

Only 16 lecturers working in 10 govt DIET colleges across Telangana

Hyderabad: Government District Institutes of Education and Training (DIETs) in Telangana have become almost non-functional due to the severe shortage of teaching staff. For the past 15 years, the Education Department has failed to recruit permanent lecturers, showing what many call criminal negligence. As a result, D.Ed students are being forced to study without proper lecturers and in some colleges, even without principals.

Across 10 government DIET colleges, there are 286 sanctioned lecturer posts, but only 16 are filled. The remaining 270 positions are vacant. In a few colleges, the government has deployed guest lecturers or deputed school teachers to temporarily fill the gap.

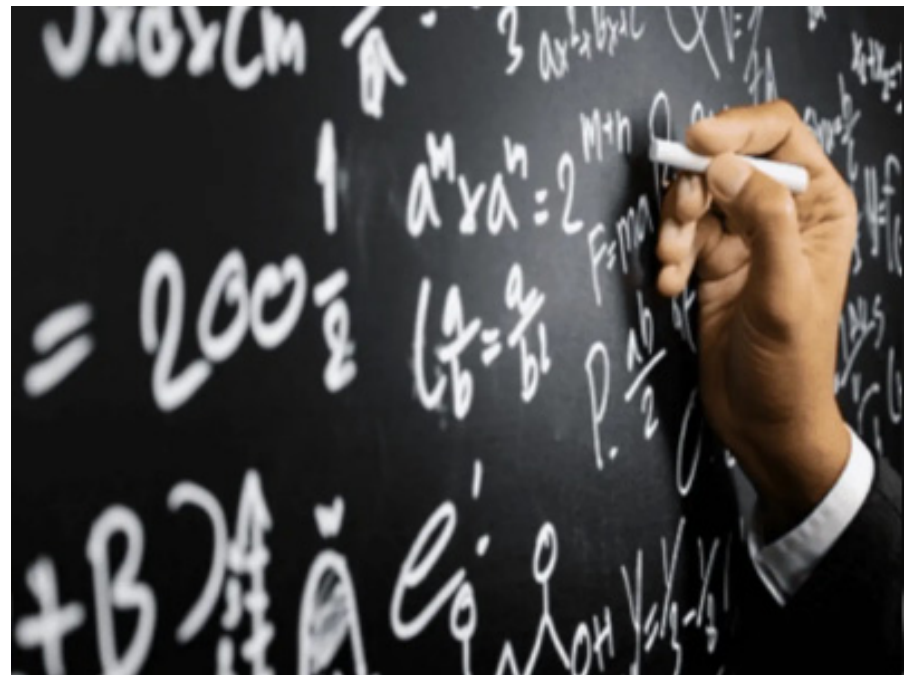
Due to issues in the Unified Service Rules, the promotion process for around 70 posts in DIET and B.Ed colleges is pending, while 30% of lower-level posts are still unfilled. Despite the

urgent need, the department has continued to delay appointments.

When the Central Government raised concerns about the large number of vacancies, the Telangana Public Service Commission (TGPSC) issued a Government Order (GO) on November 12, 2022, to fill 110 vacant lecturer posts. However, even after three years, no notification has been released.

Currently, there is not a single permanent lecturer in the Medchal (Hyderabad, Neredmet) and Warangal DIET colleges. The government has combined the Warangal DIET and B.Ed College and assigned the Adilabad DIET principal in-charge of both institutions. Of all 10 DIET colleges, only Nizamabad DIET has a permanent principal.

There are around 1,400 D.Ed seats in these colleges. Admissions for 2022-23 were 1,123, for 2023-24 were 750, and for 2024-25 only 946 students were enrolled, a sharp decline caused by the



lack of staff and infrastructure.

The SCERT, which oversees these teacher education institutions, has 26 sanctioned posts for professors and lecturers, but only 8 are currently working.

In 2018-19, the Central Government approved new DIET colleges for Hyderabad, Ranga Reddy, Asifabad, and

Bhupalpally districts. While the buildings have been completed, classes have not yet started because the government has not sanctioned staff posts.

As a result, hundreds of aspiring teachers are being denied proper training, exposing the Education Department's continued neglect of the State's teacher education system.

KTR slams Congress for neglecting fee reimbursement, invokes YSR

Hyderabad: Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) Working President KT Rama Rao (KTR) has accused the Congress government of completely sidelining the fee reimbursement program introduced by former chief minister, late YS Rajasekhara Reddy (YSR).

Speaking during a campaign event for the Jubilee Hills by-election, KTR alleged that the government failed to clear pending dues worth Rs 10,000 crore owed to educational institutions.

He criticised the state for allegedly blackmailing colleges when they demanded payment of arrears and claimed that some institutions were even being threatened with closure.

"The future of students has been put at risk. A government that cannot pay students' fees—can it really develop Jubilee Hills?" KTR questioned.

He further said that lakhs of students remained unpaid, the implementation of PRC was stalled, and employees' grievances were ignored.

"Pensioners have been waiting for two years for their arrears. Is Revanth Reddy running a government or a rule of threats?" he asked.

He also ridiculed chief minister A Revanth Reddy's warning to new government employees about salary cuts for neglecting parents, stating, "If Revanth hasn't cleared retirees' dues, his own salary should be cut first."

KTR urged voters not to fall again for the "one chance" appeal made by the Congress, claiming that the single chance already given "had led the state into disorder."

He accused the Congress of planning to win the Jubilee Hills seat through bogus votes.

Questioning the performance of the current regime, KTR asked, "Was the ten-year rule of KCR better or the two-year rule of Revanth?"

He said the foundation for the state's progress must begin again from Jubilee Hills and highlighted BRS's track record.

"We turned a power-deficient state into a power-surplus one and protected Hyderabad like the apple of our eye for ten years," he said.

KTR added that Revanth had "no capacity" to match BRS in welfare and



development and accused the Congress of "deceiving women, farmers, and the unemployed."

Appealing to voters, KTR said,

"Elect Bharat Rashtra Samithi, and we will ensure that the Congress-ignored welfare schemes are implemented effectively."

After Telangana HRC, Lokayukta seeks reports on Chevella accident

Hyderabad: After the Telangana State Human Rights Commission (SHRC) took suo motu cognisance of the tragic road accident that claimed 19 lives in Mirzaguda village under Chevella mandal of Ranga Reddy district, the Lokayukta sought the same from the authorities.

The commission has ordered multiple government departments to submit detailed reports on the incident.

SHRC's notices to govt

The SHRC issued notices to the Principal Secretaries of the Roads & Buildings, Transport, Home, and Mines & Geology departments, as well as to the National Highways Authority of India (Hyderabad Region, NH-163). It also directed the Vice-Chairman and Managing Director of the Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TGSRTC) to submit a comprehensive report on the accident and preventive safety measures.

The Telangana Lokayukta, Justice A. Rajasekhara Reddy, has also taken suo motu notice of the same incident.

On Tuesday, November 4, he directed the Ranga Reddy District SP, R&B Executive Engineer, TGSRTC



Managing Director, and the District Collector to submit detailed reports.

The Lokayukta sought clarification from officials regarding the circum-

stances that led to the fatal collision between a bus and a tipper lorry near the Mirzaguda gate in Chevella mandal.

Both the SHRC and the Lokayukta

emphasised accountability and urged strict measures to prevent recurrence of such accidents.

2022 MLA poaching case: Telangana HC closes BJP leader, others' pleas

Hyderabad: The Telangana High Court has closed the hearing on petitions filed by BJP national general secretary BL Santhosh, Jaggu Swamy, and Tushar Vellappally, who had challenged the notices issued to them under Section 41A of the CrPC by the Special Investigation Team (SIT) in the MLAs poaching case.

In 2022, following a complaint lodged by then BRS MLA Pilot Rohit Reddy, Moinabad police registered a case alleging attempts to lure ruling party legislators. Subsequently, the state government constituted an SIT to investigate the matter.

In October 2022, the SIT issued notices under Section 41A of the CrPC to BL Santhosh, Jaggu Swamy, and Tushar Vellappally. Contending that these notices were invalid, all three filed separate petitions before the High Court and obtained interim stay orders.

On Tuesday, November 4, Justice Jukanti Anil Kumar heard the matter. During the proceedings, Public Prosecutor Palle Nageshwar Rao informed the court that the investigation had since been handed over to the CBI, rendering the notices issued by the SIT ineffective.

Considering this submission, the judge closed the hearing on the petitions and issued an order accordingly.



Telangana forest dept invites citizens to conduct tiger census

Hyderabad: The Telangana forest department has invited citizens to participate in the nationwide tiger census, where volunteers will be required to walk forest trails and record tiger signs.



The All India Tiger Estimation 2026, is led by National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) and Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun. Covering 3,000 forest beats across 26,000 square km, volunteers will be required to assess habitats, document sightings and use the M-STRIPES mobile app to track wildlife data while working alongside trained forest staff and conservation experts. Applications are open from November 3 to November 22 and the field survey will be conducted from January 17 to January 23, 2026. For more information and registration, visit this link or contact the helpline number at 1800 425 5364/040-23231440

Telangana HC orders progress report on Sigachi factory blast probe

Hyderabad: The Telangana High Court on Tuesday, November 4, directed the state government to submit a progress report on the investigation into the Sigachi Industries reactor explosion at Pasmalaram in Patancheru mandal of Sangareddy district, which claimed 54 lives.

A division bench comprising Chief Justice Aparesh Kumar Singh and Justice GM Mohiuddin questioned whether any arrests had been made based on witness testimonies and sought an explanation on the findings mentioned in the expert committee's report.

The bench further ordered the government to submit a detailed list of the compensation distributed so far to the victims' families and the injured, as announced earlier.

The bench was hearing a public interest litigation filed by Hyderabad-based petitioner K Baburao, who sought a probe by a Special Investigation Team (SIT), alleging delay in investigation and compensation disbursement.

No arrests made even after 4 months: Petitioner

The petitioner's counsel, advocate Vasudha Nagaraj, argued that even after four months, no arrests had been made, and the compensation announced by the government and company was yet to reach several victims.

Additional Advocate General Thera



Rajanikant Reddy informed the court that the investigation was ongoing and statements from 192 witnesses had been recorded. When the bench pointed out that the company's vice president had also died in the explosion and asked whether that exempted other responsible officials from accountability, the

AAG said the factory premises had been taken over by the Labour Department.

Responding to the bench's queries regarding compensation, the AAG said the management had released Rs 40 lakh to each deceased worker's family so far, and Rs 25 lakh for each of the missing workers, against their earlier

assurance of Rs 1 crore per deceased.

After hearing the arguments, the bench directed the concerned authorities to submit a comprehensive report covering all investigation details, witness accounts, and compensation disbursement status before the next hearing.

AWS delegation meets Telangana CM to discuss major data-centre expansion



Hyderabad: A delegation from the Amazon Web Services (AWS) paid a courtesy visit to Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy on Tuesday and briefed him about expansion plans and other issues related to the company's operations in the state.

The chief minister assured the delegation that the government would extend support to the company over its investments in the state, an official release said.

"During the meeting, the delegation briefed the chief minister about the ongoing Data Center projects, expansion plans and other issues related to the AWS operations in Telangana," it said.

Telangana home guard 'electrocuted' while cleaning police vehicle

Hyderabad: A home guard reportedly died after suffering an alleged electric shock while cleaning police vehicles near the office of Vikarabad district superintendent of police on Tuesday.

The deceased has been identified as Srinivas, a resident of Kaukuntla in Chevella Mandal of Rangareddy district.

He was rushed to the hospital but succumbed on the way.

Srinivas' body was shifted to Vikarabad government hospital. A case has been registered, and investigations are underway.

However, authorities have dismissed the claims of electrocution. "We are investigating the matter. Things will be clear when the post-mortem report comes," Vikarabad SP Narayana Reddy told Siasat.com

The previous day, a 32-year-old Telangana police constable allegedly shot himself to death with his service pistol at a bank located near Mahbubnagar Cheruvu in Sangareddy.

Sandeep worked as an armed reserve constable at II Town Police Station. According to police, he took the extreme step after losing large sums of money in online games.

A few days ago, a 50-year-old sub-inspector (SI), working in the special branch in Chennaraopet of Warangal district, died by suicide by consuming poison. SI Mohammed Asif was unable to arrange money for his daughter's marriage, which forced him to take the step. He passed away on November 1.



If roads are good, more accidents happen because of speed, says Chevella MP

Hyderabad: BJP Lok Sabha member from Chevella Konda Vishweshwar Reddy on Tuesday said that more accidents will happen if roads are good as vehicles tend to move faster.

Addressing a press conference on the fatal road accident that took place on Monday at Chevella killing 19 persons, Reddy expressed condolences to the victims and blamed the previous BRS government for the delay in completing the land acquisition at the Telangana portion of the Hyderabad-Bijapur (Karnataka) Highway, which passes through Manneguda and Parigi.

"Nowadays, if the roads are in bad condition, fewer accidents happen because vehicles move slowly. The better the roads, the bigger and more frequent the accidents," he claimed.

Nineteen people were killed and over 30 suffered injuries when a gravel-laden tipper lorry collided head-on with a government bus at Chevella in Ranga Reddy district of Telangana on Monday.

None of the 30 injured people suffered major injuries. They were undergoing treatment in different hospitals.

Reddy said the Chevella road was constructed during the Nizam era and then rulers used it to go to Ananthagiri Hills during summer times. The same crooked road despite being in bad condition was still being used.

He further said when he became MP for the first time, he requested the then BRS government to repair the road. However, things did not move.

The BJP MP further said later he requested Union Minister Nitin Gadkari to make it a national highway and it became one in 2016. An appropriate Gazette notification was also issued.

Reddy said eight other National Highways which were announced along with Hyderabad-Bijapur NH have already been completed.

"The BRS government (then TRS) did not complete the land acquisition.



Why? Is it real estate hunger?," he asked attacking the BRS. For five years the land acquisition was not completed.

He also said though there are several banyan trees along the road, they can be translocated. He opined that had the land acquisition done avoiding

crooked ways, several trees could be saved, and distance would be reduced.

Reddy said some people had approached National Green Tribunal and filed petitions. However, all the cases have been recently cleared. The work at some places also began.

Private colleges in Telangana announce 'Chalo Secretariat' rally on Nov 11

Hyderabad: Private professional colleges in Telangana, under the banner of Federation of Associations of Telangana Higher Institutions (FATHI), have announced a 'Chalo Secretariat' rally on either November 10 or 11 amid their ongoing protests against pending fee reimbursements.

The state government had promised to release Rs 1,200 crore of pending dues before Deepawali, however, only Rs 300 crore have been disbursed so far.

According to a report in The New Indian Express, the government initiated talks through Additional Director General (Intelligence) Vijay Kumar and offered to release an additional Rs 300 crore; however, college managements refused and demanded immediate release of Rs 500 crore, about 50 percent of the pending Rs 900 crore.

Private colleges in Telangana have started an indefinite strike since November 3 and have also called for a public meeting with one lakh teachers from private colleges on November 8, stated the report.

Telangana govt forms committee with FATHI

On the other hand, the Telangana government has formally constituted a committee with FATHI to mobilise fi-



nances for fee reimbursements in private colleges.

After detailed discussions with deputy chief minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka and FATHI representatives at Praja Bhavan, the government has

decided to form a committee with the following members:

The committee will study whether the fee reimbursement scheme can become financially independent and sustainable by setting up a dedicated Trust

Bank, and give suggestions for improving the higher education system.

The committee has been asked to examine suggestions and proposals and submit a report within a period of three months for taking further necessary action.

Hyderabad traffic police issue advisory for Jeedimetla road construction

Hyderabad: With the ongoing construction work on Pipe Line Road in



Jeedimetla that began on November 3, the Hyderabad traffic police issued an advisory for smooth vehicular movement.

Commuters should expect congestion on various routes until the work is completed. Key diversions are in effect throughout the day.

Traffic from areas like Gajularamaram, Shapur Nagar, and Rangabhujanga towards Suchitra will be rerouted via Ayodya Nagar Junction, Quthbullapur.

Commuters coming from Indriya Jewellers Lane near Pista House or Old Divan Daba Road are advised to use Suchitra Road or Dulapally village road to go to Jeedimetla. Those coming from Mayuri Bar to Jeedimetla Road should turn right toward the Subhash Nagar last bus stop and then left onto the Pipe Line Road, or take a direct right turn toward ILA.

Additionally, the Pipe Line Road will be closed for all heavy vehicles near the Home Lane shop (Pista House) and completely closed at the Mayuri Bar T-Junction toward Jeedimetla Road from 5 am to 11:50 pm.

Jubilee Hills by election: Jana Sena to support BJP

Hyderabad: Giving a fillip to BJP's campaign in the November 11 bypoll to

Jubilee Hills Assembly constituency in Telangana, Andhra Pradesh deputy chief minister Pawan Kalyan's Jana Sena on Tuesday decided to support the saffron party.

Jana Sena's Telangana unit president Shankar Goud met his BJP counterpart N Ramchander Rao and Union Coal Minister G Kishan Reddy and conveyed his party's support to the BJP nominee, BJP sources said.

Pawan Kalyan is also likely to participate in the election campaign in support of BJP candidate L Deepak Reddy, they said.



Jana Sena is part of the NDA, and it shares power with TDP and BJP in Andhra Pradesh.

Leaders of the BJP and Jana Sena would announce their future course of action on Wednesday, the sources said.

The bypoll is necessitated due to the death of BRS MLA Maganti Gopinath in June this year, following a heart attack.

While the BJP has fielded Deepak Reddy, Gopinath's widow Sunita is the BRS candidate. The ruling Congress's candidate is Naveen Yadav, who is also supported by the Asaduddin Owaisi-led AIMIM.

Development works worth Rs 1,400 cr will be completed within 18 months: Kadiyam

Station Ghanpur MLA Kadiyam Srihari inspected ongoing construction works of the Integrated Divisional Office Complex and 100-bed hospital in Station Ghanpur town on Tuesday, accompanied by officials and contractors.

Speaking on the occasion, he promised to complete the construction of both the Integrated Divisional Office Complex and the 100-bed hospital by November 2026 and dedicate them to the people of the constituency. He stated that the aim is to provide efficient administration and quality medical services to the public through well-planned and timely execution.

He further said that not only will the buildings be completed, but all necessary facilities will also be provided.

The MLA directed the officials to prepare a list of required medical equipment, medical and non-medical staff, and other necessities for the hospital. He instructed that by the time the construction is completed, all facilities

should be ready and urged officials and contractors to expedite the works without delay.

Srihari said that Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, out of his affection for the people of the constituency, has been promptly sanctioning funds without hesitation. So far, Rs 1,400 crore has been sanctioned for various development works, and several of them are already in progress. Plans are being made to complete these works within 18 months, he added.

He mentioned that permissions have been granted for several key election promises, including mandal offices at Veleru and Chilpur and approvals for a few roads that are expected soon. He also criticized some people for trying to obstruct development works and called upon the public to actively participate in the ongoing progress.

"Schemes such as 200 units of free electricity, supply of fine rice, Indiramma housing, Rs 21,000 crore loan waiver,



and Rs 500 bonus per quintal of paddy are examples of ideal welfare programs being implemented by the State Government," said the former Deputy Chief Minister.

The MLA alleged that KT Rama Rao (KTR) has lost power but not his arro-

gance, which is why he is spreading false propaganda against the CM and the Congress government.

He said that although the BRS party was given power twice for leading the Telangana movement, KCR's family exploited and looted Telangana.

BRS, Cong uncork plans tailored to tap JH voters

Ahead of the upcoming Jubilee Hills Assembly by-election, a significant question is preoccupying the three major political parties: will the constituency's voters choose in favour of past development or be swayed by the sentiment factor? The campaign has intensely heated up, with leaders from all three parties hitting the roads to present their respective cases before the electorate.

The BRS campaign is being spearheaded by the party's working president, K T Rama Rao, who is focused on two main themes. Firstly, he is aggressively targeting the Congress government, alleging that it has failed to implement its promises to the people.

Secondly, he is meticulously listing the development works achieved during the BRS's nine-and-a-half-year tenure. He stated that the party followed tradition by giving the ticket to the family member of the deceased candidate, and promised that candidate Sunitha was not alone; he would be behind her and would personally ensure the safety of the people "even at midnight" against the "goondism" of Congress leaders.

On the other side, all Ministers, along with the AICC in-charge Meenakshi Natarajan, are campaigning vigorously in favour of the Congress candidate, Naveen Yadav. Ministers are relentlessly campaigning, with newly inducted Minister Md Azharuddin also participating in the electioneering.

Minister Ponnam Prabhakar asserted that the people of Jubilee Hills have a clear opportunity to "teach a lesson to the BRS." He alleged that the BRS and the BJP have colluded in this election. Prabhakar claimed that the Revanth Reddy-led government has accomplished numerous welfare and development works in the last two years, criticising the BRS for failing to give a single ration card during their ten-year rule.

He cited the Cantonment constituency, where he claimed voters ensured the Congress candidate's victory and subsequently received development works worth Rs 6,000 crore in the last two years. He called upon the people to ensure Naveen Yadav's victory, assuring them that the entire government



would stand behind him to deliver development.

BRS senior leader Nagesh Mudiraj countered the Congress's claims, arguing that people will teach the Congress government a lesson for failing to implement its promises. He noted that the Congress gained power by giving "guarantees as promises" and pledging implementation within 100 days. "It has been 700 days but there is not a single guarantee they have implemented," he claimed, expressing confidence that the

"victory parade of BRS would start from Jubilee Hills."

Political analysts have opined that this election is a crucial litmus test for both major political parties. One political analyst suggested that a Congress victory would provide a significant boost to the party and Revanth Reddy in particular, while being detrimental to the BRS. Conversely, if the BRS wins, it would signify that voters prioritised the sentiment factor, setting a positive tone for coming elections by showing that the "Pink party was back in business."

Health Minister thanked for 85% PG seat quota

Hyderabad: The Telangana Junior Doctors Association (T-JUDA) on Tues-



day formally thanked Health Minister C Damodar Raja Narsimha for the "historic and student-friendly decision" taken by the Government of Telangana to reserve 85 per cent of MQ1 seats in medical colleges for local Telangana students.

A delegation from T-JUDA, led by President Dr J Isaac Newton and General Secretary Dr Ajay, along with several junior doctors and medical students, met with the Health Minister Damodar Raja Narsimha at his residence in Hyderabad.

The T-JUDA members reaffirmed their continued support and cooperation to the Health Minister and the Government of Telangana in successfully implementing these reforms and in advancing the shared goal of accessible, quality healthcare for every citizen.

Political parties caught in a bind over minority votes

Hyderabad: Despite actively wooing minority communities with political incentives, the two major political parties—the Congress and the BRS—are caught in a dilemma regarding which way the crucial 1.4 lakh Muslim minority voters will lean in the upcoming Jubilee Hills by-election on November 11.

The Muslim minority vote shifted heavily towards the Congress during the 2023 Assembly election, which played a key role in the party forming the state government. However, the current situation is tricky for the Congress as city voters have historically favoured the BRS. This concern reportedly prompted the ruling party to grant Mohammed Azharuddin a cabinet berth.

The minority votes appear to be sharply divided between the ruling Congress party and the opposition BRS. Both parties are facing a dilemma as to whether they will secure a considerable number of votes from the minority, particularly the Muslim community, in the by-poll.

Political observers note that following a longstanding demand for minority representation in the Cabinet, the Congress appointed Azharuddin as Minister for Minority Welfare and Public Enterprises ahead of the by-polls, projecting this as proof of its commitment to

minorities. The BRS, however, accuses the Congress of political tokenism, alleging that Azharuddin's elevation was a calculated move purely for the by-election. Political analyst Mohammed Asif Hussain Sohail observed that Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy is accompanying Azharuddin during his campaign to woo Muslim community votes.

Asif Hussain added that, apart from development and infrastructure, minorities require upliftment in terms of education, jobs, and employment. With Muslims constituting 1.4 lakh of the total 3.9 lakh voters, the community's vote will play a crucial role, a fact evident from the aggressive efforts by both Congress and BRS to woo these voters. For Congress, the by-poll is about retaining dominance in the City, while for the BRS, it is an opportunity to prove its grassroots strength after losing power. BJP Union Minister G Kishan Reddy also weighed in, criticising Revanth Reddy for allegedly becoming a slave to the Majlis Party in the state and calling him a 'Ji-Huzur' in his attempt to win in Jubilee Hills and save his party's reputation. Meanwhile, the AIMIM is backing the Congress party nominee V Naveen Yadav and has been actively campaigning in the minority-dominant areas of Jubilee Hills.

Acquisition for Adilabad Regional Airport Project

Hyderabad: The Telangana government has taken a major step toward strengthening regional air connectivity by approving the acquisition of 700 acres of land for the development of a new airport in Adilabad. The move follows a positive feasibility report from the Airports Authority of India (AAI), paving the way for the project to move into its implementation phase.

According to official sources, Special Chief Secretary Vikas Raj has issued formal orders authorizing the Adilabad District Collector to begin the land acquisition process. The airport is planned as a Joint User Airfield, with both civil and limited defense operations envisioned. Coordination between the state government, the AAI, and the civil aviation authorities will be ensured at every stage of development. Hyderabad City Guide

The AAI's techno-economic feasibility study confirmed that Adilabad is a suitable location for an airport, considering its geographical advantage and growing economic potential. The project is also part of the state's broader plan to develop six regional airports to enhance intra-state and interstate air connectivity.

Roads and Buildings Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy described the decision as a "transformational step" for North Telangana. He said the Adilabad airport would boost trade, tourism, industrial growth, and emergency services, while also opening new avenues for regional investment.

"The government is committed to balanced regional development. With this project, Adilabad will soon find its place on the country's aviation map," the minister stated



Once the acquisition is complete, central and state-level officials will jointly

oversee the execution of the project to ensure timely completion and operational readiness.

CPI (Maoist) Extends Telangana Ceasefire by Six More Months to Uphold Peace Efforts

Hyderabad: The Communist Party of India (Maoist) has announced an extension of its ceasefire in Telangana for another six months. The decision was conveyed through a letter released by the Telangana State Committee of the CPI (Maoist).

The letter stated that several large-scale movements had taken place across Telangana in recent months to sustain a peaceful atmosphere and acknowledged that the state government had responded positively to these initiatives. It recalled that it had initially declared a six-month ceasefire in May this year and that, in line with the aspirations of the people, it had decided to extend it for another six months. Hyderabad City Guide

The CPI(M) said, "We are continuing the ceasefire for another six months. During April, May, and June, all parties, public organizations, and social groups in Telangana undertook widespread efforts to maintain peace. The state government also responded accordingly. During the previous six months, we implemented our planned measures to help sustain the peaceful atmosphere. Telangana society desires that this environment continue. Therefore, in accordance with the people's wishes, we are extending the ceasefire for another six months."

The Maoist party emphasized its



commitment to maintaining peace and urged the Telangana government to continue its cooperative stance. However, the party accused the BJP-led Central

government of attempting to disturb the prevailing peace in Telangana. Party's spokesperson Jagan called upon all political parties, social groups, associa-

tions, students, intellectuals, and democrats to "openly resist the Central government's efforts to disrupt the state's peace", it noted.



Akshaya Patra to Serve Midday Meals in Government Schools; CM Invited to Inaugurate Greenfield Kitchen

Hyderabad: In a significant step toward improving nutrition among schoolchildren, the Akshaya Patra Foundation has come forward to serve mid-day meals in all government schools of the Kodangal constituency. Representatives from the foundation met Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and invited him to inaugurate the upcoming Greenfield Kitchen in Kodangal on November 14.

The state-of-the-art kitchen will be constructed on a two-acre site at N.K. Pally, near Kodangal, to prepare and

distribute quality meals to thousands of students. While the Telangana government currently allocates ₹7 per student for the midday meal scheme, the Akshaya Patra Foundation will contribute significantly more—spending nearly ₹25 per student—to ensure nutritious and hygienic food. The additional expenditure will be met through Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds.

This collaboration builds on the success of the breakfast program already running in the constituency since

December last year. Under that initiative, about 28,000 students from 312 government schools receive free breakfast every morning. The program has earned widespread appreciation from both students and parents, setting a benchmark for other regions across the country.

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Attempts made by BJP, RSS to 'finish' Panjab University: Channi

Former Punjab chief minister Charanjit Singh Channi on Tuesday slammed the BJP-led Centre over the issue of restructuring the Panjab University's Senate and Syndicate, alleging that attempts are being made to "finish this varsity in a systematic way by the BJP and the RSS."

Channi joined the ongoing protest of the PU students against the Centre's latest move of restructuring the Panjab University's Senate and Syndicate via an October 28 notification.

The notification amends the Panjab University Act, 1947, reducing the size

of the Senate to 31, doing away with elections for its executive body, the Syndicate, and abolishing the graduate constituency of the Senate.

The students are also demanding the withdrawal of the "no-protest" affidavit, introduced in June this year by the PU. The affidavit requires students to declare that they will not participate in protests or demonstrations on campus, protesting students have claimed while terming it "undemocratic."

Panjab University Campus Students' Council general secretary Abhishek Dagar is on a hunger strike over the affidavit issue.

Speaking to the media, senior Congress leader Channi lashed out at the BJP-led Centre for restructuring the PU's governing bodies.

"It is a murder of democracy," he alleged.

"Attempts are being made to finish the university in a systematic way by the BJP and the RSS," Channi alleged.

He further alleged that the RSS has "completely controlled" the university.

He alleged that the strength of senators has been reduced from 91 to 31.

"We will fight it out," he said.

He urged the Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann to convene a session of the Punjab Assembly to discuss this issue.

The Jalandhar MP further said he will raise this matter in Parliament.

He demanded that the decision of restructuring the PU's Senate and Syndicate be withdrawn.

Referring to the affidavit issue, Channi said students are being barred from staging 'dharanas'.

He said he urged all political parties to rise above party lines to save this institution.