



Harish Rao Calls for Perseverance, Strategic Preparation for Government Jobs

(Capital Information)
Hyderabad : Emphasising the importance of determination and disciplined preparation, former minister and Deputy Floor Leader T. Harish Rao urged job aspirants not to lose hope and to adopt a structured approach in their pursuit of government employment.

Addressing aspirants, Mr Rao said that success in life is achievable through perseverance and dedication. "If there is commitment and focus, anything can be accomplished," he remarked.

Referring to the growing number of unemployed youth preparing for competitive examinations, he noted that several candidates lose confidence after spending nearly a decade in preparation without securing a government job. He stressed that the number of years spent studying is not as important as studying with the right plan and strategy.

He also highlighted the benefits of leveraging technology, stating that free online job-oriented applications and classes could significantly aid aspirants in systematic preparation.

Mr Rao encouraged candidates to remain resilient and adopt proper planning to improve their chances of success in competitive examinations, underlining that a focused approach makes the difference between effort and achievement.

Revanth Reddy pitches National AI Council, Ministry at India-AI Impact Summit

(Capital Information)
New Delhi/Hyderabad : Calling for a coordinated national push in Artificial Intelligence, Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy urged the Centre to constitute a national-level "AI Council" on the lines of the GST Council and NITI Aayog, and to establish a dedicated "AI Ministry" to safeguard national security and strategic interests.

Delivering a keynote address at the India-AI Impact Summit 2026 held at Bharat Mandapam, the Chief Minister said the rapid advances in AI demand institutional mechanisms that ensure continuous monitoring, policy agility and coordinated



action between the Centre and states.

He proposed the creation of a "National AI War Room" to track global developments and emerging risks in real time, stating that Hy-

derabad would be ready to host it if the Centre approves. "Annual discussions are not enough in a fast-changing technological era. India must hold AI summits twice a year across different

cities to sustain momentum," he said.

Announcing Telangana's readiness to partner with the Union government, Mr Reddy said the state is prepared to host an "AI Startup Village" with central support to nurture innovation and scale indigenous platforms. He invited global technology leaders and AI experts to collaborate with Telangana in building socially responsible AI solutions.

Emphasising that AI should be harnessed as a tool for social justice and poverty alleviation, he called for large-scale investments to ensure Indian startups grow into global unicorns. At the same (Cont. on Pg 2)



Rs.50 Lakh Donation to TTD

(Capital Information)
Tirumala : A devotee from Hyderabad, Shivakoti Siddhartha, donated Rs.50 lakh to the TTD Sri Venkateswara Vidhyadana Trust on Friday. On this occasion, the donor handed over the donation cheque to the Additional EO of TTD, Ch. Venkaiah Chowdary, at the TTD Additional EO Camp Office in Tirumala.

Major Fire Averted at Aditya Enclave in Ameerpet; 50 Rescued

(Capital Information)
Hyderabad : A major fire mishap was averted at Aditya Enclave in Ameerpet on Friday after the Hyderabad Disaster Response and Assets Protection Agency (HYDRDRAA) Disaster Response Force (DRF) teams acted swiftly, rescuing over 50 people trapped inside the building.

The fire broke out in the Nilgiri Block on the ground floor of the commercial complex, reportedly from an electrical panel board containing power cables. The HYDRDRAA control room received the alert at 11.01 am and immediately relayed the information to DRF



teams stationed nearby.

Within minutes, a DRF team reached the spot at 11.04 am and brought the flames under control using fire extinguishers. Simultaneously, rescue operations were launched. As thick

smoke engulfed the staircase due to burning electrical cables, several persons were stranded on the second floor. DRF personnel deployed rope ladders and safely evacuated those trapped. (Cont. on Pg 2)

Farmer Registry Mandatory for PM-KISAN Benefits

(Capital Information)
Hyderabad : The Agriculture Department has urged farmers whose names figure in the notified list to complete their Farmer Registry enrollment at the earliest, either through the local Agricultural Extension Officer (AEO) or at Mee Seva centres.

Officials said the Farmer Registry process will be carried out through e-KYC authentication. Farmers have been advised to carry the required documents, including a photocopy of Aadhaar card, a copy of the Pattadar Passbook, and a mobile phone linked to Aadhaar to receive OTP verification.

The Farmer Registry initiative has been launched with



the support of the Central Government as part of efforts to fully digitise the agriculture sector. Under the system, every eligible farmer will be assigned a unique 11-digit identification number, similar to Aadhaar-based identification provided to citizens.

The registry will be prepared using land ownership data collected by the Revenue Department and linked with the farmer's Aadhaar number. However, officials clarified that registration in the Farmer Reg-

istry does not confer any new legal ownership rights, and is based solely on existing land records maintained by the Revenue authorities.

The department further stated that linkage of central welfare schemes with the Farmer Registry has been initiated.

Registration in the Farmer Registry has been made mandatory for beneficiaries of Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) to receive forthcoming instalments, as per guidelines issued by the Centre.

Farmers have been advised to complete the process without delay to avoid disruption in availing government benefits.

Telangana is a treasure trove of opportunities; our vast talent pool is our greatest strength : Minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu

(Capital Information)
Hyderabad : The Minister said Telangana has a strong and dynamic talent pool capable of driving impactful research and innovation in artificial intelligence.

Speaking on Friday at the prestigious AI summit in New Delhi, he addressed Swedish trade representatives and global technology stakeholders.

He emphasized that under the leadership of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, the government is already prepared to meet the challenges posed by the rapid rise of AI while fully



leveraging its opportunities. To support this vision, the state has launched multiple initiatives to enhance the skills of software professionals and future-ready talent.

He noted that the expansion of AI will significantly transform job roles, and the government has proactively begun preparing the workforce for this transition.

AI research centres, applications, and service ecosystems will generate new employment opportunities, and he urged youth to seize these prospects.

According to him, AI will empower young people and professionals to take on more creative and high-value responsibilities.

"Skilling and reskilling" has been the government's guiding mantra for the past two years, he added.

The adoption of AI in public services and welfare programmes will strengthen last-mile (Cont. on Pg 2)

Drugs-Free Telangana Is Government's Goal: Jupally

(Capital Information)
Hyderabad : Reiterating the State government's firm resolve to eradicate narcotics, Prohibition & Excise Minister Jupally Krishna Rao on Friday declared that transforming Telangana into a drugs-free State is the government's top priority.

The Minister was speaking after unveiling the diary and calendars brought out by the Telangana Prohibition and Excise Executive Officers Association at Ravindra Bharathi.

Expressing deep concern over the growing menace of narcotics, Jupally said drugs were destroying the future of youth and shattering families. "Many young-



sters are falling prey to addiction, leading to social and economic distress. We must collectively root out such anti-social forces from society. A drugs-free Telangana

should be our shared mission," he asserted.

Referring to the recent death of Constable Soumya while attempting to thwart a ganja smuggling gang, the

Minister termed it unfortunate and said her sacrifice would not go in vain. He assured that the government would stand firmly by her family and recalled that an immediate financial assistance of ₹1 crore had already been extended.

Stating that the government was seriously considering providing weapons to Excise personnel to curb smuggling activities and ensure self-protection, he said necessary training would be imparted before arms are issued. "We are committed to equipping our officers with the required resources to combat drug trafficking effectively," he said.

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Civil Supplies Commissioner Conducts Surprise Inspection of Hyderabad Godowns; Emphasizes Quality, Transparency, and Worker Welfare

(Capital Information)
Hyderabad : M. Stephen Raveendra, IPS, Principal Secretary and Ex-Officio Commissioner of Civil Supplies, conducted a surprise inspection of the Circle-IV (Nampally) and Circle-VI (Amberpet) MLS Points today.

During the visit, the Commissioner thoroughly examined the quality of rice stocks meant for the Public Distribution System (PDS), Government Hostels, and Anganwadi Centres. He issued strict instructions to Godown In-charges to verify stocks upon receipt and ensure only good quality rice is distributed.

Key Highlights of the Inspection:

Upgraded Rice Supply: The Commissioner announced that the Corporation is now supplying steam rice, which will significantly improve cooking quality for students in Welfare Hostels and Schools. Feedback from Social Welfare officials during the visit confirmed high satisfaction with the current rice quality.

System Transparency: To ensure accountability, Stephen Raveendra verified the Supply Chain Management system, cross-checking physical stock registers and the GPS-based vehicle tracking system.

Worker Welfare: Interacting with the hamalies at the godowns, the Commissioner assured them that their request for accidental insurance would be examined sympathetically and immediately directed the District Manager to provide them with a rest shed.

The inspection was attended by K. Sai Arun, DM, Hyderabad; Smt. Deepthi, ADM, Hyderabad; and Godown In-charges Gopala Krishna and Kiran.

Farmers should be made aware of oil palm plantation : Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao

(Capital Information)
Palvancha : At Palvancha mandal center of Kamareddy district, Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao planted oil palm mass plantation plants in an agricultural field on the outskirts of Palvancha on Friday along with Horticulture Director Yasmin Basha, government spokesperson Banswada MLA Pocharam Srinivas and District Collector Ashish Sangwan. State Agriculture Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao participated in the mega oil palm plantation program organized at Palvancha mandal center of Kamareddy district on Friday.

Later, speaking at a farmers' meeting organized at RR Function Hall, the minister said that he has a special connection with Kamareddy district. He said that intercropping can also be cultivated in oil palm cultivation and additional income can be earned. The government is providing subsidies under the National Mission Cooking Oils Oil Palm Scheme implemented by the central government, and farmers are advised to utilize this opportunity and increase their income.

He said that the palm oil mill to be set up in the district will purchase the palms at the price fixed by the government and deposit the cash directly into the farmers' accounts within 14 days. Oil palm is one of the crops that produce the



highest amount of cooking oil in the world.

This crop, which yields 4 to 6 metric tons (MT) of oil per hectare per year, plays a prominent role in the production of cooking oils in the world. In honor of the National Mission Cooking Oils - Oil Palm Scheme ambitiously introduced by the Central Government, the Central Agriculture

Department and the Telangana State Government are promoting oil palm cultivation in Kamareddy district through the Horticulture Department in coordination with each other.

In this context, the multinational company Hindustan Unilever Limited (HUL) has been entrusted with the responsibility of developing oil palm plantations (Cont. on Pg 2)



Elaborate arrangements for summer rush : Additional EO reviews facilities

(Capital Information)
Tirumala : Additional EO CH Venkaiah Chowdary stated that TTD is making effective arrangements with a data-driven plan to ensure a smooth pilgrimage for devotees during the upcoming summer vacation. He presided over a review meeting with officials at the Sudharma Meeting Hall in Padmavathi Guest House, Tirumala, on Friday.

Analyzing the data from the past two to three years, Additional EO discussed aspects such as the number of darshans and waiting times in compartments. He emphasized that the priority remains providing quick darshan to common pilgrims.

Real-time monitoring via AI Technology

This year, TTD will enhance the use of technology through the Integrated AI Command Control Center. The in-flow, out-flow, and waiting times will be monitored every minute to take immediate decisions based on the crowd density, the Additional EO explained.

Enhanced amenities for pilgrims

To tackle the summer heat, instructions have been issued to apply cool painting on Mada Streets and other prominent areas, besides erecting sheds where necessary. The number of buttermilk distribution points will be increased, and medical facilities along the trekking paths will be strengthened. Improvements in Annaprasadam and drinking water supply were also discussed to cater to the influx of families during the holidays.

CE Satyanarayana, Transport GM Sessa Reddy, Deputy EOs Lokanatham, Bhaskar, Somannarayana, Venkataiah, Venkateswarlu, VGO Surendra, and other officials attended the meeting.

Sarpanches Play a Crucial Role in Rural Development : Collector Badavath Santosh

(Special Correspondent) Nagarkurnool : The role of Sarpanches is extremely vital in the comprehensive development of villages, stated Badavath Santosh, District Collector of Nagarkurnool.

On Friday, the Collector inaugurated the second phase of training classes for newly elected Sarpanches from 116 villages under the Kalwakurthy Division. The program was organized at the IDOC main conference hall in the district headquarters.

Speaking on the occasion, the District Collector said that by providing 50 percent reservation for women in local bodies, the government has further strengthened women's empowerment. He called upon women Sarpanches to make effective use of this opportunity and work towards holistic development by utilizing funds and responsibilities transparently.

He emphasized that Sarpanches bear the responsibility of identifying public needs and effectively implementing govern-



ment schemes at the grassroots level. Priority should be given to the development of basic infrastructure such as drinking water, sanitation, roads, education, and healthcare. He also advised them to regularly monitor schools and Anganwadi centers, and immediately bring any shortcomings to the notice of officials for prompt resolution.

The Collector directed Sarpanches to ensure that there is no interference from family members in village administration and to uphold public trust through transparent governance, thereby giving true meaning to the reser-

vation system. He urged them to effectively utilize funds allocated to Gram Panchayats and move forward with coordination.

He further advised them to stay connected with the people and govern transparently. A clear understanding of village conditions would help in resolving issues efficiently. He stressed the need to focus on revenue generation through taxes and other local sources, stating that increased revenue would enable the undertaking of more public welfare works and further improvement of infrastructure.

The Collector encouraged Sarpanches to strive for village progress with innovative ideas and earn a good reputation. He reiterated that comprehensive village development should be the ultimate goal, achieved through proper utilization of funds and duties in coordination with all stakeholders.

It was informed that in the second phase, 116 Sarpanches from Kalwakurthy, Urkonda, Veldanda, Charakonda, and Vangoor mandals will receive five days of training. District Panchayat Officer Sriramulu stated that the training would provide comprehensive awareness on the Panchayat Raj Act, implementation of rural development programs, financial management, social responsibilities, and transparent governance.

Additional Collector Amarendra, Deputy CEO Gopal Naik, DLPOs, MPDOs, newly elected Sarpanches, and officials from various departments participated in the program.

Addl. Collector Inspects SC Girls Gurukul School, Dines with Students



(Capital Information) Chittiboyinapalli : Additional Collector (Revenue) Madhusudan Naik inspected the SC Girls Gurukul School at Chittiboyinapalli and interacted with students, reviewing academic standards and hostel facilities.

During his visit, the Additional Collector shared a meal with the students, inquiring about the quality of food and overall amenities provided at the residential institution. He also held a special interaction session with SSC students, offering guidance on how to effectively prepare for the upcoming board examinations. Naik advised the students to write

their exams with confidence and proper time management. He encouraged them to clarify subject-related doubts through group discussions with classmates and teachers, stressing that collaborative learning improves understanding and retention.

Motivating the students further, he urged them to face challenges in academics and life with courage and determination. He emphasized that consistent effort, discipline, and mutual support among peers would help them achieve success.

School staff and officials accompanied the Additional Collector during the inspection.

Defects in quality : Natala Anji Reddy

(Capital Information) Munugode/Chandur : In the Chandur mandal center of Nalgonda district, private shopkeepers are cheating and selling the fertilizers given to farmers by the Congress government at the FSCS Cooperative Bank at a higher rate.



If this is done, there is a possibility of it collapsing quickly, said Natala Anji Reddy, former sarpanch of Kastala village in Chandur mandal of Nalgonda district and former director of Chandur Cooperative Bank. He said that contractors are trying to save money by using cheap, poor quality soil with rocks, and this is evidence of the lack of supervision by DE

and AE. He said that contractors should not cheat the godown, which will be of permanent use to the farmers, that there are no defects in the construction and that the soil and large rocks present in it should be removed immediately, otherwise he would file a complaint with the MLA against the authorities and the contractor.

Collector Calls for Priority Projects Under CSR to Meet District Needs

(Capital Information) Nalgonda : District Collector B. Chandrasekhar has urged industrial units, rice millers, commercial banks, and other corporate organizations to extend systematic support for the district's development under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR).

Speaking at the District-Level CSR Committee meeting held at the Collectorate conference hall on Friday, the Collector stated that Nalgonda is one of the largest districts and many underprivileged people require assistance in various sectors. Keeping this in view, he emphasized that industries, rice mills, commercial banks, and other organizations should come forward to support the poor, particularly in the fields of education, healthcare, and welfare,



through CSR initiatives.

He noted that when CSR funds are concentrated in a single area or limited sectors, development benefits only a specific region. Instead, he suggested that if contributions are made in a systematic and balanced manner across all sectors, overall district development can be achieved. He informed that a District-Level CSR Committee has recently been constituted to streamline

the process. CSR financial assistance provided by organizations with the approval of this committee will ensure that funds are directed to the most needed sectors and areas across the district.

Representatives of industrial units, bankers, and rice millers not only agreed to this approach but also appreciated the Collector's initiative. The Collector expressed gratitude to the industries, com-

mercial banks, and rice millers already extending support under CSR.

He further stated that if CSR funds are utilized in a planned manner, educational institutions, government primary health centers, welfare hostels, and other essential sectors across the district will benefit, ultimately supporting poor communities and students.

The Collector emphasized that priority projects should be identified based on district needs in the sectors of education, healthcare, drinking water, environment, and rural development, and funds should be utilized accordingly.

District Industries Manager Satish, representatives of various industrial organizations, rice millers, banking regulatory officials, and others participated in the meeting.

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(Cont. from Pg 1) The Minister also lauded Excise officials for their dedicated efforts in curbing illicit liquor and narcotics. He assured that the government would extend full support and provide all necessary infrastructure and assistance in the ongoing fight against drugs. He further promised to address the issues faced by Excise staff and ensure continued institutional support.

Excise Additional Director Syed Yasin Qureshi, Excise Academy Director Suresh Rathod, Joint Commissioner (Enforcement) G. Anjan Rao, Deputy Commissioner J. Harikishan, Association president Sura Krishna, General Secretary Chiranjeevi and others were present.

Major Fire Averted at Aditya Enclave in Ameerpet, 50 Rescued



(Cont. from Pg 1) Two additional DRF teams soon joined the operation, while personnel from the Fire and Police departments extended support. Thanks to the prompt response and coordinated efforts, no casualties or injuries were reported. Officials said a delay of even a few minutes could have led to a serious disaster.

Ameerpet, known as a major IT and coaching hub in the city, houses hundreds of training institutes in complexes such as Maitrivanam and Aditya Enclave, with thousands of students and job aspirants frequenting the area daily. News of the fire triggered concern across the locality, but the quick containment brought relief to officials and the public alike.

HYDRAA Commissioner A.V. Ranganath visited the spot and reviewed the situation. He inquired into the cause of the fire and appreciated the DRF teams for their swift action in preventing a major tragedy. HYDRAA Additional Director Varla Papayya also inspected the site. Officials, including DRF representatives, briefed senior officers on the rescue measures and preliminary findings.

Speaking to the media, Mr Ranganath said that coordinated efforts by HYDRAA, Fire, Police, GHMC and Electricity departments ensured there was no loss of life. He recalled that joint inspections were conducted a month ago and several establishments were served notices or sealed for failing to comply with fire safety norms. "We had granted a month's time for compliance. In view of recurring incidents, amendments to fire safety regulations may be necessary.

We will submit a report to the government in coordination with the concerned departments," he said.

He added that fresh inspections would be carried out after a month and urged building owners and the public to strictly adhere to fire safety norms and ensure unobstructed emergency exits to prevent such incidents in future.

Farmers should be made aware of oil palm plantation : Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao

(Cont. from Pg 1) in the district, and steps have been taken to protect the interests of farmers through the Oil Palm Act - 1993. The company allocated to the district will develop nurseries and supply quality plants to the farmers and provide technical advice.

Similarly, a palm oil mill will be set up in the district and oil palm saplings will be purchased from farmers at the price fixed by the government and the cash will be directly deposited in the farmers' accounts within 14 days. With the aim of achieving self-sufficiency in cooking oil production, the government will provide a subsidy of up to Rs. 50,918 per acre (as per the scheme rules) for the first four years under the NMEO-OP scheme. This subsidy will be provided for the installation of seedlings, fertilizers, intercropping and cultivation equipment. The farmer will have to pay Rs. 20 per plant as his share for the plants.

The farmer will also have to pay his share for the installation of drip irrigation equipment as per the scheme guidelines. Under a special scheme of HUL, in addition to the NMEO-OP scheme, a one-time drip irrigation support of Rs. 5,000/acre will be provided to encourage farmers. This amount will be paid directly to the drip irrigation company. Almost all types of soil are suitable for oil palm cultivation. However, water sup-



ply is mandatory. Soils that do not retain water and have high organic matter and can easily drain are best. A pH value of 6.5 to 7.5 is suitable.

On this occasion, the Minister explained the benefits of oil palm cultivation to the farmers and called on them to utilize the subsidies provided by the government and increase their income. During this program, which is being organized under the auspices of Hindustan Unilever Limited, he called on farmers to come forward for oil palm cultivation, which provides the highest profits. He said that Hindustan Unilever Limited, a leading company that manufactures many products across the country, has been entrusted with the responsibility of oil palm cultivation in Kamareddy district. He advised the company's representatives to provide full cooperation to strengthen the farmers financially.

Speaking on this occasion, the District Collector said that oil palm cultivation will become a crop that pro-

vides long-term income to the farmers. He advised farmers to take advantage of the subsidies provided by the Central and State governments through the National Mission Cooking Oils Oil Palm Scheme. The officials assured full cooperation to increase the cultivation area in the district. The MLA said that Palvancha mandal has suitable soil and water resources for oil palm cultivation. He said that farmers can get a stable income by cultivating oil palm along with traditional crops. He suggested that Hindustan Unilever Limited, which is in charge of the district, should provide quality plants and technical advice to the farmers and should maintain transparency in the purchase of seeds. Speaking about the oil farm, the farmers expressed their interest.

Additional Collector Madhu Mohan, MRO, Agriculture Department, concerned district officials and others participated in this program.

Telangana is a treasure trove of opportunities; our vast talent pool is our greatest strength : Minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu

(Cont. from Pg 1) connectivity and curb misuse. He called upon global technology companies to collaborate in building advanced applications and innovations for this purpose.

A large-scale initiative is already underway to provide internet connectivity to every village so that the benefits of AI reach all citizens. T-Fiber has been working for the past two years to connect every

village to the digital world. He stressed that AI is a game-changer that must be embraced, mastered, and guided through strengthened human skills.

Concluding, he described Telangana as a "haven for investment," highlighting the state's pro-innovation ecosystem, uninterrupted power supply, and stable policy framework that consistently welcomes new ideas and enterprises.

Southern Power Distribution Company of T.S. Limited. Operation Division : Nagarkurnool. Tender Notification No. 03/25-26. Sealed tenders are invited through Open Tender from eligible contractors for carrying out works of specification no's 27 to 29 in Operation Division, Nagarkurnool.

Revanth Reddy pitches National AI Council, Ministry at India-AI Impact Summit

(Cont. from Pg 1) time, he underscored the need for comprehensive re-skilling strategies so that AI-driven transformation generates more jobs rather than displacing workers.

Highlighting the technological shift, the Chief Minister noted that while earlier machines amplified human physical labour, modern AI systems powered by advanced GPU chips possess the ability to analyse, decide, create and act autonomously — particularly in robotics — marking a historic transition.

Warning that the global AI race has already begun, he observed that though India has excelled in services, it has yet to emerge as a creator of globally dominant digital platforms. Widely used services such as Google Search, Google Maps, Facebook, Instagram, X, YouTube and WhatsApp were not created in India, he pointed out, stressing that the country must transition from being a service provider to a platform creator.

Mr Reddy reiterated that with firm policies, strong institutions and strategic investments across the AI value chain from GPU chip manufacturing and green energy to data storage and core language services India can emerge not as a marginal player but as a global leader in Artificial Intelligence.



Newly Appointed Municipal Chairperson Morishetty Nivedita Pays Courtesy Visit to Collector

(Capital Information) Suryapet : Newly appointed Municipal Chairperson Morishetty Nivedita paid a courtesy visit to District Collector Tejas Nand Lal Pawar on Friday at the District Collector's chamber. On the occasion, she presented a bouquet to the Collector.

The District Collector congratulated the new Chairperson and advised her to work in coordination with officials for the overall development of the town.

Marketing Committee Chairman Vena Reddy, Congress party leaders Gummadi Narasayya, Ramireddy Sarvotham Reddy, Potlu Bhaskar, and others were present during the meeting.



State Planning Commission Vice-Chairman Chinna Reddy meets Mallikarjuna Kharge in Delhi

(Capital Information)

New Delhi/ Wanaparthy : AICC President Mallikarjuna Kharge, the leader of the main opposition in the Rajya Sabha, was met by Telangana State Planning Commission Vice Chairman (Wanaparthy) Dr. G. Chinna Reddy. In this meeting held at Indra Bhavan in New Delhi, Chinna Reddy presented Kharge with a bouquet of flowers and discussed the latest political situation in the state.

Chinna Reddy explained to Kharge that under the leadership of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, the Congress party has continued its victory in the Sarpanch and Municipal elections in Telangana state and will move forward with the same enthusiasm in the upcoming MPTC and ZPTC elections as well. Chinna Reddy said that Mallikarjun Kharge appreciated the efforts being made collectively by Congress party leaders and public representatives in Telangana state.

Take special measures to prevent road accidents : Collector Hanumantha Rao

(Capital Information)

Yadadri Bhuvanagiri : District Collector M.Hanumantha Rao has directed the concerned officials to take special measures in the district to completely prevent road accidents and save people's lives.

A review meeting was held with the concerned officials on road safety in the district on Friday in the Collectorate mini meeting hall.

On this occasion, District Collector M. Hanumantha Rao said that he inquired about the reasons for the recent accidents in the district. They want to set up speed gates and speed limit boards on the main roads in the district. He said that driving licenses of minor boys should be banned in the district and driving licenses



should be cancelled.

School buses in the district should be checked whether they are in good condition or not. The district collector said that more measures should be

Collector Reviews Indiramma Housing Works in Pothampally

(Capital Information)

Mahabubnagar : District Collector Viziendira Boji on Friday inspected the progress of Indiramma housing works at Pothampally village in Mahabubnagar Urban mandal and expressed satisfaction over the pace of construction.

Interacting with beneficiaries, the Collector enquired about the stage of construction, expenditure incurred and whether bills were being cleared on time. Pothampally has been selected as a pilot village for the Indiramma housing scheme in the district.

Officials informed that a total of 104 houses were sanctioned for the village. Of these, 10 houses have been completed, 65 are under construction at various stages and the remaining units are at the marking stage.

The Collector visited the houses of beneficiaries including Nakka Hanumanth, Kummari Balaraju and Jakkalagalla Chennamma and personally reviewed the works. She asked them about



the total cost incurred so far and the status of bill payments. One beneficiary informed that nearly Rs 2 lakh had been spent till date, and while the bill for wall construction had been received, the slab bill was still pending.

Taking serious note of the delay, the Collector directed the Housing Project Director to immediately release pending bills and ensure that no payments remain pending, so that construction works are not slowed down.

She also sought details from engineers regarding the

plinth area of the houses and whether any deviations had been made from the approved design. Officials clarified that works were being carried out as per norms.

Stressing the need for timely completion, collector instructed officials to expedite construction and ensure prompt fund release to avoid inconvenience to beneficiaries.

Housing PD Venkat Upender Reddy, DE Vijay Kumar, AE Jhansi, the panchayat secretary and Indiramma committee members were present during the inspection.

Dream Fulfilled - MLA Keeps His Promise Shadnagar Emerges as a Congress Fortress

(Special Correspondent)

Shadnagar : The long-cherished dream has finally been realized. The Congress party has reclaimed the chair it had previously lost, restoring its former glory. The municipal turf of Shadnagar has now been firmly established as a Congress stronghold. MLA Veerlapalli Shankar, former MLA Pratap Reddy, and key party leaders worked tirelessly to secure a collective victory and lead the party to success.

On Friday, at an auspicious time, the Congress municipal governing body officially assumed office. The grand ceremony witnessed the presence of prominent citizens, media representatives, leaders, and supporters in large numbers.

In the previous elections, the Congress party unseated the "pink chair" and reclaimed the municipal leadership, regaining its past prestige. The party cadre expressed happiness

over the well-planned election strategy that led to this achievement. By seizing every available opportunity for victory and securing the chair without depending on external support, the party set an example that will inspire future generations.

In the municipal elections, the Congress party won 15 out of 28 seats. With the ex-officio vote of MLA Shankar, the party secured a total of 16 votes to claim the chairmanship. Meanwhile, the BRS party was restricted to 11 seats, falling short of the

magic figure.

The Congress party, which carried out a determined and victorious campaign, fulfilled the promise it had made before the elections. Party leaders took responsibility for empowering grassroots workers and transforming them into public representatives, collectively achieving this success.

Ultimately, the Congress party brought the municipal election story to a successful conclusion and earned significant public support and popularity.



Helmets Distributed to Riders at Road Safety Drive in Penimilla

(Capital Information)

Uppununthala : In a bid to promote road safety awareness among rural youth, a special awareness programme coupled with free helmet distribution was organised at Penimilla village under Uppununthala mandal.

The initiative was led by Uppununthala Sub-Inspector G. Venkata Reddy along with village Sarpanch Medasani Sreelatha. As part of the drive, helmets were distributed free of cost to two-wheeler riders found travelling without protective headgear.

Addressing the gathering, SI Venkata Reddy underlined the importance of wearing helmets while riding two-wheelers.

He observed that several families have been devastated due to fatal road accidents and cautioned that even minor negligence could result in irreversible loss. He urged youth to strictly adhere to traffic rules and act responsibly on the roads.

Sarpanch Medasani Sreelatha said the safety and well-being of village youth remains a priority. She noted that similar awareness initiatives would be conducted regularly to minimise accidents and promote responsible riding habits in the village.

Police personnel, village elders and a large number of youth took part in the programme. The initiative received a positive response from residents, with organisers expressing hope that sustained awareness efforts would significantly reduce road accidents in the area.

Around 20 Girl Students Fell ill at Kasturba Gandhi School

(Capital Information)

Medak : At the Kasturba Gandhi School in Regode, Medak District, nearly 20 girl students experienced vomiting and fell ill. They were immediately shifted to the nearby government hospital in a 108 ambulance for treatment.

Principal Swayamprabha ensured that the students received medical care. After their condition stabilized, Doctor Shwetha provided further treatment to the students at the Kasturba Gandhi School along with her medical staff.

District Education Officer Vijaya, DMHO Sriram, Ci Renuka, PCC member Munnuru Kishan, and Mandal Education Officer Gurunath visited the students, enquired about their health, and encouraged them to stay strong.

Collector Reviews District Education Infrastructure Works

(Capital Information)

Sangareddy : The District Collector Praveenya directed concerned officials to expedite the completion of infrastructure works being undertaken in schools and residential schools across the District. A review meeting was held on Friday at the Collectorate under the chairmanship of District Collector Praveenya, with Mandal Education Officers and officials from the Samagra Shiksha de-

partment in attendance.

The Collector thoroughly reviewed the progress of various educational infrastructure works, including those under the PM SHRI scheme, Bhavita Centers, and KGBV civil works. She inquired about the progress of Bhavita Center constructions in the mandals of Zaheerabad, Mogudampally, Kalher, Kondapur, Manoor, Municipally, Pulkal, Sirgapur, and Kangli, and instructed officials to speed up

the construction work.

Similarly, she directed that pending works related to KGBV building constructions in Nyalakal, Nagalgidda, Pulkal, Manoor, Sirgapur, and Vatalpalle be completed at the earliest. Under the PM SHRI scheme, education department officials briefed the Collector on the progress of science labs and other building constructions.

The Collector instructed that toilets in schools should be provided according to student strength and that toilets sanctioned under NRGES be completed by March.

The meeting also reviewed the PM SHRI budget, UDISE data, and issues related to pre-primary schools. The Collector gave instructions to the concerned departments regarding data accuracy and performance.

District Education Officer Venkateshwarlu, Mandal Education Officers, and Samagra Shiksha Coordinators participated in the meeting.



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E-Tender Notice

CE/C-1/SC, CE/C-III/SC & CE/C/Plg & Sy/SC Construction Organisation, S.C.Railway, Secunderabad, respectively, invites e-tender on behalf of the President of India for the following works:

S. No.: 1, NIT No.: PMS 01-CAO-C-SC-2026 **Date:** 19/02/2026 **Name of work:** SCR Construction Organization - Appointment of Authority Engineer for providing Project Management Services for Construction of new railway BG line between Chainage 77.000 Km and Chainage 147.500 Km between Sidiset (Excl.) & Pro. Kohapalli (Excl.) Stations. **Details Estimated Cost:** Rs. 12,95,06,110.00. **EMD:** Rs. 7,97,500.00 **Completion Period:** 30 (Thirty) Months. **Date of Opening:** 26/03/2026 15:00 hrs.

S. No.: 2, NIT No.: 13-CAO-C-SC-2026 **Date:** 19/02/2026 **Name of work:** SCR Construction Organization: New BG line between Errupalem - Nambur via Amaravathi - I) Errupalem yard remodeling and integration with Amaravathi line, II) Earthwork information including blanketing to GE-IRS-0004 specifications, III) Construction of minor bridges, RUBS, extension of L.C. IV) Proposed Laying and linking of BG track, Assembling and insertion of Points and crossings, Leading and dumping stone ballast, transportation of P.Way materials and other miscellaneous works from Km: 0.00 to Km: 3.525 between Errupalem (including) and Peddapuram (excluding) stations. **Details Estimated Cost:** Rs. 36,20,15,783.09 **EMD:** Rs. 19,60,100.00 **Completion Period:** 15 (Fifteen) Months. **Date of Opening:** 17/03/2026 15:00 hrs

S. No.: 3, NIT No.: EPC 02-CAO-C-SC-2026 **Date:** 17/02/2026 **Name of work:** SCR Construction Organization: Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) contract for "Tripping of track between Srikalahasti and Renigunta Stations with Electrification, Signalling & Telecommunication Electrification and augmentation of 1X25kv TSS/SP/SSP in total GDR-RU section to suit three line in connection with Tripping of Gudur-Renigunta section in Guntakal division in the State of Andhra Pradesh. **Details Estimated Cost:** Rs. 232,55,22,168.52 **EMD:** Rs. 1,16,27,600.00 **Completion Period:** 24 (Twenty Four) Months. **Date of Opening:** 21/04/2026 15:00 hrs.

S. No.: 4, NIT No.: 07-CAO-C-SC-2026 **Date:** 11/02/2026 **Name of work:** SCR Construction Organization: Construction of office for Dy.CE/GC/TPTY & CSI/C/TPTY near Tirupati West Station in Guntakal Division. **Details Estimated Cost:** Rs. 9,00,11,782.16 **EMD:** Rs. 6,00,100.00 **Completion Period:** 12 (Twelve) Months. **Date of Opening:** 05/03/2026 15:00 hrs.

S.No.: 5, NIT No.: 12-CAO-C-SC-2026 **Date:** 13/02/2026 **Name of work:** SCR Construction Organization: Guntakal Division - Major Upgradation of Renigunta station under Amrit Bharat station Scheme-Construction of 12.0m & 6.0m wide FOB, COPS, Improvements to Platforms and Relocation of Buildings on PF No.4/5 duly demolishing existing Buildings. **Details Estimated Cost:** Rs. 31,73,84,430.12 **EMD:** Rs. 17,36,900.00 **Completion Period:** 18 (Eighteen) Months. **Date of Opening:** 16/03/2026 15:00 hrs.

i) For bid document and other details, please login to website <https://ireps.gov.in>.

ii) Tenderers can submit their offers online during tender submission period which is the Fifteen days period prior to closing of tender.

iii) Tenderers should watch for any corrigenda (issued online only) up to the date of commencement of the tender submission period.

Dy.Chief Administration Officer/Const./Secunderabad

E-Tender Notice No. GNT/SG/36/367, Dated: 17.02.2026

The undersigned invites e-tenders for the works mentioned below up to 16:00 hrs of 12.03.2026.

ID.No.: 367. **Name of the work:** Telecom arrangements in connection with replacement of defective Quad cable between GNT-NLPD, MAG-KCC & BMMP-PGDP sections for improving reliability of communication over Guntur division. **Advertised Tender Value (Rs.):** 1,75,65,042.00. **E.M.D/Bid security (Rs.):** 2,37,800/- **Cost of Tender Document (Rs.):** NIL

1. If the date of opening of tenders happens to be declared holiday at later date, the tenders will be opened on the next-working day at the stipulated time.

2. Last dates for online submission of E-bids are 12.03.2026 up to 16:00 hrs. For detailed information login to our website at www.ireps.gov.in.

3. Any further communication/corrigendum shall only be intimated through E-portal www.ireps.gov.in.

Sr. Divisional Signal Telecom Engineer, Guntur

E-Tender Notice No. N-SG-36-2025-26-CCTV-42 dated 17.02.2026

Sr. DST/E/NE acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders for the following work.

Tender Number and Date: N-SG-36-2025-26-CCTV-42 dated 17.02.2026. **Name of Work:** Provision of IP based Video Surveillance System (CCTV Cameras) at Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar, Jaina and Pathani Good Sheeds over Nanded Division. **Estimated Project Cost Rs.:** 77,08,707/- **Bid Security Rs.:** 1,54,200/- **Completion Period of Work:** 12 Months, **Bid Closing Date (Bid Due Date):** 11.03.2026 at 15:00 hrs., **Bid Opening Date:** 11.03.2026 after 15:00 hrs., **Validity of Offer:** 60 Days from Bid Closing Date, **Cost of Tender Booklet:** Rs.0/-

All bidding is in Indian Railway e-tendering portal www.ireps.gov.in. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender. Further details can be seen in www.ireps.gov.in

Sr. Divisional Signal & Telecom Engineer/Nanded

E-Tender Notice No. N-SG-36-2025-26-TOWER-41 dated 17.02.2026

Sr. DST/E/NE acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders for the following work.

Tender Number and Date: N-SG-36-2025-26-TOWER-41 dated 17.02.2026. **Name of Work:** Replacement of Overaged Existing Rooftop 25W VHF mast with Tripod Towers Type and Associated Accessories over Nanded Division. **Estimated Project Cost Rs.:** 54,56,542/- **Bid Security Rs.:** 1,09,100/- **Completion Period of Work:** 12 Months, **Bid Closing Date (Bid Due Date):** 11.03.2026 at 15:00 hrs., **Bid Opening Date:** 11.03.2026 after 15:00 hrs., **Validity of Offer:** 60 Days from Bid Closing Date, **Cost of Tender Booklet Rs.:** 0/-

Applications Invited from Eligible Handloom Workers

(Capital Information)

Nalgonda : The eligible handloom workers of the district are hereby informed that the Government of Telangana is presenting an award in the name of Acharya Konda Laxman Bapuji on the occasion of National Handloom Day to be observed on August 7, 2026.

Assistant Director of Handlooms and Textiles, S.Dwarak, stated in a press release on Friday that applications are invited from eligible handloom workers.

The award will be presented to those working in the handloom and design sectors.

Selected awardees will receive a cash prize of ₹25,000 along with a certificate of appreciation and a memento.

In the handloom workers category, applicants must have completed 30 years of age as of 31.12.2025.

In the designing category, applicants must have completed 25 years of age as of 31.12.2025.

All bidding is in Indian Railway e-tendering portal www.ireps.gov.in. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender. Further details can be seen in www.ireps.gov.in.

Sr. Divisional Signal & Telecom Engineer/Nanded

Tender Notice No. G/E.29/Tr./ Tender Notice/56/2025-26 Dt. 20.02.2026

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-87-2025-26. **Name of Work :** Provision of Retro-reflective Sigma Boards prior to ABS signals and number plates in WD-GTL-MOJRU Section. **Approximate Value :** Rs. 70,93,700/- **EMD:** Rs.1,41,900/-

Tender Closing date & time: 13.03.2026 at 15:00 hrs.

Note: Tender Document may be downloaded from www.ireps.gov.in by tenderers, free of cost.

For Bidding the tender and other details login to <http://www.ireps.gov.in> Corrigendum if any will be issued online only.

Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer/ Traction/Guntakal

Tender Notice No. 60/2026 Dt. 20.02.2026

Supply Of Stores Items. E-Procurement Tender Notice:- The Following Tenders Have Been Flolated Online. Tenderers Are Requested To Visit The Website www.ireps.gov.in And Submit Their Offers Online. The Tender Description, Qty, EMD, SD May Be Seen In Website. Offers Submitted Manually Will Not Be Accepted. Offers By Post Will Not Be Accepted. Tender Closing Time is 14:30 Hrs Of The Due Date Of The Tender. For All Indigenous Offers, EMD Will Be Accepted Only Via Online System as Available On www.ireps.gov.in.

Tender No.	Brief Description
33261590	Earthing Cable Complete
66257552C	Procurement of spares of Deutz make for Track machines.
33261384	Spring Pot
66265129	Track Machine spares of plasser make
29265002	Set of Labyrinth and Bearing Cap
30282431	Lower spring Beam Arrangement
66258539B	Procurement of spares for Track machines.
30263621A	Set of Upper Flange.
30263628	Non-Asbestos Based 'K' type
38261006	22.2mm Dia Lock Bolt with Coller
66265282	Procurement of HARSCO make spares for Track machines.

Note: Due dates of tender opening
 SL.No. 01 on dt.06.03.2026. SL.No. 02 on dt.10.03.2026. SL.No. 03 & 04 on dt.11.03.2026 SL.No. 05 on dt.12.03.2026. SL.No.06 to 08 on dt. 16.03.2026. SL.No.09 on dt. 18.03.2026. SL.No.10 on dt. 23.03.2026. SL.No.11 on dt. 02.04.2026.

CORRIGENDUM

1) Tender Notice No.57/2026 dt. 30.01.2026 Tender No. 6025PT044 due on dt. 25.02.2026 Brief; Supply, Metal liners RDSO Dig No T-3740 may be read as Due date 05.03.2026 instead of existing. Beside Above Mentioned Tenders There Are Other Tenders Having Value Above Rs. 50 Lakhs for Details Please Visit Railway Website Above.

Principal Chief Materials Manager/ Secunderabad A2527

For further tender conditions/ details and for downloading the tender documents, Please visit website at www.ireps.gov.in or www.scr.indianrailways.gov.in

Editorial

Industry Endorses Textile-Focused Budget, assures increased investment

The Ministry of Textiles convened the first post-budget National Industry Consultation at Vanijya Bhawan, New Delhi, on 19th February, 2026, Thursday, bringing together senior government officials, industry leaders, financial institutions, development partners and representatives from across the textile value chain to deliberate on implementation priorities following the Union Budget 2026 announcements.

The consultation focused on operationalising two key initiatives announced in the Budget - the Textile Expansion and Employment (TEEM) Scheme and the Text Eco Initiative - aimed at strengthening competitiveness, modernisation, sustainability and employment generation across the textile and apparel sector.

Rohit Kansal, Additional Sec-

retary (Textiles), delivered the welcome and context-setting address, emphasising that the Union Budget has been distinctly textile-centric, with a strong focus on employment generation and manufacturing growth. He noted that the announcement of an integrated programme for the textile sector provides a comprehensive framework to align investments, policy support and institutional efforts across the value chain. He further underlined that the Budget signals a clear intent to scale manufacturing, strengthen domestic capabilities and position textiles as a key driver of inclusive growth and job creation.

Delivering the special address, Smt. Neelam Shami Rao, Secretary (Textiles), highlighted that after a year marked by resilience amid global headwinds,

the outlook for the Indian textile industry is increasingly favourable. She noted that key Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) now in place are opening significant new market opportunities for Indian exporters, enhancing tariff competitiveness and strengthening India's position in global value chains. She emphasised that the convergence of these trade agreements with a distinctly textile-centric Union Budget creates a timely and strategic advantage for the sector. With expanded market access, policy clarity and focused government support, she stated that the industry is well-positioned to scale up production, attract investments and deepen its footprint in global markets.

A detailed presentation on the Textile Expansion and Employment Mission outlined a

roadmap for modernising weaving, processing and garmenting segments, mobilising investments, strengthening MSME participation and generating large-scale employment. This was followed by a brief on the Text Eco Initiative, which aims to mainstream sustainability, circularity, resource efficiency and green manufacturing practices across the textile value chain.

The interactive session saw proactive and constructive engagement from stakeholders, who appreciated the forward-looking design of TEEM and Text Eco and endorsed the integrated framework for addressing structural gaps and leveraging global opportunities. Industry offered practical recommendations, including time-bound approvals, improved MSME financing, cluster infrastructure, targeted

skilling, digital monitoring, and sustainability-linked incentives, while urging convergence with state policies and export measures. Several participants appreciated the efforts of the government in rolling out a comprehensive and integrated textiles package.

In his summing-up remarks, Rohit Kansal reaffirmed the Ministry's commitment to a collaborative approach to translate policy intent into tangible, measurable results on the ground. He appreciated the industry for its proactive participation and candid feedback, stating that such structured consultations would continue to shape effective and responsive policymaking. He further urged industry stakeholders to share detailed written inputs and specific suggestions with the Ministry's team to facilitate timely finalisation and ensure effective

implementation.

The session concluded with a vote of thanks by Smt. Vrunda Manohar Desai, Textile Commissioner who acknowledged the valuable contributions of stakeholders and reaffirmed the Ministry's commitment to time-bound and outcome-oriented implementation.

The post-budget National Industry Consultation marks an important step in strengthening structured government, industry dialogue and advancing a coordinated roadmap to enhance India's position as a credible, competitive and sustainable global textile hub. The discussions reflected a shared resolve between Government and industry to position India as a credible and trusted global textiles partner anchored in scale, sustainability and reliability.

Capacity Expansion Should Not Compromise Quality of Care and Education at AIIMS: Union Health Minister

New Delhi (PIB) : Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare J.P. Nadda addressed the Leadership Conclave for the Presidents and the Executive Directors of new All India Institutes of Medical Sciences, convened by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in New Delhi today. The Conclave is envisaged as an ongoing endeavour to build institutional capacities, promote inter-institutional collaboration, and establish a strong and cohesive network of AIIMS institutions to further strengthen public health systems in the country.

Delivering the keynote address, the Union Health Minister emphasized that the Leadership Conclave is both contextual and relevant in the present phase of expansion of the All India Institutes of Medical Sciences network. He stated that a balanced approach must be maintained among patient care, teaching,

and research, with a clear focus on strengthening a patient-centric model. He underscored the need to institute structured patient feedback mechanisms and to take concrete steps to enhance patient satisfaction. He expressed his expectation that the new AIIMS should progressively establish world standards in patient care and medical education, while preserving the institutional ethos associated with the AIIMS system.

Noting that the new AIIMS are at different stages of development, the Minister stressed the importance of mutual support and structured collaboration so that institutions may grow together in a coordinated manner. He expressed satisfaction that 20 AIIMS have established a collaborative research consortium to advance coordinated health research aligned with national priorities, and stated that institutional leadership

must blend administrative efficiency with academic excellence to guide this initiative effectively.

Clarifying governance roles, he reiterated that the President of each Institute represents the Ministry and provides guidance and oversight, while the Executive Director is responsible for day-to-day administration. He emphasized that this functional distinction must be respected to ensure effective institutional management. The Minister called for moving beyond conventional practices and fostering greater transparency, accountability, and objectivity in decision-making processes.

He urged the adoption of cutting-edge technologies, particularly the integration of Artificial Intelligence in diagnostics and clinical decision-making, and emphasized the need to institutionalize telemedicine services as a regular component of AIIMS functioning. He also called for strengthening out-



reach programmes to expand community engagement and reinforce the public health role of the institutions.

On human resource development, the Minister stressed the need to accelerate faculty recruitment without compromising knowledge standards and quality of healthcare delivery. He suggested conducting at least four cycles of interviews annually and noted the recent increase in faculty recruitment across AIIMS. He reiterated that structured mechanisms

such as NORCET and the Common Recruitment Examination (CRE) for nursing and non-faculty staff should be conducted regularly, with an emphasis on timely appointments.

The Minister further directed that facilities such as Jan Aushadhi Kendras and AMRIT Pharmacies should be established and maintained in every AIIMS to ensure affordable access to medicines. He called for developing a structured mechanism for faculty and student exchange be-

tween AIIMS and other Institutes of National Importance, with AIIMS playing a leading role in teaching and nursing capacity building.

He emphasized the importance of collaborative research with premier institutions such as Indian Institutes of Technology and Indian Institutes of Management, particularly in areas such as rare diseases, genetic disorders, and medical technology innovation. While acknowledging the expansion in the number of AIIMS, he cautioned that increased capacity must not dilute established standards, and reiterated that the quality of healthcare and medical education for which AIIMS is known must be preserved.

The Minister also highlighted the importance of promoting a culture of responsible student leadership aligned with the dignity and values of the AIIMS sys-

tem. He called upon institutional leaders to develop appropriate mechanisms to nurture such leadership while upholding academic discipline and institutional integrity.

On the occasion, the Union Health Minister also released a publication titled "Compilation of Office Memorandum and Guidelines on Various Matters" prepared by the Finance Division of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. The publication consolidates key financial and administrative instructions issued from time to time and is intended to serve as a ready reference for institutions under the Ministry, including the new All India Institutes of Medical Sciences.

Senior officials of the Ministry, Presidents and Executive Directors of various newly established AIIMS institutions participated in the deliberations.

CEOs and Delegates participating in India AI Impact Summit Call on Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan

AI to Transform Healthcare, Education and Governance: Vice-President

New Delhi (PIB) : A group of CEOs and Delegates participating in the India AI Summit 2026 met Vice President C. P. Radhakrishnan at Uprashtrapati Bhavan and shared their perspectives on how artificial intelligence is fundamentally reshaping the global working landscape and unlocking vast new opportunities. They highlighted AI's transformative potential across key sectors such as healthcare, education, and employment, noting that India is uniquely positioned to benefit from large-scale AI-driven innovation and deployment. They also expressed appreciation for the India AI Mission for its continued support in building a strong and collaborative AI ecosystem.

The delegates described the summit as spectacular in scale and impact, showcas-



ing a vibrant pool of young talent, innovative ideas, and forward-looking solutions from emerging minds across the country. They also discussed the practical and citizen-centric applications, including the use of AI-powered simultaneous language translation in parliamentary proceedings, which can significantly enhance accessibility, efficiency, and inclusiveness in governance.

During the meeting, the Vice-President underlined that AI enhances accuracy, improves ease of work, and delivers meaningful benefits to society at large. Expressing strong optimism about the future of AI, he noted that the technology will not only transform existing roles but also generate entirely new job opportunities. He said that India's hosting of the AI Summit was a significant ini-

tiative envisioned by the Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, positioning the country as a key player in the global AI landscape and as a major driver of transformation in healthcare, education, and good governance.

The Vice President emphasized that AI enhances accuracy, streamlines workflows, and generates widespread societal benefits. He also highlighted India's commitment to an inclusive, people-centric AI approach that broadens access and creates opportunities for all across the nation.

The Vice President also affirmed that when India and its people are given the right opportunities and platforms, their potential is limitless, and the coming years holds promise of being a defining and successful one for the nation.

A Farmer Cultivates with the Desire to Feed Others : Legislative Council Chairman

(Capital Information)

Hyderabad : Gutha Sukender Reddy, Chairman of the Telangana Legislative Council, attended as the chief guest and inaugurated Rythubadi Agri Show-2026 held at NTR Stadium in Hyderabad.

Speaking on the occasion, he said, "The very word 'agriculture' carries the meaning of 'help.' A farmer cultivates with the noble intention of feeding others. A farmer has the good heart not only to survive himself but also to ensure that those around him live well. It is wrong to assume that agriculture always results in losses; if practiced properly and scientifically, it can bring profits. There is strong demand in the agricultural sector, and youth must show greater interest in it."

He further stated that the Telangana State Government is implementing several welfare schemes aimed at bene-



fitting the farming community.

Among those who attended the program were Anvesh Reddy, Chairman of Telangana Seeds Corporation; Gutha Amit Reddy, Chairman of Telangana Dairy Development Corporation; model farmers Tummala Yugender and Pasham Ram Reddy, Rythubadi Rajender, former MLA Nandyala Nar-

simha Reddy and others.

The Chairman mentioned that Rythubadi Rajender Reddy has been a close associate for many years and has been consistently spreading awareness among farmers through a YouTube channel. He added that he also watches agricultural videos on the Rythubadi channel.

Inclusive Growth Key to Social Justice; AI and Emerging Technologies to Drive India's Future Growth: Piyush Goyal

New Delhi (PIB) : The Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, Piyush Goyal, today launched seven additional interventions under the Export Promotion Mission (EPM), a flagship initiative of the Department of Commerce aimed at empowering Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) for global markets. These interventions are designed to address key challenges faced by Indian exporters, promote broad-based and inclusive export growth, and strengthen India's position as a globally competitive export powerhouse. Commerce Secretary, Rajesh Agarwal, also graced the occasion.

Addressing the gathering on the occasion of World Day of Social Justice, Goyal said that social justice requires reaching the last person at the bottom of the pyramid. He emphasised that inclusive growth, empowerment of the marginalised and providing opportunities to those left behind in India's rapid transformation are essential to achieving true social justice.

The Minister highlighted India's growing leadership in emerging technologies and global partnerships. Referring to the recently concluded AI Summit, he commended Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the concerned Ministers for

positioning India at the centre of global conversations on artificial intelligence and future technologies. He stated that advancements in artificial intelligence, machine learning, quantum computing, data centres and indigenous large language models would open significant opportunities for India's youth and catalyse investments across sectors.

Goyal underlined that India's expanding network of Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) has significantly enhanced market access for Indian exporters. He noted that nearly 70 per cent of global GDP and two-thirds of global trade are now accessible to India through nine concluded FTAs, including the first tranche of the Bilateral Trade Agreement with the United States. These agreements provide preferential access across sectors in 38 developed and emerging economies.

The Minister stated that India today engages with developed economies with confidence, safeguarding sensitive sectors while securing gains in areas of competitive strength. Since 2022, India has accelerated trade engagements, expanded partnerships in goods, services and investments, reduced compliance burdens, decriminalised several laws and improved ease of doing busi-

ness. He also referred to India's successful hosting of the G20 Summit across multiple cities, showcasing the country's diversity and economic potential.

Emphasising that the benefits of global trade must reach every MSME, startup and entrepreneur, Goyal said the Export Promotion Mission is aimed at promoting new products, services and exporters, while enabling Indian businesses to access new markets. He noted that India has recorded double-digit growth in merchandise exports in the first half of February, reflecting strong market confidence and proactive industry participation.

He stated that the Mission seeks to simplify processes for MSMEs, strengthen access to credit, enhance quality standards, support compliance with international regulations and expand logistics and warehousing infrastructure globally.

Initiatives such as overseas warehousing, including Bharat Mart in Dubai, are intended to provide Indian exporters with strategic access to markets across the GCC, Africa, Central Asia and Europe.

The Export Promotion Mission adopts a holistic ecosystem approach by combining financial enablers under 'Niryat Protsahan' and trade ecosystem support under 'Niryat Disha', delivered

through a unified and digitally monitored framework.

The newly launched interventions aim to address structural constraints faced by MSMEs, including high cost of capital, limited access to diversified trade finance instruments, compliance burdens in international markets, logistics disadvantages, and barriers to market entry.

The interventions launched under Niryat Protsahan included:

1. Support for Alternative Trade Instruments (Export Factoring) - This intervention promotes export factoring as an affordable working capital solution for MSMEs. Interest subvention of 2.75% will be provided on the factoring cost for eligible transactions undertaken through RBI/IFSCA-recognised entities. Assistance is capped at ₹50 lakh per MSME annually and will be processed through a digital claim mechanism to ensure transparency and timely disbursement.

2. Credit Assistance for E-Commerce Exporters - To support exporters using digital channels, structured credit facilities are being introduced with interest subvention and partial credit guarantees. The Direct E-Commerce Credit Facility will provide support up to ₹50 lakh with 90% guarantee coverage. The Overseas

Inventory Credit Facility will extend support up to ₹5 crore with 75% guarantee coverage. Interest subvention of 2.75% will be available, subject to an annual ceiling of ₹15 lakh per applicant.

3. Support for Emerging Export Opportunities - This intervention enables exporters to access new or high-risk markets through various shared-risk and credit instruments. These structured mechanisms aim to strengthen exporter confidence and liquidity flows.

Further, the following interventions were launched under Niryat Disha:

1. Trade Regulations, Accreditation & Compliance Enablement (TRACE) - TRACE supports exporters in meeting international Testing, Inspections, Certifications and other conformity requirements. Partial reimbursement of 60% under the Positive List and 75% under the Priority Positive List will be provided for eligible testing, inspection and certification expenses, subject to an annual ceiling of ₹25 lakh per IEC.

2. Facilitating Logistics, Overseas Warehousing & Fulfilment (FLOW) - FLOW supports exporters in accessing overseas warehousing and fulfilment infrastructure, including E-Commerce Export Hubs integrated with global distribution networks. Assistance of up to

30% of approved project cost will be provided for a maximum of three years, subject to prescribed ceilings and MSME participation norms.

3. Logistics Interventions for Freight & Transport (LIFT) - LIFT mitigates geographical disadvantages faced by exporters in low export intensity districts. Partial reimbursement of up to 30% of eligible freight expenditure will be provided, subject to a ceiling of ₹20 lakh per IEC per financial year.

4. Integrated Support for Trade Intelligence & Facilitation (INSIGHT) - INSIGHT strengthens exporter capacity-building, district and cluster-level facilitation under the Districts as Export Hubs initiative, and development of trade intelligence systems. Financial assistance is upto 50% of project cost, with upto 100% support for proposals from Central and State Government institutions and Indian Missions abroad, subject to notified ceilings.

Through these coordinated financial and ecosystem interventions, the Government aims to reduce cost of capital, diversify trade finance instruments, enhance compliance readiness, address logistics constraints and strengthen overseas market integration for MSMEs.



Good News to Chandur Municipality, Mandal People : Munugode MLA

(Capital Information)

Munugode/Chandur : On Sunday, February 22, 2026, under the auspices of Komatireddy Susheelamma Foundation, another free eye medical camp will be organized for the people living in all the villages of Chandur Mandal along with Chandur Municipality.

The venue of the free medical camp is Munugode Camp Office. From 9 am to 5:00 pm, those above the age of 50 can bring along their Aadhaar card, your phone number, and the medicines you are using in the past.

Those who need cataract surgery will be immediately taken to Hyderabad and operated on. You can take advantage of this free eye medical camp.

We will develop Wanaparthy town on a ward-by-ward basis : MLA Tudi Megha Reddy

We will work according to the plan and earn the respect of the people of the town

(Capital Information)

Wanaparthy : Wanaparthy MLA Tudi Megha Reddy stated that the Wanaparthy Municipality, which works according to the plan, will develop it in all ways and will visit the wards weekly and help solve problems.

On Friday, a huge rally was taken out as part of the ceremony of assuming the positions of the Wanaparthy Municipal Chairman and Vice Chairman Councilors. The huge rally started from Wanaparthy Indira Park and reached the municipal office via Vivekananda Chowrasta Polytechnic College Rajiv Gandhi Chowrasta Ambedkar.

On this occasion, the municipal Madhavi Ramesh as the chairman, Madhusudan Goud as the vice chairman, and 20 other councilors took office in the presence of the MLA. Municipal Chairman Madhavi, who took office,



signed his first signature on the allowance file provided to municipal employees and the file for resolving drinking water problems.

Speaking on the occasion, the MLA said that in the last ten years, leaders who have built four roads, two

tanks and revetments on the tank embankments and built the same development, thought that development should start from the streets and reach the main road.

He said that he would visit every street in Wanaparthy town, identify the problems

and take steps to resolve them. He said that CC roads have already been constructed in every ward with a cost of Rs. 54 crore. He said that Rs. 50 crore has been sanctioned for Wanaparthy town and Rs. 20 crore for Peberu town and the town will be beautify in all sectors. He said that 2000 Indiramma houses will be built for Wanaparthy town.

The MLA said that 500 Indiramma houses will be sanctioned for the construction of Peberu and every poor person who does not have a house will have their own dream fulfilled. He said that he will not be like the previous rulers who are just busy with their work and go to the people and move forward. He said that for the last two years, he has taken care of the responsibilities of Sarpanch, MPTC and councilors in Wanaparthy con-

stituency as an MLA.

From today, everyone should fulfill their responsibilities responsibly and work like big salaried men for municipal development without any room for mistakes. He said that every ward should develop and that if necessary, they should not say that there is no funds for development works. He said that from today, everyone has serious responsibilities and that they will use them without neglecting them and using them without any room for corruption and irregularities and will earn the respect of the urban people.

The MLA said that Arya Vaishya Corporation State President Kalva Sujatha, Wanaparthy Market Yard President Srinivas Goud, Wanaparthy Municipal officials, Congress party leaders, activists, elders, women, and youth participated in large numbers.

Collector Urges Sarpanches to Master Panchayat Laws

(Capital Information)

Mahabubnagar : District Collector Viziendira Boyi on Friday stressed that newly elected sarpanches must have a thorough understanding of their powers, duties and the Panchayat Raj Act to ensure effective grassroots governance.

Addressing a training programme for newly elected gram panchayat sarpanches from Rajapur, Balanagar and Nawabpet mandals at the Durga Bai Deshmukh Child Welfare Centre in Bandameedipalli, the Collector said that awareness of statutory provisions is crucial for village development.

Congratulating the newly elected representatives, she interacted with them and enquired about the training mod-

When asked "Who is a sarpanch?", participants responded, "The ruler of the village." The Collector observed that sarpanches must act as responsible administrators with complete knowledge of the Panchayat Raj system.

She explained that the Panchayat Raj system came into force in 1993 following the 73rd Constitutional Amendment and that the tenure of a sarpanch is five years. Regular conduct of elections ensures uninterrupted flow of development funds to villages, she noted.

Emphasising statutory compliance, the Collector said sarpanches must be well-versed with Sections 32 and 42 of the Gram Panchayat Act. It is mandatory to conduct a gram sabha once every two months, with a min-



imum of six meetings annually. Special gram sabhas should be held to address issues concerning women, the

elderly, children and persons with disabilities. Failure to conduct gram sabhas could invite suspension, she

warned. Stating that gram panchayat elections are non-party based, she cautioned

against political divisions that could hamper village unity and leave certain sections deprived of development benefits. All communities must be treated equally without discrimination, she said.

The Collector directed sarpanches to prioritise basic amenities such as drinking water, drainage, street lighting and housing for the poor. Proper maintenance of panchayat income and expenditure records is essential, she added, advising preparation of a clear action plan focusing first on urgent needs and implementing other works in phases.

Referring to Section 42, she said sarpanches are vested with special powers during emergencies such as outbreaks of diseases, heavy rains and floods, and urged

them to use these powers effectively to safeguard residents. She also asked them to study the Panchayat Raj rule book thoroughly.

Highlighting the importance of education, the Collector advised sarpanches to visit nearby schools regularly and monitor attendance, especially of Class 10 students. Parents should be counselled to ensure children attend school daily, as failure at the secondary level could adversely impact their future, she said.

She further urged sarpanches to create awareness among farmers to register on the PM-Kisan portal to avail government subsidies and financial assistance.

Trainee DPO Nikhila, MPDOs and sarpanches participated in the programme.

Teachers Attend World Telugu Poets' Conference

(Capital Information)

Tungatirthi : On the occasion of International Mother Language Day on February 21, invitation letters have been received by teachers from Tungatirthi and Nagaram mandals to attend the World Telugu Poets' Conference to be held in Vijayawada.

The conference, organized under the of Dr. Potluri Hari Krishna, will have former Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu as the chief guest, along with ministers from Andhra Pradesh as special guests

.From Tungatirthi mandal, the following teachers have been invited to participate in the Kavi Sammelan (poets' meet) as part of the conference:

Dr. Erra Hari Krishan, Mathematics teacher and poet from Pasunuru High School
Sheela Avilenu, Telugu teacher and poet from Vel-



ugupalli High School
A. Beel Shashi, Physics teacher from Parsapelli High School.

On this occasion, the

headmasters and fellow teachers congratulated them on receiving the invitation to the prestigious literary event.

BC's roar of the Mahasabha will go down in history : BCY Party PAC member Teegala Ashok Kumar

(Capital Information)

Munugode/Chandur : BC Party PAC member Teegala Ashok Kumar has strongly condemned the fact that the governments of the combined Telugu states are trying to deceive the BCs, who have been oppressed for decades, by playing with their hopes and aspirations. He issued a press release to this effect on Friday.

Speaking on the occasion, he demanded the immediate implementation of the "BC Protection Act" to protect the rights of the BCs. He demanded that lands be allocated to BCs in the capital region for medical, educational and employment needs, funds be released immediately for BC caste corporations, a comprehensive caste census be conducted, and 44% reservation be provided to BCs in education,



jobs, local bodies and legislative assemblies.

Also, he said that special programs like Sri Krishna Jambavati Kalyana Mahotsavam, worship of BC caste deities, and paying homage to great people will be organized as part of the BC Simha

Garjana Mahasabha. He stated that no political party in history has organized such a grand program.

He clarified that the BCY Party is the only party in the country that is constantly working towards the realization of the royal power of the people, including BCs, SCs, STs, and minorities. He said that the "BC Maha Garjana" Mahasabha to be organized under the auspices of the BCY Party on February 22 with the aim of achieving the rights of BCs and political, economic, and social self-reliance is receiving an un-

precedented response across the state.

He said that lakhs of BCs are flocking to this Mahasabha and that there is fear in the governments after seeing this unity. He called on the BC brothers to recognize these conspiracies and be vigilant. He urged us to achieve our rights through struggle, without relying on the benevolence of the rulers, and to come forward unitedly for our future and the future of our children.

He called on all BC brothers, regardless of caste, religion and region, to gather in large numbers for the "BC Maha Garjana" conference to be held on February 22 and show their unity.

Teegala Ashok Kumar clarified that the BCY party's struggle will continue continuously until the BC Protection Act is implemented.

SI Naresh Kumar showed humanity by taking an injured person to the hospital on a bike

(Capital Information)

Wanaparthy : A road accident that occurred near Narsingayapalli Degree College in Wanaparthy district on Friday morning created tension.

In this incident where two two-wheelers collided, a person was seriously injured and was fighting for his life on the road. At the same time, SI Naresh, who was coming to Wanaparthy from Gopalpet on a bike, working at the district police office, noticed the accident and responded immediately.

Realizing that the delay would be fatal as the ambulance was not immediately available, he himself took the injured victim to the Wanaparthy Government Hospital on his bike without any hesitation. This quick and humane response by SI Naresh moved the people present there.

The locals praised the momentary decision taken to save lives saying "Well done police". This incident once again highlighted the greatness of humanity in police services.



Collector made a surprise inspection of the Yadagirigutta Primary Health Centre

(Capital Information)

Yadagirigutta/Bhongir : Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Collector M.Hanumantha Rao said that all the doctors and staff should be available in the government hospital and provide better medical treatment to the patients.

On Friday, the district collector made a surprise inspection of Yadagirigutta primary hospital. On this occasion, district collector M.Hanumantha Rao said that he checked the attendance register to see if all the doctors and medical staff have come to the hospital. He inquired how many people came to OP today and asked what problem they came with. The patients who came were asked about which problem they were mostly coming.

He asked whether all the required medicines are available and said that all



the medicines should be kept available. He inquired about how many deliveries took place in the hospital last month and how many of them were normal deliveries. They wanted to make the pregnant women aware that all kinds of tests are being done in the government hospital and take steps to get the deliveries done in the government hospital.

The collector himself called the pregnant woman who recently had a normal

delivery in the hospital and inquired how the health of the new born child was, how much weight was born, whether the doctor and staff in the hospital did all the medical treatments well. Then he said that the pregnant woman was being provided with good medical services in the government hospital and there were no problems.

District Medical Officer Manohar and related officials participated in this program.

Son Kills Father in Drunken Rage Tragedy in Bandameedigudem Village, Shaligouraram Mandal

(Capital Information)

Shaligouraram/Thungatirthi : In a tragic incident, a man allegedly killed his father while under the influence of alcohol in Bandameedigudem village of Shaligouraram mandal in Nalgonda district.

According to Sub-Inspector D. Saidulu, the deceased has been identified as Burre Sattayya (65). His son, Balakrishna, who was married but living with his parents due to disputes with his wife, was reportedly addicted to alcohol and frequently picked quarrels at home, particularly over food.

On Thursday night, Balakrishna allegedly got into an argument with his mother, Lingamma, over dinner. Hearing the commotion, Sattayya intervened and reportedly told his son that his behavior was the reason his wife had left him. Enraged by the comment, Balakrishna argued with his father and pushed him forcefully.

Sattayya fell onto the cement road, suffered a severe head injury, and bled heavily. He died on the spot due to the injuries.

Based on a complaint filed by Lingamma, the police have registered a case and initiated an investigation, SI Saidulu said.



Tourism Development Will Increase Revenue and Accelerate Regional Growth :Collector Chandrasekhar

(Capital Information)

Nalgonda : District Collector B. Chandrasekhar directed officials to prepare a comprehensive master plan by identifying natural, spiritual, and historical sites in the district with the objective of developing tourism and generating employment opportunities for local people.

During a tourism review meeting held at the Collectorate on Friday, the Collector reviewed proposals to develop key tourist destinations including Pachala Chaya Someswara Temple, Latif Saab Gutta, ropeway facilities at Kapurala Gutta, expansion of boating facilities at Dindi Project, Devaracherla Shiva Temple, Kashirajupalli Eleswaram, AKBR Ajilapuram Waterfalls, Palem Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Temple, and the Nellikallu Reserve Forest area.

He stated that establishing ropeways and view points in hill regions would provide a unique experience for tourists and in-



structed officials to prepare technical feasibility reports for such projects. He emphasized the development of eco-tourism in waterfalls and forest areas without disturbing ecological balance and natural conservation.

The Collector also directed officials to design plans that would create employment opportunities for local youth through tourist guides, homestays, food courts, handicraft outlets, and transport services.

He said that tourism development in the district would not

only increase revenue but also accelerate regional growth, and therefore instructed officials to submit comprehensive proposals at the earliest.

The meeting was attended by Sub-Collector Narayana Amit, Nalgonda ASP Ramesh, RDO Y. Ashok Reddy, Chandur RDO Sridevi, Devarakonda RDO Ramanareddy, District Youth and Sports Officer Akbar Ali, Buddhavanam In-charge Shyam Sundar, and officials from the Tourism, Forest, and Archaeology Departments.

Urea Must Be Distributed to Farmers Efficiently, Only Through the Urea App : Collector Badavath Santosh

(Special Correspondent)

Nagarkurnool : District Collector of Nagarkurnool, Badavath Santosh, stated that the State Government has introduced a special mobile application to streamline the distribution of urea to farmers. He directed Agriculture Department officials to ensure that the urea supply system is managed efficiently through the app.

On Friday, during a review meeting held at the Collectorate video conference hall in Nagarkurnool, the Collector discussed the progress of urea distribution and Farmer ID registrations mandal-wise with agriculture officials.

He informed that since the app came into effect on January 29, a total of 45,972 farmers have purchased 2,09,000 urea bags through the app, amounting to 9,405 metric tonnes of urea distrib-



uted so far. Farmers are able to pre-book their required quota from home and receive it conveniently.

He further stated that during the 2024-25 financial year, 24,876 metric tonnes of urea had been distributed so far, whereas in the current 2025-26 financial year, 33,555 metric tonnes have already been supplied to farmers. He instructed officials to immediately procure an additional 20,000 metric

tonnes of urea required for the district.

The Collector advised officials to carefully monitor cases where farmers who have already purchased urea directly attempt to re-register through the app, and to prevent distribution beyond actual requirements. He stressed the need to create awareness among farmers to avoid excessive procurement.

Out of 3,28,381 farmers

in the district, only 1,82,760 have registered for Farmer ID so far. The Collector directed officials to ensure 100 percent Farmer ID registration. He clarified that Farmer ID is mandatory for purchasing fertilizers and seeds, selling crops, and receiving the next installment of PM-KISAN benefits.

Farmers were advised to approach Agricultural Extension Officers for Farmer ID registration with their Aadhaar card, Pattadar Passbook, and a mobile number linked to Aadhaar.

The Collector assured that any technical issues arising during registration would be taken up with higher state-level authorities for resolution.

District Agriculture Officer Yashwanth Rao, division officials, and other concerned officers participated in the meeting.

Righteousness and Self-Respect – Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj : Tandra Vishala Shraavan Reddy

Bhumi Puja for the Installation of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj's Statue at Papireddyguda Village under the Aegis of Shivaji Youth

(Special Correspondent)

Shadnagar : On the occasion of the birth anniversary of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, a grand Bhumi Puja ceremony was conducted in Papireddyguda village for the installation of his statue under the leadership of the Shivaji Youth Committee.

Participating as the chief guest, former Keshampet ZPTC, Mrs. Tandra Vishala Shraavan Reddy, paid rich tributes to the great warrior king. Addressing the gathering, she described Shivaji Maharaj as a visionary leader, an extraordinary administrator, a brilliant strategist, and the victorious champion of Swarajya.

She stated that Shivaji Maharaj's courage continues to inspire generations, his model of governance guides society even today, and his commitment to jus-



ice and self-respect strengthens the moral fabric of the nation. She emphasized that his life teaches the values of leadership, integrity, protection of dharma, and empowerment of people.

Highlighting the relevance of Shivaji's ideals in the present day, Tandra Vishala Shraavan Reddy

said that youth must draw inspiration from his discipline, patriotism, and determination. She called upon the younger generation to work towards social harmony, rural development, and the protection of cultural heritage.

She further noted that installing the statue in Papired-

dyguda village is not merely a ceremonial act but a symbol of inspiration for future generations. The statue, she said, will stand as a beacon of bravery, justice, and self-respect for the entire region.

The event was attended by Village Sarpanch Shashirekha Yadayya, Deputy Sarpanch Tandra Jyothi Narendra Reddy, former Sarpanch Tandra Vishnuvardhan Reddy, Lakshminarayana, Tandra Ramesh Reddy, Parvathalu, Nar-simlu, Yadayya, K. Narsimlu, ward members, Suresh, Nandu, Ravi, Srinu, Narendra, Praveen, Chinna, members of the Chhatrapati Shivaji Youth Committee, village youth, elders, and several others.

The program was conducted in a solemn yet enthusiastic atmosphere, reflecting deep respect and admiration for the legacy of Shivaji Maharaj.

Promotion Brings Greater Responsibility, Officers Urged to Deliver Higher Standards of Service

(Capital Information)

Nalgonda : Officials emphasized that with promotion comes increased responsibility and the need to provide even better public service. A. Srinivas Reddy, Excise Deputy Commissioner, along with Santosh, Excise Superintendent, addressed the gathering on Friday.

They distributed promotion orders to 14 Excise Constables working in the fifth zone of the Excise Department, which includes the districts of Nalgonda, Jangaon, Suryapet, and Yadadri.

Speaking on the occasion, they stated that promotions bring greater responsibility and urged



the personnel to continue rendering dedicated and higher-quality services.

The newly promoted Head Constables met the Deputy Commissioner and the Excise Superintendent to express their gratitude and receive their blessings. Union district

leaders were felicitated by the officials during the event.

Among those present were Union District President Pokala Swami, General Secretary Shanthayya, Organizing Secretary Layaq Ali, Sineyya, and others.

Sreelekha Hospital Inaugurated in Kodad

(Capital Information)

Kodad : Sreelekha Hospital, established with the objective of providing modern medical services to the people of Kodad and surrounding areas, was inaugurated on Friday by Kodad Municipal Chairperson Erneni Kusuma Venkataratnam Babu.

Speaking on the occasion, she urged the doctors to provide quality healthcare at an affordable cost to poor and middle-class families. Prominent town physician Dr. Jasti Subbarao recalled the saying "Vaidyo Narayano Hari" and emphasized that medical practice should not be viewed merely as a business, but as a social responsibility dedicated to serving patients.

The hospital doctors, Dr. Misa Rohith (MBBS, MD – Crit-



ical Care and Pulmonology Specialist) and Dr. Kurapati Sreelekha (MBBS, DGO – Obstetrician and Gynecologist), were appreciated for coming forward as young doctors to serve in Kodad. It was informed that the hospital will provide medical

services 24 hours a day.

Among those who attended the program were Karingula Anji, Dr. Dasarath, Dr. Ramarao, Dr. Ashok, Dr. Gaurinath, Dr. Prasad, Dr. Karunashree, Dr. Suresh, Kottamasana Janardhan, and others.

Marketing Awareness Drive Held for PM Vishwakarma Beneficiaries in Mahabubnagar

(Capital Information)

Mahabubnagar : A one-day marketing awareness programme was organised for beneficiaries of the Pradhan Mantri Vishwakarma Yojana at PVR Banquet Hall, Mettuguda, in the district headquarters of Mahabubnagar. The programme was conducted in coordination with MSME Development and Facilitation Office (Hyderabad).

The session focused on equipping beneficiaries with practical knowledge on modern marketing strategies. Key topics covered included digital marketing, financial literacy, e-commerce platforms and entrepreneurship development. Experts highlighted the importance of adopting



digital tools to enhance market reach and improve income generation.

Addressing the gathering, Assistant Director Naveen Kumar from MSME-DFO, Hyderabad, emphasised the need for artisans and small entrepreneurs to

leverage online platforms and digital payment systems to expand their businesses.

District Industries Centre (DIC) General Manager Yadaiah, DIC Superintendent Venkateshwarlu, Lead Bank Manager Chandrasekhar, Senior Manager

of India Post Payments Bank Sajjan Gannarapu, Director of Jan Shikshan Sansthan N. Subba Reddy, EDC Manager of National Institute for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Mahaboob Ali and EDC Assistant Manager K. Srinivas were among those present.

As part of the initiative, QR code onboarding was completed for 50 beneficiaries, enabling them to receive digital payments through UPI and India Post Payments Bank services. The move is expected to simplify transactions and promote business modernisation among traditional artisans.

A total of 80 beneficiaries participated in the awareness programme.

AI Must Be Built on Trusted Data, Ethical Governance and Public Accountability for Scale, Says Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnavis

New Delhi (PIB) : As part of the India AI Impact Summit 2026, the session "AI Meets Agriculture: Building Food Security and Climate Resilience" convened policymakers, development institutions, researchers and digital innovators to explore how Artificial Intelligence can transform agricultural systems, strengthen food security, and enhance climate resilience at scale. The session featured a keynote address by Chief Minister of Maharashtra Devendra Fadnavis, followed by a high-level panel discussion with representatives from the Government of India, the World Bank Group, research foundations and innovation ecosystem.

Delivering the keynote address, Chief Minister of Maharashtra, Devendra Fadnavis underscored that agriculture today sits at the intersection of climate volatility, economic stability and national security. "Across the world, food systems are under stress, climate volatility is intensifying, water tables are falling, soil health is deteriorating, supply chains are fragile, and global markets are unpredictable. For countries from the Global

South, agriculture is not merely an economic sector, it is livelihood, social stability and national security. India understands this deeply, and has placed digital Public Infrastructure and Responsible AI at the centre-stage of national development," he said.

The Chief Minister added that India's AI mission is about using technology to deliver transparency, inclusion and scale. Agriculture must sit at the heart of this AI mission, for today at least half a billion Indians depend directly or indirectly on agriculture. For small farmers Agriculture can be challenging, AI changes this equation as it can provide hyper local weather predictions, early pest outbreak warnings, precise irrigation and fertilizer guidance, transparent supply-chain and real-time market advisories. "AI is not a magic, it must be built on trusted data, ethical governance and public accountability, otherwise scale will not happen," he noted.

Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Govt of India, Secretary, Devesh Chaturvedi outlined the Centre's efforts to build interoperable digital public



infrastructure for agriculture. Explaining the rationale behind unified AI-driven platforms, he noted, "The whole idea was that once we have this AI-based system, we have a single platform for different applications and different advisories at the click of a button or maybe just through voice." Emphasising on tailored advisories powered by farmer IDs and integrated datasets the Secretary added "Instead of pushing generic

data which may not be useful for farmers, very specific tailored data for that farmer will be available based on integration of this digital public infrastructure with platforms like MahaVistar."

Offering a global development perspective, World Bank Group, South Asia Region, Vice President, Johannes Zutt described AI in agriculture as a transformative moment for small-holders worldwide. "We are on the cusp of a major

revolution happening in how to support farmers in agriculture," he remarked. Stressing the foundational role of government's responsibilities are principally on the foundations—things like governance of AI, interoperability, ensuring that education systems include appropriate skilling in the use of digital services. Highlighting India's leadership potential, he added, "If AI can be made to work effectively at

the farm level in India, there will automatically be large spillover learnings for other countries around the world."

Chairperson of M. S. Swaminathan Research Foundation, Dr. Soumya Swaminathan emphasised inclusive design and gender equity as central to AI's success in agriculture. "No technology is pro-poor or pro-rich or pro-women by itself, it is how we use that technology," she stated. Cautioning against exclusion, she noted that algorithms are only as good as the data that feeds them, underscoring the need to ensure women farmers and marginalised groups are not left behind.

Shankar Maruwada, Co-founder and CEO, EkStep Foundation which promotes use of technology in learning, highlighted the importance of open digital ecosystems and collaborative innovation. Drawing parallels with past agricultural revolutions, he noted, "The equivalent of 'pulling bread out of air' is now about pulling intelligence from data and providing it to farmers." Emphasising interoperability, he added that what worked for Digital Public Infra-

structure must now be applied to AI- open, interoperable systems that function like networks and not as siloed platforms.

The panel discussion also featured Govt of Maharashtra's Agriculture Dept. Additional Chief Secretary Vikas Chandra Rastogi, who noted the importance of credible datasets, multilingual accessibility, strong governance frameworks and development partnerships to ensure AI tools are practical and trustworthy for smallholders across diverse agro-climatic regions.

Collectively, the session underscored a shared imperative: AI in agriculture must move beyond demonstration or pilot projects to become inclusive, public infrastructure that empowers farmers with hyper-local advisories, predictive climate insights and improved market and supply chain intelligence. The speakers affirmed that food security, climate resilience and AI governance are interconnected, and responsible, population-scale AI deployment will define the future of technology-led agricultural transformation in India.

Elect M. Sagar Kumar as director JNJHS

Team JNJ is fighting to secure the 70 acres allotted by the State Government to JNJHS in Pet Basheerabad and Nizampet

(Capital Information)
Hyderabad : To make this struggle successful, along with the two existing directors representing Team JNJ in JNJHS (P. V. Ramana Rao and K. Ashok Reddy), we request that one more director be elected. In the JNJHS director election to be held on March 1, 2026, we request the respected members of JNJHS to elect M. Sagar Kumar, who is contesting on behalf of Team JNJ.

Objectives of Team JNJ
 We will make arrangements to take possession of the 70 acres allotted by the government in Pet Basheerabad and Nizampet.

From the day after Sagar Kumar's election, we will legally overcome the issues related to these lands with the advice of legal experts and provide house plots to members.

The "Spirit of the Judge-



ment" is not against journalists. We will conduct BOD meetings every month and inform members beforehand and share details immediately after the meeting. A general body meeting will be conducted once every six months. The Friends Panel promised in last year's February

elections that plots would be given by June-July 2025, but failed and is contesting again. Those who won as President, Vice-President and Chief Executive from the Friends Panel have not even met members for a year and still have not given plots. After weakening the dreams of JNJHS members for 18 years, they now pro-

pose moving far away to the Fourth City. Vamsi Srinivas and the Friends Panel never intended to obtain Pet Basheerabad and Nizampet lands for members; there appear to be conspiracies behind this. Therefore, we request support for Team JNJ candidate M. Sagar Kumar. Voting rights will be given to nomi-

nees of deceased members. Necessary amendments will be made in the bylaws ensuring no member suffers injustice. The ultimate goal of Team JNJ is to legally hand over the valuable Pet Basheerabad and Nizampet plots to members without obstacles. **Sagar — the backbone of JNJHSM** Sagar Kumar has been supporting JNJHS in legal matters. When the TRS government did not implement the Supreme Court judgment (three-judge bench led by Justice N. V. Ramana permitting house construction), Sagar played a key role in filing a contempt petition. Because of this, the lands were protected from being allotted to others. He worked as Legal Correspondent and Legal Editor



of Times of India for 18 years (2007-2025) and continues to guide on legal matters. **As a Journalist** Over 38 years, Sagar Kumar worked in several major newspapers: Joined journalism in 1988 with News Time Worked in Eenadu (Visakhapatnam) as Re-

porter/Sub-Editor Staff Reporter in Andhra Jyothi (1991-95) Worked in Vaartha (1996-2004) in Visakhapatnam and Hyderabad Chief Reporter in Andhra Prabha (2006) Joined Times of India in 2007 and worked until recently **Why JNJHS Needs Sagar** Given current legal hurdles regarding Pet Basheerabad and Nizampet lands, Sagar Kumar's experience and contacts with judges and senior advocates in High Court and Supreme Court are essential. Vote for Sagar Kumar. We request members to vote and elect M. Sagar Kumar. P. V. Ramana Rao, K. Ashok Reddy, Directors, JNJHS Team JNJ

Hyderabad Shahi Kitchen Launched in Kodad

(Capital Information)
Kodad : On the occasion of Ramadan, a special food stall named "Hyderabad Shahi Kitchen" has been launched in Kodad town. The stall has been set up at the GV Mall premises under the aegis of Pramila Towers, offering authentic Hyderabad special dishes. Pathar Ka Gosht is available for ₹100, Chicken Haleem for ₹100, and Mutton Haleem for ₹200. Popular sweets and beverages such as Double Ka Meetha, Kaddu Ka Kheer, Qurbani Ka Meetha, and Mohabbat Ka Sharbat are being offered at ₹50 each, the organizers said. The organizers stated that the special kitchen was launched with the aim of



bringing the traditional flavors of Hyderabad to the people of Kodad during the holy month of Ramadan. They added that a large number of customers are visiting the stall during the evening hours.

The stall is managed by MD Imran Pasha, MD Afsar, and Shaik Nagul Meera. Master Syed Arif is preparing the delicious dishes, and orders are being supplied accordingly.

Congratulations to the New Municipal Governing Body

(Special Correspondent)
Shadnagar : Former Keshampet ZPTC Mrs. Tandra Vishala Shrivani Reddy extended her heartfelt congratulations to Agganur Basaveshwar on assuming charge as the Municipal Chairman of Shadnagar and to Ande Mohan on taking oath as the Vice Chairman. On this occasion, she stated that every public representative elected with the trust of the people must uphold that trust. She advised them to remain accessible to the residents of their respective wards who placed confidence in them and to actively understand and address

their issues by implementing welfare and development programs extensively. She emphasized that the responsibility of transforming Shadnagar Municipality into a beautiful, developed, and model town in the future rests upon the new governing body. She urged each

councillor to work transparently and with a spirit of service in their respective wards, carrying out development initiatives in line with the hopes and aspirations of the people. She further stressed that the opportunity given by the people must be utilized res-

ponsibly by serving them with dedication. She called upon the elected representatives to stay closely connected with the public and strive to provide lasting solutions to their problems. MLA Veerlapalli Shankar, former MLA Chowlapally Prapat Reddy, former ZPTC Shyam Sunder Reddy, and others participated in the program and conveyed their best wishes to the newly formed municipal governing body. The event was held in a cordial atmosphere, with congratulations pouring in from various sections for the new Chairman, Vice Chairman, and councillors.



Researchers Discover New Research Options for Healthy Aging

Healthy aging—living longer while remaining physically active, mentally sharp, and disease-free—has become one of the most important goals of modern science. With global life expectancy rising, researchers are shifting focus from merely extending lifespan to improving healthspan, the years lived in good health. Recent studies reveal promising new pathways that could slow aging, prevent disease, and enhance quality of life. **Understanding Aging Beyond Years** Traditionally, age has been measured chronologically, but scientists now emphasize biological age, which reflects cellular health and disease risk. Advances in biomarkers and biological clocks allow researchers to track aging more accurately and evaluate interventions that promote longevity. New multi-omics research shows that aging differs widely between individuals, highlighting the need for personalized strategies for healthy longevity. **Lifestyle Micro-Changes with Major Impact** A growing body of research suggests that small lifestyle improvements can significantly extend healthy years. A large study found that modest improvements in sleep, nutrition, and physical activity can add years to disease-free life, with even small



daily changes producing measurable benefits. This holistic approach emphasizes consistency rather than drastic lifestyle changes. **Brain Health and Cognitive Training** Maintaining cognitive function is a cornerstone of healthy aging. Long-term research shows that targeted cognitive "speed training" exercises can reduce dementia risk by about 25% when practiced consistently. Such training strengthens neural connections and improves brain resilience, demonstrating that mental fitness is as important as physical health. **Nutrition, Supplements, and Cellular Aging** Nutrition continues to play a key role in longevity research. Emerging evidence suggests that vitamin D supplementation may slow cellular aging by pro-

tecting telomeres and reducing inflammation. Scientists are also exploring plant compounds and dietary phytochemicals for their anti-inflammatory and immune-supporting properties, which may influence aging processes. **Targeting the Biology of Aging** Modern geroscience aims to treat aging itself rather than individual diseases. Researchers are using network medicine and AI tools to identify drugs that can influence the biological pathways linked to aging and age-related diseases. This approach could accelerate the discovery of therapies that extend healthy lifespan. **Biomarkers and Early Detection** Scientists are developing advanced biomarkers—including epigenetic clocks, inflammation markers, muscle strength metrics, and cognitive tests—to measure aging and evaluate interventions. Such tools enable early detection of age-related decline and allow personalized prevention strategies. **The Future: Personalized Longevity Medicine** The future of healthy aging lies in integrating genetics, lifestyle, digital health monitoring, and AI-driven analysis. Precision medicine approaches aim to tailor interventions to individual aging

patterns, helping people maintain vitality well into later life. **1. Cellular Reprogramming & "RESET" Technology** One of the most radical shifts in aging research is the use of epigenetic reprogramming. Researchers are no longer just trying to stop dam-

aging; they are trying to "reboot" cells to a more youthful state. Yamanaka Factors: Scientists are refining the use of specific transcription factors that can turn a "tired" adult cell back into a stem-like state. The "RESET" Platform: New AI-driven platforms are identifying the exact signals needed to repair cell damage without the risk of cells be-

coming cancerous—a major hurdle in previous years. Clock.bio Initiatives: Start-ups are now using human induced pluripotent stem cells (iPSCs) to trigger a "self-rejuvenation mechanism," effectively forcing cells to repair their own aging hallmarks. **2. Targeting "Zombie" Cells (Senolytics)** Research into cellular senescence has reached a clinical turning point. As we age, some cells stop dividing but don't die; instead, they linger as "zombie cells," secreting inflammatory chemicals that damage neighboring healthy tissue. DeepScience AI: Researchers at Duke University recently developed an AI tool called DeepScience that can

accurately detect these senescent cells across different tissues, allowing for much more precise targeting. Next-Gen Senolytics: New pharmaceutical agents are being tested to selectively clear these cells, potentially reversing biological age by years rather than months. **3. The "Biological Coordination" Theory** In early 2026, a new conceptual framework emerged: aging might not be a "defect" or a single "broken part," but a loss of coordination between biological systems. Systems Resilience: Research is now looking at how the gut microbiome, mitochondria, and the brain "talk" to each other. Intervention: Instead of



The Pollution Increased, But the Budget Decreased

In today's times pollution is no longer just an environmental problem, it has become a serious crisis connected with health, economy and future. Toxic particles in the air, chemical filth in water and plastic in soil—all these combined are reducing the quality of life. But sadly when pollution levels are rising, budget allocated to prevent this seems to be decreasing. The number of vehicles in cities is growing rapidly. Fac-

tory smoke, dust from construction works and the practice of open burning waste are poisoning the air. Even in villages water and soil are being polluted by overuse of pesticides and chemical fertilizers. In this case governments are expected to have greater attention and bigger budget for environmental protection. But if the funding of environmental departments is reduced, monitoring systems

are weakened. The number of pollution measuring stations remains small, cleanup campaigns remain incomplete and awareness programs do not receive sufficient support. The result is that even though laws exist they cannot be followed in a proper manner. Pollution not only adversely affects nature, but also human health. Respiratory diseases, heart disease and skin problems are on the



rise. Expenses at treatment go up, increasing economic burden as well. If budget for environmental protection is reduced, expenditure in the health sector could multiply over a long period of time. The solution to this problem is possible not only with government budget, but also with shared responsibility. Government should provide adequate funds for environmental conservation, strictly monitor and give incentives

to green technology. At the same time, citizens must fulfill their responsibility such as reducing plastic use, planting plants and using public utilities. Finally, pollution increased, but budget decreases are a worrying reality. If we do not invest in the environment today, it will cost us many times more in the future. Clean air, clean water and healthy land is not only our right, but also our responsibility.

Stop Counting PhDs, Start Creating Value

(Capital Information)

Punjab : India today stands at a decisive moment in its academic evolution. Over the past two decades, the country has dramatically expanded its doctoral programs. Universities proudly announce rising PhD enrollments and higher completion rates. Convocation ceremonies celebrate increasing numbers of doctoral graduates each year. On paper, this appears to be intellectual progress. In reality, however, a difficult question confronts us: Are we producing knowledge creators, or are we manufacturing degrees without economic or societal value?

The uncomfortable truth is that many PhDs in India remain disconnected from real-world needs. Thousands of dissertations are submitted annually—carefully typed, meticulously bound, and archived in university libraries—only to gather dust. Their findings rarely reach industry, influence policy, create startups, or generate patents. The academic system measures output in pages and publications, not in prototypes, processes, or products. As a result, the nation risks producing doctorates without direction. This is not an argument against research. It is an argument against irrelevance.

A doctoral degree is meant to signify the highest level of expertise and original contribution to knowledge. But original knowledge that never leaves the library shelf cannot drive economic growth or technological advancement. In a country aspiring to become a global innovation leader, doctoral research must extend beyond theoretical documentation. It must solve problems, create value, and build capacity. Consider the broader economic context. India speaks of becoming a \$5 trillion economy. It promotes "Make in India," "Digital India," and "Startup India." The government encourages innovation ecosystems, incubation centers, and technology transfer offices. Yet many doctoral programs operate in isolation from these ambitions. The result is a structural mismatch between academic output and national priorities.

Universities often prioritize publication counts and citation metrics because these are easier to measure.

URGENT PhD REFORMS



Regulatory frameworks reward the number of research papers rather than their practical impact. Faculty promotions depend heavily on journal publications. Students learn quickly that survival in the system depends on publishing papers, not building products. This incentive structure creates a culture of compliance rather than creativity.

Moreover, the rapid expansion of doctoral seats without corresponding improvements in research infrastructure has diluted quality. Some institutions admit large numbers of PhD candidates without adequate laboratory facilities, industry collaboration, or mentoring capacity. Supervisors may be overburdened. Students may pursue topics chosen for convenience rather than societal relevance. The result is predictable: volume increases, value stagnates.

This situation also affects employability. Many PhD graduates struggle to find positions aligned with their specialization. Academic vacancies are limited, and industry often questions the practical applicability of doctoral research. When advanced scholars cannot translate their expertise into tangible outcomes, frustration grows. A degree meant to symbolize mastery risks becoming a credential without leverage.

Reform is not only desirable—it is urgent

India must shift from a quantity-driven doctoral model to a value-driven one. This does not mean abandoning the thesis entirely. Instead, it requires redefining what constitutes legitimate doctoral output. In applied disciplines—engineering, biotechnology, agriculture, data science, health sciences, environmental studies, and even applied economics—doctoral work should demonstrate measurable impact. This could include patents, prototypes, validated

software, industrial collaborations, policy models implemented by governments, or startups emerging from research labs.

A product-based or impact-linked PhD framework could coexist with traditional research pathways. The humanities and pure sciences require theoretical depth and long-form scholarship. These areas must remain protected. However, in disciplines closely connected to industry and public policy, insisting solely on a lengthy dissertation may no longer be sufficient.

Internationally, industrial doctor-



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ates and innovation-driven PhDs are becoming common. Universities collaborate closely with companies. Doctoral candidates work on real industry problems. Research outputs translate into technology transfer agreements and commercialization pathways. India, with its expanding startup ecosystem and growing venture capital environment, has the potential to adapt similar models.

To achieve this transformation, regulatory bodies must revise evaluation criteria. Patents should be recognized as valuable intellectual contributions. Successful prototypes should carry academic weight. Industry experts should serve on doctoral evaluation committees alongside academic scholars. Universities should integrate incubation centers into doctoral programs rather than treating them as peripheral units.

Faculty development is equally important. Supervisors must be trained in intellectual property rights, commercialization processes, and industry engagement. Incentive systems should reward impact, not

merely publication numbers. When professors see that innovation enhances career progression, the culture will gradually change.

Critics may argue that linking PhDs to market value undermines academic freedom. That concern deserves respect. Universities must remain spaces for curiosity-driven inquiry. However, academic freedom does not mean academic isolation. Research can be both rigorous and relevant. The challenge is balance, not abandonment of scholarship.

Another concern is that market-driven evaluation may favor short-term gains over long-term theoretical breakthroughs. This is why a dual-track model is essential. Pure research should continue to thrive. But applied fields must be encouraged to demonstrate tangible outcomes.

The stakes are high. If India continues to expand doctoral programs without aligning them with innovation and societal needs, it risks creating a surplus of underutilized intellectual talent. On the other hand, if it reforms its doctoral ecosystem to prioritize value creation, it can unlock enormous potential. Doctoral research could become a primary engine of entrepreneurship, technological self-reliance, and policy innovation.

The future of Indian higher education depends on courage. It requires policymakers willing to rethink long-standing norms. It demands universities ready to challenge comfort zones. It calls for faculty prepared to mentor innovators rather than merely guide thesis writing. Most importantly, it requires students who see themselves not only as researchers but as problem-solvers. India does not need fewer PhDs. It needs better, bolder, and more impactful PhDs. The era of manufacturing degrees without market value must end. The next phase of doctoral education must be defined by relevance, innovation, and measurable contribution. Only then will the PhD truly symbolize the highest form of national intellectual capital rather than simply another academic milestone.



Business Should Be Conducted Without Causing Inconvenience to Consumers : Commissioner B. Sharath Chandra

(Capital Information)

Nalgonda : Nalgonda Municipal Corporation Commissioner B. Sharath Chandra visited the newly set up shops at the old Collectorate premises allotted to street vendors from the Prakasham Bazaar area of Nalgonda.

He interacted with fruit and vegetable vendors and gathered their feedback regarding the newly arranged stalls. The Commissioner advised the street vendors to make proper use of the stalls allotted by the municipality, maintain cleanliness, and conduct their business in a manner that does not cause inconvenience to consumers.

He further stated that vendors should cooperate to ensure that business activities continue smoothly and conveniently for everyone.

Free Eye Medical Camp on 22nd Under Komatireddy Sushilamma Foundation

(Capital Information)

Munugode/Chandur : A free eye medical camp will be organized on Sunday, the 22nd of this month, under the aegis of the Komatireddy Sushilamma Foundation at the Munugode camp office, Chandur Municipal Chairman Kodi Srinivas said in a statement.

He informed that the free eye camp will begin at 9:00 AM. People from the mandal as well as those from nearby villages are requested to attend and make use of this opportunity.



A Poor Family's Dream of Owning a House Fulfilled: Nakrekal MLA Vemula Veeresham

(Capital Information)

Yadadri Bhuvanagiri : Vemula Veeresham, MLA of Nakrekal, attended the housewarming ceremony of the newly constructed Indiramma house of Erva Mamatha and Ganesh from Indrapalanagaram village in Ramannapet mandal and conveyed his greetings.

Speaking on the occasion, the MLA said that the people's government is moving forward with the sole aim of ensuring the welfare of the poor. He stated that Indiramma houses were provided to the poor only during the Indiramma regime and alleged that not a single poor person received a house during the previous government's ten-year rule.

He revealed that 3,500 houses



have been allotted in the first phase to the Nakrekal constituency. He assured that houses would be sanctioned in phases to every homeless poor family, fulfilling their dream of owning a home.

He further stated that improving the living standards of the poor is

the government's primary objective and that efforts are being made to ensure welfare schemes reach every eligible beneficiary.

Market Vice Chairman Sirigreddy Mallareddy, mandal public representatives, leaders, and others participated in the program.

Napkin Disposal Machine Donated to Telangana Model School in Thimmapur

(Capital Information)

Karimnagar : In a significant step towards promoting menstrual hygiene and awareness among adolescent girls, a sanitary napkin disposal machine was donated to the Telangana Model School and Junior College in Thimmapur mandal of Karimnagar district on Thursday.

The initiative was undertaken by the Pratima Foundation as part of its commitment to supporting girls' health, hygiene and confidence in educational institutions. The donation ceremony was held at 2.30 pm on the



school premises. Speaking on the occasion, Dr Boyinapalli

Harini, Founder of Pratima Foundation, said the primary objective of the programme was to create awareness about menstrual health and ensure better sanitation facilities for girl students. She emphasised that menstruation is a natural biological process and should not be treated as a taboo. She encouraged students to speak openly about menstrual health without

fear or hesitation.

Dr Harini stated that the foundation would continue to organise similar service activities in the future to support students' well-being.

Dr Geeta Reddy addressed the students and explained the importance of maintaining personal hygiene during menstruation. She also highlighted the need for proper nutrition and health precautions during the menstrual cycle.

School principal Vanaja, teachers, students and members of Pratima Foundation participated in the programme.

Today's Horoscope

ARIES Mould your thoughts to some positive thinking as you fight the fearsome monster of fear otherwise you would become the passive and unrelenting victim of this arch demon. The arrival of money today can relieve you from many financial troubles. Wife would help in changing your life. Make yourself a livewire who loves to fashion his life with his own effort and work rather than look for crutches and lean on others. Don't wear those clothes which your lover doesn't like as it may offend him. Construction work undertaken today will finish to your satisfaction.

TAURUS Expectant mother should take special care while walking on floor. You are likely to earn through most unexpected sources. Unexpected good news from distant relatives will bring happy moments for the entire family. You would spread love pollution today. Today, due to any party or get-together at your home, your time can get wasted. Today, you will realize that all the vows taken on your marriage were true. Your spouse is your soulmate. Your qualities will make you worthy of appreciation among the people today.

GEMINI Take complete rest to regain your energy. Money will help you remain afloat during dark times in life. Hence, consider investing and saving your money from today, or else troubles can occur. Do not be rude to your guests. Your behaviour will not only upset your family but may create a void in relations. Your energy levels will be high- as your beloved seems to bring you immense happiness. Travel will be beneficial but expensive. Your married life is all about fun, pleasure, and bliss today. Worship a picture/idol of Goddess Durga (Simhavahini; riding a lion) for stable economic conditions.

CANCER Don't depend on fate try to improve your health as fortune is a lazy goddess. Due to any member of your family falling ill, you may face financial problems. Although at this time, you should worry about their health more than money. A good day to revive old contacts and relations. Understand the feelings of your beloved today. Your ability to act swiftly to problems will bring you recognition. Life will be really exciting when your spouse will come to you forgetting all the tiffs, embracing you with love. You may feel that your family does not understand you.

LEO Overeating and high calorie diet needs to be avoided. If you had lent money to a person, you are expected to get that money back today. Enjoy a peaceful and quiet day with family members-If people approach you with problems- Ignore them and don't let this bother your mind. May be disappointed in love but don't lose heart as lovers are ever sycophantic. You can be upset at your workplace due to some problems and waste your time thinking about it. Today, the tiff between you and your spouse might come to a halt just because of a good beautiful memory.

VIRGO Today you feel relaxed and in the right mood to enjoy. You can acquire money from an unknown source today, which will resolve many of your financial troubles. Festive atmosphere at home would ease your tension. Make sure you also participate in this and not remain like a silent spectator. Keep making love. Traveling will make you see new places and meet important people. Today, your partner might take you in the realm of a different world of love and sensations. You might watch a movie online with your life-partner or friends and cherish the experience.

LIBRA Pressure from seniors at workplace and discord at home might bring some stress-which would disturb your concentration at work. Due to any member of your family falling ill, you may face financial problems. Although at this time, you should worry about their health more than money. Your brother will be more supportive to your needs than you had thought. Have you ever smelled chocolate with ginger and roses? Your love life is going to taste like that today. Make extensive use of Gangajal (holy water) at home to improve your financial condition.

SCORPIO Sort out your tension for mental peace. You are most likely to attain financial profits today at night because as any money lent before will come back instantly. Some changes at home will make you highly sentimental- but you will be able to effectively communicate your feelings to people who matter the most. If you feel that your beloved does not understand you, then take some time out and spend it with them. Today, you will plan to spend time with your spouse and take them out somewhere, but won't be able to do so due to his/her ill-health.

SAGITTARIUS You will recover from prolong illness. But avoid a selfish short-tempered person as he can give you some tension-which could further aggravate the problem. Not a very beneficial day- so check your money situation and limit your expenses. Children can cause some disappointment at school due to their lack of interest in studies. Your work will take a backseat- as you find comfort- pleasure and extreme ecstasy in the arms of your beloved. Businessmen today would like to spend more time with their family members than in their offices. This will create harmony in your family.

CAPRICORN Health will remain fine despite a busy schedule but don't take your life for granted realize that the care for life is the real vow. You will make good money if you invest in conservative investment. You will be torn in many different directions if you try to take care of everyone's demands. Your love could invite disapproval. Today, you will be able to spend time with your lover and put forward your feelings in front of him/her. Your spouse might come under the adverse influence of others and fight with you, but your love and compassion will settle everything down.

AQUARIUS Work pressure might bring some stress and tension today. Today, you are likely to attain economic benefits due to your children. This will make you very happy. Your witty nature will make you popular at social gatherings. Your partner thinks well of you, which is why s/he gets angry at you at times. Instead of responding back, it would be better to understand their words and where they are coming from. Efforts made to improve your looks and personality will turn out to your satisfaction. Your spouse might deny to satisfy your needs today, which will eventually make you feel frustrated.

PISCES Your strong resilience and fearlessness will tremendously enhance the power of mental faculties. Keep this momentum going so that it would encourage you to keep any situation under control. As you have spent a lot in the past, you may have to face the consequences in your present. As a result, you'll be in dire need of money but to no avail. Give proper time to your family. Let them feel that you care for them. Sped your quality time with them. Don't give any chance to complain. Today, your lover may feel bad about one of your habits and become annoyed with you.

SRU-NSS Conducts Waste Management Awareness Drive in Hasanparthy



(Capital Information)

Warangal, Mulugu, February 20 : The National Service Scheme (NSS) Unit of SR University organized an extensive awareness programme on waste management at Hasanparthy on Thursday, February 20. The initiative aimed at educating residents on scientific waste disposal methods, segregation of dry and wet waste, recycling practices, and the importance of maintaining a clean and healthy environment. NSS volunteers conducted door-to-door campaigns, live demonstrations, and interactive sessions to sensitize villagers about sustainable waste management practices. As part of the programme, students explained practical methods including segregation of biodegradable and non-biodegradable waste at the household level, composting of kitchen waste, recycling of plastic, paper and metal materials, and reduction in the usage of single-use plastics. The residents of Hasanparthy actively participated in the drive and expressed keen interest in adopting proper waste management systems in their locality. Villagers appreciated the initiative taken by the NSS volunteers and assured their cooperation in maintaining cleanliness and environmental hygiene. The programme underscored the vital role of community participation in achieving sustainable waste management and promoting a pollution-free environment. The event was conducted under the guidance of NSS Coordinator Dr. K. Ravindar, who encouraged students to continue their commitment to social service and community development.

World Social Justice Day Observed at People's Community Mediation Centre in Warangal



(Capital Information)

Mulugu, Warangal, February 20 : On the occasion of World Social Justice Day, an awareness meeting was organized at the People's Community Mediation Centre, Potlana Library, Warangal, on Thursday. The programme focused on promoting social justice, equality, and the peaceful resolution of disputes within society. Addressing the gathering, Sri Dharmapuri Rajagovindu, State Coordinator of the Resource Centre for United Nations Telangana, emphasized that social justice forms the foundation of a harmonious and inclusive society. He stated that equal access to justice, protection of human rights, and safeguarding the dignity of every individual—particularly the poor, marginalized, and vulnerable sections—are essential for sustainable development. Speakers highlighted the significant role of community mediation in resolving disputes amicably and reducing the burden on courts. Participants were encouraged to adopt dialogue, mutual respect, and understanding as effective tools for conflict resolution and the promotion of social harmony. Chief Guest Dr. B. Sambamurthy, National Youth Awardee M. Parsharamulu, SGPAT District Vice President Peddanna, and SGPAT Rangashaipeet Unit President J. Chandrashekar were among those present. Community members, mediators, students, and social activists also participated and shared their views on social equality and justice. The programme concluded with a collective call to strengthen community-based justice systems and work together towards building a fair, inclusive, and just society.

Farmers Urged to Focus on Chilli Quality

- District Collector Dr. Satya Sharada reviews market situation at Enamamula Yard

(Capital information)

Mulugu, Warangal, Feb 19 : In view of the commencement of the chilli season, District Collector Dr. Satya Sharada conducted a review meeting at the Enamamula Market Yard to assess arrivals, quality standards, and prevailing prices of chillies. The Collector held discussions with District Agriculture Officer Anuradha, Horticulture Officer Srinivas Rao, District Marketing Officer Surekha, Market Committee Secretary Mallesham, State President of the Chamber of Commerce Ravindra Reddy, and members including Veda Prakash and Veldi Sambaiah. Although remunerative prices are currently being recorded in the market, the Collector observed that the arrival of chillies with high moisture content is affecting colour and overall quality. This, she noted, has led to reluctance among traders from other States and international buyers to procure the produce. Farmers were advised to ensure proper drying and maintain quality standards to secure better prices. Dr. Satya Sharada further instructed that each chilli bag brought to the market should not exceed 49 kilograms. Compliance with weight norms, she said, would facilitate export opportunities and access to cold storage fa-



ilities. Officials were directed to organise awareness programmes at the village level to educate farmers on quality maintenance and best marketing practices. Advisory to Farmers: Ascertain price trends in different markets before transporting produce. Ensure chillies are thoroughly dried, free from moisture and impurities, before bringing them for sale. Officials of the concerned departments and members of the Enamamula Market Committee were present at the programme.

STEM-60 Students Excel at Tribal Welfare Study Circle, Balsamudram

(Capital information)

Hanumakonda, Mulugu, February 20 : The Tribal Welfare Study Circle at Balsamudram in Hanumakonda, functioning under the aegis of the Integrated Tribal Development Agency (ITDA), has recorded remarkable success through its STEM-60 initiative aimed at empowering tribal students from the erstwhile Warangal region. Launched in August this academic year under the supervision of the State Tribal Welfare Department, the STEM-60 programme provides intensive coaching for national-level competitive examinations such as Joint Entrance Examination (JEE) and National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET). The initiative was introduced with the support of district leadership to benefit Scheduled Tribe (ST) boys and girls. Students pursuing Intermediate (MPC stream) were admitted through a rigorous screening test. Separate residential facilities for boys and girls, along with free boarding arrangements, have been provided. Senior and junior faculty members were appointed for each subject to ensure academic excellence. Out of 28 MPC Intermediate students trained under the programme, 15 qualified for JEE Advanced, marking an impressive 53.57 per cent success rate—the highest among coaching institutes in the erstwhile Warangal district in its very first year. Notably, five students secured eligibility for admission into National Institutes of Technology (NITs). STEM-60 is a new initiative of the Tribal Welfare (TW) Department under the Telangana Government, aimed at skill development and academic support in ITDA areas. The programme collaborates with Gurukul institutions, Ashram High Schools (AHS), and Ashram Junior Colleges (AJCs). Faculty members were selected through a structured process involving screening tests, demonstrations, and classroom performance assessment. The campus is



located at Balsamudram, and the overall academic administration is overseen by the PETC Study Circle team, which previously managed three batches of group coaching programmes. In the coming months, priority will be given to preparing the next batch of students for JEE Main, JEE Advanced, and NEET for the 2026-27 academic cycle. Students from six districts of the erstwhile Warangal region, including Eturnagaram and neighbouring tribal areas, have been enrolled. The fully residential coaching programme offers free training with the objective of enabling tribal students to secure admission into premier institutions such as Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), National Institutes of Technology (NITs), and All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), as well as MBBS courses. In previous years, ITDA and the Tribal Welfare Department have also extended financial assistance and provided laptops to meritorious students from economically weaker tribal families. The encouraging results mark a significant step forward in strengthening educational and skill infrastructure in remote tribal areas of the erstwhile Warangal region, offering renewed hope and opportunity to aspiring students.

Pensioners' Association to Hold Relay Hunger Strike on February 23

(Capital information)

Hanumakonda, Mulugu, Feb 20 : The Pensioners' Association has called upon its members and office-bearers to make the proposed relay hunger strike scheduled for February 23 a grand success. In a statement, Association President A. Rajendra Babu, General Secretary M.V. Narsinga Rao, Additional General Secretary V. Ramamohan, and Finance Secretary B. Narsayya urged organisers and activists to mobilise maximum participation, particularly encouraging pensioners who retired after 2024 to enrol as members of the association. The leadership stated that the programme should serve not only as a platform to voice pending demands but also as an opportunity

to strengthen the organisation and nurture future leadership. The association has decided to formally inform the concerned police authorities about the relay hunger strike. Following the protest, a delegation will meet the District Collector and submit a representation addressed to the State Government's Chief Secretary. The memorandum will primarily demand the immediate release of pending arrears to pensioners who retired after March 2024. It will also highlight issues related to PRC implementation and pending Dearness Relief (DR) instalments. Leaders further requested organisers to share photographs of the protest programme within the association's communication groups for wider outreach and documentation.

Mass Promotions Cleared in Panchayati Raj and Rural Development Department

- Minister Seethakka's Initiative Brings Long-Pending Relief to Employees

(Capital information)

Hyderabad: Mulugu Feb 20 : In a major administrative decision, the Government has cleared long-pending promotions in the Panchayati Raj and Rural Development Department, providing significant relief to employees who had been awaiting career advancement for several years. The process was expedited following the initiative of Panchayati Raj and Rural Development Minister Seethakka. Consequent orders were issued by Principal Secretary N. Sridhar. Under the latest orders, 27 Deputy Chief Executive Officers (Deputy CEOs) have been promoted as Chief Executive Officers (CEOs), while 55 Mandal Parishad Development Officers (MPDOs) have been elevated to the rank of Deputy CEOs. The move has been widely welcomed by officials concerned. The promoted officers met the Minister at Praja Bhavan and expressed their gratitude for facilitating the long-awaited promotions. They felicitated her and conveyed their appreciation for addressing their long-pending de-



mands. Speaking on the occasion, Minister Seethakka stated that the government is committed to being employee-friendly. "Along with filling vacant posts, ensuring timely promotions to eligible officials is our government's priority," she said. Strengthening the department, she added, would help deliver more efficient and accessible services to people at the grassroots level. The Minister further assured that proposals are being prepared to promote 28 MPDOs to Deputy CEOs and 15 Deputy CEOs to CEOs against existing vacancies. She also stated

that phased promotions would be implemented across all vacant posts in the department, from MPDOs to the lower cadres. Describing the move as one of the largest promotion drives in the department in recent years, she expressed confidence that the decision would enhance rural administration and governance. Among those present were TGO President Eluru Srinivasa Rao, Vice-President of the CEO and Deputy CEO Association Kompalli Narsimha, representatives of the MPDO Association, and other staff members.

Panchayati Raj Employees Express Gratitude to Minister Seethakka

- JAC Convenor Madaguri Nageshwer Rao

(Capital Information)

Mulugu, February 20 Employees of the Panchayati Raj Department have expressed their gratitude to Panchayati Raj and Women & Child Welfare Minister Seethakka (Dr. Danasari Anasuya) for



taking proactive steps to address long-pending issues concerning the department. In a statement, Mulugu JAC Convenor Madaguri Nageshwar Rao and District President of the Panchayati Raj Employees' Association Baravat Srinivas lauded the Minister for her employee-friendly approach and commitment towards resolving longstanding grievances. They stated that the Minister played a key role in clearing compassionate appointments that had been pending for nearly a decade, providing relief to hundreds of affected families. Around 574 appointments were reportedly facilitated under compassionate grounds. Additionally, issues relating to G.O. 317 adjustments and concerns of Panchayat Secretaries were addressed with the Minister's intervention. Highlighting recent developments, the employee leaders noted that on February 19, 2026, promotions were granted to 27 Deputy Chief Executive Officers (Deputy CEOs), who were elevated as Chief Executive Officers (CEOs), and 55 Mandal Parishad Development Officers (MPDOs), who were promoted as Deputy CEOs. They further stated that the process has been initiated to promote nearly 60 Superintendents working in Mandal Parishad offices as MPDOs. The leaders observed that the promotions were aimed at boosting morale and encouraging efficiency in departmental functioning. They appreciated the Minister's efforts to examine and resolve all legitimate service-related matters concerning employees. They also urged the Minister to consider granting gazetted status to Superintendents at the earliest and to address other pending issues that do not impose a financial burden on the government. Reiterating their support, the employee representatives thanked the Minister for strengthening the department and safeguarding the interests of its staff.

Visit of State Commission for Protection of Child Rights Member to Bhupalpally District



(Capital Information)

Jayashankar Bhupalpally, Feb 19 : Bhupalpally district. The official was welcomed with a bouquet by District Additional Collector Vijayalakshmi and District Women Welfare Officer Malleswari. Later, Commission Member Mr. Borra Vachan Kumar visited Mahatma Jyotirao Phule Girls' School, an Anganwadi Centre, the Minority Boys' School, the Government Hospital, Singareni Area Hospital, and the Child Care Institutions in Kataram. During the visit, he stated that every department must responsibly discharge its duties to safeguard children's rights and secure their future. He emphasized that today's children are tomorrow's citizens and called upon everyone to work together for building a better future generation and a progressive society. At the hospital, he enquired about the well-being of child patients and instructed the District Medical & Health Officer (DM&HO) to ensure better medical facilities for them. He also directed the Principal of the Minority School to conduct health check-ups for students. At the Anganwadi Centre, he instructed the CDPO and Supervisor to ensure that nutritious food is properly provided to all children. The program was attended by District Child Welfare Chairman Mr. Anil Chandar Rao, District DM&HO Dr. Madhusudan, Deputy Superintendent Venkataratnam, BC Welfare Officer Indira, Veterinary Doctor Kumaraswamy, Child Helpline Coordinator Tirupati, and Child Helpline staff members. This information was stated by District Welfare Officer Malleswari.

Demand to Develop Vengvapet Tank, Vastapur Waterfall as Tourist Spots



(Capital information)

Nirmal, Feb 20 : Leaders from the Nirmal Assembly constituency met Telangana's District In-charge Minister Jupally Krishna Rao in Hyderabad on Friday, urging him to take steps for the development of Vengvapet village tank as an irrigation source as well as a tourist destination. They also appealed to the Minister to recognize the Vastapur waterfall in Mamda mandal as a tourism spot and to initiate necessary development works. The delegation, led by Nirmal Constituency Congress In-charge Kuchadi Srihari Rao, explained that developing these locations would boost local agriculture, create employment opportunities and enhance tourism potential in the region. They further requested the government to identify Nirmal constituency as a tourism hub and extend special support for its overall development. Among those who accompanied the delegation were Nirmal Market Committee Chairman Bheem Reddy (Mamda), former ZPTC Santosh, former Vengvapet Sarpanch Ramesh Kumar, and Congress leaders Kotte Shekhar, Nayanagari Murali, Ajay and Rama Rao, along with others.

Pay Property Tax Dues Promptly.. - Adtl. Collector



(Capital information)

Nirmal, Feb 20: District Additional Collector (Local Bodies) Faizan Ahmed has urged residents of Nirmal district municipalities to clear their pending property tax dues without delay. In a statement issued on Friday evening, he said that significant arrears have accumulated in the municipalities of Nirmal, Khanapur and Bhainsa. He appealed to all property owners with outstanding taxes to make payments at the earliest. To streamline collections, a month-long special drive will be launched from Monday across the three municipalities. Officials will focus on recovering pending dues during this period. Notices will be served to defaulters, and action will be taken as per the law against those who fail to comply. The Additional Collector emphasized that timely payment of property tax is crucial for strengthening civic infrastructure and ensuring the overall development of municipalities. He called upon citizens to cooperate with the authorities by clearing their arrears promptly.

Nalanda students secure state-level ranks in B-MAT state-level exam



(Capital Information)

Nizamabad Beareu Feb 20: This month, the IIT and Olympiad Academy Hyderabad conducted the state-level B-MAT Bose Medical Aptitude Test on 08/02/26. Nalanda students secured the best ranks in this state-level test. The Nalanda management congratulated the students who secured state-level ranks. And the IIT Olympiad in-charge teachers congratulated Swaroopa Madam, Sharada Madam, Nikhila Madam, Swapna, Priyanka, Rajasekhar, and Shakir. They proudly said that Nalanda High School is the only educational institution conducting IIT and Olympiad classes in the Armour area. He said that they have conducted many competitive exams for students so far, and this month, they are conducting the K-SAT LEVEL -2 (Kalam Scientific Attitude Test -2) state-level exam in Hyderabad.

Dalit Leaders Felicitated Nirmal Municipal Chairman

(Capital information)

Nirmal, Feb 20: Leaders of the Dalit Sanghala Aikya Vedita felicitated Nirmal Municipal Chairman and Vice Chairman Appala Kavya Ganesh Chakravarthi at the municipal office in Nirmal town. The public representatives were honoured with shawls, garlands and bouquets in recognition of their services. On the occasion, the delegation submitted a memorandum seeking development works at the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar statue located at Mini Tank Bund, Ambedkar Chowk in Nirmal district centre. They requested the installation of railing grills around the statue and the development of a garden and Ambedkar memorial at the site. The leaders expressed concern that vehicles, autos and pushcarts are being parked around the statue, leading to unhygienic conditions. They urged the municipal authorities to remove the parking facility and complete the proposed works before the upcoming Ambedkar Jayanti



celebrations on April 14. Several district-level leaders and representatives of various Dalit and social organisations were present during the programme.

Workers Urged to Rally for RTC Issues. Call to Make February 24 'Chalo Secretariat' a Success.

(Capital information)

Nirma, Feb 20: Telangana Mazdoor Union State President A.R. Reddy has called upon RTC employees to participate in large numbers in the "Chalo Secretariat" programme on February 24 to safeguard the interests of the Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TGSRTC) and press for the resolution of their long-pending demands. He stated that RTC workers have been working under tremendous pressure for several years, facing heavy workloads, staff shortage and lack of basic facilities, which has led to severe physical and mental stress. Despite these challenges, employees have continued to perform their duties with commitment and responsibility. Reddy said that promises made regarding the merger of RTC into the government and recruitment of drivers and conductors are yet

to be implemented. He urged the government to expedite the merger process and address employees' concerns without further delay. Among the key demands raised were implementation of the 2021 wage revision with 30 percent fitment, immediate release of pending government dues to the corporation, and timely reimbursement of funds under the free bus travel scheme for women without any cuts. He also demanded job security for all employees, regularisation of compassionate appointees, filling up of vacant posts across all departments, and procurement of new buses to strengthen services. The union leaders further called for settlement of retirement benefits, resolution of higher pension issues, and lifting of restrictions on trade unions to ensure democratic functioning within the organisation. A.R. Reddy



and Adilabad Region Secretary R. Gangadhar jointly appealed to workers from every depot to rise above union differences and make the February 24 protest programme a grand success, stating that the struggle would continue until their rightful demands are achieved.

Strict action against scanning centers violating rules.

- Nizamabad District Collector Ila Tripathi

(Capital information)

nizamabad Buearu Feb 20: The Collector has suggested that action be taken against the operators of scanning centers violating the rules. A district-level committee meeting on the Prohibition of Prenatal Fetal Sex Determination Tests Act was held at IDOC on Friday under the chairmanship of the District Medical and Health Department. Speaking on the occasion, the Collector said, only those scanning centers that meet all the criteria for registration of scanning centers in the district should be registered, renewed. She said, all the scanning centers in the district should register records and reports regularly, otherwise they should not be registered and renewed. Collector said, awareness seminars should be organized widely on the PCPNDT Act. Additional DCP Baswareddy, District Medical and Health Officer



Dr. Rajasree, PO's Supriya and Shikhara, Deputy DMHO's Ashwini, Samatha, Red Cross representative Bussa Anjaneyulu and others participated in this meeting.

Four Arrested for Trafficking Youth to Laos for Cyber Fraud - Key Documents and Phones Seized

(Capital information)

Jagtial, Feb 20: Jagtial Police arrested four individuals for illegally trafficking youth to Laos under the guise of overseas jobs and forcing them into cyber fraud activities. Passports of victims were seized, and they were coerced into online scams targeting Indian nationals in the USA. SP Ashok Kumar revealed details at a press meet at the District Police Office. The arrested accused are: Slavath Vijayender @ Andrew from Obulapur Thanda, Mallapur Mandal; Meesala Rajasekhar from Pembatta Village, Sarangapur Mandal; Dandugula Kalyan from Ramesh Odder Colony, Rangapet; Shyam Rao Rajasekhar from Dharmapuri; and Raju (currently in Laos, from Vizag - absconding). Vijayender traveled to Laos in November 2024 and joined a cyber fraud network. He lured youth from Jagtial and nearby areas with promises of call center jobs in Bangkok, charging ₹75,000-₹1,05,000 per person. Victims were sent on tourist visas to Thailand, then smuggled across the border to Laos' Golden Triangle region, where they were forced to work in Chinese-run cyber scam centers. They created fake social media profiles of American influencers to target Indian-origin US residents for online fraud. Victims who refused were threatened and denied their passports. Based on a complaint, Jagtial Rural Police registered a case and issued a Look Out Circular against Vijayender, who was arrested at Rajiv



Gandhi International Airport on 17-02-2026. During interrogation, three others were identified and arrested. Police recovered 4 mobile phones and key documents related to overseas travel and cyber fraud operations. All accused were remanded. SP Ashok Kumar warned youth not to trust unverified agents promising foreign jobs and urged them to verify credentials through official government portals. Victims of such frauds can call 1930 (Cyber Helpline) or approach their nearest police station. He assured strict action against those involved in human trafficking and cybercrime. Cybercrime DSP Venkatramana, Rural Inspector Sudhakar, and SIs Umasagar, Dinesh and others were present at the press meet.

Management of residential schools and future centers should be further improved Collector's review with special officers of mandals

(Capital information)

Nizamabad Beareu Feb 20: Collector Ila la Tripathi held a long review with special officers of mandals on the management of government residential schools and future centers at the conference hall of the Collectorate on Friday. She inquired about the field visits conducted by special officers in each mandal and the issues they observed in the respective schools. The Collector thoroughly examined the situation prevailing in the respective schools, pending works, and the scenes visited by MSO's through a PowerPoint presentation. On this occasion, the Collector ordered the MSOs to continue regular field inspections. She suggested that the management of future centers already available in the district should be further improved and the work of centers under construction at various stages should be completed expeditiously. The Engineering Department officials were given a deadline to complete all the sanctioned works by the end of March. The Collector made it clear that students in residential schools, hostels and schools should be examined to see whether they are getting food as per the menu or not, and strict action



should be taken against those who do not follow the menu. She advised to take all precautions to prevent contaminated food. She said, CCTVs in all girls' schools including KGBVs should be in working condition and repairs should be done immediately where necessary. She said, utmost priority should be given to the health and safety of students. DRDO Saya goud, DEO Ashok, RCO's, Engineering Department officials and Mandal Special Officers participated in the meeting.

Umarani takes charge as Nizamabad Mayor



(Capital Information)

Nizamabad Beareu Feb 20: Congress candidate Umarani, who was elected as Nizamabad Mayor in the recently held municipal elections, took charge as Mayor on Friday. The event was graced by the chief guests, including TPCC President MLC Mahesh Kumar Goud, Minister Ponnamp Prabhakar, government advisors Shabbir Ali, MLA Bhupathi Reddy, Nuda Chairman Kesha Venu, DCC Presidents Bobbili Ramakrishna, Nagesh Reddy, several senior leaders, and others.

Continuous quality power supply target



(Capital Information)

nizamabad Buearu Feb 20: Nizamabad District SE PV Rajeswara Rao inaugurated the new direct interlinking line for quality and continuous power supply. Speaking on the occasion, a four-kilometer 33 kV line alternative power supply feeder was inaugurated between 33/11 kV Govindpet and 33/11kv Jankampet power substations. As part of the establishment of an alternative 33 kV power supply line for each power substation on the orders of CMD Varun Reddy IAS, a 33 kV alternative feeder was installed today from 33/11 kV Govindpet power substation to Jankampet power substation at a cost of ₹ 32.00 lakhs, PV Rajeswara Rao SC said. The newly laid 33 kV link line has connected three power substations of Govindpet, Janakampet and Torlikonda. In this program, DE Operation Armour Raghu, DE Construction D Venkataramana, A DE Construction Nizamabad Thota Rajasekhar, A DE Operation Armour & Perkit G Krishna Srinivas, AE Construction Armour Shrivani Kumar, AE Operation, Mendora Local Line Inspector Gudu Mia, Contractor Ravi Yadav, and local electricity staff participated.

Bicycles Distributed to Needy Students in Dharmapuri Mandal



(Capital Information)

Jagtial/Dharmapuri, Feb 20: On Friday, Jagtial DSP Raghu Chander, along with temple EO Srinivas and police officials, distributed bicycles to three underprivileged students from Govindulapalli village. The students—S. Pawan Kumar, L. Vishnuvardhan, and G. Avanthika—study at Nerella government school and previously walked long distances daily. The DSP and EO sponsored the bicycles after learning about their struggles. Local CI Ram Narsimha Reddy, SIs Mahesh and Ravinder Kumar, police staff and others were present.

One-Year Jail in Cheque Bounce Case



(Capital information)

Khammam Bureau, February 20 In a cheque bounce case, the II Additional Judicial First Class Magistrate Court in Khammam sentenced K. Rajendra Prasad of Tiruvuru to one year of imprisonment. The court also directed him to pay ₹12 lakh as compensation to the complainant. According to the case details, the accused had borrowed ₹10 lakh in January 2016 from Medaramatla Srinivasa Rao of Khammam for family needs and issued promissory notes. Later, he issued three cheques worth ₹12 lakh on November 11, 2016, which were dishonoured due to insufficient funds. After legal notice and trial, the court found the accused guilty and delivered the verdict.

World Cancer Day Awareness Program



(Capital information)

Kothagudem, Feb 20 On the occasion of World Cancer Day, an awareness seminar was conducted at the GM Office, Kothagudem Area, under the directions of General Manager M. Shalem Raju. Dr. D. Lalitha Kumari, Health Officer, explained that the day is observed every year on February 4 under the leadership of the Union for International Cancer Control to promote awareness on cancer prevention, early detection, and timely treatment. She emphasized that regular health check-ups, healthy lifestyle habits, and cancer screening—especially for breast and cervical cancer—can significantly reduce risks. SOT GM G.V. Koti Reddy, Area Engineer K. Suryanarayana Raju, AGM (Finance) E. Bheebhatsa, AGM (Personal) G.V. Mohan Rao, Rudrampur Dispensary Medical Superintendent M. Parashuramulu, along with department heads, officials, and employees, participated in the program and interacted with the doctor to clarify their doubts.

DRDA PD Vidyachandana Attends District Mahila Samakhy Meeting



(Capital information)

Kothagudem, February 20 The Bhadradi District Mahila Samakhy meeting was held at the Chunchupalli Mandal Samakhy Office. DRDA Project Director Ms. M. Vidyachandana attended as Chief Guest and reviewed SERP activities in the district. She directed 100% repayment of CIF, Streenidhi, and bank linkage loans, speedy grounding of PMKSY works, and quality stitching of uniforms by SHGs, including new assignments for RTC, Medical & Health, and Fire Department staff. She also stressed effective functioning of paddy procurement centers, early completion of Gram Sangham buildings, and ensuring 100% SSC pass results. Additional DRDO Neelesh, District Federation President Soyam Sujatha, Mandal Federation Presidents, and other officials participated in the meeting.

Intermediate Exams from Feb 25 in Khammam

(Capital information)

Khammam Bureau, February 20 The Intermediate Public Examinations in Khammam district will be conducted from February 25 to March 18, 2026, between 9:00 AM and 12:00 Noon. District Intermediate Education Officer (DIEO) K. Ravi Babu informed that all necessary arrangements have been completed for the smooth conduct of the examinations. A total of 66 examination centres have been set up across the district, with 17,461 students expected to appear for the first and second year examinations. Chief Superintendents, Departmental Officers, and invigilators have been appointed at every centre to ensure proper supervision and discipline. Flying squads will conduct surprise inspections to prevent malpractice, and coordination has been made with the police de-



partment to maintain law and order around the centres. Students have been advised to reach the examination centres on time and carry their hall tickets without fail.

Rare Electrolyte Disorder Treated at Malakpet Yashoda

(Capital information)

Khammam Bureau, February 20 Addressing media persons at the Khammam Press Club, Dr. Surishetti Bharat Kumar – Consultant Neuro Physician, Multi-disciplinary Teams – Neurology, Nephrology, Rheumatology, Critical Care & General Medicine informed that a 33-year-old woman from Ramavaram village in Bhadradi Kothagudem district was admitted on June 12, 2025, with severe vomiting, diarrhea, and sudden muscle weakness. Detailed investigations revealed critical hypokalemia (severely low potassium levels) along with complex autoimmune and renal involvement. Further evaluation confirmed Hypokalemic Periodic Paralysis associated with Primary Sjögren's Syndrome and distal renal tubular acidosis. Doctors explained that such electrolyte imbalances, especially when combined with autoimmune and kidney disorders, can become life-threatening if not treated promptly. The patient was managed in a high-dependency monitored unit where potassium levels were carefully corrected under strict supervision.



Treatment included controlled electrolyte correction, immunotherapy, anti-epileptic management, and coordinated multidisciplinary care to prevent complications. Following steady improvement in muscle strength and normalization of electrolyte levels, the patient was discharged in stable condition on June 18, 2025, with medications and follow-up advice. The hospital stated that the case highlights its advanced diagnostic facilities and 24-hour critical care expertise in handling complex medical emergencies.

Archery State Championship Launched Under CM Cup 2025-2026

(Capital information)

Khammam Bureau, February 20 The State-Level Archery Championship under the prestigious CM Cup 2025-2026 was inaugurated on Friday at the Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Stadium, Khammam. The event was formally opened by Police Commissioner Sunil Dutt, who motivated participants with an inspiring message that consistent effort leads to lasting success. Nearly 230 archers representing various districts of Telangana took part in the championship, reflecting the growing enthusiasm for sports across the state. In his address, the Commissioner highlighted that true sportsmanship lies not only in winning medals but also in participating with dedication and discipline. He encouraged players to remain fearless in the face of setbacks and continue striving for excellence. The championship is part of the state government's broader initiative to promote sports culture, nurture grassroots talent, and transform Telangana into a leading sports destination. Officials



present at the event included District Youth and Sports Officer Sunil Kumar Reddy, Archery District President Sarangapani, Secretary Putta Shankaraya, District Olympic Association Secretary Gongura Venkateswarlu, School Games Federation Secretary Ramarao, Coordinator Adarsh Kumar, along with coaches, association representatives, parents, and young athletes.

Concerns Regarding Karregutta Combing Operations

(Capital information)

Khammam Bureau, February 20 The CPI (ML) Mass Line, Telangana State Committee, issued a press note on February 20, 2026, condemning the intense combing operations currently underway in the Karregutta forest region along the Telangana-Chhattisgarh border. State Secretary Potu Ranga Rao characterizes these government-led actions, allegedly involving 850,000 military personnel and 700 camps across the broader Bastar and Dandakaranya regions, as a disproportionate campaign against tribal populations. The committee asserts that this military mobilization has effectively isolated the region, shrouding the situation in secrecy while causing immense hardship to the inhabitants living in these forest areas. The organization further contends that these operations are motivated by corporate interests seeking to exploit mineral-rich lands rather than strictly security concerns. Consequently, the Committee demands an immediate cessation of all combing activities and calls upon democratic and



civil society organizations to support the tribal communities in their struggle to protect their livelihoods, forests, and land rights. By invoking the slogan of "Jal, Jungle, Jameen," the group emphasizes the urgent need for a peaceful resolution that respects the rights of the indigenous population over the encroachment of corporate interests.

"Early Detection is Key in Preventing Diseases".

– DAM& HO Dr. Chandu Nayak

(Capital Information)

Khammam Bureau, February 20 A training program under the NCD – Integrated Management and Quality Improvement (IMQI) Project was conducted at the IDOC Complex, Khammam, under the guidance of the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), Chennai team. District Additional Medical & Health Officer Dr. Chandu Nayak attended as the Chief Guest. He emphasized that proper line listing and early detection of Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) are crucial for effective prevention and management. The three-year project aims to strengthen quality healthcare services and reduce premature deaths caused by major NCDs such as heart diseases, cancer, chronic respiratory diseases,



and diabetes by one-third. Medical Officers, Community Health Officers, ANMs, and ASHA workers will be provided structured training to enhance service delivery and ensure better patient care outcomes.

Aim for International Medals



(Capital Information)

Kothagudem, February 20 Wrestlers A. Venkata Prasad (97 kg) and K. Naveen (100 kg) delivered impressive performances at the Federation Cup in Uttar Pradesh and the Khelo India Tribal Second Phase Wrestling competitions in Delhi, competing against international-level athletes and securing top ranks. They have now been selected for the Khelo India National Championship. The selected athletes, under the leadership of District Wrestling Association General Secretary Kashi Hussain, met ITDA PO B. Rahul and TPCC General Secretary and District Wrestling Association Honorary President Naga Sitaramulu. Congratulating them, the leaders encouraged the players to win medals at the national level and aim for international success, assuring continued support for talented sportspersons.

Sri Saraswati Matha Statue Inaugurated by MLA Kunamneni



(Capital Information)

Kothagudem, February 20 The statue of Sri Saraswati Matha was inaugurated today at Government Junior College, Kothagudem, by MLA Kunamneni Sambasivarao. On the occasion, the MLA highlighted the importance of education and knowledge, stating that Goddess Saraswati symbolizes wisdom, learning, and cultural values. College staff, students, and local leaders participated in the programme and expressed happiness over the installation of the statue within the campus.

Question Over Permissions for Provocative Processions



(Capital Information)

Khammam Bureau, February 20 CPI State Committee Member and Insaaf State Publicity Secretary Mohammed Salaam questioned how authorities were granting permission for processions that allegedly raise provocative slogans in the name of religion and cause public inconvenience with high-volume DJ systems. He spoke on Friday near Wahediya Masjid on the occasion of the holy month of Ramadan. He stated that officials were issuing permissions without even considering appropriate timing, and alleged that stricter objections would have been raised if it were other types of events. Emphasizing the need to protect national unity and communal harmony, he urged authorities to immediately correct such lapses and take action against those who incite tensions. Several community members, including Shaik Saïda, Md Rehman, Nizampet Yaqub, Shaik Chana, Shaik Rehman, and Kareem, were present at the programme.

Prabhas' Fauzi Set to Blend Emotional Depth With Massive Scale, Say Makers

Fauzi is shaping up to be one of the most intriguing projects in Prabhas' career. The film stars Imanvi as the female lead and is directed by Hanu Raghavapudi. The makers have hinted that the film will be an emotionally intense drama.



Hanu Raghavapudi has crafted a thoughtfully structured script that places Rebel Star Prabhas at the center of a deeply moving narrative. With a strong emotional core and character-driven storytelling, the film promises a theatrical experience that prioritises depth over spectacle.

Backed by Mythri Movie Makers, Fauzi is mounted on a massive budget of Rs. 700 crore and features a notable ensemble. Anupam Kher, Mithun Chakraborty, and Jayapradha play key roles, while Vishal Chandrasekhar composes the music. Rahul Ravindran and Chaitra J Achar are also part of the cast. The release date and further details will be announced soon.



One Film, Two Titles: Hey Balwanth in India, Hey Bhagawan Overseas

Suhas' new entertainer Hey Balwanth was released today amid decent buzz. Shivani Nagaram plays the female lead, while the film is directed by Gopi Atchara.

Following objections from the CBFC, the makers changed the film's title from Hey Bhagawan to Hey Balwanth. However, here comes an interesting twist.

The title change applies only to screenings in India. The overseas prints continue to carry the original title, Hey Bhagawan. The distribution company has also been promoting the film internationally under the old title. This clarifies that the CBFC objections are limited to the Indian release.

VK Naresh plays a key role in this fun-filled drama. The supporting cast includes Vennela Kishore, Ajay Ghosh, Harsha Vardhan, Sudarshan, and Sravanthi Chokrapu. The film is produced by B. Narendra Reddy, with music composed by Vivek Sagar.

Teaser Talk: Yash's Toxic Is Brutal, Bold & Bigger

Rocking star Yash's character introduction video already created a storm for the bold making-out scene, and now the time has come for the ar-

druglord and doer of all the illegal things, the teaser shows how he turns more raw, violent, and intense when someone doesn't listen to him. Saying that a

Kiara Advani, Nayanthara, Huma Qureshi, Tara Surtaria, and Rukmini Vasanth.

Meanwhile, Ravi Basur's music is intense but never catchy, while Rajeev



Ravi's amazing cinematography is felt in every frame of the teaser. The film features some stunning aerial war scenes in snow, as well as costly casino sequences and brutal killing episodes, all of which look quite

original and larger in scale. Toxic, is hitting cinemas in Telugu, Kannada, Hindi, Tamil, Malayalam and English as well. This being Yash's immediate next project after the KGF franchise, we have to see how it fares.

goon has to learn manners, Raya's character is shown killing people quite mercilessly in more inhumane ways. While a bunch of villains could be seen in the teaser, there's no glimpse of any heroine, including

riyal of the "Toxic" teaser. Directed by Geethu Mohandas and releasing on March 19, 2026, today, the teaser of the film has surely stunned everyone.

Sree Vishnu's Vishnu Vinyasam producer hits a jackpot

King of Entertainment Sree Vishnu has been delivering huge box office hits continuously, with his all-round entertainers. His upcoming movie, Vishnu Vinyasam, has been generating great amount of buzz and anticipation with the teaser and songs. It is directed by Yadunaath Maruthi Rao and produced

by Sumanth Naidu G. The movie teaser has received high praise building further on expectations. After a huge blockbuster like Single and continuous success, belief in Sree Vishnu brand of entertainment is huge. Surprisingly, the movie made Rs.26 crores from theatrical and non-theatrical rights alone.

That is, the pre-release business has yielded Rs.7 crores profit to makers who produced the film on Rs.19 crores budget. Now, theatrical business post release will be a bonus for the producer. Distributors and exhibitors are confident looking at the kind of reception the teaser got and Sree Vishnu's current red hot form that movie will make huge profits.



Well, the producers have hit a jackpot with the film as the current market situation is bad to expect such substantial profit before release. Sree Vishnu's consistency and his brand image have paid off highly for Vishnu Vinyasam in a big way. Nayan Sarika is playing the leading lady role in this fun ride releasing on 28th February, worldwide.



Rashmika Mandanna's role in Cocktail 2 is bold and shocking

It is a known fact that Rashmika Mandanna is part of the Hindi film Cocktail 2, which has already grabbed attention for its intriguing casting.

The film features Shahid Kapoor as the male lead, while Kriti Sanon plays the other female lead. The latest buzz doing the rounds in Bollywood circles is that Rashmika and Kriti might be seen portraying a lesbian couple in the film.

Though there has been no official confirmation from the makers yet, the speculation has sparked massive curiosity online. If true, the storyline would mark a bold and refreshing move in mainstream Hindi cinema.

Until an announcement is made, fans can only wait and watch as the gossip continues to trend across social media platforms.



Eesha OTT Release: Telugu horror thriller now streaming on Prime Video

Eesha is a recent Telugu horror thriller that was widely promoted in Tollywood. Directed by Srinivas Manne, the film is headlined by popular actress Hebah Patel. The movie received mixed reviews from critics.

The movie made its OTT debut outside India a few days ago and is now available for streaming in India as well on Prime Video. Interestingly, the platform has changed the spelling of the title. Viewers need to search for "Isha" instead of "Eesha" to find the movie.

The OTT window is eight weeks. It remains to be seen how the film performs in the digital space. Eesha also stars Adith Arun, Akhil Raj, Siri Hanmanth, and Prithveeraj in pivotal roles. The film is produced by KL Damodhar Prasad, with music composed by RR Dhruvan.

CM Cup Competitions Provide Recognition to Sportspersons from Village to State Level

(Capital Information)

Nalgonda : City Mayor Burri Chaitanya Srinivas Reddy and District Collector B. Chandrasekhar inaugurated the State-Level Junior Kho-Kho competitions at Mekala Abhinav Stadium. As part of the opening ceremony, they unveiled the sports flag, lit the ceremonial torch, formally declared the matches open, released pigeons as a symbol of peace and harmony, and let colorful balloons fly into the sky.

Speaking on the occasion, the Mayor said that the CM Cup sports competitions conducted across the state are bringing many hidden talents from rural areas into the limelight. He encouraged stu-



dents to excel not only in academics but also in sports. He stated that the CM Cup is organized every year to identify and nurture talented sportspersons from rural backgrounds, and that sports promote both physical fitness

and mental well-being. He added that the Telangana State Government is giving high priority to the development of sports.

District Collector B. Chandrasekhar said that it is commendable that sportspersons

from all 33 districts have worked hard to progress from village-level to state-level competitions. He emphasized that the main objective of the CM Cup is to identify and support talented students from rural areas. He

noted that future national and international-level players are shaped through such competitions. Expressing pride in hosting the State-Level Junior Kho-Kho competitions for both boys and girls in the district, he said that all necessary facilities have been arranged for the participants.

District Youth and Sports Officer Akbar Ali, ZP CEO Srinivasa Rao, former Municipal Chairman Burri Srinivasa Reddy, former ZPTC Gummala Mohan Reddy, Corporator Khalil, public representatives, sports department officials, coaches, and a large number of sportspersons participated in the event.

JEO reviews arrangements for International Women's Day on March 9

(Capital Information)

Tirupati : Education and Health JEO Dr. A Sarath held a review meeting at the TTD Administrative Building in Tirupati to discuss the arrangements for International Women's Day, scheduled for March 9.



Speaking on the occasion, JEO instructed the women officials and staff to work in coordination to celebrate Women's Day on a grand scale this year. He outlined the duties and responsibilities of the organizing, speakers, purchase, cultural, invitation, and food committees. He further suggested inviting experts from various fields as guest speakers for the event.

Increase in Padmavathi Awards
JEO directed officials to increase the number of Padmavathi Awards presented to TTD women employees this year. He emphasized that eligible employees from all cadres should be selected based on their skill, merit, and performance.

Commencement with Veda Ashirvachanam
The celebrations will begin with the Veda Ashirvachanam of Sri Padmavathi Ammavaru and conclude with a cultural dance performance titled Sri Padmavathi Vaibhavam. JEO added.

Welfare Department Deputy EO Ananda Raju, women officials, leaders of the women employees' association, and other staff members participated in the meeting.

Apollo Launches 'Sakhi' Clinic to Address Women's Silent Pelvic Health Issues

(Capital Information)

Hyderabad : Marking International Urogynecology Day, Apollo Hospitals has launched the 'Sakhi' campaign and a dedicated

bulge due to prolapse, pelvic pain and intimacy-related concerns. These are frequently dismissed as a normal part of ageing or childbirth, leading to de-



urogynecology clinic to help women seek timely and specialised care for pelvic health problems that often go unspoken.

Many women silently suffer from conditions such as urine leakage, involuntary loss of stools, repeated urinary infections, vaginal

layed treatment and avoidable distress.

The Sakhi clinic, led by Senior Urogynecologist Dr Nirmala Papalkar And Dr Shreeja Gurralla, aims to provide confidential, compassionate and expert care under one roof. The all-women team ensures pri-

vacy and comfort, and even offers telephone consultations for those hesitant to visit in person.

The campaign is anchored around the S-A-K-H-I journey Speak, Assess, Know, Heal and Improve encouraging women to voice their concerns, undergo proper evaluation, understand treatment options, receive personalised care and achieve long-term recovery.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr Tejesvi Rao Veerapalli, CEO, Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, Apollo Hospitals, said the initiative is a focused, trust-based effort designed to create awareness and provide specialised solutions rather than a mass outreach programme.

With Sakhi, Apollo Hospitals is encouraging women to speak up, seek medical advice and regain their comfort, confidence and dignity.



Minister Visits Former Minister Jeevan Reddy at KIMS Hospital

(Capital Information)

Hyderabad/Jagtial : Senior Congress leader and former minister Jeevan Reddy has been undergoing treatment at KIMS Hospital in Secunderabad after falling ill.

Upon learning about his health condition, State social Welfare Minister Adluri Laxman Kumar postponed his scheduled tour of Jagtial district on Friday and visited the hospital to meet Jeevan Reddy.

Minister Adluri interacted with the doctors to inquire about Jeevan Reddy's health and wished him a speedy recovery.

SCDD Girls' Hostel "B" Student Selected for State-Level Hockey Tournament

(Capital Information)

Nalgonda : Valiki Drakshita, a student of SCDD Girls' Hostel "B" in Nalgonda, has been selected for the state-level hockey tournament.

Drakshita, who is studying in 8th standard at JBS High School, earned her place after her impressive performance in the district-level Under-14 CM Cup competitions held in Nalgonda.

She has now been selected to participate in the state-level hockey tournament being conducted at Gachibowli, Hyderabad.

On this occasion, SCDD Deputy Director Shashikala and Hostel HWO Bharathamma congratulated Drakshita and wished her success in the upcoming matches. They expressed hope that she would also qualify for national-level tournaments in the future and bring pride to the district.

