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Develop Yadadri with unique features: CM

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HYDERABAD: Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao has directed the officials concerned to take special care to have a specific plan in utilising every inch of land on the sacred hillock since the State Government has decided to develop the Yadadri temple with several unique features.

At a marathon review meeting held here on the development of Yadadri on Monday, the Chief Minister said it was a great temple in the making and a comprehensive plan had to be worked out not only for the temple hillock but its surroundings too. He directed the Yadadri Temple Development Authority (YTDA) to prepare a master plan keeping in mind all such aspects.

Stating that the number of pilgrims visiting the Lakshmi Narasimhaswamy temple at Yadadri was crossing one lakh a day during holidays and special occasions, the Chief Minister wanted the officials to develop facilities and amenities to handle even bigger rush so that every devotee visiting the temple should have an easy 'darshan' of the presiding deity. It should have spirituality reflecting everywhere and should also possess facilities of a tourism place, he suggested.

Minister for Energy G. Jagadish Reddy, Government Whip Gongidi Sunitha, MP Boora Narsaiah Goud, Special Chief Secretary M.G. Gopal, YTDA Special Officer Kishan Rao, Yadadri District Collector Anita Ramachandran, architects others attended the meeting that spanned over six hours.

"Yadadri Lakshmi Narasimhaswamy temple is an important spiritual centre in Telangana and one can find persons with names associated with it in every village in the State. Devotees flood the temple particularly during 'Magham, Chaitram, Vaishakh, Jyeshtham and Phalgun' months", Mr. Chandrasekhar Rao stated.

Infrastructure

As the temple would draw devotees coming from all parts of the State, all roads leading to it should be upgraded as four-lane roads in addition to a ring road to Yadadri and another one for

temple 'pradakshna'. Ample cottages with required facilities should be developed opposite to the main temple hillock and a Presidential suite should be built in 13 acres land on the northeast side of the temple, he told the authorities.

Further, he asked the authorities to properly utilise 85 acres forest land near Yadadri. The existing bus station and depot should be moved out to another convenient location to avoid any inconvenience to visitors. Police, fire and health services were also required to be propped up, the Chief Minister said.

Stating that adequate funds were provided and enough land was acquired for developing Yadadri it was for the authorities concerned to making best use of them with specific plan of action. He suggested that a team of officers, temple architects and planners should take a tour of different temples in the country to study facilities and other aspects there.

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