

Provide funds for Godavari Pushkarams

CM Chandrababu meeting with PM Modi Godavari Pushkarams, request for funds Request on infrastructure projects

New Delhi: AP CM Nara Chandrababu Naidu conducted key meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday evening as part of Delhi tour. On this occasion took several key issues related to state development to Prime Minister's attention. Discussed on Godavari Pushkarams, Polavaram, Godavari-Cauvery rivers linking, infrastructure projects. Also Chandrababu conveyed congratulations on behalf of AP people on occasion of Modi completing 25 years of governance journey. Chandrababu explained



in irrigation sector through Godavari-Cauvery rivers linking benefit will accrue to along with AP Telangana, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu states. Explained arrangements being made by state gov-



ernment for Godavari Pushkarams to be held in 2027, and requested to provide central financial assistance for development works. Also took Polavaram latest report along with is-

sues of several irrigation projects in state to Prime Minister's attention. Chandrababu explained due to El Nino impact rainfall deficit in state, its impact

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Former judges support to EC

42 former judges support to EC
Open letter at time of opposition protests



Delhi: Opposition parties are doing agitations across country demanding CEC Gyanesh Kumar resign, SIR process be cancelled. In this background 42 former judges stood in support to Election Commission. To this extent they releasing open letter.. suggested not to make attempts to degrade prestige of constitutional institutions in-

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Mobile.. bridge to good governance

Government services in people's palm
Rs 5 lakh crore saved with DBT
5G reached every district in country
Key remarks by Modi in IMC-2026

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi said mobile phone which once was limited to only phone calls, messages.. today has become key tool for good governance. He said mobile technology is playing key role in bringing government services into people's palm. He speaking in India Mobile Congress-2026 held on Thursday.. explained country's digital journey. Modi said 5G services expanded quickly in country, currently 5G connectivity has



become available to every district. He said travel time, waiting, expenses reduced with mobile technology. He said em-

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YSRCP says yes to BC Garjana

North Andhra BC Garjana with Visakha as venue
YSRCP public meeting on 16th of this month
Focus on BC reservations, problems

Visakha: Is YSRCP bringing BC weapon onto screen to achieve political hold again in North Andhra? North Andhra BC Garjana



meeting to be conducted in Visakha on 16th of this month now has opened discussion on same. YSRCP is getting ready to question government making BC reservations, political representation, injustices happening to BC groups as main issues. However is this only meeting being conducted for BC rights? Or platform for upcoming political equations? That is creating

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Elections only with ballot papers

Exercise on AP local body elections
Elections after Supreme Court verdict
Conduct of elections phase wise
Local elections only with ballot: SEC

Amaravati: State Election Commissioner Anil Chandra Punetha said that local body elections to be held soon in state will be conducted this time completely with ballot papers instead of EVMs. He revealed that immediately after final verdict is pronounced on issues pending in Supreme Court we will become fully ready for conducting elections. SEC said necessary arrangements have been made for past two months for elections. Said photo voter list prepared as of February 5 this year will be taken as basis. Punetha said ballot boxes necessary local body wise have already been prepared, printing press will be finalized soon for ballot papers printing. SEC clarified officials are ready for conducting elec-



tions across state. Said there is possibility of conducting elections phase wise according to situations not at once in all regions. Possibility of clarity on election schedule after Supreme Court verdict.

Petition in Supreme Court on EC appointments

Quo warranto petition on EC appointments
Legal battle on Election Commission appointments

Delhi: Writ petition was filed in Supreme Court on Thursday challenging appointments of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar, Election Commissioners Sukhbir Singh Sandhu, Vivek Joshi. Suri Payal filed petition under Article 32.



Quo warranto writ sought to explain under what authority three are continuing in positions, and if appointments are not lawful declare positions vacant. Notifications issued appointing as ECs in 2024, Gyanesh Kumar as CEC in 2025, Vivek Joshi as EC were



challenged in petition. Petitioner alleged appointments were made without properly following provisions in 2023 Election Commissioners Act. This petition has gained importance at time when political criticisms on Election Commission functioning are continuing.

National grandeur for Vijayawada Utsav 2.0

National publicity for Vijayawada Utsav 2.0
Invitation to Vice President, Amit Shah
Vijayawada Utsav 2.0 at national level

Vijayawada: Program organizers have taken measures to provide pub-



licity at national level for Dussehra Sharannavaratri celebrations to be conducted



grandly in Vijayawada, Vijayawada Utsav 2.0. As

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A thoughtless, ruthless
and axe-first govern-
ment calling the shots

Thebirds of a forest once decided to tear down the great tree that held their nests to build more grand ones. They began hacking at once, and nests came crashing down. Then a little sparrow asked, “Why not just fly to the tree next door?” The felling stopped. An old crow sighed, “Had you thought of this at the start, the tree would still stand and none of us would have lost a thing.” Today, that crow’s sigh is the sigh of every Hyderabad. Hyderabad deserves roads that move. Nobody disputes that. What it does not deserve is a government that swings the axe first and opens the file later. Around Kasu Brahmana nda Reddy (KBR) National Park, the trees are gone, the money is gone, and the plan meant to justify both has been thrown into the dustbin. Numbers do not lie: In 2024, the government sanctioned around Rs 826 crore under H-CITI for seven flyovers and seven underpasses around KBR Park, from Jubilee Hills check post and the park’s main gate to Road Nos. 2, 10, 12, 45 and Film Nagar. Even before a single structure stood, the estimate had ballooned to Rs 1,090 crore: a 32 per cent jump on paper alone. The government’s own proposal listed 1,942 trees: 1,532 to be felled, 380 to be uprooted, and just 30 to be spared. By May 16, nearly 2,000 mature trees had been cut down or savagely lopped. Foundations came up near LV Prasad Eye Institute and Jubilee Hills check post; pits were dug at the Maharaja Agrasen and Cancer Hospital junctions. Then came the about-turn. In August 2026, a simple one-way system was introduced around the park; joint police and GHMC inspection found that traffic was flowing smoothly. On October 3, the GHMC Standing Committee scrapped the junction plan and approved a single elevated corridor instead. Let that sink in. A few signboards and a handful of traffic constables achieved what a Rs 1,090-crore project could not. The cheapest solution sat in plain sight, and nobody in power tried it before the chainsaws roared. That is not planning. That is vandalism with a budget. Why was a one-way trial not run before 2,000 trees were sacrificed?

They were warned-They did it anyway: This was not ignorance; it bordered on arrogance. Since 2015, the KBR flyover had been stuck because the Eco-Sensitive Zone blocked central clearances and the NGT was hearing a case. GHMC itself shelved it in 2020. A year later, the High Court stayed tree felling and demanded an affidavit on the trees’ age and regrowth time. Every red flag was flying, yet this government dug the dead project out of its grave, renamed it and made it bigger. Citizens pleaded with the High Court: no public hearing, no Environmental Impact Assessment, no pollution study. The hearing was adjourned. The court went on vacation. The axes did not. “Save KBR” protesters reportedly faced midnight arrests. Only on May 18, did the Supreme Court halt felling within 25 to 35 metres of the park boundary. The government did not protect KBR. The Supreme Court had to protect it from the government. A tree is not timber. It is life: Many of those trees were older than Telangana itself. They sheltered peacocks and nesting birds, cooled morning walkers and filtered a choking city’s air. Sapling planted today needs a generation to return what one afternoon destroyed.

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on agriculture sector. Revealed measures being taken by government to face drought conditions. Along with Madanapalle Global Horticulture Hub, Indian School of Agriculture establishment also requested central cooperation for infrastructure projects like Amaravati Outer Ring Road, Visakh Metro, Beach Road.Before meeting with Prime Minister Modi, Chandrababu met separately with central ministers Nitin Gadkari, CR Patil. Discussed on pending National Highways works in state, Polavaram project progress. Chandrababu also explained to Prime Minister on Swarna Andhra-2047 vision to take state forward in development path by 2047.. requested to provide more cooperation from centre to state.

Former judges support to EC

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cluding Election Commission, judiciary.Former judges expressed concern that continuous attacks are happening on constitutional institutions. Said criticizing functioning of institutions is democratic right, however acting to insult them is not correct. Said recent developments are concerning, questioned making allegations like vote theft on Election Commission without proper evidence.Former judges warned there is danger that actions like abusing heads of constitutional institutions, putting false label on them will damage people's faith on democratic system. They requested political parties should act responsibly to protect independence, prestige of institutions.

Mobile.. bridge to good governance

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ployment opportunities are increasing for youth in new sectors like gaming, content creation.Prime Minister said through digital services government welfare schemes are reaching people quickly. He said through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) funds are being credited directly into beneficiaries accounts, with this about Rs 5 lakh crore funds were able to prevent from going into wrong persons hands. Said technology should become available till last person in society not limited to few.At same time Modi suggested alertness is needed on new challenges like cyber frauds, deepfakes. He said along with systems to identify origins of deepfakes modern technological solutions should be developed to curb cyber crimes. He gave call that world countries need to work together on these challenges.

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interest in political circles.Opinions are being expressed that there are political calculations behind strongly raising BC slogan at time when local body elections are approaching. In background where BC voters are crucial in North Andhra.. analysis are being heard that YSRCP is trying to turn those groups towards them once again. Possibility is seen of making criticisms on present government as agenda along with mentioning programs done for BCs when in power earlier.Especially local bodies reservations issue has possibility of becoming main political weapon for YSRCP. That party is thinking to allege that political representation for BCs is decreasing, government is cheating in matter of reservations. At same time there is possibility of mentioning issues of attacks, injustices on BC leaders, workers also in meeting. Means.. YSRCP aim appears to be making BC problems as more sharp issue politically.H owever another issue also comes onto screen here. BC Garjana which was not much visible all these days.. why now before local elections? Is it bringing political consciousness among BC groups by conducting huge meeting before elections? Or is it regrouping BC vote bank which got distant from YSRCP? Discussion is happening that there may also be strategy to use this meeting as answer to criticisms that party weakened in North Andhra.However making slogans in meeting is one thing.. telling what will be done for BCs in future is another issue. What is clear action plan on reservations? How will increase political representation of BCs? What kind of rights will be provided to BCs in local bodies? What answer YSRCP will give to those questions is crucial. Has to be seen whether they will run meeting with only anti-government sentiment.. or will announce new political action plan for BCs.Overall North Andhra BC Garjana has possibility of becoming not just a meeting for YSRCP.. but test for political comeback. Can it achieve old strength in North Andhra with BC card? To what extent can it mobilize BC voters before local elections? That is now real question. Based on political announcements, action plan coming after meeting ends, there is possibility of becoming clear how deep YSRCP strategy is.

National grandeur for Vijayawada Utsav 2.0

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part of this MPs are meeting several prominent persons and inviting to celebrations. On Thursday MPs Kesineni Chinni, Magunta Srinivasula Reddy, Daggumalla Prasad Rao, MP Bharat met Vice President C.P. Radhakrishnan and invited to Vijayawada celebrations. They explained to him glory of Dussehra Sharannavaratri celebrations happening in Vijayawada along with specialties of Vijayawada Utsav 2.0.Similarly MPs



‘Their courage will forever
inspire generations’: T’gana,
Andhra leaders greet air
warriors on India Air Force Day

Hyderabad: Telangana Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla and Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy extended their greetings to the air warriors of the Indian Air Force and their families on the occasion of Indian Air Force Day.Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla said that the valour, dedication and professionalism of the Indian Air Force in safeguarding the nation’s airspace and sovereignty are a matter of immense pride. He paid tribute to the martyrs of the Indian Air Force and expressed gratitude for the selfless service and sacrifices of the Air Warriors and their families.Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy extended his heartfelt greetings to the brave air warriors of the Indian Air Force, saying their courage, vigilance and unwavering commitment stand as a shield for our nation, day and night.“Their valour in the skies, discipline in service and dedication to the nation embody the spirit of India and remain a source of immense pride for every citizen,” he said.he Chief Minister also paid solemn tribute to the brave soldiers who made the supreme sacrifice in service of the nation. “Their courage, patriotism and supreme spirit of sacrifice will forever inspire generations and remain etched in the heart of our nation. Salute to our Air Warriors.”Andhra Pradesh Governor S Abdul Nazeer also conveyed his greetings to the air warriors, veterans and the families on Indian Air Force Day. The Governor said that the Indian Air Force has always stood at the forefront of protecting the nation with exceptional courage, professionalism and dedication.

Free three-day coffee
barista training held



A three-day free Coffee Barista skills training programme was organised for unemployed youth from the Amaravati capital region with the aim of enhancing their employment and self-employment opportunities. The programme was jointly organised by the APCRDA Social Development Department, Kaapi Solutions, Bengaluru, and SRM University–AP from Monday to Wednesday. As many as 30 candidates participated in the training, which was conducted by two expert trainers from Kaapi Solutions. The participants received practical training in coffee barista skills, coffee brewing techniques, beverage preparation and customer handling, among other areas. As part of the programme, the candidates were also given an understanding of allied skills and various self-employment opportunities in the coffee business. The trainers provided guidance on setting up and operating coffee shops and cafes, enabling participants to explore entrepreneurship in the sector. APCRDA Social Development Group Director V Ramulu visited the training programme and interacted with the participants. Ramulu said the APCRDA Social Development Department would continue organising such skill development programmes for unemployed youth in the Amaravati capital region.

Lavu Krishna Devarayalu, Sana Satish, Byreddy Sabari met Union Home Minister Amit Shah and invited to celebrations. They explained to Union Home Minister programs to be conducted in Dussehra Sharannavaratri celebrations, Vijayawada Utsav 2.0, specialties. Effort is happening to provide more extensive publicity to Vijayawada Utsav 2.0 by inviting national level prominent persons. With this this time arrangements are continuing to focus at national level also on Vijayawada Dussehra celebrations, Utsav 2.0.

Coalition government stands by the poor: Bonda Uma

Permanent rights to poor
Rs 2.50 lakh assistance through BLC
Rs 9 crore CMRF assistance in 26 months
Goal is solving people's problems: Bonda



Vijayawada: Vijayawada Central MLA Bonda Umamaheswara Rao said coalition government is taking measures to realize dream of own house for poor. He distributed benefit documents worth Rs 40 lakh under PMAY 2.0 (BLC) scheme along with CMRF cheques to eight beneficiaries at MLA office in Singhnagar on Thursday. Bonda Uma said they are providing permanent rights through G.O.30 to poor living after building houses in government places. He said up to Rs 2.50 lakh financial assistance is being provided through BLC scheme for poor living in

places from 50 to 150 yards to build or reconstruct houses. MLA revealed that in last 26 months almost Rs 9 crore financial assistance was provided through CMRF in Central constituency. He said they are working to ensure government schemes reach every eligible person without caste, religion, party differences. Bonda Uma said they are being continuously available to people and working for solving problems, and moving forward with cooperation of public representatives, officials, leaders, workers to keep constituency at forefront in development.

300 people to TDP foldHeavy migrations into TDP

300 people along with Sai Sanjay
Joining in presence of Bonda Uma



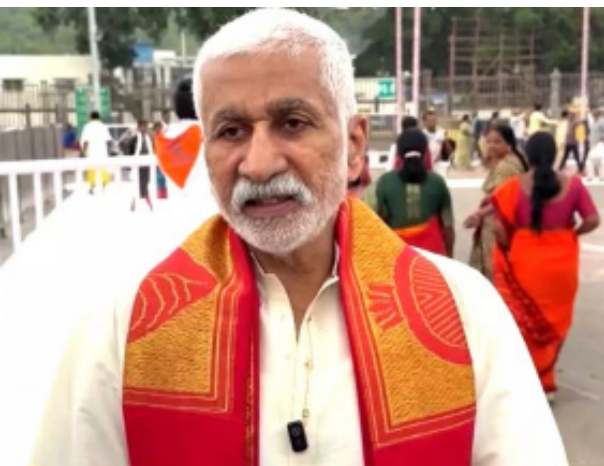
Vijayawada: Around 300 people joined Telugu Desam Party under leadership of businessman Sai Sanjay at MSR Convention Hall in Payakapuram. This program happened in presence of Government Whip, Vijayawada Central MLA Bonda Umamaheswara Rao, TDP young leader Bonda Siddhartha. Bonda Uma welcomed those newly joined by draping party scarves. Bonda Uma said large number of joinings with faith on Chandrababu leadership, TDP policies is sign of party strengthening. He suggested party leaders, workers should work to take development, welfare programs being implemented by coalition government into people and ensure benefits of government schemes reach every eligible person. He said workers should work as bridge in knowing people's problems by being with people and taking them to government's attention. Bonda Uma said every one newly joined in party will be given suitable respect, recognition and made partners in party programs. TDP



leaders, workers, those newly joined in party participated in program.

Vijayasai Reddy announces five more proposals of his party in Tirupati

Former Member of Parliament, Vijayasai Reddy, has announced five proposals in Tirupati, after conducting press conferences in Vijayawada, Visakhapatnam, and Anantapur and declaring 15 proposals there. Reddy stated that his party would welcome people of all castes and religions and extend constructive criticism. He demanded the abolition of caste-based discriminations and said that religion and caste must not be used for political purposes. Moreover, Reddy said that Hindu Dharma must be protected and accused YS Jagan Mohan Reddy of exploiting religion for political purposes. Reddy demanded that Jagan must embrace Hinduism and abandon using his surname for soliciting votes. The former MP called for the imposition of a four-year jail sentence on those who block Hindu Dalits from entering temples. Moreover, he expressed his concern regarding religious conver-



sions and the number of churches in Andhra Pradesh; according to him, there are 8,000 churches in Andhra Pradesh. Reddy said that the government must always be on guard regarding the so-called increasing foreign influence. Reddy supported SIR initiative and criticized Congress for its opposition to the initiative; moreover, he called Congress "Indian Irrational Party."

SPMVV to open space observatory for students



Tirupati: Students of Sri Padmavati Mahila Visvavidyalayam (SPMVV) will soon have an opportunity to explore night sky through the newly established Padmavati Space Observatory on the university campus. The observatory will be inaugurated on Thursday, at the premises of the university's Saveri Guest House. The facility has been established to provide students with practical exposure to astronomy and space science and to encourage their interest in related fields of study. The instruments installed at the observatory will be available to students for guided observations, making use of the clear skies in the Tirupati region. The observatory is equipped with optical instruments for observing Moon, planets, bright star clusters and other deep-sky objects. The main instruments include a Newtonian reflector telescope, which offers higher light-gathering capability for observing fainter objects, and a Celestron PowerSeeker long-range telescope for extended-range astronomical viewing.

Celestron celestial binoculars have also been provided for wide-field viewing of Moon, star fields and bright clusters. Long-range spotting telescopes are available for terrestrial as well as astronomical observation. The facility also has 50 mm astronomical refracting telescopes mounted on tripods and fitted with different eyepiece assemblies. Enroll in Classes These instruments are intended for introductory observations and student use. The university plans to conduct guided observation sessions using the equipment. The facility is expected to complement classroom learning by giving students direct experience of observing celestial objects and understanding basic astronomical observations. Padmavati Space Observatory is located within the premises of Saveri Guest House. Students, particularly those from science and allied disciplines and others interested in astronomical observation, will be able to use the facility under guidance as part of university programmes.

One dead, four injured after car falls off bridge

Tirupati: A road accident near Jalaripalle in Baireddipalle mandal claimed the life of a 46-year-old man and left four others seriously injured on Wednesday, after the car in which they were travelling plunged from a bridge on Madanapalle-Krishnagiri National Highway. The deceased was identified as Taufiq Ilahi, a resident of Tiruchengode in Tamil Nadu. He was driving the car when he reportedly lost control of the vehicle while proceeding towards Chittoor. The four other occupants — Abdul Rehman, Mohammed Zaraf,

Daulat Haji and Anifa Haji — suffered serious injuries in the accident. On hearing the crash, locals rushed to the spot and rescued the injured. The victims were shifted to Government Hospital in Palamaner for treatment. Their condition was reported to be serious. Baireddipalle police registered a case and began an investigation into the circumstances that led to the accident. SI Chandana Priya said the five persons were travelling from Tiruchengode to Chittoor when the car went out of control and fell off the bridge.

Discharge duties with discipline and honesty, SP tells new recruits



Tirupati: District Superintendent of Police L Subba Rayudu advised the newly recruited police constables to perform their duties with discipline, honesty and responsibility. He addressed 90 Stipendiary Cadet Trainee Police Constables (SCTPCs), who completed their basic training, at a meeting here on Wednesday. The SP said discipline, punctuality, alertness, dedication and team spirit are the essential qualities for police personnel, adding that police uniform represents an opportunity to serve society and protect people. He stated that newly recruited constables should become a source of strength to the department and work sincerely to maintain law and order. Subba Rayudu asked them to listen patiently to

the grievances of victims and provide assistance within the law. He said responsible behaviour was more important than displaying authority and urged them to maintain public confidence in the police. He directed officials to organise a special 45-day training-cum-job programme covering foot patrolling, cordon and search operations, vehicle checks, drunk-driving checks, crime prevention, bandobust duties, public coordination and digital technology. The new recruits were also instructed to follow probation rules, discipline regulations and police conduct guidelines and were cautioned to use social media carefully, stating that mistakes in uniform could affect the department's reputation.

Tirupati court orders community service for drunk driving



Tirupati: In a significant application of India's new criminal laws, Tirupati court has sentenced a man to 10 days of community service for drunk driving, instead of imposing fine or jail term. The order highlights how courts are now using reformatory punishments under Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita-2023 (BNSS) for traffic offences. The accused, A Munikrishna (34) from Venkatagopalapuram in Renigunta mandal, was caught driving a car after consuming alcohol. He admitted the offence, and the case was tried under Section 185 of Motor Vehicles Act. After the offence was proved, the II Additional Special Judicial Magistrate imposed community service.

As per the order, Munikrishna must perform unpaid cleaning work for 10 days in and around Renigunta Urban Police Station and Renigunta Government Hospital. He must follow instructions from the Renigunta SHO, who will supervise the work. Failure to comply will invite further legal action, including possible imprisonment. Community service is a new punishment under BNSS-2023, allowing magistrates to order unpaid work that benefits the community. SP L Subba Rayudu warned that strict action against drunk driving will continue, while this case shows authorities are also exploring reformatory options that make offenders contribute to public welfare.

Government land in Jalpally faces alleged encroachment



HYDERABAD: Prime government land in Jalpally in Balapur mandal of Ranga Reddy district is allegedly being systematically targeted by land grabbers, with large parcels of public property being brought into private hands through manipulation of survey numbers, changes in land records and questionable registrations. The alleged land grabbing has raised concerns among residents and activists, who fear the loss of valuable government land that could be used for creating public infrastructure. Several acres of prime land that could have been utilised for schools, colleges, hospitals, parks and other civic facilities are reportedly being targeted by the land mafia. Sharfuddin Hamed, president of the minority wing of the Telangana Rajyadhikaram Party, said the government should immediately identify and protect all its land in Jalpally. "Prime government land cannot be allowed to disappear through manipulation of records. The authorities should conduct a comprehensive survey, verify the original records and take stringent action against those involved in grabbing public property," he said. Local social worker Mohd Younus said several valuable parcels required immediate protection. "The authorities should put all government land on record, demarcate on the ground and prevent unauthorised registrations. Once such land is sold to pri-

vate parties, recovering it becomes a difficult and prolonged process," he said, alleging government land parcels at Turcolony, Kothapet were encroached. Wakf properties have also allegedly come under encroachment in Jalpally, Mamidpally and surrounding areas for which Telangana Wakf Board officials have reportedly approached the local police. A local woman activist said the rapid development of Jalpally had increased the need to preserve government land for public facilities. She pointed to the absence of adequate government land in Shaheennagar for a college and hospital and said the remaining public land should be protected. "The HYDRABAD has to act at least now," she demanded. Proximity to the RGI Airport, Jalpally and Umda Sagar lakes and the proposed Future City has attracted the attention of developers and land speculators, pushing up land values and intensifying concerns over the alleged grabbing of prime public property. When contacted, Balapur Tahsildar P Indira Devi said whenever instances came to the department's notice, immediate action was being initiated and government land was being reclaimed. "Recently, we received complaints and inspected the spot. The patta land in Jalpally FTL was being misused and we have written to the irrigation department," the official said.

SC/ST case against 20 dismissed in Kurnool



Kurnool: The special SC/ST court dismissed an SC/ST Atrocities case registered against 20 residents of Devanakonda after the charges against them were not proved, senior advocate and state convener of Lawyers and Public Front Madduru Subhash Chandra Bose said on Wednesday. He said the court pronounced its verdict after completion of the trial, bringing relief to the accused who had been facing the case for nearly four years. Speaking to The Hans India, Subhash Chandra Bose said Devanakonda police had registered a case in 2022 against Bobba Mallikarjuna and 19 others under the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act. The accused, belonging to weaker sections, had been regularly attending court hearings and faced considerable difficulties during the prolonged legal proceedings. He said he appeared as counsel for the accused and

argued the case before the court. The senior advocate said the district judge of the special SC/ST court dismissed the case after the prosecution failed to establish the charges against the accused. He urged people belonging to SC, ST, BC and minority communities to maintain harmony and avoid unnecessary disputes and litigation. If anyone was subjected to a false or illegal case, they should not be intimidated but approach senior police officials or courts for appropriate relief, he advised. Explore History Subhash Chandra Bose alleged that there were instances where political influence was being used to foist cases under the SC/ST Act against rivals for political vendetta, leading to allegations of misuse of the legislation. However, he said such allegations should be examined by competent authorities and courts based on the facts of each case.

Comprehensive arrangements for Saras Mela

Up to 600 stalls from all corners of country
Exhibition of quality handicraft, handloom products
Aim is to encourage self-help group women
District Collector Dr G. Lakshmisha



Vijayawada, October 08: District Collector Dr G. Lakshmisha said solid arrangements are being made to conduct national-level Saras Ajeevika Mela very prestigiously from 13th to 31st of this month. “On Thursday Serp CEO Vakati Karuna, Central Rural Development Ministry NRLM Director Dr Molishree, District Collector Dr G. Lakshmisha, Joint Collector S. Ilakkiya etc. inspected arrangements being made at Punnami Ghat for Saras Mela. Afterwards Collector Lakshmisha spoke to media. Said up to 600 stalls from all corners of country are being arranged.. said efforts are being made to bring products made by self-help group women onto one platform. Said Central, State governments are organizing this program to encourage handicraft products, handloom products, artisans.



Said arrangements are being made to attract visitors with products reflecting culture, traditional arts, rural lifestyle of respective states. Collector requested Vijayawada city people along with NTR district people, visitors to visit Saras Mela in large numbers, and encourage products made by women self-help groups of various states. Said Hon'ble President along with prominent persons from various states will also attend. Collector Lakshmisha said as three programs like Sri Durga Malleswara Swamyvari Devasthanam Dasara festivities along with Vijayawada Utsav, Saras Mela.. are going to happen at same time arrangements are being made accordingly. Said Hon'ble local public representatives, official machinery collectively working for success of programs.

38 TB-free panchayats in district

Collective effort for building TB-free society
Collector Dr G. Lakshmisha handed over certificates to CHOs



Vijayawada, October 08: In TB Mukta Bharat Abhiyan program undertaken by Central Government aiming TB eradication across country, JOSH (Joint Squad for Health) program was launched by Central Health, Family Welfare Minister J.P. Nadda on Thursday. In this background 38 gram panchayats in NTR district were recognized as TB-free panchayats. On this occasion certificates were handed over through hands of District Collector Dr G. Lakshmisha to Community Health Officers (CHOs) working in selected 38 gram panchayats. Suggested medical staff, youth, voluntary organiza-

tions should work in coordination to develop all gram panchayats in district as TB-free panchayats.

Said collective effort is required to develop district as TB-free district by identifying TB in early stage, providing complete treatment, creating awareness on TB among public. “In this program State TB Prevention Officer Dr T. Ramesh, District TB Prevention Officer Dr B. Bhanu Nayak, District Youth Officer Pradeep, WHO Consultant Dr Dheeraj, My Bharat volunteers, NCC cadets, National TB Prevention Program (NTEP) staff etc participated.

Transparent lottery for liquor shops

Process under District Collector Dr G. Lakshmisha

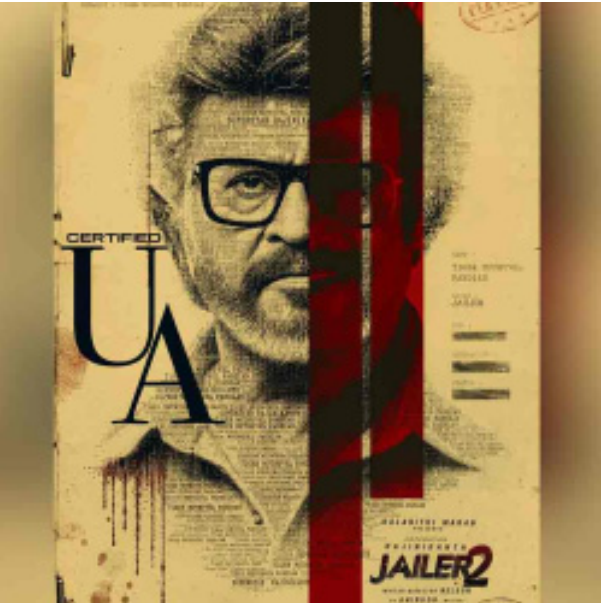
Vijayawada, October 08: Lottery process (draw of lots) was held on Thursday in Collectorate Sri Pingali Venkayya meeting hall for remaining liquor shops in district which were not renewed. This process completed under District Collector Dr G. Lakshmisha. For year 2026-27 under renewal policy announced by Government out of 124 liquor shops in district 106 liquor shops were renewed. Gazette Notification No.73 (date: 24.09.2026) was issued by District Collector for 18 liquor shops which were not renewed. As per rules selection process will be conducted only when at least four applications are received for a specific shop. Accordingly four or more applications came for 16 liquor shops. With this lottery process was conducted for allotment of shops in most transparent, accountable manner through lottery. “In program Prohibition and Excise Deputy Commis-



sioner T. Srinivasa Rao, NTR District Prohibition and Excise Superintendent S. Srinivasa Rao, Assistant Excise Superintendent R.V. Rama Shiva, Inspectors, staff etc participated.

Jailer 2 gets U/A certificate ahead of October 15 worldwide release

Chennai: The Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) has now cleared director Nelson Dilipkumar’s eagerly awaited action entertainer ‘Jailer 2’, featuring Superstar Rajinikanth in the lead, for release with a U/A certificate. Sun Pictures, which is producing the film, took to its social media timelines to share the update. It wrote, “#Jailer2 is censored U/A!” It may be recalled that the makers of the film had only recently released a trailer of the film, much to the delight of fans. The trailer released begins with actor Suraj Venjaramoodu’s character questioning a person he has kept hostage. “In these two months, you must have learnt something about the person who did this, right?” The hostage replies, “Not just me, even you won’t be able to find him.” The trailer then shows that not just Suraj Venjaramoodu’s character but a whole lot of villains are wondering who is behind certain developments. It is then that Rajinikanth as Tiger Muthuvel Pandian makes an appearance. At one point, a weary Suraj Venjaramoodu is seen asking his accomplices, “Have you managed to find him or not?” For a minute, one is led to believe that Tiger Muthuvel Pandian has gone into hiding but almost immediately, the trailer clears the confusion. It shows that Tiger Muthuvel Pandian has chosen to go off radar by pretending to be a



driver and he has chosen to lie low to find out if the chain of command among the villains goes any higher. The trailer also gives away the fact that Tiger Muthuvel Pandian has used snipers to attack his enemies and one among them, played by S J Suryah, says that even they can retort in kind. The trailer also has an interesting conversation between the characters played by Rajinikanth and Vidya Balan. She asks him if he wants tea or coffee and he politely refuses. She responds saying, “The choice is between tea or coffee. It is not between whether to drink or not.” A person warns Tiger Muthuvel Pandian about the dreaded “Kalpaks”, who, he says, will not allow anyone to live.

‘You will be missed’: Akshay Kumar mourns Nana Patekar’s demise

Mumbai: The sudden demise of veteran actor Nana Patekar at the age of 75 has left the Indian film industry mourning and in a state of shock. Among those remembering the late actor is Bollywood star Akshay Kumar, who shared an emotional note recalling his association with Patekar across two memorable films, Welcome and Housefull 5. Taking to his social media account, Akshay wrote, “Really saddened by the news of Nana ji’s passing. He was one of those rare actors who never needed to do too much to make you sit up and watch. That voice, that intensity, that honesty in every performance... he was completely his own.” Recalling their professional association, Akshay added, “I feel fortunate that we got to work together in Welcome, and then again more recently in Housefull 5. There are so many memories from those sets that I’ll always hold close.” Akshay further remembered the legendary actor as a performer who was truly one of a kind, and wrote, “Nana ji was truly one of a kind. It’s hard to believe you’re gone. Thank you for all the memories. You will be missed more than words can say.” Talking about Akshay Kumar and Nana Patekar’s professional association, they first shared screen space in Anees Bazmee’s 2007



comedy Welcome. Akshay played Rajiv, while Patekar essayed the character of Uday Shetty, which went on to attain iconic status. Nana Patekar’s chemistry in the movie with Anil Kapoor, who played Majnu Bhai, became one of the biggest highlights of the film. Nearly two decades later, the actors reunited for Housefull 5. The 2025 comedy featured Akshay as Julius, while Nana Patekar played Superintendent Dhagdu Hulgund. The film also starred Abhishek Bachchan, Riteish Deshmukh, Jacqueline Fernandez, Sonam Bajwa, Nargis Fakhri, Sanjay Dutt, Jackie Shroff and others. For the uninitiated, Nana Patekar passed away on Thursday, October 8, at the age of 75 after reportedly suffering a severe cardiac arrest at his residence in Dona Paula, Goa. He was reportedly found unconscious at home and was taken to Manipal Hospital.

Veteran Bollywood actor Nana Patekar no more

Hyderabad: Veteran Bollywood actor Nana Patekar is no more. He died of a heart stroke in Goa in the early hours of Thursday, according to reports reaching here. He was 74. He is survived by his wife and son. The iconic actor’s original name is Vishwanath Patekar but was popular as nana Patekar. He was a multifaceted personality. He was a film maker, writer and philanthropist and is well known for his work i Hindi and Marathi cinema. Known for his intense action and realistic performance, Nana Patekar set a trend in Bollywood with his inimitable dialogue delivery.



Invitation for various courses in Mahila Pranganam

Kamavarapu Kota, October 8, “District Pranganam Manager Dr Subeda Parveen requested inviting for free training classes for various courses for women in Sri Nandamuri Taraka Rama Rao Mahila Pranganam, Tadiklapudi, Kamavarapu Kota mandal, Eluru district. Parveen said in Pranganam there are Assistant Beauty Therapist, Hand Embroidery, Data Entry Operator, Tailoring, Elderly Care training course, “Child Care Taker courses.” Said interested candidates age should be 18 to 45 years for immediately getting registration done. District Manager Parveen said each course will be provided free for two months, for educational qualification more details contact numbers 9000803414, 9849874734.



Distribution of Pattadar passbooks with official seal to all farmers in districtCollector Vetri Selvi, MLA Chintamaneni Prabhakar

Eluru/Denduluru, October, 8: “District Collector K. Vetrivelvi said distribution of pattadar passbooks to all farmers in district will be done by March 2027. Collector distributed pattadar passbooks along with Denduluru MLA Chintamaneni Prabhakar on Thursday in Singavaram of



Denduluru mandal. Speaking as chief guest in program held on this occasion Collector Vetrivelvi said we are providing pattadar passbooks to farmers without any mistakes, with 13 strong security features. Said as per goal directed by State Chief Minister to distribute pattadar passbooks to all farmers in district by March, 2027 every month from 20 to 30 villages resurvey works are completed, and in next month pattadar passbooks with official seal are printed and provided to farmers. “Denduluru MLA Chintamaneni Prabhakar speaking said State Government has taken up distribution of pattadar passbooks printed with official seal without any mistakes very prestigiously. Said knowing government

priority District administration is taking measures to complete distribution of pattadar passbooks within stipulated time. “On this occasion as Parvathaneni Ramakrishna brought to notice of District Collector that there is two acres of government land in Singavaram limits and some have encroached it Collector directed Tahsildar to inquire into it and take immediate measures. “Eluru RDO Lakshmi Prasanna, Tahsildar Sumathi, Denduluru Market Committee Chairperson Garapati Rama Sita, Sitampeta Bank President Yalamarthi Srinivas, Mandal President Naganna Boyina Satyanarayana, local prominent persons Parasa Venkata Rao, Parvathaneni Ramakrishna, Boddheti Mohan Babu, etc. participated.

Right to vote for every eligible person Collector K. Vetrivelvi

Eluru, October, 8: District Collector K. Vetrivelvi said from 8th of this month onwards will go house to house in district and re-examine present status of those voters to include every eligible person in voters list. Said as part of 'Special Intensive Revision - 2026' (Special Intensive Revision) in notice stage Commission has decided to undertake a 'Special Drive' for re-examining status of ASDD (Absent, Shifted, Dead or Duplicate entry) voters/ineligible voters and for enrollment of new voters/voters not included in list. Said BLOs will examine status of deleted voters, list of deleted voters will be kept for examination in polling centres. Said in these cases if any voter name is found to be deleted by mistake, they will be given opportunity to fill 'Form-6'. Said this special program has been undertaken as part of program of including name of every eligible voter in voters list and removing names of ineligible. Said through 'continuous updation' process their name will be included in voters list. Said final voters list under SIR, 2026 (Special Summary Revision) in district will be published on 16.10.2026. Said voters whose name is not in final list to be published on 16th of this month and persons who



become eligible on subsequent eligibility dates, can submit 'Form-6' for enrollment of their name during 'continuous updation'.

Australia return to South Africa for first Test series since 2018 scandal

New Delhi: For the first time since that infamous incident shook Australian cricket and the world of cricket on a broader scale, Australia return to South Africa for a Test series. Only six survivors from the 2018 series, which Australia lost 1-3, are still in the squad for the upcoming three-match series that starts on Friday in Durban. The famous pace trio of Mitchell Starc, Pat Cummins and Josh Hazlewood, Nathan Lyon, and their then-skipper and now stand-in captain Steve Smith are the five who played in that infamous Cape Town Test and are still with the team. Renshaw is the sixth survivor from the

We are ready to conduct local elections: Collector Dr G. Lakshmisha

Special focus on voters lists, election material, polling centers

Vijayawada, October 08: District Collector, District Election Officer Dr G. Lakshmisha said NTR district machinery is fully ready to conduct local body elections efficiently. “State Election Commissioner Anil Chandra Punetha conducted video conference on Thursday from State Election Commission office... with District Collectors, SPs, CPs, Municipal Commissioners, ZP CEOs, DPOs, “district officials of concerned departments. Collector Dr G. Lakshmisha attended this VC along with officials from Collectorate Sri AVS Reddy Hall. State Election Commissioner... reviewed preparedness for local body elections. Gave direction on plan to be followed for conducting elections smoothly along with measures to be taken before elections. Made suggestions on voters list, security arrangements, facilities in polling stations,



staff training etc. Speaking on this occasion Collector Lakshmisha said all necessary arrangements will be made in accordance with Election Commission guidelines. Said taking advance measures so that no difficulties arise in election conduct.

Requested to make available module-wise training videos, links related to pre-polling, polling day, counting, staff duties, responsibilities in online website to further facilitate advance preparedness required for conduct of local body elections, required material, basic facilities required in polling stations, election staff training. “DRO M. Lakshmi Narasimham, DPO T. Seetha Mahalaxmi etc. participated in video conference.

If you overcome stress.. health, performance better!

Mental stress should be identified in early stage and overcome: Dr G. Samaram

Mental health programs successfully under supervision of District Collector Lakshmisha



Vijayawada, October 08: Prominent doctor Dr G. Samaram said if mental stress is identified in early stage and proper precautions taken health, performance will improve. Said by managing stress efficiently personal efficiency can be increased. “Awareness program on mental health, stress management was conducted on Thursday for employees under auspices of Akarsha Foundation, district official machinery in NTR District Collector Camp Office meeting hall. Psychologist Dr T.S. Rao presided over program. Dr G. Samaram gave valuable suggestions on way employees manage stress. Said due to long-term stress there is possibility of impact on aspects like sleep, appetite, memory, concentration.

Said stress can be reduced by daily walk, sufficient sleep, spending time with family members, following healthy lifestyle. Collector Dr G. Lakshmisha speaking said this is 20th program among mental health programs being conducted for employees. Said such programs are very useful for employees to work mentally enthusiastic, healthy. In program Psychologists Kavitha, Jagadish gave suggestions on Stress Management. In special counseling many employees discussed their personal problems with experts and got advice. In program Akarsha Foundation Chairman Dr Shankara Rao, Collectorate Nodal Officer G. Jyothi, Psychologists, officials, employees etc participated.



MLA Roshan Kumar says awareness should be created on nutritious food



Kamavarapu Kota, October 8, Chintalapudi MLA Roshan Kumar suggested that awareness should be created among pregnant women, lactating mothers, children on nutritious food. He participated in closing program of Poshan Ma... Seva Sankalpam Abhiyan program conducted on Thursday in Arya Vysya Kalyana Mandapam in Kamavarapu Kota under auspices of ICDS officials. MLA inspected nutrition stalls arranged in premises. He observed food made with millets, Balamrutham samples... and appreciated organizers. Speaking on this occasion MLA said... we are doing service programs with inspiration of PM Modi,



CM Chandrababu... said society development is possible only if mothers, children are healthy. State official spokesperson Shyam Chandra Seshu, former AMC Koneru Venkata Subbarao, former ZPTC Ganta Sudheer Babu, Koneru Mohan, ICDS officials, alliance leaders participated in this program.

FOREST SECTION OFFICER 0/0 THE FOREST RANGE OFFICER, KHANAPUR RANGE & DIVISION OF NIRMAL DISTRICT IN ACB NET

AMEER HUSSAIN CRIME BEURO CHIEF : the Accused Officer (AO), Sri. Aindla Ravinder, Forest Section Officer, Khanapur Range & Division, Nirmal District, was caught red-handed by the ACB officials of Adilabad Range when he demanded and accepted the bribe amount of Rs. 12,000/- from the complainant for showing an official favour, i.e., for visiting and forwarding the inspection report to the higher authorities for renewal of the Timber Depot licence pertaining to the complainant. The tainted bribe amount of Rs. 12,000/- was recovered from possession of the AO. Thus, the AO performed his duties improperly and dishonestly to obtain undue advantage. Therefore, the AO is being arrested and produced before the Hon'ble Special Judge for SPE & ACB Cases, Karimnagar. The case is under investigation. The details of the complainant are withheld for security reasons.

CELL PHONE NUMBER-1064 (TOLL FREE NUMBER): In case of demand of bribe by any Public Servant, the public are requested to contact Toll Free Number of ACB i.e., 1064 for tak-



ing action as per Law. ACB Telangana can also be contacted through social media platforms. whatsapp (9440446106), facebook (Telangana ACB), X/formerly twitter (@Telangana ACB). The QR Code of ACB is displayed in all Government offices and prominent public to contact ACB, Telangana. The name and details of the victim/complainant will be kept secret.

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SENIOR CIVIL JUDGE cum SECRETARY DLSA A SRIDEVI ANALYSIS CHILDREN HOME OF BOYS & GIRLS

AMEER HUSSAIN CRIME BEURO CHIEF: Smt. A. Sridevi, Secretary of the District Legal Services Authority (Sessions Division, Nampally, Hyderabad), visited the Divya Jyothi Boys' Children's Home and the Vaidehi Girls' Children's Home in Saidabad today. "During the visit, Smt. A. Sridevi interacted with the children and inquired about their education, health, safety, food, accommodation, daily needs, and overall welfare. After inspecting the facilities provided at the children's homes, she advised the management and staff to ensure a safe, healthy, and child-friendly environment for the children.

She also directed them to create necessary awareness regarding children's rights and the free legal aid and services available to them. She emphasized the need



to take measures to ensure that every child receives quality education, care, and safety. Administrators, staff, and other representatives of the respective children's homes participated in this program.

Encouragement to those who showed talent: Trust Chairman Veeramalla Madhu



Kamavarapu Kota, October 8, "Sahaya Foundation Trust Chairman Veeramalla Madhu said by encouraging those who showed talent they will excel even better. Hostel warden Anjana, School Management Committee Chairman Bobbili Don Diwakar who recently received Swachh Andhra Award were felicitated in Ladies Hostel premises. Speaking on this occasion warden Anjana, SMC Chairman Don Diwakar said felicitating under auspices of Sahaya Foundation Trust increases more responsibility in us. Several speak-

ers speaking said should study for golden future, study well and bring name to parents, teachers, school, along with hostel to village. Said girls should have awareness about bad touch, good touch. On occasion of Saujan Sai birthday pens were distributed to hundred students. In this program Trust Honorary President TVS Raju, Working President Munnangi Srinivas, Anganwadi Teacher Ratnamala, SMC Directors Bandela Raju, Bandela Kishore, Mallelli Kantha Rao, girl students participated

Eluru Collector Vetri Selvi turned into teacher

Eluru/Denduluru, October, 8: District Collector K. Vetriselvi exhorted students that we are providing corporate level education teaching in government schools in district, accordingly students should learn education with interest not with difficulty. District Collector K. Vetriselvi



along with local MLA Chintamaneni Prabhakar conducted surprise inspection on Thursday at Sri Mavulati Somaraju Zilla Parishad High School in Singavaram of Denduluru mandal. Collector examined teachers teaching, students talent levels. Speaking on this occasion Collector Vetriselvi said state government is giving utmost priority to education development and spending thousands of crores of rupees. Said providing free textbooks, notebooks, uniform, shoes, school bags etc. necessary for students, providing nutritious food through midday meal. Said government schools have all basic facilities like digital classrooms, playgrounds,

labs, and said qualified teachers are teaching in government schools. Said with support state government is providing for education development students should focus on education and achieve best results. Denduluru MLA Chintamaneni Prabhakar speaking said with measures government is taking for education development education standards level has increased in government schools. Said should ensure every student, teachers attend school at stipulated time. "RDO Lakshmi Prasanna, Tahsildar Sumathi, officials of various departments participated along with Collector.

Rs 1.27 crore income to Chinna Venkanna



Eluru district, Dwaraka Tirumala, October 8, Dwaraka Tirumala Chinna Venkanna prominent pilgrimage center in district got huge income through hundis. Temple EO Vendra Trinadha Rao said for past 15 days period Swamy got high income in form of cash of Rs 1.27 crore rupees. Hundi counting program was conducted on Thursday in local Pramoda Kalyana Mandapa pre-

mises. Temple officials, staff participated in this counting held amid utmost security arrangements. Temple EO Trinadha Rao said in this hundi counting Swamy got income of 1,27,88,160 rupees. Also as devotees offerings 167 grams gold 1 kilo 573 grams silver was obtained, as well as foreign currency also EO Vendra Trinadha Rao said.

BJYM celebrates Modi's 25 years in public service



Guntur: Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha on Wednesday conducted Seva Jyothi Yatra on the occasion of Prime Minister Narendra Modi completing 25 years in public service. BJP state headquarters in-charge Uppalapati Srinivasa Raju and district president Cherukuri Tirupathi Rao formally launched the yatra in Guntur city. Before the Seva Jyothi Yatra, the participants watched a live telecast of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's ad-

dress to the people of the country at Yogi Bhavan at Arundalpet here. Later, the party workers took the Developed India (Viksit Bharat) Sankalp pledge and participated in the Seva Jyothi Yatra. The yatra began at Yogi Bhavan at the third line of Arundalpet, passed through the Library and the 10th Line of Arundalpet, and culminated at Vajpayee Circle at Lakshmipuram.

Farmers briefed on land pooling procedure

Guntur: District collector CM Saikanth Varma clarified that land would be taken for land pooling only to the extent of the actual area shown by the farmers. He addressed a grama sabha held at Vaddamanu village in Tulluru mandal as part of the second phase of Amaravati land pooling on Wednesday. Speaking on the occasion, he said that the actual extent of land would be taken for land pooling based on the resurvey records and Pattadar Passbooks. He asked farmers to produce documents showing clear boundaries of their lands. Farmers willing to participate in land pooling were asked to submit their Aadhaar card, bank passbook, Pattadar Passbook, title deed, registration documents related to the land, link documents, Aadhaar-linked mobile number and two photographs. He said that in cases where lands include donka roads or government land, only



the actual extent of the privately owned land would be taken for land pooling. The farmers informed the collector that there were discrepancies between the measurements recorded in their old land documents, which had been in their possession for a long time, and the measurements reflected in the resurvey records. AP CRDA additional commissioner Kollabattula Karthik, Revenue divisional officer K Srinivasa Rao, deputy collector Raghavendra and tahsildar Haribabu were present.

Mandatory helmet use emphasized as police push for road safety



Puttaparthi: District SP S Satish Kumar urged two-wheeler riders to wear quality helmets during an awareness event in Kothacheruvu. Highlighting a 30 percent drop—or 174 fewer road accidents—since January 2026, he noted that two-wheelers previously drove 75 percent of fatal crashes. The SP stressed that a Rs

750 ISI-marked helmet is invaluable compared to a Rs 1,000 fine. Highlighting strict 'drunk and drive' enforcement resulting in 42 remands, he emphasized that public discipline, the 'Trishul' initiative, and inter-departmental coordination are essential to preventing tragedies and saving lives across the district.

Over 400 teenage pregnancies per month a concern in Chittoor: Collector Sumit Kumar



Chittoor: District Collector Sumit Kumar said that more than 400 teenage pregnancy cases are being reported in Chittoor district every month cautioning that it is a matter of serious concern. He directed all departments to work in coordination and take proactive steps to prevent child marriages and teenage pregnancies. Addressing officials on the occasion of Poshan Maah-2026 on Wednesday, the Collector said child marriages and teenage pregnancies were closely linked and had a serious impact on girls' health, nutrition, education and future. He asked officials to understand their responsibilities under the law and take timely action to prevent such cases. Special attention should be given to vulnerable areas, including Kuppam, some forest villages, Palamaner, Peddapanjani, Palasamudram and villages along the district border. At the village level, ASHA workers, Anganwadi workers, ANMs and self-help group members should remain alert and immediately inform the authorities about any possible child marriage. He stressed the need for coordination among the revenue, education,

health, ICDS, DRDA-DWCRA and police departments. The Collector announced a three-month special awareness campaign on child marriages and teenage pregnancies. During the campaign, discussions on the issue should be made mandatory at every self-help group meeting. Girls and parents should be made aware of the health risks associated with teenage pregnancy and the legal consequences of child marriage. Sumit Kumar said poverty, lack of awareness, social and cultural factors, inadequate fear of legal action and weak field-level monitoring were some of the reasons contributing to the problem. Field-level officials should identify vulnerable areas and submit regular reports. Local MLA Gurajala Jagan Mohan said families should give greater importance to nutritious food and include vegetables, leafy greens, fruits, millets, pulses and other protein-rich foods in their daily diet. He said steps were being taken to improve basic facilities at Anganwadi centres. On this occasion, Srimantham and Annaprashana programmes were also conducted for pregnant women and children.

Chittoor gets mobile forensic vehicle to strengthen crime investigation



Chittoor: Chittoor district has received a District Mobile Forensic Vehicle to strengthen the collection and examination of forensic evidence during criminal investigations under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) Act, 2023. Superintendent of Police Tushar Dudi, Non-Cadre SP SR Rajashekar Raju and other police officials inspected the mobile forensic vehicle allotted to the district at the Chittoor Armed Reserve office. The officials examined the scientific equipment installed in the vehicle and reviewed its functioning. The mobile forensic vehicle is equipped with scientific instruments, LCD screens and other modern equipment required for collecting physical evidence at crime scenes. It can be used to conduct preliminary examinations of blood samples and other evidence at the spot, helping forensic personnel carry out immediate analysis and provide preliminary reports at the scene

itself. The facility is expected to be particularly useful in serious criminal cases involving punishment of seven years or more. By enabling scientific evidence to be collected and examined at the crime scene, the vehicle can help investigators establish facts more quickly and improve the chances of identifying and prosecuting offenders. Vehicles The mobile forensic facility is also aimed at reducing delays in the examination of evidence and strengthening the quality of investigation. Timely collection and analysis of forensic evidence can help police build stronger cases and improve the conviction rate. Speaking on the occasion, SP Tushar Dudi said the forensic vehicle would help police make better use of technology in crime investigation. He said the facility would contribute to efforts to prevent crime and ensure speedy justice to victims.