

HYDRAA asserts Bathukamma Kunta's lake status with proof

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PRESENTING documentary proof, including satellite imagery and Google Maps data, Hyderabad Disaster Response and Asset Protection Agency (HYDRAA) Commissioner AV Ranganath on Saturday stated that Bathukamma Kunta in Amberpet was a water body.

Addressing a press conference at the HYDRAA office, Ranganath said the irrigation records from 1975 identify the site as a lake. Revenue and GHMC records show Bathukamma Kunta, in Survey No. 563/1, has an extent of 9.19 acres, while the bund in Survey No. 563/2 covers 6 guntas under the name 'Masan Katta'.

Refuting claims by Edla Sudhakar Reddy that no lake existed, Ranganath said the water body is visible in NASA (Landsat) images from 1990. Survey of India records from 1970 also confirm its existence. The lake is recorded as 'Errakunta' in 1975 pahani records.

Ranganath said that, following court directives, signboards and gates at the site have been removed as ownership cannot be determined until a final judgment. He added that HYDRAA informed the Supreme Court that removal of fencing could pose safety risks, and the court has directed the agency to file an affidavit within three weeks.

In the Fatima College case in Bandlaguda, Ranganath said Full Tank Level (FTL) demarcation will be carried out as per

HYDRAA RECLAIMED LAND WORTH OVER ₹85,000 CRORE

Ranganath recalled that HYDRAA has reclaimed 2,093 acres of encroached land so far, including 296.12 acres within FTL limits, 24.05 acres along nalas, 1,606.34 acres of government land, 92.24 acres of park land, 49.28 acres of road encroachments and 23.17 acres meant for public purposes. The estimated market value of the recovered land is about ₹85,000 crore. Over 90 cases have been registered and reports submitted for further action.

High Court orders. He noted that the court did not fault HYDRAA in the Salkam Cheruvu matter and said further action will be based on reports from the Irrigation and Revenue departments.

The HYDRAA commissioner said all lakes are public assets, regardless of ownership records. Temporary cultivation may be allowed when water levels recede, but altering the natural character of a lake or undertaking permanent construction was prohibited.

He said six lakes were being restored in the first phase, with work begun on three. In the second phase, 14 more lakes and four major lakes would be taken up. The government was prepared to provide 2BHK housing to families displaced due to restoration, an assurance conveyed to residents near Sunnam Cheruvu in Madhapur and Ramanthapur lake in Uppal constituency. He added that plans were under way to develop hundreds of lakes using CSR funds.



Plumber kills pal, builds brick wall to conceal body

CHITHALURI REVANTH @ Hyderabad

NEREDMET police arrested a 47-year-old plumber, Gavvala Mallesh, for allegedly murdering his friend, who worked as a labourer, and concealing the body beneath the kitchen slab with a brick wall in a rented house. The crime, committed in December 2025, came to light recently after the house owner detected a foul smell.

The deceased has been identified as Kanchi Venkat Ramulu. According to police, Mallesh was living alone after separating from his family and had prior involvement in a criminal case.

Mallesh had befriended the victim at labour addas, and the two frequently consumed liquor together. On December 15, 2025, they met at a labour adda in HB Colony, and after failing to find work, consumed liquor near a wine

shop and later at the accused's residence.

During the drinking session, an altercation broke out after the victim allegedly made derogatory remarks about the accused's personal life. In a fit of rage, Mallesh reportedly attacked Ramulu with a wooden stick, causing fatal head injuries.

Police said the accused then tied the victim's hands, legs, and neck with a rope, concealed

the body beneath the kitchen platform, and constructed a brick wall around it. He later fled the house as a foul smell began to emanate.

The crime surfaced on April 17, 2026, when the house owner, unable to contact the accused since December, broke open the house and discovered the decomposed remains. Based on technical evidence and credible information, police traced and apprehended the accused. Further probe is under way.



COOLING THE CAVALRY

A mounted police officer helps her horse cool down with a hose on a hot summer day in Hyderabad on Saturday | VINAY MADAPU

Special 99-day drive in city to clear LRS applications

ENS @ Hyderabad

THE GHMC will conduct special drives and melas to dispose of all Layout Regularisation Scheme (LRS) applications as per the directions of the state government.

GHMC Commissioner RV Karnan has directed all deputy municipal commissioners (DMCs) to conduct special drives and melas for the disposal of LRS applications as part of a 99-day action plan.

As part of the initiative, call centres will be set up in all circle offices with dedicated mobile numbers to assist citizens. Additionally, help desks will be

established at prominent and easily accessible locations within each circle office. Dedicated staff from the Town Planning wing will be deployed to address public queries.

The call centres and help desks will function from 10 am to 6 pm on all working days to assist citizens with LRS-2020-related issues. These special drives and melas will offer guidance on application status and approvals, clarify requirements related to shortfall documents and payments, and help citizens access the LRS portal.

A direct helpline will also be available for applicants requiring further support.

CRIME BRIEFS

Newlywed couple found dead in Kukatpally

A 28-year-old man and his wife were found dead under suspicious circumstances at their residence in Kummabasthi, Kukatpally, on Saturday. The couple had been married on March 8. The deceased have been identified as Yemjala Karthik and his wife Yerramalla Manjula, alias Gyansika. According to police, information was received from a hospital on Saturday afternoon, following which police reached the spot and initiated an inquiry. Preliminary findings suggest that Karthik died by hanging, while Gyansika was found with foam at her mouth.

Man alters number plate to evade fines, arrested

Hyderabad Commissioner's task force (Charmar Zone) apprehended a 52-year-old man for allegedly tampering with his two-wheeler's number plate to evade traffic challans amounting to ₹20,815. The accused, identified as Kolimi Yadaiah, was caught on Friday. According to police, Yadaiah, a resident of Vivek Nagar in Chikkadpally, was found moving suspiciously on his two-wheeler. Upon inspection, officials discovered that the vehicle's number plate had been altered using a sticker to mislead enforcement agencies.

EXPRESS READ

CP honours man, son for busting gas theft racket

Police Commissioner VC Sajjanar honoured Ashok Tiwari and his son Naman for exposing a gas cylinder theft racket. The duo detected underweight cylinders and uncovered illegal siphoning in Jumerat Bazar. Following their complaint, police nabbed six accused and seized cylinders and refilling equipment. Sajjanar awarded them a cash reward.

Strict measures ordered to avoid mishaps on ORR

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TELANGANA DGP CV Anand said Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy has expressed serious concern over the recent road accidents on the ORR and directed officials to take strict preventive measures.

On Saturday, the DGP conducted a review meeting with senior traffic officials at his

residence. He directed traffic police to discharge their duties efficiently while ensuring minimal inconvenience to motorists and the general public across the city.

Anand undertook a comprehensive review of the prevailing traffic conditions in Hyderabad and emphasised the need for better coordination among various departments to ensure ef-

fective traffic management. He advised officers to adopt dynamic strategies in response to the steadily increasing traffic volume and to implement strict control measures wherever necessary.

The DGP emphasised that speed control and adherence to safety standards must be rigorously enforced.

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Date: 01.05.2026

Name of the work	Estimate Amount	Start date & time	Last date & time for receipt of Bids	Name and address of EE
Laying of CC roads in Alwal Circle(02), Malkajgiri Zone, MMC	₹56.00 Lakhs	04.05.2026 @ 05.00 PM	11.05.2026 @ 05.00 PM	Executive Engineer-II, Alwal Circle-2, MMC

Further details can be seen at www.eprocurement.gov.in
Sd/- Executive Engineer-II, Alwal Circle-2, MMC.

GREATER HYDERABAD MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
Office of the Deputy Director, Veterinary Section, Rajendranagar Zone, GHMC.
E-PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Sl. No.	Name of the work	Estimated Cost	Date & Time
01/VET/RNZ/GHMC/2026	Bakrid Arrangements at Animal Care Center, Katedan, Rajendranagar Zone, GHMC	Rs. 5,39,030/-	01.05.2026 @ 12.30 PM to 04.05.2026 up to 3.30 PM

Further details can be seen at www.tender.telangana.gov.in
Sd/- Deputy Director, Veterinary Section, Rajendranagar Zone, GHMC.

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PUBLIC NOTICE-TENDER CUM E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET
[See proviso to Rule 9(6)]
Notice for sale of immovable assets]

E-Auction Sale Notice for the sale of immovable asset(s) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 9(5) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of E-Auction
1.	M/s. New Mahalaxmi Steel Traders Represented by Proprietor Nakirtha Balaraju (Borrower) Mr. Nakirthabakaraju Andms. Nakirthabharavitha (Guarantor) Loan Account No. 388605000384	All That The Piece and Parcel of The Land Bearing Plot No. 142, Admeasuring 200 Sq. Yards, or 167.2 Sq. Meters, in Survey No.235, Situated At Gowrely Village And Grampanchayat, Abdullapurmet Revenue Mandal, Rang Reddy District, Registration Sub- District Abdullapur Bounded By: North By: Plot No.141, South By: Plot No.143, East By: 25 Ft Wide Road, West By: Plot No. 15, Vacant Land- 200 Sq. Yds	Rs. 32,73,917/- (as on April 27, 2026)	Rs. 28,90,000/- Rs. 2,88,000/-	May 11, 2026 From 11:00 AM to 12:00 Noon	May 26, 2026 From 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM
2.	Mrs. Koppula Sandhya (Borrower) Mr. Nella Rajashekar (Co-Borrower) Account No. LBHYD00006492862/ LBHYD00006729607	All That The Residential Flat No. 501, in Fifth Floor of Having Plinth Area 1500 Sft, (including Common Areas and Car Parking Area), With An Undivided Share of Land Admeasuring 45.0 Sqyds, (Out of Total Admeasuring 472 Sqyds), on Plot No. 143 & Plot No. 144, in The Layout Named As "Suraksha Green Meadows" and Project Name As "Srinivasa By Amul Residency" is in Survey Nos. 80/A/A/A/E1, 81/A/A/1, 81/A, 81/A/A, 82, 84,85, 86/A, 86/AA,87, 86/E,77/A/A/A/E, 77/A/A/A, 81/A/A, 81/A, 84/A, 85/A/A/A & 86/A, Vide HMDA permission L.P No. 000046/LO/Plg/HMDA/2017, Situated at Dommara Pochampally Village, Dundigal- Gandimaisamma Mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri District, T.S. and bounded by North: Common Corridor, South: Open to Sky, East: Open to Sky, West: Open to Sky, Residential Flat; SBA 1500 Sft and UDS: 45 Sq Yards	Rs. 69,16,865/- (as on April 27, 2026)	Rs. 30,00,000/- Rs. 3,00,000/-	May 11, 2026 From 11:00 AM to 12:00 Noon	May 26, 2026 From 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM
3.	Mr. Vishnu Shivanuri (Borrower) Mrs. Shivanoori Rajitha (Co- Borrower) TBHYD00000569543	All that the part and parcel of Residential House Municipal bearing No.32-77/22/26, (Old H No.26-138/26), wide PTN No.117/1000080, on Plot No.26, admeasuring 225 Sq Yds or 189.00 Sq Mtrs, with a plinth area of 1600 Sft RCC in Ground Floor and 1600 Sft RCC in First Floor, total 3200 Sft RCC, under SV No.s:132,133,135,136,137 and 138, situated at Seetharam Nagar, Safilguda, within the limits of GHMC Malkajgiri Circle and Mandal, Medchal, Malkajgiri District and bounded by: North: Plot No. 21, South: 20'0" Wide Road, East: Plot No 25, West: 20'0" Wide Road, INDEPENDENT HOUSE; First Floor: 1600 Sft and Second Floor: 16 00 Sq Feet in Land Area of 225 Sq Yards	Rs. 1,37,09,773/- (as on April 29, 2026)	Rs. 1,09,00,000/- Rs. 10,90,000/-	May 13, 2026 From 11:00 AM to 12:00 Noon	May 26, 2026 From 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM
4.	M/s. Pavan Pharma Distributors Represented by Proprietor Rajitha Panjala (Borrower) Mrs. Rajitha Panjala and Mrs. Venkatesham P (Guarantor) Mrs. Rajitha Panjala (Mortgagor) Loan Account No. 38450500360	All that the Open Plot No. 77, in Survey No. 572, 573 & 574 Part, admeasuring 170 Sq. Yards or 142.12 Sq. Meters, situated at Ghatkesar Village and Municipality, Ghatkesar Mandal, Medchal- Malkajgiri District. Bounded By: North by: 40 Ft Wide South by: Plot No. 99 East by: Plot No. 78 West by: Neighbours Land. Vacant Land: Size: 170 Sq Yards.	Rs. 33,88,991/- as on (April 27, 2026)	Rs. 49,00,000/- Rs. 4,90,000/-	May 14, 2026 From 11:00 AM to 12:00 Noon	May 26, 2026 From 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM

The online auction will be conducted on the website (URL Link-<https://assets.matexauctions.com>) of our auction agency Matex Technologies Private Limited. The Mortgagor/Notices are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest by May 25, 2026 before 05:00 PM else the secured asset(s) will be sold as per schedule.

The prospective bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at ICICI Bank Ltd, Street No. 1, Begumpet, Hyderabad- 500016 Branch on or before May 25, 2026 by 05:00 PM. Thereafter, they have to submit their offer through the website mentioned above on or before May 25, 2026 by 05:00 PM along with the scanned image of the Bank acknowledged DD towards proof of payment of EMD. In case the prospective bidder(s) is/are unable to submit his/ her/ their offer through the website, then the signed copy of tender documents may be submitted at ICICI Bank Ltd, Street No. 1, Begumpet, Hyderabad- 500016 Branch on or before May 25, 2026 by 05:00 PM. Earnest Money Deposit DD/PO should be from a Nationalised/Scheduled Bank in favour of 'ICICI Bank Limited' payable at Hyderabad.

For any further clarifications in terms of inspection, Terms and Conditions of the E-Auction or submission of tenders, contact ICICI Bank Employee Phone No. 8008999536/9326713629

Please note that Marketing agencies 1. Matex Technologies Private Limited 2. Cardekho have also been engaged for facilitating the sale of this property.

The Authorised Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons.

For detailed Terms and Conditions of the sale, please visit www.icicibank.com/n4p4s
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