

**CHIEF MINISTER'S OFFICE  
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Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri K. Chandrashekar Rao has instructed the officials to go ahead with more zeal against drugs and adulteration in the State. He wanted the officials to investigate in depth from all the angles. He also instructed the officials to take stringent measures against those supplying drugs and indulging in adulteration so that those who are in the business should get jittery. He told them not to spare anyone however high may he or she is. "In this shady business, don't leave any one. Any politician, even if there is a Cabinet Minister involved in this crime, book cases against him," the CM told the officials. He said he was pained to hear that even blood is being adulterated and felt that new laws to be enacted, if need be, to punish the guilty with rigorous life term sentence. He wanted the officials who could control successfully the sale of illicit liquor and playing cards, should work with the same spirit and should not sleep till the drugs and adulteration eradicated from the state. He also hailed the police and Excise Department and other related departments for their excellent job in controlling drugs and adulteration.

The CM held a high-level review meeting on Drugs, Adulteration and other social evils at Pragathi Bhavan here on Sunday. Ministers Sri Nayani Narasimha Reddy, Sri Padma Rao, Government's Chief Advisor Sri Rajiv Sharma, DGP Sri Anurag Sharma, Principal Secretaries Sri S. Narsing Rao, Sri Somesh Kumar, Ms Shanti Kumari, Excise Commissioner Sri Chandravadan, GHMC Commissioner Sri Janardhan Reddy, ACB DG Sri Purnachandra Rao, Hyderabad, Cyberabad, Rachakonda Police Commissioners Sri Mahender Reddy, Sri Sandeep Sandalya, Sri Mahesh Bhagwat, Intelligence IG Sri Navin Chand, Security IG Sri NK Singh, Excise & Enforcement Director Sri Akun Sabharwal, Hyderabad, Warangal range IGs Sri Stephen Ravindra, Sri Nagireddy, Police Housing Corporation Chairman Sri Damoder Gupta and others attended.

"Officers in the State are doing a good job in controlling drugs, adulteration in food items and the spurious seeds. We are catching those involved in this shady business and raids are being conducted at several places. Though this problem is there all over the country, Telangana State has got a good name in controlling this menace. But don't be complacent with the good work so far you have done, go ahead with much more zeal and work until the end. Increase the intensity of the investigations, go into deep, find out who are playing the key roles and take action against all those guilty. The government is giving total freedom to the officials on this issue. The government's aim is

very clear, there should not be any drugs or adulteration in the state. There is no place for any violation of law, arrest the guilty even if they are famous. Even if there is involvement of the politicians don't leave them even if they belong to the TRS. Register cases against them and send them to jail. Even if there is a Cabinet minister don't leave. The state government will not protect anyone. You have total liberty in catching the culprits. Use your experience and power to eradicate this malady," the CM told the officials.

"There is supply and use of drugs in Hyderabad for the several years now due to the indifferent attitude of the previous governments. Had they taken the stringent measures, the situation would have been different now. There is an urgent need to protect Hyderabad's brand image. Hyderabad is Telangana state's lifeline. This anarchy should be eradicated from Hyderabad. I have asked Akun Sabharwal not to go on leave as the case is being investigated. Dig out the entire details on the case, don't leave anyone and punish the guilty. Take such measures that people should get frightened to consume drugs or sell them in Hyderabad. Change Hyderabad into a drug-free city," the CM instructed.

"For the past three years, the State has progressed in maintaining the law and order situation, controlling the anti social activities and protecting the women. The peace and tranquil situation that existed for the past three years never happened before. There is no compromise in controlling the illegal activities. This zeal and pressure should continue and we will give you all the strength, support, personnel. The government will stand by you. There will not be any political interference in the case and this government has no need to protect anyone. Crush the culprits with an iron hand. SHE Teams have become successful and there is lot more confidence among women. They are happy that the government is taking care of them. We are also dealing firmly with the SC/ST Atrocities cases. These sections are feeling that injustices will not be done to them. We are number one in the country in maintaining the law and order situation. We providing the required personnel and vehicles for the police. We have successfully ended playing cards and have banned the online rummy. Some of them went to the Courts and we will explain to the Courts that actual situation. We have successfully eradicated the sale of illicit liquor upto 95 percent. Very soon we will also eradicate the remaining 5 percent. We have put a special action plan on this," the CM said.

"We are getting good results following control of the illicit liquor and those involved in the making of this liquor have a positive response to the appeal given by the government. They are shifting to alternative employment. We will provide them employment to them. For Dhoolpet in Hyderabad, an exclusive strategy should be planned and executed. Talk to those involved in the making of the illicit liquor and show them alternatives. For this, we will have a special meeting with the Home Minister

presiding over it. Finally, the Telangana state should become an illicit liquor free state,” the CM explained the road map.

In this contest, the DGP explained to the CM measures taken to control adulteration of food items and spurious seeds. 56 teams are working on the spurious seeds issue and 14 on adulteration of food items. As far as spurious seeds are concerned, so far, 77 cases were booked and 72 persons were arrested. For food adulteration, 340 cases were booked and 562 were arrested. Medical and Health, Municipal Administration, Agriculture departments have also extended their support to these two issues. The CM has instructed the officials to appoint food inspectors to check the quality of food. He also wanted the results of the quality of seeds should be known immediately.

“Drugs supply, adulteration of food items and spurious and fake seeds are organised crimes. There will be many partners from making to the supply level. Hence investigate closely from who is making the drugs and who is selling them. Find out what who are all the partners. Once the guilty are arrested, don’t think that the matter is over. Like the way we have a counter intelligence to keep a regular tab on terrorists, anti social elements, armed groups, create a special wing for monitoring. The Telangana police have the proud track record of maintaining the law and order and adequate experience. Crush this drugs and adulteration menace with an iron hand. You have an important role in providing peaceful life to the people. Whenever such illicit activities are exposed, people involved will try to escape the punishment. We have such incidents in the past. But in Telangana state, it will not happen. Nobody will be spared. The message that Law is stringent and spares none should go to the people. Give special incentives to the police personnel who have done a good work in controlling the drugs. Please explain the government’s aim to the lower rank officers till the Sub Inspectors. Encourage who are doing a good job and I personally give the awards to them on the Independence Day celebrations on Aug 15,” the CM declared.

“Recently I came to know that Saline is mixed in the Blood that is transfused to the patients. I felt very bad. Is this how people who came with faith are being killed? This is a heinous crime and the guilty should be punished with deterrent punishment. Modify the Acts to give these culprits life imprisonment. If need be bring in changes and amendment to the existing Acts. Adulteration of food is equal to poison. We should not let the culprits scot-free. Find out the real kingpins. Catch those behaving like the Kings and Dons in the business. Find out where they adulterating the food. Keep a vigil on the periphery of the City. Keep a vigil on other cities in the State. From the government side, we are ready to give any assistance. We don’t have to have the Acts and laws that existed in AP. We got our State and we will make laws and Acts based on our needs. Let us put stop to the illegal activities and this should become a road to future Telangana. Along with Drugs, Cannabis (Ganja) is also being supplied in the City and find out where

it is cultivated. If it is being supplied from the neighbouring States, control it. Increase vigil on the State borders,” the CM advised.

“The main reason for drugs and illicit seed supply is due to some corrupt officials and this illegal activity is going due to certain officials. ACB should act more rigorously. Prepare a list of such corrupt officials in the State and keep a close vigil on them. Book cases and punish those offering bribes as well as those accepting it. It is not difficult to eradicate corruption in any department. TS-iPASS industrial policy through which single window system came for the industries has created wonders in the State. All permissions are given without taking even a single rupee. Similarly, in all the issues, such methods should come,” the CM instructed.

The CM also wanted expedition of works on the construction of buildings for the Police Commissionerates in the newly formed districts.

In the Sunday review, the CM has delegated powers official-wise and sought more help from the officers to make the government attempts successful:

- CMO Officials Sri S. Narsing Rao, Ms. Shanti Kumari will monitor the matter regarding providing financial assistance without the banks help to those shifting from illicit liquor making to other alternative professions
- Hyderabad Police Commissioner Sri Mahender Reddy will recommend to the government on getting amendments, changes to the existing Acts to control drugs, illicit seeds, and other organised crimes
- Intelligence Chief Sri Navinchand will take the responsibility of forming a wing on the lines of counter intelligence to control the organised crimes
- DGP Sri Anurag Sharma will take of the implantation of strategies to counter illicit seed supply, surprise raids on those making the illicit seeds
- Excise Commissioner Sri Chandravadan and Excise & Enforcement Director Sri Akun Sabharwal will take the responsibility of in-depth investigation of the drugs cases and see that the guilty are punished
- Hyderabad and Warangal IGs Sri Stephen Ravindra, Sri Nagireddy will oversee the strategy to stop the drugs menace spreading to other cities and towns in the State
- Chief Secretary Sri SP Singh with the help of Collectors finds out the places in and outside Hyderabad where the spurious seeds are made and take action
- The responsibility to identify and prepare a list of the corrupt officials and bringing them to book is given to ACB DG Sri Purnachandra Rao
- The responsibility to monitor constructions of new police officers, police stations, and employee quarters is given to Police Housing Corporation Chairman Sri Damoder Gupta and MD Sri Mallareddy

- Government's Chief Advisor Sri Rajiv Sharma will take care of strengthening the Excise department and the stringent action to be taken against the Drugs, Illicit liquor and Cannabis cases
- Agriculture Commissioner Sri Jaganmohan will take the responsibility of getting the results on the seeds test faster
- GHMC Commissioner Sri Janardhan Reddy will take the responsibility of appointing food inspectors in Hyderabad to test the food items and help book cases against the guilty
- Home Minister Sri Nayini Narasimha Reddy, Excise Minister Sri Padma Rao are given the responsibility to provide alternative employment to the illicit liquor makers from Dhoolpet and action to be taken to eradicate the menace

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