



## Women's economic growth key to nation's progress: Seethakka

(Capital Information)

**Hyderabad** : Stating that women's empowerment is the foundation for national progress, Telangana Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Minister Danam Nagender Anasuya Seethakka on Saturday called for stronger coordination between the Centre and the states to accelerate women-led economic growth.

Addressing the National Financial Literacy Conference and the 25th Central Level Coordination Committee (CLCC) meeting held at a city hotel, the minister said the state government under Chief Minister Revanth Reddy was according top priority to women's economic self-reliance.

Union Rural Development Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Minister of State Pemmasani Chandrasekhar, senior officials from the Centre and states, bankers and development part-



ners attended the meeting.

Seethakka said Telangana, the youngest state in the country, has been registering an average annual growth rate of 12.9 per cent and has earned appreciation from NITI Aayog for its efforts in poverty alleviation. She attributed the state's progress to integrating rural women into the

mainstream economy.

Invoking the ideals of B. R. Ambedkar, the minister said the government views women's development as synonymous with societal advancement. Through the 'Indira Mahila Shakti' programme, women are being guided from self-employment towards wealth creation, she

noted.

At present, 46.68 lakh women are organised into 4.37 lakh self-help groups (SHGs) across the state. Over the past two years, bank loans worth Rs 35,435 crore have been facilitated for SHGs. The non-performing asset (NPA) rate among SHGs stands at just 1.40 per

cent, she said, adding that Rs 1,121 crore in interest subsidies had been waived after the present government assumed office.

Under Indira Mahila Shakti, as many as 2.05 lakh micro-enterprises have been established, generating economic activity worth Rs 3,612 crore. Insurance coverage, including loan and accident insurance, is also being extended to SHG members.

Citing the example of the Sammakka Saralamma Jatara, Seethakka said women's groups earned profits of Rs 3.5 crore with government support during the tribal festival, reflecting their entrepreneurial strength. Mandal-level federations have also ventured into innovative initiatives such as purchasing buses and leasing them to Telangana State Road Transport Corporation, besides running community canteens, solar power plants and petrol (Cont. on Pg 2)



## Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan Inaugurates 'Kshamata Bhawan' at ICAR-NAARM

(Capital Information)

**Hyderabad** : Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare and Rural Development inaugurated the "Kshamata Bhawan" at the ICAR-National Academy of Agricultural Research Management (NAARM), Hyderabad on 21.2.2026 (Saturday), which is celebrating its Golden Jubilee Year of its service.

The "Kshamata Bhawan" is an additional infrastructure for ICAR-NAARM in order to organize additional number of capacity building programmes for the stakeholders and educational programmes including the students of agribusiness management. (Cont. on Pg 2)

## Third Camp Office for Finance Minister Triggers Row in Khammam

(Capital Information)

**Hyderabad/Khammam** : The decision to construct a new camp office for Telangana Finance Minister Bhatti Vikramarka in Khammam district at an estimated cost of ₹4.50 crore has sparked sharp criticism from political quarters and sections of officials, who allege misuse of public funds.

The controversy stems from the fact that the minister already has access to an MLA camp office in Madhira and official facilities in Hyderabad, including use of the Secretariat and other

government buildings. Critics question the necessity of constructing a third camp office, particularly at a time when the state government has cited financial constraints in meeting welfare commitments.



Opposition leaders point out that during the previous BRS regime, a camp office was reportedly constructed at a cost of around ₹1 crore. In contrast, the proposed structure in Khammam is said to be designed on a much larger and more elaborate scale, drawing comparisons to a "palatial" complex.

Political observers note that the move has also triggered murmurs within the ruling (Cont. on Pg 2)

## Harish Rao slams Cong govt, alleges misuse of police in Sangareddy arrests

(Capital Information)

**Sangareddy** : Senior BRS leader and former minister T. Harish Rao on Saturday launched a scathing attack on the Congress government, alleging political vendetta and misuse of police machinery following the arrest of 13 BRS activists in Sangareddy district.

Mr Rao, who visited the Sangareddy district jail to meet the remanded party workers, accused the ruling Congress of attempting to "win through police lathis and false cases" after failing to secure victory democratically in the recent local body elections.

Addressing the media outside the jail, he questioned the



role of the Director General of Police and alleged that the "khaki rule book" was being selectively implemented. "Is the

DGP's khaki book now confined to serving the Congress party?" he asked, in an apparent reference to DGP Jitender Reddy.

The former minister alleged that cases, including Section 307 of the IPC, were registered against BRS workers without medical reports. He also claimed that SC/ST atrocities cases were "misused" against BRS activists belonging to Scheduled Castes.

Raising questions over alleged violations during campaigning, Mr Rao asked why action was not taken against a Congress MLA who allegedly moved in a convoy after the campaign deadline. He further accused ruling party leaders of intimidation, attacks, and distribution of money to influence councillors in certain municipalities. (Cont. on Pg 2)



## Ravinder Singh Invites KCR to Son's Wedding

(Capital Information)

**Hyderabad** : Senior BRS leader and former Karimnagar Mayor Sardar Ravinder Singh invited former Chief Minister and BRS president K. Chandrashekar Rao to attend his son's wedding.

Ravinder Singh, who also served as former chairman of the State Civil Supplies Corporation, met Mr Rao at his Erravalli farmhouse and personally handed over the wedding invitation. He called on the former Chief Minister along with his family members and sought his blessings for the forthcoming ceremony.

Speaking on the occasion, Ravinder Singh said the wedding will be held on March 8 at the Guru Gobind Singh Hockey Ground. He expressed hope that Mr Rao would grace the occasion and bless the couple.

The meeting was described as a cordial interaction, reflecting the continuing association between the BRS leadership and senior party functionaries.



## Dy CM Bhatti Vikramarka Invites Priyanka Gandhi to his Son's Wedding

(Capital Information)

**Hyderabad** : State Deputy Chief Minister Malu Bhatti Vikramarka met AICC General Secretary and Member of Parliament Priyanka Gandhi along with his family and extended a formal invitation for his son's wedding.

During the cordial meeting, Mr. Vikramarka personally handed over the wedding invitation card and requested Ms. Gandhi to grace the marriage ceremony of his son, Surya Vikramaditya, scheduled to be held in Hyderabad on March 5.

The Deputy Chief Minister sought her blessings for the newlyweds and invited her to attend the celebrations along with her family members.

The interaction was marked by warmth and goodwill.

## Design, Innovation & Responsibility Highlight FDDI Hyderabad Convocation



(Capital Information)

**Hyderabad** : The Footwear Design and Development Institute (FDDI), Hyderabad, celebrated its 5th Convocation Ceremony with great pride and academic grandeur at its campus auditorium in Hyderabad. The ceremony marked a significant milestone in the academic journey of the graduating Class of 2025, recognizing their achievements and preparing them for professional careers in design, fashion, footwear, retail, and allied industries.

The ceremony was graced by G. Kishan Reddy, Union Minister for Coal & Mines, Gov-

ernment of India, as the Chief Guest. In his convocation address, he highlighted India's growing global leadership in manufacturing, innovation, and skill development. He emphasized that the footwear and leather sector is a major economic driver, generating employment for millions and contributing significantly to exports and MSME growth. He encouraged graduates to leverage technology, sustainability, and design innovation to strengthen India's global competitiveness.

The event was presided over by Vivek Sharma (IRS), Managing Director, FDDI, who

congratulated the graduates and emphasized the institute's commitment to developing globally competent professionals. He urged students to embrace innovation, sustainability, ethical practices, and design thinking to create meaningful societal impact.

The ceremony commenced with the welcome address by Executive Director Dr. Tej Lohit Reddy (IAS), who outlined the rapid growth of the Hyderabad campus since its establishment in 2018. He highlighted key achievements including the Centre of Excellence, modern laboratories, and enhanced (Cont. on Pg 2)

## Speed Up Development Works : Minister Jupally Krishna Rao

(Capital Information)

**Nagar Kurnool** : State Minister for Tourism, Culture and Excise Jupally Krishna Rao directed officials to promptly resolve issues prevailing in villages and to accelerate development works. On Saturday, the Minister undertook an extensive tour of Ankiravupalli village in Kollapur Mandal.

On this occasion, he inspected several wards in the village along with local public representatives and officials and held face-to-face interactions with the residents.

The Minister conducted a detailed review of basic infrastructure facilities at the village level, including education, healthcare, electricity supply, agriculture, and RTC bus services. He particularly enquired about the progress of construction under the Indiramma Housing scheme. He instructed officials to ensure that all eligible beneficiaries receive



government benefits and to resolve pending issues immediately. He emphasized that officials must remain accountable to the people and complete works effectively at the ground level.

Later, at a programme organized in the village, Minister Jupally Krishna Rao distributed 'Indiramma sarees' to beneficiaries.

After concluding his visit to Ankiravupalli, the Minister reached his camp office in Kollapur. He is scheduled to hold a special review meeting on the progress of Indiramma housing with Revenue and Forest Department officials from four mandals of the constituency. Discussions were held regarding land issues, forest clearances, and obstacles being faced in the construction of Indiramma houses.



## Telangana Governor Congratulates Dr. Bheem Bharat

(Capital Information)

**Nagarkurnool** : On the occasion of the 77th Republic Day celebrated on January 26, 2026, a parade was held near the Red Fort in Delhi. Dr. Bheem Bharat, an MBBS final-year student studying at RVM Medical College, was selected to participate in the prestigious parade.

Dr. Bheem Bharat is the son of Advocate Bonasi Ram Chander, a resident of Palem village in Bijinapally Mandal of Nagarkurnool district. He was the only student selected from Telangana state to participate in the parade.

The Governor of Telangana congratulated and honored Dr. Bheem Bharat for this achievement. Family members and the people of Palem village expressed happiness over the Governor honoring him.



## We Will Develop Nalgonda as a Green and Super Smart City: Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy

(Capital Information)

**Nalgonda** : Telangana Roads, Buildings and Cinematography Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy inaugurated the newly established Pista House on Hyderabad Road under the Nalgonda Municipal Corporation limits.

Speaking to the media after the inauguration, the Minister stated that converting Nalgonda Municipality into a Municipal Corporation would significantly boost business and commercial growth.

He said that along with the ongoing development works, new projects worth crores of rupees have been initiated. His goal is to develop Nalgonda into a "Super Smart City" while also transforming it into a Green City.

The Minister appreciated the establishment of Pista House in Nalgonda Municipal Corporation limits.

The event was attended by Pista House founder Mohammed Abdul Majeed, Nalgonda Municipal Corporation Mayor Burri Chaitanya Reddy, former Municipal Chairman Burri Srinivas Reddy, Town Congress President Gummula Mohan Reddy, Market Chairman Ramesh, Vanguri Lakshmaiah, several division corporators, and members of the Pista House management.

## Voter Progeny Mapping Survey Must Be Expedited: Chief Electoral Officer

**(Capital Information)**  
**Hyderabad** : The Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) of Telangana, Sudarshan Reddy, on Saturday directed Electoral Registration Officers (EROs) and Assistant Electoral Registration Officers (AEROs) to intensify and expedite the ongoing voter mapping survey (Progeny mapping) being undertaken in Hyderabad as part of the preparatory exercise for the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls.



Accompanied by Hyderabad District Election Officer R.V. Karnan, the CEO conducted a surprise field inspection of the progeny mapping exercise in Secunderabad Assembly constituency.

He visited Polling Station No. 211 at Manikeshwar Nagar and later inspected the process at Polling Station No. 12 in the Charminar Assembly constituency.

During the visit, CEO Sudarshan Reddy interacted with Booth Level Officers (BLOs) and supervisors to assess their understanding of the mapping process. He sought details on the methodology being followed and reviewed the progress

achieved so far. BLOs informed the CEO that they were conducting door-to-door verification, comparing entries in the 2002 electoral roll with the 2025 draft roll. As part of the progeny mapping exercise, details of family members of voters whose names appeared in the 2002 list are being collected and cross-verified with the current electoral roll to ensure accuracy and inclusion, wherever applicable.

EROs and AEROs briefed the CEO on the progress of the exercise across constituencies. Addressing officials, Mr. Reddy emphasised that progeny mapping should be

carried out meticulously in accordance with the guidelines of the Election Commission of India. He stressed the need to complete the exercise in a time-bound manner while ensuring accuracy, transparency and comprehensiveness in the electoral rolls.

The Election Commission of India aims to undertake the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in Telangana to strengthen the integrity and credibility of the voter database, he said.

Additional Commissioner (Elections) Chandrakala, EROs Sarita and Anjaneyulu, AEROs Sudheer Reddy and others were present during the inspection.

## CCI Extends Cotton Procurement Deadline Till February-End After MP's Intervention

**(Capital Information)**  
**Peddapalli** : In a relief to cotton farmers in the district, the Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) has extended the deadline for cotton procurement till the end of this month following the intervention of Peddapalli MP Gaddam Vamsi Krishna.



Farmers, particularly from Chennur and Kotapalli regions, had expressed concern after reports emerged that CCI procurement operations would conclude on February 20. With large quantities of kapas ready for sale, growers feared financial losses and uncertainty if the purchase window was not extended.

Responding to the farmers' concerns, Mr Vamsi Krishna took up the issue with the CCI Chairman and Managing Director, urging the corporation to consider the prevailing ground situation and extend the procurement period.

Following discussions, CCI authorities agreed to continue procurement for an additional seven days, effectively extending the deadline till the end of February. An official confirmation to this effect has also been received.

The extension has brought considerable relief to farmers, providing them additional time to bring their produce to procurement centres without anxiety. The MP assured growers that he would continue to monitor the situation and take up any further issues with the concerned authorities.

Farmers have been urged to utilise the extended window and approach the designated procurement centres at the earliest.

## Awareness Programme on PM Employment Scheme Held in Mahabubnagar



**(Capital Information)**  
**Mahabubnagar** : An awareness programme on the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) was conducted under the aegis of the Entrepreneurship Development Cell (EDC) of the District Industries Centre (DIC) at the Mandal Mahila Samakhyia Bhavan in Mahabubnagar district.

Addressing the participants, DIC General Manager Yadaiah explained in detail the objectives, eligibility criteria and benefits of the PMEGP scheme. He

encouraged aspiring entrepreneurs to make effective use of the scheme to establish micro and small-scale industries.

Lead Bank Manager Chandrasekhar provided guidance on the procedure for availing bank loans under the scheme and clarified various queries raised by the applicants regarding documentation and subsidy components.

Jana Shikshana Samiti Director Subba Reddy elaborated on skill development initiatives and marketing support available to

beneficiaries. He stressed the importance of acquiring relevant skills and adopting proper marketing strategies to ensure the sustainability of small enterprises.

DRDA DPM Ramamurthy, DRDA APM Ramana, EDC Manager Mahboob Ali and EDC Assistant Manager Srinivas were also present.

Aspiring entrepreneurs and 38 candidates participated in the programme and interacted with officials on various aspects of setting up small-scale industries.

## Hyderabad Police Join Forces with Influencers to Combat Cybercrime

### New Initiative Under 'Jagrut Hyderabad - Surakshit Hyderabad' Campaign

**(Capital Information)**  
**Hyderabad** : Hyderabad City Police have launched a fresh outreach initiative to strengthen the fight against cybercrime by collaborating with social media influencers to spread awareness among citizens in a simple and engaging manner.

As part of the ongoing 'Jagrut Hyderabad - Surakshit Hyderabad' campaign, led by City Police Commissioner V.C. Sajjanar, IPS, influencers are producing short, impactful videos explaining common cyber fraud techniques. The initiative has drawn an encouraging response from the public.

Several well-known content creators have voluntarily

partnered with the police to highlight different types of cyber scams. These videos are being shared in collaboration with the official social media handles of Hyderabad City Police and the Commissioner, helping the message reach a wide audience. The content combines entertainment with essential cyber safety guidance.

### Innovative Awareness Content

Recent videos have focused on trending cyber frauds and are gaining significant traction online.

In one video addressing lottery scams, a fictional sce-



nario shows a woman smartly handling a fraudulent call claiming she has won ₹25 lakh and must share an OTP to receive the prize. The message emphasises that people should not fall prey to greed or share banking de-

tails and OTPs with unknown callers.

Another video exposes the so-called 'digital arrest' scam, in which fraudsters impersonate officials from agencies such as the CBI, police, or RBI and attempt to intimidate victims through video calls, sometimes wearing fake uniforms. The public is clearly informed that no legitimate government agency in India conducts investigations via video calls.

Citizens are advised not to panic if they receive suspicious calls and to immediately dial the toll-free helpline 1930 or file a complaint at cy-

bercrime.gov.in. The collaborative effort between the police and influencers to simplify cyber awareness messaging has been widely appreciated.

### Appeal to Content Creators

Commissioner V.C. Sajjanar urged more influencers and digital creators to contribute to the campaign. He said individuals with strong social media presence should use their platforms responsibly to promote awareness and social good.

"Your influence can shape public thinking. Create meaningful content on cyber safety and share it widely. Ensuring a safe and informed society is a shared responsibility," he said.

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*(Cont. from Pg 1)* establishment, with some ministers privately expressing concern over the scale of expenditure. Officials are said to be debating the precedent such a project could set if other ministers begin demanding similar facilities in their respective districts.

There is also speculation in political circles that the construction of the new camp office is intended to reinforce the minister's political footprint in Khammam district. The district has emerged as a politically sensitive turf, with senior leaders like Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy and Tummalala Nageswara Rao wielding influence in the region.

Meanwhile, critics argue that the expenditure sends a conflicting message at a time when pension arrears, retirement benefits and fee reimbursement dues are reportedly pending due to fund constraints. "When the government cites lack of funds for welfare schemes, spending crores on a luxury office raises legitimate questions," an opposition leader remarked.

The government has yet to issue a detailed clarification on the project's specifications and funding source.

## Telangana Congress government gives big push to sports : MLA Tudi Megha Reddy

### Government allocates Rs 760 crore for development of sports

**(Capital Information)**  
**Wanaparthy** : Telangana State Congress Government has allocated Rs 100 crore for development of sports in the state. 760 crores has been allocated and the state Chief Minister Enumula Revanth Reddy has paid special attention to development along with higher education, said Wanaparthy MLA Tudi Megha Reddy.

He inaugurated the Sepaktakraw state-level sports competition being held at Wanaparthy Polytechnic College on Saturday as part of the second edition of the CM Cup sports competition along with District Collector Adarsh Surabhi.

Speaking on the occasion, he said that Wanaparthy has a special place. He said that the state Chief Minister Enumula

Revanth Reddy played games in the premises of this same polytechnic college. He said that Wanaparthy is becoming a sports capital today, as it is known as the education capital.

make full use of the opportunities in terms of sports. If smaller countries are achieving golden schemes than Telangana, then India will lag behind.

In such a country, Telangana should be

studying in hostels, steps are being taken to ensure the health of those distributing rice.

They said that sports are not only a source of mental relaxation but also a way to develop the nation. They said that everyone should focus on sports. They suggested that wins and losses should be taken equally and that they should be inspiring and not partisan while playing games.

Sepaktakraw District President, Wanaparthy Agricultural Market Yard President Srinivas Goud, Municipal Chairman Madhavi Ramesh, Vice Chairman Madhusudan Goud, councilors, district sports department officials, players, students and others participated in this program.



The MLA said that the state Chief Minister and Sports Department Honorary Vakiti Srihari, State Sports Authority Chairman Kotha Kapu Shivsena Reddy, and that we are lucky to be from Wanaparthy. The MLA suggested that we should

ahead in terms of sports. They said that the Chief Minister has focused on sports for this purpose and has taken special steps for the development of education. They said that besides increasing the miss charges and cosmetic charges for students

## Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan Inaugurates 'Kshamata Bhawan' at ICAR-NAARM

*(Cont. from Pg 1)* Minister reviewed the progress and future plan of ICAR institutes located in Hyderabad. While appreciating the efforts of all the ICAR institutes, Minister called the Institutes to develop roadmaps to achieve self-sufficiency, especially in oilseeds and millets and increased profitability from the farmers' point of view.

Earlier, Dr. Mangi Lal Jat, Secretary, DARE and DG, ICAR interacted with the scientists. He suggested to have out of the box thinking towards application of ideas and resources towards scientific research in agriculture. Dr. Joy Krishna Jena, Deputy Director General (Fisheries and Agricultural Education) was present during the interaction.

Dr. Gopal Lal, Director ICAR-NAARM, organized the programme, and apprised the Minister about NAARM'S capacity building initiatives.

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*(Cont. from Pg 1)* industry collaborations. The Batch of 2025 included 72 graduating students from Fashion Design, Footwear Design, Leather Goods & Accessories Design, and Management programs.

During the ceremony, gold and silver medals were awarded to meritorious students in recognition of academic excellence. The convocation oath was administered, and degrees were formally conferred upon the graduates in the presence of dignitaries, faculty members, industry partners, and proud parents.

Speakers emphasized that FDDI continues to play a pivotal role in strengthening India's footwear, leather, fashion, and retail ecosystem through skill development, innovation, research, and industry integration. The institute remains committed to promoting sustainable practices, entrepreneurship, and global standards in design and manufacturing.

## Harish Rao slams Cong govt, alleges misuse of police in Sangareddy arrests

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Referring to the local body poll outcome, Mr Rao said the BRS had won around 800 councillor seats and 20 chairperson posts despite "official pressure and police excesses," asserting that the public mandate was in favour of his party.

Taking aim at Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, he alleged that democratic norms were being undermined in the state. He also questioned the silence of Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, stating that those who speak of protecting the Constitution should respond to developments in Telangana.

Mr Rao demanded that the state government immediately release pending Rythu Bandhu payments, which were halted due to the election code. "If the funds are not credited to farmers' accounts at once, BRS will launch statewide protests and lay siege to the Chief Minister's Office and the Agriculture department," he warned.

He cautioned lower-level police officials against acting on "oral instructions" from superiors, saying they would be held accountable before the law in the future.

BRS legislators Chinta Prabhakar and Manick Rao, along with former MLAs Padma Devender Reddy and Patlolla Shashidhar Reddy, accompanied Mr Rao during the visit.

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Pointing out that women's contribution to India's GDP is around 18 per cent compared to nearly 40 per cent in developed nations, the minister urged bankers and development stakeholders to act as partners rather than mere lenders in bridging the gap.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr Chouhan said the Centre's 'Lakhpati Didi' initiative aims to further strengthen SHGs across the country and expand their footprint in the formal banking system. He assured that there would be no discrimination against Telangana and emphasised that politics should not hinder development.

Praising Seethakka's speech, Mr Pemmasani Chandrasekhar said women's empowerment resonated strongly in her address and underlined the Centre's commitment to enhancing women's economic participation.

On the sidelines, Seethakka submitted representations to the Union minister seeking immediate release of 15th Finance Commission funds in view of the completion of gram panchayat elections, and extension of subsidy timelines for solar plants being set up by SHGs. The Union minister responded positively, officials said.

The conference, participants observed, marked a renewed phase of Centre-State coordination, with Telangana's women-centric development model emerging as a potential template for the nation.



## Complete Minority Gurukul School Building Works by March 15: Addl. Collector

**(Capital Information)**  
**Mahabubnagar** : Revenue Additional Collector Madhusudan Naik has directed officials and the contracting agency to expedite the remaining works of the Minority Gurukul School building being constructed at Boyapally in Mahabubnagar town.

The school building is being taken up at an estimated cost of ₹20 crore. On Saturday, Mr. Naik inspected the ongoing construction works and reviewed the progress with officials concerned.

During the inspection, he noted that the academic block, dormitory structure, dining-cum-kitchen and principal's quarters have been completed. However, certain finishing works in the dormitory and other minor pending works are yet to be taken up.

Expressing dissatisfaction over the delay in completing the remaining works, the Additional Collector instructed the officials and the contracting agency to ensure that all pending works are completed by March 15 without fail.

He emphasised that the project is crucial for providing quality residential education facilities to minority students and asked the officials to closely monitor the progress to avoid further delays.

## No Meaning to Fair Elections in the State, Alleges MLC Dasoju Sravan

**(Capital Information)**  
Hyderabad : BRS MLC Dasoju Sravan alleged that there was "no meaning to fair elections" in the state, accusing the ruling Congress of misusing the official machinery to influence local body polls.

Addressing the media, Sravan said the administrative system was functioning in a manner that benefited the ruling party. "Those who have respect for the Constitution will not indulge in such undemocratic practices. The people's mandate is being murdered," he remarked.

He specifically referred to developments in Ibrahimpatnam municipality, claiming that officials had colluded with the local Congress MLA during the recent chairman and vice-chairman elections. According to him, BRS enjoys a clear majority in the council.



Sravan said that councillor Yadagiri, who was elected on a BRS ticket, did not attend the council meeting on the 16th. "If a BRS councillor fails to attend, it is for BRS to raise objections. But Congress leaders filed a complaint instead," he said, questioning the conduct of election officials.

He alleged that although

the chairman election process was completed on the 17th and councillors took oath including Yadagiri police intervened and prevented the completion of the election process. He further claimed that despite High Court orders issued on the 18th, authorities had failed to implement them.

The BRS leader also condemned the filing of cases against former Ibrahimpat-

nam MLA Manchireddy Kishan Reddy and his son Prashanth Reddy, alleging that the police were acting as "stooges" of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy.

Drawing parallels with incidents in Kyathanpalli and Thorrur municipalities, Sravan alleged that similar tactics were adopted there. He said former MLA Balkha Suman was sent to Adilabad jail and cases were filed

against councillors in Kyathanpalli.

Sravan further alleged that Balkha Suman, who had earlier served as MP, MLA and whip, was facing harassment in Adilabad jail, including denial of proper food and water.

Stating that Congress had already won 90 municipalities, Sravan questioned the need for what he termed "undemocratic practices" in places like Ibrahimpatnam and Kyathanpalli.

He demanded that authorities immediately declare the chairman in Ibrahimpatnam and conduct the vice-chairman election without further delay. He also called for the conduct of municipal chairman and vice-chairman elections in Kyathanpalli in a fair manner.

## Tipper transporting sand with fake bills seized Rs. 1.5 lakh illegal sand

**(Capital Information)**  
Jinnaram : A tipper transporting sand with a fake bill was caught by the forest department officials at the Indanapalli forest check post in Jannaram mandal of Mancheril district.

According to the information received from the top officials of the forest department, at the forest check post near Indanapalli village, their forest section, beat officers Hanmantha Rao, Ravikumar, Pochayya and he, along with the forest range officer Godari Lakshminarayana, seized a sand tipper with TS 04UB 8546 number that was transporting with a fake waybill.

He said that the value of the sand in the seized tipper is Rs. 1.5 lakhs. He said that the tipper belongs to Kasaveni Vijay, a resident of Udumpur in Nirmal district. A case has been registered against the tipper and the tipper has been seized. He explained that they had done it and put it in the range.



## Additional Collector Inspects Bala Bhavan, Orders Clean-Up Drive in Mahbubnagar

**(Capital Information)**

Mahbubnagar : Revenue Additional Collector Madhusudan Naik on Saturday inspected the Bala Bhavan located in Mahbubnagar town along with District Education Officer Praveen Kumar.

During the inspection, the Additional Collector noticed overgrown vegetation and accumulation of garbage on the premises. He directed officials of the Mahbubnagar Municipal Corporation to immediately undertake a special clean-up drive and ensure removal of unwanted plants and waste materials to maintain hygiene and safety standards.

Mr. Naik also instructed the District Education Officer to ensure that the assets and materials available at Bala Bhavan are properly safeguarded and not misused. He emphasised the need for regular monitoring and maintenance of the premises to create a conducive environment for children.

Officials concerned assured that necessary steps would be taken at the earliest to comply with the directions.

## "Work with dedication for the holistic development of villages": Collector P. Pravinya

**(Capital Information)**

Sangareddy : District Collector P.Pravinya called upon sarpanches to work with dedication, keeping the holistic development of villages as their primary goal. She was the chief guest at the valedictory session of a five-day training program organized for newly elected sarpanches at the Mahila Pranganam in the District headquarters on Saturday.

Addressing the sarpanches, the Collector advised them to effectively utilize the knowledge gained during the training for the development of their villages. She stated that providing efficient and transparent governance to the people is the primary responsibility of sarpanches. She emphasized the proper utilization of funds and functions and achieving comprehensive village development through coor-



ordination among all sections of society.

She further instructed them to ensure effective implementation of government schemes at the grassroots level and to respond promptly to the needs of the people. Priority should be given to the development of basic in-

frastructure such as drinking water, sanitation, roads, education, and healthcare. She urged the sarpanches to stay connected with the people and act responsibly.

The Collector also advised them to cultivate leadership qualities to transform Gram Panchay-

ats into model local institutions, while maintaining transparency and accountability.

ZP CEO and In-charge District Panchayat Officer Janaki Reddy, DLPVOs, MPDOs, master trainers, and sarpanches from various villages participated in the program.



## Prajavani program to resume from Feb 23 : Collector Kumar Deepak

**(Capital Information)**

Mancheril : The Prajavani program, which was suspended in the wake of the 2nd General Municipal Elections, will be held as usual from 23rd of this month at the conference hall of the Integrated District Offices Building in Naspur in the district, District Collector Kumar Deepak said in a statement. He said that the public and applicants should take note of this and can submit applications on their problems.

## 2 HABITUAL OFFENDERS ARRESTED

**(Capital Information)**

Hyderabad : On 16.02.2026 at about 13:30 hrs, a written complaint was received from Smt. M. Anuradha, W/o Vijendar Nath, 60 yrs, R/o Flat No. 302, SatyaKrishna Siri Sampada Apartments, Begumpet. She stated that on 15.02.2026 at about 12:45 PM, she locked her house and went to Kavadiyuda to attend a family function. On 16.02.2026 morning, she was informed by her maid and neighbours that the main gate lock was broken and the door was open. She returned home at about 11:30 AM and found the house ransacked, with the almirah broken. Gold ear rings (10 sets), gold finger rings (4), gold chains (6), other gold/silver ornaments, and cash of Rs. 60,000/- were found stolen. Based on the complaint, a case was registered vide Cr. No. 96/2026 U/s 331(3), 305 BNS and investigation was taken up.

While investigation was in progress, today i.e. on 21.02.2026 the Begumpet



Crime Team apprehended two Offenders namely.

A1: Bisayi Pradeep S/o Bisayi Keerthi, Srikakulam, A.P. A2 : Edla Praveen Kumar S/o Late Rajanna, Dhannoor (V), Adilabad District.

Recovered 235 Grams of Gold Ornaments (pertaining to this case), One OnePlus Mobile Phone (A1) One Realme Mobile Phone, (A2) and Cash Rs. 65,000/- (All worth of Rs. 40,00,000/- (40-Lakhs)

The arrest was made

under the supervision of Ch. Sridhar, IPS, DCP Malkajgiri, P. Gopalakrishna Murthy, ACP Begumpet Division, P. Saidulu, SHO Begumpet, along with K. Sachdhanandham and Ch. Sravan Kumar, SIs of Police, Begumpet, and the Crime Staff of Begumpet Police Station with the support of CCS Cantonment Team Inspector Narsimha Rao along with his Team.

IN ORDER TO PREVENT PROPERTY OFFENCES, ALL RESIDENTS ARE REQUESTED TO CO

OPERATE IN ADHERE TO THE FOLLOWING SAFETY GUIDELINES

- \*\* Always lock doors, windows, and grills properly before leaving home.
- \*\* Do not lock main gates or grills from outside, as it indicates no one is inside.
- \*\* Ensure CCTV cameras and lighting in common areas are working properly.
- \*\* Inform neighbours or security staff when going out for long periods.
- \*\* Do not allow newspapers, parcels, or garbage to accumulate outside your flat.
- \*\* Never hide spare keys outside the house.
- \*\* Avoid sharing travel plans or live location on social media.
- \*\* Keep valuables in lockers and away from open view.
- \*\* Report suspicious persons or activities immediately to security or Police.
- \*\* All visitors, delivery persons, and service staff must be entered in the Visitor Register.

## NIMS Gets NMC Nod for 16 M.Ch/DM Super-Speciality Seats

**(Capital Information)**

Hyderabad : In a significant boost to super-speciality medical education in Telangana, the Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences (NIMS) has received approval from the National Medical Commission (NMC) to start M.Ch and DM courses in four departments, with a total of 16 seats.

Announcing the development, NIMS Director Prof. Nagari Beerappa said the approvals cover four super-speciality disciplines — Surgical Gastroenterology (M.Ch – 4 seats), Vascular Surgery (M.Ch – 4 seats), Surgical Oncology (M.Ch – 4 seats) and Onco Pathology (DM – 4 seats).

He described the sanction of 16 seats as a major milestone for government medical institutions in Telangana. Notably, NIMS has become the first state government medical institution to secure NMC approval for a DM super-speciality course in Onco Pathology.



Onco Pathology is a highly specialised branch of medical science focused on cancer diagnosis, classification, prognostication and therapeutic monitoring. The discipline integrates advanced technologies such as histopathology, cytopathology, hematology, molecular diagnostics, immunohistochemistry, cytogenetics and genomic profiling to enable precise and personalised cancer diagnosis.

Prof. Beerappa said that in the era of precision oncol-

ogy, onco pathologists play a pivotal role in guiding targeted therapies, immunotherapy decisions and molecular tumour profiling.

The launch of the DM Onco Pathology course at NIMS is expected to significantly strengthen comprehensive cancer care, research and medical education standards in the state. The move will also enhance multidisciplinary cancer management through closer coordination with surgical, medical and radiation oncology departments.

Against the backdrop of the rising cancer burden, the availability of super-speciality training in a premier government institution like NIMS will play a crucial role in producing skilled specialists for the state and the country, he added.

The approval, he said, reflects the institute's academic excellence, advanced infrastructure and commitment to high standards in medical education.

## Telangana State Road Transport Corporation to Deliver Bhadrachalam Sita Rama Kalyana Talambralu to Devotees' Doorsteps

**(Capital Information)**

Hyderabad : In a devotional initiative ahead of Sri Rama Navami, the Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TGSRTC) has announced that it will facilitate doorstep delivery of the sacred Sri Sita Ramachandra Swamy Kalyana Talambralu from Sri Sita Ramachandra Swamy Temple, Bhadrachalam.

Continuing last year's initiative in coordination with the Telangana Endowments Department, the corporation will enable devotees to receive the sacred talambralu at their homes for a nominal charge of ₹151.

Devotees can book the talambralu online through the TGSRTC Logistics website (www.tgartlogis-



tics.co.in) starting from February 23. Bookings can also be made at TGSRTC logistics counters across the State by paying ₹151 and registering the required details. The talambralu will be delivered after the celestial wedding ceremony.

The booking poster

was unveiled on Saturday at Bus Bhavan in Hyderabad by TGSRTC Vice Chairman and Managing Director Y. Nagi Reddy, IPS.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr Nagi Reddy said the talambralu used in the celestial wedding are prepared with utmost sanctity,

consisting of specially processed rice grains traditionally separated by hand. He noted that the corporation began this service three years ago to ensure devotees who are unable to travel to Bhadrachalam can still partake in the divine blessings.

"In 2022 alone, nearly 89,000 devotees booked the talambralu. Over the past three years, lakhs of devotees have received them through our services," he said, adding that the initiative has received an overwhelming response due to the trust re-

posed in the organisation.

The Sri Rama Navami celebrations at Bhadrachalam are scheduled to be held with grandeur on March 27. Devotees unable to attend the festivities in person are encouraged to avail themselves of the service.

Bookings can be made at all TGSRTC logistics counters across Telangana. Marketing executives will also collect orders directly from devotees.

For assistance, devotees may contact the TGSRTC call centre at 040-23450033 or 040-69440069. TGSRTC officials, including CTM (Marketing & Commercial) Sridhar and Logistics ATM Rajan and Bhanu, were present at the event.

## FOUR PROJECT'S FROM THE DISTRICT OF NATIONAL LEVEL SCIENTIFIC APPEARANCE : COLLECTOR RAHUL RAJ

**(Capital Information)**

Medak : Methrak district Collector Rahul Raj mentioned that four projects were selected from Medak district to the national level scientific appearance. Collector said that January 7 to 9 Three days, Kamareddy district in the state- scientific appearance conducted in the school level. Four projects involved in the senior section are selected by 21 projects from the state to national level scientific appearance, which is the option of selecting four projects from Medak district, the selected students guide teacher in Collector Rahul Raj and additional collector nagesh

The details of the appreciated projects are 1. B.Mahathi, Geeta High School Toopran. 2. Akshay, Siddhartha Rural High School Macharam (an item of emerging technology).3.S. Ganesh Zilla Parishat High School Chicode Lingaipalli (water care and mainte-



nance) 4.Afiiz Saraswati Convent High School Medak (entertainment mathematics).

Participating in the national level scientific appearance is that the national level scientific appearance with a similar inspiration is the first place in the teacher department in the Teacher section in the South India Science Exhibition, Venkata Ramana also congratulated Ramana. The District Science Officer Rajireddy , ASO Naveen and Guide Teachers participated.

# Editorial "When You Make a Commitment, Fulfil It"

The Vice-President of India, C. P. Radhakrishnan, addressed the National CSR Summit 2026 organised by the Times of India Group at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi today.

The Vice-President commended the Times of India Group for convening the summit and bringing together leadership, ideas and a call for action. He observed that when institutions work together, society and the nation move forward collectively, and emphasised that such collaboration is crucial at this transformative moment in India's journey.

Highlighting India's progress over the last decade under the leadership of the Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, the Vice-President noted that India has moved from being the 10th largest economy to the 4th largest economy in the world and is on course to become the third largest. He underlined that structural reforms, inclusive expansion, digital connectivity, financial inclusion and infrastructure development have brought more than 25 crore citizens out of extreme poverty and raised aspirations across regions and communities.

He remarked that the next

phase of development demands deeper partnership among government, industry and civil society. Stating that Corporate Social Responsibility is no longer peripheral but central to national progress, he described CSR as the space where enterprise meets empathy, where balance sheets meet human stories, and where growth acquires purpose.

Emphasising India's vision of Aatmanirbhar Bharat and the goal of Viksit Bharat @ 2047, the Vice-President said that development must be broad-based, prosperity inclusive and sustainability non-negotiable. He observed that CSR can play

a transformative role by strengthening public education, enhancing primary healthcare in remote areas, promoting industry-aligned skill development, supporting women-led enterprises and accelerating the green transition through renewable energy and climate resilience initiatives.

The Vice-President stressed that CSR is not merely about compliance with law but about commitment to the nation. He stated that honest taxpayers are among the most patriotic citizens, and when corporate India invests in communities, sustainability, youth and innovation, it builds social capital

and secures long-term growth. He added that India is moving from being an adaptor of technologies to an innovator, and should aspire to innovate for the world to adopt.

Referring to policy reforms such as ease of doing business, digital governance and GST, he noted that these measures have strengthened trust and transparency in the system. However, he emphasised that policies alone cannot transform a nation; transformation occurs when government, industry and civil society move in alignment—the very spirit of the summit.

Speaking on responsible

capitalism, the Vice-President observed that profit and purpose must move together. He stated that legitimate profit earned with a commitment to societal welfare is necessary, and that innovation and inclusion, as well as growth and sustainability, must reinforce each other.

Expressing confidence that the summit would lead to fresh commitments and replicable models across states and sectors, he urged corporate leaders to think boldly, invest strategically, measure impact rigorously and view CSR not as expenditure but as nation-building capital.

## DJ culture and obscene displays in Educational Institutions: A Growing National Question About Education and Dignity

### Serious concern over the fundamental purpose of children's values, discipline and education amidst DJ culture and obscene displays

Schools are the soul of any nation. They are the places where the direction of society is set, shaping the thoughts, values and behaviour of future generations. A civilised society is defined by its schools, as here children are taught not only literacy but also discipline, morality, sensitivity and responsibility. Therefore, if obscene dancing, obscene entertainment and obscene performances are seen in school campuses, it is not just the fault of one institution but a serious warning to the education system of the entire country.

In recent years, scenes have emerged from different parts of the country where songs and dances have been presented in cultural programmes in schools that have no connection with education and values. These incidents make us wonder whether we are handing over our schools to the same commercial culture that has placed entertainment above decorum? Are we unknowingly subjecting the innocent minds of children to

influences that can have a long-term impact on their character and thinking?

Today, it is true that DJ culture, social media, and the race for instant fame have affected every segment of society. The language of songs and entertainment has changed, the level of presentation has evolved, and the race to go viral has overtaken discretion. But school is not a public forum or a place of entertainment. It is a place where children should be taught what is appropriate and what is inappropriate, what is acceptable and what is not. If schools themselves start erasing these distinctions, how will children develop an understanding of moral boundaries?

Another aspect of this whole question is that sometimes such events involve the involvement of outside DJs or organizers. It is possible that such music was played in a school without any plan, or the children, in their excitement, chose an inappropriate song. But in every such scenario, the biggest responsibility lies with

the school administration and teachers. Teachers are not just textbook teachers; they are living examples of ideals, discipline and pride. Their silence or indifference becomes tacit approval for the children.

Cultural programmes in schools aim to channelise the creativity of children in a positive direction. Dance, music and drama boost children's confidence, provide a platform for their talent, and connect them with their culture. But when this platform becomes a medium for vulgarity, its very purpose is defeated. Folk dances, patriotic songs, classical or light music, and inspirational plays – these not only entertain but also connect children to their roots. On the contrary, vulgar performances may get momentary applause but do not enrich the personality of children in any way.

The role of society and parents is equally important. Today, parents often expect only results and competition from schools, while relatively little attention is paid to value-



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based education. If such incidents occur in a school, it is not enough to simply blame the teachers or the administration. Society must also decide what kind of environment it wants to provide for its children. Do we want schools to adopt the same culture that is being presented on TV and mobile screens, or do we expect them to be something better, something more responsible?

On the other hand, it is also important that each incident is responded to with a balanced approach. Putting the entire teaching community on trial or

demanding harsh punishment based on a single mistake is not a permanent solution to the problem. Teachers are human and can make mistakes. If an incident occurs for the first time and is not malicious, corrective warnings, clear guidelines and sensitive training can be more effective. However, if such incidents occur repeatedly, or if there is a deliberate breach of etiquette, strict action is equally necessary to maintain discipline.

Today, there is a need for clear and consistent guidelines for school cultural programs across the country. These guidelines should not be limited to papers, but should be strictly followed. There should be clear rules regarding prior approval of programs, review of songs and performances, costume decoration and stage management responsibilities. Regular training for teachers is also necessary so that they can understand the changing social influences and provide appropriate guidance to the children.

It is also worth noting that morality and culture do not

mean rigidity or suppression of creativity. The solution is not to distance children from modernity; rather, it is more important to teach them to embrace modernity with discretion. Schools should create an environment where children can freely showcase their talents, while also understanding that every platform has its limitations. A balance of freedom and discipline is the hallmark of a healthy education system.

Looking at it from a broader perspective, this issue is not limited to schools. It is a reflection of the social direction in which we are moving. When pornography becomes commonplace in society, it also affects institutions. Therefore, the solution to this problem lies not only in regulations, but also in social awareness. The media, the entertainment industry and digital platforms all have a responsibility to present responsible content for children and young people.

In a country as diverse and rich in cultural heritage as India, the role of schools becomes

even more important. The education system here is not only a vehicle for employment generation, but also a vehicle for social cohesion, cultural continuity and democratic values. If decorum and values start to weaken within schools, its impact will not be limited to a few programs, but will gradually affect the fabric of society.

Finally, it is important that we neither exaggerate nor take this issue lightly. This is a time for introspection—for teachers, administrators, parents, and society. Schools must be re-established as places where values are imparted along with knowledge. Where there is fun, but with dignity; where there is freedom, but with responsibility.

Schools are truly temples—temples where the coming generations are shaped. Maintaining the glory of these temples is not the responsibility of any one group, but of the entire society. Only if we discharge this responsibility with integrity will we be able to develop the coming generations into balanced, cultured and responsible citizens.

## Crucial role of Matribhasha in children's education

(Er. Prabhat Kishore)  
(Capital Information)

**Patna:** UNESCO has declared 21st February as International Mother Language Day to promote the dissemination of mother language and awareness of linguistic and cultural traditions around the world and to inspire solidarity based on understanding, tolerance and dialogue. It believes that education based on first language or mother language must begin from the early years as Early Child Care & Education is the foundation of learning.

Mother Language is usually the language which the child speaks at home with the family. Education in mother language refers to when a

school integrates the child's language into classroom and school lessons. Mother Language plays vital role in the overall development of person, social and cultural identity of the human beings. Language may be just a way to communicate with each other, but mother language is something that helps us to stay connected with our roots and unique culture. Young children learn and grasp more quickly when they are taught in the mother language, because when they develop their mother tongue they simultaneously foster other basic skills like literacy and critical thinking.

A strong mother language foundation equips the children

with skills required to learn a second or additional language. Cognitive as well as intellectual development is relatively faster when a person is proficient in the mother language. The children learning in mother language feel comfortable in the school environment and learn faster. They have a better understanding of the curriculum and do not have to re-taught the skills learned when the child transfers to second language. Parent-child interaction increases as the parent assist in home-works easily. Knowing mother language boosts one's confidence and increases self-esteem.

There is a long way to go before guaranteeing all chil-

dren their right to education in their mother language. In most of the countries, the majority of learners are taught in a language other than their mother tongue, which compromises their ability to learn and understand effectively.

Approximately 40% population of the world does not have access to an education in a language they speak, understand or communicate. In our country, the "Mother Language" is often neglected and actively suppressed on the name of globalization. The present education system has completely ignored the mother language as the medium of instruction in schools, especially in English medium schools. The teach-

ers at the local level are also not so fluent in foreign languages. Neither they are able to transfer the required knowledge nor are the learners in a position to grasp it, resulting in knowledge deficit.

Children whose primary language is not the language of instruction in schools are more likely to drop out of school or fail in early grades. National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 has emphasised on its mandatory use in the education system at the foundational stage. Clause 4.11 of NEP 2020 states, "Wherever possible, the medium of instruction until at least Grade 5, but preferably till Grade 8 and beyond, will be the mother-tongue/ home lan-

guage/local language/regional language. Thereafter, the home/local language shall continue to be taught as a language wherever possible. High quality textbooks, including in science, will be made available in home language/mother tongue. The teachers will be encouraged to use a bilingual approach, including bilingual teaching-learning materials, with those students studying whose home language may be different from the medium of instruction".

In India, Matribhasha Diwas is celebrated every year in schools on this day to promote the use of mother tongue with the following objectives :- (1) To highlight the unity among the linguistic di-

versity in our country, (2) To encourage usage, not only of the respective mother tongue but other Indian languages as well, (3) To understand diverse cultures, in India and the various forms of literature, craft, performing arts, scripts and other forms of creative expression.

Mother Tongue can be used as an effective tool for learning and developing holistic education and knowledge. The government should strictly implement the provision regarding use of Mother language in all government and private schools of the country to safeguard the learning skills of children.

(The Author is a technocrat and educationist)

## Restarting Bullock Cart Races in Rural Olympics: A Revival of Punjab Culture

(Jag Mohan Thaken)  
(Capital Information)

**Chandigarh :** Ultimately after a long wait for 13 years, the ban on bullock cart races has been quashed by the Punjab government. Bullock cart races were halted during the tenure of previous govts in Rural Olympics.

Addressing a gathering during the Kila Raipur Sports Rural Olympics on 19 February 2026, Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann said that the Punjab Government is organizing the Rural Olympics 2026 for the third consecutive year at Grewal Stadium in Kila Raipur and added that bullock cart races, the main attraction of this fair, have resumed after 13 years.

Describing the Kila Raipur Games as a reflection of rural culture and heritage, CM Bhagwant Singh Mann said, "It is heartening that the Punjab government has revived this heritage." Calling it a historic occasion, he said the games are popular globally and noted that there had been a long-standing demand for the resumption of bullock cart races".

He said, "We are witnessing historic moments. People have deep affection for their bulls and raise them like their own sons." Mann said that the Punjab Government is organizing the Rural Olympics 2026 for the third consecutive year

at Grewal Stadium in Kila Raipur and added that bullock cart races, the main attraction of this fair, have resumed after 13 years.

Calling the revival of the Kila Raipur Games a reflection of Punjab's rural pride and cultural strength, the Chief Minister highlighted the New Sports Policy 2023 as a step towards restoring the state's sporting glory, with stadiums to be built in every village. He also announced that the eight-acre pond in Kila Raipur will be beautified and a modern library constructed, and said that the government is plugging leakages left by previous regimes, saving public money and spending it directly on the people.

Tracing its origins, he said the dream of building this stadium was envisioned in 1933 under the patronage of Sardar Inder Singh, when the Grewal Education Society and Grewal Sports Association were formed.

He said that the first wrestling matches were held here in 1933 and in 1942 chariot races began on this ground, which evolved into bullock cart races in 1950 after removing the canopies from the chariots. "Along with bullock cart races, athletics events also began in this stadium which inspired several generations to excel in sports," he said, adding that in 1964 girls' athletics events were started here,



making it the first rural stadium to introduce girls' athletics.

CM Bhagwant Singh Mann said that the games, which began in 1933, are now popularly known as the "Mini Olympics" or "Rural Olympics" and even the President of India has attended them in the past. Emphasising communal harmony and unity in villages, he praised the residents of Kila Raipur for promoting sports heritage with unity and urged all villages to rise above political differences and contribute to rural development.

Referring to legislative measures, CM Mann said, "On July 11, 2025, the 'Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Punjab Amendment) Act, 2025' was unanimously passed in the Punjab Vidhan Sabha, paving the way for the resumption of bullock cart races." He added that after

the law was passed, a grand event was organised by heritage sports enthusiasts on July 29, 2025, at village Mehma Singh Wala in Ludhiana. "Bullock cart races reflect our rural heritage and keep us connected to our culture and traditions. This is the revival of traditional sports," he said.

Punjab is a confluence of strength, sports, agriculture and culture. Not only the games of strength – kabaddi, wrestling, hockey are popular here, but also its cultural events- like bhangra and fairs are worth seeing. Bullocks cart race had also been a part and parcel of Punjab soil, which was not only an entertainment show, but also had been a source of energy and a show of their care and love towards their bullocks.

Underscoring cultural continuity,

CM Bhagwant Singh Mann said, "Bulls are an integral part of the cultural heritage of the state and the first Sikh Guru, Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji, spent a long-time farming with bulls at Kartarpur Sahib." He added that when the law banning bull races was enforced, it dealt a major blow to heritage sports lovers and damaged the traditional sports legacy. "This sports fair is a living picture of Punjabi culture, where one can witness the vibrant spirit of Punjab through sports like wrestling, dancing, and singing," he said.

Mann added that sports are the most lethal weapon against the drug menace and announced that the sports budget will be enhanced in the forthcoming state Budget, underlining a determined push to channelise the energy of Punjab's youth into constructive avenues. Stating that bullock cart races, halted during the tenure of previous governments, have now resumed after the law was amended, the Chief Minister said that when children sweat it out on the field and bring home medals, there will be no need for any anti-drug campaign.

CM Bhagwant Singh Mann said, "Sports are the most lethal weapon against the drug menace and the state government will enhance the budget for Sports in the ensuing budget for the state." He

said that the government is already promoting sports in a big way and added, "While the previous governments had neglected this important sector aimed at youth development, our government has duly focussed on it." He said that sports are being promoted to channelise the unbounded energy of youth in a positive direction.

Reiterating the Punjab government's war against drugs, CM Bhagwant Singh Mann said, "The Punjab government has unleashed a 'Yudh Nashean Virudh' in Punjab and sports are the biggest weapon in this fight." He added that stadiums are being constructed in every village across Punjab and said it is a matter of immense pride and satisfaction that children are bringing glory to Punjab and the nation by bagging medals at national and international events.

Recalling the legacy associated with the event, Bhagwant Singh Mann said that legendary hockey players like Dhyan Chand, Balbir Singh, Udham Singh, Prithipal Singh, Ajitpal Singh and Surjit Singh have showcased their talent at this event. He added that top athletes from across the country including Milkha Singh, Makhhan Singh, Praduman Singh, Gurbachan Singh Randhawa and Parveen Kumar have also run on this track.

## Technotsav and Cultural Programmes: EMINENCE-26 inaugurated

**(Capital Information)**  
**Hyderabad :** The much-awaited annual Technotsav and Cultural Programmes: EMINENCE-26 was inaugurated with great enthusiasm and vibrant celebrations at Sri Indu group of Institutions from 19.02.2026 to 21.02.2026 a three day event.

The grand event marked the beginning of a series of technical competitions, creative exhibitions, and cultural performances. The programme commenced with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp by the Chairman of Sri Indu Group of Institutions Sri. R.Venkat Rao along with the Secretary & Correspondent Sri. R. Anup Chakravarty, Joint Secretary Sri. J.Sreekar and Principal other dignitaries. In his inaugural address, the chairman highlighted the importance of innovation, technology, and creativity in shaping the future of young minds. He encouraged students to actively participate and make the



most of the learning opportunities provided by such events. Students from different departments are showcasing their innovative ideas and practical skills.

The Cultural Day celebrations at Sri Indu Group of Institutions turned grand and memorable as popular film personalities from the SWAYAMBHU team —

Mr.Nikhil Siddhartha, Ms.Nabha Natesh alongwith cinematographer Mr.Senthilkumar and producer Mr.Bhuvan—graciously consented to attend the event as Chief Guests.

The presence of the celebrated stars created immense excitement among students and faculty members. The auditorium resonated with

cheers as the dignitaries were warmly welcomed by the management with bouquets and mementos.

Addressing the gathering, Mr. Nikhil Siddhartha encouraged students to pursue their dreams with dedication and self-confidence. Mr.Senthilkumar and Mr.Bhuvan highlighted the importance of passion and perseverance in

achieving success, while Ms. Nabha Natesh motivated students to actively participate in cultural and co-curricular activities for overall personality development.

The SWAYAMBHU team appreciated the institution for providing a vibrant platform that nurtures talent and creativity.

They applauded the students for their energetic performances and commended the management for organizing such a well-coordinated event.

The Cultural Day featured a variety of performances including traditional dances, musical renditions, and dramatic presentations, making the occasion colorful and memorable. The Secretary and joint Secretary have appreciated the organizing committee for their dedicated efforts in arranging the event successfully. The programme concluded on a high note, leaving students inspired by the encouraging words of the distinguished guests.



## Historic Moksha Venkateswara Swamy Temple consecration rituals begins

**(Capital Information)**  
**Kotha gudem :** The centuries-old Sri Moksha Venkateswara Swamy Temple at Gudipadu in Palvancha in Bhadradi Kotha gudem district consecration rituals started on Friday in a grand manner. The consecration ceremony will take place on February 26 in a traditional manner in the presence large number of devotees.

The ancient Vaishnavite Shrine believed to have been originally constructed during the reign of King Prataparudra of the Kakatiya dynasty (1289-1323 AD). The founder of Shyamala Gopalan Educational Foundation Sri Nalla. Suresh Reddy (NSR) spent around Rs. 2.5 crore to restore the temple to its original glory incorporating ancient architectural elements.

On Friday the Gramotsavam is celebrated with a large number of devotees joining the procession in Palvancha and Kothagudem with Mangalavadyams, Vedic recitations. In the evening Sri Bhagavadangya Swasthivachanam, Vishwakshana Aradhana, Vasudeva Punyshavachanam, Mitwikwanam, Deekshadarana, Ankurarpana, Neerajana Mantra pushpanm, Theerthaprasad and astagoshti performed.

## Chairman Chilukuri Sudha Balakrishna participated in the first meeting of Miryalaguda Municipal Council

**(Capital Information)**  
**Miryalaguda :** On Saturday, Miryalaguda Municipal Chairperson Chilukuri Sudha Balakrishna participated in her first meeting held in the Municipal Council. In this meeting, the officers of each ward and the bill collectors discussed the current problems in the wards, the various welfare schemes being implemented by the government and their effective implementation policies.



She assured that all government schemes will be implemented in every ward in a timely and transparent manner. She said that work will be carried out to provide employment opportunities to women in various sectors within the municipal limits,

giving special priority to women empowerment.

Municipal Commissioner G Srinivas, DE Venkanna and other municipal officers participated in this meeting and gave their suggestions for the comprehensive development of the town.

Speaking on the occasion, the Municipal Chairperson said that they are committed to the development of Miryalaguda town with transparent administration as the goal of public welfare.

## SP Paritosh Pankaj inaugurates "She-Shuttler" bus

**(Capital Information)**  
**Sangareddy :** At the District Police Office in Sangareddy, District SP Paritosh Pankaj inaugurated the newly launched "She-Shuttler" bus service. Speaking on the occasion, the SP stated that the Society for Sangareddy Security Council is committed to ensuring the safety and secure transportation of women working in the Pasamailaram industrial area of the District. Under the aegis of SSSC and with the support of Newland Industries, the new "She-Shuttler" bus has been introduced. He explained that the society was established with the objective of ensuring public and industrial security in the District, controlling traffic issues, and preventing various crimes against women.



The organization functions through coordination between the police department and companies. Emphasizing women's safety as a priority, he said the special bus service was launched to provide secure transportation for

women. The bus will operate daily from morning to evening on the Isnapur-Indrakaran route. Women commuters and school students traveling along this route are encouraged to make use of the facility. The bus is equipped with GPS, enabling easy tracking of its real-time location and schedule. Women were advised to download the "T-Safe" app and upload their travel details so that the police can continuously monitor their journey. In case of any emergency, they were instructed to dial 100.

SSSC General Secretary Satyanarayana, Treasurer Ramana Reddy, other SSSC Management Committee members, AILA Pasamailaram Committee members, Newland Company Secretary Sharada, HR & IR D.V.Reddy, HR DGM Surya Bhagavan, Newland Foundation CSR representative Yadagiri, Admin Naveen, Raghunath, Plant Head Mahesh Joshi, and others participated in the program.

## Amatul Fathir Farheen awarded PhD from Palamuru University

**(Capital Information)**  
**Mahabubnagar :** Mrs Amatul Fathir Farheen has successfully completed her PhD from Palamuru University, marking a significant academic milestone in the field of language education.



Her doctoral research, titled "A Study on the Problems of Non-English Medium Muslim Minority High School Students in Learning English in Minority Residential Educational Institutions in Telangana," highlights the challenges faced by minority students in acquiring English language skills at the secondary school level. The study reflects her commitment to inclusive and integrated language education.

Mrs Farheen completed her SSC from St Ann's High School, Intermediate studies in Hyderabad, and her graduation from Sarojini Naidu Vanita Mahavidyalaya. She went on to earn a Master's degree in Education from Osmania University.

Additionally, she obtained M.A. degrees in Psychology and English through distance education from Osmania University. She has also qualified the State Eligibility Test (SET) in both English and Education.

Expressing her gratitude, Mrs Farheen thanked her research supervisor, Professor G. Manoja, for her valuable guidance, and Head of the Department Professor Malavi for continuous encouragement. She also conveyed heartfelt thanks to her parents, family members, mentors and well-wishers for their constant support throughout her academic journey.

## Rachakonda Security Council Renamed as Malkajgiri Security Council

**(Capital Information)**  
**Hyderabad :** The Special General Body Meeting (SGBM) of the Rachakonda Security Council (RKSC), held today at the Office of the Commissioner of Police, Malkajgiri Commissionerate, Neredmet, under the chairmanship of Sri. Avinash Mohanty, IPS, Commissioner of Police and Honorary Chairman.

During the Special General Body Meeting, after detailed deliberations, the General Body unanimously approved the proposal to change the name of the Society from Rachakonda Security Council (RKSC) to Malkajgiri Security Council (MKSC), subject to approval of the Registrar of Societies.

The General Body also approved consequential amendments to the Byelaws, including revision of the operational jurisdiction. It was resolved that the Society shall continue as the same legal entity and that all its assets, memberships, ongoing initiatives, and collaborations will continue without interruption under the new name.



Addressing the gathering, the Chairman presented a structured and goal-oriented roadmap for the Council, emphasizing measurable quarterly targets, systematic planning, and coordinated functioning of all forums in close liaison with designated police nodal officers. The Deputy Commissioner of Police, Malkajgiri, was designated as Convener for the Safety & Security Forum, while the Traffic Forum will coordinate with the DCP Traffic, the Cyber Security Forum with the DCP Cyber Crimes, and the Women Safety Forum with the SHE

Teams. He further announced a series of key initiatives including strengthening of traffic volunteer programs and the introduction of sponsored Traffic Marshals to support traffic regulation, industrial security training and orientation programs, and cybersecurity awareness sessions for both IT and non-IT enterprises focusing on digital hygiene and fraud prevention. The Council will also promote CSR partnerships to support Bharosa Centres and women safety initiatives, revive the Margadarshak program within member es-

tablishments, establish a technical team for maintenance of CCTV surveillance systems, and encourage CSR-supported patrol vehicles, including electric patrol vehicles.

The Chairman appreciated the active participation of industry partners and volunteers and reiterated the importance of sustained police-citizen partnership in strengthening public safety, traffic awareness, cyber safety, and overall community welfare in the region.

The office bearers elected for the next term (2026-2028) for the Malkaj-

giri Security Council are P. Sudhakar as Vice Chairman, Dr. Raghuvier, CEO of Rhett Health Care, as General Secretary, and Y. Madhu Babu, Senior General Manager of the NSL Group of Companies, as Treasurer. The Joint Secretaries representing various forums include Kotti Srinivas, Managing Director of Srinivasa Tours and Travels, for the Road Safety & Traffic Forum; Yellapu Vasudev Rao, Director, CDC, SNIST, for the Safety & Security Forum; Ms. Y. Archana, Director, Lancesoft, for the Women Safety Forum; and Shiva Prasad Karadi of Infosys Ltd. for the Cyber Security Forum.

During the meeting, M. Savithri, Chief Coordinator, was approved and formally took charge as Associate Director of the Malkajgiri Security Council. The meetings concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chair and a reaffirmation of the Society's commitment to collaborative community policing and public service.

## National Science Day on February 28

### Grand Arrangements at Gora Science Centre

**(Capital Information)**  
**Vijayawada :** On the occasion of National Science Day, special science and technology exhibitions will be organized on Saturday, February 28, from 10:00 AM onwards at the Atheist Centre located near Benz Circle, Vijayawada, informed Mr. Niyanta, Director of Gora Science Centre, in a press statement.

The exhibitions will be open to the public free of cost. Visitors will have the opportunity to explore models related to the History of Science, human body organs such as the heart, lungs, liver, and kidneys, as



models of fetal development at various stages of pregnancy.

In addition, visitors can experience rocket launching demonstrations, a humanoid

robot, drones, and a dedicated space room showcasing aspects of space science

at the Gora Techno Hub

.As part of the celebrations, an essay writing competition for students will be conducted at 10:00 AM on the topic, "Science Shapes Life, Society and Develops Critical Thinking." Students from any institution are eligible to participate.

Enthusiastic students are also encouraged to exhibit their own science models on the same day.

Certificates will be awarded to all participants by the Gora Science Centre.

For further details, interested persons may contact: 9490754655.

## Formation of District Accreditation Committee for issuance of accreditation : Collector B.M.Santosh

**(Capital Information)**  
**Jogulamba Gadwala :** The District Collector said that steps have been taken to form a new District Media Accreditation Committee (DMAC) for issuing new accreditations to media representatives in the district for the year 2026-28. BM Santosh said in a statement on Saturday.

Go to get membership in District Media Accreditation Committee (DMAC). According to 252, media associations and unions in the district are advised to write the name of their representative on a letter pad and submit it to the office of the District Civil Relations Officer before 11 am on February 24.

1. A representative from Big Telugu Daily.



2. One from Urdu Daily - Representative

3. One from Medium Daily - Representative

4. One from Small Daily - Representative

5. A representative from electronic media

6. A representative from the video journalist

7. A representative from a photojournalist.

The representatives referred to above should be full-time journalists as per Rule 3, Sub-Rule 1(c) of Government Order No. 252.

Similarly Big Daily Representative, Electronic Media Representative should have 10 years of experience while other representatives should have at least 5 years of experience in media field. According to the rules, the associations and unions in the district are advised to submit the names of their representatives before 11 am on February 24 at the district office of the District Civil Relations Officer, Jogulamba Gadwala.

Any proposals received after the deadline will not be entertained under any circumstances.

## Village-Level Child Protection Committee Formed



**(Capital information)**  
**Sathupalli**, February 21: Under the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS), a Village-Level Child Protection Committee was constituted in Pullaiah Banjara village under Kallur Municipality, informed CDPO Nirmala Jyothi. The committee was formed under the supervision of ICDS Supervisor Sandhya Rani with Anganwadi teachers serving as conveners and a total of 20 members representing various sections of the community. Municipal Ward Councillors Kishtam Shetty Lakshmi and Peddaboyina Narasimha Rao were appointed as Presidents, while Anganwadi teachers Vijayalakshmi and Srilakshmi took charge as Conveners. Ward Officer Tanuja, the Government School Headmaster, ANM, temple priests, church pastors, a police constable, an RMP doctor, village elders, and parents participated in the program. The committee will monitor issues such as prevention of child marriages, child trafficking, school dropouts, and child labour in the village.

## Felicitation to Rehana Begum and Kamal Pasha



**(Capital information)**  
**Sathupalli**, February 21: Municipal Chairperson Rehana Begum and her husband Kamal Pasha were grandly felicitated under the leadership of noted businessman and philanthropist Malluru Suryanarayana, representing Vasavi Club and Malluru Charitable Trust. The couple was honoured with shawls and bouquets in recognition of their public service and contribution to the town's development. Speaking on the occasion, Kamal Pasha appreciated Malluru Suryanarayana for his continuous social service activities. He stated that Suryanarayana has donated cupboards to several Anganwadi centres in the town and distributed notebooks, slates, pens, pencils, nutrition supplements, and sweets to children. He also lauded initiatives such as distribution of buttermilk and white caps during summer, describing them as commendable efforts for community welfare. Several Vasavi Club members, local leaders, and townspeople attended the event.

## MP Reviews Development Works with District Collector



**(Capital information)**  
**Khammam Bureau**, February 21: Khammam Member of Parliament Ramasahayam Raghuram Reddy met District Collector Anudeep Durishetty in the Collector's Chamber at the Collectorate on Saturday. During the meeting, the MP submitted proposals for various developmental works to be undertaken in the district. They reviewed the progress of works being implemented under MP funds and discussed the status of ongoing welfare programmes. Both emphasized the need to expedite development activities to ensure timely benefits to the public.

## MINISTER'S SUPPORT KEY FOR EDULAPURAM GROWTH

- Syed Sadiq Ali, RPV Founder & National President

**(Capital information)**  
**Khammam Bureau**, February 21: Formation of Edulapuram Municipality by merging 12 Gram Panchayats of Khammam Rural mandal is a progressive step towards regional development, said Syed Sadiq Ali, Founder and National President of RPV. He stated that with the active support of Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy, Edulapuram can be developed into a model municipality in the state. He urged the government to allocate special funds and prepare a clear development blueprint focusing on strengthening government schools, establishing a 100-bed hospital with modern medical equipment, and improving



basic infrastructure such as drinking water supply, sanitation, roads, drainage systems, parks, and street lighting. Planned and transparent administration, he noted, is essential for achieving sustainable urban growth. Syed Sadiq Ali further emphasized that the Municipal Chairperson's office should remain accessible to the public and function as an effective platform for grievance redressal. He called upon local leaders, officials, and residents to work collectively to ensure rapid and inclusive development of Edulapuram Municipality.

## Villages Must Be Developed into Model Villages

- District Collector Jitesh V. Patil

**(Capital information)**  
**Kotha gudem**, February 21: District Collector Jitesh V. Patil stated that Gram Panchayat Sarpanches play a crucial role in the holistic development of villages and called for comprehensive planning and strict implementation to transform every village into a model village. He addressed the valedictory session of the second phase of the newly elected Sarpanches' training programme held at the old campus of Dr. Manmohan Singh Institute of Science and Technology. The Collector informed that a five-day training programme was conducted from 17-02-2026 to 21-02-2026 for 233 newly elected Sarpanches from Aswaraopeta, Dammapeta, Dumugudem, Mulakalapalli, Julurupadu, Tekulapalli, Yellandu, and Lakshmidivi palli mandals. The training covered Panchayat



Raj Act provisions, village development action plans, budget management, financial transparency, public participation, and social accountability. He emphasized that Sarpanches must exercise their statutory powers responsibly to ensure effective implementation of government welfare schemes related to family welfare, education, public health, sanitation, social development, and poverty alleviation. Special focus should be given to basic amenities such as safe drinking water, roads, electricity, and sanitation. Certificates were distributed to the Sarpanches upon completion of the training. Officials including DPO Sudheer, Training DPO Anusha, DLPOs Prabhaakar and Ramana, TGRTI Centre Head Subhash Chandra Goud, trainers Bansingh, Ravinder Reddy, Sunil Kumar, Muthyala Rao, Hazrat Vali, APO Ranga, SBM Revathi, DTM Sandeep, and Arun Kumar participated in the programme.

## Villages Must Be Developed as Model Villages

- District Collector Anudeep Durishetty

**(Capital information)**  
**Khammam Bureau**, February 21: District Collector Anudeep Durishetty urged newly elected Sarpanches to provide good governance and work towards transforming villages into model villages. He addressed the valedictory session of the five-day training programme for Sarpanches held at the DPRC Centre, congratulating them and advising them to responsibly discharge their duties over the next five years. He emphasized the importance of sanitation, daily garbage collection,

greenery promotion, tax collection, and regular Panchayat meetings with proper record maintenance. The Collector called upon Sarpanches to work in coordination with officials and ensure inclusive development beyond political differences. Informing that ₹33 crore under Finance Commission grants has been allocated to Gram Panchayats in the district, he directed Sarpanches to prepare Gram Panchayat Development Plans (GPDP) and utilize funds transparently. He stressed that development in-



cludes not only roads and drains but also sanitation, greenery, and effective implementation of welfare schemes. Officials and Sarpanches attended the programme.

## CPI Leaders, Family Members Pay Homage to Puvvada Uday Kumar



**(Capital information)**  
**Khammam Bureau**, February 21: Floral tributes were paid to senior CPI leader Puvvada Uday Kumar on his 20th death anniversary at his memorial stupa at Kranti Ghat, Mamata. CPI National Samithi Member Bhagam Hemantha Rao, along with senior party leaders, family members including Vijaya Lakshmi and Jayashri, and local residents, participated in the programme and remembered his services to the poor. Speaking on the occasion, Hemantha Rao described Uday Kumar as a committed communist intellectual who, despite studying abroad, chose the path of struggle to resolve public is-



sues. He recalled Uday Kumar's relentless fight for housing rights for the poor in Khammam, stating that his efforts ultimately led to the formation of Puvvada Uday Nagar, providing shelter to thousands of underprivileged families. Earlier, leaders garlanded his statue at YSR Nagar and in Puvvada Uday Nagar of Raghunathapalem mandal. CPI District Assistant Secretary Jammula Jitender Reddy, District Executive Member Enugu Gandhi, and other party representatives reaffirmed that continuing the struggle for social justice and public welfare would be the true tribute to Uday Kumar's enduring legacy.

## ICDS Felicitates Municipal Chairman and Vice Chairperson



**(Capital Information)**  
**Sathupalli**, February 21: Under the leadership of ICDS CDPO Nirmala Jyothi and Supervisors, Kallur Municipal Chairman Dharavath Mohan Naik and Vice Chairman Koteswari were grandly felicitated. The leaders were honoured with shawls and bouquets in recognition of their support to child welfare initiatives. Speaking on the occasion, CDPO Nirmala Jyothi requested the municipal leadership to extend continued cooperation for the development of the department. Chairman Mohan Naik and Vice Chairman Koteswari appreciated the services rendered by the Women and Child Welfare Department through Anganwadi centres and assured their full support for the development and welfare activities of Anganwadi centres. Anganwadi teachers and staff members participated in the programme.

## Sampath Ganapathi Swamy Consecration Held at New Gollagudem



**(Capital Information)**  
**Kothagudem**, February 21: The divine consecration ceremony of Sri Sri Sampath Ganapathi Swamy was conducted with great devotion and spiritual fervor at New Gollagudem in Kotha gudem town on Saturday at 10:31 AM. The rituals included the installation of Santana Anjaneya Swamy, Mushika (the divine vehicle), Balipitham, temple Vimana Shikharam, and the sacred Dwajasthambam, performed in accordance with Vedic traditions and chanting. Temple construction donor Sri Palla Rajanarsu organized the ceremony with deep devotion and dedication. Residents of the 29th and 30th divisions of New Gollagudem participated in large numbers and made the event a grand success. Devotees offered special prayers and harathi, seeking the blessings of the deity.

## Players Should Deliver Their Best Performance.

- District Collector Anudeep Durishetty



**(Capital Information)**  
**Khammam Bureau**, February 21: District Collector Anudeep Durishetty inaugurated the CM Cup 2025-26 Ball Badminton State Meet held on Saturday at Sardar Patel Stadium. He encouraged the players participating in the state-level competition to showcase their best talent and sportsmanship. Congratulating those who advanced from district-level competitions, he expressed pride in hosting the prestigious event in Khammam district. The Collector emphasized that victory and defeat are part of sports and advised participants to compete with determination and true sporting spirit. He distributed medals and certificates to the winners of the state-level archery competitions, hoisted the sports flag, and formally declared the meet open. He also interacted with the players and played ball badminton briefly to motivate them. Mayor Punukollu Neeraja, District Sports Development Officer T. Sunil Reddy, Ball Badminton Association State Secretary Ramana, Olympic Association District President Putta Shankaraya, District President V. Suresh, Secretary B. Srinivas, and other officials and sportspersons attended the programme.

# AI Summit 2026 inaugurated at GNITC

**(Capital Information)**  
**Hyderabad** : AI Summit 2026 was grandly inaugurated at Guru Gobind Singh Auditorium, Guru Nanak Institutions Technical Campus, marking a significant milestone in promoting Artificial Intelligence, innovation, and research among engineering students. The summit, organized exclusively for UG and PG students, witnessed an overwhelming participation of 200+ teams and 600+ students from various institutions and states.

The focus of AI-SUMMIT 2026 was to provide an opportunity to all the student and Research Scholars in exchanging their Innovative ideas, New Research findings and Ideas in the field of AI to build start-up expo, through paper presentation, poster presentation and start-up

expo. The AI-SUMMIT received 65 Research Papers, 85 Innovative Posters and 50 Startup ideas. The Jury members of the evaluation done by Mr.V.Kishore, Project Manager Wipro Technology, Dr. Rama Krishna Professor - CBIT and Dr.T.Mamatha professor-Srinidhi Institute science and Technology

The inaugural session in the field of AI was conducted on 20th February 2026, presided by Chief Guest, Mr. Gopala Krishna Kuppuswamy, Co-Founder, Cognida.ai, Hyderabad, who spoke about AI-driven entrepreneurship and industry transformation. He inspired students to combine domain expertise with AI capabilities, build scalable startups, and continuously adapt to evolving technologies in the AI era.



The Guest of Honor, was Dr. Praveen Gorla, Principal Research @ VISWAM.AI & Executive Committee Mem-

ber, Swecha Telangana, who spoke about the Generative AI and Research in open AI. Vice chairman of Guru

Nanak Institutions Sardar Gagandeep Singh Kohli addressed on the importance of AI in today's world.

Managing Director, Guru Nanak Institutions Dr. H.S. Saini, has given brief address on Research in AI.

The first Keynote session was given by Dr. Praveen Gorla, Principal Research @ VISWAM.AI & Executive Committee Member, Swecha Telangana emphasized the importance of indigenous AI research, Generative AI: Transforming Innovation, Industry and Society. He encouraged students to develop AI solutions that address real-world challenges and contribute to societal development.

The inaugural of AI-SUMMIT was also attended by Dr. Sreenatha Reddy, Director, GNITC, Dr. Rishi Sayal, Associate Director, GNITC and S. Madhu, HoD - AIML/AI&DS/loT, who addressed the gathering.

Parallely 15 food and games stalls added gave vibrancy to the campus, creating an energetic and engaging atmosphere throughout the event.

The second day was started with keynote session from Dr.MD Javeed co-founder and Director MAX-PARK Pvt.Ltd. He has given brief talk on the role of IoT using AI for the participants and the audience.

Valedictory session was conducted in the afternoon after DJ Program with Prize distribution to the winners and Runners of the events from Vice chairman of Guru Nanak Institutions Sardar Gagandeep Singh Kohli, Managing Director, Guru Nanak Institutions Dr. H.S. Saini, Dr. Sreenatha Reddy, Director, GNITC and Dr. Rishi Sayal, Associate Director, GNITC

## Mega Job Drive Brochure Launched :Government Degree College Hayathnagar

**(Capital Information)**  
**Rangareddy** : College Principal Dr. Suresh Babu said that a Mega Job Drive is being organized in the college on 23rd February 2026 at Government Degree College, Hayathnagar. To provide job opportunities to the students who are currently studying and have completed the third year of Intermediate, Degree B.A., B.Com, B.Sc & BBA courses in the academic year 2020 to 2026 at Government Degree College, Hayathnagar, the college English Department, Career Guidance and Placement Cell and Telangana Skill Knowledge Center are jointly organizing a Mega Job Drive at Government Degree College, Hayathnagar on 23.02.2026 from 10:30 AM to 3 PM.

Students from other colleges can also avail this opportunity. Leading companies like HDFC Bank, Wipro, Paytm, Ramoji Film City, SBI



Life Insurance, Muthoot Finance and Navatha, are present for the students. Students can explore various job opportunities, talk to recruiters and showcase their talent. All eligible students are requested to participate with updated resumes and start a successful career.

They should attend the drive with relevant certificates. Registration link: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSevpa1n3gs2hzb8lmZ RzJW3gWBi\\_xgoiNxFt YSrQGX-MOZaQ/viewform?usp=publish-editor](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSevpa1n3gs2hzb8lmZ RzJW3gWBi_xgoiNxFt YSrQGX-MOZaQ/viewform?usp=publish-editor)

Dr. P. Sureshbabu, Dr. D. Makla and Dr. A. Durga Prasad advised the students to make the most of this opportunity. College Principal Dr. Suresh Babu, Vice Principal Srinivas Reddy and Indira, Dr. Madhu Joint Coordinator, Dr. B Narasimha Academic

Coordinator, Dr. Matla Head of English Department TSKC Coordinator, Dr. Durga Prasad, Career Guidance and Placement Officer, Librarian, Dr. Ramadevi, Dr. Vijayalakshmi, Dr. Aparna Chaturvedi, Dr. Bala Narasimha, Vidyasagar, Bala, Dr. Krishnamohan, Dr. Praveen Kumar, Dr. Venkateswarlu and other faculty members participated in the job drive pamphlet launch program.

## Municipal Chairman and Vice Chairman elections should be held immediately : BRS Leaders

**(Capital Information)**  
**Mancherial** : BRS leaders have demanded that the chairman and vice chairman elections be held immediately in Kyatanapalli Municipality in Mandamarri Mandal of Mancherial district. They met the Commissioner at the State Election Commission office in Hyderabad on Saturday and submitted a petition.

Although the BRS and CPI alliance won 14 seats out of 22 wards in Kyatanapalli Municipality, they brought to the attention of the Commissioner that the election process was postponed due to the behavior of the ruling party leaders.

They accused Chennai MLA and State Minister Vivek Venkataswamy and Peddapalli MP Gaddam



Vamsikrishna of acting with arrogance of power and preventing the oath-taking and election of the chairman. He explained that former Chennai MLA Balka Suman and BRS leaders were illegally booked and sent to jail for creating chaos during the elections.

He demanded a thorough investigation into the results of the Kyatanapalli

Municipality elections and appropriate action be taken. He explained that the delay in the elections is affecting local governance, development works are stalling and people are losing their rights to representation.

MLC KP Vivekananda, leaders Shambhipur Raju, Dasoju Sravan, and Manchireddy Kishan Reddy participated in the program.



## Awareness seminar for Sarpanches on Amma Ku Akshamala

**(Capital Information)**  
**Mancherial** : On February 21, District Adult Education Officer A. Purushottam attended the Sarpanch training program held at Aija College in Mulkalla and made the Sarpanchs aware of the Ullas - Amma Ku Akshamala program.

Speaking on the occasion, he said that everyone should work to achieve 100% literacy in their villages and encourage every illiterate adult in the villages to learn to read. He asked them to monitor the Amma Ku Akshamala program being implemented in their villages and to work hard to make the program a success.

Education Sectoral Officer Satyanarayana Murthy said that all the students in the villages should be sent to government schools, government schools should be strengthened and parents should be ensured to attend the teacher-parents meeting held every month.

District Panchayat Officer D. Venkateswara Rao, MPDO Mohan, DRP Suman, Sarpanches of Dandepalli, Bheemini, Kotapalli, Kasipeta, Vemanapalli mandals and others participated in this program.

## Little Champions School Correspondent congratulates newly elected Chandur Municipality Chairman

**(Capital Information)**  
**Munugode/Chandur** : Little Champions School Correspondent Pilli Srinivas in Gurrampode congratulated Dr. Kodi Srinivas, Head of Gandhiji Educational Institutions and President of TRSMA District, for his resounding victory in the recently held Chandur Municipality elections.

Speaking on this occasion, Pilli Srinivas said that he is already conducting



many service programs through the Gandhiji Trust and we hope that you will serve the people more in this position.

Little Champions School Director Rondi Venkanna and In-charge Kadari Swamy participated in the program.

## CCI extends cotton procurement deadline till end of this month

**Relief for farmers with intervention of MP Gaddam Vamsi Krishna**

**(Capital Information)**  
**Peddapalli** : Farmers have expressed serious concern after receiving information that the cotton procurement being conducted under the auspices of Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) for the past few days will end on February 20.

Farmers who are ready to sell cotton are facing difficulties, especially in Chennai and Kotapalli areas. In this context, Peddapalli MP Gaddam Vamsi Krishna immediately responded and spoke directly to the CCI CMD.



He explained the current situation of the farmers and appealed to extend the procurement deadline. CCI officials responded positively to this and said that they will extend the cotton procurement for another 7 days from today, i.e. till the end of February.

Official confirmation has also been received on this matter. With this, the farmers have been given an additional week. We would like to inform the farmers that there is no need to worry and that the MP will work hard to resolve their issues from time to time.

We request the farmers to bring any issues they may have to our attention immediately.



## Heart Health Awareness Conference in Mancherial

### Changes in lifestyle can prevent heart disease : Dr. Nakka Srikanth

**(Capital Information)**  
**Mancherial** : Dr. Nakka Srikanth, a leading heart specialist providing medical services at the Yashoda Hospital Secunderabad branch, advised people to take precautions in the wake of the increasing incidence of heart-related diseases due to changing lifestyle.

He participated as the chief guest and spoke at the heart health awareness conference organized at the North Inn Hotel in the town on Saturday. He explained about various types of heart diseases, their symptoms and prevention methods.

He said that heart diseases can be prevented to a large extent with lifestyle changes such as proper diet, regular exercise, avoiding smoking and alcohol, and controlling stress. He said that regular health check-ups are very important.

He further said that for the convenience of the people of Mancherial, Medilife Hospital will be available for heart-related medical services on the first and third Saturday of every month in Mancherial, and that the services of interventional cardiologists will be available 24/7 365 days a year at the Yashoda Hospital Secunderabad branch. He urged the local people to take advantage of this opportunity.

The participants felt that such awareness seminars on heart health would bring awareness among the people.

## Over 100 Mobile Phones Recovered Every Month 107 Phones Worth ₹22 Lakhs Handed Over to Victims: SP K. Narasimha

**(Capital Information)**  
**Suryapet** : The Suryapet District Police have been achieving notable success in tracing and returning lost and stolen mobile phones to their rightful owners. At a Cell Phone Recovery Mela organized on Friday at the District Police Office, Superintendent of Police K. Narasimha handed over 107 mobile phones worth approximately ₹22 lakhs to the victims. This marks the 10th phase of the recovery program in the district.

Speaking on the occasion, the SP said that mobile phones have become an essential part of daily life, storing communication data, online

education resources, financial transactions, bank details, social media accounts, and personal information. Losing a phone not only means losing a device but also risking the loss of valuable data and money. He warned that criminals are breaking weak passwords and misusing apps such as PhonePe and Google Pay to commit financial fraud.

He stated that Cyber Warriors and technical police teams are working diligently to recover each mobile phone, even tracing devices from states like Bihar, Odisha, and Jharkhand. Over the past year, a total of 1,430 mobile phones have been recovered



and returned to victims. The SP advised citizens to immediately register complaints on the CEIR portal (www.ceir.gov.in) to block lost phones, file complaints

through Mee Seva, and inform the nearest police station. He emphasized that the

police are committed to protecting citizens' property and will act firmly against offenders.

### Awareness on Cyber Frauds

He cautioned the public not to trust calls offering low-interest loans, high returns, or prize winnings. Citizens were advised not to share personal details, OTPs, or money with strangers. He also warned about scams conducted under the name of "digital arrest," where fraudsters impersonate investigative agencies to extort money.

### Road Safety Awareness

Under the "Arrive Alive" program, awareness is being

created about road safety, and motorists were urged to drive responsibly.

### Every Citizen is a Police-man Without Uniform

The SP called upon citizens to inform the police about illegal or suspicious activities, assuring that their identities would be kept confidential. He appealed for public cooperation in combating cybercrime and drug abuse.

Victims who had assumed their phones would never be recovered expressed gratitude to the police. Special Branch Inspector Ramarao, IT Core RSI Rajsekhar, and IT staff members participated in the program.



### Blessings of Lord Venkateswara Should Be Upon the Town's People: Chairperson Erneni Kusuma Babu

**(Capital Information)**  
**Kodad :** Municipal Chairperson Erneni Kusuma Venkat Ratnam Babu offered special prayers on Saturday at the Sri Venkateswara Swamy Temple located in KLR Colony under Kodad municipal limits.

Residents of the colony stated that the newly elected Chairperson was invited to the temple to extend their congratulations. After the rituals, Chairperson Erneni Kusuma Venkat Ratnam Babu, Vice Chairperson Devarapalli Malleswari, and Ward Councillors Mamidi Ramarao and Cheema Naresh were felicitated with shawls and bouquets.

Speaking on the occasion, the Chairperson said that with the support of Minister Uttam and MLA Padmavathi Reddy, she would strive to resolve all issues in the ward.

District Library Chairman Vangaveeti Ramarao, Temple Committee President Nagu Bandi Srinivas Rao, Honorary Advisors Srinubabu and Nemmadi Devamani, TPSV District President Dhanamurthy, Lighting Prasad, and KLR Colony residents participated in the program.



### Chandur Jatara from today, Jatara to start in Chandur from Sunday

**(Capital Information)**  
**Munugode/Chandur :** The wedding festival (jatara) of Sri Parvati Parameswarala will begin today morning at Sri Markandeshwara Swamy Temple with Vighneshwara Puja, Swastiva-chana, Ankurarana, Mantaparadhana, Agni Pratishta, and Dhvajarohana.

Later, a handloom loom will be set up on the carcass of 50 pairs of bullocks and silk clothes will be woven for Sri Swamy Ammavar. A procession will be organized on this occasion. In the evening, a homa, Baliharana, and Bheri Puja will be held. At 8 pm, the wedding festival will be held in front of the temple, in the wedding hall beautifully decorated with various flowers and electric lamps.

Gayatri Yajna and Anna Prasad distribution will be held on Tuesday, 24th, Kalyana Mahotsavam on Wednesday, 25th, and Agnigundali on Thursday, 26th.

## CM Cup State-Level Junior Kho Kho Tournament-Nalgonda



**(Capital Information)**  
**Nalgonda :** Sports help in developing discipline, self-confidence, and leadership qualities among students, said District Sports Officer MD. Akbar Ali. The state-level Junior Kho Kho competitions, being conducted as part of the CM Cup, are progressing enthusiastically on the second day at Mekala Abhinav Stadium in Nalgonda. Players from 33 districts across the state are participating in the tournament. He stated that the CM Cup is organized every year to identify and encourage talented sportspersons, especially from rural areas. He further added that sports not only provide mental refreshment but also improve physical fitness among students. District sports officials, coaches, and a large number of players took part in the event.

### Mosquito Fogging Drive Launched by New Municipal Council

**(Capital Information)**  
**Munugode/Chandur :** To control the mosquito menace in Chandur Municipality, the newly elected municipal council has decided to undertake a mosquito fogging drive in all wards. The initiative was formally launched on Saturday evening by Municipal Chairman Dr. Kodi Srinivasulu, Vice Chairman Bhootharaju Dasarath, along with councillors and municipal staff. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Kodi Srinivasulu urged residents to ensure proper maintenance of drainage systems in their respective wards. He advised citizens to prevent the growth of wild plants in vacant plots and to avoid the accumulation of garbage. He emphasized that personal hygiene plays a key role in preventing mosquito-borne diseases. He also appealed to the public to regularly remove stagnant water from flower pots, water containers, tree leaves, window sunshades, and coolers, and to keep their surroundings clean at all times.



Councillors Kodi Sushma Venkanna, Telukuntla Rajakumari Chandrasekhar, Jilla Dhanamma Srinivasulu, Sairam, Aravinda Reddy and others participated in the program.



### Three-Minute Short Film Competition Held on the Occasion of International Mother Language Day

**(Capital Information)**  
**Kodad :** On the occasion of International Mother Language Day, a three-minute short film competition was organized, in which short films featuring children from Kodad town Kotamarthi Dhruva Raghavendra and Palakurthi Sri Varnika—won awards.

The awards were presented at the World Telugu Poets Conference held at Tummalapalli Kalakshetram in Vijayawada on Saturday. The winners were honored with shawls and certificates of appreciation.

On the same occasion, noted novelist Kotamarthi Radha Himabindu from Kodad was also felicitated. It is noteworthy that award recipient Dhruva Raghavendra is her grandson, and both were honored on the same stage.

A total of 375 entries were received for the competition, out of which 13 short films were selected for awards.



### Open University to Be Developed into a Digital University in the Future

**(Capital Information)**  
**Nalgonda :** A preparatory meeting of alumni of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University was held in Nalgonda under the leadership of Joint Director Dr. B. Dharmanayak. The meeting was presided over by Government Women's Degree College Principal Professor Srinivasa Raju and Distance Education Co-ordinator Dr. Sunkari Rajaram.

During the discussion, plans were made to organize a grand alumni meeting next month, inviting all former students who graduated from the university. Graduates, intellectuals, employees, and professionals settled in various fields will be invited to participate in the event.

The meeting also focused on initiating necessary measures to transform the Open University into a Digital University in the future. Participants discussed strategies and collective efforts required to achieve this goal. Councillors Ramakrishna, Perika Madhu, and others attended the program.

The incident of 35 seventh-seventh-eighth-grade students slitting their wrists with a blade in a government school shocked the entire nation-administrative accountability, regular inspections, and international standards are essential

## School child safety in India-a national and global responsibility to protect lives, beyond education

### The Education Department should ensure regular inspections, the Collector should conduct surprise inspections, the Chief Minister should personally review, and society should play an active role : Advocate Kishan Sanmukhdas Bhawnani

**(Capital Information)**  
**Gondia :** Globally, India is the world's largest democratic nation with a population of over 1.42 billion. With this vast population, millions of children attend school daily. Schools are not just centers of knowledge, but also the foundation for children's personality development, social growth, and the foundation for their future. Therefore, the safety of children in schools should be a top priority. The events that have occurred in various parts of the country in recent years-whether the tragic incident in Dhamtari, Chhattisgarh, or the accidents that have occurred on school campuses in other states-clearly indicate that international standards are now needed not only for the quality of education, but also for the overall safety system. Advocate Kishan Sanmukhdas Bhawnani, Gondia, Maharashtra, believe that the true measure of progress in any civilized society is determined by the condition of its schools and the safety of the children studying there. Schools are not just centers of knowledge acquisition, but laboratories for building the future. If these laboratories become unsafe, the foundation of the nation weakens. The events that have emerged from various states in India in recent years, whether it be the shocking incident in Dhamtari district, Chhattisgarh, or the reports of dilapidated school buildings collapsing in several states, clearly indicate that the time has come to establish school safety not as a supplementary element of education policy, but as its core pillar. Discussions about quality of education, digital innovation, and global competition are incomplete without safeguarding the lives and mental health of children. Friends, if we consider the recent incident in a school in Chhattisgarh, the incident of 35

children in grades 7 and 8 slitting their wrists with blades at a government school in Kurud, Dhamtari district, shocked the entire nation. This incident is not merely a case of disciplinary or administrative negligence, but a serious warning about the psychological state of children, the school environment, and the lack of social interaction. When counseling revealed that the children took this step out of imitation, it became clear how intense the tendency of group influence and attraction can be during adolescence. This incident forces us to consider whether adequate attention is being paid to mental health in our schools? Are children receiving a safe platform to express their feelings? Are teachers and parents able to recognize subtle changes in their behavior? If the answer to these questions is negative, we must rebalance the priorities of our education system. Friends, if we consider the High Court's concern expressed two days ago, the Jaipur bench of the Rajasthan High Court, expressing concern over the dilapidated buildings of government schools in Rajasthan, described the state government's budget as a drop in the ocean. This comment reflects a problem not limited to one state, but rather the deplorable state of school buildings in many parts of the country. When buildings have weak roofs, cracks in walls, exposed electrical wires, and unusable toilets, children's safety is automatically at risk. Bridging the gap between budget allocation and actual needs is the primary responsibility of governments. Preparing detailed project reports (DPRs) and arranging for repairs, reconstruction, and infrastructure is not merely an administrative formality, but a life-saving task. Friends, if we consider this

issue from a global perspective, school safety remains a serious challenge even in developed countries. Even in a technologically and economically advanced nation like the United States, school shootings have occurred from time to time. The 2022 shooting at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas, shocked the world. Prior to this, the 1999 shooting at Columbine High School in Colorado sparked a global debate on school safety. These events demonstrated that economic prosperity and technological advancement do not, in themselves, guarantee safety. Safety is an ongoing process, dependent and mandatory pillar. The school safety policy should be implemented with clear guidelines, covering building safety, fire safety, electrical standards, clean drinking water, clean toilets, CCTV surveillance, trained security personnel, and emergency response systems. A mandatory school safety audit system should be implemented for every school, renewed annually, and its report should be publicly available. At the district level, the Collector or District Magistrate heads the administrative system. Regular surprise inspections can reveal the ground reality. Surprise inspections

schools in rural and semi-urban areas is of particular concern. Many schools operate in temporary buildings or decades-old structures. These buildings pose additional risks during rain, earthquakes, or other natural disasters. State governments should mandate annual structural audits and immediately decommission dilapidated buildings and make alternative arrangements. Similar standards should apply to private schools. If any private institution ignores safety standards, strict punitive action should be taken against them—fines, suspension of recognition, or revocation. In addition to physical infrastructure, mental and emotional safety are equally important. The Dhamtari incident made it clear that neglecting children's psychological health can have serious consequences. Trained counselors should be appointed in schools. A Child Protection Committee should be formed in every school, and teachers should receive regular training on gender sensitivity and child rights. There should be a clear complaint mechanism for cases of bullying, corporal punishment, and sexual harassment. Children must be assured that their

voices will be heard and that they will not be adversely affected. This confidence is the strongest foundation for safety. Friends, if we consider school transportation as a crucial safety aspect, overloaded buses, untrained drivers, and neglected fitness certifications often lead to accidents. Joint inspections by the Transport Department and the Education Department should be mandatory. Every school bus should be equipped with a GPS system, a first aid kit, a fire extinguisher, and a trained attendant. Regular health checks and background verifications should also be mandatory for bus drivers. Children's safety should not be limited to the school gate; the entire journey from home to school and back to home should be safe. Social participation can further strengthen safety mechanisms. Parent-teacher associations should be actively involved in security reviews, not limited to exam results or fee structures. Coordination between local police, administration, and the community allows for prompt action on suspicious activities. Models such as the School Safety Community Network can be developed, where the community itself contributes to monitoring. Safety reports and inspection findings can be made available to parents through digital platforms. Friends, it's not enough to view school safety solely as an administrative responsibility; it's a social contract in which the government, teachers, parents, and the community are all partners. Weaknesses in any one link impact the entire system. Therefore, a coordinated approach is essential. Transparency and accountability must be ensured at every level, from policy formulation to implementation and monitoring. If the Chief Minister himself holds periodic school safety review

meetings, receives reports from district officials via video conferencing, and conducts surprise inspections, seriousness is automatically instilled in the administrative system. When top leadership is sensitive and proactive, accountability increases at lower levels as well. Child safety is not solely the responsibility of the Education Department, but also the coordinated responsibility of the Home Department, Public Works Department, Health Department, and Women and Child Development Department. Friends, internationally, many countries have adopted a multi-pronged approach to school safety. Disaster management exercises, regular mock drills, psychological support programs, and community awareness campaigns have been integrated into the education system. In India, the National Disaster Management Authority's guidelines should be effectively implemented at the school level. Training students and teachers for earthquakes, fires, and other emergencies is essential to ensure an organized response in times of crisis, rather than panic. So, if we study and analyze the above description, we will find that child safety is not just a legal or administrative issue, but a moral obligation. Any vision of development is incomplete in a nation where children are not safe. Incidents like Dhamtari are a reminder that we must prioritize safety along with education. Learning from international experiences, formulating robust policies tailored to local needs, and ensuring their rigorous implementation can truly make our schools safe. Only when every parent can believe that their child is safe in school will society's trust in the education system be fully established. This trust is the strongest foundation for a nation's progress.



requiring constant risk assessment, monitoring, training, and community support. India should learn from these experiences and develop a multi-layered security model for its schools. Friends, if we consider that education in India is primarily governed by the states, the Ministry of Education plays a central role in policymaking at the national level. The National Education Policy 2020 emphasizes quality, inclusiveness, and innovation in education, but there remains a need to institutionalize safety as an inde-

## Free Eye Medical Camps Continuing Uninterrupted in Munugode Constituency : MLA Komatireddy Raj Gopal Reddy

**8,424 Eye Screenings, 1,747 Surgeries, 3,427 Free Spectacles Distributed in 11 Phases**

**(Capital Information)**  
**Munugode :** Munugode MLA Komatireddy Raj Gopal Reddy has become a guardian of vision for the people of the Munugode constituency by continuously organizing free eye medical camps. Through these initiatives, thousands of people suffering from vision problems—especially the elderly, women, and underprivileged—have received much-needed treatment and hope.



108 surgeries  
 3rd Phase – For Chandur Municipality residents (held at Munugode): 129 surgeries  
 4th Phase – Nampally: 229 surgeries  
 5th Phase – Marriguda: 171 surgeries  
 6th Phase – Bangarigadda (Chandur Mandal): 198 surgeries  
 7th Phase – Ghattuppal: 65 surgeries  
 8th Phase – Narayanpur: 132 surgeries  
 9th Phase – Choutuppal Municipality: 82 surgeries  
 10th Phase – Lakkaram (Choutuppal Mandal): 160 surgeries  
 11th Phase – Munugode (Second Round): 257 surgeries.

On Sunday (22-02-2026), the 12th phase of the free eye medical camp is being organized at the camp office in Munugode for all villages of Chandur Mandal and the ten wards of Chandur Municipality. These camps are being conducted under the leadership of the Komatireddy Sushilamma Foundation, in collaboration with Phoenix Foundation and Shankar Eye Hospital. The MLA has set a target to ensure that no individual in the constituency suffers from eye-related problems in the next three years. As part of this plan, a goal has been set to perform 10,000 free eye surgeries across the constituency. Local leaders have widely publicized the upcoming camp through village announcements, urging residents of Chandur Mandal and Chandur Municipality to make full use of this free medical service.

With the noble intention of bringing light into the lives of the poor, he has been conducting these camps across the constituency under the banner of the Komatireddy Sushilamma Foundation, named after his mother. Those requiring surgery are provided free eye operations, while others are given spectacles at no cost.

ipalities. In 11 phases of these camps: 8,424 people underwent eye examinations, 1,747 people received free eye surgeries, 3,427 people were distributed free spectacles.

**Surgeries Completed Phase-wise:**  
 1st Phase – Munugode: 216 surgeries  
 2nd Phase – Munugode:

## Distribution of 171 bicycles at Chandur High School – Special encouragement to students under CSR

**(Capital Information)**  
**Munugode/Chandur :** A program to support the education of students and set a good example of social responsibility was organized grandly on Saturday at Chandur High School. On Saturday, February 21, 2026, the program to gift 171 bicycles to students studying at Chandur High School was held in an enthusiastic atmosphere. This program was organized by Canara Robeco Mutual Fund under its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) program.

tributed its share to the education sector by distributing bicycles. The main coordinator of this program was Maram Gopal Reddy, an alumnus of the school 1996-97, a resident of Gundrepally. He is currently working as the Telangana Zonal Sales Head of Canara Robeco Mutual Fund. With a sense of gratitude towards the school where he received his education, he brought forward this program for the future of the students and successfully organized it. Speaking at the program, Canara Robeco AMC Representative P. Shashidhar Raju said that the main goal of the organization is to contribute to the education sector through



CSR programs. He said that such programs will be continued in the future for the development of rural students. School Principal Koti Reddy said that bicycles will

not only improve the attendance of students, but also increase their punctuality, self-reliance and interest in studies. He said that such programs jointly undertaken

by alumni and corporate organizations will contribute a lot to the development of the school. School teachers Vijayalakshmi, B. Saidulu, Maddoju

Sudheer Babu, Venkat Reddy and others participated in the program and congratulated the students. They believed that such encouragement is crucial in the lives of students. Also, the 1996-97 batch alumni of the school, Doti Venkanna, Srinivasachary, Chandrasekhar Reddy, Praveen Sharma, Palakura Srinu, Vijay Kumar, Nagaraju, Rambabu, Gopi Kishan, Anjibabu and others expressed their happiness for participating in this program and contributing to the development of their school. They said that they would contribute their bit to the development of the school in the future as well. The teachers said that these bicycles will be very useful for the students

who travel far from rural areas and come to school. They said that this will be a big encouragement especially for the girl students. The students who received the bicycles happily thanked the donors, representatives of the organization and the teachers. Parents of the students, alumni, local people, donors and those associated with Chandur High School participated in this program in large numbers and made the program a success. Overall, many felt that this bicycle distribution program not only instilled new enthusiasm for education among the students, but also strengthened the social responsibility of the society towards education.

## Disability should not be an obstacle to success : MLA Megha Reddy

**(Capital Information)**  
**Wanaparthy :** It is not wrong to be born disabled, but people who cannot love such people are the real disabled, and everyone should be responsible towards the disabled, said Wanaparthy MLA Thudi Megha Reddy. On Saturday, a scooty distribution program was launched for 30 disabled people across Wanaparthy district. Wanaparthy MLAs and the District Collector attended this program held at the old market yard and handed over the scooty to them. Let us also support the disabled people who are inspiring us all by overcoming many obstacles and difficulties due to disability. Let us respect them. Let us admire them. They suggested that the disabled should not be with the feeling of disability and should excel with self-



confidence, perseverance and talent. He said that the disabled should excel in various fields with their talents and be an inspiration to everyone. He said that there is immense power hidden in the disabled, and if that power is recognized and encouraged, they will reach great heights. Disability is not a barrier to success, talent and self-confidence will lead us forward.

The MLA suggested that everyone should come together and stand by the disabled. Wanaparthy Municipal Chairman Madhavi Ramesh, Vice Chairman Madhusudhan Goud, Market Yard President Srinivas Goud, city councilors, officials of the Divyangjan Department, Congress party leaders, activists and elders participated in this program.

## Examinations from February 25 to March 18

**Arrangements Completed at 45 Centres, 27,714 Students to Appear Across the District**

**(Capital Information)**  
**Nalgonda :** The "one-minute rule" previously in force for Intermediate examinations has been withdrawn by the Intermediate Board. Due to this rule, many students in the past were unable to write their exams and suffered losses. Keeping this in view, the rule has been removed this year, said District Intermediate Education Officer (DIEO) Dasru while reviewing the arrangements for the annual Intermediate examinations. He stated that a total of 45 examination centres have been allotted across the district and all necessary arrangements have been completed. Students have been advised to reach their respective examination centres at least one hour before the commencement of the exam. **Exam Schedule :**



The Intermediate annual examinations will be conducted from February 25 to March 18. Exams will be held from 8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon. In the district : First Year : 11,802 General category students  
 2,117 Vocational students  
 Second Year: 11,733 General category students  
 2,248 Vocational students  
 In total, 27,714 students will appear for the examina-

tions across the district. Committees and Special Teams for Monitoring For the smooth conduct of examinations, a District Examination Committee (DEC) and a High-Level Committee have been constituted. The District Collector will serve as Chairman. The DIEO will act as Convenor. Other officials will serve as members. Additionally, the DEC Committee includes two senior principals and two other principals at the district level. To monitor the examinations: Two Flying Squad teams, Three Sitting Squad teams have been formed to prevent malpractice and en-

sure strict supervision. **Facilities at Examination Centres** All examination centres have been equipped with necessary facilities, including drinking water and uninterrupted electricity supply. Medical staff will also be available at each centre. Examinations will be conducted under CCTV surveillance at all centres in the district. Question papers have been securely stored in police stations and will be transported to centres under police protection on the day of the examination. After completion, answer scripts will be escorted securely. Section 144 will be enforced around all examination centres, and xerox/photocopy centres in the vicinity will remain closed during exam hours to maintain discipline and prevent malpractice.

## AI Impact Summit 2026 Concludes with Adoption of New Delhi Declaration

**88 countries and international organisations endorse a shared global vision for collaborative, trusted, resilient and efficient AI**

**New Delhi (PIB)** The AI Impact Summit 2026, held in New Delhi on 18-19 February, concluded with the adoption of the New Delhi Declaration on AI Impact, marking a significant milestone in global cooperation on artificial intelligence. The Declaration has been endorsed by 88 countries and international organisations, reflecting a broad-based global consensus on leveraging AI for economic growth and social good. **A Shared Global Vision for AI** Guided by the principle of "Sarvajan Hitaya, Sarvajan Sukhaya" (Welfare for all, Happiness for all), the Declaration underscores that the benefits of AI must be equitably shared across humanity. **It emphasizes:** Strengthening international cooperation and multi-

stakeholder engagement  
 Respecting national sovereignty  
 Advancing AI through accessible, and trustworthy frameworks  
**Seven Pillars (Chakras) of Action**  
 The Declaration is structured around seven key pillars, forming the foundation of global AI cooperation:  
 Democratizing AI Resources  
 Economic Growth & Social Good  
 Secure & Trusted AI  
 AI for Science  
 Access for Social Empowerment  
 Human Capital Development  
 Resilient, Efficient & Innovative AI Systems  
**Major Global Deliverables Announced**  
 The Summit delivered a

series of voluntary, collaborative global initiatives, including:  
**1. Charter for the Democratic Diffusion of AI**  
 Promotes affordable access to foundational AI resources  
 Supports locally relevant innovation ecosystems  
**2. Global AI Impact Commons**  
 A platform to scale and replicate AI use cases globally  
 Enables cross-country collaboration for development impact  
**3. Trusted AI Commons**  
 Repository of tools, benchmarks, and best practices  
 Supports development of secure and trustworthy AI systems  
**4. International Network of AI for Science Institutions**

Facilitates global scientific collaboration  
 Enhances AI-driven research capabilities  
**5. AI for Social Empowerment Platform**  
 Enables knowledge exchange and scalable solutions  
 Focuses on equitable AI adoption  
**6. AI Workforce Development Playbook & Reskilling Principles**  
 Supports AI skilling, reskilling, and literacy  
 Prepares nations for an AI-driven economy  
**7. Guiding Principles on Resilient & Efficient AI**  
 Focus on energy-efficient AI systems  
 Supported by a Playbook on AI Infrastructure Resilience  
 Focus on Economic Growth and Efficiency

**The Declaration highlights:**  
 The role of AI in driving economic transformation  
 Importance of open-source and accessible AI ecosystems  
 Need for energy-efficient AI infrastructure  
 Expanding AI's role in science, governance, and public service delivery  
 Strengthening Global Cooperation  
**Participants reaffirmed their commitment to:**  
 Advancing shared global priorities in AI governance  
 Promoting voluntary, non-binding frameworks  
 Translating vision into action through continued collaboration  
 The Summit is expected to catalyze long-term international partnerships and position AI as a key driver of economic growth.



## Corporators Felicitated by DWAB

**(Capital Information)**  
**Nalgonda :** Municipal Corporators were grandly felicitated by the Development and Welfare Association of the Blind (DWAB) at a programme organized at Aurora School in Nalgonda. The corporators honoured on the occasion included: 20th Ward Corporator Alli Subhash, 41st Ward Corporator Alli Mallikharjun Nagalakshmi, 42nd Ward Corporator Venugopal Reddy. They were felicitated with shawls and mementos in recognition of their services. The programme was attended by AICB Vice-President and DWAB General Secretary Ponugoti Chokka Rao, P. Damodar Rao, former Sarpanch of Chetla Chennaram Venkateswara Rao, and Aurora School Correspondent Gorre Venkat Reddy.

# Sant Sevalal Maharaj Jayanti Celebrated with Fervour in Mahabubnagar

**(Capital Information)**  
**Mahabubnagar :** The 287th birth anniversary of Sant Sadguru Sevalal Maharaj was celebrated with religious fervour at Ayyappa Konda in Padmavathi Colony of Mahabubnagar town on Friday. Mahabubnagar MLA Yennam Srinivas Reddy attended the celebrations as the chief guest, offered special prayers and garlanded the statue of Sant Sevalal Maharaj. Addressing the gathering, the MLA said Sevalal Maharaj stood as a guiding force for the tribal and Banjara communities and dedicated his life to social reform, unity and moral upliftment.



of weaker sections continue to remain relevant. He reiterated the government's commitment to strengthening welfare measures for marginalised communities and stressed the need to promote peace and communal harmony.

Earlier, he inaugurated newly installed high-mast lights in the temple premises. Mayor G. Mamatha extended greetings on the oc-

casation and recalled the saint's philosophy of "Ek Jaat - Ek Vaat - Ek Saath," highlighting the unity and cultural identity of the Banjara community. She assured full support for the development of the Sevalal temple and for improving civic infrastructure, including roads, drainage, streetlights and sanitation facilities in the area. The Mayor also released a pamphlet detailing the life and teachings

of Sevalal Maharaj. Deputy Mayor Surender Reddy described the event as historic, noting that leaders from various political parties shared the dais to celebrate the revered Banjara spiritual leader. He said Sevalal Maharaj fought for social reforms during British rule, toured tribal tandas and worked to eradicate social evils such as alcoholism and animal sacrifice.

Revenue Additional Collector Madhusudan Naik, speaking in a tribal dialect, said Sevalal Maharaj was born in 1739 in present-day Anantapur district and dedicated his life to spiritual pursuits and social reform. He urged youth to stay away from alcohol and narcotics and focus on education.

Former minister Srinivas Goud also participated in the programme and recalled that land had been allotted for the Sevalal temple and Girijan Bhavan during the previous BRS government. He appealed to public representatives and community leaders to work in coordination for mobilising funds and expediting development works.

Cultural programmes marked the conclusion of the event, with schoolgirls dressed in traditional Banjara attire presenting colourful dance performances.

Girijan Seva Sangham founder R. Shekhar Naik thanked the MLA for agreeing to sanction ₹3 crore for the construction of the Sevalal temple at Ayyappa Konda and ₹25 lakh for building a compound wall. He also expressed gratitude to officials for facilitating the installation of high-mast lights in the temple and Girijan Bhavan premises.

Several public representatives, officials, corporators and Banjara community leaders were present.



## Former MLA Nallamothu Bhaskar Rao visits the mortal remains of Malagam Yallaiah and pays respects to his family

**(Capital Information)**  
**Miryalaguda :** Malagam Yallaiah of Bangarigadda 31st ward in Miryalaguda town, who had been suffering from ill health for some time, breathed his last this morning. As soon as he came to know about it, former MLA of Miryalaguda constituency Nallamothu Bhaskar Rao along with former MLA Tippana Vijayasimha Reddy reached their residence in Bangarigadda and paid respects to their family members.

Speaking on the occasion, the former MLA said that the death of the deceased is a huge loss to their family. Expressing his deep condolences to the family members, he assured them that they will be brave in this difficult time and will provide them with the necessary help at any time. He prayed to God to grant peace to their soul.

They were accompanied by Dhanawat Chittibabu Nayak, Kunala Gopala Krishna, BRS party leaders, activists and local people.



## MLA BLR pays tribute to senior Congress party leader Malagam Yellaiah

**(Capital Information)**  
**Miryalaguda :** Today, upon learning that senior Congress party leader Malagam Yallaiah from Bangarigadda 31st ward of Miryalaguda town passed away due to illness, MLAs Bathula Lakshma Reddy (BLR) paid tribute to his mortal remains and prayed for the peace of his holy soul.

Later, they visited his family members and remembered the services he had rendered to the Congress party and assured them that the Congress party would always stand by his family members.

Congress leaders Chilukuri Balu Somi Devi, activists and others participated in the program.



## Tight security arrangements in Rajanna Sircilla during the visit of Dy CM and Ministers SP

**(Capital Information)**  
**Rajanna Sircilla Bureau :** Sturdy security arrangements have been made in the wake of the visit of the Deputy Chief Minister and a group of ministers to Gambhiraopet mandal in Rajanna Sircilla district on Sunday, said District SP Mahesh B. Githe.

In view of the visit, the SP himself inspected the arrangements and the helipad in Gambhiraopet mandal at the field level along with the officials and advised the officials to tighten security measures further to avoid any untoward incidents. The SP was accompanied by CI Srinivas, SI Anil and other police personnel.

## Woman Arrested for Murdering Live-in Partner at Chevella

**(Capital Information)**  
**Future City Commissionerate :** The Chevella police have swiftly cracked the murder of a 55-year-old man at Pushkarini in Chevella town

night of Maha Shivaratri. According to police, Karunakhar had been living with the accused, Balamani, for the past six years. The couple reportedly con-



sumed alcohol together and arrested his live-in partner in connection with the crime.

The deceased, identified as Karunakhar (55), a native of Tamil Nadu and currently residing at Kandawada village, was found dead following an altercation on the

night of Maha Shivaratri. According to police, Karunakhar had been living with the accused, Balamani, for the past six years. The couple reportedly consumed alcohol together and arrested his live-in partner in connection with the crime.

Police said Balamani demanded Rs. 50,000 from the

Rs. 4 lakh that Karunakhar had allegedly given to his brother. When he refused, a heated quarrel ensued. In a fit of rage, Balamani allegedly attacked Karunakhar with a wooden stick found at the spot and later pushed him into the Pushkarini. He sustained severe injuries and died on the spot.

During the investigation, Chevella police examined CCTV footage, collected forensic evidence, and seized the blood-stained wooden stick from the scene. Based on the evidence gathered by the clues team, Balamani was taken into custody.

The case was solved under the supervision of CI Bhoopal Sridhar, along with DI Upender and SI Sirisha. The accused will be produced before the court shortly, police said.

## Power Dept Assures Uninterrupted Supply to Safeguard Crops in Nagar Kurnool

**Field visit by DEE Sridhar Shetty boosts farmers' confidence; substation works to begin at Kamsanipalli**

**(Capital Information)**  
**Nagar Kurnool :** In response to complaints from farmers over crops drying up due to erratic electricity supply, senior officials of the Power Department conducted an extensive field visit in Upunuthala mandal of Nagar Kurnool district on Saturday.



Power Department DEE Sridhar Shetty assured farmers that immediate steps would be taken to address any disruption in power supply and urged them to promptly report issues to the department. He stated that continuous monitoring is being carried out to ensure uninterrupted electricity supply till the end of the ongoing cultivation season.

During the visit, Mr Sridhar Shetty personally inspected farmlands where farmers reported difficulties due to power interruptions and as-

sessed the ground-level situation. He directed staff to remain alert and respond swiftly to complaints to prevent crops from drying up. The officials also inspected the site allotted for a proposed power substation at Kamsanipalli village. They announced that construction work on the substation would commence this week, which is expected to provide a long-term



## Quality Healthcare Must Reach the Poor

**(Capital Information)**  
**Kodad :** A grand felicitation was organized for Municipal Chairperson Ermeni Kusuma Venkataratnam Babu under the auspices of the Kodad Town Primary Health Centre.

Speaking on the occasion, the Kodad Municipal Chairperson emphasized that quality healthcare services must be provided to the poor. On Saturday, the staff of the Town Primary Health Centre felicitated Ermeni Kusuma Babu on her recent election as Municipal Chairperson.

Addressing the gathering, she stated that with the support of MLA Padmavathi Uttam, efforts would be made to improve infrastructure and provide better facilities at the hospital. She also urged the staff to remain available at all times and deliver efficient and dedicated services to earn a good reputation.

Along with the Municipal Chairperson, Councillors Thota Jyothi Srinivas and Jillepalli Nageswara Rao were also felicitated.

The program was attended by the doctors and staff of the Kodad Town Primary Health Centre, women leaders including Pabba Geetha, and others.

## Multiple Ward Issues Brought to the Attention of Pebbair Municipal Chairman - Immediate Resolution

**(Captain Information)**  
**Pebbair :** In response to drainage problems, non-functioning streetlights, garbage accumulation, and water leakage issues reported in several wards of Pebbair Municipality, Municipal Chairman Akki Srinivas Goud took swift action.



Upon receiving complaints from residents, the Chairman immediately directed municipal staff to visit the affected areas and resolve the issues without delay.

Particularly in Ward No. 1 and Ward No. 11, urgent repair works were undertaken to stop the wastage of drinking water caused by pipeline leakages. Notably, the leaks were identified and repaired within a few hours. In addition, accumulated garbage was cleared, drainage canals were cleaned, and non-functioning

streetlights were repaired. Residents expressed their happiness over the quick resolution of the issues and extended their gratitude to Municipal Chairman Akki Srinivas

Goud and the municipal staff for their prompt response. Locals stated that the swift action taken on public grievances has further strengthened their trust in the municipality.

## Fun with Education - A fantastic magic show at Brilliant Grammar High School

**(Capital Information)**

**Siddipet :** Brilliant Grammar High School organized a special magic show as an educational and fun event for the students. Famous magician Y. Ramesh presented the show and left the students in awe with impressive magic tricks, sleight of hand and mind-blowing tricks. Through this program the students got an opportunity to learn new things along with happiness.



The "Talking doll" program organized as part of the exhibition was particularly impressive to the students. The entertaining conversations and funny messages made as if the doll were talking made the children laugh. Along with entertainment, the program is made more meaningful by imparting valuable messages of good habits, discipline and interest in studies.

Appreciating the program, School Principal Pokala Santhosh Kumar said that such creative performances will increase self-confidence, observational power and creativity among the students. A large number

of teachers and students participated and watched the program with interest. This magic show created a spirited atmosphere in the school along with increasing the interest in science among the students.



## TESTS SHOULD CONTINUE AS PLANNED: COLLECTOR RAHUL RAJ

**(Capital information)**  
**Medak :** Medak District Collector Rahul Raj has suggested that the tenth class examinations in the district should be conducted with an armed plan. Superintendent Cheep, who conducts class 10 examinations on Saturday, attended the training program for departmental officers as the chief guest.

On this occasion, the District Collector said that while taking the question papers from the storage point to the examination center, care should be taken and delivered to the examination center. During the conduct of the examinations, every student should be sent to the examination center after conducting the inspection.

District Additional collector Nagesh, District Education Officer Vijaya, Examination Department Officer Karunakar, District Science Officer Rajireddy, Mandal Education Officer Shankar and others participated in this programme.

### Nirmal Athletes Clinch Bronze at State-Level CM Cup



**(Capital information)** Nirmal, Feb 21: In a proud moment for Nirmal district, three talented Taekwondo players secured Bronze medals at the prestigious CM Cup State-Level Competitions. Competing with discipline and skill, Nehal, Zoya, and Srihansh stood out among the state's top athletes to bring home the honors. The success of these young martial artists is a testament to their hard work and the dedicated guidance of their coach, Yamshi Krishna, who played a pivotal role in preparing them for the high-stakes tournament. This achievement has brought immense pride to the district's sports community, highlighting the growing prowess of Nirmal in the field of Taekwondo.

### Paramita High School's "Smriti Saurabham" Farewell Celebrations



**(Capital information)** Karimnagar, Feb 21: A farewell program for the tenth grade students was organized at Paramita High School in Mankamma Thota in the local city under the name 'Smriti Saurabham'. Chairman of Paramita Educational Institutions Dr. Inuganti Prasad Rao lit the lamp and inaugurated the farewell program. Addressing the students on this occasion, he advised them to face the challenges they will face in the future with courage. He praised the students who have studied in Paramita for the past eleven years, not just for the sake of marks, but have instilled great qualities like moral values, self-discipline and self-control. He wished the students to build a special place in the society by using the values they have learned as weapons. The students, who grew up under the same roof for a long time, reminisced about old memories as they completed their school education. The students got emotional as they thanked the teaching and non-teaching staff who had helped them in their growth. The children were guided to excel in the upcoming board exams and bring glory to their parents and the school with good results. The students recalled on this occasion that the teachings and guidance of the teachers will be remembered forever in their lives. They expressed their confidence that they will achieve excellent results in the upcoming board exams. This farewell ceremony was not only filled with emotions, but also with the cheers and dances of the students. The cultural programs performed by the ninth grade students while bidding farewell to their seniors impressed everyone. In this program, the Chairman of Paramita Educational Institutions, Dr. Inuganti Prasad Rao, Directors Prasuna, Rashmita, Vinod Rao, Rakesh, Anukar Rao, V.U.M. Prasad, Hanmantha Rao, Principals Prashanth, Balaji, Kavitha Prasad, Coordinator Srinath, Malavika, Saritha, Lavanya, teachers and students participated.

### Minister Reviews Arrangements for Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Brahmotsavams



**(Capital Information)** Jagtial/Dharmapuri: State social Welfare Minister Adhuri Lakshman Kumar directed officials to ensure that devotees attending the upcoming Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Brahmotsavams face no inconvenience. On Saturday, he held a review meeting with Jagtial District Collector and other officials to assess preparations for the festival. The Minister emphasized special focus on cleanliness along the Godavari river and instructed officials to ensure uninterrupted drinking water supply. He directed electricity department officials to remove poles near the Kalyanam venue and asked RTC to operate buses round-the-clock for devotees' convenience. He assured that funds required for the Brahmotsavams would be provided and instructed district officials to remain available until the conclusion of the festivities. He added that the government is already planning for next year's Godavari Pushkaralu and has prepared a blueprint for fund allocation. He sought suggestions for making the Pushkaralu a success and mentioned that under CM Revanth Reddy's leadership, large funds were released for Medaram Jathara. He reiterated his commitment to Dharmapuri's development and announced plans to set up a B.Ed and D.Ed college under the Welfare Department, aiming to empower SC/ST communities through education. Collector Satya Prasad stated that the Brahmotsavams should be treated as a semi-final to next year's Pushkaralu and assured all necessary arrangements for devotees. Municipal Chairperson Vemula Nagalakshmi stressed the importance of cleanliness and suggested utilizing NSS and NCC volunteers along with municipal councilors. She also requested a feeding room for nursing mothers. Temple Committee Chairman Jakku Ravinder said that this year's Brahmotsavams would see a massive turnout, with traders coming forward to provide annadanam for one lakh devotees. He urged authorities to ensure no shortage of drinking water. Jagtial SP Ashok Kumar informed that 350 police personnel would be deployed for security at the temple, Godavari river, and surrounding areas. He added that 70 CCTV cameras would be installed for surveillance and that SHE Teams and special police forces would be on duty. Endowments Department Assistant Commissioner Supriya appreciated the local community's support in helping devotees and urged them to continue the same spirit. Municipal councilors and officials from various departments participated in the meeting.

## Kalyana Lakshmi, Shaadi Mubarak Cheques Distributed in Kuntala and Lokeswaram Mandals..

**(Capital information)** Mudhol Feb 21: Mudhol MLA Pawar Ramarao Patel distributed cheques to 37 beneficiaries under the Kalyana Lakshmi and Shaadi Mubarak schemes at the Rythu Vedika in Kuntala mandal headquarters. Speaking on the occasion, the MLA stated that the primary objective of the welfare schemes being implemented by the government is to provide financial support to poor families. He emphasized that these initiatives are aimed at offering economic security and easing the financial burden on underprivileged households. Following the distribution program, the MLA conducted a review meet-

ing on developmental activities and public issues in the mandal. He assured that swift measures would be taken to resolve pending problems and added that developmental works would be carried forward in coordination with officials to ensure better accessibility and benefits to the public. Similarly, at a separate event held at the Rythu Vedika in Lokeswaram mandal headquarters, the MLA distributed cheques worth ₹65,07,540 to 65 beneficiaries under the Kalyana Lakshmi and Shaadi Mubarak schemes. He noted that the government's welfare initiatives are bringing positive changes in the lives of poor people by providing



them with financial stability and support.

## Last rites for orphaned bodies

*Induru Youth Voluntary Service Organization is conducting the funerals with all its might*

**(Capital information)** nizamabad Buearu Feb 21: Last week, 3 unidentified orphaned elderly people died due to illness. Since there were no relatives related to them, the police, who identified them as orphans, requested that the police conduct their funerals. On Saturday, the last rites of the 3 orphaned bodies were conducted in the public crematorium next to Devi Theater in a traditional manner in collaboration with the Induru Youth Voluntary Service Organization and UV Foundation. In this program, 1st Town Police personnel Raj Gopal, 3rd Town Police personnel Nikhil, Rural Police Station personnel Sailu and Induru Youth Voluntary Service Organization founder president



Maddukuri Saibabu, treasurer Jayadev Vyas, Induri Shekhar, Darshan Raju, Krishna UV Foundation representative Satish and others participated.

## Ward Members Geared Up for Village Development

**(Capital information)** Dilawarpur/Nirmal, Feb 21: The five-day training sessions organized for Upa-Sarpanches and Ward Members from various villages reached a successful conclusion on Saturday at the Rythu Vedika in Dilawarpur mandal headquarters. This comprehensive program was designed to empower grassroots representatives with the necessary knowledge and administrative skills required for effective local governance. Mandal Parishad Officer (MPO) Govardhan, who attended the valedictory ceremony as the chief guest, distributed participation certificates to the local leaders. Addressing the gathering, he emphasized that the true purpose of this training would be fulfilled only when the representatives apply their newly acquired knowledge to resolve issues within their respective wards. He urged them to work with dedication and sincerity to address the grievances of the public and ensure that the benefits of government schemes reach every doorstep. The MPO



further highlighted that Upa-Sarpanches and Ward Members are the primary pillars of rural administration and play a decisive role in the progress of any village. He encouraged them to take an active lead in developmental activities and collaborate effectively to transform their villages into models of excellence. The participants expressed their satisfaction with the sessions, noting that the training provided them with a clear roadmap for their future responsibilities and a deeper understanding of the Panchayat Raj system.

## Do not believe the rumors coming on social media

*Police Commissioner P Sai Chaitanya held a peace committee meeting in Nizamabad*

**(Capital information)** nizamabad Buearu Feb 21: A peace committee meeting was held with the elders of all religions in Nizamabad, Armur and Bodhan divisions under the Nizamabad Police Commissionerate at the Command Control Hall of the Police Office under the auspices of Nizamabad Police Commissioner P. Sai Chaitanya. This peace committee meeting is being held keeping in mind the upcoming months of Ugadi, Holi and Ramzan in Nizamabad district, and everyone should celebrate the festivals of all religions peacefully, he said. With the beginning of the month of Ramzan, he called on Hindu, Muslim religious leaders and other social representatives to maintain peace and security, calling Nizamabad district a symbol of Ganga-Jamuna Tehzeeb

and urged all religions to be fraternal. Holy He said that adequate security and traffic control measures are being taken to ensure that there is no trouble during prayers at mosques during the month of Ramzan. He advised that strict action will be taken against those who post provocative posts on social media and not to believe in rumors. He asked everyone to cooperate peacefully during this festival. He said that anyone who has any problem should contact the relevant police station or dial 100. He said that the people living in your colonies will listen to the words of the religious leaders who participated in this peace committee meeting, so you should inform them in a balanced manner. He asked all the people to cooperate about other measures being taken for law



and order in Nizamabad. Additional DCP (Admin) G. Baswa Reddy Nizamabad, Armur, Bodhan, Traffic ACPs Prakash, Srinivas, Venkat Reddy, Mastan Ali, Special Branch Inspector Sri-sailam, CIs, religious leaders of all religions in the district Elders and others participated.

## SSC Exams Must Be Conducted Smoothly Kamareddy Collector Ashish Sangwan

**(Capital information)** Nizamabad Beareu Feb 21: Kamareddy District Collector Ashish Sangwan emphasized that the role of Chief Superintendents is vital in ensuring the smooth transparent and orderly conduct of the upcoming SSC annual examinations. Speaking at a coordination meeting held on Saturday at the Collectorate he directed officials to create a stress-free environment for students and strictly adhere to all guidelines to prevent any untoward incidents. In this meeting he announced that exams will run from March 14 to April 16 between 9:30 AM and 12:30 PM across 65 centers in the district Section 144 will be enforced at centers and nearby Xerox shops must remain closed while papers will be transported under police escort. Proper drinking water sanitation and first-aid kits with ANMs and Asha workers must be available at every center and mobile phones are strictly banned inside premises. The RTC is instructed to run buses according to exam timings



and the electricity department must ensure uninterrupted power supply. The Collector warned of strict action against any staff negligence and urged parents and teachers to mentally support the students. The meeting was attended by District Educational Officer Raju Assistant Commissioner Balaram DCEB Secretary N. Lingam and other departmental officials along with Chief Superintendents

## Govt Crafting Robust Policy for Gulf Migrants' Welfare



**(Capital Information)** Nirmal ,Feb 21: The State Government is committed to the welfare of Gulf migrant workers and is actively working on a comprehensive NRI policy, stated B.M. Vinod Kumar, Chairman of the NRI Advisory Committee. Speaking at a high-level meeting held at the Nirmal Collectorate on Saturday, he emphasized that the committee's visit to the district aims to gather ground-level insights from migrants and their families to ensure the new policy addresses their real challenges. During the session, the Chairman highlighted the high migration rates from Nirmal and stressed the urgent need to educate workers about international labor laws. He urged migrants to seek employment only through licensed agencies and pointed out that the government-run 'TOMCOM' provides secure overseas opportunities. He noted that creating awareness at the village level is crucial to preventing exploitation. District Additional Collector (Revenue) Kishore Kumar shared that Nirmal has already taken a proactive step by launching a dedicated helpline for Gulf workers. He mentioned that several workers stranded abroad have been successfully repatriated due to the Collector's personal intervention. The meeting concluded with the felicitation of the committee members, including Vice Chairman Manda Bheem Reddy and others, for their dedicated efforts toward migrant welfare.

## International Telugu Language Day at Oxford School



**(Capital Information)** nizamabad Buearu Feb 21: On the occasion of International Telugu Language Day, we organized Telugu Fest at Oxford School. This program was held with great enthusiasm in the school premises. On this occasion, students gave speeches about the greatness of Telugu language. Telugu poems, songs, impressed everyone. With the slogan "Desh Bhashalundu Telugu Lessa", the entire school was filled with Telugu spirit. The teachers explained that Telugu language is a reflection of our culture and traditions. The main objective of this program is to instill love and respect for the mother tongue among the students. The school management thanked the teachers, students and parents who worked hard to make this celebration a success.

## Training program for lab technicians



**(Capital Information)** nizamabad Buearu Feb 21: A training program on malaria and filaria was organized for lab technicians and health assistants working in the insect disease control department of the district medical health department at the conference hall of the DMHO office. The chief guest of the program was District Medical Health Officer Dr. B. Rajasri. Speaking on the occasion, he said that lab technicians should maintain 11 types of registers, collect blood smear samples from a person suffering from malaria or filarial fever in a proper manner and immediately stain them with JSB1 and JSB2 chemicals. Especially, filaria blood smears should be collected at night when the parasites are sleeping. Otherwise, the parasite will not be visible. Tea Hub Medical Officer Dr. Divya also attended the program and explained how to register Tea Hub samples, and how to do a fasting blood test to diagnose HbA1c, viral hepatitis, and diabetes. DMO Dr. Venkatesh, Dr. Divya, AMO Sheikh Salim, Supervisor Kishan, Muralikrishna, Krishnamohan, Srinivas, and Kavitha also participated in the program.

## 12 Arrested in Banswada Clashes

*- SP Warns Against Hate Speech*



**(Capital Information)** Nizamabad Beareu Feb 21 : Kamareddy SP M. Rajesh Chandra confirmed that 12 individuals have been arrested and remanded following Friday's violence near Reliance Mart, where a police constable was injured. Special teams are currently tracking remaining suspects, with the SP asserting that no one will escape legal action. He noted that a minor issue was exploited by mobs to incite communal tension and resort to stone-pelting, emphasizing that such acts will not be tolerated. The situation in Banswada is now peaceful, and daily life has returned to normalcy. However, the SP issued a stern warning against spreading provocative content or rumors on social media platforms like WhatsApp, Facebook, and X. Group admins will be held personally responsible for any inflammatory posts. In a separate incident in Kamareddy, Gireddy Mahender Reddy of Posanipeta was arrested after driving his vehicle (TS 07C 5826) dangerously toward the MLA Camp Office and defying police orders. This follows recent political tensions between Congress and BJP over land disputes. Police revealed that the accused has a prior criminal record and has been sent to remand.

# Extending Credit to SHG Women is the Safest Investment for the Nation": Shivraj Singh Chouhan

**(Capital Information)**  
**Hyderabad** : The Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India, organised the National Conclave on Financial Literacy & Resilience on 20 February 2026 in Hyderabad, bringing together policymakers, regulators, financial institutions, State Rural Livelihood Missions (SRLMs) and community leaders to deliberate on strengthening financial awareness, enhancing household resilience and advancing inclusive economic growth across rural India.

The Conclave featured thematic technical sessions on financial literacy, household-level financial resilience and expanding access to credit for livelihoods and enterprises. Discussions underscored the importance of continuous financial education, deeper financial inclusion and stronger institutional convergence. Community-based institutions such as Self Help Groups (SHGs) and their federations were recognised as trusted and scalable platforms for delivering financial services and financial lit-

eracy interventions. On 21 February 2026, the 25th Central Level Coordination Committee (CLCC) Meeting was convened in Hyderabad, marking an important step in advancing policy dialogue and strengthening coordination across the rural financial ecosystem. The meeting was chaired by Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Union Minister of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare and Rural Development and Chairperson, CLCC. It was attended by Dr. Chandra Sekhar Pemmasani, Union Minister of State for Rural Development and Communications, and Smt. D. Anasuya Seethakka, Minister of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj, Government of Telangana.

Senior officials from the Ministry of Rural Development and the Government of Telangana participated in the meeting, including Shailesh Kumar Singh, Secretary, Rural Development; T. K. Anil Kumar, Additional Secretary; Smt. Smriti Sharan, Joint Secretary; and Smt. Swati Sharma, Joint Secretary. Senior officials from the Govern-



ment officials from the Government of Telangana, including N. dhar, Principal Secretary, Panchayati Raj & Rural Development, and Mrs. Divya Devrajani, Commissioner, Panchayati Raj & Rural Development and Chief Executive Officer, SERP Telangana, along with representatives from NABARD, RBI, banks, and the Asian Development Bank and SHG members from various States were also present. The proceedings commenced with a recapitulation

of key insights from the National Conclave, followed by a presentation on "Strategic Insights of DAY-NRLM and the Roadmap Ahead" by Smt. Smriti Sharan, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development.

Addressing representatives from banks, financial institutions, regulators, and community resource persons, including Bank Sakhis, BC Sakhis, Financial Literacy Community Resource Persons, and Bima Sakhis, Shiv-

raj Singh Chouhan emphasised the importance of strengthening bank linkage for SHGs and adopting a focused approach towards supporting individual women entrepreneurs.

He stated that extending credit to SHG women is not a risk but one of the safest investments for the nation. Highlighting the transformative potential of women-led enterprises, he expressed confidence that with collective support from all stakeholders,

"Didis" can progress from Lakhpati to Crorepati, thereby accelerating women-led rural transformation and contributing significantly to the vision of Viksit Bharat.

The Union Minister also stressed the need to strengthen last-mile financial access, expand enterprise financing and improve risk protection mechanisms for rural households.

During the event, three major national initiatives were launched:

- Individual Enterprise Bank Loan System for Self Help Group Members
- UPI-based Credit Lines for Self Help Group Members
- Digital Modules on Financial Literacy for Self Help Group Members

These initiatives aim to simplify credit delivery, promote digital finance adoption and strengthen financial capability among rural women. Shailesh Kumar Singh, Secretary, Rural Development, underscored the critical role of community institutions in driving financial inclusion, enterprise growth and economic resilience.

Dr. Chandra Sekhar Pemmasani highlighted that India's financial inclusion journey must now evolve into enterprise-led empowerment, shifting the focus from access to finance towards productive credit, enterprise promotion and sustained financial capability.

Smt. D. Anasuya Seethakka observed that while Telangana is the youngest State in the country, it has the oldest State Rural Livelihoods Mission (SRLM), and expressed confidence that Mission-led interventions would enable the women of Telangana to lead the next phase of enterprise creation.

The programme also recognised the contributions of financial institutions through awards for best-performing banks across public and private sectors, Regional Rural Banks and cooperative banking institutions.

The meeting concluded with a shared commitment among stakeholders to strengthen convergence, promote financial innovation and accelerate inclusive growth across rural India.

## CEO SUDARSHAN REDDY CALLS FOR SPEEDY VOTER MAPPING SURVEY IN HYDERABAD

**(Capital Information)**  
**Hyderabad** : State Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) Sudarshan Reddy has directed Electoral Registration Officers (EROs) and Assistant Electoral Registration Officers (AEROs) to expedite the ongoing voter mapping survey being conducted in Hyderabad as part of the preparatory exercise for the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls.

On Saturday, the CEO, along with Hyderabad District Election Officer R.V. Karnan, conducted a surprise field inspection of the progeny mapping process in Secunderabad Assembly constituency at Polling Station No. 211 in Manikeshwar Nagar. He later

visited Polling Station No. 12 at Kabutar Khana in Charminar constituency to review the progress of voter mapping.

Interacting with Booth Level Officers (BLOs) and supervisors, Mr. Reddy sought details on how the mapping exercise was being carried out and assessed their understanding of the process. BLOs informed him that they were conducting door-to-door visits to compare family details of voters listed in the 2002 electoral rolls with the 2025 rolls. They explained that progeny members of voters whose names appeared in the 2002 list were being identified and mapped in the current rolls



wherever applicable.

EROs and AEROs briefed the CEO on the progress achieved so far under the progeny mapping exercise.

Addressing officials, Mr. Reddy said that progeny mapping must be undertaken meticulously in accordance with the guidelines of the Election Commission of India. He

emphasised that the exercise should be carried out in a proactive and time-bound manner to ensure accuracy, transparency and inclusiveness in the electoral rolls.

He stated that the Election Commission aims to uphold precision, transparency and comprehensiveness in voter lists through the Special Intensive Revision programme in Telangana.

Additional Commissioner (Elections) Chandrakala, EROs Sarita and Anjaneyulu, AEROs Sudheer Reddy and others, including Assistant Municipal Commissioner (Elections) Vimala, were present during the inspection.

## CM Revanth Reddy attends wedding of AP Advocate General's daughter at Hitec City

**(Capital Information)**  
**Hyderabad** : Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy attended the wedding reception of Manasa, daughter of Andhra Pradesh Advocate General Dammalapati Srinivas, held at a private convention centre in Hitec City.

The Chief Minister conveyed his blessings to the newly-wed couple and extended his greetings to the family members on the occasion. The ceremony was attended by several prominent personalities from the legal fraternity, political circles and business community from both Telangana and AP.



The wedding turned into a gathering of distinguished guests, with senior advocates, public representatives and officials marking their presence. The event was conducted in a traditional

manner amid festive decor and family celebrations.

Mr. Revanth Reddy interacted briefly with guests and wished the bride Manasa and the groom a happy and prosperous married life.

## Priority to Welfare Despite Financial Constraints : Minister Jupally Krishna Rao

### Transparent Implementation of Welfare Schemes for All Eligible Beneficiaries

**(Capital Information)**  
**Nagar Kurnool** : State Minister for Excise, Tourism and Culture Jupally Krishna Rao stated that the government's primary objective is the welfare of the poor and that welfare schemes are being implemented transparently for all eligible beneficiaries. He made it clear that any demand for money in the selection of beneficiaries would not be tolerated and asked people to report such matters directly to him.

On Saturday, at the Kollapur camp office, the Minister distributed Kalyana Lakshmi and Shaadi Mubarak cheques worth Rs. 1.81 crore to 180 beneficiaries from the constituency.

Speaking on the occasion, he said the State Gov-



ernment is supporting many poor families through various welfare initiatives. He stated that through the Kalyana Lakshmi and Shaadi Mubarak schemes, the government is bringing light into the lives of poor families by assuring support for the marriages of girl children.

He said that despite financial difficulties, the government is ensuring welfare benefits reach all eligible beneficiaries. Due to excessive debts incurred by the previous BRS government, the State is currently unable to provide one tola of gold to beneficiaries under the

schemes. Nevertheless, the Minister emphasized that ensuring equal justice to all and uplifting poor families remains the government's foremost priority.

Under the leadership of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, the State Government is focusing on development in education, healthcare, and welfare sectors. He stated that the Telangana people's government gives utmost priority to women's empowerment.

He said that as part of various initiatives for women's welfare, the government is providing free bus travel for women, enhancement of Aarogyasri health coverage up to Rs. 10 lakh, gas cylinders at Rs. 200, and free electricity up to 200 units for poor fami-

lies. Indiramma housing is also being sanctioned for eligible beneficiaries.

The Minister added that the fine rice distribution scheme is being implemented in a manner unmatched anywhere in the country. New ration cards are being issued to eligible families, and the process will continue without interruption. He assured that eligible beneficiaries need not lose hope.

He further stated that the government is giving top priority to farmers' welfare by providing free electricity, irrigation facilities, investment support, and minimum support price, ensuring that farmers do not face difficulties and that agriculture receives due importance under the people's government.



## Warangal ACP pair wins gold in badminton!

**(Capital Information)**  
**Warangal** : Warangal officers showed their mettle in the 4th Telangana State Police Sports Meet being held at Cyberabad Commissionerate.

In the badminton category for 55-year-old gazetted officers, the pair of ACPs Jitender Reddy and Madhusudhan from Warangal Commissionerate won the gold medal with a brilliant performance.

They defeated their opponents with sharp play on the court and stood first.

## Harish Rao Attends Rythu Badi Agri Show at NTR Stadium

**(Capital Information)**  
**Hyderabad** : Former Minister and MLA T. Harish Rao attended the "Rythu Badi Agri Show" held at the NTR Stadium in Hyderabad as the chief guest.

Addressing farmers, agriculture experts and exhibitors at the event, Mr. Harish Rao underscored the need to strengthen the agriculture sector through modern technology, scientific practices and timely institutional support. He said platforms like the Rythu Badi Agri Show help bridge the gap between farmers and the latest advancements in farm equipment, seeds, irrigation systems and allied sectors.

The former minister interacted with stall owners and farmers, evincing keen interest in innovative tools and sustainable farming methods on display. He lauded the organisers for bringing together



stakeholders from across the State and providing farmers with an opportunity to directly access new technologies.

Emphasising the importance of farmer welfare, Mr. Harish Rao stated that agriculture remains the backbone of the State's economy and called for collective efforts to

enhance productivity and ensure remunerative prices for farm produce.

A large number of farmers from various districts attended the programme, making the agri show a vibrant platform for knowledge-sharing and networking within the farming community.

## BRS Slams 'Anarchy' in Amanagallu; Alleges False Cases Against Cadres

**(Capital Information)**  
**Hyderabad** : Senior BRS leader R. S. Praveen Kumar launched a sharp attack on the Congress government, alleging "anarchy and vendetta politics" in connection with the recent clashes during the Amanagallu municipal chairperson and vice-chairperson elections in Kalwakurthy constituency.

After meeting jailed party workers at Chanchalguda Central Prison, Praveen Kumar addressed a press conference and accused the ruling party of foisting "false and fabricated cases" against BRS youth leaders and sending them to jail with "malicious intent."

He alleged that democracy was "murdered in broad daylight" in Amanagallu and claimed that despite the Congress securing only one seat in the municipality, it resorted to coercive tactics to capture the chairperson post as the



constituency falls in Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's home district.

Praveen Kumar further alleged that a BRS councillor was pressured into joining the Congress with promises of the chairperson's post, calling it a betrayal of the people's mandate. He claimed that in as many as 36 local bodies across the state where results were hung, the Congress allegedly resorted to "intimidation, inducements and misuse of official machinery" to secure

power. The BRS leader accused the State Election Commission of functioning under the influence of the ruling party and failing to act against violations of the Model Code of Conduct. He questioned why no action was initiated when, according to him, the Chief Minister appealed for votes at an official meeting.

Alleging collusion between Congress and BJP leaders, he claimed that over 20 BRS leaders had been booked and

jailed across the state. He also accused certain ministers and local leaders of threatening councillors with demolition of houses and offering monetary inducements to switch sides.

Praveen Kumar said that party workers who protested "peacefully" in defence of democratic norms were instead charged under stringent sections, including atrocity cases. He alleged that police officials were not acting in accordance with the Constitution but were targeting opposition leaders at the behest of the government.

He warned that if such practices continued, the Congress would have to pay a "heavy political price," and asserted that the people of Telangana would remember the alleged harassment of BRS cadre.

The BRS will protect Telangana from the conspiracies of Congress and BJP," he said.

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