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## Telangana State Regional News

## HYDRAA

**Context:**

- The Telangana government has recently established the **Hyderabad Disaster Response and Asset Protection Agency (HYDRAA)** to manage disaster situations and protect assets within the **Telangana Core Urban Region (TCUR)**.

**Governing Body and Structure:**

- **Governing Body:** Chaired by the **Chief Minister**, the governing body of HYDRAA will include the HYDRAA commissioner as the **member-convener and 10 representatives from various government departments**.
- **Disaster Management Sub-Committee:** A sub-committee led by the MAUD principal secretary and the HYDRAA commissioner will consist of 13 members from different departments to handle disaster management issues in TCUR.

**Operational Scope and Responsibilities:**

- **Coverage Area:** HYDRAA will operate throughout the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) area, encompassing parts of Hyderabad, Rangareddy, Medchal-Malkajgiri, and Sangareddy districts up to the Outer Ring Road (ORR).
- **Primary Functions:** The agency will focus on disaster preparedness, prevention measures, and coordination with state and national agencies for disaster response and rescue operations.

**Key Wings of HYDRAA****Asset Protection Wing:**

- **Responsibilities:** This wing will **protect government and urban local body (ULB) assets, including parks, open spaces, lakes, and roads, from encroachments**.
- It will also enforce building and town planning regulations in collaboration with local police and ULBs and address unauthorized advertisements.

**Disaster Management Wing:**

- **Responsibilities:** This wing will manage disaster response and relief efforts through the Disaster Response Force (DRF) of HYDRAA.
- It will coordinate with the **National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), State Disaster Management Authority (SDMA), and other agencies**.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additionally, it will maintain a <b>database for risk assessment and disaster predictions, oversee fire safety inspections, and collaborate with technical agencies for timely alerts.</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Telangana Government's Plan for Skill University</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Telangana government is preparing to <b>introduce a bill in the upcoming budget session for the establishment of the Telangana Skills University.</b></li> <li>• The new institution will be named <b>Telangana Skills University.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Key points:</b></p> <p><b>Preparation and Collaboration:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Industries Department drafted the proposal after reviewing similar institutions in <b>Delhi and Haryana.</b></li> <li>• The university will be developed in collaboration with private companies under a <b>Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model, aiming to function as a self-sustaining, non-profit organization.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Courses and Structure:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The university will offer a range of programs, including three to four-year degree courses, one-year diploma courses, and short-term certificate courses lasting three to four months.</li> <li>• It will cover <b>17 priority sectors such as pharmaceuticals, construction, banking, finance services, e-commerce, logistics, retail, animation, visual effects, gaming, and comics.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Initial Offerings and Expansion:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In the first phase, <b>courses targeting employment opportunities will be introduced in six sectors.</b></li> <li>• Each course will involve partnerships with established companies, with the state government planning to sign Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) with these companies.</li> <li>• Initial admissions will be for 2,000 students, with plans to expand to 20,000 students annually.</li> </ul> <p><b>Regional and Satellite Campuses:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussions are underway to establish regional or satellite campuses in district centers and an Engineering Staff College (ESC) campus in Hyderabad.</li> <li>• Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy emphasized the need for these satellite campuses to reduce pressure on the Hyderabad campus and ensure competition for admission.</li> <li>• He also suggested using ESC and NAC campuses for training and inspecting facilities at Swami Ramananda</li> </ul>



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	<p>Tirtha Rural Institute in Bhoodan Pochampally.</p> <p><b>Focus Areas:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emphasis will be placed on sectors like pharmaceuticals, which offer significant job opportunities, with more seats allocated accordingly.</li> <li>• The Chief Minister instructed companies to engage with companies early to secure employment opportunities for graduates.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Telangana's Agricultural Budget Allocation for FY 2023-24</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In the <b>fiscal year 2023-24, Telangana ranked second among all Indian states in terms of budget allocation for agriculture, dedicating 11.7% of its budget to this sector.</b></li> <li>• The Congress government's loan waiver scheme, valued at ₹31,000 crore, is expected to further boost agricultural spending in Telangana.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key points:</b></p> <p><b>Comparative Spending:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Chhattisgarh:</b> Leads with the highest agricultural budget allocation at <b>16.4%</b>.</li> <li>• <b>Punjab:</b> Holds the third position with 10.2%.</li> <li>• <b>National Average:</b> Most states allocate approximately 5% of their budgets to agriculture.</li> <li>• <b>Rural Development Allocation:</b> Despite its significant agricultural spending, Telangana allocates a relatively low 3.6% of its budget to rural development.</li> </ul> <p><b>Factors Influencing State Expenditure:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Allocation Variability:</b> States often allocate resources based on local needs, which can impact how funds are categorized. For instance:</li> <li>• <b>In Andhra Pradesh and Telangana,</b> expenditure on SC/ST schools is listed as welfare rather than education.</li> <li>• In Punjab, power subsidies for farmers are classified under agricultural spending rather than energy.</li> </ul> <p><b>Central Funding Impact:</b> Financing from the central government, including grants and funds for centrally sponsored projects, can influence state spending on various sectors.</p>



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