

Make minister nara lokesh's visit successful

Minister kondapalli srinivas call

Vizianagaram, August 21, 2026 State minister for msme, rural poverty alleviation and nri empowerment kondapalli srinivas gave a call to make the visit of state minister for education, it, electronics and communications and youth leader nara lokesh successful. He said minister nara lokesh will reach vizianagaram on saturday afternoon and participate in hrd cluster meeting to be held at vizianagaram government girls high school from 1.30 pm to 3.30 pm. He said later he will participate in party cadre meeting at chelluru village in vizianagaram mandal from 4 pm to 6.30 pm and requested district people to make these programmes successful.



Devotees flock to the Vijayawada indrakeeladri temple amid Varalakshmi Vratam

Vijayawada: Devotees in large number flock up in at the Kanaka Durga temple on Indrakeeladri hills in Vijayawada on the occasion of Varalakshmi Vratam, which j is special day in the holy month of Sravana. The goddess Durga is worshipped Goddess Varalakshmi in the temple. Many devotees have turned up to seek the blessings of Goddess Varalakshmi. As large number of people came to see the Goddess, the temple authorities have decided to stop Antaralaya Darshan. The hill-tops of Indrakeeladri heard with the chants of "Jai Durga, Jai Jai Durga." Apart from Kanaka



Durga temple, many other temples in the state witnessed huge turnout of Devotees observing Varalakshmi Vratam. The devotees reached out the

temples even before sunrise to offer special prayers to Goddess Varalakshmi. Mass Varalakshmi Vratam rituals were conducted in many temples.

ED conducts searches in Hyderabad, Kadapa in YS Viveka murder-linked money laundering case

Kadapa: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Friday conducted simultaneous searches at seven locations in Hyderabad in Telangana and Kadapa in Andhra Pradesh as part of its money laundering probe linked to the murder of former Andhra Pradesh minister and MP YS Vivekananda Reddy in 2019. The searches were carried out under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) at premises linked to key suspects, including YSRCP Kadapa MP Y.S. Avinash Reddy and his father Y.S. Bhaskar Reddy. Other locations linked to additional suspects D Shiva Shankar Reddy, T Gangi Reddy



and Y Sunil Yadav were also searched. According to the ED, officials seized incriminating documents and digital devices during the searches. Unaccounted cash of Rs 24 lakh and

two locker keys were recovered from the premises of Avinash Reddy, the agency said. The ED's money laundering case is based on the FIR and

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MP Ambika Lakshminarayana holds public grievance day



Anantapur: Anantapur MP Ambika Lakshminarayana held a public grievance session at his camp office on Thursday, accepting petitions from citizens

across the district. The MP directly contacted officials from the Revenue, Police, Education, Panchayat, Endowments, and Electricity departments, instructing them to ensure immediate resolutions. Citing Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu's special grievance mechanism, he urged authorities to prioritize citizen welfare. Furthermore, during a review with postal officials, MP Lakshminarayana suggested expanding postal services in the region and promised to take infrastructural needs directly to the Union Minister to accelerate local postal sector efficiency.



Tirupati prepares for Vinayaka Chavithi, Srivari Brahmotsavams

Tirupati: District Collector Dr S Venkateswar has directed officials to make advance arrangements in coordination with all departments as Vinayaka Chavithi celebrations and Tirumala Srivari Brahmotsavams will be held simultaneously

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Six-year-old boy dies after teacher allegedly slaps him at Visakhapatnam school

Visakhapatnam: A six-year-old boy died in a classroom at a private school here after being allegedly slapped by a teacher, police said. According to a video which went viral on Thursday, the kindergarten student was seen standing near the teacher's desk in a queue with a slate while his homework was being checked. The boy appears distressed and was seen crying



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Pawan Kalyan pays tribute to Nobel laureate Subrahmanyam Chandrasekhar and Ustad Bismillah Khan

Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan paid tribute to the eminent scientist and Nobel laureate Dr. Subrahmanyam Chandrasekhar and legendary Sahnai maestro Ustad Bismillah Khan on the death anniversary. He paid tribute to both by reiterating their contributions to the country and the world, each on different posts in the social media 'X'. Pawan Kalyan called the Nobel



laureate scientist Dr. Subrahmanyam Chandra sekhar as a person of rare talent. He appreciates Dr. Chandrasekhar's work that greatly helped in

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Kapu Corporation benefits 51.56 lakh in two years

Amaravati: The alliance government has benefited 51,56,172 people through various schemes of the Kapu Corporation, spending Rs 11,285.72 crore during its first two years in office, BC, EWS welfare, handlooms and textiles minister S Savitha said. The minister gave this information in the Legislative Council on Thursday in response to a question raised by

MLC Thota Trimurthulu on the funds allocated to the Kapu Corporation and the number of beneficiaries since the alliance government came to power. Savitha said a chairperson had been appointed to the Kapu Corporation and funds were being allocated every year for the development of the Kapu community. She also detailed the expenditure under different



budgets. In 2024-25, the gov-

ernment allocated Rs 4,646.99 crore and spent Rs 4,440.25 crore, benefiting 9,55,144 people. In 2025-26, Rs 4,924.28 crore was allocated, of which Rs 4,360.28 crore was spent, benefiting 20,63,907 people. For 2026-27, Rs 5,012.10 crore was allocated. So far, Rs 2,485.19 crore has been spent, benefiting 21,37,121 people, the minister said.



Universities in darkness

- Dandu Mohan Babu, “Research Scholar, Osmania University

Universities are meant to be temples of knowledge that lead us from darkness to light - “Tamasoma Jyothirga maya”. They carry history and build the future. But today, universities in Telangana are becoming ineffective and are in darkness. It is written at the entrance of a world-famous university: To destroy a nation, you don't need missiles or atom bombs. Encourage substandard education and allow students to copy in exams, the nation will destroy itself. This is true. Universities play a key role in a nation's development and self-reliance. But in Telangana, though governments have changed, the fate of universities has not changed. The rulers are responsible.

Where are the teachers? “In all universities - OU, Palamuru, Kakatiya, Satavahana, Telangana, Suravaram RJKTU, JNTU, Professor Jaya shankar, Veeranari Chakali Ilamma Women's University - 80 to 85% of full-time faculty posts are vacant. Education without teachers has become blind education. No proper recruitment of teaching and non-teaching staff has been done in the separate state.

No labs, no libraries, no research: Academic years are ending without labs, libraries, and basic infrastructure. Research, which is the standard for progress, is crippled due to lack of supervisors. Even research notifications have not been issued in some universities. As researcher Hudson Maxin said, continuous quest of researchers is key for all-round development of society.

Fee reimbursement pending: The government's failure to release fee reimbursement has made higher education an unreachable dream for poor and weaker section students. Universities gave birth to the first and second phases of the Telangana movement and laid its ideological path. Today, it is time for all of us to become partners in protecting them at the field level.

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chargesheets filed by the CBI in the Vivekananda Reddy murder investigation. The CBI had filed three chargesheets naming Avinash Reddy, Bhaskar Reddy, Shiva Shankar Reddy, Gangi Reddy, Sunil Yadav and others as suspects. Vivekananda Reddy, the paternal uncle of former Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy, was found murdered at his residence in Pulivendula, Kadapa district in March 2019. The Andhra Pradesh High Court subsequently directed the CBI to take up further investigation. The financial probe is examining the alleged money trail connected to the murder conspiracy. According to the ED, approver Shaik Dastagiri had alleged that Rs 40 crore was promised for the murder. He also disclosed receiving Rs 1 crore from Sunil Yadav, while the CBI had earlier recovered Rs 46.70 lakh in cash and unaccounted jewellery from lockers linked to Syed Munna and his mother.

Six-year-old boy dies after teacher allegedly slaps him at Visakhapatnam school

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before the teacher, waving his hands as the teacher handled his uniform. The teacher then pulls the child closer and allegedly slaps him while the boy stood still for a brief moment before suddenly collapsing unconscious onto the teacher's lap. Later, the teacher tries to revive the student. Following the incident, the school staff and others rushed to the classroom and took the child to a hospital, where he was declared dead. Family members later staged a protest and alleged that the child's fatal collapse was triggered by extreme panic and distress following the alleged assault. “The boy collapsed in the classroom following an alleged assault by a teacher and later died,” a police official told PTI. Andhra Pradesh Education Minister Nara Lokesh said that the death of six-year-old after being allegedly assaulted by a teacher was deeply distressing. He said legal action was being taken against those responsible as well as the concerned school management. Lokesh expressed his deepest condolences to the boy's parents and urged them to remain strong, saying that no one could compensate for the loss they had suffered. “Our government will stand by you in every possible way,” he said in a post on ‘X’. Meanwhile, the School Education Department said the incident was extremely unfortunate and distressing and that the government was taking it very seriously. “Immediately after the incident, the concerned School Education Department officials conducted an inquiry and submitted a preliminary report. Based on the preliminary report, a three-member committee has been constituted to comprehensively examine the facts,” the department said in a release late on Thursday. The committee comprises the Visakhapatnam Regional Joint Director (RJD), District Education Officer (DEO) and Revenue Divisional Officer (RDO). The department said steps were also being taken to conduct sensitisation programmes to ensure teachers deal with students sensitively, responsibly and with a humanitarian approach. A case was registered under section 194 of the BNSS, which deals with suspicious death.

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comprehending the mysteries of the universe. He said that the work of the genius behind the ‘Chandrasekhar Limit’ and his research that explained the structure and evolution of stars is integral to the very existence of astrophysics today. He called the genius who was conferred with the Nobel Prize for Physics in 1983 ‘one of the world's greatest scientists’. While paying tribute to the legendary scientist, the Deputy Chief Minister said that Dr. Chandrasekhar's relentless thirst to find knowledge and contribute to the frontier areas of science will inspire generations for ages to come.

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this year. He held a review meeting at the Collectorate on Thursday in the presence of SP L Subba Rayudu, Joint Collector R Govinda Rao, Corporation Commissioner M Jaya Krishna and other officials. The Collector said Vinayaka Chavithi celebrations would begin on September 14, while Srivari Brahmotsavams would be held from September 15 to 23. Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu's visit to Tirupati on September 15 evening would also require special attention to security, traffic management, police deployment and the movement of devotees and public. The Collector asked officials to prepare a special action plan for Garuda Seva, which is expected to draw a large number of devotees. The timings of Vinayaka idol immersions, procession routes, movement of devotees and traffic diversions should be coordinated in advance.

Pulse Pharma gets DCGI approval for nanocarrier Vitamin D3 technology

Hyderabad: Pulse Pharmaceuticals on Thursday announced that receipt of Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) approval for its pioneering nanocarrier technology in Vitamin D3 delivery. The company's proprietary “Aqueol” platform technology is specifically designed to effectively deliver lipophilic compounds in water-based mediums. The nanotechnology is used to improve how well a drug works, its bioavailability, how easily it is tolerated, and the overall patient experience, said Pulse Pharma Managing Director KV Rambabu. In a press release, the company claimed that clinical studies had demonstrated 50 to 60 percent higher serum vitamin D levels with Nano-carrier entrapped Vitamin D3 oral dispersion compared to conventional formulations. Pulse has developed several proprietary platform technologies to effectively deliver medicines. Beyond Vitamin D3, Pulse is applying these platforms to other essential nutrients (like Vitamin K2-7, Vitamin B12, and Iron) and widely used medications, according to the release.

Section 22A property errors leave Telangana home-loan applications in limbo

Hyderabad: The Congress government's alleged error in updating Telangana's Section 22A prohibited-properties list has now moved beyond stalled registrations, creating problems for banks and housing finance companies. Home-loan applications involving properties tagged under 22A are being kept on hold in many cases, leaving borrowers caught between an administrative error and lenders' title-risk rules. With sale and registration of properties tagged under Section 22A blocked, fresh housing loans and loans against properties marked as prohibited have effectively been put on hold in many cases. The result is a freeze, where the owner cannot monetise the asset and the banker cannot comfortably accept it as collateral.

Banking officials said a majority of such loan applications were being kept pending rather than rejected, particularly after the government acknowledged errors in the exercise. “Normally, such applications would be rejected. But given the ground reality and the government's admission of the mistake, many applications are being kept on hold,” a senior manager of a nationalised bank said. He stated that an outright rejection could deny the applicant a loan and create further complications for both the borrower and the property in the future. The problem followed a large-scale updating of the 22A list during 2025-26, in which several privately held properties were reportedly included among prohibited properties. Section 22A is intended to prevent registration of transactions involving protected categories such as assigned, ceiling-surplus, Bhoodan, Wakf, endowment, forest and water-body lands.

However, the erroneous inclusion of private properties has left owners unable to sell, transfer or mortgage their assets. The impact is particularly severe for families that depend on their property as a source of emergency liquidity for medical treatment, education, marriages or business needs. Transactions backed by agreements and advance payments have stalled at the registration stage. In some cases, owners reportedly discovered the 22A tag only when their documents were rejected. As a result, some buyers are ending up paying EMIs for home loans after the banks processed them, but the property registration has not been completed. For banks, the problem starts with title verification. Before sanctioning a home loan or loan against property, lenders conduct a legal check of the title. A 22A tag raises an immediate question over the property's acceptability as collateral. Fresh housing loans and top-up loans against such properties are consequently being held up. Existing borrowers are in a different position. Bankers said there was no immediate problem where loans had already been sanctioned, and instalments were being paid regularly. The complication arises when a borrower stops repayment on a loan secured against a property subsequently flagged under 22A. The bankers are then faced with difficulty over the security backing the loan, which is putting banks in an uncomfortable position.

The scale of the issue has added to the uncertainty. The extent of land on the prohibited list reportedly rose sharply from around 25 lakh acres during the BRS regime to more than one crore acres across the State under the Congress rule. Nearly 90 lakh private properties may have been incorrectly tagged during an April update exercise, while more than 2.2 lakh acres are reportedly seeking removal from the list. Hyderabad and surrounding districts, including Ranga Reddy, Medchal-Malkajgiri and Sangareddy, are among the affected areas. Owners seeking relief have to approach revenue authorities with title deeds, pattas, government orders and other records. More than three to four months after the issue surfaced, and nearly a month after the Revenue Minister apologised and acknowledged official apathy and technical errors, a comprehensive solution remains elusive. With applications reportedly piling up, officials admitted that the promised case-by-case review could take considerable time.



'Rise' programme stands as guiding force for women's economic self-reliance



Vijayawada, August 21: District collector Dr. G. Lakshmisha said 'rise' programme stands as guiding force for women to grow economically by manufacturing various products by blending skills and experience gained through training with innovative ideas and marketing them. Collector Dr. G. Lakshmisha along with odop officer Ishadeep singh who came from delhi visited craft and arts self-employment mini expo organized at guntupalli rise centre in ibrahimpatnam mandal on saturday. Speaking on occasion, collector said in present society there is great need for every woman to develop a skill and grow with self-power. She said when woman becomes economically strong, she stands as financial backbone to family and plays key role in improving family living standards. Collector suggested women should take up some work as employment or hobby in field of their interest and grow economically as present lifestyle is linked with high expenses and family needs are increasing day by day. Collector said government is providing loans worth crores of rupees through various schemes to bring women's dreams into reality. She said women can utilize financial assistance provided by government to start small scale businesses and earn income by manufacturing products according to skills they have learned and selling them. She said various types of training courses are being conducted at rise centre to ensure every woman has some skill. She suggested trained women should not stop with training only but should move forward towards self-employment by linking their skills with aspects like product manufacturing, marketing and branding. He asked details of products made by women and discussed with them aspects like production cost, selling price, marketing method, branding and demand for products. Collector said along with good product manufacturing, proper marketing, attractive packaging and branding are very important. She suggested improving quality of products and designing new products according to needs of consumers. Collector suggested women to utilize training programmes being provided through rise centre and bring out their talent. She wished women to convert skills gained through training into sources of income and grow to level of taking independent decisions while improving family financial condition. Collector asked to utilize measures taken by government to encourage them towards self-employment by providing necessary training, guidance and financial support to women. Drda pd Anv Nanchararao, rise manager B. Tejaswini, drda staff, rise centre staff, trained women and others participated in programme.



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Person tries to make court case land digital



Narva, August 21: Revenue officials with alertness foiled attempt of a person who tried to get land which has case in court online (digital) by misleading officials. This incident relates to a land in jangam reddipally village in mandal headquarters where case is pending in court since 2017. A person applied by misleading officials to get digital entry in his name for that land which is under court jurisdiction. While examining records, officials identified that dispute on said land is going on in court. Process was immediately stopped and turned back as it became clear that issue is pending in court. Officials clarified that making lands with court disputes digital is against rules. Locals are requesting revenue machinery to keep more vigilance to prevent any online or mutation processes for lands which are in court disputes.

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Special parade by chintalapudi police

Chintalapudi, August 21: Chintalapudi police of eluru district conducted special parade at local junior college ground. Inspector kranthi kumar said parade was conducted for sis and station staff under chintalapudi circle under supervision of jangareddygudem dsp venkateswarlu on orders of eluru district sp prathap siva

kishore. Ci said this parade will increase physical fitness, professional discipline and alertness among staff and enable them to perform duties without falling prey to mental stress. He said medical tests were conducted for staff under supervision of Dr. Naresh (itbp) afterwards.

24.3 kgs of ganja seized in train - two youth arrested

Nizamabad, August 21: Huge quantity of dry ganja was seized in train inspections under nizamabad railway station limits. Joint inspections were conducted by rpf police and nizama bad sho under leadership at 12.35 am in sai shirdi train based on reliable information. On this occasion, police identified two persons travelling suspiciously with two suitcases under their seats. On checking suitcases, total 24.3 kgs of dry ganja was found. Police seized ganja and took both into custody and interrogated. In police interrogation, officials revealed that accused said they were transporting ganja from odisha to shirdi. Police said they told that for this transport an unknown person gave them Rs.10 thousand cash and told that auto will be ready at a specific place in shirdi and they were instructed to put ganja in that auto and leave.



Arrested accused: "Ganesh poli (20), son of kumar poli, kalimeghi, jagilipade post, kodala sub-division, ganjam district, odisha. "Deepak sahu (21), son of lochan sahu, jagilipade post, ganjam district, odisha. **Seized:** "24.3 kgs dry ganja" 2 mobile phones Police said case has been registered against accused and they were produced before honourable court and remanded. Prohibition and excise si mallesh, rpf si venkateswarlu, pec staff sailesh, salim, devender along with rpf staff participated in inspections.

Bjp adoni mandal president usha raju slams functioning of panchayat secretary

Adoni, August 21, 2026 (deep pulse) Bjp adoni mandal president usha raju strongly criticized saying gram panchayat secretary is acting negligently regarding installation of street lights in kapati village. He expressed concern that people are facing severe difficulties due to lack of lights in many streets in village. He said in present rainy season fear of poisonous insects is

high and in these circumstances it is dangerous for children and elderly to move in streets at night. He demanded that new street lights should be installed immediately in required areas and non-functioning lights should be repaired immediately. Usha raju asked officials to give up negligent attitude on people's problems and immediately respond and take action.

Minority leaders join mim

Pebbair, August 21: Several minority leaders joined party at mim party office in municipal centre on friday. Mandal president Md. Afroz invited mubeen, kamal, khaja, shahnawaz, mohammed, altaf, afan, adnan and tabrez into party by covering kanduvas. Speaking on occasion, afroz said they will stand by every worker who joined party and their aim is solving public problems. They clarified they are voluntarily joining being attracted by afroz service programmes and they will take



owaisi ideals into people and further strengthen party in town. Mim leaders and workers participated in large numbers in programme and conveyed wishes to newly joined.

Pebbair ayyappa temple reverberates with chanting of goddess

Pebbair, August 21: Varalakshmi vrata mahotsavam was celebrated with devotion and grandeur at sri dharmashastra ayyappa swamy temple in municipal centre. Special poojas started from early morning in temple on occasion of sravana month friday. Abhishekams and beautiful decorations were performed to goddess lalita tripura sundari devi and special darshan was arranged for devotees. Large number of women came from surrounding areas and performed collective varalakshmi vratam. Archakas explained significance of vratam. Temple premises was packed with devotees on occasion of varalakshmi vratam. Large number of women participated and received blessings of goddess. Temple reverberated



with bhajans, keerthanas and chanting of goddess name. After vratam, pallaki seva was performed to goddess and theertha prasadams and annaprasada distribution was done to devotees. Archaka venkateswarlu sharma was felicitated grandly by temple committee members. Committee members supervised arrangements and made programme successful.



Janasena leader meets rdo chinna obulesh on resurvey, land issues

Aluru, August 21: Aluru constituency janasena party incharge Sri Ternekal venkappa met pattikonda rdo Sri Chinna obulesh in a courtesy meeting and discussed various public issues in constituency. Mainly discussed revenue issues, resurvey process, land related matters and issues to create awareness among people with rdo. He requested to take issues faced by people to notice of officials and make efforts to take necessary steps for their solution. Janasena party leaders belonging to aluru, aspari and devanakonda mandals participated in this meeting. Sri Ternekal venkappa said aim of janasena party is to constantly strive



to take people's problems to notice of officials and for their solution.

Upa sarpanch suchita-varun goud thanks state minister sridhar babu

Manthani, August 21, 2026 (deep pulse) Soorayapalle village upa sarpanch arelli suchita varun goud expressed thanks to state minister duddilla sridhar babu and tpcc state general secretary srinubabu who are constantly striving for development of soorayapalle village by sanctioning funds of Rs.29 crores 94 lakhs for bt road from peddapalli district manthani mandal soorayyapalle, midugakakarlappalli, ramakrishnapur to seethampalli and laying foundation stone for bt road works. He said he requested state it minister sridhar babu to sanction three metal roads which are very useful to farmers in village and to provide transport facility to farmers.



He said they requested to sanction these roads keeping interests of farmers in view. He requested soorayapalle village people to cooperate as part of road widening programme.

Duddilla sridhar brought ministers only to praise himself



Manthani, August 21: Manthani mla duddilla still living on lies Shameful to call it development without completing ten percent road Should answer why development works not done for two years Former mla putta madhukar in press meet Former mla putta madhukar severely criticized saying manthani mla duddilla sridhar brought four ministers only with intention to praise himself in front of people of this area and wasted crores of rupees. Speaking in press conference organized at rajagruha in manthani town on friday, he mocked that while celebrating 80th independence day, people voted and made same family win eight times and gave opportunity to same person five times and becoming minister third time, the great achievement of manthani mla duddilla sridhar is bringing lies, cheating, injustice to people and disrepute to manthani. He said even as three years are nearing after coming to power, duddilla sridhar is still living on lies and it is insult to democracy. He criticized that without thinking even one percent for people of manthani constituency, he brought four ministers only to praise himself and laid foundation stones in name of development works. He said duddilla family is enjoying for 40 years by making society innocent and making them thoughtless and hiding indian constitution and ambedkar. He said when he said foundation is being laid for manthani knack centre and go was brought, jeevan reddy had brought it 20 years ago, you brought it late, feel

ashamed, we told then. He said we sanctioned dmft funds for road construction from peddapalli to kataram, 90 percent road works completed and only 10 percent remaining, manthani mla is useless who cannot even complete remaining road works. He demanded duddilla sridhar should answer why in 2024 along with chief minister in peddapalli district headquarters foundation stones were laid for many development works like r&b guest house, gangapuri potharam sub-station with 5 crores, bridge at godavari river, meeting with hundred crores in nasturipalli saying bridge at arenda kada, many such works were mentioned and not even one started till now, why works not started. He demanded that everyone says after chief minister in state among earners is manthani mla duddilla sridhar, answer how many more crores your family will earn by drinking blood of our people. He said by not letting history of great people be visible to society and wanting to praise my father and us, how many years will they rule without letting people know value of votes. He said if god and nature exists punishment is inevitable and prayed that first punishment should be given to duddilla family which is cheating and lying so much. He said youth need to think, brs party cadre should bring awareness among youth, duddilla sridhar who cheated entire state with 420 promises will keep cheating like this if we do not become aware.

Free cancer screening camp at kalvacherla on 24th of this month



Manthani, August 21: Make use of this opportunity Organizers informed that free cancer disease diagnosis medical camp will be conducted on monday 24th of this month from 9:30 am in association with hyderabad mnj cancer hospital under aegis of sri sathya sai seva organizations - telangana with concept of “manava seve madhava seva” on occasion of bhagwan sri sathya sai baba birth centenary celebrations. This medical camp will be conducted at sai nilayam, sri sathya sai bhajana mandali near kalvacherla village bus stand of ramagiri mandal of peddapalli district. Free cancer screening tests will be conducted for men and women above 45 years. In this camp along with oral cancer screening, doctor consultation, awareness on cancer, counseling services for men and women, breast screening (breast cancer diagnosis), cervical screening (uterine cancer diagnosis) tests will be conducted free of cost for women. Sri sathya sai organizations dis-

trict president venkataswamy and sri sathya sai bhajana mandali kalvacherla convener nooka ramesh requested people to make use of this opportunity as treatment becomes easier if cancer is detected at early stage. Tests will be conducted only for first 150 people who come first. Interested people were suggested to register their names at sai nilayam, sri sathya sai bhajana mandiram, kalvacherla by sunday 23rd of this month. Organizers appealed local people and voluntary organizations to cooperate to make programme successful. This matter was informed by sri sathya sai bhajana mandali kalvacherla convener, retired singareni officer nooka ramesh, sri sathya sai seva organization district president venkataswamy, sevadhal co-ordinator hanmantharao, sathya sai bhajana mandali members kolipaka saraiah, gariganti rajam, thota prasad, konda sammiah, gunda shankaraiah, pulluri anvesh and others at sai nilayam in kalvacherla.

Kaligila matha sri mahalakshmi devi is highly miraculous

Manthani, August 21: Temple flooded with devotees on sravana friday On occasion of sravana friday, sri mahalakshmi temple in manthani town was filled with devotees. Devotees had darshan of goddess from 4 am in morning and became blessed. Abhishekam to goddess at 4 am, after archana at 6 am goddess was decorated. Temple chief priest marupaka prashanth sharma said all arrangements were made for convenience of devotees. He also said sri varalakshmi vratam was conducted in temple premises. He said women devotees participated in vrata programme. Inner meaning of varalakshmi vratam Mother sri varalakshmi is one who fulfills wishes. To fulfill wishes divine grace should be there. However what is obtained through wish is only happiness and satisfaction. Only satisfied person is true rich person. Such fortune (lakshmi) is bestowed by sri varalakshmi devi. Varalakshmi devi is mother who blesses devotees with fortune in form of boons. ‘Vara’ means ‘desired’, ‘excellent’ meaning. Varalakshmi devi is worshipped as mother who gives excellent wishes. Vratam worshipping this goddess with devotional feeling is varalakshmi vratam. Varalakshmi vratam is described in skanda puranam. Parameshwara himself tells parvati about this vratam. At same occasion he also explains story of great devotee charumathi devi. Charumathi was performing her responsibilities as best housewife showing affection towards husband and respect towards in-laws. She was worshipping sri lakshmidevi with trikarana shuddhi. Varalakshmi devi had grace on that great pativrata and appears to her in dream. She assures her that she will give all desired boons if she worships her on friday before sravana pournami. Charumathi who performed sri varalakshmi vratam received all riches as vrata prasadam. In sravana month pournami comes on sravana nakshatram day. Sravanam is birth star of srinivasa. On pournami day god-

dess shines with sixteen kalas. Friday is dear week for goddess. Coordinating all these, performing varalakshmi vratam on friday before pournami can be said as first step to grace of lakshmi srinivasas. Women perform this vratam wishing for all fortunes and to live as nitya sumangali for lifetime. Shastras say total 96 places where mahalakshmi resides. Important among them are turmeric, kumkum, gold, gems, pearls, clean white clothes, silver, copper, brass kalashas, cow dung, cow back portion, between cow horns, pooja mandir, pious mind, darbbas, great souls, yogis, best king, sadachara brahmin. Sri suktam has mantras explaining what are abodes of lakshmidevi. Yah shuchih prayato bhutva! Juhuyadajyamanvaham shriyah! Panc hadas hashcha shrikamassatatam japet!! To get grace of sri lakshmidevi, cleanliness should be maintained and her 15 mantras should be chanted daily. Through this mantra it is known that where cleanliness exists lakshmidevi stays. Lakshmi is not only money used in worldly affairs. Health is also wealth. Symbol of pancha bhutas - as part of varalakshmi vratam kalasham should be established and worshipped. Kalasham is replica of goddess. Kalasham can be mud pot or based on capacity silver, gold, copper, panchaloha vessels. Whatever metal used for kalasham it is symbol of prithvi tattva, water poured in it is symbol of jala tattva. Kalasham is filled only half with water. Remaining emptiness is symbol of akasha tattva. Mantra we chant is vayujanitam. So it remains as symbol of vayu tattva. Deepam kept before kalasham is symbol of agni tattva. In this way placing those objects as symbols of pancha bhutas and worshipping goddess who is spread in pancha bhutas and who is form of paratattva and shakti is inner meaning of kalasharadhana. In varalakshmi vratam we should first take best meanings for words coming.

Yash’s ‘Toxic: A Fairy Tale for Grown-Ups’ gets off to a strong start as advance bookings open

Bangalore: The makers of director Geetu Mohandas’s much awaited pan Indian film, ‘Toxic: A Fairy Tale for Grown-Ups’, featuring actor Yash in the lead, on Friday announced the opening of the film’s advance bookings, much to the delight of eagerly waiting fans and film buffs. Rocking Star Yash took to his X timeline to announce the opening of advance bookings. He wrote, “A fairy tale isn’t just what this film is. It’s also what making it was. One string of thought, talent from everywhere, each doing right by their craft, avalanching into TOXIC. “Peculiar Alchemy,” as our Director calls it. Five days to go. Book now.” Sources in the industry claimed that advance bookings were now officially open and that the film had gotten off to a very strong start, reflecting the immense anticipation surrounding it. The early response further underlined the audience pull surrounding Yash and the curiosity around a world that is entirely new to the big screen, they claimed.

To mark the opening of bookings, the makers unveiled a special video featuring Rocking Star Yash, director Geetu Mohandas and the film’s ensemble cast. Through a collection of candid moments and reflections, actors Nayanthara, Kiara Advani, Tara Sutaria, Rukmini Vasanth, Huma Qureshi, Akshay Oberoi and Sudev Nair shared what made Toxic a special film for them. From the film’s distinctive world to Geetu Mohandas’s unconventional approach, the cast’s words offered a glimpse into the belief and excitement surrounding the film ahead of its theatrical release.

Mahaprabhu Jagannath to re-release in cinemas on August 28

Mumbai: The much-awaited animated film “Mahaprabhu Jagannath” is set to bring the divine world of Lord Jagannath to the big screen on August 28. The film will arrive in cinemas on the auspicious occasion of Raksha Bandhan and Balaram Jayanti, adding a spiritual touch to the festive celebrations. On Friday, the makers took to social media to announce the release date of the film. Speaking about the release, Durga Prasad Dalai, producer of Mahaprabhu Jagannath, said in a statement, “There are certain moments that feel like they have been decided for you. After everything this film has gone through, to finally see Mahaprabhu Jagannath reaching theatres on Raksha Bandhan and Balaram Jayanti feels like his blessing.” “Balaram Jayanti is a deeply significant occasion. We have always wanted to make a film that allows children and families to experience the world of Mahaprabhu Jagannath together, and there could not be a more beautiful time for that journey to begin. We have done our part with complete faith and sincerity, and now we leave the film in Mahaprabhu’s hands.” Balaram Jayanti, which marks the birth anniversary of Lord Balaram, the elder brother of Lord Krishna, is observed on the full moon day of Shravan and holds deep religious and cultural significance. Rooted in spirituality and the age-old traditions associated with Mahaprabhu, the film’s release during this auspicious festive period adds deeper significance to its theatrical debut. Produced by ELE Animations, “Mahaprabhu Jagannath” is the first theatrical feature from the studio’s



cal release. The announcement further built anticipation to see Yash back on the big screen following the phenomenal success of the ‘KGF’ franchise. For the unaware, ‘KGF: Chapter 2’ had gone on to emerge as a global box-office phenomenon, grossing over Rs 1,200 crore worldwide, cementing Yash’s stature as one of Indian cinema’s biggest stars. With ‘Toxic’, the actor returns with a film that has already generated significant anticipation for its scale, distinctive world and ambitious cinematic vision. ‘Toxic: A Fairy Tale for Grown-Ups’ is slated to hit screens worldwide on August 26 this year. Shot simultaneously in Kannada and English, the film will also be released in Hindi, Telugu, Tamil and Malayalam, taking its world to audiences across languages.

Sanatan Universe. Its soundtrack was released in Hindi, Odia and Telugu, featuring voices including Atharva Bakshi, Aviral Kumar and Abhay Jodhpurkar. The trailer was also unveiled by Pujya Shri Indresh Ji Upadhyaya Maharaj during his Bhagwat Katha in Cuttack, Odisha, in the presence of more than 10,000 devotees. “Mahaprabhu Jagannath” will release in cinemas across India on August 28, 2026.

New Delhi: “Gandhari”, featuring Taapsee Pannu, is set to release on Netflix on September 3. The film is directed by Devashish Makhija and produced by Kanika Dhillon. It also features Ishwak Singh, Chhaya Kadam, Swastika Mukherjee, Mita Vashisht and Jatin Sarna, according to a press release. It is set against the atmospheric backdrop of a fictitious town, Joypurra, and follows a story of unwavering belief, quiet resilience and unflinching courage. At its heart lies Bani, a mother whose devotion is tested at every turn, compelling her to confront challenges. The film also reunites Netflix with Dhillon and Pannu following their collaboration on “Phir Aayi Hasseen

Kiara Advani calls ‘Toxic’ more than a fairy tale, praises its ‘peculiar alchemy’

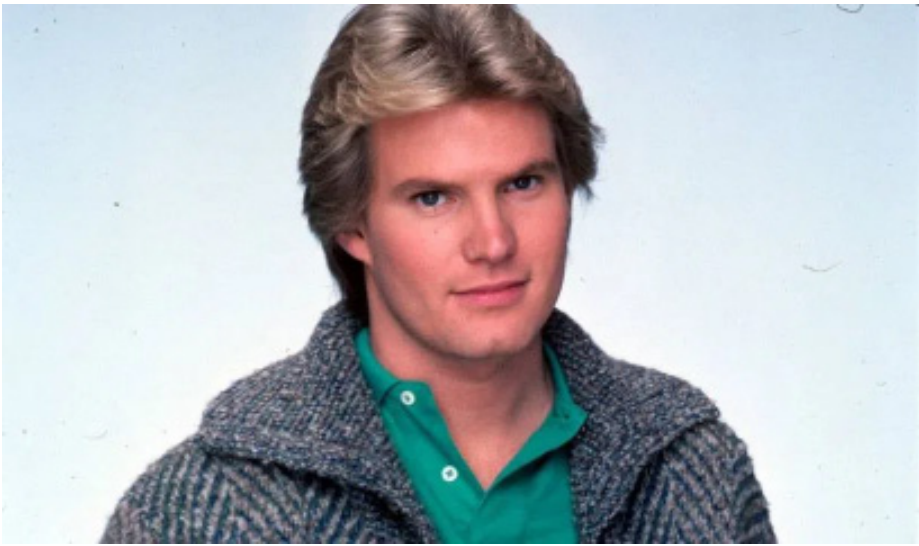
Mumbai: Actress Kiara Advani described her upcoming film ‘Toxic’ as more than just a fairy tale and shared that the creative vision and talent from across the board came together to create what the film’s director calls a “peculiar alchemy.” Kiara took to Instagram, where she shared a BTS video from the making of the film and wrote: “A fairy tale isn’t just what this film is. It’s also what making it was. One string of thought, talent from everywhere, each doing right by their craft, avalanching into TOXIC. “Peculiar Alchemy,” as our Director calls it.” Kiara on August 18 had spoken about her experience of working on ‘Toxic: A Fairy Tale for Grown-Ups’ and shared that the film pushed her out of her comfort zone and taught her to embrace the unfamiliar and discover new skills along the way. For the caption, she wrote: “Films have a beautiful way of making us step into worlds we’ve never known, sometimes quite literally. Every new character, every new set, every crazy challenge teaches you something you didn’t know you were capable of.” Kiara added:



“This one taught me to be comfortable with the unfamiliar, to stay curious, to keep learning and to find joy in the adventure of it all. Because growth, for me, has always been about saying yes to the things that scare you a little... and loving the journey that follows. Toxic: A Fairy Tale for Grown-Ups is a gangster film. It stars Yash in a dual role, alongside Kiara, Nayanthara, Huma Qureshi, Tara Sutaria and Rukmini Vasanth. Toxic: A Fairy Tale for Grown-Ups explores the life of Raya, a violent gangster and playboy who rose to power in the underworld crime before his eventual downfall. Years later, he has to face his biological son Rumi / Ticket, who prepared his revenge on Raya, after the latter abandoned him and his wife.

Jack Coleman remembers Hayden Panettiere

New Delhi: Actor Jack Coleman remembered his “Heroes” co-actor Hayden Panettiere and called her a “prodigious talent”. Coleman shared a series of pictures alongside the late actor on his Instagram handle on Thursday from the 2004 series and



recalled the first interaction with her. He went on to describe her popularity and how photographers “hunted” to get her pictures. “I’m heartbroken. I couldn’t begin to put my thoughts into words until now, and they will be inadequate. I’ve loved Hayden since day one of the pilot of ‘Heroes’, 20 years ago, when she introduced herself,” Coleman wrote in the caption. “Love you, Hayden. So sorry you suffered. I’ll remember how happy you were on set and on the European press tour; how you championed Tess when she was being bullied; your commitment to animal welfare and the courage to put yourself in harm’s way to protect them. I only wish you had been given that same protection,” he added. The series was created by Tim Kring. It featured Panettiere in the role of Claire Bennet and Coleman as Noah

Bennet, among others. The actor died on August 16, aged 36. She started her career as a child actor in commercials and soap operas. She went on to win three Teen Choice Awards for the role and was a Grammy Award nominee for a children’s spoken word album recorded a few years after the release of the animated movie “A Bug’s Life”. Panettiere later played a brash country upstart opposite Connie Britton on “Nashville”, which aired on ABC for four seasons before being cancelled and revived on CMT. She did her own singing in the show, which scored some hits on country charts, spawned US tours and earned Panettiere two supporting actress Golden Globe nominations. Panettiere had 11 songs recorded for “Nashville” appear on Billboard’s Hot Country Songs charts.

Taapsee Pannu’s Gandhari to release on Netflix on September 3

Dillruba”. Dhillon said the film is a story of a “woman who refused to be defined by her circumstances.” “Bani’s journey is raw, relentless and deeply personal, and that is what drew me to her from the very beginning. Reuniting with Taapsee once again has been incredibly special – there is a deep creative trust and understanding that we have built over the years, and watching her bring Bani to life with such commitment and intensity was truly rewarding,” she said in a statement. Ruchika Kapoor Sheikh, Director of Original Films, Netflix India, said, “‘Gandhari’ is a bold, emotionally charged action thriller that turns a mother’s love into a force – fierce, instinctive and impossible to ig-



nore.” “We are delighted to reunite with Pannu and Kanika Dhillon, building on a creative partnership we deeply value and carrying it into a strikingly different space with Devashish Makhija at the helm,” she added.

Michael Hussey open to En- gland Test batting coach role af- ter Stephen Fleming approach

Mackay: Former Australia batter Michael Hussey said is considering an offer to become England's Test batting coach after receiving an informal approach from newly appointed head-coach Stephen Fleming. Hussey spent nearly 15 years alongside Fleming at five-time IPL-winning franchise Chennai Super Kings (CSK) as both a player and later as batting coach. "We (Fleming and I) obviously get on really well and work a lot together. So, it was just a bit of a passing comment, really saying, 'Look, what do you reckon? Would you think about being the batting coach?'"

"There is a lot of different things to consider. My short answer is I would not say no to anything really. It would feel a bit weird – definitely – coaching for England against Australia in an Ashes series, no question," Hussey was quoted as saying by Fox Sports. Nicknamed "Mr. Cricket," Hussey previously served as a consultant for England during their successful 2022 Men's T20 World Cup campaign in Australia. But taking up the role in a full-time capacity will also be decided by his family commitments. "I have a very close relationship with Stephen Fleming and that has an impact on it as well. The time away from family is a real thing for me. I am not in a position to say yay or nay any time soon. I



love the coaching side of the game. "I love trying to help players get better whether they are Australians, English, South Africans, Pakistan or India or anywhere, it does not bother me. I don't feel as if I am coaching against a team – that's the thing. I sort of feel as if I am coaching with a team whether it is against Australia or South Africa or some other team," he added. At the same time, Hussey backed Fleming to succeed as England's Test coach. "He has a very good understanding of the game. Very shrewd operator who gets that balance between enjoyment and fun and relationships. "He has a great chance to do well. He wants to keep the game moving forward but perhaps not as recklessly as England have been recently. He will try and be a bit smarter with it."

Treesa-Gayatri stun world No. 4 Chinese pair to seal historic World Championships medal



New Delhi: India's women's doubles duo of Treesa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand have staged an upset at the BWF World Championships after handing a shock loss to the world no. 4 Chinese pair of Ji Yifan and Zhang Shuxian to enter the semifinals, confirming a medal for the country. The Indians, coming from game down, registered a 16-21, 21-15, 21-13 win over the Chinese to become the second-ever pair to win a BWF World Championships medal in women's doubles. In 2011, Jwala Gutta and Ashwini Ponnappa won bronze, securing India's second-ever World Championships medal — 28 years after the country's maiden medal in 1983 (Prakash Padukone's men's singles bronze). The Indian duo looked vulnerable early on as Jia and Zhang raced to a 6-2 lead and kept their advantage through the opening game. Treesa and Gayatri gradually found their attacking rhythm, using their powerful smashes and sharper exchanges at the net to close the gap to 8-9. The recovery, however, was not enough to prevent the Chinese to head into the breather with 11-8 advantage and eventually sealing the opening game 21-16. The response in the second game was immediate. The Indians refused to allow their opponents the same control, matching them in the longer rallies while defending under pressure as they earned a slender 11-10 advantage at the interval. From there, Treesa and Gayatri grew

increasingly assertive. Their cross-court attacks repeatedly stretched the Chinese pair across the court, while their defence absorbed Jia and Zhang's pressure. The Indians opened a 17-14 lead before closing out the game 21-15 to force a decider. In the decider, after an even start at 4-4, Treesa found the breakthrough with a powerful smash, and the Indians suddenly surged. Seven consecutive points turned the contest on its head, taking them from 4-all to 9-4. Treesa's attack continued to cause damage for the Chinese, and the Indians entered the interval with a commanding 11-5 lead. After the change of sides, Jia and Zhang briefly attempted to revive their challenge, but the Indian earned three straight points to restore their momentum. With the Chinese pair increasingly under pressure, errors began to creep into their game. At 18-9, the Indians were within touching distance. A review after Zhang's shot was called out did little to alter the outcome, and two further errors from Chinese handed Treesa and Gayatri the decisive points. Later in the day, the men's doubles pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty remain in contention for another medal. The fifth seeds will face Chinese third seeds Liang Weikeng and Wang Chang in the quarterfinals. A win for the duo would confirm India's second medal at the World Championships and third for Satwik and Chirag, having won the bronze in 2022 and 2025.

India face Olympic champions Netherlands in crucial Hockey World Cup second stage



Amstelveen: The Indian men's and women's hockey teams face a stern test against the Netherlands as they begin their respective second-stage campaigns at the FIH Hockey World Cup 2026. With the Netherlands crowned Olympic champions at Paris 2024 in both men's and women's hockey, the fixtures present the Indian teams with a formidable challenge as the tournament enters a decisive phase. The Indian women's team will be the first to take on the Dutch, facing the tournament's co-hosts on August 21 at 9:30 pm IST in their opening Pool E encounter at the Wagener Stadium. India enter the second stage unbeaten, having produced an impressive 6-1 win over South Africa before playing out a goalless draw against England. Earlier, the team had also drawn against China. The three results ensured they progressed from Pool D alongside the fellow Asian side. India and China will carry one point each into the next stage, having shared the spoils in their Pool D meeting. That point could prove valuable as the teams now look to secure the top positions in Pool E and keep their semi-final aspirations alive. The top two teams from Pool E and F in the second stage go through to the semi-finals. Following the Netherlands clash, the Indian women's team will face Australia on August 23 at 10:30 pm IST in what promises to be another high-intensity contest. The women's team has shown encouraging consistency so far, combining attacking intent with defensive resilience. Their emphatic victory over South Africa highlighted their ability to

convert opportunities, while the clean sheet against England demonstrated their capacity to withstand pressure against quality opponents. Facing the Netherlands, however, India will come across a team accustomed to performing on the biggest stage and backed by home support. The Indian men's team will begin their second-stage campaign on August 22, taking on the Netherlands at 7:30 pm IST. They will then face Argentina on August 24 at 6:15 pm IST. Unlike the women's team, India will enter the second stage without carrying forward any points from Pool D. That advantage will belong to unbeaten England, who defeated India 4-2 before finishing at the top of Pool D and progressing to the next stage. India secured second place with a convincing 5-3 victory over Pakistan, having earlier opened their campaign with a 3-1 win against Wales. The win over Pakistan was particularly significant, as India displayed greater attacking fluency and finished the pool stage on a strong note. However, the reset in the second stage means the team will need to start afresh against a Netherlands side that combines technical quality with tactical discipline. With both Indian teams facing the reigning Olympic champions in their opening second-stage fixtures, the contests offer an opportunity to measure themselves against the highest level of international hockey. A strong start to the second stage will be crucial for both the Indian teams while entering a phase where every performance could have a major bearing on the road to the semi-finals.

Neeraj Chopra takes on Pathirage in Lausanne Diamond League javelin clash

New Delhi: After his silver-winning show at the recently concluded Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, two-time Olympic medallist Neeraj Chopra is all set to participate in the Lausanne Diamond League, also known as Athletissima Friday. The battle for a place in the 2026 Diamond League Final continues on Friday as a host of Olympic, world and newly crowned European champions descend on Lausanne for Athletissima. South Asia's two biggest stars will go head-to-head in the men's javelin as India's Neeraj Chopra takes on Sri Lanka's Rumesh Tharanga Pathirage. After winning a silver medal at the Commonwealth Games last month, the Indian javelin throw ace will look to take the top spot at the Lausanne Diamond League 2026 at the Stade Olympique de la Pontaise in Switzerland on Friday. The upcoming athletics meet, also known as Athletissima, will mark Chopra's fourth appearance in Lausanne. The Lausanne Diamond League will also be Chopra's third competitive outing of the 2026 athletics season. The Sri Lankan's 92.62m world lead in Rome in June has helped propel him to the top of



the world rankings this season, and he has already booked his place in the final in Brussels. Former Olympic and Diamond League champion Chopra, by contrast, is lagging behind in the standings and needs a big performance in Lausanne Meet, which is important in India's bid to climb the season-ending Diamond League Finals standings. Neeraj will be competing in a stacked field similar to the Commonwealth Games 2026 along with European stars. The five javelin superstars who have claimed the last four Olympic and World Championship titles will all be at Athletissima on August 21 for a competition of exceptional quality. The exceptional field highlights how the centre of gravity in world javelin has shifted towards the Indian subcontinent.

Pawan signals bigger Jana Sena share in local polls



Amaravati: Jana Sena Party (JSP) chief and Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan has signalled that his party will seek a significantly larger share of seats in the forthcoming urban local body elections, responding to growing demands from the cadre for greater political space within the NDA alliance. At a meeting of the Jana Sena legislative wing on Assembly premises on Thursday, Pawan Kalyan discussed the party’s performance during the recent Assembly session before turning to preparations for the municipal and municipal corporation elections. Party MLAs and MLCs conveyed the strong sentiment among Jana Sainiks that the party should contest substantially more seats this time. During the 2024 elections, Jana Sena contested only 21 Assembly and two Lok Sabha seats as part of the NDA alliance, making what Pawan has repeatedly described as strategic sacrifices to defeat the then YSRCP government. The cadre now want that contribution to be reflected in the distribution of local body seats. Pawan acknowledged

the sentiments of the party workers and indicated that Jana Sena would prepare an action plan to field candidates in a significant number of seats. He said the party would move forward while preserving the self-respect and fighting spirit of its cadre. Pawan later shared the details of the meeting on X, saying the party was preparing to contest a larger number of seats. The exact number or percentage of seats Jana Sena will seek has not yet been finalised. Preliminary discussions on the party’s demands were held during the legislative wing meeting. The final allocation will be decided only after consultations with the NDA alliance partners. Jana Sena will now formulate its proposals for negotiations with the BJP and TDP. Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu, BJP State president PVN Madhav and Pawan Kalyan are expected to hold discussions soon to finalise the seat-sharing formula. The local body elections are set to provide the first major test of the NDA’s internal seat-sharing balance after the alliance came to power in the State.

Civic chief holds discussions with World Bank representatives



Visakhapatnam: GVMC Commissioner Ketan Garg underlined the need for formulating long-term development plans to strengthen infrastructure in line with the city’s growing population and expanding industrial and economic activities, while also ensuring improved civic services for residents. The civic chief highlighted it when World Bank representatives Jones, Abhijit Roy and Jyoti Nayak met him at the Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation chamber on Thursday. In line with the development of the Visakhapatnam Economic Region (VER), the Commissioner held detailed discussions on various development-related issues with the World Bank representatives. Also, the Commissioner discussed several developmental initiatives proposed in the GVMC limits, including infrastructure creation and major projects aimed at directly benefiting the public while addressing future urban requirements with the delegation. Additional Commissioner (Finance) SS Varma, Smart City CEO Anand, Visco consult-

ant KVN Ravi, and other officials participated in the meeting.

PD Act invoked against red sanders smuggler

Tirupati : The Red Sanders Anti-Smuggling Task Force (RSASTF) has invoked Preventive Detention (PD) Act against a habitual offender involved in red sanders smuggling. Ajay Kumar (57) from Kerala face multiple cases for organised smuggling activities that violate wildlife laws and threaten public safety. As per the recommendations of Task Force Head L Subba Rayudu, district Collector and Magistrate Dr S Venkateswar gave orders. Under SP P Srinivas and ASP J Kulasekar leadership, Ajay Kumar was shifted to Kadapa Central Jail.

BLAs told to assist in timely delivery of notices



Tirupati: Constituency Voter Registration Officer and Municipal Commissioner M Jayakrishna appealed to booth-level officers (BLOs) and leaders of all political parties to cooperate with officials issuing notices during the Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls. Speaking at a meeting with representatives of national and State parties on Thursday, Commissioner Jayakrishna said notices are being issued to voters with ‘no mapping’ and other anomalies and requested booth-level agents and party representatives to assist in timely delivery and follow-up. He clarified document requirements for verification as per Election Commission guidelines: voters born before 1987 must present one valid document; those born

between 1987 and 2004 must present two, and those born after 2004 must present three. Jayakrishna provided a detailed list of the 11 acceptable documents and asked party representatives to submit details of booth agents for the 84 newly created polling centres. He said voters, who are completely immobile, hospitalised, or differently-abled will be handled virtually by the area team, while all other voters, who have received notices, must attend physical verification on the date and time shown on the notice. He also shared statistics on notices already distributed. Additional Commissioner Sarada Devi, Tahsildar Suresh Babu, Deputy Election Officer Sudhakar Naik, and representatives of all political parties were present.

97 attend Anganwadi ayah recruitment interviews



Kadiri: Interviews for Anganwadi Ayah posts under the Nallacheruvu ICDS project concluded peacefully at the Kadiri RDO office on Thursday. Supervised by Kadiri RDO Kalavathi, Sri Sathya Sai District ICDS PD Katari Pramila, and CDPO Niharika, the drive processed 97 candidates out of 100 applicants across 38 centers. Three candidates were absent. Offi-

cials verified original certificates and conducted individual interviews to assess suitability. ICDS PD Katari Pramila assured that selections will strictly follow government rules and merit, warning candidates against trusting brokers or paying money to middlemen promising job placements.

Speed up land pooling, Collector CM Saikant Varma tells officials

Guntur : District collector CM Saikant Varma directed officials to speed up the second phase of CRDA land pooling process. He directed the officials to create awareness among farmers about the process. He reviewed the land pooling process at the CRDA office on Thursday. He said that it was essential to complete the pooling of notified lands and directed officials to educate farmers about the need for land pooling and its benefits. AP CRDA additional commissioner A Bhargav Teja, Guntur district joint collector Ashutosh Srivastava, Guntur RDO K Srinivasa Rao, Tenali RDO K Sriramani, CRDA officials were among those who participated.



Meet to regulate traffic held

Guntur: Following orders of SP Vakul Jindal, a coordination meeting was held on Thursday at the Guntur Traffic DSP Office to discuss measures for resolving traffic problems in the city, regulating unauthorised parking, and ensuring smooth movement of vehicles. Guntur Town Traffic DSP B Srinivasa Rao conducted the meeting at his office here on Thursday in which the officials of GMC and traffic police participated. The meeting reviewed traffic problems and unauthorised parking on major roads in the city. The meeting decided to take action to prevent college buses, goods tempos, private ambulances, travel buses, cars, cranes, JCBs, sand-loaded vehicles and other vehicles from being parked unauthorisedly on roads, thereby causing traffic obstruction.

Eeranna swamy hundi counting

Kowthalam, August 21: (deep pulse) Hundi counting was done on friday at sri lakshmi narasimha eeranna swamy temple located in urukunda village under kowthalam mandal.

Cash in main hundi - Rs. 84,36,480/-
“Annadanam hundi - Rs. 12,17,458/-
Total collection - Rs. 96,53,938/-
Malaysia 1 ringgit - 6 notes
Malaysia 5 ringgit - 2 notes
Gold - 6 grams 300 mg
Silver - 13 kgs 450 grams

Hundi counting programme was held on occasion of 2026 sravana masam utsavams under supervision of temple deputy commissioner and executive officer Smt. K. Vani and governing body members. Hundi super-



vision officer Sri K. Kamalakar, 1st grade executive officer, kurnool, temple supervisors and staff, andhra pradesh grameena bank, urukunda staff and sri bhramarambha seva samithi, adoni participated in programme.

Drinking water woes in tadikalapudi - water tankers only hope

Kamavarapukota, August 22: Severe drinking water crisis has gripped sc colony nagula cheruvu gattu area under tadikalapudi panchayat as authorities failed to repair damaged drinking water motor cable wire even after ten days. Water supply has been stopped and colony residents are facing severe hardships for water. Due to delay in restoration of motor, people are forced to stand in long queues with pots and drums at water tankers supplied by panchayat or tankers arranged voluntarily. People are suffering a lot by waiting for hours to collect water from tankers. Locals expressed strong anger over negligent attitude of panchayat officials for not resolv-



ing problem for ten days. Colony residents appealed higher officials to immediately respond and restore drinking water supply through pipeline by repairing motor cable.

Paving way for industrial ideas among youth



Vijayawada, August 21: Five-day entrepreneurship training camp organized from august 17 to 21 under auspices of ratan tata innovation hub (rtih), vijayawada-enikepadu, concluded successfully on friday. Special programme was organized on occasion of world entrepreneurs day. About 100 students including students of pb siddhartha institute of technology participated in training camp. They were given awareness and training on aspects like industrial thinking, identifying problems, designing innovative solutions and developing business ideas. As part of programme, students presented 21 innovative business ideas before experts. Students explained ideas related to civic ser-

vices, public transport, health, clean drinking water, agriculture and other sectors. Experts provided valuable suggestions and guidance to students. Speaking on occasion, rtih vijayawada chief executive officer Dr. Hari babu explained opportunities being provided by rtih to encourage creative ideas and innovations among youth. He suggested students to bring innovative ideas into practice and grow as entrepreneurs in future. Five-day training camp stood as good platform for students for innovations, industrial ideas, training and guidance. Rtih staff, college faculty and students actively participated in making programme successful.

Massive joining into congress from bjp in presence of minister vakiti srihari

Narva, August 21: Bjp leaders sarpanches and ward members belonging to yanki village under mandal limits joined congress party in large numbers in presence of minister vakiti srihari. Minister vakiti srihari invited sarpanches and ward members into party by covering kanduva. Sarpanch kalyani venkatanna, former upa sarpanch uppari ramesh belonging to yanki village along with ward members and 30 members joined congress fold. Speaking on occasion, newly joined leaders said they joined party being attracted

by public welfare, village development and programmes being undertaken by congress government with faith on congress party leadership. They said they will work for strengthening congress party hereafter. Narva congress mandal president bisam chennaiah sagar said congress party has become more strengthened with massive joinings that took place in yanki village and said more leaders and workers are ready to join congress party in coming days.

Civils mains starts peacefully on first day

Vijayawada, August 21: Civil services main examinations being conducted under union public service commission (upsc) started peacefully at vijayawada centre on friday. District collector Dr. G. Lakshmisha inspected examination centre set up at srr and cvr government junior college in city. She examined conduct of paper-1 essay examination on first day. She inspected facilities provided to candidates at examination centre and suggested continuing arrangements to ensure candidates write exams in peaceful atmosphere without any inconvenience. Speaking on occasion, collector said upsc civil services main examinations will be held for five days on august 21, 22, 23, 29 and 30. She said exams will be held from 9 am to 12 noon and again from 2.30 pm to 5.30 pm. She said on first day exam is only in morning session and on remaining days exams will be held both morning and afternoon. She said necessary arrangements have been made for 124 candidates at examination centre in vijayawada. She said all basic facilities like continuous power supply, drinking wa-



ter, medical facilities, security arrangements are being made available at centre. She said special public transport facilities have been provided from various areas to ensure candidates reach centres on time and special measures have been taken in terms of security. Collector lakshmisha said control room is also providing services with number 91549 70454 to extend all help and cooperation regarding conduct of examinations. On first day friday, 120 candidates attended paper-1 (essay) while four were absent.

Let us make vijayawada an ideal town in road safety



Vijayawada, August 21: District collector Dr. G. Lakshmisha said participation of everyone is needed to make vijayawada an ideal town in road safety and ideal town on road safety programme will help in achieving goals. Collector Dr. G. Lakshmisha unveiled posters related to ideal town on road safety project at collector office on friday with aim of making vijayawada an ideal town in road safety. Honda india foundation as csr partner and tracks - road safety ngo as implementing agency are taking up this project. Programme will be implemented with cooperation of transport and police departments. Speaking on occasion, collector lakshmisha said main objective of project is to reduce deaths and injuries due to road accidents by 10-15 percent and promote responsible behaviour on road safety among public. She said project will be implemented mainly based on four aspects - engineering, enforcement, education and emergency care. As part of it, identifying and rectifying infrastructure deficiencies at blackspots, strictly enforcing traffic rules through zero tolerance zones, creating awareness on road



safety for about 70 thousand students in 105 schools and 14 colleges, conducting campaign on helmet, seatbelt, lane discipline, pedestrian safety, and training first responders to provide timely first aid during accidents will be done, collector said. Organizers said main intention of project is to bring government departments, police, private organizations, educational institutions, voluntary organizations and other partner organizations on one platform and work in coordination to reduce road accident deaths. Honda india foundation representatives, vijayawada-nhai project director vidyasagar, tracks - road safety ngo (delhi) general secretary rajani gandhi, regional programme officer M. Vasu and others participated in programme.

