

Need to develop an airport at Basanth Nagar in Peddapalli, Telangana under UDAN Scheme ? Laid

SHRI VAMSI KRISHNA GADDAM (PEDDAPALLE): I highlight the long-pending demand for developing an airport at Basanth nagar in Peddapalli, Telangana. Despite earlier proposals, including site visits by the Airport Authority of India (AAI) in 2019 and 2020, no progress has been made. The airstrip, spread over 288 acres, requires 350 more acres for full-fledged airport development. The recent announcement on new airports in Warangal, Ramagundam, and Kothagudem has revived public hopes. However, Basanth Nagar was excluded from last year's list of 152 airports under the Union Budget. I urge the Government to reassess Basanth nagar's feasibility under the UDAN scheme to boost regional connectivity; utilize 291 acres of available government land; and include Basanth Nagar in Telangana's airport expansion plans to boost trade, tourism, and industrial growth. An airport in Peddapalli will unlock economic potential and enhance regional development.