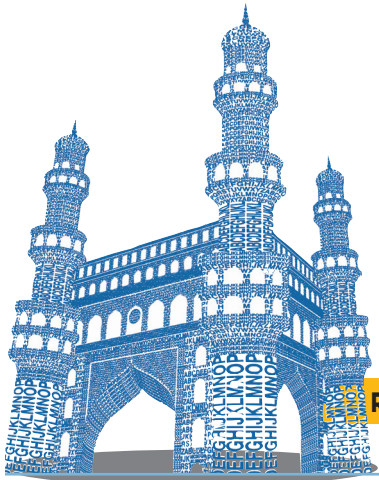




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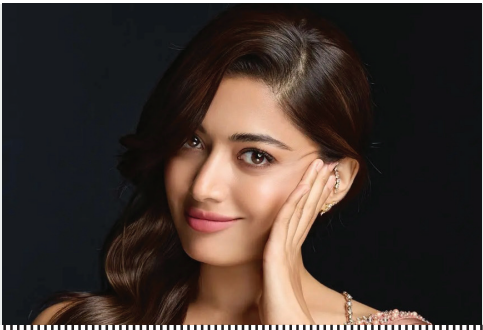
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India's healthcare sector witnessing remarkable transformation: Kishan Reddy

Hyderabad, Aug. 29: India has made remarkable progress in healthcare infrastructure, medical education and affordable treatment over the past decade, Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy said here on Saturday.

Addressing the Kidney Symposium - 2026 organised by Yashoda Hospitals at Hitec City as chief guest, Kishan Reddy lauded the hospital's Department of Renal Sciences for its services in kidney care, organ transplantation and advanced medical treatment.

He said the number of medical colleges in the country had increased from 387 in 2014 to 846, while MBBS seats had risen from 51,348 to about 1.4 lakh. The number of AIIMS institutions had also increased from seven to 23, he noted.



Highlighting the expansion of affordable healthcare, the Central Minister said more than 1.86 lakh Ayushman Arogya Mandirs had been established across the country. Under Ayushman Bharat, the financial burden of medical expenses on citizens had been reduced substantially, while more than 20,000 Jan Aushadhi Kendras were providing quality

generic medicines at affordable prices. Kishan Reddy expressed concern over the growing incidence of lifestyle-related diseases such as diabetes and hypertension, which can adversely affect the kidneys, heart and other vital organs. He stressed that kidney disease must be tackled through prevention, regular screening and early detection, rather than treatment alone.

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CEO Orders Strict Rules

Hyderabad, Aug. 29: Telangana Chief Electoral Officer C. Sudharsan Reddy directed election officials to ensure proper notice delivery and transparent hearings under the ongoing SIR-2026 process.

During a video conference with GHMC Commissioner R.V. Karnan, DEOs, EROs and AEROs, the CEO instructed Booth Level Officers (BLOs) to personally deliver notices to electors and obtain acknowledgements.

He stressed strict adherence to the seven-day notice period and directed BLOs to remind electors about hearing details at least two days in advance.

CJI: Judiciary Acted Against Digital Arrest Scams

NEW DELHI: Chief Justice of India Surya Kant said the judiciary has proactively addressed emerging frauds such as "digital arrest" scams without waiting for Parliament to act. Speaking in London, he said the Supreme Court took suo motu cognisance of the scams and directed the Centre and States to assess their scale and consider a separate offence with appropriate penalties. CJI said fraudsters often impersonate police officers, judges and government officials during video calls to threaten victims and extract money. He stressed the need for stronger legal and institutional measures to tackle such evolving forms of economic crime.

SEED LAW TO PROTECT FARMERS

- ♦ Officials directed to proceed with a new seed law for Telangana, irrespective of whether the Centre introduces its proposed legislation
- ♦ Minister Tummala Nag- eswara Rao reviews Draft Seed Law-2025
- ♦ Comprehensive state seed law already formulated based on recommendations of the State Seed Bill Draft Committee
- ♦ Draft bill to be sent to the Central Government
- ♦ Significant delay in implementing the new law proposed by the Centre
- ♦ Legal mechanism to provide compensation to farmers affected by fake and substandard seeds to be introduced from the next crop season
- ♦ Strong regulatory framework to ensure justice for seed-producing farmers and supply of quality seeds



Hyderabad: Agriculture Minister Shri Tummala Nag- eswara Rao has directed officials to ensure that there is no further delay in bringing a comprehensive seed law to protect the interests of farmers in Telangana. He instructed officials to expedite the next steps so that the seed law can be implemented in time to benefit farmers from the upcoming crop season. Minister Tummala

Nageswara Rao held a review meeting with senior Agriculture Department officials at the Secretariat on Seed Law-2025. The meeting discussed measures required to regulate seed production, quality, regulation, sales, and prices in the state, as well as protecting the rights and interests of farmers involved in seed production.

State Government Had Already Set Up Draft Committee

The Minister said that the Telangana government had earlier constituted a special Seed Bill Draft Committee to formulate a comprehensive seed law for the state. The committee consulted farmers, seed companies, seed organisers, dealers, distributors, agricultural officials, and other stakeholders and studied various issues relating to the seed sector.

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Nepal Flood 675 Dead, 2,500 Missing

Kathmandu, August 29: The death toll from devastating floods and mudslides in Nepal has risen to 675, with nearly 2,500 people still missing, including around 100 US citizens.

More than 7,500 people have been rescued, while over 90,000 people have been affected, authorities said. Rescue operations remain difficult due to damaged roads, power outages and disrupted communications.

At least 589 foreign nationals are among those missing, while 261 have been rescued. China has separately reported seven deaths and 554 missing in Tibet, though the figures may overlap. Helicopters resumed rescue and re-

lief operations in flood-hit Nuwakot, carrying food and other supplies while evacuating survivors. China also sent five tunnel experts to assist rescue operations at a hydropower station.

Bodies recovered from the Trishuli and Narayani rivers were taken to Pokhara for identification. Authorities are using photographs to help families identify victims, as some bodies are difficult to identify due to decomposition.

Nepal may require \$4 billion to \$5 billion for reconstruction. India, the US, China and the World Bank have pledged a combined \$229 million, while the UN has provided \$2 million in emergency aid.

HYDERABAD, AUGUST 29

The Telangana state government is taking steps to develop the state into a world-class golf tourism destination, Tourism, Culture and Archaeology Minister Jupally Krishna Rao said. As part of this initiative, a golf course will be developed across 130 acres at Jawaharnagar near Shamirpet. He said international-standard infrastructure would be developed to attract golfers from across the world.

Another world-class course at Somasila

The minister said another world-class golf course would be developed at Somasila, a tourism cluster located on the banks of the

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Telangana to Become A GOLF TOURISM HUB

- ♦ Golf course to be developed across 130 acres at Jawaharnagar near Shamirpet
- ♦ Another world-class course at Somasila to be developed under the PPP model
- ♦ We will utilise Kapil Dev's services to promote tourism and sports: Minister Jupally



India Maintains Firm Stand on Indus Waters Treaty

Pakistan Seeks International Support

New Delhi: While Pakistan is seeking international support to persuade India to reconsider its decision on the Indus Waters Treaty (IWT), New Delhi is further clarifying its position. India views the water issue not merely as a bilateral water dispute, but as a strategic matter linked to cross-border terrorism. India suspended the Indus Waters Treaty in April 2025 following the terrorist attack in Pahalagam in which 26 civilians were killed. New Delhi has indicated that there will be no question of

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Centre Steps In to Revive Pranahitha

HYDERABAD, AUGUST 29

Irrigation and Civil Supplies Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy said on Saturday that the inter-State talks convened by the Union Ministry of Jal Shakti between Telangana and Maharashtra could pave the way for diverting nearly 80 TMC of Pranahita water by gravity to the Sundilla barrage.

The negotiations, scheduled for September 1 in New Delhi will examine Tel-

angana's proposal to construct the Pranahita barrage at Tummidu Hatti at full reservoir level of 150 metres. The meeting will be chaired by the Central Water Commission Chairman and attended by senior officials and heads of key CWC directorates. Ahead of the talks, Uttam Kumar Reddy held a preparatory meeting with Irrigation Secretary E. Sridhar, Engineer-in-Chief (General) O.V. Ramesh Babu and other senior officials.

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VIJAY SAI REDDY'S SENSATIONAL OPEN LETTER

AMARAVATI, AUGUST 29

Former YSRCP Rajya Sabha member Vijay Sai Reddy released an open letter alleging, "The YSRCP coterie is spreading propaganda on social media calling me a traitor."

He stated that he had never betrayed Jagan and that if betrayal had been in his blood, he would have switched parties long ago. He said he was made an accused in several cases solely because he was considered loyal to Jagan.

Vijay Sai Reddy alleged that conspiracies and humiliations against him within the party gradually increased after 2020.



He said he was removed from the responsibilities for North Andhra and was also dropped from the core committee.

"I was never part of the coterie. Who gradually reduced the value of my word in Jagan's eyes since 2020?" he asked.

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'WARNING' LABELS ON PACKAGED FOOD: FSSAI

NEW DELHI AUGUST 29

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has proposed making clear warning labels mandatory on the front of packages (FoP) of packaged food products containing high levels of added sugar, saturated fat, or salt. The authority is considering introducing these regulations to help consumers make healthier food choices.

FSSAI revealed these proposals in a six-page affidavit submitted to the Supreme Court. It stated that warning labels should be placed

on products that exceed the nutritional limits prescribed by the Indian Council of Medical Research-National Institute of Nutrition (ICMR-NIN).

Dark Red Hexagonal Warning Labels

FSSAI has proposed placing dark red hexagonal warning symbols on products that contain high levels of sugar, salt, or saturated fat. The labels should be clearly visible and easy to read. It has suggested that the text on the labels should be at least one point larger than the font used in the nutritional

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CM Urges ECI to Protect Every Eligible Voter

Hyderabad, August 29: Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has urged the Election Commission of India (ECI) to ensure that no eligible voter is removed from the electoral rolls and no ineligible voter is added during the 2026 Special Intensive Revision (SIR) in the State.

In a letter to Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar, the Chief Minister sought an extension of the deadline for filing objections and complaints, along with adequate time and assistance for voters to complete the required procedures.

Citing ECI data, Revanth Reddy said Telangana had

3.38 crore voters as of June 10, 2026, of whom 73.39 lakh, or 21.7%, had been identified under the ASDD category—Absent, Shifted, Dead and Duplicate. Of these, 45.19 lakh, nearly 62%, were classified as permanently shifted.

He said discrepancies were found in 60.50 lakh of the 2.65 crore digitised enumeration forms, while 32.36 lakh forms could not be linked with previous electoral rolls. Consequently, notices may have to be issued to around 92.86 lakh voters, potentially affecting nearly one-third of the State's electorate.

The Chief Minister raised concerns over voters who were

temporarily away from their homes when enumeration officials visited being treated on par with those who had permanently shifted. He said voters moving to new locations should receive assistance to register at their new addresses through Form 6 rather than simply having their names deleted from previous rolls.

Revanth Reddy warned that failure to follow proper notice procedures could result in voters discovering that their names had been removed only when they reach polling stations on election day.

He said 58.6% of ASDD cases and 41.9% of scrutiny notices were concentrated in

Hyderabad, Medchal-Malkajgiri and Rangareddy districts, highlighting the need for a simpler process in urban areas.

The Chief Minister requested that the objection period, scheduled from August 17 to September 16, be extended by four weeks and that the October 19 final publication of the revised electoral rolls also be postponed accordingly.

He called for extensive awareness campaigns, along with Gram Sabhas and ward committee meetings, where draft electoral rolls should be publicly read out. He also sought three to four weeks for daily-wage workers, migrant

labourers and senior citizens to respond to notices.

Revanth Reddy proposed assistance centres at constituency and polling-station levels and urged the ECI to expand the list of acceptable documents. He also sought additional officers and decentralised hearing centres, particularly in Hyderabad, where constituencies have a high volume of cases.

The Chief Minister assured the ECI that the Telangana government was ready to provide all necessary administrative support to ensure a smooth, transparent and voter-friendly SIR process.

HPS Begumpet Launches State-of-the-Art Science Theme Park to PROMOTE EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Hyderabad, August 27: The Hyderabad Public School (HPS), Begumpet, has launched a state-of-the-art Science Theme Park, reinforcing its commitment to experiential, inquiry-based and hands-on learning. The initiative transforms the school campus into a dynamic outdoor classroom where students can observe, explore, question and understand scientific concepts beyond textbooks. The Science Theme Park was inaugurated by distinguished Padma Shri awardee Prof. Dorairajan Balasubramanian. Bringing together Physics, Mathematics, Biology, Space Science and Engineering, the park features 50 interactive exhibits and working models designed to make classroom learning engaging and practical.



Key exhibits include demonstrations of Newton's Third Law, the Pythagorean Theorem, a periscope, conservation of energy, an arch bridge, a 3D DNA model, and PSLV and GSLV models. The park is further supported by nearly 17 indoor exhibits showcasing concepts related to optics, electromagnetism, magnetism, electricity and molecular motion.

Speaking at the inauguration, Dr. Skand Bali, Principal of The Hyderabad Public School, Begumpet, said, "The Science Theme Park is an extension of our belief that education becomes truly meaningful when children are given the freedom to explore, question and discover. We wanted to create a space where scientific concepts move beyond textbooks and become experiences that students can see, touch and engage with."

He added that the initiative

aims to nurture curiosity, critical thinking and a genuine scientific temperament among students by making science an exciting part of everyday learning.

Prof. Dorairajan Balasubramanian appreciated the initiative, stating, "The Science Theme Park at The Hyderabad Public School is a wonderful example of how innovative learning environments can transform the way children engage with knowledge. By turning the campus into a space for exploration and experimentation, the initiative encourages students to observe, question and understand the science behind the world around them."

The park follows a structured learning cycle: Observe □ Question □ Predict □ Explore □ Discover □ Explain. This approach encourages students to seek evidence, test ideas and refine their under-

standing rather than simply memorising answers.

Mrs. Amrita Chandra Raju, Vice Principal of HPS Begumpet, acknowledged the contribution of former students Annapoorna Akkineni, Aditya Akkineni and Rohit Vemulapalli. Highlighting their role in supporting the school's development, she said, "There are Nation Getters and Nation Builders. While we salute those who fought for the nation's freedom, we must also recognise those who are building the nation every day."

The Science Theme Park reflects HPS Begumpet's broader educational philosophy of extending learning beyond conventional classrooms. Designed as a laboratory without walls and a classroom without desks, the park enables students to transform equations into experiences, diagrams into realities and questions into pathways for discovery.

Balanagar Police Trace 98 Missing Phones Using CEIR

Medchal-Malkajgiri , August 29, 2026: The Balanagar Division Police, comprising Kukatpally, Balanagar and Allapur Police Stations, have successfully traced and recovered 98 missing mobile phones worth approximately ₹15.50 lakh through the Central Equipment Identity Register (CEIR) Portal.

The recovered mobile phones were traced from different locations using technical investigation methods, CEIR data and complaints registered at the respective police stations. Following thorough verification of the complainants' details, IMEI numbers and other relevant particulars, the handsets were formally handed over to their rightful owners after completing all necessary legal formalities.

Kukatpally Police Station recovered 65 mobile phones valued at approximately ₹10 lakh, while Balanagar Police Station recovered 30 mobile phones worth around ₹5 lakh. Allapur Police Station recovered three mobile phones valued at approximately ₹50,000, taking the total recovery to 98 handsets worth ₹15.50 lakh.

The successful operation was carried out under the guidance and coordination of Ritiraj, IPS, DCP, Kukatpally Zone, and P. Naresh Reddy, ACP, Balanagar Division, with the active support of the concerned Station House Officers, Detective Officers and Crime Staff of Kukatpally, Balanagar and Allapur Police Stations.

The police further advised the public to keep a record of their mobile phone's IMEI number, mobile number, make and model, and purchase invoice or bill, as these details can help in the prompt reporting and recovery of lost or stolen devices.

Raksha Bandhan at Atluri Deepak's Home: Brother-Sister Love in Every Rakhi

Medchal-Malkajgiri, August 29, 2026: Raksha Bandhan, the beloved festival that celebrates brother-sister affection and lifelong care, was observed with warmth and meaning at the residence of Telugu Desam Party senior leader Atluri Deepak on Wednesday. In a tradition-filled moment, Nandamuri Mohana Roopa, granddaughter of the legendary Telugu actor, statesman, and former Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, late. Nandamuri Tarak Rama Rao, visited Atluri Deepak's home at KPHB Colony and tied a rakhi, marking the occasion with respect, love, and prayers for his wellbeing.

The celebration also became a shared event for those who attended. As part of the festival spirit, Mohana Roopa tied rakhis to the visitors as well, allowing everyone present to receive her blessings. The gathering reflected the true essence of Raksha Bandhan—strengthening bonds, expressing goodwill, and spreading happiness through simple yet powerful traditions.

Friends, supporters, and community members came together to take part in the rituals and join in the festive atmosphere. The event featured meaningful exchanges, traditional greetings, and moments of togetherness that highlighted brother-sister sentiment not only between siblings, but also as a broader feeling of care among people.

Among those who participated were Cherukoori Ravi, RK Choudary, Vikram Simha, Sai, Rama-



devi, Shridevi, Sneha, Shashi, along with others. Their presence added more warmth to the occasion and made the celebration feel like a family gathering, filled with blessings for peace, prosperity, and happiness.

Overall, the Raksha Bandhan observance at Atluri Deepak's residence stood out as a respectful and heartfelt tribute to tradition—where the rakhi ceremony carried not just a ritual, but a sincere promise of protection, unity, and goodwill.

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INDIA MAINTAINS FIRM STAND ON INDUS WATERS TREATY

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restoring normal water cooperation until Pakistan takes credible, verifiable, and irreversible steps to put an end to terrorism. At a virtual seminar hosted by the Pakistani Embassy in the United States, Pakistan's Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar expressed concern over the Indus Waters Treaty. He said water security is extremely important to Pakistan's national stability and stated that the Indus River system is a major foundation of the country's agriculture, food security, energy production, employment, and economic development.

Dar alleged that there is no provision in the 1960 Indus

Waters Treaty that allows India to unilaterally suspend the agreement. He called on both countries to resolve the issue through dialogue and cooperation. He warned that any action to block water allocated to Pakistan could have serious consequences for regional peace and security.

Dar also said that Pakistan's water crisis is becoming more severe due to climate change. Changing rainfall patterns, the retreat of glaciers, floods, prolonged droughts, and uncertainty over water availability are increasing pressure on the country, he said. Under these circumstances, he argued that stronger water cooperation

with India is necessary.

However, despite Pakistan's efforts to seek international support, there are no indications that India is prepared to reverse its decision. India has already made its position clear with the statement that "blood and water cannot flow together." New Delhi maintains that Pakistan must take credible and verifiable action to curb cross-border terrorism.

As a result, the Indus Waters issue has moved beyond a conventional water dispute and has become a major geopolitical and strategic issue in India-Pakistan relations. While the Indus River sys-

tem is a lifeline for Pakistan, India maintains that water cooperation cannot continue as usual while terrorism persists.

Pakistan is seeking international intervention to restore the treaty, while India insists that Pakistan must first take action against the root cause of the dispute—cross-border terrorism. Against this backdrop, water, security, and terrorism have become increasingly important issues in India-Pakistan diplomatic relations. The standoff between the two countries over the Indus Waters Treaty and where it may lead in the future remain matters of significant interest.

Centre Steps In to Revive Pranahitha

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The commencement of formal discussions between the two States is a major step forward. It is the result of sustained efforts and correspondence by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and the Irrigation Department to restore the benefits originally envisaged under the Dr B.R. Ambedkar Pranahitha—Chevella project," he said.

Telangana will seek Maharashtra's consent for the 152-metre level, which is two metres higher than the 148-metre level accepted by the previous State government in 2016.

The Minister said technical studies conducted by the Central Water and Power Research Station, Pune, estimated submergence in Maharashtra at about 1,150 acres at 148 metres and over 2,500 acres at 152 metres.

"Since submergence is involved at both levels, the previous government should have negotiated more effectively to secure Maharashtra's consent for the technically advantageous 152-metre level. Telangana lost an important opportunity by agreeing to 148 metres without adequately safeguarding the State's interests," he said.

According to the Minister, the higher barrage level would enable nearly

80 TMC to be conveyed by gravity to Sundilla, reducing dependence on costly and energy-intensive lift irrigation. Gravity conveyance would also provide a more dependable and sustainable source of irrigation.

The proposal draws its legal and institutional basis from the inter-State agreements of 1975 and 1978, which permitted the erstwhile Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra to develop the Pranahitha project jointly or independently for their respective benefit.

The original Pranahitha—Chevella Sujala Sravanthi scheme was conceived to irrigate nearly 16.40 lakh acres. Its subsequent redesign and restructuring, however, excluded substantial portions of the proposed command area.

Nearly two lakh acres in the erstwhile Adilabad district, located in the head reaches of the original project, were left without an effective irrigation source even after the formation of Telangana.

"Farmers in these areas have waited for more than a decade for the irrigation benefits promised under the original project. The present government is determined to correct this injustice," Uttam Kumar Reddy said.

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He alleged that Sajjala was the one who prevented even ministers from meeting Jagan. He said that senior leaders and party workers were placed in a situation where they had to work under Sajjala's leadership, and urged party workers and Jagan's supporters to think about this.

In his letter, Vijay Sai Reddy revealed that he had resigned from both the party and his Rajya Sabha position and was now starting a new political party. Meanwhile, Vijay Sai Reddy's strong comments in the open letter about internal affairs within the YSRC, the humiliations he allegedly faced, and Sajjala's role have become a topic of discussion in political circles.

'WARNING' LABELS ON PACKAGED FOOD

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information table on the back of the package.

Depending on the nutritional content of the product, warnings such as "High Fat," "High Sugar," and "High Salt" would be displayed. If a single product contains high levels of two or more nutrients, the warnings would be displayed together. For beverages with high levels of sugar, a separate warning stating "High Sugar Beverage" has also been proposed.

SEED LAW TO PROTECT FARMERS

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The Minister said that while the state government was preparing to introduce a seed law based on the committee's recommendations, the Central Government drafted a bill titled Seed Law—2025.

The Telangana government also submitted its views on the Centre's draft bill, agreeing with certain provisions while raising objections and offering suggestions on others, and forwarded them to the Central Government, he said.

No Progress from Centre Despite Several Months

Minister Tummala said that several months had passed since Telangana submitted its views and suggestions to the Central Government, but there had been no significant progress from the Centre on the proposed seed law.

He said the state government had written several letters to the Centre requesting the early introduction of the seed law in the interests of farmers. However, the Central Government was delaying a decision on the matter. With one crop season already having passed, further delay would not be appropriate in view of farmers' interests, the Minister asserted.

Measures to Benefit Farmers from the Next

Crop Season

The Minister said the state government would move forward with the objective of bringing the seed law into force by the next crop season at the latest.

He directed officials to formulate a comprehensive seed law based on the recommendations of the State Seed Bill Draft Committee, the interests of farmers, and the prevailing conditions in the seed sector, and to take steps to send the draft to the Central Government.

He noted that Telangana is one of the country's leading seed-producing states and is recognised as the "Seed Bowl of India." In this context, he said, a comprehensive legal framework for the seed sector is essential.

State to Proceed Irrespective of Centre's Decision

Minister Tummala made it clear that the state government would not compromise on farmers' interests, regardless of whether the Central Government introduces its proposed seed law.

If the Centre approves and enacts its proposed law, Telangana will take implementation measures in accordance with it. If the Centre does not grant approval, the state government

will independently formulate a State Seed Bill based on the recommendations of the State Seed Bill Draft Committee, introduce it in the Telangana Legislative Assembly, and bring it into force in the state after approval by the legislators, he said.

Legal Protection for Seed-Producing Farmers

The Minister directed officials to provide legal recognition and protection to farmers engaged in seed production. He suggested establishing a transparent system of direct agreements between farmers and seed companies while regulating the role of intermediaries.

He also directed officials to ensure that seed-producing farmers receive fair prices for their produce and to establish a legal mechanism covering crop insurance and compensation for farmers who suffer crop losses due to poor-quality seeds.

Strict Regulation of Fake Seeds

The Minister called for a stringent regulatory mechanism to prevent the sale of fake, substandard, and unauthorised seeds. He suggested linking seed-producing areas with crop booking and a Seed Traceability system. He also directed officials to promote seed banks and community seed

banks at the mandal level and take measures to conserve traditional and indigenous seed varieties.

Prompt Compensation for Farmers Facing Crop Losses

The Minister directed officials to establish a special legal mechanism to ensure prompt compensation to farmers who suffer crop losses due to fake, substandard, or poor-quality seeds.

He also suggested establishing an effective Grievance Redressal Mechanism to resolve farmers' complaints quickly.

Farmers' Welfare is the Government's Primary Objective

Minister Tummala stated that the key objectives of the comprehensive seed law are to ensure the supply of quality seeds to farmers in Telangana, protect the interests of seed-producing farmers, curb fake seeds, provide compensation for crop losses, regulate seed prices and the market, and strengthen transparency and accountability in the seed sector.

He directed officials to take immediate steps to establish a strong legal framework for Telangana's seed sector, ensuring that there is no further delay when it comes to protecting farmers' interests.

Telangana to Become a Golf Tourism Hub

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Krishna River amid the Nallamala forests and the Amarabad Tiger Reserve. He said developing Somasila as a dedicated golf tourism destination would further strengthen Telangana as a golf tourism hub. The government will adopt the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model for developing golf tourism infrastructure, he said.

The minister was speaking at a press conference held on Saturday at the Hyderabad Golf Club in Golconda on the occasion of the 12th edition of the Telangana Golconda Masters. The tournament is being jointly organised by the DP World Professional Golf Tour of India (DP World PGTI) and the Hyderabad Golf Association, with Telangana Tourism serving as the event partner.

Jupally said the Telangana Golconda Masters was

not merely a sporting competition, but a platform connecting international golf with Telangana's tourism and heritage. He said hosting the tournament at the golf course near Golconda Fort provided an opportunity to showcase the state's history and heritage to the world.

He said Telangana tourism was not limited to Hyderabad city alone, adding that the state's lakes, forests, the Godavari and Krishna rivers, palaces and forts were attracting tourists.

We will utilise Kapil Dev's services

Jupally said the government was considering utilising the services of Kapil Dev to promote tourism and sports in Telangana. He said Kapil Dev's experience and international recognition would be used to promote the state's tourism and sports sectors.

He thanked DP World PGTI, the Hyderabad Golf Association and other partners for their support in organising the tournament. He said the government would continue to provide world-class facilities to develop Telangana into a world-class golf tourism destination.

Telangana Tourism's support is commendable

DP World PGTI President Kapil Dev appreciated the support being provided by Telangana Tourism. He said the tournament could be used to promote Telangana and Hyderabad as prominent golf tourism destinations. He also thanked the Hyderabad Golf Association for providing the venue.

Hyderabad Golf Club to be introduced to the world

Hyderabad Golf Association Captain Jaswinder Singh

Birgi said he was delighted to host the 12th Telangana Golconda Masters. He said HGA members would have the opportunity to watch prominent golfers in action. He added that through the live telecast, the Hyderabad Golf Club would be introduced to audiences around the world.

132 golfers... 1 crore prize money

A total of 132 golfers will participate in the tournament, which will be held from September 1 to 4. They will compete for a prize purse of ₹1 crore. Prominent golfers from India as well as overseas will participate in the tournament. The event will carry Official World Golf Ranking (OWGR) points. DP World PGTI CEO Amandeep Johl, Czech international golfer Stepan Danek and others attended the programme.