

**CHIEF MINISTER'S OFFICE
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Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri K. Chandrashekar Rao said that there is a need to protect, the fast developing and geographically growing Hyderabad City and its neighbouring region especially the environment. The CM said that there is 1.5 Lakh acres of the forest land available in the radius of 50 to 60 Kms all around the city and it should be developed into forest blocks to allow fresh air to breathe. He said green cover should spread in these areas rapidly. He wanted Musi River Front and Hyderabad Urban Forestry should be developed specially and funds should be spent on this. The CM wanted walkway in the Musi River Front like the one in KBR Park. He has instructed the Chief Secretary, Municipal and Forest Ministers, Chief Conservator of Forests, Chief Advisor to the government Sri Rajiv Sharma, CMP Principal Secretary Sri S. Narsing Rao to visit Hyderabad and its surrounding forest areas and study what should be done to develop the area. He said this should be done as part of the 'Save Hyderabad' Campaign.

The Chief Minister has reviewed, Revenue, Panchayat Raj, Municipal Administration, Medical and Health departments issue at Pragathi Bhavan here on Sunday. Ministers Sri T. Harish Rao, Sri Tummala Nageswara Rao, Sri Jupally Krishna Rao, Sri KT Rama Rao, Sri Jagadeesh Reddy, Sri Laxma Reddy, MP Sri Sitaram Naik, Sri Gutha Sukhender Reddy, Sri Malla Reddy, Chief Advisor Sri Rajiv Sharma, Chief Secretary Sri SK Joshi, Special Chief Secretary (Revenue) Sri Rajesh Tiwari, Principal Secretary (Finance) Sri Ramakrishna Rao, Panchayat Raj secretary Sri Vikas Raj, Commissioner Ms Neetu Prasad, Land records Special Officer Ms Vakati Karuna, IT CEO Sri Venkateswar Rao, CMO Officials Sri Narsing Rao, Ms Shanti Kumari, Ms Smita Sabharwal and PCCF PK Jah participated.

The CM said Panchayat Raj Act Bill will be introduced in budget session. The reviewed on the progress made of draft Bill, formation of new rural and urban Panchayats. He has instructed the Finance Secretary to made provision in the Budget to give Rs. 5 lakh to Rs. 30 lakh to the Gram Panchayats based on the population figures every year. He has also instructed the officials concerned to prepare guidelines on the procurement of funds from the MGNREGA, Finance Commission, funds from the government's Budget and funds accrued through the property tax for the Gram Panchayats. The CM has asked the Panchayat raj Commissioner to study on how to get funds from the Central Finance Commission to the Panchayats.

The CM also reviewed on the progress made in printing of the new passbooks, setting up of the website Dharani with revenue and IT officials against the backdrop of proposed distribution of new passbooks on March 11 all over the state. He has instructed the Chief Secretary to ensure completion of the works on time.

Eye Camps:

The Chief Minister also reviewed with the officials concerned on the guidelines for the free distribution of Spectacles after eye tests for the people in the villages as decided at the Saturday meeting. The CM wanted participation of the NGOs, other Civil Society organisations, non-governmental agencies in this programme. The CM has instructed the Medical and Health Minister, Chief secretary, Secretary, Medical and Health, Commissioner Medical and Health to prepare a strategy of the programme. The CM wanted the entire programme to be completed in three months and after the eye tests at the camp, free spectacles should be distributed. He also instructed the Medical and health Officials to launch a campaign on awareness on the medical and health issues, preventive measures etc., on behalf of the government.

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