

SHORT TAKES

**RYTHU NESTHAM SET UP IN 110 UNITS ON PILOT BASIS**

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He said to farmers of Karimnagar, Khammam, Nalgonda and Mahabubnagar — who are demanding the release of water from reservoirs — that government was making necessary arrangements to solve the drinking water crisis in the ensuing summer, amid the water crisis.

Under Phase 1 of the Rythu Nestham, videoconference facilities were set up in 110 Assembly constituencies on a pilot basis. The agriculture department, which is helming the programme with a funding of ₹97 crore from the government, has roped in Prof. Jayashankar Agricultural University for help.

At the launch, MLAs and district collectors took part in the videoconference.

The programme will facilitate interactions between farmers and agricultural scientists, officials and experts to resolve field-level challenges, besides giving suggestions and imparting advanced farming techniques from time to time. Officials said the digital platform will also help farmers share their experiences with other farmers.

The Chief Minister said Rythu Nestham will help provide farmers with adequate information on farming activities in each season, with farmers allowed to interact with experts directly.

"The government launched the programme to reach out to farmers and understand their problems at the field level. More such programmes will be launched in collaboration with farmers in the future. The government will support farmers in procuring seeds and fertilisers, besides facilitating sale of harvested crops in the market," Revanth Reddy said. He said farmers should profit from their produce and the government was working out plans and schemes — like the Rythu Bharosa, crop loan waiver, regular seed supply, crop purchase through IKP centres and setting up of market yards — for their benefit.

He said that Telangana is blessed with suitable land and climate to cultivate 26 different types of crops, and farmers should not only cultivate paddy, cotton and chilli but also other high-yield and more profitable ones. He said crop rotation will help them reduce water usage and investment burden.

Revanth Reddy appealed to farmers to use the Rythu Nestham programme to bring their problems to the government's attention. "The new programme is being implemented in 110 centres on a pilot basis and will then be extended to all villages in the future," he said.

Revanth Reddy said that a crop insurance scheme is being implemented on the advice of Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka and agriculture minister Tummala Nageswara Rao.

"Bereaved families will get Rythu Bima benefit. The crop insurance scheme will instil confidence among farmers to continue the farming activity," he said.

"The scheme will help farmers get compensation, including the investment made, in case of crop damage due to drought or floods. The crop insurance scheme will rescue farmers from financial distress," he said, appealing to farmers not to lose courage during tough times and assuring government support for the farming community.

Mallu Bhatti, Nageswara Rao, agriculture department secretary M. Raghunandan Rao, director B. Gopi, representatives of farmers' unions Sunkata Anvesh Reddy, Nallamala Venkateswara Rao and Y. Venkateswara Rao took part in the programme.

**Women equal to men in all fields: Governor**

**Says men cannot survive without women in their lives**

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, MARCH 6

Governor Dr Tamilisai Soundararajan praised the matriarchal system that India followed for centuries. "These days women are competing equally with men," she said.

The Governor was speaking as chief guest on the occasion of 'International Women's Day' celebrations organised at BITS Pilani campus in Shamirpet on Wednesday that discussed the role of women in family and society.

"It is considered very lucky to be born as a woman. Men cannot survive without women in their lives as women play multiple roles in a man's life like mother, sister, wife and friend," the Governor said.

She added that women have more will power and can achieve anything good in education and professional growth, entering the public service sector and reaching the post of Governor.

The Governor also narrated the support she received from her family members.

"All women officers



Governor Dr Tamilisai Soundararajan lights the lamp to mark the inauguration of a seminar on women organised on the occasion of 'International Women's Day' celebrations organised at BITS Pilani campus in Shamirpet on Wednesday.

who came here are part of the police department and are appreciated for their contribution to society. Women can work effectively not only as doctors, lawyers and teachers but also as police officers. During counselling of women victims of domestic violence and marital disputes, female police officers can perform a variety of duties," the Governor said.

Telangana State Police Academy director Abhilasha Bisht explained how women faced chal-

lenges at home in many communities in the past. She said that in the past, women did not work outdoors.

"However, the situation has changed and now they are coming forward to show their potential in every field," the official added.

Rachakonda police commissioner Tarun Joshi congratulated all the speakers who raised their voices on 'Women's Day' and said that women officers and staff were not less than men. "Mother is the first

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friend and teacher in everyone's life and through mother, everyone gets introduced to the world and under-stands the society," Tarun Joshi said.

The police officer expressed happiness that thousands of women are working effectively in the TS police department. The commissioner advised all women officers to discharge their professional responsibilities with respect.

Badminton player Saina Nehwal, Bollywood actress Tanaj Irani and fashion designer Shilpa Reddy were part of the event.

Several students and women police from various departments attended the conference.

**Nizamabad DCCB chief to face no-trust vote on Mar. 21**

DC CORRESPONDENT NIZAMABAD, MARCH 6

The district cooperative department has convened a meeting of the board of directors of the Nizamabad District Cooperative Central Bank (DCCB) on March 21 to take up a no-confidence motion moved against chairman Pocharam Bhaskar Reddy.

The Nizamabad DCCB is headed by former Speaker and BRS leader Pocharam Srinivas Reddy's son. Though the tenure of the present body of the bank ends in March 2025, 16

directors expressed no-confidence in the management.

As Bhaskar Reddy's name is speculated to be a potential BRS candidate from the Zaheerabad LS constituency, the directors initiated the process to remove the incumbent chairman.

DCCB vice-chairman Kunta Ramesh Reddy, who is a close associate of former minister V. Prashanth Reddy, is aspiring for the chairman post. The DCCB directors are sequestered under his watch and will arrive for the meeting on the day of no-trust voting. Though Ramesh Reddy

has not yet resigned from the BRS, senior Congress leaders supported him to get the DCCB chief post.

A senior Congress leader said on the condition of anonymity that Ramesh Reddy had enjoyed power during the Telugu Desam, Congress and BRS regimes. "There is no meaning to replace Bhaskar Reddy with Ramesh Reddy as both belong to the BRS," he opined. Connivance politics between the Congress and BRS in Nizamabad district bigwigs destroyed the morale of Congress cadres, he alleged.

**REVANTH MORE LOYAL TO MODI THAN TO CONG., SAYS HARISH**

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, MARCH 6

Senior Bharat Rashtra Samiti (BRS) party leader and former minister T. Harish Rao on Wednesday said Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, "who cozied up to Prime Minister Narendra Modi over the past two days, has not only betrayed the people of Telangana but also his own leader Rahul Gandhi."

Harish Rao, during an informal chat with reporters at Telangana Bhavan, the BRS party headquarters, said Revanth Reddy's bonhomie with Modi has proved that all those "white papers" released by the Congress government were actually "love letters" to Modi on saffron coloured paper.

The senior BRS leader said Revanth Reddy, by endorsing the Gujarat model which was strongly criticised by Rahul Gandhi, appeared to have made it clear where his loyalties lay. "The Chief Minister appears to desire this, and it appears as if he values Modi's blessings more than those from Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi," he said.

On the Kaleshwaram project issue, Harish Rao, who was the irrigation minister in BRS' first term in power from 2014, said, "the NDSA has been given four months to submit its report. What is to be done till then? Why will it take so long? Does this mean there will be no water from the project in this year's rainy season?" the BRS leader asked.

**Summer woes**



A mirage forms on the road in the afternoon as vehicles drive by in Hyderabad on Wednesday.

Women cover their heads to protect themselves from intense heat in Hyderabad on Wednesday.



**Gandhi Hospital performs rare surgery successfully on minor girl**

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, MARCH 6

The Department of Pediatric Surgery at Gandhi Hospital, under the leadership of Dr K. Nagarjuna, on Wednesday set a new record by successfully performing a thoracoscopic excision of a bronchogenic cyst on an eight-year-old girl.

The girl, Maithili, hailing from Bairamalguda in Rangareddy district, had been grappling with recurrent cough and fever for the past two years.

Following thorough examination and diagnostic imaging, including CT scan and MRI, she was diagnosed with a rare bronchogenic cyst.

While bronchogenic cysts are developmental anomalies, Maithili's case presented unique challenges due to the cyst's intricate placement between the trachea and major blood vessels in her chest, including the right main bronchus, superior vena cava, and arch of the



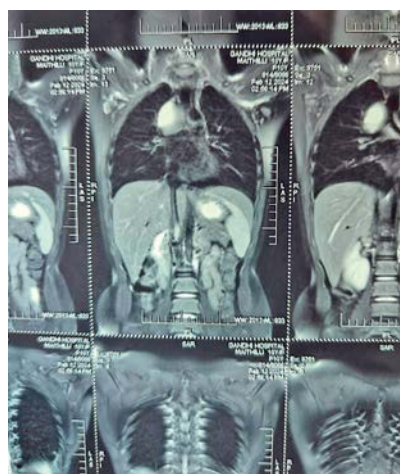
A team of doctors from the department of pediatric surgery performs the operation at Gandhi Hospital on Wednesday. Right: The X-ray films of the patient.

aorta. Such a precarious positioning made surgical intervention exceedingly complex and risky. The hospital said Maithili is now on the path to a complete recovery. Dr Nagarjuna, alongside his proficient surgical team comprising Dr S. Srinivas, Dr Manoj, Dr Ashrith Reddy, Dr Harsha, Dr Neha, and Dr Pragnya undertook the formidable task of excis-

ing the cyst using thoracoscopy. This minimally-invasive technique provided them with a precise 2D vision and facilitated meticulous dissec-

tion within the confined space between the trachea and major blood vessels.

The success of the surgery was not only attributed to the surgical team's expertise but also to the seamless collaboration of the anaesthesia team, spearheaded by Professor Dr. Aavula Murali, along with Dr Padmavathi and Dr Ravi Nayak.



**REALTY BITES 21% rise in properties registered, 42% increase in value of assets**

**6,938 homes registered in Hyd in Feb.**

B. KRISHNA MOHAN | DC HYDERABAD, MARCH 6

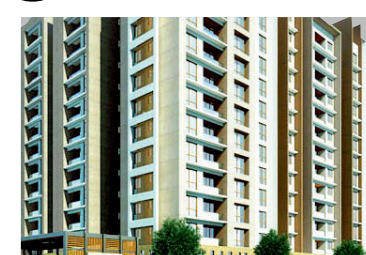
As many as 6,938 residential properties were registered in February, posting a 21 per cent rise over 5,725 properties registered in the year ago period.

The total value of properties registered during the month stood at ₹4,247 crore, which is 42 per cent more than the year ago period's ₹2,987 crore, indicating a movement towards the sale of higher value homes.

tial market includes four districts — namely Hyderabad, Medchal-Malkajigiri, Rangareddy and Sangareddy. It covers home sales pertinent to the primary and secondary real estate markets.

In February 2024, 45 per cent properties were in the price category of ₹25-50 lakh, making it the single largest category of the property registered in Hyderabad.

Properties priced below ₹25 lakh constituted 14 per cent of the total registra-



The share of the registration of properties costing ₹1 crore and above has increased to 14 per cent in February 2024, as compared with 10 per cent last year.

● **IN FEBRUARY** 2024, 45 per cent properties were in the price category of ₹25-50 lakh, making it the single largest category of the property registered in Hyderabad.

Most of the properties registered were in the 1,000-2,000 sq.ft.

There was a moderation in demand for smaller homes (below 1,000 sq ft),

with registrations for this category falling to 16 per cent from 20 per cent in February 2023.

Some of these deals happened in Rangareddy and Hyderabad were above ₹4.2 crore and sized more than 3,000 sq. ft. "There is a significant surge in demand for premium homes. Prices have consistently risen since the Covid pandemic," said Shishir Bajjal, chairman and managing director (CMD), Knight Frank India.

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RFP NOTICE (3rd Call)

RFP No./SUDA/PMU/01/2024/8443 Nava Raipur Atal Nagar, Dated: 04-03-2024

"RFP for Selection of Consulting firms for preparing DPR's and to function as PMC for the implementation of the Used Water Management related projects under SBM 2.0 and allied infrastructure for State Urban Development Agency (SUDA), Chhattisgarh." (3rd Call for Bastar Division).

State Urban Development Agency (SUDA) is the Mission Directorate for implementation of all Centrally Sponsored Schemes of Urban Development in the State. Through this notice SUDA invites bid for "RFP for Selection of Consulting firms for preparing DPR's and to function as PMC for the implementation of the Used Water Management related projects under SBM 2.0 and allied infrastructure for State Urban Development Agency (SUDA), Chhattisgarh." (3rd Call for Bastar Division).

Name of work	EMD	RFP Document Fee
"RFP for Selection of Consulting firms for preparing DPR's and to function as PMC for the implementation of the Used Water Management related projects under SBM 2.0 and allied infrastructure for State Urban Development Agency (SUDA), Chhattisgarh." (3rd Call for Bastar Division)	INR 5,00,000/-	INR 10,000/-

- RFP documents can be seen on the website <http://uad.cg.gov.in> and downloaded from the said portal.
- The RFP can be postponed or cancelled at any time due to administrative reasons and no claim shall be entertained on this account.
- Modifications/Amendments/Corrigendum, if any shall not be advertised in the newspaper but shall be published in the departmental website only. The undersigned reserves the right to change the terms and conditions, select/reject any application without assigning any reason thereof.
- The eligible bidder may submit their bid with the RFP document along with EMD as detailed in RFP document. The Bid must be delivered through Registered post/Speed post only on address below to reach by 04/04/2024 by 3:00 PM. No personal delivery will be entertained.

- Note:**
- Points mentioned in corrigendum's and addendum's issued by SUDA in 2nd call are incorporated in this RFP (if applicable).
  - This RFP is 3rd call and through this the Consultant are proposed to be selected for only Bastar Divisions.
  - Bidder's awarded with work for Bilaspur and Sarguja division in 1st call and Raipur and Durg in 2nd call are allowed to participate in this bidding process as per the provisions of this RFP.

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