

Come to Telangana, Invest in Telangana, Innovate in Telangana: Minister Uttam

■ Minister invites global businesses to invest, innovate and create jobs across Telangana

HYDERABAD

Irrigation, Food and Civil Supplies Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy on Saturday invited global investors, entrepreneurs and technology leaders to partner with Telangana, saying the State was positioning itself as one of the world's most competitive destinations for innovation-led, inclusive and sustainable growth.

Delivering the keynote address at the Global Business Excellence & Leadership Conclave 2026 at ITC Kohenur in Hyderabad, Uttam Kumar Reddy said Telangana offered a powerful combination of skilled talent, world-class infrastructure, entrepreneurial energy and a government committed to facilitating investment with speed and transparency.

He said Telangana's GSDP was estimated at around Rs 17.82 lakh crore in 2025-26, with nominal growth of 10.7 per cent, against the national growth rate of 8 per cent.

Under Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy's Telangana Rising 2047 Vision, the State was aiming to become a \$1-trillion economy by 2034 and a \$3-trillion economy by 2047, he said.



The strategy envisaged development through three interconnected economic regions — CURE, covering the core urban economy driven by technology and high-value industries; PURE, focusing on peri-urban manufacturing, logistics and infrastructure; and RARE, promoting agriculture, food processing and rural enterprise.

“Development must not remain confined to Hyderabad. It must reach every district, every town, every village and every family in Telangana,” Uttam said.

Highlighting Hyderabad's emer-

gence as a global centre for IT, artificial intelligence, pharmaceuticals, biotechnology, life sciences and Global Capability Centres, the Minister said enormous investment opportunities were opening up in semiconductors, data centres, cybersecurity, aerospace, defence, electric mobility, clean energy and advanced manufacturing.

Referring to his portfolios, Uttam said the convergence of water, agriculture, food security and industry offered another major investment opportunity. Telangana welcomed technologies involving satellite imagery,

artificial intelligence, drones, sensors and predictive analytics for efficient water management. He called for greater investment in food processing, cold chains, warehouses, agricultural logistics, packaging and exports, saying agricultural produce should increasingly be processed, branded and marketed from within Telangana to generate better returns for farmers and create rural employment.

The Minister also invited industries to look beyond Hyderabad to emerging centres such as Warangal, Karimnagar, Khammam, Nizamabad, Nalgonda and Mahabubnagar. Praising Dr. J.A. Chowdary and the International Startup Foundation for encouraging startups and rural innovators, Uttam said business excellence should ultimately be measured not merely by revenues and valuations but by livelihoods created and problems solved.

“Come to Telangana. Invest in Telangana. Innovate in Telangana,” he told business leaders, assuring them that the government would work as a transparent, professional and responsive long-term partner. Uttam said Telangana wanted investments that created employment, transferred knowledge, strengthened sustainable industries and improved people's lives, making the State a place where solutions required by the world were “imagined, developed and delivered.”



Divine Act, Clean Impact: CMC Launches Monthly Divine Waste Collection in Kukatpally to Safeguard Water Bodies

MEDCHAL-MALKAJGIRI

The Cyberabad Municipal Corporation (CMC) has launched an innovative “Divine Waste Collection Drive” at KPHB Colony, 7th Phase, Kukatpally, aiming to ensure respectful disposal of old and damaged religious items while preventing pollution of local water bodies. The initiative, held at the premises of Sri Visalakshi Sametha Kashi Vishwanatha Swamy Kshetram, brought together municipal officials and community members to promote environmentally responsible civic cleanliness.

The programme saw participation from Cyberabad Municipal Corporation officials A. Anjaneyulu Deputy Commissioner,

Kukatpally Circle 52, Rakesh AEE SWM Kukatpally, Manohar Reddy Sanitary Supervisor, Bhagyarekha Junior Assistant, and SRP M.Srinivas, SFA's M. Nagaraju, M. Anjaneyulu, M. Ramulu. Community participation was equally strong, with the 7th Phase Residence Welfare Society represented by members Vasireddy Lakshminarayana, Anji Babu, Anil, Narasimha, Mallesham, along with volunteers who supported the collection process.

In his address, A. Anjaneyulu Deputy Commissioner, Kukatpally Circle 52 highlighted a growing concern that broken religious photos, frames, and materials are often discarded into lakes, rivers, and canals,

harming water ecosystems and contradicting the sanctity of the items. He announced that CMC, Kukatpally Circle 52 would take a structured approach to address the issue through monthly doorstep-style collection, beginning with a designated Saturday every month.

“CMC has initiated this program to create deep public awareness. Going forward, every month, on a designated Saturday, CMC staff will be authorized to collect these old, damaged divine pictures directly. We will ensure they are removed with the highest traditional and respectful manner, and all salvageable materials will be sent for recycling rather than ending up in water bodies,” he said.

Centre must intervene immediately over RFCL shutdown: Minister Thummala

■ RFCL plant shut down from August 22, disrupting production for around 10 days.

■ Repeated shutdowns during the crucial agricultural season are a matter of concern, says Minister Thummala.

■ Shutdowns are causing repeated disruptions in urea supplies to Telangana.

■ RFCL is crucial for ensuring uninterrupted urea availability to farmers through the FFS system.

■ Long-term measures must be taken to resolve the recurring shutdown problem, says Minister Thummala.

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Telangana Agriculture Minister Thummala Nageswara Rao expressed concern over the Ramagundam Fertilizers and Chemicals Limited (RFCL) plant going into shutdown once again from August 22. He said the shutdown could create difficulties for the state at a time when demand for urea is high during the crucial Kharif season. Against this backdrop, Minister Thummala wrote to Union Chemicals and Fertilizers Minister Jagat Prakash Nadda, urging him to intervene immediately and ensure that there is no disruption in the supply of urea.

Minister Thummala said RFCL in Ramagundam plays a crucial role in meeting Telangana's urea requirements. He recalled that the plant had also faced repeated shutdowns during important agricultural seasons in the past. During the 2025 Kharif season, production at the plant was halted for 39 days from May 5 to June 14, 24 days from July 10 to August 4, and 49 days from August 14 to October 1, result-

ing in a total production disruption of 112 days, he said. The minister said RFCL has now entered another shutdown from August 22 and production is expected to remain suspended for around 10 days. He expressed concern over the situation as demand for urea is high amid intensified Kharif cultivation activities.

Minister Thummala said Telangana is gradually implementing the Framework for Fertilizer Sale (FFS) system introduced by the central government. Although a technology-based system is being implemented to ensure transparent and equitable distribution of fertilizers to farmers, he stressed that adequate availability of urea at the retail level is critical. Frequent RFCL shutdowns could affect urea supplies to the state as well as the creation of advance stocks, he said.

Thummala urged the Union minister to treat the current shutdown as a matter of priority and take steps to restore production at the plant as quickly as possible. He requested that efforts be made to resume production before the currently estimated 10-day shutdown period.

To make up for the shortfall in Telangana's urea supply caused by the RFCL shutdown, the minister sought additional allocations from other domestic fertilizer plants as well as imported urea. He also suggested creating sufficient advance stocks so that farmers across the state can receive urea without difficulties under the FFS system.

Minister Thummala said there was a need to strengthen advance maintenance, preventive maintenance, and contingency plans at RFCL to prevent similar situations from recurring during critical agricultural seasons. He urged the central government to intervene urgently and take appropriate measures to ensure uninterrupted urea supplies to Telangana farmers throughout the Kharif season.

The Telangana movement sculpted Ramana Reddy into a complete artist, says Dr. G. Chinna Reddy

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Telangana Planning Commission Vice-Chairman Dr. G. Chinna Reddy said that renowned sculptor M.V. Ramana Reddy, who has travelled to 80 countries across the world and established a distinct identity as an artist, was shaped into a complete sculptor by the Telangana movement.

On Saturday, Chinna Reddy unveiled the book “Udyama Shilpi” (Sculptor of the Movement), which chronicles the life and artistic journey of M.V. Ramana Reddy, at the Vipanchi Kala Nilayam in Siddipet town. Speaking on the occasion, Chinna Reddy said Ramana Reddy had won the admi-



ration of people through his work as a renowned sculptor, including creating the Amaraveerula Jyothi (Martyrs' Flame), the Telangana

Talli statue, and the Telangana Tableau showcased at the Republic Day celebrations in Delhi. He said Ramana Reddy had

given up his German citizenship for the Telangana movement, brought artists and sculptors together, and played an active role

in the movement. Chinna Reddy said Ramana Reddy had a bright future ahead. Chinna Reddy expressed the view that Ramana Reddy deserves the Padma Shri award and is also well qualified to serve as the Vice-Chancellor of a university of fine arts.

Retired judge Jimbo Rajender, former Siddipet Court Bar Association president Chintalapalli Janardhan Reddy, Telangana Language and Culture Cultural Council founding president Professor Ganta Jalandhar Reddy, and prominent personalities including Captain Panduranga Reddy, Professor Vishnuvardhan Reddy, and Rajamohan, among others, attended the event.

Kaveti International Law Firm to Offer AI-Powered International Legal Services

New Banjara Hills Office to Open on August 24

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Kaveti International Law Firm is set to launch its new office in Banjara Hills on August 24, with a focus on international and cross-border legal services, AI-assisted legal awareness and professional collaboration. Prominent international lawyer Kaveti Srinivas said the firm's objective is to build a strong bridge between India and the international legal community by making international legal expertise more accessible to individuals and businesses dealing with cross-border matters.

The new office will be inaugurated at 11.30 a.m. at President Banjara Hills, Flat No. C3, Road No. 2, next to Mugdha Silks,



Banjara Hills. Telangana Minister for Irrigation and Civil Supplies and Huzurnagar MLA N. Uttam Kumar Reddy will attend as chief guest.

The Hyderabad office will provide access to international lawyers, solicitors, barristers, attorneys and advocates from various countries. International legal experts are expected to be available periodically at the office for two to three days to offer preliminary guidance to individuals, businesses, NRIs

and investors.

Wide Range of Legal Services The firm plans to offer services covering international and cross-border law, immigration and visa matters, NRI and PIO services, corporate and commercial law, international business and investment, FDI advisory, mediation and arbitration, civil and commercial litigation, intellectual property rights, technology and cyber law, AI and legal technology, contract drafting, real estate and RERA matters, title searches, due diligence, inheritance and succession.

AI for Legal Awareness

The firm said responsible use of Artificial Intelligence will be an important part of its Hyderabad operations. AI and legal technology will support legal research, access to information

and basic legal awareness, helping people better understand complex legal issues.

However, the firm clarified that professional legal advice and representation will continue to be provided only by qualified legal professionals in accordance with applicable laws and professional standards.

The initiative is supported by an international and multidisciplinary network that includes Dr. Srinivasa Rao Kaveti, Principal and Founder of Kaveti International Law Firm; Dr. Prashant Ajmera, Principal and Founder of Ajmera Law International, Canada; Edward Osei, Ramsayer Avuku and Parth Singh from the US; Advocate Anupriya Chawla from the UK; Besides High Court advocates and international legal advisers from India.

School Education Department, T-SAT Sign MoU for Academic Broadcasts

HYDERABAD: The School Education Department and T-SAT have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to provide digital educational programmes and academic broadcasts during the 2026–27 academic year. School Education Director Naveen Nicholas and T-SAT CEO Bodanapalli Venugopal Reddy signed the agreement at the Directorate of School Education office in Hyderabad on Saturday morning and exchanged the signed documents. Under the MoU, special programmes such as Parents and Teachers Meetings and online digital tuition classes in the evenings for Class 10 students will be conducted through the T-SAT platform. The agreement also provides for special awareness programmes, including TLM Melas and orientation programmes for teachers, aimed at strengthening teaching and learning initiatives through digital platforms.

Gen-Z Watchdog to Keep Vigil on Karimnagar Corporation

■ 40-50 Member Committee to Check Corruption | Young Lawyers, RTI Activists, IT Professionals to Join

KARIMNAGAR

Congress Karimnagar Assembly Constituency In-charge Velichala Rajender Rao announced the formation of a Gen-Z Vigilance Watchdog Committee to monitor corruption and ensure transparency in the Karimnagar Municipal Corporation.

Speaking to the media at Maitri Hotel on Saturday, Rajender Rao said the committee would comprise 40–50 young lawyers, RTI activists, IT professionals and socially active youth. It would monitor development works, engineering projects and Town Planning permissions.

The committee would collect information through RTI and conduct ground-level inspections to verify sanctioned works, funds, tender



values, quality and payments. Special attention would also be given to building permissions and deviations.

Rajender Rao said contact numbers of watchdog members would be displayed at major junctions to enable citizens to lodge complaints directly. A “Cleaning Operation” would also be launched to identify and address practices causing hardship to the public. Referring to recent ACB checks in the Town Planning Department, he said the development was a matter of concern and stressed the need for a corruption-free civ-

ic administration.

22-A Land Issue Will Be Resolved Soon

Rajender Rao said efforts were underway to resolve the 22-A prohibited land issue affecting around 1,000 acres in nearly 140 survey numbers in areas including Rekurthi, Vidyanaagar and Kothapalli.

He said he had met Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy and discussed the issue with Collector Chitra Mishra. Both had responded positively and steps were being taken in coordination with CCLA officials.

Susmitha Should Apologise to CM

Rajender Rao also criticised remarks allegedly made by Susmitha against Chief Minister Revanth Reddy and demanded that she publicly apologise to the Chief Minister. “Those who question corruption need not fear. Those indulging in corruption should be afraid. Our aim is to make Karimnagar a transparent and accountable city,” Rajender Rao said. Market Committee Chairman Akula Narsiah, Congress corporators, sarpanches, Market Committee directors and several party leaders were present.

Congress MLAs slam Surekha over daughter's CM remarks

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The row over the recent remarks of state Forest Minister Konda Surekha's daughter against Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and other leaders deepened on Saturday with ruling Congress MLAs demanding an apology by the minister. Observing that Surekha cannot distance herself from the comments of her daughter, party MLA Vijaya Ramana Rao said the minister should apologise to the CM and also make her daughter Susmitha tender an apology.

Meanwhile, Surekha, in a letter to the disciplinary committee of state Congress alleged that several Congress leaders and public representatives are making insulting comments against her. She said the committee should take tough action against those who are behind the criticism against her.

She said, “It is concerning that the party leadership is silent when a collective verbal attack is taking place on her who is a senior BC



woman leader”. On Friday, several Congress MLAs and MLCs urged party leadership to take “tough action” over the remarks made by Surekha's daughter against CM Reddy and other leaders.

“Konda Surekha, in her reply to the disciplinary committee, mentioned that she is not connected (in her daughter's remarks). If you are not concerned, why you did not condemn the remarks. We are asking whether you have a responsibility to condemn such comments or not when you are collectively working with the CM,” Congress MLA Vemula Veeresam said on Friday.

The Telangana Congress' disci-

plinary committee on August 19 issued a notice to Surekha directing her to submit a reply within three days over the comments made against CM Reddy by her daughter Susmitha. In her reply on August 20, Surekha said it is not proper to seek her explanation on the personal comments made by her daughter.

She said holding her responsible for her daughter's comments was against principles of natural justice. Reiterating her respect for the Congress leadership and the party's discipline, Surekha requested the disciplinary committee to acknowledge that she had no involvement in what her daughter spoke.