain by criticising the Congress government.

of water within the next two days.

The minister, recently appointed to the state Cabinet sub-committee to review drought and El Niño conditions and recommend measures to mitigate their impact, said the government is taking precautionary measures to prevent water scarcity.

"We will ensure there is no shortage of drinking water through regular reviews with officials," she said.

She said steps are being taken to treat water from Ramappa Lake through the defluoridation project and supply drinking water to Mulugu, Venkatapuram, Govindarao-

pet, Mallampalli and surrounding areas, as well as certain areas in Bhupalpally district. Officials are monitoring water supply systems, villages dependent on lakes, and groundwater conditions, she added.

Water conservation under employment guarantee scheme

The government is prioritising measures to conserve rainwater, including recharge pits, percolation ponds, water harvesting ponds, check dams, restoration of lakes and groundwater recharge through borewells, the minister said.

TTD Thanks Devotees as 6.46 Lakh Visit

Tirumala, Oct.21 (NSS):Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) Chairman B.R. Naidu and Executive Officer M. Ravichandra thanked the officials, priests, employees, Srivari Sevaks, police, district administration, media and devotees for the successful conduct of Srivari Navaratri Brahmotsavams held between October 12 and 20.

Addressing the mediapersons at Annamayya Bhavan on Wednesday, the TTD Chairman said the nine-day festival concluded successfully due to coordinated efforts across the departments, despite heavy rains, particularly on Garuda Seva day.

According to TTD, 6.46 lakh devotees had darshan between October 12 and 19, while hundi offerings amounted to Rs.25.79 crore. The temple administration distributed 22.60 lakh Anna Prasad packets, sold 34.34 lakh laddus and facilitated tonsure for 2.44 lakh devotees.

The APSRTC operated 13,608 trips from Tirupati to Tirumala, carrying 4.01 lakh pilgrims, and 13,667 return trips, transporting five lakh devotees.

Around 6,777 artistes from 252 troupes representing 26 States, besides Qatar and Dubai, performed cultural programmes during the festival. Floral decorations used nearly 60 tonnes of flowers, five lakh cut flowers and 80,000 seasonal flowers.

Faiz-e-Aam Trust Felicitates MBBS Students

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A felicitation ceremony was organised by Faiz-e-Aam Trust, Hyderabad, to recognise and encourage students who secured MBBS admissions with the support of the Trust. The prestigious event was held at Babu Khan Estate, Basheerbagh, Hyderabad, under the supervision of the Trust's General Secretary, Mr. Ifthikhar Hussain.

Addressing the gathering, Dr. Samiullah, Mr. Syed Jaffar Hussain, Editor of the Urdu daily Sada-e-Hussaini, and Mr. Riaz of Siasat expressed their happiness over the students' achievements and congratulated them on securing ad-



mission to MBBS programmes.

The speakers emphasised that the medical profession carries a significant responsibility towards society. They urged the students to pursue their education with dedication, hard work and commitment, and to

Telangana Police vacancies to be filled by 2028: CM

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Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy has announced that all vacant posts in the Telangana Police Department will be filled by 2028. He announced while attending the Police Commemoration Day parade at the Police Martyrs' Memorial in Goshamahall Police Stadium, Hyderabad, on Tuesday, October 20. Revanth Reddy pays tribute to police martyrs. Speaking at the event, the Chief Minister honoured police personnel who lost their lives while performing their duties. He said Police Commemoration Day is observed every year on October 21 to remember their sacrifices. Revanth Reddy recalled the incident of October 21, 1959, when Chinese troops ambushed Indian Police personnel at Hot Springs in Ladakh. Ten personnel were killed while protecting the Indo-Tibetan border. He said 154 police personnel across the country had died in the line of duty this year.



Telangana Police personnel remembered. The Chief Minister paid tribute to Telangana Police personnel who sacrificed their lives while serving the public. He remembered ASI Dev Singh, constable M Pramod Kumar, Sheelam Kamlakar and constable Gajula Sowmya. Revanth Reddy said the sacrifices made by police personnel while carrying out their responsibilities could not be adequately expressed in words.



TRS picks Srikanth Goud for Graduates' MLC seat

Hyderabad, Oct.21 (TDN):

Telangana Rakshana Sena (TRS) president Kalvakuntla Kavitha announced Dr. Nalamasa Srikanth Goud as the party's candidate for the Warangal-Khammam-Nalgonda Graduates' MLC constituency. Dr. Srikanth Goud is a prominent activist of the Telangana movement.

Alongside the candidacy, Kavitha named Syed Ismail as the State Party Observer to supervise campaign operations and coordi-



nate party cadres across the constituency. Timed on the festival of Dasara, the announcements signal the party's formal launch of its election campaign for the Graduates' seat.

Four palapittas rescued from cages in Hyderabad during Dasara

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Hyderabad Police rescued four palapittas, the Indian roller and Telangana's state bird, from cages near temples during Dasara. Around the same time, a video of Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) president Mahesh Kumar Goud freeing a caged palapitta at a festival event drew criticism.

Hyderabad City Police Commissioner VC Sajjanar said in a post on X that police acted on tip-offs from citizens and raided three locations. Two birds were found in cramped cages near a temple at Langarhouse Bapughat and were handed over to forest officials at KBR Park. A third, tied to a cage hanging from a tree near the Chatrinaka Sri Chitragupta Swamy



Temple, and a fourth, kept in a cage near the Mangalhat Balajinagar Temple, were also rescued and handed to forest officials. No arrests were mentioned in the post.

Sajjanar said strict legal action was being taken against those responsible in coordination with the forest department. Police had earlier warned that harming animals would invite action under the law,

he said, but some people ignored the warning.

He alleged the birds were deprived of food and water and tortured in the name of the festival. "True devotion means compassion for all living beings, not imprisoning nature," he said. He urged people not to encourage practices that rob animals of their freedom and open the door to hunting for money.

Eatala Rajender to launch padyatra over Jawahar Nagar dump yard

He said that the dump yard, originally established for a population of just 2 lakh, is now receiving all the garbage from a metropolitan city with a population of over 1.6 crore.

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Malkajgiri MP Eatala Rajender will undertake a padyatra from October 27 to demand the relocation of the Jawahar Nagar dump yard. Citing a report by UCLA Law School, the MP said that the dump yard ranks fourth globally in methane gas production and described it as



highly alarming. He said that the dump yard,

originally established for a population of just 2 lakh, is now receiving all the garbage from a metropolitan city with a population of over 1.6 crore.

He said that the groundwater within a 25-kilometre radius around the dump yard has become completely toxic, and poisonous winds are causing lung and skin diseases within a 30-kilometre radius.

He alleged that poor people who earn a living by selling vegetables and working in houses are forced to spend every single earned paisa on medical treatment.

He lashed out at the government, stating that although prestigious institutions like IIT Bombay have provided cutting-edge technology for waste management, the government has failed to utilise it.

Hyderabad gold smuggling racket busted; five arrested

Hyderabad: Five persons were arrested for allegedly smuggling foreign-origin gold from Bangladesh to Hyderabad via Kolkata and transporting the proceeds of its sale in foreign currency, following a coordinated operation by officers of the Hyderabad Zonal Unit (HZU) and Vijayawada Regional Unit (RU). The operation on October 18 led to the seizure of 3,147.1 grams of gold, USD 60,000 and 21,500 euros, collectively valued at Rs. 5.84 crore. Acting on specific intelligence about a gang involved in smuggling foreign-origin gold, the officers intercepted a Scorpio vehicle on the outskirts of Vijayawada. A search revealed foreign currency concealed in a secret cavity in the vehicle.

CS directs officials to plan cultural extravaganza for Global Summit



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Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju has directed senior officials to organise a comprehensive lineup of cultural programmes highlighting regional folk art, classical music, and traditional dance forms for the upcoming Invest Telangana Global Summit-2026. The three-day global summit

He demanded that the government respond immediately and relocate the dump yard from that location.

The MP has announced a special action plan which involves a special local meeting with the 'victims' of Jawahar Nagar on October 23, a round-table meeting with intellectuals and environmentalists on October 25 and the padyatra from October 27.

is scheduled to take place in Hyderabad from December 7 to 9. Reviewing preparation progress during a video conference with senior officials on Wednesday, the Chief Secretary issued instructions covering guest reception protocols, cultural showcases, and state-wide publicity strategies.

He emphasised that the summit must project Telangana's rich historical and cultural identity alongside its industrial growth and investment potential, especially given the expected attendance of prominent global and domestic industrialists, trade delegates, and dignitaries. To ensure a grand welcome during the inaugural ceremony, Sanjay Jaju instructed officials to curate special performances featuring traditional art forms representing diverse regions of the state. Additionally, as part of the summit, the state will host the Raksha Expo from December 7 to 9. Anticipating massive public turnout for the high-profile air show on the expo's concluding day, the Chief Secretary called for a special cultural carnival celebrating local traditions and heritage. Sanjay Jaju also stressed the need for an aggressive, multi-channel media campaign to drive widespread awareness of the global summit and its accompanying events.