

TG SAFE sus-pends 106 medi-cal shop licenc-es in Hyd

Hyderabad: The Telangana Standards Authority for Food and Essential Drugs (TG SAFE) has suspended the licences of 106 medical shops, cancelled one licence and issued warnings to three establishments for viola-tions relating to the sale of hab-it-forming drugs in the CURE region.

The action followed a special enforcement drive conducted on October 6 by the Drugs Wing of TG SAFE, in coordination with Enforcement Wing police personnel, in vulnerable areas across the CURE region to curb the illegal sale and diversion of habit-forming drugs.

Of the 106 suspension orders issued, 99 medical shops have been suspended until further or-ders, while two establishments were suspended for three days and five for seven days. In addition, one drug licence was can-celled and three establishments were issued warnings, taking the total number of enforcement ac-tions to 110.

KTR felicitates Sircilla cricket-er on national selection

Hyderabad, Oct.23 (NSS): BRS Working President KT Rama Rao on Friday congrat-ulated Gudepu Vanshika, a Class 10 student from Rajanna Sircilla district, on her selec-tion for the upcoming nation-al-level cricket tournament. Vanshika, a student at the Zilla Parishad High School in Namapur village, Mustabad mandal, met Rama Rao at Telangana Bhavan to seek his blessings and support. Her national selection follows an impressive campaign at the state-level cricket tourna-ment held in Rajanna Sircilla district from October 10 to 13. Captaining the combined team representing Karimnagar, Peddapalli, Sircilla, and Jagtial districts, Vanshika led her side to the semifinals while earning high praise for her standout bowling performances. She is set to represent Telanga-na at the national-level com-petition scheduled for the first week of November in Jammu and Kashmir.

CS reviews Cen-sus 2027 prepa-rations

Hyderabad, Oct.23 (NSS): Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju on Friday reviewed the progress of Census 2027 and prepa-rations for the next phase of population enumeration at a meeting of the State-level Census Coordination Com-mittee held at the Secretariat. Director of Census Opera-tions, Telangana, Bharati Ho-likeri, briefed the committee on the census process and the progress achieved so far. She informed the meeting that the first phase, covering the House Listing and Housing Census, had been successfully com-pleted in the State.She said the second phase, involving population enumeration, was scheduled to be conducted during January and February 2027. All necessary training programmes for personnel en-gaged in the exercise would be completed before January to ensure its smooth and efficient implementation, she added. The committee reviewed the preparations for the second phase, focusing on the timely completion of training, coor-dination among the depart-ments concerned and effective implementation of the enu-meration process.Sanjay Jaju stressed the need for meticu-lous planning and close coor-dination among departments to ensure the smooth and effi-cient conduct of the population enumeration exercise.-

Revanth Offers Policing Technology to Southern States

Calls for cross-border police coordination network to reduce crime; highlights Telangana's achievements in cybercrime, narcotics control and police welfare

CM emphasises cooperattion, security and shared expertise for a safer South India

Hyderabad, October 23 (TDN) : Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has announced that the state government is ready to collaborate with neighbouring Southern States and share its technological infrastructure and policing expertise to strengthen law enforcement and reduce crime.

The Chief Minister made the announcement while inaugurating the Southern Regional Police Coordination Committee Meeting at the Integrated Command and Control Centre (ICCC) in Hyderabad on Friday. He called upon police officials from Southern States to establish a strong cross-border coordination network and prepare a comprehensive action plan to tackle crime effectively.

Emphasising the importance of cooperation among states, Revanth Reddy said no state could become completely free of crime through its own efforts alone. Strong coordination among police departments was essential to make South India safer and achieve lower crime rates.



Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy with police officials and delegates at the Integrated Command and Control Centre (ICCC) in Hyderabad during the Southern Regional Police Coordination Committee Meeting.

Telangana's Police Reforms Earn National Recognition

The Chief Minister said Telangana had achieved significant progress in controlling narcotics, cybercrime and Naxal violence, while improving law and order through specialised agencies and technology-driven initiatives. HYDRAA, EAGLE and T-SAFE were among the initiatives focusing on different areas of public safety and crime prevention.

Top Performance in Cybercrime and Narcotics Control

Revanth Reddy said Telangana had ranked first in the country in cybercrime performance during the Prime Minister's PRAGATI review. Union Home Minister Amit Shah had also congratulated Telangana police for making the state Naxal-free. The EAGLE unit secured more than 80 per cent marks for its performance in combating narcotics.

Focus on Police Welfare and Modernisation

The Chief Minister highlighted the Young India Police School, enhanced ex-gratia compensation for personnel killed in the line of duty, housing plots for bereaved families and employment for dependents. He also spoke about the recruitment of transgender persons as Traffic Assistants and the division of Hyderabad into three commissionerates — Hyderabad, Cyberabad and Malkajgiri.

Will Share Technology with Neighbouring States

Revanth Reddy said Telangana was willing to share its technological capabilities and the ICCC framework with neighbouring states to strengthen regional cooperation and make South India safer. "These reforms are not an expenditure, but an investment in a better society," he said, reiterating the government's commitment to public safety and security.



Chief Minister Revanth Reddy welcomes a delegation at the event.

“Police are the backbone of society. Their safety, welfare and empowerment are the government's priority.”

— Revanth Reddy
Chief Minister, Telangana

Create Widespread Awareness on El Niño: CS Sanjay Jaju



Hyderabad, October 23(Civic Nation) Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju di-rected officials to alert the public about the possible impacts of El Niño, including reduced rainfall, rising temperatures and water shortages. He called for awareness programmes across all villages and towns through the Information and Cultural Departments. People should be educated on conserving water and electricity and taking necessary precautions during extreme heat.

MeeSeva Services Now Available at Your Doorstep: Minister Sridhar Babu

3,885 Calls Received on 1100 Helpline Within One Month

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MeeSeva has introduced doorstep delivery of various citizen services, including Income, Caste, Residence, Birth and Death certificates, along with Aadhaar enrolment and updates.

Within one month of its launch, the MeeSeva Doorstep Delivery Service received 3,885 calls from citizens through the toll-free helpline 1100.

Citizens can avail themselves of the service by calling 1100 or submitting a request through the



MeeSeva citizen portal. A MeeSe-va executive will visit the appli-cant's home at the scheduled time and complete the required service.

The doorstep delivery facility is currently available only in CURE areas, with applicable service charges.

Telangana Government Prepares Comprehensive Action Plan to Tackle Drought, El Niño

358 Mandals Identified as Potentially Drought-Affected; Groundwater Levels Concerning in 324 Mandals

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D Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka has directed all departments to prepare comprehensive action plans to tackle possible drought conditions arising from the im-pact of El Niño.

The government has instructed officials to identify and declare drought-affected mandals by October 31. Preliminary assess-ments have identified 358 man-dals as potentially drought-af-fected, while groundwater levels are a concern in 324 mandals.

Reservoirs currently hold around 170 TMC of water



against their total capacity of 470 TMC, raising concerns over wa-ter availability.

The Deputy Chief Minister directed officials to take special measures to conserve drinking and irrigation water, encour-age farmers to adopt alternative crops and create awareness about reducing water-intensive paddy cultivation.

District officials have been

instructed to conduct weekly reviews of drought conditions, with special attention to rural employment, drinking water for livestock and uninterrupted pow-er supply.

The government aims to strengthen preparedness and en-sure the effective management of water resources to minimise the impact of drought on farmers and rural communities.

Telangana Achieves 100% Phase-I Deregulation Targets

Hyderabad, Oct.23 (NSS): Telan-gana has achieved 100 per cent implementation of all 23 priority reforms under Phase I of its state deregulation and compliance re-duction exercise, Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju announced on Friday. Reviewing the state's progress during a high-level meeting at the Secretariat alongside Union government Secretary Sukriti Likhi, Sanjay Jaju confirmed that the recent enactment of the State Jan Vishwas Bill fulfilled the final pending requirement under Phase I.Sanjay Jaju noted that the reforms reflect the government's sustained effort to simplify regulatory frameworks, mini-mise compliance burdens, and foster a competitive ecosystem for enterprises and industries. Shifting focus to Phase II, which encompasses 28 priority areas, including 23 mandatory.

Human Intelligence Can Never Be Replaced by AI: Keerthi Reddy

Technology should assist humans, not replace human relationships and public service, says BJP leader

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B JP State Executive Mem-ber Juturu Keerthi Reddy has stated that Artificial Intel-ligence (AI), despite its rapid advancement, can never replace human intelligence, emotions and relationships. She emphas-ised that technology should be used responsibly, with human values remaining central to deci-sion-making.

She was speaking as the chief guest at a seminar titled "Human Intelligence – Artificial Intelli-gence," organised by the Banjara Hills Rotary Club at Taj Deccan in Hyderabad. Professors, intel-lectuals, doctors and IT profes-sionals participated in the event.

Keerthi Reddy said AI is trans-forming sectors such as educa-



tion, healthcare, design and con-struction. In politics, it can help analyse issues, create content, design posters and plan cam-paigns efficiently.

However, she stressed that understanding people's prob-lems, recognising their emo-tions and connecting with them at the grassroots level require human experience and empathy. Political leadership, she added,

involves standing by people, addressing their grievances and taking responsibility for finding solutions.

Calling on young people to adapt to emerging technologies, she said AI should be treated as an aid rather than a replacement for human intelligence. She urged ev-eryone to prioritise critical think-ing, discretion and human values while using technology.

Hold inquiry in Saraka industries gas leak incident: Harish Rao

Hyderabad, Oct.23 (NSS): BRS party Deputy Floor Leader Harish Rao on Friday said that it was extremely sad that two workers died due to a gas leak in the Saraka Chemical Industry in Gaddapotharam Industrial Area of Jinnaram Mandal in Sangareddy District. He expressed his deep condolences to the families of the deceased. He demanded that the state government provide better medical treatment to the injured and announce an ex-gra-tia of Rs. 1 crore to the families of the deceased.Harish Rao said that it was wicked that the state government does not care even though such incidents happen frequently in industries.

Uttam Kumar Reddy Calls for Comprehensive Drought Action Plans

Stresses Adequate Funds for Collectors, Interdepartmental Coordination

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Irrigation and Civil Supplies Minister Capt. N. Uttam Ku-mar Reddy has called for com-prehensive drought preparedness plans across Telangana, em-phasing adequate funding for district collectors, coordinated action by all departments and timely measures to protect agri-culture, drinking water supplies and rural livelihoods.

Addressing the first meeting of the Cabinet Sub-Committee on drought and El Niño conditions at the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Telan-gana State Secretariat on Friday, he stressed the need for proactive



planning to address emerging challenges and provide timely relief to vulnerable communities.

Deputy Chief Minister Mal-lu Bhatti Vikramarka chaired the meeting, attended by Min-

isters Thummala Nageswara Rao, Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy, Seethakka and Vakiti Srihari, along with Chief Secretary San-jay Jaju. Uttam Kumar Reddy called for district-specific action

plans to identify vulnerable areas, assess potential water shortages and implement preventive mea-sures. He stressed that adequate funds should be made available to district collectors to respond

swiftly to emergencies without procedural delays. The Minister also emphasised close coordina-tion among the Irrigation, Rural Water Supply, Agriculture and other departments to ensure un-interrupted essential services and effective drought management.

The meeting reviewed rainfall deficits, reservoir storage, ir-rigation availability, groundwater levels, agricultural conditions and departmental preparedness. Telangana has recorded a cumu-lative rainfall deficit of around 24 per cent, while several mandals are facing groundwater stress and reduced reservoir storage.

Officials informed the meeting that 358 mandals had been iden-

tified as facing drought-related concerns. Of these, 315 had met the prescribed drought assess-ment criteria, while another 43 were considered at risk of crop losses. The Sub-Committee dis-cussed assessing the situation in the additional mandals and doc-umenting supporting evidence in a memorandum to the Centre to seek assistance under applicable schemes.

The meeting underscored the need for coordinated monitoring, timely mobilisation of funds and comprehensive mitigation mea-sures to minimise the impact of drought and El Niño conditions on farmers, drinking water sup-plies and rural communities.