

The City's Colossal Expansion... Does Development Truly Reflect It?

It is impossible to separate Hyderabad from Telangana's development narrative. Over the twelve years since the state's formation, the city has consolidated its standing not merely as an administrative capital, but as a premier hub for IT, pharmaceuticals, services, real estate, education, healthcare, startups, and logistics. Yet, the most compelling shift in this growth story has unfolded beyond the city's municipal borders. Rangareddy, Medchal-Malkajgiri, Sangareddy, and Medak districts have forged deep economic links with Hyderabad's core. Viewing these five districts collectively is no longer just an administrative convenience-it is essential to understanding an integrated, contiguous economic region.

Hyderabad: The Economic Engine of Telangana

Hyderabad holds a central position in Telangana's economy. Today, it is not just the core city, but the expansive urban-industrial belt encircling it that forms the backbone of the state's economic output. In 2021-22, the districts of Hyderabad, Rangareddy, and Medchal-Malkajgiri collectively accounted for 43.72% of the Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) at current prices. This figure serves as a clear indicator of where capital and growth remain concentrated. It also raises a fundamental question: when a single urban cluster generates such massive economic momentum, how far does its ripple effect truly extend beyond its borders?

The ORR: Not Just a Highway, but a Growth Corridor

While the 158-kilometer Outer Ring Road (ORR) began as a solution to urban transit bottlenecks, its real impact transformed the regional economy. Industries, warehousing hubs, logistics parks, commercial developments, residential townships, and educational institutions have clustered along its perimeter. HMDA itself envisions the ORR not merely as a bypass around the core city, but as an integrative spine facilitating planned urban growth across the wider Hyderabad Metropolitan Area. In effect, the ORR redefined the city's economic geography, serving as the primary catalyst for rapid expansion into Rangareddy, Medchal, and Sangareddy.



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Rangareddy: The Powerhouse Beyond the Core City

Extending across the western and southern corridors of the capital, Rangareddy district has outgrown the traditional definition of a satellite region. IT campuses, pharmaceutical corridors, manufacturing units, logistics hubs, and massive real estate developments have transformed it into an independent economic powerhouse. In 2022-23, Rangareddy recorded

Sangareddy-Medak: How Far Reaches the Orbit of Influence?

Sangareddy to the west and Medak to the north-northwest are unlocking new growth avenues through direct connectivity with the capital. Proximity to Hyderabad's consumer and corporate markets offers a decisive edge for manufacturing, pharma, logistics, and agro-



a per capita income of Rs 9,46,862, compared to Hyderabad: Rs 4,94,033, Sangareddy: Rs 3,22,394, Medchal-Malkajgiri: Rs 2,95,514. This disparity illustrates how proximity to Hyderabad has driven economic transformation. Being close to the city was once merely a locational advantage; today, it is a formidable economic asset. Medchal-Malkajgiri presents a slightly different dynamic: a rapidly urbanizing district bordering Hyderabad where residential expansion has moved hand-in-hand with manufacturing, warehousing, transport, and service industries. However, civic infrastructure-arterial roads, mass transit, stormwater drainage, water supply, schools, hospitals, and local job hubs-must scale at the same pace to sustain this growth. This infrastructure gap remains the next major hurdle for the

processing industries. Sangareddy ranked among the state's higher-income districts in 2022-23 with a per capita income of Rs 3,22,394, while Medak stood at Rs 2,55,263. A critical distinction must be drawn here: geographic proximity alone is insufficient. Proximity must actively convert into productive capital investment, local job creation, and household income growth. The industrial footprint in Sangareddy and Medak cannot be measured solely by surging land values; it must be assessed by tangible indicators... How many sustainable jobs were created for local youth? What opportunities were generated for local enterprises? How significantly did transport logistics improve? Did agro-allied value chains expand to support the rural economy?

The Next Horizon: Another Ring?



Hyderabad's urban footprint has already expanded up to the ORR. The next phase centers on mega-infrastructure designed to push the capital's economic orbit even further out. The proposed Regional Ring Road (RRR) spans 362 kilometers (comprising a 161 km Northern section and a 201 km Southern section). In 2025, the state government informed the Union government that land acquisition for 90% of the Northern RRR was complete, urging parallel execution of the Southern stretch. The RRR is not merely a highway project; it represents an opportunity to link peripheral districts directly into a wider regional economic grid. Simultaneously, the urban road network links the inner and outer peripheries through radial corridors. According to HMDA, the existing Inner Ring Road spans roughly 50 km connecting key urban nodes, supported by 33 proposed Radial Roads designed to channel traffic directly to the ORR. As these concentric road networks integrate, Hyderabad's economic reach will expand substantially.

Do Roads Automatically Bring Development?

Building road networks is a necessary precondition for growth, but it does not guarantee holistic development on its own. Along these corridors... Industrial and manufacturing clusters must take root. Modern logistics networks must be established. New satellite towns must be developed with planned zoning. Employment avenues must open up for local youth. Quality education, healthcare, and mass public transit must follow. Only then does physical connectivity transform into durable economic infrastructure. The story of the Hyderabad Metro Region so far has been the formation of a dense, concentric growth engine around a single core city. The critical test for the coming decade is whether this growth ring can radiate further outward, distributing genuine economic opportunities across the rest of Telangana. If accomplished, Hyderabad will serve not just as a standalone economic engine, but as the locomotive pulling balanced prosperity across the entire state.

Bandi Sanjay Visits Ailing BJP Leader's Mother



Secunderabad, September 2 | TPN Bureau

Union Minister Bandi Sanjay Kumar visited Yashoda Hospital in Secunderabad to enquire about the health of Nagam Sridevi, mother of BJP Nalgonda District President Nagam Varshit Reddy, who is undergoing treatment following a heart attack.

Bandi Sanjay was accompanied by BJP state leaders Dr. G. Manohar Reddy and J. Sangappa during his visit. He met Nagam Sridevi and spoke to the treating doctors to ascertain details of her health condition and treatment. According to the doctors, Sridevi is responding to treatment and will remain

under medical observation for another two days. The Union Minister wished her a speedy recovery and urged Nagam Varshit Reddy to remain strong during the difficult period. Sridevi was reportedly present at her son's residence when it was allegedly vandalized recently during an attack involving Congress leaders. Following the incident, she complained of chest pain and was subsequently shifted to Yashoda Hospital in Secunderabad for medical treatment. The Union Minister's visit comes amid concerns over the health of Sridevi and the reported incident at the residence of the BJP district president. Bandi Sanjay spoke with the family members and expressed his support, while seeking regular updates from the medical team regarding her condition. BJP leaders accompanying him also met the family during the hospital visit. The visit drew attention from party workers and supporters, who expressed hope for Sridevi's early recovery. Doctors are continuing to monitor her condition before deciding on her further treatment and discharge.

Ramchander Rao Seeks Liberation Day Status



Parkal, September 2 | TPN Bureau

BJP Telangana State President N. Ramchander Rao has demanded that the state government officially observe September 17 as Telangana Liberation Day, stating that the sacrifices of those who fought against the Nizam's rule must be remembered and passed on to future generations. Ramchander Rao made the demand after paying tributes to the Parkal martyrs at the memorial in Parkal on Tuesday. Recalling the events of 1946, he said the Razakars' violence against people in Parkal resembled the Jallianwala Bagh massacre. He said 19 people were killed at Chapalabanda and three others at Lakshimpur, while more than 200 were injured. He recalled other incidents of violence

during the period and said Hyderabad State became part of India on September 17, 1948, following Operation Polo and the Nizam's surrender. Ramchander Rao highlighted the contributions of leaders including P.V. Narasimha Rao, Swami Ramananda Tirtha,

Vandemataram Ramachandra Rao, Shobebullah Khan and Turrebaz Khan to the movement for Hyderabad's integration with India. He criticised the Congress and BRS, alleging that political considerations had prevented them from officially commemorating September 17. He also questioned why Karnataka and Maharashtra, which were parts of the erstwhile Hyderabad State, officially observe the occasion while Telangana does not. Ramchander Rao said the BJP would preserve the history of the liberation struggle and promised that, if voted to power, the party would include it in school textbooks. He urged the state government to declare September 17 Telangana Liberation Day and appealed to people and students to hoist the national flag and pay tribute to the martyrs on the occasion.

KISHAN REDDY TARGETS CONGRESS ON 1,000 DAYS



New Delhi, September 2 | TPN Bureau

Union Minister for Coal and Mines G. Kishan Reddy sharply criticised the Telangana government on the completion of 1,000 days of Congress rule, alleging that the administration had failed to fulfil its electoral commitments and betrayed various sections of society. Addressing the media in New Delhi, Kishan Reddy described the Congress government as a "420 government" and alleged that its "Six Guarantees" and numerous sub-promises remained largely unfulfilled. He claimed that employees, teachers, farmers, students, women, unemployed youth and other sections were facing difficulties because of the government's policies. Reddy particularly criticised the govern-

ment over pending employee demands, including delayed bills, the Pay Revision Commission and Dearness Allowance installments. He also questioned the implementation of the Employees' Health Scheme and the settlement of retirement benefits. On women and senior citizens, he alleged that promises of Rs 2,500 monthly assistance for women and Rs 4,000 pensions for elderly people and widows had not been honoured. He also questioned the implementation of promised job calendars, unemployment assistance and the pledge to provide two lakh jobs annually. Reddy accused the government of neglecting students, citing alleged delays in fee reimbursement and unfulfilled promises relating to education support. He also criticised the implementation of farmer loan waivers, Rythu Bharosa and crop bonuses. He raised concerns over land-related issues, welfare commitments to BC, SC and ST communities, and promises made to Telangana activists and families of martyrs. Reddy demanded that the state government publish a white paper detailing the promises fully implemented, pending and abandoned during its first 1,000 days. He alleged that Telangana's financial burden had risen substantially and said the people were looking towards the remaining tenure with a determination to replace the Congress government.

Political Heat Builds Ahead of KTR's Protest

Miryalaguda, September 2 | TPN Bureau

Political activity intensified in Miryalaguda ahead of BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao's (KTR) scheduled participation in a Maha Dharna on Thursday. The BRS is organising the protest to highlight what it describes as the Congress government's alleged anti-farmer policies and unfulfilled promises. The proposed protest has triggered a counter-campaign by Congress leaders, with flex banners appearing at several locations across the town. The banners reportedly present contrasting narratives, highlighting what Congress leaders describe as the failures of the BRS government during its decade in power and the development initiatives undertaken by the Congress administration during its first 1,000 days. BRS leaders have maintained that the Congress government has failed to address key issues affecting farmers and have decided to use the Miryalaguda protest to take their concerns to the public. KTR is expected to address party workers and supporters during the programme. Congress leaders, meanwhile, have stepped up their criticism of the former ruling party. The banners reportedly accuse the previous BRS government of neglecting irrigation-related projects in Nalgonda district during its 10-year tenure and seek to highlight projects and welfare measures undertaken since Congress assumed office. The competing campaigns have added to the political atmosphere in Miryalaguda ahead of KTR's visit. Reports also indicate that Congress cadres are planning a parallel protest using placards on Thursday. With both parties preparing to put forward their respective records and allegations, the BRS Maha Dharna is expected to become a major political event in Nalgonda district. The developments have further intensified the ongoing political confrontation between the ruling Congress and opposition BRS in Telangana.

Telangana Tourism Marks Major Growth

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initiatives, while encouraging homestays, local cuisine, handicrafts, cultural activities and community participation. Film tourism, medical tourism, spiritual and wellness tourism, weddings and MICE tourism are also receiving special attention. Telangana Tourism is further strengthening its digital presence through dedicated platforms and integrating GI-tagged products into tourism promotion. The government highlighted national awards received by Telangana destinations and Hyderabad's culinary and heritage tourism. Meanwhile, 29 Haritha Hotels are being managed by TGTDCC, with PPP models being promoted to improve services, occupancy and revenue. Water tourism has also received a boost with the launch of the 120-seater Muchukunda cruise on Hussain Sagar and plans for electric open-top tourist buses.

ISRO SET TO LAUNCH EOS-05 ON SEPTEMBER 4

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company, with ISRO providing launch infrastructure at Sriharikota. ISRO Chairman Dr. V. Narayanan has sought blessings for the mission's success ahead of the launch. The mission's successful deployment would strengthen India's Earth-observation capabilities and add another significant milestone to the country's space programme. With the countdown approaching, attention is focused on the GSV-F17 vehicle and its precise deployment of EOS-05 into the planned Sub-GTO. ISRO has also announced arrangements for live streaming of the launch, scheduled for 2.55 am on September 4.

YSR Projects to Be Completed

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measure aimed at protecting their dignity and livelihoods. According to the Chief Minister, YSR's first major decision after assuming office was to approve free power for agriculture. He also recalled the waiver of electricity arrears amounting to Rs 1,300 crore and withdrawal of cases filed against farmers. Revanth called upon political leaders and people to work collectively towards fulfilling what he described as YSR's vision for farmers and irrigation development. He also spoke about the importance of the Public Distribution System (PDS), recalling its expansion under former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi to strengthen food security among rural and economically vulnerable communities. The Chief Minister said Telangana's present distribution of six kilograms of fine rice free of cost per person to around 3.40 crore beneficiaries was made possible through the foundation laid by the PDS. The government's renewed focus on the irrigation projects is expected to have significant implications for agriculture and water availability across several districts of Telangana.

Malla Reddy Energises BRS Protest



Hyderabad, September 2 | TPN Bureau

Former minister and MLA Ch. Malla Reddy joined a BRS protest in Telangana on Wednesday, drawing attention with his energetic participation alongside young party workers as the opposition party stepped up its campaign against the Congress government. The demonstration was organised as the Congress government completed 1,000 days in office. BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao had called for a week-long statewide campaign from September 2 to 8, focusing on alleged failures to fulfil election promises and other governance-related issues. BRS cadres conducted dharnas, rallies, road blockades and other programmes at constituency headquarters across the State. The party also distributed "Congress Baaki Cards" highlighting what it described as pending commit-

ments to various sections of society. Malla Reddy participated in one of the protests and joined young supporters in an energetic dance, creating a lively atmosphere at the venue. His distinctive style and interaction with the youth drew attention from party workers and others present. The former minister used the occasion to reinforce the BRS's political campaign against the Congress administration. Party leaders have accused the government of failing to deliver several electoral assurances, while the ruling Congress has defended its record and challenged the BRS to compare the two administrations. The BRS has said its statewide campaign will continue through September 8, covering issues concerning farmers, women, students, employees, senior citizens and other groups. The party plans to take its allegations directly to the public through rallies, meetings and representations.

KTR Targets Revanth Over 1,000-Day Rule

Hyderabad, September 2 | TPN Bureau

BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) on Wednesday launched a sharp attack on Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, accusing the Congress government of failing to address key public issues during its first 1,000 days in office. Speaking at a media conference at Telangana Bhavan, KTR and former minister T. Harish Rao released a charge sheet against the government as part of the BRS campaign highlighting what the party described as unfulfilled promises and governance failures. The BRS has announced a week-long statewide programme from September 2 to 8 to take these issues to the public. KTR also responded to Revanth Reddy's repeated demand for BRS chief and former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR) to resign. He recalled KCR's resignation during the Telangana statehood movement and claimed that it had exerted significant political pressure on the Centre. KTR challenged Revanth Reddy to demonstrate similar political resolve and concentrate on governance instead. A major part of KTR's criticism focused on Government Order No. 97 and its implications for polytechnic education. He alleged that the government's decision to link polytechnic institutions with



the Skill University had created uncertainty among students. BRS has previously backed statewide student protests seeking withdrawal of the order. KTR said the BRS would continue opposing the move and promised to raise the concerns of polytechnic students in the Telangana Assembly. He asserted that the party would stand with students and fight against policies it believes could adversely affect their education and career prospects. The BRS's statewide campaign is also focusing on employment, farmers' issues, welfare commitments and other alleged shortcomings of the Congress government.