

PANCHANGAM

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Krishna Paksha Dasami
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TG Government to introduce new Healthcare Policy in 2026-2027 budget

Transgenders to be nominated as Co-Option members in Municipal Corporations : CM Revanth Reddy

CM Revanth Reddy attended a programme of launch of welfare schemes exclusively for persons with disabilities in Praja Bhavan



(Capital Information)
Hyderabad : Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy has announced that the Telangana Government would introduce a new Healthcare Policy in the next budget proposals of the 2026-2027 financial year.

The Chief Minister launched the free distribution of retrofitted motorized vehicles, battery-operated tricycles, battery wheelchairs, laptops, hearing aids, mobile phones, and other advanced equipment to persons with disabilities at Praja Bhavan today. Rs 50 crore funds have been allocated for the new scheme.

Speaking on the occasion, the CM said that the government is committed to provide better health care for all in the state and hence the government decided to introduce a new health policy in the next budget.

Further, CM Revanth Reddy also declared that Transgenders will be nominated as Co-Option members in all Municipal Corporations in the next elections. One co-option member post will be allotted to Transgenders in every municipal corporation. Such a new facility will help the transgenders to raise their issues.

Stating that the government

has already launched a slew of schemes for the welfare of persons with disabilities, the Chief Minister said that the government will enact a law to give 10 per cent of the salary of the government employees to their neglected elder parents every month. The CM emphasized that the complaints lodged by elder parents against their sons should be taken as a serious issue and ensure that 10 per cent of the salary is directly transferred to the parents' bank accounts. The Government was also setting up day care centers - 'Pranaam' for senior citizens.

"Our government is working from a humanitarian perspective to ensure that persons with disabilities live with self-respect in society", CM Revanth Reddy said that the State Government was allocating sufficient funds for their welfare every year.

For the empowerment of the persons with disabilities, the Chief Minister also said that a special quota was provided to them in education and employment. The State Government has already announced that Rs 2 lakh will be given to the newly wedded persons with disabilities. A government job was also given to a girl who won a medal in the Paralympics.

The CM highlighted the People's Government was providing opportunities to persons with disabilities in all fields so that they do not feel left behind in this competitive world. CM Revanth Reddy also appealed to utilize the opportunities provided by the government and

grow in life with self-confidence. The Chief Minister remembered former Union Minister Jaipal Reddy, who rose to become the Best Parliamentarian and an inspiration to persons with disabilities. Jaipal Reddy reached great heights despite facing disability.

Reaffirming the government's commitment to social justice and equal opportunities for all, CM Revanth Reddy said that the Caste census conducted for the first time in the Telangana State in the country was a role model to all other states. Bowing to pressure from Telangana, the union government has agreed to conduct a caste census as part of the national census.

The people's government was also implementing SC classification and providing equal opportunities, the CM said that the Praja Bhavan doors were opened for all to address the people's grievances instantly. In the previous BRS government, people were restricted to enter the Bhavan. "Now, the 'Dharma Ghanta' in Praja Bhavan is solving people's issues. Let us transform Telangana state into a role model and a welfare state for the poor in the country".



Sankranti Rangoli Competitions Enthrall Spectators : Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy

(Capital Information)
Khammam Bureau : Telangana Minister for Revenue, Housing and Information & Public Relations Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy said that the Sankranti rangoli (muggulu) competitions were organised in a manner that captivated spectators. The Minister, along with his spouse, participated in the Sankranti Rangoli Competition programme held at Sai Prabhath Nagar in Edulapuram on Monday and distributed prizes to the winners along with Khammam MP Ramasahayam Raghuram Reddy.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy expressed his wish that people celebrate the Sankranti festival with prosperity, happiness and abundance. He appreciated the enthusiastic participation of 840 women in the rangoli competitions and said that every rangoli design was more impressive than the other, reflecting exceptional creativity and skill.

The Minister noted that the rangolis beautifully conveyed public awareness messages on road safety, protection of girl children and farmer welfare initiatives being implemented by the government. He said Sankranti is a festival that brings special joy to women and praised their role in preserving cultural traditions. He also thanked the judges for conducting the evaluation impartially and selecting the winners with fairness.

Khammam MP Ramasahayam Raghuram Reddy, in his address, congratulated the women participants for creating rangolis based on diverse and meaningful themes such as Save the Girl Child, Don't Drink and Drive, Follow Road Safety Rules, and Indian Army. He said such creative expressions play a vital role in spreading social awareness.

The programme was attended by Maddulapalli Market Committee Chairman Harinath Babu, Edulapuram Municipal Commissioner Srinivasa Reddy, Tahsildar Ram Prasad, officials, public representatives and local residents.



Senior Congress leader Ravinder Rao joins BRS in presence of KTR

Hyderabad: Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy suggested that the traffic police introduce an auto debit system for the payment of traffic challans, directly linking the amount to the vehicle owner's bank account.

He said the vehicle owner's bank account should be synchronised with the department while registering a vehicle so that whenever a challan is issued, the amount is automatically deducted. Revanth Reddy made the suggestion while addressing a road safety programme here on Monday.

"When an owner gets a vehicle registered, his bank account details should also be recorded. When a vehicle is involved in over-speeding or any other violation, the traffic challan amount should be debited from the owner's account," he said.



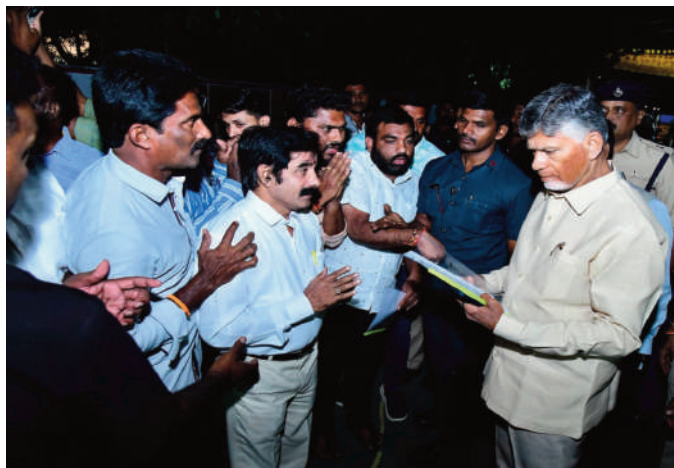
CM Chandrababu Naidu arrives in Naravaripalle for sankranti celebrations

(Capital Information)

Chandragiri /Naravaripalle : Chief minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu reached his native village, Naravaripalle, to participate in the four-day sankranti festivities alongside his family members and village residents. Following a series of review meetings with ministers, secretaries, and collectors at the secretariat on Monday, the chief minister arrived at his residence in the evening. He is scheduled to engage with local residents, party workers, and leaders during the festive celebrations starting Tuesday. In addition to the festivities, the chief minister will inaugurate and lay foundation stones for several developmental projects in both Naravaripalle and Tirupati.

Inauguration of key developmental projects

On Tuesday morning at 8:00 am, the chief minister will participate in the sankranti celebrations organized at the ttd kalyana mandapam premises in



the village. Later in the afternoon, he will visit the Seshachala Lingeswara Swamy temple to officially open the newly constructed road from arangampeta-bhimavaram road to the temple shrine, completed at a cost of 70 lakh rupees. The schedule also includes the inauguration of a 33/11 kv semi-indoor substation and a 1.4 crore rupee skill building center de-

signed to provide industrial training to the youth.

In Tirupati, the chief minister will inaugurate the patient attendant amenities complex at the Sri Venkateswara Ramnarain Ruia government hospital, constructed for 45 lakh rupees. He will also open the newly built boys hostel and girls hostel at SV university, completed at a cost of 7.5 crore rupees and 5

crore rupees respectively. **Foundation stones for future infrastructure**

Several major infrastructure projects will be initiated during this visit. The chief minister will lay the foundation stone for a 126 crore rupee water supply project aimed at diverting water from the neeva branch canal to the kalyani dam and five local tanks, including the mulapalli tank. Furthermore, he will initiate the construction of centralized advanced research labs at SV university with an investment of 6 crore rupees, along with the second floor of the academic building and campus compound walls.

Special prayers at Nagalamma temple

On January 15, the chief minister will visit the village deity, Nagalamma, with his family members to offer special prayers. Following the temple visit and local interactions, he will conclude his four-day tour and depart from Naravaripalle to return to Amaravati.

CM's Mahabubnagar Visit on Jan 17: Minister Jupally Reviews Arrangements

(Capital Information)

Mahabubnagar : State Excise, Tourism and Culture Minister Jupally Krishna Rao on Monday reviewed arrangements for Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy's visit to Mahabubnagar district scheduled on January 17. The Chief Minister will lay foundation stones and inaugurate key development projects worth around ₹1,200 crore, the Minister said.

Addressing a review meeting at the District Collectorate, Mr. Jupally said the CM would launch several major works including the construction of an IIIT (Indian Institute of Information Technology) campus, underground drainage system, permanent drinking water supply scheme and the MVS College building. These projects would serve as major milestones in strengthening education and infrastructure in Mahabubnagar district, he added.

The Minister held detailed discussions with officials on public meeting arrangements, security measures and provision of basic amenities. He instructed all



departments to work in close coordination, as the visit was highly prestigious and large public participation was expected. Issues related to venue and stage arrangements, road development, traffic regulation, drinking water, electricity supply, medical facilities, sanitation and security were reviewed in detail.

Local MLA Yennam Srinivas Reddy said the Chief Minister's visit would give a fresh impetus to the district's development and urged officials to ensure that all

arrangements were completed within the stipulated time without causing inconvenience to the public.

Devarakadra MLA G. Madhusudan Reddy, District Collector Vijayendra Boi, MUDA Chairman Lakshman Yadav, District Library Organisation Chairman Mallu Narasimha Reddy, senior district and police officials were present.

Officials made a PowerPoint presentation on the arrangements completed so far, following which the Minister directed them to expedite the remaining works. After the meeting, the Minister, along with MLAs and officials, inspected the proposed IIIT college site at Chittaboinapally and the MVS College premises where the Chief Minister's public meeting will be held.

Additional Collector (Local Bodies) Shivendra Pratap, Additional Collector (Revenue) Madhusudan Naik, RDO Naveen and other officials attended the review.



Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao Releases MPJ New Year Calendar

(Capital Information)

Khammam Bureau : State Agriculture Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao on Sunday released the 2026 New Year calendar brought out by the Movement for Peace and Justice (MPJ) at his camp office in Khammam.

Speaking on the occasion, the minister appreciated the services rendered by the Movement for Peace and Justice in pro-

moting peace, justice, and social harmony in society. He said that organisations like MPJ play a vital role in strengthening human values and social responsibility among people and expressed hope that such activities would be expanded further for the benefit of society.

MPJ State Vice-President Shaik Khasim, District Treasurer MD Hakeem, Secretary MD Rajab Ali, former City Library Chairman MD Ashrif, National President of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Youth Association Lingala Ravikumar, Congress leader Md Saad, MPJ district members Sk. Hussain Miya, Syed Ismail, Sk Jani, Sd Rafiq, and others attended the programme.



Grand Welcome to KTR in Shadnagar - Huge Turnout of Party Cadres - 'CM, CM' Slogans Echo the Area From His Convoy, KTR Calls Out "Where is Anjanna?" and Draws Him Closer Amidst the Crowd

(Special Correspondent)

Shadnagar : BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) received a grand welcome in Shadnagar on the Shadnagar town bypass road towards Keshampet, while he was en route to Mahabubnagar. The welcome was organised under the leadership of former MLA Y. Anjiah Yadav.

Party workers from six mandals and Shadnagar town gathered in such large numbers that the entire area turned into a sea of people. With the massive crowd surrounding the convoy, KTR,



from inside his vehicle, called out "Where is An-

janna?" and brought him closer, drawing loud cheers

from the gathering. As KTR's convoy moved slowly through the crowd, party cadres raised resounding slogans of "CM, CM," creating an electrifying atmosphere.

Speaking on the occasion, former Keshampet MPP and senior BRS leader Y. Ravinder Yadav said that the huge turnout of party workers in response to just a single message reflected the growing public dissatisfaction

with the Congress government. He alleged that the ruling party had deceived people with its so-called guarantees.

He clarified that this was not a public meeting, but merely a welcome programme for KTR. "Even without a public meeting, such a massive crowd gathered only to greet KTR, which clearly shows the ground-level support for BRS," he said. Ravinder Yadav expressed confidence that the BRS would certainly return to power in the future.

Kolattam Team Performs Gajje Pooja

(Capital Information)
Sathupalli : A Gajje Pooja ceremony was organised by the Sri Ganapati Utsav Committee at Post Office Road in Sathupalli town, marking the completion of two months of

fully completing the training and performing traditional Kolattam dances. The trained Kolattam team impressed the audience with their coordinated dance performances and received appreciation



Kolattam training. The programme was conducted under the guidance of Kolattam trainer K. Nani from Gauri Gudem village, with 25 women participants success-

from the Ganapati Utsav Committee members.

Speaking on the occasion, team member Panem Rani expressed gratitude to the committee for providing a

platform to showcase their talent and to their guru K. Nani for dedicated training. She said the initiative reflects a strong commitment to preserving and passing on traditional cultural art forms to the younger generation.

She further stated that through annual celebrations such as Ganesh Navaratri and Bathukamma, the committee has been playing a key role in promoting cultural unity and women's artistic expression. In an era dominated by mobile phones and television, such cultural and devotional activities help foster mental peace, joy, and social bonding.

Completing the Kolattam training together and performing the Gajje Pooja as a team, she said, was a memorable and proud moment for all participants.

GHMC Commissioner Reviews Mega E-Waste Collection Drive, Urges Public Participation



(Capital Information)
Hyderabad : Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) Commissioner R. V. Karnan on Monday visited the Mega E-Waste Collection Drive at Baghlingampally in Musheerabad Circle and reviewed the arrangements made for the collection and scientific disposal of electronic waste.

During the inspection, the

Commissioner examined the e-waste collection camps and facilities set up at the site. He interacted with field staff and enquired about the functioning of special vehicles and dedicated counters deployed as part of the drive.

Commissioner Karnan appreciated the efforts of the sanitation teams and officials involved in organising the

drive. Emphasising the importance of responsible e-waste management, he appealed to citizens to actively participate by handing over obsolete and unused electronic items at designated collection centres.

He cautioned that improper disposal of electronic waste leads to environmental pollution and poses seri-

ous health hazards, and stressed the need for public cooperation to ensure the success of the initiative.

The Mega E-Waste Collection Drive is being conducted by the GHMC as part of its ongoing efforts to promote sustainable waste management practices and enhance environmental protection across the city.

Arrived like a festival...Lit up the town with development...Festival of development works in the municipality... MLA Veerlapalli Shankar lays foundation stones and inaugurates multiple CC roads worth ₹6.49 crores

(Special Correspondent)
Shadnagar : Drawing rangolis (muggulu) is a natural tradition during the Sankranti festival. Now, the ruling party too is drawing rangolis — but not the ones at the doorstep. These are rangolis of development.

On Monday, the Shadnagar Municipality witnessed this vibrant development fervour across several wards. The hustle and bustle of leaders and party workers created a festive atmosphere throughout the town.

He arrived like a festival and illuminated the town with progress," is how leaders, party workers, and ward residents alike are praising Shadnagar MLA Veerlapalli Shankar. With a massive vehicle rally, the Congress cadre marched forward and launched development works worth ₹6.49 crore across multiple wards.

Here are the highlights of the development works: Shadnagar MLA and Chairman of



Telangana State Government Public Sector Committees, Veerlapalli Shankar, launched a series of development programmes in various wards of the town in connection with Swami Vivekananda Jayanti.

As part of the programme: In Ward No. 10, CC road inauguration near TV Srinivas Hospital,

In Ward No. 25, inauguration of Kuntabadi Road,

In Ward No. 6, road inauguration near V Convention Hall and foundation stone laying for another CC road in the same

ward,

In Patel Road interior areas covering Wards 19, 20, and 21, inauguration of CC roads,

In Ward No. 2, foundation stone laid for CC road and internal drainage works near Noble Park, In the town Community Hospital, inauguration of a medical shop,

In Ward No. 14, inauguration of the main road and CC road, and foundation stone laid for CC road construction near the Gandhi statue,

In Ward No. 1, foundation stone laid for CC road construction,

Foundation stone laid for SC Community Hall construction works.

The MLA participated in and inaugurated all these programmes consecutively.

"Swami Vivekananda's services are an inspiration" : MLA Veerlapalli Shankar

MLA Veerlapalli Shankar stated that the services rendered by Swami Vivekananda, who provided direction to the youth, continue to inspire the present generation. On the occasion of Vivekananda Jayanti, he paid floral tributes at the

Swami Vivekananda statue in Farooqnagar. Later, at the MLA camp office, agricultural mechanisation tools were distributed to farmers under the Agriculture Department. Alongside development initiatives, the MLA actively participated in various social programmes, energising leaders and party workers. With a large turnout of leaders at the events, the Sankranti festive spirit was visible well in advance.

Towards a Shandar (Grand) Shadnagar" : MLA Veerlapalli Shankar

Addressing the media later,

the MLA asserted that Shadnagar Municipality would be developed comprehensively into a "Shandar Shadnagar." He said that road and drainage issues exist in every ward and that keeping this in view, funds are being sanctioned systematically to steer all wards towards development. He assured that issues would be resolved in all wards irrespective of party affiliations.

"Youth are the strength of development" : Youth Congress State General Secretary Andamohan

Speaking on the occasion, Youth Congress State General Secretary Andamohan said that under the leadership of MLA Veerlapalli Shankar, Shadnagar town is rapidly progressing on the path of development. He appreciated the approach of involving youth as partners in development programmes and called upon them to take responsibility for taking government welfare and development initiatives to the people.

The programme was organised under the leadership of Town President Konkalla Cheniah. Municipal Commissioner Sunitha, Market Committee Vice Chairman Mohammad Ali Khan Babar, former Municipal Chairman Aggunuru Vishwam, Jamrud Khan, Aggunuru Basavam, Chendi Tirupathi Reddy, Mubarak Ali Khan, Khadeer, Ibrahim, along with several other leaders and a large number of party workers, participated in the

Collector Calls for Successful Conduct of CM Cup Sports Events

(Capital Information)
Mahabubnagar : District Collector Vijayendra Boi on Monday directed officials to ensure the smooth and successful conduct of the CM Cup sports competitions across the district.

Addressing a district-level coordination meeting held at the Collectorate conference hall after the Prajavani programme, the Collector reviewed arrangements for the CM Cup events and other ongoing development works. She instructed officials to organise the sports competitions at village, mandal, constituency and district levels through coordinated efforts of Mandal Parishad Development Officers (MPDOs), Mandal Education Officers (MEOs) and Physical Education Teachers (PETs).

The Collector said that committees have been constituted at village, mandal, constituency, district and state levels for effective conduct of the CM Cup. The



competitions will be held from January 17 to February 23, from the village level up to the state level. She emphasised that all participating teams in sub-junior, junior and senior categories must mandatorily register online on the official website prior to the commencement of the events. PETs, sports associations and officials were asked to facilitate registration of students and youth.

He further directed that medical camps with first-aid facilities be arranged at every sports venue in coordination with the Health Department.

Reviewing development works, the Collector instructed

APMs to identify land where required, pass Gram Panchayat resolutions and submit proposals through MPDOs by Tuesday for construction of village women federation buildings. He said ₹10 lakh would be sanctioned under EGS for construction of a 100-metric-tonne godown in each mandal, and directed mandal special officers to submit proposals through MPDOs.

The Collector said ₹2 lakh each has been sanctioned for construction of toilets in 139

schools in the district and asked MEOs and MPDOs to coordinate with Panchayat Raj engineering officials to complete the works by the end of February. She also noted that toilets are required in 233 Anganwadi centres and said ₹52,000 per toilet would be sanctioned within a week, with instructions to complete the works by February through coordination among CDPOs, supervisors and MPDOs.

In view of the Sankranti festival, the Collector directed officials to undertake a sanitation drive in all villages on Monday and Tuesday, including desilting of drains, cleaning, and removal of garbage heaps and weeds.

Additional Collector (Local Bodies) Shivendra Pratap, Additional Collector (Revenue) Madhusudan Naik, ZP CEO Venkata Reddy, DRDO Narasimhulu and other officials were present at the meeting.

Madhira Witnessed Real Development Only Under BRS Rule : Nama Nageswara Rao

(Capital Information)
Madhira : Former MP and BRS Municipal Election In-charge Nama Nageswara Rao stated that Madhira town witnessed real and visible development only during the BRS government, while the Congress government failed to contribute anything to the municipality even after two years in power. He was addressing a BRS municipal election preparatory meeting held at the party office in Madhira, chaired by former ZPTC Chairman and Assembly In-charge Lingala Kamal Raju.

Nama Nageswara Rao said that with municipal elections approaching, the Congress party has started new political dramas in the name of development committees and fund sanctions. He criticised the Congress government for destroying roads under the pretext of underground drainage works and



failing even to repair them. He alleged that the "Six Guarantees" promised by Congress remain unfulfilled and called upon party cadres to question the government by campaigning with a "Bhatti Due Card" instead of the guarantee card.

Highlighting the achievements of the BRS regime, he said that major works such as central lighting, Lakaram Tank Bund, integrated vegetable and non-vegetarian market, parks, indoor stadium, 100-

bed hospital, farmer platforms, dumping yard, Ambedkar statue, community hall, court building and registration office were all completed during the rule of KCR. He expressed confidence that BRS would once again hoist the party flag and secure a hat-trick victory in Madhira municipality. BRS leaders, activists, and party cadres attended the meeting, and later several TDP leaders joined the BRS in Madhira town.



CMPF Passbooks Distributed to Singareni Contract Workers

(Capital Information)
Kothagudem : CMPF passbooks for the year 2023-24 were distributed to contract workers working in the corporate area of Singareni Collieries Company Limited at a programme held in the Civil Department, Kothagudem. The programme was conducted under the chairmanship of GM (Civil) D. Venkateswarlu. CMPF Regional Commissioner-I K. Vamsidhar Kusumb attended as chief guest, while CMPF Regional Commissioner M. Kanakamma and GM (Personnel) Welfare & CSR G. V. Kiran Kumar participated as distinguished guests. Officials advised contract workers to ensure regular CMPF recovery and not to withdraw the amount, explaining that continuous contributions for 10 years make employees and their families eligible for pension benefits. CMPF Assistant Commissioner P. Chiranjeevi, DGM (Personnel) IR Wing Y.V.L. Varaprasad, SE (Civil) P. Rajendra Prasad, AITUC Branch Secretary S.V. Ramanamurthy, INTUC Vice President S. Pitambar Rao, CMPF officials, Civil Department officers, employees, and contract workers were present.

Preparations on for Manyamkonda Brahmotsavams from Feb 28

(Capital Information)
Mahabubnagar : Additional Collector (Local Bodies) Shivendra Pratap has directed officials to ensure comprehensive arrangements for the smooth conduct of the Brahmotsavams of Sri Lakshmi Venkateswara Swamy at Manyamkonda, scheduled to be held from February 28 to March 5.

The Additional Collector chaired a preparatory coordination meeting with officials of various departments at the Integrated District Offices complex on Monday to review the arrangements. He stressed that all necessary measures should be taken to ensure that devotees face no inconvenience during the annual festival at Manyamkonda, popularly known as the "Mini Tirupati of Telangana."

Officials were instructed to make adequate arrangements for drinking water, sanitation, toilets, crowd



management and security. He emphasised that there should be no untoward incidents and that devotees should have smooth and hassle-free darshan of the presiding deity. Various committees were constituted for the effective conduct of the Brahmotsavams, and officials were asked to discharge their assigned duties responsibly. An integrated control room with representatives from key departments was also proposed to continuously monitor the arrangements.

Highlighting the major

events, he said that special precautions should be taken on February 1, when the Garuda Vahana Seva and the Rathotsavam are scheduled, as well as on other peak days, to manage heavy crowds effectively.

The police department was asked to deploy adequate security personnel, while the RTC was directed to operate sufficient buses and arrange mini-bus services to the hill shrine. The health department was instructed to set up special medical camps with doctors

and medicines at the hilltop and at the Alivelu Mangataryu temple at the foothills. Transco officials were directed to ensure uninterrupted power supply with standby generators.

The fire services department was asked to remain alert with necessary fire-fighting equipment both at the hilltop and foothills. Excise officials were instructed to enforce a ban on consumption and sale of liquor in and around the temple premises during the festival. R&B officials were asked to arrange

barricading, while the rural water supply department was directed to ensure adequate drinking water facilities. Additional sanitation staff were to be deployed to maintain cleanliness, and swimmers were to be stationed at the temple tank on peak days as a safety measure.

Committees including peace and security, festival management, water and sanitation, food and monitoring were constituted for the smooth conduct of the Brahmotsavams. On the occasion, the Additional Collector also released the Brahmotsavams poster.

Temple hereditary trustee Alahari Madhusudan, Assistant Commissioner and Executive Officer G. Srinivasa Raju, Additional SP N.B. Ratnam, ZP CEO Venkat Reddy, RDO Naveen, District Library Organisation Chairman Mallu Narasimha Reddy and officials from various departments were present.



Swami Vivekananda Jayanti Celebrated by Lords Schools

Hyderabad : The 163rd birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda was celebrated with great enthusiasm under the aegis of Lords Schools at Vivekananda Cross Roads in Jillelaguda on Sunday.

The programme was held under the leadership of former Meerpet councillor Anil Kumar Yadav. Cultural performances by students of Lords Schools emerged as a major highlight of the event, drawing appreciation from the audience.

As part of the celebrations, students from the RN Reddy Nagar branch presented an impressive dance performance, which won them the first prize.

Lords Schools Chairman Siddala Beerappa, Vice Chairman Berlu Srinivas Reddy, Director Siddala Sripatha, Dean Satish, and principals of various branches including Ramidi Santosh, Brother Kishan Rao and Banuru Srinivas Reddy were present on the occasion. The speakers highlighted the ideals and teachings of Swami Vivekananda and urged students to follow his path of discipline, service and self-confidence.

EVERYTHING SHOULD BE READY FOR THE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS : COLLECTOR RAHUL RAJ

(Capital Information)

Medak : The district collector Rahul Raj advised that all the municipal officials should be ready for the upcoming municipal elections. A meeting was held with the district officials and municipal officials on Monday in the mini conference hall of the Collector's office.

On this occasion, District Collector Rahul Raj said that the officials and staff should be ready for the upcoming municipal elections.

The officials were directed to prepare the wards, polling



centers in the wards, infrastructure in the polling centers, ward wise voter lists, voter drop, ROs, AROs and all the municipal election staff. Municipal Commissioners were asked about the election

SCR GM Sanjay Kumar Srivastava Reviews Safety of Train Operations & Handling of Festive Rush



(Capital Information) Hyderabad : Sanjay Kumar Srivastava, General Manager, South Central Railway held a detailed review meeting on Safety of train operations and handling of festive rush across the Zone today i.e., 12th January, 2026 at Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad along with Satya Prakash, Additional General Manager, SCR and Principal Heads of Departments. Divisional Railway Managers (DRMs) of all the six divisions viz., Secunderabad, Hyderabad, Vijayawada, Guntur, Guntakal and Nanded Divisions participated through video conferencing.

Ahead of the Sankranti Festival, General Manager

Sanjay Kumar Srivastava emphasized strict crowd control and management at railway stations and on-board trains. He directed filed supervisors and officers to remain vigilant at booking counters and during boarding, ensure adequate RPF deployment for passenger guidance at arrivals and departures. Further, he highlighted the importance of timely announcements at regular intervals and clear display of information on regular and special trains to facilitate safe and orderly travel during the festive season.

Sanjay Kumar Srivastava reviewed fire safety in Railway premises, stressing equipment maintenance, regular inspections and following strict protocols. He advised passengers to remain vigilant, avoid unsafe practices, and promptly report violations to the Railway Protection Force (RPF) or through the 139 Rail Madad helpline and also through recently launched Rail-One App. Train escorting staff are also held accountable for any lapses in ensuring passenger and train safety. He also took stock of safety drives on critical operational aspects to strengthen safety in Railway premises. The General Manager advised passengers & staff to strictly follow safety measures during the festive season to ensure safe and pleasant journeys.



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Prajavani / Grievance Day Program for Immediate Resolution of Public Issues : SP Paritosh Pankaj

(Capital Information)

Sangareddy : District SP Paritosh Pankaj informed that Prajavani (Grievance Day) program is being organized at the District Police Office every Monday with the aim of providing immediate resolution to the problems of the people.

The District SP personally received the complaints from the complainants who came to the District Police Office, listened to their problems carefully, spoke to the concerned SHOs over the phone to find out the details, and ordered that each case



be investigated impartially and complete justice be done to the victims.

Addressing the people of the District, the SP advised them to utilize the Prajavani program organized at the District Police Office without any fear or

pressure on the problems that are not resolved at the local police stations. He assured that every complaint received through Prajavani would be specially monitored and steps would be taken towards its speedy resolution.



Viksit Bharat - Swami Vivekananda's Wish

(Capital Information)

Tirupati : Swami Vivekananda's birth anniversary was celebrated at Vikas High School in Sangam, by Andhra Pradesh Upadhyay Sangam (APUS), an affiliate of ABRSM. Mr. M.V. Janakiram, the Deputy Educational Officer of Atmakur, participated as the chief guest, while Prof. Y.V. Rami Reddy, the State President of ABRSM and a professor at Sri Venkateswara University,

participated as the key speaker.

On this occasion, Mr. Janakiram stated that Swami Vivekananda's sayings and teachings are an ideal for all the young men and women of India today, and that his teachings greatly contribute to instilling discipline, dedication, a hard-working mentality, and a competitive spirit in the youth.

Prof. Y.V. Rami Reddy, the key speaker, said that before independence, when many countries in the world had a condescending attitude towards India, Swami Vivekananda traveled to England, America, Germany, France, and other European countries, explaining the greatness of India in detail with examples to foreigners.

This improved India's reputation and paved the way for achieving independence. He further stated that in the present context, 78 years after independence, Swami Vivekananda's teachings will be very useful in making Viksit Bharat and Vishwaguru by 2047.

It was stated that for any country to develop, its education system must be strong, and that radical changes are necessary in the education system to produce highly skilled youth. The new National Education Policy is guiding the way in this direction.

It was mentioned that the central government declared Swami Vivekananda's birth anniversary as National Youth Day with the intention that the younger generation should take Vivekananda as their ideal and reach great heights. On this occasion, prizes were distributed to the students who won in the essay writing and elocution competitions conducted on the teachings of Vivekananda.

The participants in this program included Sangam Mandal Education Officer Mallayya, APUS State Co-President Chakrapani, State Secretary Ramu, District General Secretary Anil Kumar, District Secretary Surendra, Sangam Mandal President and General Secretary Ramu and Prabhakar Reddy, teachers Narasimha Murthy, Narasimha Reddy, Harinath Reddy, and other teachers.

Indian Medical Association celebrates Swamy Vivekananda Jayanti in grand style

(Capital Information)

Nizamabad Bureau : Indian Medical Association (IMA), Nizamabad branch, on Monday celebrated Swami Vivekananda Jayanti at Ganga Saraswati Hospital in Dwarka city and celebrated National Youth Day in grand style.

On this occasion, floral garlands were placed at the portrait of Swami Vivekananda and grand tributes were paid. IMA Nizamabad President Dr. Vishal Akula, General Secretary Dr. Harish Swamy said that the birth anniversary of the great Swami Vivekananda, who showed the greatness of India to the world, will be celebrated as National Youth Day every year on January 12. They said that the youth are not weak, but Swami Vivekananda instilled in the



youth self-confidence, personality development, discipline and the spirit of serving humanity.

Dr. Kavitha Reddy, who attended the program as the chief guest, said that the youth should not become addicted to drugs, do not go towards bad paths, and grow into citizens who are useful for the development of the country. She praised the

youth as the beloved children of Mother India.

The program was attended by IMA President Dr. Vishal Akula, General Secretary Dr. Harish Swamy, National Neonatology Forum Telangana State President Dr. K. Srisailam, ASI State Presidents Dr. T. Jeevan Rao, Dr. T. Sailaja, Dr. Rameswar, Dr. Rajender and several IMA doctors participated.

Government Polytechnic Colleges must be strengthened

Telangana Polytechnic SC, ST Lecturers Association President Meesala Saidulu

(Capital Information) Hyderabad : The Chief Minister's consideration to strengthen government polytechnic colleges is highly commendable. Polytechnic education provides students with the necessary skills, which in turn easily creates employment opportunities.

However, for this objective to be implemented properly, it is necessary to take some tough but essential decisions in the management of the colleges. In particular, changes are essential in newly started branches and branches with a low number of students. In such colleges, it is imperative to either give the current principal the responsibility of a nearby college (as In-charge), or promote qualified senior officers and appoint them as principals, or appoint an experienced senior Head of Department from a nearby college. With the appointment of new faculty and a new principal in this manner, student confidence will increase, and admissions will rise significantly.



Similarly, the currently implemented BMA system for student attendance should be abolished, and the old manual attendance system should be implemented. Also, hostel facilities should be provided to every eligible student. All government polytechnic colleges should be granted permission to function as POLYCET centers.

By giving the respective principals the authority to fill the remaining seats in those colleges, admissions can be significantly increased at the local level. The government's objective will be fully achieved only when the strict but necessary measures mentioned above are taken. Only then will the government polytechnic colleges be strengthened in the true sense. Telangana Polytechnic SC, ST Lecturers Association President Meesala Saidulu stated that this matter should be considered and appropriate decisions should be taken.

SOUTH CENTRAL RAILWAY
 Tender Notice No. PCME/SCR/ Mech/02/2026/ACWP-RT2 Dated 09.01.2026

PCME acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders against Tender No SCR-Mech-02-2026-ACWP-RT2 Closing Date/Time 02/02/2026 15:00 Hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids upto closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored.

S.No. : 01 Tender Notice No. : PCME/SCR/Mech/02/2026/ACWP-RT2 Dated 09.01.2026 Tender No. : SCR/Mech/02/2026/ACWP-RT2 dated 09.01.2026 Name of the work : Design, Manufacture, Supply, Installation, Commissioning and Prove out of Automatic Coach Washing Plants (ACWP) (on turnkey basis) at Coaching Depot/Charlapalli of Secunderabad Division Coaching Depot/Aurangabad of Nanded Division, Coaching Depot/Vijayawada of Vijayawada Division and Coaching Depot/Machilipatnam of Vijayawada division Bid value (₹) : 10,99,25,959.03/- (inclusive of GST) Tender closing date : 02.02.2026 at 15.00 hrs

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Principal Chief Mechanical Engineer, Secunderabad

e-Tender Notice No. DRM/Works/ BZA/02/2026 dt. 12.01.2026

For and on behalf of the President of India, the undersigned invites E-Tenders for the following works up to 15-00 hours and the date mentioned against each.

S.No. : 01 Tender No. : E-01-North-BZA-2026 Name of work : MCS-RJY : Upgradation/Development of Maintenance Facilities at MCS/RJY under ADEN/RJY sub-division. (Umbrella work Project ID : 11.06.42.24.3.55.006 of 2024-25) Tender value (₹) : 3,35,16,463/- EMD (₹) : 3,17,600/- Period of completion : 12(Twelve Months) Date of closing : 04/02/2026

S.No. : 02 Tender No. : E-01-Bridges-BZA-2026 Name of work : BZA Division: TBSR-Replacement of cracked/ corroded steel channel sleepers with Galvanized H-Beam sleepers 1456 Nos on various steel girder bridges in SSE/BR/RTTR and S S E / B r / I / BZA under ADEN/BR/ South/BZA jurisdiction Tender value (₹) : 5,08,92,413/- EMD (₹) : 4,04,500/- Period of completion : 09(Nine Months) Date of closing : 04/02/2026

S.No. : 03 Tender No. : E-02-Bridges-BZA-2026 Name of work : BZA Division: TBSR-Replacement of cracked/ corroded steel channel sleepers with Galvanized H-Beam sleepers 1646 Nos on various steel girder bridges in SSE/BR/RJY and S S E / B r / I / R J Y under ADEN/BR/North/BZA jurisdiction Tender value (₹) : 5,52,46,324/- EMD (₹) : 4,26,200/- Period of completion : 09(Nine Months) Date of closing : 04/02/2026

S.No. : 04 Tender No. : E-01-east-BZA-2026 Name of work : SW I: Proposal for Construction of New running room with air conditioning along with kitchen at KI-30 bed capacity. SW-II : CD/BZA - Development of infrastructure facilities at Coaching Depot/BZA. SW III: DLS BZA - Dismantling and construction of Two storied new building 21x 6.5 mtrs.. Size in place of existing Laboratory. Tender value (₹) : 6,26,31,866/- EMD (₹) : 4,63,200/- Period of completion : 12(Twelve Months) Date of closing : 05/02/2026

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Divisional Railway Manager (Works), Vijayawada

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Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer/ Traction / Guntakal acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders for the following works.

Tender No. : GTL-TRD-29-eTN-72-2025-26 Name of Work : Guntakal Div: Provision of OHE for pit lines 4 & 5 with isolation facility at TPTY Coaching depot. Approximate Value (₹) : 1,13,16,900/- EMD (₹) : 2,06,600/-

Tender Closing date & time : 03.02.2026 at 15.00 hrs

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Editorial Modern science and traditional values must grow together

The Vice-President of India, C. P. Radhakrishnan, addressed the 9th Convocation of Jawaharlal Nehru University in New Delhi today, congratulated the graduating students and urged them to dedicate their knowledge and skills to the service of the nation.

Recalling the teachings of Swami Vivekananda on his birth anniversary, the Vice-President said education must go beyond degrees to build character, strengthen intellect and empower individuals to stand on their own feet. He emphasised that education and proper training

alone would enable India's youth to realise Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of a Viksit Bharat @2047.

Highlighting India's civilisational tradition of knowledge, the Vice-President referred to ancient centres of learning such as Nalanda and Takshashila and noted that Indian scriptures and classics, from the Upanishads and the Bhagavad Gita to Kautilya's Arthashastra and Thiruvalluvar's Thirukkural, have consistently placed learning at the centre of societal and ethical life. He underlined that true education shapes conduct and character,

and is not limited to the acquisition of degrees.

The Vice-President stressed that modern science and traditional values must grow together. Referring to the democratic ethos of JNU, the Vice-President said debate, discussion, dissent and even confrontation are essential elements of a healthy democracy. However, he added that such processes must ultimately lead to a conclusion. Once a decision is taken, he emphasised, there must be a collective willingness to cooperate in its implementation to ensure smooth and effective

administration.

The Vice-President appreciated the inclusive atmosphere of JNU and the efforts taken by the University to promote equity and social inclusion in both student admissions and faculty recruitment.

The Vice-President also commended the leadership of the University for expanding its academic engagement into emerging and civilisational fields, including the establishment of new Centres for Hindu, Jain and Buddhist Studies at the School of Sanskrit and Indic Studies. He also appreciated JNU's sustained efforts to promote In-

dian languages through initiatives such as the Special Centre for Tamil Studies and chairs and programmes in Assamese, Odia, Marathi and Kannada, observing that knowledge creation must flourish in mother tongues in line with the spirit of the National Education Policy.

In his concluding remarks, the Vice-President urged graduates to uphold three core responsibilities—intellectual honesty in the pursuit of truth, social inclusion to reduce inequalities, and active contribution to national development. He called upon them to remain guided by

constitutional values and India's civilisational ethos, and to always respect their parents and teachers. Wishing the students success in their future endeavours, the Vice-President reaffirmed India's unity and collective resolve to progress together.

Union Minister for Education Dharmendra Pradhan, Chancellor of Jawaharlal Nehru University Kanwal Sibal, Vice-Chancellor of Jawaharlal Nehru University Prof. Santishree Dhulipudi Pandit, senior officials, faculty members, graduating students and their families were present at the event.

NATIONAL WORKSHOP ON STANDARDIZATION IN AYURVEDA HIGHLIGHTS COLLABORATION FOR QUALITY AND GLOBAL TRUST

New Delhi (PIB) : The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), under the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, successfully organized a national-level workshop in collaboration with the Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE) through its Division of Ayurveda, Centre for Integrative Medicine and Research. The workshop was held at the TMA Pai Auditorium, MAHE, Manipal, on 9 January 2026.

The programme was exclusively designed for faculty members, researchers, startups, and industry representatives engaged in the Ayurveda sector. The innovative event witnessed the participation of nearly 180 delegates from across the country, marking a significant milestone in the collective journey towards strengthen-

ing quality, safety, and global acceptance of Ayurveda.

The workshop theme, inspired by BIS's guiding motto "Manakah Patha Pradarshaka", highlighted the critical role of standards in harmonizing classical Ayurvedic wisdom with modern scientific and regulatory frameworks.

Addressing the gathering, Jayant Deopujari, Chairperson of the Ayurveda Sectional Committee, BIS emphasized that the workshop represents an important step toward bridging traditional knowledge with contemporary requirements through structured and meaningful standardization. He underscored the collective responsibility of all stakeholders to position Ayurveda as a globally trusted healthcare system.

The inaugural session was graced by Dr. Sharath K Rao, Pro Vice-Chancellor -

Health Sciences, MAHE, Manipal who stressed the urgent need for standardization in traditional systems such as Ayurveda. He assured full institutional support from MAHE and its various divisions in advancing this national initiative of the Government of India.

During the inaugural address, Shrishti Dixit, Head of the AYUSH Department, BIS, reaffirmed BIS's commitment to strengthening quality and safety in Ayurveda through robust and inclusive standardization mechanisms. She highlighted that standards form the foundation of trust, which is essential for the international recognition and wider adoption of Ayurveda.

The workshop featured insightful and thought-provoking sessions by eminent experts including Prof. Rabinarayan Acharya, Dr. Muralidhar R Ballal, Dr. Manesh

Thomas, and Sh. Devendra Reddy. The discussions focused on multi-disciplinary collaboration, the role of standards in nurturing Ayurveda startups, and the responsibility of industry in driving quality and compliance. Participants actively engaged in open discussions, sharing innovative ideas and practical insights on advancing standardization in Ayurveda.

Concluding the programme, Raghavendra Naik, Scientist-C, BIS, presented a comprehensive roadmap for the future. He emphasized the importance of interdisciplinary research, strong academia-industry partnerships, and targeted capacity-building initiatives to create a sustainable and collaborative ecosystem involving academia, industry, and policymakers for Ayurveda standardization.

Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan meets Union Finance Smt. Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in Delhi

New Delhi (PIB) : Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, and Rural Development, Shivraj Singh met Union Finance Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman in Delhi today. In recent weeks, Chouhan has visited various states across the country and, apart from the states, has also held wide-ranging interactions in Delhi with progressive farmers, agricultural experts, Self-Help Groups, cooperative institutions, rural industries, and senior representatives of national-level institutions related to both the ministries. The ideas and suggestions emerging from these discussions were compiled into a comprehensive set of recommendations on agriculture and rural



development, which he submitted to the Finance Minister.

The Union Minister stated that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Central Government is continuously working to make rural India self-reliant and prosperous. Shivraj Singh Chouhan said that under the Prime Minis-

ter's capable and visionary leadership, the upcoming Union Budget will be encouraging for farmers and rural communities. He expressed confidence that the Budget for Financial Year 2026-27 will prove to be a milestone in realising the Prime Minister's resolve of 'Prosperous Farmers, Empowered Villages'.

APEDA Inaugurates Regional Office in Raipur to Boost Agri and Processed Food Exports from Chhattisgarh

New Delhi (PIB) : In a significant step towards positioning Chhattisgarh as a major hub for agricultural and processed food exports, the Regional Office of the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) was inaugurated at Raipur during the 2nd India International Rice Summit held in Chhattisgarh. The inauguration was attended by Minister of Health and Family Welfare and Minister of Medical Education, Government of Chhattisgarh, Shyam Bihari Jaiswal, along with other dignitaries.

Chhattisgarh, with its rich and diverse agri-ecosystem, offers significant export potential across a wide range of products. These include premium non-basmati rice varieties and Geographical Indication (GI)-tagged products such as Jeeraphool Rice and Nagri Dubraj Rice. The State also produces a variety of fruits and vegetables including guava, banana, dragon fruit, jackfruit, custard apple, tomato and cucumber, along with important minor

forest produce such as mahua, tamarind, herbal and medicinal plants, providing strong opportunities to expand its presence in global markets.

The establishment of the APEDA Regional Office in Raipur marks an important milestone for Chhattisgarh's agrarian economy. The new office will facilitate farmers, producer groups, cooperatives and exporters by providing services such as export registration, advisory support, market intelligence, certification, export facilitation, infrastructure development and market linkage support. Recently, the APEDA Regional Office in Raipur also facilitated the export of fortified rice kernels from Chhattisgarh to Costa Rica and Papua New Guinea.

Addressing the occasion, Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai stated that the opening of the APEDA Regional Office in Raipur is a mission to integrate Chhattisgarh's farmers with the global economy. He highlighted the potential of the State's farmers, exporters

and entrepreneurs in global agri-markets and expressed confidence that Chhattisgarh would emerge as a leader in high-value and sustainable agricultural exports.

He thanked Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, Piyush Goyal, for sanctioning the APEDA office in Chhattisgarh based on the request of the State Government, and assured full support to APEDA and the Department of Commerce in expanding exports of agricultural and organic products from the State.

The APEDA Regional Office was inaugurated during the 2nd edition of the India International Rice Summit, organised by the Rice Exporters Association of Chhattisgarh in collaboration with APEDA and other organisations. A two-day Chintan Shivir on rice exports also concluded on the same day, featuring dedicated sessions on export promotion of organic rice and measures to boost exports of non-basmati rice, including GI-tagged rice varieties from India.

All arrangements should be made for the conduct of municipal elections : CS Ramakrishna Rao

(Capital Information)

Nizamabad Bureau : District Collector Ashish Sangwan held a meeting with the concerned officials at the Collectorate Video Conference Hall on Monday and instructed the concerned officials to make full arrangements for the conduct of the elections as per the rules of the Municipal Corporation and Municipalities Election Commission in the district.

He said that the final voter list, draft polling station list and final polling station list will be announced as per the orders of the Election Commission and necessary steps will be taken to conduct the elections in a peaceful atmosphere.

He said that all arrangements should be made for the nodal officers, zonal officers, flying and statistical surveillance teams, sectoral officers, nomination recep-

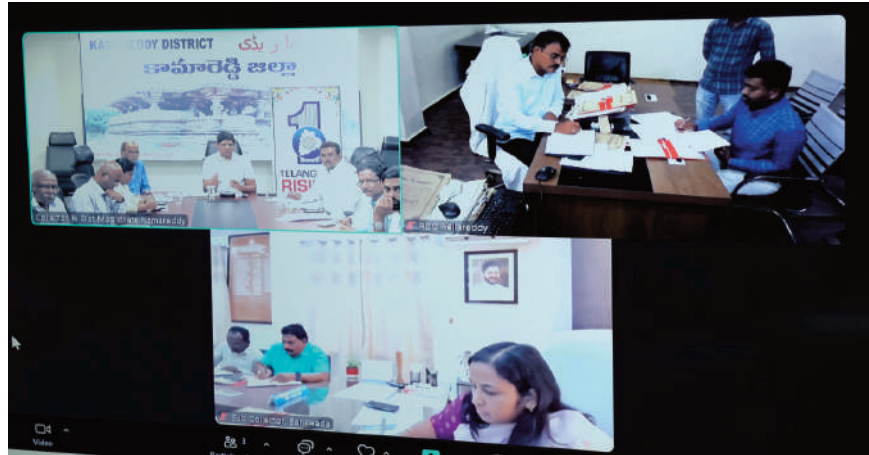
tion centers, distribution of election materials, reception centers, counting centers, training for FST, SST, SO, and establishment of strong

Sridevi, a review meeting was held with the election officers of all the districts, collectors, additional collectors, and municipal commission-

of photo voters will be announced on the 12th of this month, and after the announcement of the draft list of polling stations on the 13th, objections and complaints on the establishment of polling stations will be received, examined and resolved, and the final list of polling stations will be announced on the 16th.

He said that as part of the election management, work such as identifying ballot boxes and printing presses for publishing ballot papers should be completed. He said that the State Election Commission should be ready with all the necessary arrangements for the conduct of the election by the issuance of the action plan.

Additional Collectors Victor, Madhu Mohan, Sub Collector Kiranmayi, Rdo Veena, Tehsildars, concerned officials, etc. participated in this video conference.



Affordable Generic Medicines for Healthcare : MLA Veerlapalli Shankar "Jeevan Dhara" Generic Medical Store Inaugurated at Shadnagar Government Hospital

(Special Correspondent) Shadnagar : At a time when medical expenses are rising steeply, treatment costs have become an unbearable burden for poor and middle-class families. In such circumstances, generic medicines are highly beneficial to the public, said Shadnagar MLA and Chairman of Telangana State Government Public Sector Committees, Veerlapalli Shankar.

On Monday, the MLA inaugurated the Jeevan Dhara Generic Medical Store at the Government Community Hospital, Shadnagar, established under the MEPMA initiative and managed by Gnanaprasuna and Pogaku Shailaja.

Speaking to the media on



the occasion, the MLA stated that generic medicines are available at prices 20% to 80% lower than branded medicines, making them extremely useful for economically weaker sections. He pointed out that currently 40-50% of a patient's treatment

expenditure is spent on medicines, and generic drugs help significantly reduce this financial burden.

He further explained that in present times, when a family member suffers from serious illness, a major portion of household income is spent on

medicines. To address this issue, the government is creating awareness about low-cost generic medicines. These medicines are as effective as branded drugs, are available at much lower prices, and do not cause additional side effects, he

added. The MLA congratulated the medical store managers Gnanaprasuna and Pogaku Shailaja for their initiative. On the occasion, the store management felicitated MLA Veerlapalli Shankar with a shawl and presented a sapling as a

token of appreciation. The programme was attended by Deputy DM&HO Dr. Vijayalakshmi, Government Community Hospital In-charge Dr. Vishnuvardhan Reddy, General Surgeon Dr. Srinivas Reddy, Health Educator Srinivas, and Market Committee

Vice Chairman Mohammad Ali Khan Babar, along with several other dignitaries.

Also present were MEPMA staff Vijay Bhaskar, Indira, Jayamma, and RPs Rani Yadamma, Swapna Anitha, Madhuri Bhavani. Local leaders including former ZPTC P. Venkata Ramireddy, former Chairman Agganuru Vishwam, Block Congress President Balraj Goud, Agganuru Basavam, Chendi Tirupathi Reddy, former MPTC Bhargav Kumar Reddy, Purushotham Reddy, Jakku Madhava Reddy, Jangari Ravi, Pullareddy, Khadeer, Mubarak Khan, and members of the Mitra Brundam Parijatha and Sharada also participated.



Public service is our goal : SP Sunitha Reddy
Problems resolved in Prajavani with the police's response
(Capital Information)

Wanaparthy : As part of the Prajavani program conducted every Monday at the Wanaparthy District Police Office, 15 complainants from various parts of the district submitted complaints on various issues directly to District SP Sunitha Reddy. The Wanaparthy SP responded to each complaint, personally examined it, and issued orders to the concerned police station officers to take immediate action on the complaints and provide justice to the victims. The complainants expressed their happiness with the actions taken by the District SP, which instilled confidence in them that they would receive justice. The SP stated that out of the total 15 complaints received in Prajavani, 9 were related to land disputes, 3 to marital disputes, and 3 to mutual conflicts.

Irrigation water should be released immediately for the second crop : Former MLA Nadipelli Diwakar Rao
(Capital Information)

Mancherial : He visited the Gudem Lift project, constructed during the BRS government's tenure, along with BRS party leaders. Later, Nadipelli Diwakar Rao said that the Gudem Lift is a lifeline for the Dandepalli, Luxettipet, and Hajipur mandals. He stated that the Gudem Lift, with a capacity of three TMC, was sanctioned only because of the existence of the Yellampalli project. He said that since the wires and electronic equipment were frequently getting damaged, they laid new pipelines for a distance of two and a half kilometers, and the credit for providing water to the farmers without any difficulty goes to the BRS government. He stated that when the Kadem gates could not be



opened due to heavy rains in the past, they made special efforts to ensure that water was provided for the crops by getting the gates opened. He said that even though water was being supplied through pipes, when the pipes were frequently getting damaged, they laid new pipelines for a distance of two and a half kilometers, and the credit for providing water to the farmers without any difficulty goes to the BRS government. He stated that no one else had any involvement in the sanctioning and construction

Navodaya Students of Wargal to Receive Awards from the Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs

(Capital Information) **Hyderabad** : Eight students from Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Wargal, Siddipet District, will receive awards from Arjun Ram Meghwal, Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs, Government of India, at a function to be held on the 15th of this month at the Parliament House, New Delhi, informed the Principal of the Vidyalaya, Dasi Rajender. The Principal stated that these eight students were selected in recognition of their outstanding performance at the 26th National Youth Parliament Competition held in February 2025 at Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Nagpur District, Maharashtra. The selected students and the roles performed by them are as follows: Kumari P. Vaishnavi as



Speaker; Master Abhinav as Leader of the Opposition; Kumari K. Vaishali as Finance Minister; Master Benharpal as Agriculture Minister; Master Ram Charan as Environment Minister; Kumari P. Srimani as Opposition Member; Master Adinash as Prime Minister; and T. Nakshatra as Opposition Member. During the competition,

the judges—Krupal Tumane, Member of the Maharashtra Legislative Council; Smt. Sangeeta, Assistant Director, Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti, Pune Regional Office; and A. B. Acharya, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, Government of India—appreciated and commended the talent and excellent performance of the

students. It was also informed that the team will depart for New Delhi on the 13th of this month under the leadership of the Principal, Dasi Rajender, along with escort teachers G. S. R. Bhaskar, Social Science Teacher, and Smt. Susan John, English Teacher. On this occasion, the

Hon'ble Member of Parliament from Medak, Madhavani Raghunandan Rao, warmly congratulated the students who are set to receive the awards for their outstanding performance. He recalled that he had recognized their talent during the regional-level competition itself and had firmly believed even then that they would excel at the national level. The parents of the students, the Principal Dasi Rajender, Vice Principal Mohan Rathod, and the teaching and non-teaching staff of the Vidyalaya congratulated the students on this remarkable achievement and expressed their hope that they would grow into mature and eminent political leaders in the future and contribute to the realization of the goal of Viksit Bharat 2047.

Distribution of essential goods
(Capital Information)

Nellore : Under the auspices of the Roods Charitable Trust, a distribution program of essential commodities was held on Monday at the organization's office. Snacks were also provided to the children of Pragathi Charities' school for mentally challenged children.



On the occasion of the birthday of Kanumallapudi Kushal Sri Kushal Babu, his parents, Kanumallapudi Nageswara Rao and Lavanya, along with the cooperation of Kanumarlapudi Narayana, extended their generosity through the Roods Charitable Trust. The trust learned from villagers that a person named Shabbir from Ananthasagar village was suffering from kidney disease and had also undergone open-heart surgery, and that his family was struggling to make ends meet. When the

Roods organization informed the donors about this, they responded positively and demonstrated their generosity. The chief guest at this program, Anumula Jayaprakash, General Secretary of the Andhra Pradesh Working Journalists Union, spoke about how wonderful it was that the parents were celebrating their child's birthday in such a meaningful way, expressing his gratitude for their kindness towards society and the underprivileged. He stated that if children are taught such values of

service from a young age, they will develop good character throughout their lives and become exemplary citizens who shape society in a positive direction. He urged everyone to help those around them who are suffering from similar problems in whatever way they can. The Chairman of the Roods Charitable Trust was also present at this event. Sheikh Rasool, PMP district president Shakhavarapu Venugopal, teacher Subhan, ASI Mahboob Basha, Gorantla Seshayya, Narayana, Ramanayya, and others participated.

Strict action against those selling Chinese kite string
Continuous inspections underway : SP Narasimha
(Capital Information)

Suryapet : Suryapet District SP Narasimha stated that the sale of Chinese kite string has been completely banned in the district and the district police department is maintaining strict vigilance and taking stringent action against violators. He said that surprise inspections were conducted in all police station limits across the district, and six cases have been registered against six individuals for illegally selling Chinese kite string. He explained that using Chinese kite string, which is made of glass-coated thread, for flying kites can be life-threatening as it can injure people's necks and birds during travel. The SP warned that strict action will be taken against

those selling such items that endanger people's lives. He said that local police and task force personnel are conducting surprise inspections throughout the district, and if anyone is caught selling Chinese kite string, actions such as registering suspect sheets and binding over will be taken against them. He urged everyone not to sell Chinese kite string and parents not to buy it for their children. **Police Grievance Day / Public Grievance Program**

The District SP received complaints from complainants who came to the district police office. District SP Narasimha stated that the Grievance Day/Public Grievance program is conducted every Monday at the district police office. The SP received complaints from the complainants, understood their problems, and spoke to police officers over the phone to gather details. He instructed the police officers not to show any negligence in enforcing the law and to investigate every case transparently. The SP stated that the status of the complaints received through Grievance Day would be reviewed regularly, and efforts would be made to resolve people's problems promptly.



Rangoli Competition Organized by Nalla Kotamma Lakshmaiah Trust
(Capital Information)

Mancherial : The Sankranti rangoli competition organized on Sunday for the women of Hamaliwada under the auspices of the Nalla Kotamma-Lakshmaiah Trust, chaired by former Mancherial Municipal Vice Chairman Nalla Shankar, was a great success. Nearly 150 women, young girls, and children participated in the competition held on the embankment of the Katta

Pochamma temple pond in Hamaliwada, creating beautiful rangolis and bringing a world of colors to life. Former Mancherial DCC President Kokkerala Surekha Prem Sagar Rao visited the competition, admired the colorful rangolis, and specially congratulated the participants, extending her Sankranti festival greetings. She praised the organizer, Nalla Shankar, for conducting the rangoli competition

during the Sankranti festival to honor the women. The judges examined the 150 rangolis and selected the first, second, and third prize winners. The first prize winner received a silk saree worth Rs. 5,000, the second prize winner a silk saree worth Rs. 3,000, and the third prize winner a silk saree worth Rs. 2,000. In the Sankranti rangoli celebrations, District Mahila Congress President Penta

Rajitha, former Mancherial Municipal Vice Chairman Salla Mahesh, former councillor Vangapalli Ravinder Rao, local businessman Bolishetti Rajanna, leaders Thota Tirupati, Buddartha Srinivas, Suman, Rakesh, Chantakka, Samba Lakshmi, Buddartha Padma, Akula Shiva, Vijay, Aggu Ravi, Venkatesh, organizers Nalla Padma and Nalla Swapna, and women from Hamaliwada participated.



As part of "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam Campaign", today i.e., 12th January, 2026 Jatothu Hussain, Member, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes along with Siddarth Kati, Principal Chief Personnel Officer, SCR, Principal/RDC and other senior officials participated in a tree plantation drive and planted saplings towards green environment at the premises of Railway Degree College, Lallaguda.

Swami Vivekananda, the great personality who proclaimed the glory of India to all corners of the world
Wanaparthy MLA Tudi Meghareddy paid tributes
(Capital Information)

Wanaparthy : Wanaparthy MLA Tudi Meghareddy participated in the celebrations organized by the Vivekananda wanaparthy District Committee at Vivekananda Chowrasta in wanaparthy town on Monday. On this occasion, the MLA garlanded the statue of Swami Vivekananda and paid his respects. He said that Swami Vivekananda's

birth anniversary is celebrated as Youth Day, and urged the youth to strive for the realization of his ideals. In this program, Vivekananda District Committee members Koteshwar Reddy, Bhanu Prasad, Pichaiah, Rajasekhar Reddy, Ramakrishna Goud, wanaparthy Agricultural Market



Yard Chairman Srinivas Goud, District Youth Congress President Vakiti Aditya, former wanaparthy town Congress party president Cheerla Chander, former Municipal Vice Chairman B Krishna, prominent Vanaparthy town doctor Pagidala Srinivas, former wanaparthy town councilors, leaders, and activists participated.

Strict Surveillance on Card Games and Cockfighting
Stringent Action Against Anti-Social Activities : Police Commissioner
(Capital Information)

Peddapalli : Police Commissioner Amber Kishore Jha stated that strict action will be taken against illegal and anti-social activities such as card games and cockfighting within the limits of the Ramagundam Police Commissionerate. He revealed that a special surveillance system has been established in all police station areas of Peddapalli and Mancherial zones. In this context, he mentioned that surprise vehicle checks and roadblocks are being conducted, and the intelligence network in border areas has been strengthened. He added that they are coordinating with the police departments of other districts and states and taking joint action. He urged the public to immediately inform the concerned police station or dial 100 if they have any information about card games, cockfighting, or other anti-social activities. The Police Commissioner clarified that the details of those who provide information will be kept completely confidential.



Doctors and medicines must be available at the government hospital : Collector Tejas Nand Lal Pawar, SP K Narasimha

Surprise inspection of the Government General Hospital

(Capital Information)

Suryapet : District Collector Tejas Nand Lal Pawar ordered that doctors and all types of medicines should be kept available at the Government General Hospital. The Collector, along with District SP K. Narasimha, conducted a surprise inspection of the Government General Hospital in Suryapet district center.

On this occasion, the Collector said that due to the Sankranti festival, a large number of vehicles are traveling on National Highway 65 in Suryapet district, and ordered that all types of doctors and staff should be available to provide immediate medical services in case of any un-



foreseen incidents, and that necessary arrangements should be made.

He inspected the pharmacy store and instructed that all types of medicines

should be kept available and that new stock should be procured before the existing stock runs out. When the Collector asked the doctors about the types of illnesses for which people were seeking OPD services, the doctors explained that people were coming with common fever and cold.

When the Collector asked the visitors at the hospital whether they were receiving good medical services and medicines, they informed him that they were receiving good medical services and medicines. Civil Surgeon RMOs Geetha Vani, Vinay, doctors, staff, and others were present with the Collector.



Sri Smami Vivekananda is Ideal for the Country

(Capital Information)

Nellore : Mr. Koduru Satyam said that Sri Swami Vivekananda is an ideal figure who inspired the youth, served as a role model for the nation, and spread the glory of India in other countries as well. He made these remarks at a program organized by the Nellore District Social Harmony Forum to commemorate the 163rd birth anniversary of Sri Swami Vivekananda.

Speaking after garlanding Swami Vivekananda's statue



at Vivekananda Park on the Mini Bypass Road, he said that Swami Vivekananda was a source of inspiration for the youth of the country.

He emphasized that the nation needs youth with mental fortitude and nerves of steel, and that wherever

they go or reside, they should never belittle the greatness of their country. He preached that our motherland is one and the same, and everyone should be aware of the greatness of the country.

He further stated that Sri

Swami Vivekananda was a renowned spiritual leader who had a profound influence on society through his philosophy, a prominent figure in the history of Hindu philosophy and Indian history, and the founder of the Sri Ramakrishna Math, through which he rendered numerous services.

K. Polaiiah, Movidi Srinivasulu, Jayaprakash, Dasari Rajendra Krishnamurthy, Satish, Subbarao, and Golla Keshavulu participated in this program.

YOUTH SHOULD MOVE FORWARD WITH THE SPIRIT OF VIVEKANANDA : COLLECTOR RAHUL RAJ

(Capital Information)

Medak : The district collector wants the youth to move forward with the inspiration of Vivekananda. Rahul Raj said. Attending a public speaking program at Rythu Vedika in Pedda Shankarampet mandal, the collector first participated in the youth festival program on the occasion of Swami Vivekananda's birth anniversary along with

mandal level officials and paid tribute to Swami Vivekananda's portrait by placing flowers.

Speaking on the occasion, the Collector said that the youth should take Swami Vivekananda as an example.



The collector said that by participating in sports and cultural activities from the student stage, self-confidence and discipline will increase in the youth. In-charge Tahsildar Srinivas, MPDO, Shakir Mandal level officials and others participated in this program.



PRAJAVANI AT MANDAL LEVEL FOR QUICK RESOLUTION OF PROBLEMS: COLLECTOR RAHUL RAJ

(Capital Information)

Medak : Medak District Collector Rahul Raj said that the Prajavani program have been arranged for the sake of the people as a platform for solving public problems.

On Monday, the Collector attended a Prajaavaani program held at the Rythu Vedika of Pedda Sankarampet Mandal and received the applications submitted by the people on various issues in the Mandal and sent them to the mandal level officials for resolution.

Speaking on this occasion, the Collector said that the Prajaavaani program is being organized at the mandal level with the intention of reducing the distance burden of the people and solving the problem there. Narayankhed MLA Patolla Sanjiva Reddy attended the public hearing.

To the Collector in public speaking on various issues in Sankarampet Mandal met. He said that there was a great response to the Prajavani program organized in Pedda Shankarampet mandal.

Urban MLA pays tribute to Swamy Vivekananda

(Capital Information)

Nizamabad Bureau : On the occasion of Swamy Vivekananda Jayanthi and National Youth Day, Urban MLA Dhanpal Suryanarayana on Monday paid

tribute to the statues of Swamy Vivekananda in Nizamabad city.



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On this occasion, the MLA paid tribute to the statue of Swamy Vivekananda in 28th Division Gajulapet. the statue of Swamy Vivekananda in 10th Division Nagaram with devotion and devotion.

Speaking on the occa-

sion, the MLA praised Swamy Vivekananda as a great yogi and philosopher who gave self respect to the Indian nation and self confidence to the youth. He said, there is a need to re-

youth even today, he said, adding that only when those words are put into practice will not only individuals but also society move forward. He said, a strong India can be built only if moral values, discipline and service spirit are developed among the youth along with education.

The MLA called on the youth to stay away from bad habits, develop knowledge, skills and grow into useful citizens for the society. He made it clear that it is everyone's responsibility to take forward the ideals of Swami Vivekananda.

In this program, former corporator of local 28th division Illendula Mamata, Prabhakar, BJP leaders Nagaraju, Matam Pavan, Narayana Yadav, Putta Virender, Gatla Gangadhar, activists and youth participated in large numbers and paid tributes to Swamy Vivekananda.

member him as a great man who spread India's culture and spiritual values to the world.

The MLA reminded that Swamy Vivekananda's life goal was to prepare the youth for nation building. His message of "Get up, wake up and do not stop until you achieve your goal" continues to inspire the

of Swami Vivekananda.



Prajavani applications should be resolved without pending: Collector Hanumantha Rao

(Capital Information)

Bhongir : Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Collector M. Hanumantha Rao has directed the concerned officials to resolve the applications received in the public as soon as possible.

On Monday, the district collector received 35 applications from the people of different areas along with the additional collector of local bodies, Bhaskara Rao, in a public address program held at the collectorate meeting hall.

The concerned authorities should examine and resolve the applications received in public from time to time at the field level without pending. He informed that 22 applications were received from Revenue Department, 6 from Civil Supply Department, 2 from Rural Development Department, 2 from Special Deputy Collector, one each from Survey Lands, Agriculture and Municipality Departments.

DRO Jayamma, ZP CEO Shobharani., District Panchayat Officer D. Vishnuvardhan Reddy, Civil Supply Manager D. Harikrishna, District Veterinary Officer P. Janaiah, District Rural Development Officer T. Nagireddy, District SC Development Officer Sahithi, District Agriculture Officer Venkataramana Reddy, Bhongir RDO Krishna Reddy and district officials of various departments participated.

GIVE SINGUR WATER, OR DECLARE A CROP HOLIDAY AND GIVE COMPENSATION OF 25 THOUSAND PER ACRE

TRS District President former MLA Padma Devender Reddy, Narsapur MLA Sunitha Lakshmareddy's demand

(Capital Information)

Medak : BRS Party district president, former Medak MLA and Deputy Speaker Padma Devender Reddy criticized that people are facing trouble because the MLA is an MLA who is not aware of the issues here. Rythu dharna on Singur water under the leadership of BRS party at Medak Collector's office on Monday under the leadership of former MLA Padmadevender Reddy.

Narsapur MLA, former minister Sunitha Lakshmareddy, former chairman of Medak Municipal Mallikarjuna Goud, state leaders Kantareddy Tirupati Reddy, former library chairman Chandra Goud, former vicechair-

man of ZP Lavanya Reddy, president of District Rythu Sangam Somulu and president of the town party were present in this program Mamill Anjaneyulu Constituency Farmers and Farmer Leaders participated.

Speaking on the occasion, former MLA Padma Devender Reddy demanded that the government should clarify the issue of Singur waters for agriculture. If water cannot be provided, they have declared a crop holiday and demanded compensation of Rs 25,000 per acre. Almost 50 percent farmers in the district have planted summer crops. He said that the government is not aware of the waters of



Singur.

They alleged that the government is financially crippling the farmers in the name of Singuru Dam repairs. The leaders who spoke in the

meeting opined that if the repairs to Singuru Dam had started two years ago, the loss of these four crops would not have happened. The Congress government won Telan-



gana by fighting for water. She said that the debt is milked in the name of development.

She said that the constituency would have been

better if a person who had full knowledge of the constituency was elected. She reminded that during the BRS regime, the farmers did not have a shoe line at the fertilizer shops, but again during the Congress government, the farmers were staging dharnas in front of the fertilizer shops. Farmers are not aware of apps.

She questioned why the government is opening applications for urea to trouble the farmers. He said that the movement will not stop until water is provided to the farmers. She said that the government which has worked with sincerity towards the farmers is the KCR government.

Narsapur MLA Sunitha Lakshmareddy said that because of the Congress government, the farmers have no facilities except hardships.

They demanded that the government must provide Rs 25,000 per acre to the farmers of Singur Dam. She said that he would take up a post card movement to the Chief Minister for the release of Singur water.

After that, they marched from the dharna center to the collector's office and handed over the petition to the additional collector as the collector was not present BRS leaders, activists, hundreds of farmers and others participated in this program.



Arrive - Alive program for the prevention of road accidents : SP Narasimha unveils the Arrive - Alive pamphlet

(Capital Information)
Suryapet : We are conducting extensive awareness programs for road safety and accident prevention. To eliminate road accidents and create greater awareness among the public about road safety, we will take the 'Arrive - Alive' program, launched by the State DGP Shivadhar Reddy, to the people and further sensitize them about road safety, said District SP Narasimha.

He stated that for this purpose, they are involving people, students, and citizens across the district in awareness programs, emphasizing that everyone should be

aware of road safety, traffic rules and regulations, and the precautions to be taken to prevent accidents.

As part of the road safety awareness month program, the SP unveiled the Arrive - Alive awareness pamphlet today at the District Police Office, along with Additional SP Ravinder Reddy and DCRB DSP Ravi. Later, he held a meeting with police officers via video conference and explained the purpose and objectives of the Arrive - Alive program.

He instructed the police personnel to ensure that the road safety awareness pro-

grams reach every colony, every street, every village, every student, and every citizen, and that everyone participates and gains awareness. We are forming ward-wise road safety committees in Suryapet and Kodad municipal centers, and village-wise road safety committees in the mandal areas, he said.

He stated that the police department's main objective is to ensure that no one loses their life in road accidents. He mentioned that the 'Arrive Alive' program was launched under the leadership of State DGP Shivadhar Reddy as

part of the road safety awareness campaign.

He urged the public to participate in this program. He said that those who quickly transport injured victims of road accidents to the hospital and save their lives will be recognized as 'Road Heroes' and will be given a cash incentive.

Present at this program were Additional SP Ravinder Reddy, DCRB DSP Ravi, Special Branch Inspector Ramarao, Cyber Security Cell Inspector Lakshminarayana, Nagaram Circle Inspector Nageswara Rao, and IT Core RSI Rajasekhar.

We must move forward by taking inspiration from Vivekananda's teachings : Y. Ashok Reddy, In-charge Additional Collector of Local Bodies and Nalgonda RDO

(Capital Information)
Nalgonda : Y. Ashok Reddy, the In-charge Additional Collector of Local Bodies and Nalgonda RDO, called upon everyone to move forward by taking inspiration from Swami Vivekananda's teachings.

On Monday, on the occasion of National Youth Day and Swami Vivekananda's 164th birth anniversary, he, along with Additional SP Ramesh, garlanded the statue of Swami Vivekananda in the Nalgonda district center and paid their respects.

Speaking to media representatives on this occasion, he said that Swami Vivekananda propagated Indian culture worldwide and highlighted the greatness of India through his teachings in countries like America and England.

He said that the youth, attracted by his message, are still following his teachings, and everyone needs to move forward by taking his inspira-



tion as an ideal in nation-building.

Additional SP Ramesh said that Swami Vivekananda is an inspiration to today's youth. District Sports and Youth Services Officer Mir Akbar Ali, Assistant Director of Information Department U. Venkateshwarlu, Tahsildar Parushuram, former ZPTC Gummala Mohan Reddy, and others participated in this program.



A grand tribute to Swami Vivekananda

(Capital Information)
Nalgonda : On the occasion of Swami Vivekananda's birth anniversary, BJP leaders, under the auspices of the BJP, paid tribute by garlanding Swami Vivekananda's statue in Hyderabad. BJP state leaders Madhagouni Srinivas Goud, Bandar Prasad, Pilliramaraju Yadav, and others participated in this program.

The harassment of Gram Panchayat workers by Sarpanches must stop
Make the protests on the 17th at the MPDO office and on the 27th at the Collectorate successful : Chinapaka Lakshminarayana

(Capital Information)
Nalgonda : Chinapaka Lakshminarayana, District Secretary of the Telangana Gram Panchayat Employees and Workers Union (CITU), warned that if the harassment of Gram Panchayat workers by the newly elected Sarpanches is not stopped and pending wages are not paid immediately, they will launch a large-scale agitation across the district.

A meeting of the union's district committee was held on Monday at Doddi Komariah Bhavan in Nalgonda, presided over by Ponna Anjaiah.

Speaking on the occa-



sion, he stated that the newly elected Sarpanches in Nalgonda district are harassing the multipurpose workers working in the Gram Panchayats, threatening to dismiss those they dislike. He demanded that the district administration take appropriate action to stop this. He said that the Panchayat secretaries are merely playing the role of spectators despite all this happening. He demanded that the pending wages be paid immediately.

He questioned what kind of justice it is that the Sarpanches, who should be resolving the problems of the multipurpose workers who have been working for years with low wages, are instead harassing and threatening them with dismissal as soon as they win the elections. They urged the Sarpanches to focus on Panchayat administration and public issues.

They stated that several such incidents in many village panchayats in some mandals have already come to the union's notice, and to prevent this, they demanded that the District Collector and

DPO issue appropriate orders through a circular to prevent the harassment and dismissal of workers.

Otherwise, they warned that there would be protests at the MPDO office on the 17th of this month and at the Collectorate on the 27th, and if there is no response by then, an indefinite strike would be inevitable.

CITU district leaders Pole Satyanarayana, Singapanga Lingamma, Kondeti Narasayya, P. Sarvaiah, Mandas Saidulu, Suresh, Erra Aruna, Nampally Shankar, Paladugu Chandram, and others participated in this program.

Pollution has a solution — if we have the vision

Across the globe, pollution has triggered alarming climatic changes — rising sea levels, floods and droughts, declining crop yields, the spread of tropical diseases, energy insecurity, and the steady extinction of wildlife, both terrestrial and marine. In India, this global malaise finds its most dramatic expression every winter in Delhi-NCR, when the capital turns into a virtual gas chamber. Come November, air quality indices routinely spiral into the "severe" category, threatening public health and paralyzing daily life.

Over the years, numerous attempts have been made to confront this spectre of pollution. Yet most have failed because they were guided by misconceptions rather than vision. The core causal factors have not been properly diagnosed and, consequently, the remedies prescribed have been ineffective. Multiple agencies - government departments, NGOs, regulatory bodies, and even judicial institutions - remain active, yet pollution continues to worsen with each passing year.

Recent media reports suggest that the Delhi government plans to revive real-time

assessments to identify specific pollution sources and design targeted interventions. While this appears promising, the fundamental causes still remain largely unaddressed.

Population growth, unchecked urbanisation, congestion, corruption, encroachment, and an aggressive culture of unsatiated materialism - fuelled by relentless advertising and celebrity endorsements - continue to drive excessive consumption and industrial production, leaving behind mountains of waste and toxic emissions. Instead of confronting these systemic issues, policy vision has remained narrowly fixated on banning 15-year-old petrol vehicles and 10-year-old diesel vehicles. This approach, first imposed by the National Green Tribunal (NGT) in 2016, was based on assumptions rather than rigorous scientific evidence. Nearly a decade later, it is evident that the ban has delivered no tangible improvement in air quality. On the contrary, pollution levels have only multiplied.

Significantly, even during the original hearings, the Ministry of Road Transport and



VIJAY GARG
 Retired Principal, Punjab

Highways had pointed out - based on studies by IIT and the Central Pollution Control Board - that diesel vehicles were not major contributors to pollution and that the contribution of older vehicles was minuscule. Yet, in August 2025, the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM), responding to an RTI query, admitted that it had conducted no independent study to assess pollution caused by overage vehicles. The ban, it conceded, was rooted solely in earlier judicial orders.

In a puzzling turn, the same Commission later flagged vehicular emissions

as a major contributor to Delhi's poor air quality and constituted a 15-member expert committee, chaired by Professor Ashok Jhunjhunwala of IIT-Madras, to assess segment-wise vehicular pollution. Even before this committee could commence its study, the CAQM urged the Supreme Court to allow coercive action against vehicle owners. Acting on this plea, the Court permitted enforcement against vehicles not meeting Bharat Stage IV standards — despite the absence of fresh scientific findings.

Banning vehicles purely on the basis of age is neither rational nor effective. What truly matters is vehicular fitness, maintenance, and emissions performance — not the year of manufacture. A decade of experience has shown that age-based bans are a cosmetic solution, offering symbolism without substance. If vehicular pollution is to be meaningfully addressed, the focus must shift to limiting excessive ownership.

Multiple-car households often treat vehicles as status symbols rather than necessities. Recognising this, a Supreme Court monitoring

committee in January 2025 recommended limiting vehicle registration to one car per family or linking new vehicle purchases to the availability of dedicated parking space. Similar proposals, including imposing green taxes on families owning multiple vehicles, have been floated for over a decade but remain unimplemented.

The scale of vehicular growth is staggering. In 2023 alone, Delhi registered 6.5 lakh new vehicles — an average of 1,800 every day. Between January and November 2024, another 6.42 lakh vehicles were added. Roads, already choked, have been transformed into informal parking lots, eroding public space and worsening congestion.

Beyond air pollution, plastic waste represents another grave environmental threat. Single-use plastics — particularly carry bags, sachets, and small water bottles — clog drains, contaminate water bodies, overload landfills, and kill animals that ingest them. Despite repeated bans by the NGT and comprehensive notifications by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change in

August 2025, enforcement remains virtually non-existent. Banned items - from plastic bags and cutlery to 250 ml water bottles - are openly sold and used, even at official government events and court premises.

This persistent failure raises uncomfortable questions. Why are factories manufacturing banned items still operational? Why are traders and wholesalers not prosecuted? Are enforcement agencies complicit, or has the plastic lobby grown too powerful to challenge?

Ironically, while official machinery falters, the country's poorest citizens - waste pickers — continue to perform a silent service by collecting and segregating recyclable waste. Estimated to number between 2.5 and 4 million, they form the first line of defence against plastic pollution, yet receive little recognition, protection, or support. Their work must be formally regulated and integrated into waste-management systems.

At the heart of India's pollution crisis lie deeper structural issues. Rapid population growth places unbearable pressure on limited

land and resources. Unchecked urbanisation draws millions into already saturated cities like Delhi, triggering illegal construction and infrastructure overload. Corruption undermines every well-intentioned directive, rendering laws toothless. Aggressive advertising manufactures artificial demand, driving overproduction and excessive consumption. Congestion, encroachment, and unregulated commercial activity keep engines idling and emissions rising.

Pollution, therefore, cannot be fought through fragmented, knee-jerk measures. It demands a holistic approach rooted in scientific inquiry, administrative will, and societal introspection. Without vision — clear, courageous, and comprehensive — India will continue to treat symptoms while the disease spreads unchecked.

The choice is stark. Either we reimagine development in harmony with nature, or we resign ourselves to living in gas chambers, drowning in plastic, and paying for neglect with our health and future. Pollution does have a solution — but only if we have the vision to see it through.

The speed of searching for species is faster than ever

A new study has found that the speed of discovery of species has become faster than ever. This undertaking can play an important role in preparing a strategy to protect the species from extinction. This will help in protecting and enriching biodiversity. It is reported that scientists are identifying more than 16,000 new species every year. Researchers from the University of Arizona have studied the classification history of about 2 million species, including groups of all living organisms. According to the findings published in the journal Science Advances, between 2015 and 2020 which is the most comprehensive

data of recent time, on average more than 16,000 new species were documented every year, including more than 2,500 animals, plants and fungi.

According to the University of Arizona's Department of Ecology and Developmental Biology Professor Jan Vianes, a senior author of this study, the discovery of new species is important because they cannot be protected without scientifically described. Documentation is the first step in this direction. If we do not know that a species exists, then we cannot avoid extinction.

The author says that scientists believe that the pace



of documenting new species has slowed down. And this is because we are trying to find new species, but our results show the opposite.

According to Vians, "Really, we are discovering new species faster than ever before." The researchers also

say that this trend does not show any signs of slowing down and predicted that the biodiversity among some groups, such as plants, fungi, spiders, fishes and amphibians is more rich than ever. For example, the team estimated that the number of fish species may be 1,15,000 and 41,001 amphibians, while currently only about 42,002 fish and 9,003 amphibian species are described. He also estimated that the final number of plants may be more than five million. Researchers explain that "in all areas of life, we found that

The total number of living, described species is increasing rapidly, there are no signs

of slowing down in recent decades. In addition, the fastest rates of description of species (more than 16,000 species per year have been since 2015. The maximum distance (17,044 species per year) was in 2020." The researchers also predicted that the rate of discovery of new organisms will continue to increase. At this time most of the new species visual symptoms are identified. But as the molecular equipment improves, we will discover even more secret species of organisms that differ only at a genetic level.

This is especially promising to expose unique bacteria and fungi.

"Sankranthi Gift" - CM Revanth Reddy announces DA for government employees

- Government will solve the plight of retired employees soon.
Rs one crore accidental insurance policy for all Government employees
A Commission with retired High Court and Supreme Court judge to study reorganization of Mandals and Districts soon
Government to finalise a policy on reorganization of districts in budget session
CM blasts KCR government on the mounted Rs 8 lakh crore debt burden
The state's monthly revenue is Rs 18,000 crores. Paying Rs 22,000 to clear debts
CM Revanth Reddy releases Telangana Gazetted Officers Central Association's 2026 Diary & Calendar at the Secretariat today.

(Capital Information) Hyderabad : Extending Sankranti greetings, Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy announced the release of DA (Dearness Allowance) to all government employees.



to digest the cordial relations maintained by the government and the employees. " Demons always disrupt the Gods for their sacrifices". In a scathing attack on the BRS leadership, the CM said that " One Shukracharya is staying in a farmhouse and sending people like Maricha to the Assembly".

wards debt every month. The State Government is in the same situation just as an average middle-class person is respectfully leading their family with meager financial resources, the CM said commend the employees for working together and upheld Telangana's prestige in society." I will stand by your brother. As a Sankranthi gift, I have signed on your Dearness Allowance (DA) today".

cident insurance of one crore rupees for employees. " We will resolve the issues related to employees' retirement benefits soon", the CM said appealed to the employees to work hard for the development of the State. In view of the flood of requests and demands regarding the rationalization of districts and mandals , the Chief Minister said that the government will appoint a commission with a retired High Court or Supreme Court judge for the reorganization of districts and mandals.

garding the rationalization of districts and mandals. After a thorough discussion with all parties in the budget session, the CM said that the government will finalise the guidelines. The Chief Minister alleged that districts and mandals were divided arbitrarily during the BRS rule. CM Revanth Reddy also assured that required assistance will be provided for the construction of an office for Gazetted Officers. The CM called on the employees to provide good governance to the people and the government will always cooperate in resolving pending problems.



Capital Information Calendar unveiled in nagarkurnool

(Capital Information) Nagarkurnool : District SP Sangram Singh Ji Patil and local MLA Dr. Rajesh Reddy have emphasized the need for newspapers to act as a bridge in addressing public issues.

On Monday, at the SP's office and the premises of the Vasavi Kanyaka Parameshwari Temple in the town, the local MLA Dr. Rajesh Reddy unveiled the new year calendars of Capital Information newspaper.



The event was attended by newspaper staff, reporter Badam Pawan Kumar, senior journalists Hakeem Kishore, Mallesh, Allampalli Ramesh Babu, Hakeem Bharat, Chigullapalli Raman, kancharla Shyamsundar, Prasad gandham Yaddaya, and prominent Arya Vysya community members from the town.

Deputy CM Bhatti Vikramarka Reviews Young India Residential Schools, CS Seeks Poll Preparedness

(Capital Information) Hyderabad : Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka on Monday directed district collectors to expedite the construction of Young India Integrated Residential Educational Institutions, terming them a prestigious initiative of the State government to equip students for

global competition. The Deputy CM, along with Ministers Adhuri Laxman Kumar (SC, ST, Minority and Differently-abled Welfare) and Chief Secretary Ramakrishna Rao, reviewed the progress of the projects with collectors of all districts through a video conference from Hyderabad. The review covered land acquisition,

construction progress and related issues district-wise. Mr. Bhatti Vikramarka instructed collectors to conduct regular reviews and personally inspect construction sites to ensure adherence to quality standards. She emphasised that timely completion and quality execution were non-negotiable. Ma-

habubnagar Collector Viziendira Boyi informed the meeting that construction works were underway at Peddapally village in Balanagar mandal of Jachherla constituency and at Dhamagnapur in CC Kunta mandal of Devarakadra constituency. She added that land had been identified in Mahabubnagar and steps would

be taken soon for the foundation-laying ceremony. Earlier, Chief Secretary Ramakrishna Rao directed collectors to complete all necessary arrangements for the conduct of municipal elections. He instructed officials to ensure adequate training for election personnel, assess staff availability, and arrange

required material in advance. She also stressed the formation of FST and SST teams and the appointment of nodal officers to strictly enforce the Model Code of Conduct once the election notification is issued. Collectors briefed the Chief Secretary on district-wise preparedness, including photo electoral rolls, draft polling sta-

tions and other logistical aspects. The video conference was attended by Additional Collector (Local Bodies) Shivendra Pratap, Additional Collector (Revenue) Madhusudan Naik, District Education Officer Praveen Kumar, CMO Sudhakar Reddy and other officials.

RBVRR Police Academy Gets Major Facility Boost



(Capital Information) Hyderabad : Several development initiatives aimed at improving training and welfare facilities at the RBVRR Telangana Police Academy were inaugurated on Monday by the Academy Director, Ms Abhilasha Bisht, IPS. Addressing officers and staff, Ms Bisht said the timely completion of multiple development works was made possible by the coordinated efforts of Deputy Directors, Assistant Directors, DSPs,

Reserve Inspectors and staff at all levels. With support from various departments, several infrastructure projects have been completed at the Academy over the last two years, she noted. As part of the programme, newly constructed Krishna water tanks were inaugurated to ensure the supply of safe drinking water to trainee hostels. Tin sheds were also opened at eight squad posts to protect trainees during outdoor training

from harsh sun and rain. To further strengthen physical fitness training, two new gyms set up in the Sports Building were formally inaugurated. The event also marked the first anniversary of the "Chinnari" Child Care Centre, established for the care of employees' children. The children welcomed the Director with bouquets. Ms Bisht distributed sweets and chocolates and appreciated the efforts of Reserve Inspectors

for Mahesh and the caretakers for efficiently managing the crèche. Deputy Director Venkateshwarlu and Assistant Director V Srinivasa Rao explained the systematic execution of the development works under the Director's guidance. PT dresses were distributed to outdoor staff, while saffrons were given to Medical Unit staff. The Director and senior officers commended Assistant Director Srinivasa Rao

and Reserve Inspectors Mahesh, Srinivas and Shankar Krishna for their key role in expediting the works. The programme was attended by Deputy Directors G Kavitha, Venkateshwarlu, K R K Prasad and Srirama Murthy; Assistant Directors Nageshwara Rao, Srinivasa Reddy, Bharat, Ramana, Narahari and Dhanaja; Unit Medical Officer Ramadevi; Accounts Officer Yadamma; and other officers and staff.



Youth should come forward in sports : Sarpanch Chindam Mahesh

(Capital Information) Peddapalli/ Ramagiri : The Chief Minister's Torch Rally, organized under the aegis of the District Youth and Sports Authority, reached Pannur X-Road in Pannur village of Ramagiri mandal on Monday. MPDO Shailaja Rani, Sarpanch Chindam Mahesh, along with several officials and public representatives, participated in the event. On this occasion, Sarpanch Chindam Mahesh urged the youth to actively participate in sports and make the most of programs like the Chief Minister's Cup-2025.

The future of the nation is in the hands of the youth : Assistant Legal Aid Counsel Advocate M. Raghu



(Capital Information) Gopalpet : Assistant Legal Aid Counsel Advocate M. Raghu stated that the future of the nation is in the hands of the youth. Speaking at the Hanumanthla Gadda Premier League cricket tournament in Gopalpet mandal center, as per the instructions of District Legal Services Authority Secretary and Senior Civil Judge Rajini, he recalled the ideals of Swami Vivekananda, who believed that the future of the country rests with the youth.

He urged the youth to contribute to the development of society with their strength, knowledge, and discipline, and to move forward with moral values, patriotism, and a spirit of service. He emphasized that the youth should play a crucial role in building a strong India. On the occasion of National Youth Day, he called upon the youth to reach great heights in all fields. He also stated that sports competitions instill physical and

mental enthusiasm in the youth and promote unity. Deputy Legal Aid Counsel D. was also present. Krishnayya stated that free legal advice and guidance would be available to the youth at all times under the auspices of the District Legal Services Authority. He informed them that young people can avail themselves of the services, advice, and guidance of the District Legal Services Authority for the progress of the

country and their personal development by calling the toll-free number 15100. The program was attended by Hanumanlagadda Youth HPL organizer P. Sharath Babu, paralegal volunteer Ravinder, and village youth R. Chandrasekhar, M. Anjaneyulu, M. Surender, K. Sivakumar, K. Manoj, M. Karthik, K. Prem, M. Siva, V. Sivudu, K. Sivashankar, D. Nagaraju, K. Bhanu, K. Sharath, M. Vijay, K. Srikanth, P. Chandu, and others.

District athletes should show talent at international level : Additional Collector Lakshminarayana

(Capital Information) Jogulamba Gadwala : Additional Collector (Revenue) Lakshminarayana said that the CM Cup is a great opportunity for the aspiring athletes and the athletes of the district should show talent at the international level. Additional SP Shankar along with Additional Collector (Local Bodies) Narsinga Rao participated and spoke as the chief guest at the opening ceremony of the Torch Rally of the CM Cup Sports Competition at Gadwal Indoor Ground on Monday under the auspices of the District Youth and Sports Department. On the occasion of Swami Vivekananda's birth anniversary, the chief guests paid floral tributes to his portrait before celebrating the National Youth Day. On this occasion, Additional Collector Lakshminarayana said that a torch rally will be organized



throughout the district on the occasion of the CM Cup. He said that this torch rally will help to bring out talented sportspersons like how torch lights are used to search for any object in the dark. Swami Vivekananda, who has awakened the youth with his messages, said that it is an auspicious sign to start this CM Cup program on the same day. Swamiji was hailed as a great man who showed the greatness of India to the world. With his inspiration, the youth should excel in sports

and bring good name to the country. He called to get rid of addictions in the society and come forward to build a new society. DEO Vijayalakshmi, Gadwala Municipal Commissioner Janaki Ram Sagar, DYSO Krishnaiah, SGF District Secretary Srinivasulu, District President of Gymnasium Upadhyaya Sangam Srinivasulu, Secretary Bisanna, many PETs, PDs, retired gym teachers, representatives of various sports associations, athletes, etc. participated in this program.