

## Minister Komati Reddy Venkat Reddy Pays Rich Tributes to Rajiv Gandhi

(Capital Information)

**Hyderabad** : State Roads, Buildings and Cinematography Minister Komati Reddy Venkat Reddy paid rich tributes to former Prime Minister and Bharat Ratna Rajiv Gandhi on the occasion of his death anniversary.

On Thursday, the minister offered floral tributes to Rajiv Gandhi's portrait at his residence in the Ministers' Quarters in Hyderabad. Congress leaders, party workers and supporters also participated in the programme and remembered the services rendered by Rajiv Gandhi to the nation.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister Komati Reddy Venkat Reddy said Rajiv Gandhi was a visionary leader who transformed the face of India and guided the country into the 21st century. He stated that the rapid progress India witnesses today in the IT and telecommunications sectors is the result of the strong foundation laid by Rajiv Gandhi.

The minister described Rajiv Gandhi as a martyr who sacrificed his life for the unity and integrity of the nation and called upon everyone to rededicate themselves towards fulfilling his ideals and contributing to the country's development.

He further said that the Congress government remains committed to the welfare of weaker sections while following the path of peace, harmony and secularism shown by Rajiv Gandhi.

Several public representatives, senior Congress leaders and admirers participated in the tribute programme.

## Telangana Announces Major Minimum Wage Hike for Over 1.11 Crore Workers

(Capital Information)

**Hyderabad** : The Telangana government on Thursday announced a substantial revision in minimum wages for workers across the State, with Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy stating that the move would benefit more than 1.11 crore labourers.

Addressing a media conference at the Secretariat, the Chief Minister said the revised wage structure would come into effect from June 1, 2026, marking the first comprehensive minimum wage revision since the formation of Telangana.

The revision follows recommendations made by a Cabinet Sub-Committee headed by



Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu, which studied wage structures and labour conditions in detail.

Under the revised structure, workers have been categorised into four groups - unskilled, semi-skilled, skilled and highly skilled - while the State has been divided into three wage zones comprising municipal corporations, municipalities and rural areas.

According to the revised rates, minimum wages for unskilled workers have been increased from ₹12,750 to ₹16,000 per month, while semi-skilled workers will receive ₹17,000 instead of ₹13,152.

Wages for skilled workers have been raised from ₹13,772 to ₹18,500, and highly skilled workers will now receive ₹20,000 compared to the earlier

₹14,607.

Reddy described the decision as a major welfare measure aimed at improving the livelihoods of workers and addressing long-pending demands related to wage revisions.

The Chief Minister also outlined the government's broader plans for youth empowerment and skill development.

He urged young people to explore global

employment opportunities beyond traditional information technology careers and encouraged them to acquire technical skills relevant to countries such as Germany, Japan and Singapore.

The government, he said, is establishing a Skills University and modernising Industrial Training Institutes in collaboration with the Tata Group.

Officials said nearly ₹4,000 crore is being invested to upgrade 65 ITIs across the State, with industry-oriented courses being redesigned in consultation with companies to improve employability.

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## MINISTER ASSURES INDIRAMMA HOUSES FOR ELIGIBLE FAMILIES

(Capital Information)

**Sathupalli** : Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy assured that Indiramma houses would be sanctioned to every eligible poor family in the state. He participated in the Praja Darbar programme organized under the leadership of Sathupalli MLA Dr. Matta Ragamayee Dayanand in Sathupalli, Vemsoor, and Penuballi mandals along with District Collector T.S. Divakara and State Irrigation Development Corporation Chairman Muvva Vijay Babu.

Addressing the gathering, the Minister said the government is implementing several



welfare schemes including Indiramma housing, free bus travel for women, new ration cards, fine rice distribution, and the

Gruha Jyothi scheme providing 200 units of free electricity. He announced that the second phase of the Indiramma House-

ing Scheme would begin from June 2. He also stated that special measures would be taken to resolve revenue and forest land disputes across the state.

District Collector T.S. Divakara said special meetings are being conducted to address issues related to revenue, housing, and forest lands in the Sathupalli region. He informed that around 22,000 applications were received during the Praja Darbar programme, of which nearly 14,000 applications had already been verified. He assured that all applications would be

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## PM Presents Assam's Iconic Muga Silk Stole to Italian Counterpart

(Capital Information)

**New Delhi** : Showcasing India's rich handloom heritage on the global stage, Prime Minister Narendra Modi presented a traditional Muga silk stole from Assam to the Prime Minister of Italy during a diplomatic engagement.

Known as the "Golden Silk" of Assam, Muga silk is among the rarest and most prestigious textiles in the world, originating from the Brahmaputra Valley in Northeast India. The silk is admired for its natural golden sheen, unmatched durability and timeless elegance.

Unlike many luxury fabrics, Muga silk is produced without artificial dyes, reflecting an eco-friendly and sustainable weaving tradition preserved by Assamese artisans for generations. Considered one of the strongest natural fibres, the fabric is known to last for decades, with its natural lustre deepening over time.

The stole also symbolised a cultural bridge between India and Italy, both globally recognised for their rich traditions in luxury textiles, craftsmanship and timeless fashion. Officials said the gift highlighted India's commitment to promoting indigenous handloom products and traditional artisans on international platforms.

Muga silk is also valued for its moisture-absorbing and UV-resistant properties, making it both elegant and practical. The presentation of the stole was seen as a tribute to Assam's centuries-old weaving legacy and India's diverse cultural heritage.

## Telangana to Use Digital Platforms to Boost Tourism and Social Awareness

(Capital Information)

**Hyderabad** : Telangana Tourism and Culture Minister Jupally Krishna Rao on Wednesday called upon social media influencers and digital creators to actively promote Telangana's tourism potential while also taking responsibility for creating social awareness among youth.

Addressing the "Telangana Tourism Creators Meet" organised at Tourism Plaza in Begumpet as part of the State's tourism week celebrations, the Minister said tourism is not merely about leisure travel but a powerful driver of economic growth, employment generation and the global branding of Telangana.

He urged creators to showcase Telangana's natural beauty, historical monuments, cultural heritage and traditional arts to national and international audiences through digital platforms.

The Minister said the State government, under its "Prapajalana - Pragati Pranalika" initiative, was implementing a focused action plan to revitalise the tourism sector and strengthen tourism infrastructure across Telangana.



According to him, promotion of tourist destinations would generate large-scale employment and self-employment opportunities for local youth while increasing State revenues.

"The income generated through tourism can be utilised for strengthening healthcare, education and infrastructure development," he said.

Rao stressed the need for improving cleanliness, basic amenities and modern accom-

modation facilities at tourist destinations and said efforts were underway to utilise unused tourism lands and Haritha hotels as revenue-generating assets.

The Minister also appealed to citizens to explore tourist destinations within Telangana and said tourism should not be viewed as a luxury activity restricted by economic conditions.

"Spending time with family at tourist destinations brings mental peace and happiness," he ob-

served.

Highlighting the social responsibility of digital influencers, the Minister expressed concern over increasing addiction among youth to drugs, betting applications, online gaming and other harmful activities.

He urged content creators to use their platforms to spread awareness against drug abuse and social evils affecting young people.

The Minister announced that

the government would soon launch a new social awareness campaign titled "Prabhata Bheri", which will use short films, stage performances, folk arts and cultural programmes to create awareness on social issues.

He further called upon tourism creators to actively participate in promoting Telangana's hospitality, culture and heritage on the global stage.

The government, he said, would support content creators contributing to tourism development and would introduce awards and special incentives for outstanding tourism creators.

During the programme, the Minister launched the Tourism Department's new Meta account and official Instagram handle.

A special video presentation titled "Timeless Telangana", showcasing the State's historical monuments, handicrafts, handlooms and Kalamkari art heritage, was also screened.

Senior officials including Vani Prasad, Tourism Director Lakshman Ranjith Naik and other officials from the tourism and cultural departments attended the event.



## Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla Takes Holy Dip at Kaleshwaram Pushkar Ghat

(Capital Information)

**Hyderabad** : Telangana Governor Shri Shiv Pratap Shukla, accompanied by his wife, on Thursday took a holy dip at the sacred Saraswati Ghat in Kaleshwaram of Jayashankar Bhupalpally district as part of the ongoing Pushkar festivities.

Amid Vedic chants by priests, the Governor performed special rituals and participated in spiritual programmes organised on the riverbank. Devotees and officials accorded a traditional welcome to the Governorial couple during their visit to the renowned pilgrimage centre.

Speaking on the occasion, Governor Shukla conveyed Pushkar greetings to the people and said that Pushkaralu symbolise the rich cultural and spiritual heritage of India. He prayed (Cont. on Pg 2)



## 21 Journalists Get Aid from Welfare Fund

(Capital Information)

**Hyderabad** : Telangana Media Academy chairman K. Srinivas Reddy on Thursday announced that financial assistance has been sanctioned to 21 beneficiaries from the Journalists' Welfare Fund.

Speaking at the fifth meeting of the Journalists' Welfare Fund Committee held at the Telangana Media Academy conference hall in Nampally, Srinivas Reddy said the committee examined 29 applications and approved assistance for the families of 17 deceased journalists and four working journalists suffering from serious accidents and prolonged illnesses.

He said each family of the deceased journalists would receive financial assistance of Rs 1 lakh and a monthly pension of Rs 3,000 for five years. In addition, tuition fee assistance of Rs 1,000 per month would be provided to two children from each family studying between LKG and Class 10.

Financial aid was also sanctioned to four working journalists undergoing treatment for severe health issues, he added.

Information department joint director D.S. Jagan, Media Academy secretary Nagulapalli Venkateswara Rao, accounts officer Poorna Chander Rao, manager D.R.S. Shaileshwar Reddy and others attended the meeting.

## US Foundation Donates ₹85 Lakh for Mining Engineering Infrastructure at Osmania University

(Capital Information)

**Hyderabad** : The Department of Mining Engineering at the University College of Engineering, Osmania University has received major financial support for infrastructure development, with the Tella Sakamoto Foundation sanctioning a contribution of US\$100,000 for construction of a new departmental building.

Officials said the funding would support the development of modern classrooms, laboratories, research facilities and advanced academic infrastructure for the department.

As the first instalment under the commitment, a cheque of ₹40 lakh was formally handed over to the Telangana State Education Welfare and Infrastructure Development Corporation (TGEWIDC) through the Alumni Association of University College of Engineering, Osmania University.

Vice-Chancellor Kumar Molugaram expressed gratitude to T. Gopal Rao, an alum-



nus from the first batch of Mining Engineering at the college, for facilitating the support from the US-based foundation.

The cheque disbursement ceremony was attended by Principal P. Chandra Sekhar, Vice-Principal B. Mangu, representatives of the alumni association, faculty members and officials from TGEWIDC.

In another contribution, Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) donated ₹10 lakh for construction of the

Mining Engineering department building.

The cheque was handed over by Tadaboina Srinivas to the college principal.

College authorities thanked both the Tella Sakamoto Foundation and SCCL for supporting technical education and infrastructure development at the institution.

P. Chandra Sekhar said the funds would be utilised transparently and efficiently for timely (Cont. on Pg 2)



## Jagtial to Complete 100% Paddy Procurement in 15 Days, Says Minister

(Capital Information)

**Jagtial** : State social welfare Minister Adhuri Laxman Kumar reviewed paddy procurement and said Jagtial ranks 6th in the state. Of the estimated 5 lakh MT yield, 2.62 lakh MT has been procured so far, with 2.40 lakh MT still at centers.

He directed officials to complete 100% procurement in 15 days. The Minister noted procurement sped up after CM Revanth Reddy eased norms. High paddy and maize yields caused transport and storage issues, but special arrangements are in place.

MLA Dr. Sanjay Kumar said procurement is four times last year's. Collector Satya Prasad added that mills have only 1 lakh MT storage left, while 2.49 lakh MT is at centers. Paddy will be shifted to Muthyampet, Sircilla, and Peddapalli to manage storage.

## SP Conducts Crime Review Meeting with District Police Officials

### Tight Security Arrangements for Bakrid Festival

(Capital Information)

**MAHABUBNAGAR** : District Superintendent of Police D. Janaki, IPS, conducted the monthly crime review meeting with district police officials at the District Police Headquarters Conference Hall on Thursday.

The meeting focused on the review of various crimes registered across the district, progress of investigations, pending cases, crimes against women and children, cybercrimes, road accidents, narcotics control, and measures to curb ganja and illegal transportation activities.

The SP instructed police officers to ensure speedy



and quality investigation in every case so that justice is delivered promptly to victims. She directed officers to give special attention to pending warrants, PT warrants, bind-

over cases, grievance petitions, and issues related to women's safety.

In view of the upcoming Bakrid festival, the SP ordered strict security arrange-

ments across the district to maintain law and order and ensure peaceful celebrations. She also emphasized intensified surveillance on history-sheeters and habitual offenders to prevent criminal activities.

Focusing on road safety, the SP directed officials to strictly enforce helmet and seatbelt regulations and continue regular drunk-and-drive checks to reduce road accidents. She further instructed officers to take stringent action against narcotic substances and ensure that illegal drug activities are completely eradicated from the district.

The SP also advised police personnel to behave courteously with the public in police stations and provide prompt services to complainants. She emphasized that every officer must perform duties responsibly and maintain professionalism while dealing with citizens.

Additional SP NB Rathnam, DSPs Venkateshwarlu, Ramana Reddy and Balaji, Inspectors Appaiah, Mohammed Ajazuddin, Mothiram, Nagarjuna Goud and Krishnaiah, CIs Gandhi Naik and Ramakrishna, IT Cell SI Raghavendra, along with other police officials, attended the meeting.

## Telangana Announces Major Minimum Wage Hike for Over 1.11 Crore Workers

(Cont. from Pg 1) generation, the Chief Minister said the government has directed Singareni Collieries Company Limited to ensure 80 per cent local recruitment within a month.

Industries receiving government incentives, land allocations or approvals will also be encouraged to prioritise recruitment of local youth, while allowing external hiring for specialised skill requirements.

Mr. Reddy also addressed concerns regarding exploitation by fraudulent overseas employment agents, particularly in regions such as Jagityal, Karimnagar, Sircilla and Korutla, where many families have historically faced difficulties linked to Gulf migration.

He said the government would introduce stronger safeguards to protect job seekers from illegal recruitment practices.

Among other announcements, the Chief Minister said paddy procurement in the State had reached 80 per cent and the remaining procurement process would be completed shortly.

Referring to the Supreme Court's observations on caste census, he said Telangana had already conducted a comprehensive socio-economic survey including caste enumeration and urged the Centre to include caste census in national exercises.

The Chief Minister said the government was focusing on long-term planning to address economic challenges arising from global developments such as wars, inflation and rising fuel prices.



## Architect of Modern India – Late Rajiv Gandhi: TGIIC Chairperson Nirmala Jaggareddy

(Capital Information)

**Sangareddy** : On the occasion of the death anniversary of former Minister of India, late Rajiv Gandhi, Congress leaders paid rich tributes on Thursday in Sangareddy Town. TGIIC Chairperson Nirmala Jaggareddy garlanded the statue of Rajiv Gandhi at Rajiv Park in the town and paid floral tributes. A large number of Congress leaders and party workers participated in the program and remembered the services of Rajiv Gandhi.

Speaking on the occasion, Nirmala Jaggareddy praised the contributions of Rajiv Gandhi towards the development of the country. She said that he played a

key role in building modern India and that his efforts in creating opportunities for youth and laying the foun-

and social equality would remain an inspiration for generations to come. Later,

at the Sangareddy Govern-

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Child Hospital, Nir-

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distributed fruits to

patients. She en-

quired about their

health conditions

and offered words

of encouragement.

TPCC General

Secretary Topaji

Anantha Kishan,

Sangareddy Muni-

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Koona Vanitha

Santosh, CDC

Chairman Gadila

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Congress leaders,

party workers,

women leaders,

and others participated in the

program.



## Strict Vigil Against Illegal Cattle Transportation Ahead of Bakrid : SP Inspects Special Checkposts

### District Police Intensify Vehicle Checks; Farmers Advised Not to Dry Paddy on Roads

(Capital Information)

**MAHABUBNAGAR** : In view of the upcoming Bakrid festival, District Superintendent of Police D. Janaki conducted a surprise inspection of special checkposts set up to curb illegal cattle transportation in the Midjil Police Station limits on Thursday.

During the inspection, the SP instructed police personnel on duty to carry out stringent vehicle checks and thoroughly inspect suspicious vehicles. She directed officials to take strict action against those involved in illegal cattle transportation and maintain heightened vigilance, especially during night hours.

Speaking on the occasion, the SP said that special surveillance has been intensified across all checkposts



in the district to completely prevent illegal cattle transportation during the festival season.

She stated that continuous vehicle inspections are

being conducted on inter-district routes and warned that strict legal action would be taken against anyone involved in unlawful activities.

Later, the SP visited the

Midjil Police Station and reviewed the station premises, record maintenance, and the performance of police personnel. She instructed the staff to ensure better public

services and resolve public grievances promptly. The officials were also directed to focus on maintaining law and order and strengthening crime prevention measures within the station limits.

The SP also made a special appeal to farmers, urging them not to dry paddy or grains on roads. She cautioned that drying grains on roads could cause vehicles to skid and lead to serious road accidents.

Keeping public safety in mind, she requested farmers to use safe locations away from roads for drying grains and avoid causing inconvenience to motorists.

Mahesh, Rural Circle Inspector of Jadcherla, Srinivas of Midjil Police Station, and other police personnel participated in the inspection.

## Collector Conducts Surprise Inspection in Lingala Mandal; Stresses Transparency in Paddy and Maize Procurement

### Quality Standards Must Be Maintained in Indiramma Housing Construction: Collector Hemant Keshav Patil

(Badam pavan kumar)

(Capital Information)

**Nagarkurnool** : District Collector Hemant Keshav Patil conducted a surprise inspection of several government development and welfare programmes in Lingala mandal of Achampet constituency on Thursday morning. He reviewed the services being provided to farmers at maize and paddy procurement centres, inspected the progress of Indiramma housing construction works, and assessed the ongoing census-related activities at the village level. During the visit, the Collector gathered details directly from the field and issued key instructions to officials of the concerned departments.

The Collector first visited the Primary Agricultural Co-operative Society (PACS) procurement centre in Lingala mandal headquarters



and inspected the paddy and maize procurement process. He enquired with officials about the grain procurement procedure, weighing process, quality standards, and maintenance of records.

He directed officials to ensure complete transparency in the procurement process and instructed that payments to farmers should be credited to their bank accounts with-

out delay. The Collector emphasized that procurement operations should be planned efficiently so that farmers do not have to wait for long hours at the centres.

Stating that the government stands firmly with farmers, he said officials should work in coordination to ensure procurement of every grain produced by farmers. He instructed officials to

arrange sufficient lorries in advance for transportation of procured grain and ensure that farmers face no inconvenience while selling their produce. He also directed that minimum facilities such as drinking water, shade, and tarpaulins be made available at procurement centres.

Later, the Collector visited houses being constructed under the Indiramma Housing Scheme in Lingala village and reviewed the progress of the works. He interacted directly with beneficiaries and enquired about the government assistance being provided, availability of construction materials, and difficulties being faced during construction.

The Collector instructed engineering officials to ensure that the houses are

completed quickly while strictly adhering to quality standards. He directed officials to ensure timely supply of sand and other required construction materials so that works do not come to a halt and asked them to maintain continuous monitoring of the projects.

He stated that the government is implementing the Indiramma Housing Scheme with the objective of providing dignified housing to poor families and urged officials to act responsibly. The Collector also instructed officials to complete houses that are in the final stage and make them ready for housewarming ceremonies. Further, he directed officials to identify additional eligible beneficiaries in the village and prepare plans for sanctioning houses under the second phase of the Indiramma Housing Scheme.



## District-Level Meeting on Praja Palana Pragathi Pranalika Today : Collector Khushboo Gupta

(Capital Information)

**MAHABUBNAGAR** : A district-level meeting under the 99-day Praja Palana Pragathi Pranalika programme will be held today (May 22) at 10:30 am in the conference hall of the Mahabubnagar District Collectorate, District Collector Khushboo Gupta announced.

The Collector stated that district ministers, Members of Parliament, Members of the Legislative Council, Members of the Legislative Assembly, district officials, and public representatives will participate in the meeting.

## Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla Takes Holy Dip at Kaleshwaram Pushkar Ghat

(Cont. from Pg 1) for the happiness, peace, prosperity and good health of the people of the State.

The visit assumed spiritual significance as thousands of devotees continue to throng Kaleshwaram to take part in the sacred river festival.

## MINISTER ASSURES INDIRAMMA HOUSES FOR ELIGIBLE FAMILIES

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MLA Dr. Matta Ragamayee Dayanand said that 3,500 Indiramma houses had been sanctioned in the first phase in Sathupalli constituency and that housewarming ceremonies had already been completed for 1,500 beneficiaries. IDC Chairman Muvva Vijay Babu stated that the government introduced the Bhu Bharati portal to resolve land-related problems that arose due to failures of previous governments.

Additional Collector P. Srinivasa Reddy, Kallur Sub-Collector Ajay Yadav, ACP Vasundhara Yadav, CI Tummalapalli Srihari, FDO Shehalatha, Municipal Chairperson Rehana Begum, AMC Chairmen Doma Anand Babu and Bhagam Neeraja Prabhakar Chowdary, district officials of various departments, public representatives, councillors, sarpanches, ward members, farmers, and others participated in the programme.z



## Heritage Walk and Cleanliness Drive Conducted at Protected Archaeological Site

(Capital Information)

**MAHABUBNAGAR** : As part of the Prajapalana-Pragathi Pranalika programme, the Department of Heritage organized a Heritage Walk and cleanliness drive on Thursday at the protected archaeological site of Gollathagudi in Alwanpally village of Jadcherla mandal.

Local Sarpanch S. Das Yadav, villagers and visitors participated in the programme. Speaking on the occasion, the Assistant Director of Pillalamarri Museum from the Department of Heritage explained that the Gollathagudi site is renowned for the remains of a Jain temple dating back to the 7th and 8th centuries, its unique brick architecture and Jain sculptures unearthed during excavations.

Sculptures of Mahavira, Parshvanatha and other Jain figures reflect the rich historical significance of the site, visitors were informed. Awareness was also created on the importance of preserving heritage wealth and protecting ancient monuments.

The programme was conducted with the objective of promoting public awareness on heritage conservation.

## US Foundation Donates ₹85 Lakh for Mining Engineering Infrastructure at Osmania University

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He said the proposed infrastructure would strengthen academic standards, research capabilities and training facilities in Mining Engineering.

Faculty members, students and alumni of the department also expressed appreciation for the philanthropic support extended towards improving technical education facilities at Osmania University.

## Eatala Rajender Reviews Malkajgiri Development: Urges Allocation of Ample Funds

**(Capital Information)**  
**Medchal-Malkajgiri Bureau**  
 : A high-level review meeting on various developmental works under the Malkajgiri Municipal Corporation was held at Hotel Swagath Grand in Nagole, with Malkajgiri MP Eatala Rajender participating as the chief guest.



Speaking on the occasion, the MP noted that since the newly formed Malkajgiri Municipal Corporation integrates several municipalities and villages, a unique set of diverse civic challenges has emerged. He highlighted that Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, who previously represented Malkajgiri as its Member of Parliament and currently holds the Municipal Administration portfolio, possesses a comprehensive understanding of the constituency's long-standing grievances.

bringing together MPs, MLAs, former corporators, and key leaders from all political parties to address both law-and-order concerns and developmental projects.

The MP further disclosed that the Chief Minister had suggested organizing an all-encompassing meeting under the leadership of the Malkajgiri Municipal Commissioner and Police Commissioner,

A major portion of the meeting was dedicated to evaluating the severe health hazards and public grievances caused by the Jawaharnagar dumping yard. Eatala Rajender emphasized that a permanent remedy is imperative and can only be achieved through the collective cooperation of all political parties and regions. He stated

that since government officials might not always be fully aware of grassroots difficulties, elected representatives must step forward to resolve them.

Detailed deliberations were held regarding the removal of water hyacinth from local lakes, preventing sewage influx into water bodies, fixing the shortage of CCTV cameras to curb thefts, and resolving issues related to central lighting, drinking water scarcity, and deficient drainage networks. Given the scale of these tasks, he urged

the state government to sanction massive grants to ensure the new corporation functions without any budget constraints.

Emphasizing that development remains a collective responsibility irrespective of political affiliations, the Malkajgiri MP stressed that the welfare of the people is paramount. He pointed out that residents are suffering not only due to Jawaharnagar but also because of several smaller dumping yards scattered across areas like Macha Bollaram. He assured that all such smaller dumping grounds would be comprehensively studied to implement sustainable, permanent solutions with the cooperation of an all-party consensus.

The review meeting saw the participation of Malkajgiri Municipal Commissioner Vinay Krishna Reddy, MLAs Sabitha Indra Reddy, Lakshma Reddy, Sudheer Reddy, Rajasekhar Reddy, and Malla Reddy, alongside several municipal chairpersons, public representatives, and concerned departmental officials.

## Complete General Transfers Within the Scheduled Time : Demand by State Polytechnic SC/ST Lecturers Association

**(Capital Information)**

**Hyderabad** : The State Polytechnic SC/ST Lecturers Association expressed happiness over the decision of the State Government to undertake General Transfers for employees from 01/05/2026 to 31/05/2026 in the interest of employee welfare. However, the Association expressed concern that in some departments, a few employees are trying to stop or postpone their transfers by taking Census duties with the support of higher officials. The Association pointed out that while some officers seek exemption from Election duties by citing their higher positions, they are now using Census duties as a reason to avoid transfers, causing injustice to ordinary employees.



The Association demanded that the Government strictly implement the General Transfer Guidelines

and complete transfers for all eligible employees before 31/05/2026 without fail. Employees assigned Census duties may also be transferred first and allowed to participate in Census work after joining at their new places of posting.

The Association stated that if transfers are not completed now, many eligible employees will suffer serious injustice, especially those who are going to retire within one year. After render-

ing nearly 34 years of government service, this may be their last opportunity for transfer, and therefore the Government should give special consideration to such employees.

The Association also expressed concern that some departments have not yet started the transfer process. Particularly in the Technical Education Department, transfer procedures in Government Polytechnics have not yet begun, causing anxiety among employees who are nearing retirement.

The Association appealed to the Chief Minister, the Commissioner of Technical Education, and the Principal Secretary, Higher Education Department, to immediately intervene and ensure speedy implementation of transfers as per Government guidelines, since only one week of time remains.

## Suryapet Collector Urges Public to Stay Cautious Amid Rising Temperatures

**(Capital Information)**

**Suryapet** : District Collector Tejas Nand Lal Pawar, in a statement, advised people to remain alert and take necessary precautions as temperatures and heat intensity are expected to rise in the district over the next four days. He especially urged people to take special care of the elderly, pregnant women, lactating mothers, and small children.



Avoid Going Outdoors at Midday:

The Collector stated that heat intensity would be very high from 12 noon to 4 PM, and people should avoid going outside unless absolutely necessary.

Consume More Fluids: People should drink water frequently even if they do not feel thirsty. Consuming buttermilk, lemon juice, coconut water, and ORS solution can help prevent heatstroke.

Choice of Clothing: People should wear cotton

clothes while going outside. They should also use caps, scarves, or umbrellas to protect themselves from the heat.

A control room has been set up at the Collectorate office.

Control Room Number: 6281492368

## Execute Employment Guarantee Works in Line with Government Targets : Collector Garima Agrawal

**(Capital Information)**

**Rajanna Sircilla Bureau** : Rajanna Sircilla District Collector Garima Agrawal has issued directives to ensure that Employment Guarantee Scheme works are executed in accordance with the government's targets.

On Thursday, the District Collector inspected the ongoing Employment Guarantee works at the 'Oora Cheruvu' (village tank) in the Thangallapalli mandal headquarters, being carried out under the 'Jala Sanchay - Jan Bhagidari' initiative.

Speaking on the occasion, the District Collector instructed officials to provide employment opportunities to laborers under the Employment Guarantee Scheme in alignment with the



government's objectives. She ordered that measures be taken to ensure a daily attendance of 150 laborers at the worksites.

She further directed that essential amenities—such as shade facilities, drinking water, and ORS packets—be made readily available at the work locations. She also urged illiterate laborers to avail themselves

of educational opportunities under the 'ULLAS' program. Furthermore, she called upon farmers to cultivate fine-variety paddy during the upcoming Kharif season.

**Inspection at Procurement Center**

The District Collector also inspected the procurement center operated by the Primary Agricultural Cooperative Soci-

ety (PACS) located in the Thangallapalli mandal headquarters. She inquired about the quantity of grain received so far, the volume procured, and the specific rice mills to which the procured grain had been transported.

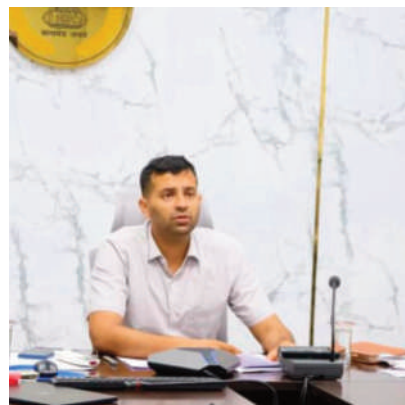
She issued instructions to ensure the immediate transportation of procured grain to rice mills and warehouses, directing transport contractors to promptly arrange the necessary vehicles for this purpose.

DRDO Lakshminarayana, DCSO Buchibabu, District Agriculture Officer Afzal Begum, Cooperative Officer Ramakrishna, Sarpanch Lakshmirajam, MPDO Ramesh, In-charge Tahsildar Murali, and others participated in the inspection.

## Collector Serious Over Negligence in Paddy Procurement at Hatnoor Show Cause Notices Issued to DCO, Hatnoor MPDO and APM

**Negligence in Paddy Procurement Will Not Be Tolerated : Collector**

**(Capital Information)**  
**Sangareddy** : District Collector Prateek Jain expressed serious displeasure over negligence, lack of coordination, and monitoring failures in paddy procurement operations in Hatnoor mandal. In view of the difficulties being faced by farmers,



the Collector issued show cause notices to District Cooperative Officer (DCO) Kiran Kumar, Hatnoor MPDO B. Shankar, and Assistant Project Manager (APM) Rajashekhar.

The Collector stated that paddy procurement activities in Hatnoor Mandal were not being carried out satisfactorily and that serious deficiencies had been observed in supervision, monitoring, and coordination at the procurement centres. Despite repeated instructions issued to the concerned officials, there had been no noticeable improvement in the situation, resulting in severe inconvenience to farmers, he said.

Collector further observed that ineffective field-level supervision, delays in the procurement process, and lack of coordination among the concerned departments and agencies were adversely affecting procurement operations. He emphasized that it is the responsibility of the officials concerned to ensure timely completion of paddy procurement without causing inconvenience to farmers.

Making it clear that negligence in paddy procurement would not be tolerated, in this regard, show cause notices were issued to the concerned officials directing them to submit their explanation within three days.

## Start Employment Guarantee Works by 5:30 AM; Ensure More Workdays for Labourers: Collector Hemant Keshav Patil

**Negligence in MGNREGA Works Will Invite Action, Warns Collector During Field Inspection in Lingala Mandal**

**(Badam pavan kumar)**

**(Capital Information)**

**Nagarkurnool** : District Collector Hemant Keshav Patil directed officials to expedite all Wage Component and Material Component works being taken up under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGA) and ensure that all planned development works are immediately grounded and completed within the stipulated timeframe.

On Thursday morning, the Collector visited Suraram village in Lingala mandal of Achampet constituency and inspected land levelling works being carried out by MGNREGA labourers as part of agriculture-support activities. During the field visit, he interacted with officials and workers and enquired about the progress and implemen-



tation of the works.

Speaking on the occasion, Collector Hemant Keshav Patil said that the government's primary objective is to enhance employment opportunities in rural areas while effectively implementing development works.

He instructed officials to ensure that works taken up in every village are completed without delay and stressed that wage component works providing maximum employment to labourers should

be given top priority. He also directed that quality standards must be strictly followed in material component works.

The Collector instructed officials to speed up works related to tank development, canal construction, rural road repairs, rainwater harvesting structures, and afforestation activities.

He stated that the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGA) will continue only until June 30 this

year and that a new "VBG Ram" scheme will come into effect from July 1. He advised officials to prepare an action plan in advance for the implementation of the new scheme.

He emphasized the need for continuous monitoring of every work undertaken in villages and said that only people-centric and beneficial development activities should be prioritized. He also directed officials to ensure timely payment of wages to labourers and warned that strict action would be taken against officials showing negligence in execution of works.

The Collector interacted with workers and enquired about their daily wages. He instructed officials to

begin works every day at 5:30 AM and ensure timely uploading of labour attendance and work details online.

Lingala Tahsildar Venkat, MPDO, Man-

dal Education Officer Basheer, officials from concerned departments, mandal-level staff, and village public representatives participated in the programme.

## SP Dr. Vineeth IPS Unveils On-Site FIR System in Narayanpet District

**District Police teams now reach victims directly to register cases and initiate immediate legal action**

**(Capital Information)**

**Narayanpet** : In a major step towards bringing policing closer to the public, Narayanpet district police are effectively implementing the On-Site FIR system, enabling police services to reach citizens directly at the scene of the incident, said District Superintendent of Police Dr. Vineeth IPS in a press statement.

FIR, ensuring swift response and faster justice for victims.

Speaking on the occasion, the SP said the Narayanpet District Police Department is leveraging modern technology to provide transparent, reliable, and prompt police services.

The On-Site FIR system has been introduced particularly to assist victims who face difficulties in travelling to police stations during emergencies or distress situations.

The service is proving highly beneficial in cases involving crimes against women and children, road accidents, thefts, rob-



beries, disputes, missing persons, sexual harassment, child marriages, ragging incidents, and other emergencies. It is especially helpful for senior citizens, persons with

disabilities, and people living in rural areas. The SP stated that citizens can dial emergency helpline 100 or directly contact the concerned police officials to report inci-

dents. Upon receiving information, police teams immediately reach the spot, register the case, and initiate necessary action without delay.

Our goal is to ensure that police assistance reaches people quickly, wherever the problem occurs. Immediate response at the scene not only saves time but also helps in conducting investigations more efficiently and effectively," the SP said.

He further added that the district police are committed to maintaining friendly relations with the public and strengthening the sense of security among citizens. People

are encouraged to approach the police without fear and report their grievances confidently.

Dr. Vineeth assured that the police department remains fully committed to responding responsibly to every complaint and ensuring justice for every victim. He also noted that several victims have already received speedy relief and justice through the successful implementation of the On-Site FIR system.

The SP urged the public not to hesitate in sharing information with the police, assuring that the department will stand firmly by every victim in times of need.

**GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA**  
**Revenue Department**  
**Office of the District Collector : Adilabad**  
**FORM - VII**  
**(DECLARATION)**

Under Section 19(1) and State Rule 25(1) of the Right to Fairness in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Right to Reasonable Compensation Act, 2013 (Central Act 30/2013)  
 Dist., Col. File No. G1/1371/2024 Date : 05.2026  
 RDO File No. B/225/2025 Date : 05.2026

The land acquisition notice is hereby issued for the construction of a project for the construction of Adilabad Municipality STPs under the Amrit Project 2.0 scheme in the total area of A.1.20 Guntas of land in Anukunta village, Adilabad (Rural) Mandal, Adilabad district specified below.

This Amrit Project 2.0 scheme is exempted from the purview of Chapter-II and III of the Right to Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Compensation Act, 2013, vide Government Order G.O.R.T. No.762, MA&UD (UBS) Department dated:29.09.2023.

Therefore, the total area of land in Anukunta village, Adilabad (Rural) Mandal, Adilabad district, A.1.20 Guntas is required for the construction of Municipality STPs under the above mentioned Amrit Project 2.0 scheme. Advertisement (5) is hereby issued for the acquisition of land as shown in the annexure below.

**SCHEDULE**  
**Village : Anukunta Mandal : Adilabad (Rural)**  
**Dist : Adilabad**

Sl. No.	Sy. No.	Beat No.	Survey Area	Patta	Employment	Pattadar Name	Kastu	Trees/ dar/ Bore well/ Owner
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	73/ 1/2	73/ 13	1.20	Lavuni Patta	1.20	Kavati Ramulu S/o Pochhanna	Own	No
<b>Total</b>					<b>1.20</b>	<b>1.20</b>		

After examining the objections raised on land acquisition under Section 15 (Central Act 30/2013), this declaration has been issued. The total area of the Patta Bhumi/Government land A.1.20 Guntas in Anukunta Village in Adilabad (Rural) Mandal of Adilabad District has been identified.

The above plan of the lands to be acquired will be available for inspection at the office of the District Collector, Adilabad/ Rajaswa Mandal Revenue Officer, Adilabad on any working day and during office hours.

Sd/- Revenue Divisional Officer & Land Acquisition Officer, Adilabad  
 Sd/- Addl. Collector Adilabad  
 Sd/- District Collector Adilabad

R.O. No. 223/LA-Adv/PPP/2026-27, Dt: 21-5-26

# Editorial UMMID Demonstrates How Science and Public Policy Can Transform Lives

**Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science & Technology, Earth Sciences, and Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office, Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr. Jitendra Singh today dedicated the UMMID (Unique Methods of Management of Inherited Disorders) Programme for Rare Genetic Disorders/ Diseases to the Nation and said India is steadily entering an era where healthcare, diagnosis and treatment will increasingly become genome-based, precision-driven and individualized according to the genetic profile of every patient.**

**Dr. Jitendra Singh said inherited and rare genetic disorders**

**remained neglected for decades because diagnosis itself was difficult, treatment inaccessible and medicines either unavailable or prohibitively expensive, making it essential to build a coordinated national mechanism to make diagnosis and management feasible, affordable and accessible for all families.**

**Describing UMMID as a major step towards the future of precision medicine in India, the Minister said the initiative would also prepare the country's healthcare ecosystem for the next generation of gene and genome-based medical care.**

**The Union Minister was addressing a special function organised by the Department of Biotechnology for dedication of the UMMID Network to the Na-**

**tion at Prithvi Bhawan, New Delhi. On the occasion, the Minister also released the UMMID Compendium and launched the UMMID Dashboard aimed at strengthening nationwide access to diagnostics, counselling, outreach and programme monitoring for inherited disorders.**

**The event was attended by Secretary, Department of Biotechnology and Director General, BRIC, Dr. Rajesh S. Gokhale; Senior Adviser, DBT, Dr. Suchita Ninawe; senior scientists, clinicians, healthcare professionals, representatives of UMMID implementing institutions and officials from scientific and healthcare organisations across the country.**

**Referring to the healthcare reforms introduced under Prime**

**Minister Narendra Modi's leadership over the last decade, Dr. Jitendra Singh said the Government has consistently focused on healthcare that is affordable, accessible, preventive and citizen-centric. He said India has expanded wellness centres, strengthened health insurance coverage and widened access to affordable medicines while simultaneously building systems for early detection and preventive healthcare.**

**The Minister said inherited and rare genetic disorders represent a silent but deeply challenging public health burden, where families often spend years moving from one hospital to another in search of diagnosis and treatment. He said despite affecting comparatively smaller populations, these dis-**

**orders impose enormous emotional, social and financial hardship on affected families and therefore deserve the same level of national attention and healthcare sensitivity as any other major disease burden.**

**Sharing his perspective as a medical professional, Dr. Jitendra Singh said rare genetic disorders historically received limited attention in mainstream medical education and healthcare practice because of their low prevalence and complex diagnosis process. He said this often resulted in delayed diagnosis, lack of awareness and inadequate treatment access for patients. He added that India's vast genetic diversity further makes the challenge more complex and requires a robust ecosys-**

**tem of early screening, genetic diagnostics, prenatal counselling, clinician training and community outreach.**

**Appreciating the Department of Biotechnology for taking up a difficult but socially transformative mission, Dr. Jitendra Singh said UMMID demonstrates how science, compassion and public policy can come together to reduce suffering through timely intervention and preventive healthcare. He said the programme has successfully established a national framework integrating genetic diagnostics, prenatal and newborn screening, genetic counselling, clinician capacity-building and community outreach under a unified public health model.**

## Final Electoral Roll to be Officially Published by October 1, 2026 : Collector Koya Sriharsha

(Capital Information)

**Peddapalli Bureau :** The Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of the electoral rolls will be implemented across the three assembly constituencies of Peddapalli district, culminating in the official publication of the final voter list on October 1, 2026. District Collector Koya Sriharsha announced the schedule in an official statement on Thursday, emphasizing that all arrangements have been finalized to ensure a completely transparent and error-free compilation process. He noted that the revision will proceed systematically in strict adherence to the timeline prescribed by the Election Commission.

The Collector disclosed the comprehensive roadmap for the revision process, specifying that individuals attaining 18 years of age by October 1, 2026, will be eligi-



ble for enrollment. According to the gazettted timeline, comprehensive training programs for election personnel along with the printing of necessary statutory forms will be conducted between June 15 and June 24. This will be followed by a month-long intensive door-to-door verification drive led by Booth Level Officers (BLOs) across the district from June

25 to July 24.

The administrative schedule further mandates that the rationalization of polling stations must be completed by July 24, paving the way for the official publication of the integrated draft electoral roll on July 31. Citizens and political stakeholders will be permitted to file claims and objections regarding the draft list from July 31 to August 30. The district administration will thoroughly review and dispose of all received claims and objections between July 31 and September 28, ensuring a clear deck for the formal release of the final electoral roll on October 1, 2026.

Collector Koya Sriharsha directed all Electoral Registration Officers (EROs), As-

sistant Electoral Registration Officers (AEROs), and Tahsildars to execute their designated duties with absolute precision. He explicitly instructed the BLOs to systematically visit every household during the month-long survey to facilitate the enrollment of new eligible voters, rectify existing clerical errors, and delete entries pertaining to deceased or permanently migrated individuals.

Furthermore, he ordered senior officials to impart thorough training to BLOs and supervisors on advanced IT applications and tech-driven verification methods, while proactively deploying additional personnel in vacancies where required.

The District Collector concluded by appealing to all eligible citizens to utilize this opportunity to verify their details and ensure full democratic participation.

## Grain Procurement to Be Completed in Four Days : Collector Tejas Nand Lal Pawar

(Capital Information)

**Suryapet :** District Collector Tejas Nand Lal Pawar stated that the paddy procurement process in the district is being accelerated and will be completed fully within the next four days.

On Thursday, the Collector conducted surprise inspections at several rice mills in Maddirala and Nuthankal mandals to review the paddy unloading process. Speaking to the media, he said that so far, 2.80 lakh metric tonnes of paddy have been procured in the district, and ₹437 crore has already been deposited into the bank accounts of farmers.

He said that officials are continuously monitoring tab entries and tally sheets every day to ensure the immediate procurement of the remaining paddy.

The Collector explained that special measures have been taken to speed up pro-



urement and ensure smooth unloading of lorries at rice mills.

An in-charge officer has been appointed for every procurement center, and a senior officer along with a police officer has been assigned to supervise unloading operations daily.

At present, the district is procuring and transporting 9,000 to 10,000 metric tonnes of paddy to mills every day, he said. District officials are constantly touring the field to ensure there are no transportation

issues and to resolve any logistical problems immediately.

Collector Tejas Nand Lal Pawar assured farmers that the administration is giving top priority to paddy procurement over the next four days and that there is no need for farmers to worry.

DRDO Sanyasayya, Additional Feed Officer Chandrasekhar, Maddirala MPDO Satyanarayana Reddy, Nuthankal MPDO Sunitha, and others participated in the program.

## THE BEAUTY OF MEDAK TOURISM SHOULD BE UNIVERSALISED WITH REELS : COLLECTOR PRATIMA SINGH

(Capital Information)

**Medak :** Medak district Collector Pratima Singh called upon the influencers to universalize the tourism beauty of Medak district with reels and introduce the great fame of Medak district to the world from local to global.

On Thursday, Medak District Collector held a special meeting on 'Influencer Reels Competition' at the Collectorate Conference Hall. The District Collector had a face-to-face discussion with influencers, media representatives and social media handlers on this competition which is being organized to introduce Medak district tourism to the world. The rules of the Reels Competition, registration process, prize details etc. were explained to them.

On this occasion, the District Collector clarified that as part of the 99-day Public Governance Development Plan Tourism Week, an 'Influencer Reels Competition' will be organized for the first time in an innovative manner to bring branding to many tourist areas in Medak district. She said that reels with 4K video quality will have to be submit-



ted on the tourist spots of Medak district. Those who are interested can submit their videos from May 21 to May 30 at 5 pm in the District Civil Relations Department office and can send them online via WhatsApp to DPRO Raju 9949922291 and APRO Babu 9701306838 numbers.

The winners of the competitions will be given cash incentives on June 2. Medak district is said to have many tourist areas with a mix of spiritual temples, nature tourism centers, waterfalls, sanctuaries beauty and tribal culture traditions. She said that more number of tourists are likely to come to the tourist areas from the month of June. Medak district extends a warm invitation to all of them.

Through the Reels Com-

petition, they want to create reels with complete details and attractiveness to the tourists so as to get good branding for the tourist areas of Medak district. Tourism Day Tourist Guide Poster unveiled. She said that applications are being sought for tourist guides and such applications will be processed as per the rules.

Additional Collector Nagesh, Professor Arjun Rao Kutadi, Director, Department of Archeology and Museums Dr. P. Nagaraju Deputy Director (Museums) Narasinghe, Deputy Director (Eng) DPRO Ramachandra Raju, Youth Sports Management Officer Ramesh, journalists, representatives of print and electronic media, YouTubers and others participated.

## Anganwadi Centers in Ruin: Where is the Safety for the Future of India?

(Capital Information)

**Hyderabad :** The Anganwadi center is the very place where a child takes their first steps toward learning, where vital nutrition is provided to infants, and where pregnant women and lactating mothers find essential healthcare support. Yet today, looking at the state of these centers is heartbreaking. Children are spending their formative years in a terrifying atmosphere, never knowing when a dilapidated ceiling might collapse or what danger might strike next. While governments change and budgets shift, the miserable reality of Anganwadis on the ground remains stubbornly the same.

**Operating from Rented Hovels: The Hell of Bare Minimum Amenities**

Across the state, hundreds of Anganwadi centers do not have a building to call their own. They are forced to operate out of cramped rented houses, dilapidated tiled huts, or suffocating tin sheds.

A single tiny room serves as the classroom where children sit, the kitchen where meals are cooked, and the



The lack of proper infrastructure is not just an issue of physical discomfort—it directly sabotages child health. Without a proper kitchen, cooking nutritious meals during the monsoon becomes a nightmare for Anganwadi workers. Due to a lack of safe storage space, expensive food supplies are frequently ruined by dampness, rodents, and pests.

**Where is the System Failing?**

Governments frequently talk about digital classrooms and world-class high school education, but they are completely ignoring the foundational roots—the Anganwadi system. Even when funds are officially sanctioned for building construction, bureaucratic red tape ensures that the money rarely reaches the grassroots level in time. Governments often fail to pay rents for months on end. Out of patience, landlords evict the centers, forcing them to operate under trees or in the corridors of local temples.

**What Needs to be Done Im-**

**mediately?**

Before these centers—meant to nurture a bright future—turn into death traps for innocent children, the government must act.

The authorities must immediately identify dilapidated buildings and release emergency funds to construct permanent, safe structures. Every single center must be equipped with safe, running drinking water and hygienic, functional toilets. Along with government funding, corporate CSR funds should be aggressively funneled into modernizing and adopting Anganwadi centers.

**Conclusion**

The grand speeches delivered on stages proclaiming that "children are the future of the nation" ring hollow within the crumbling walls of our Anganwadis. It is high time for policymakers and officials to wake up and overhaul the system. Providing a safe, healthy, and joyful environment for our youngest citizens is not a charity—it is our collective responsibility.

Polagoni Saidulu  
Senior journalist..

## Ensure Voting Rights for Every Eligible Citizen Is the Main Objective of SIR: Collector Hemant Keshav Patil

### Public Cooperation Essential for Voter List Revision; Draft Electoral Roll to Be Released on July 31

(Badam pavan kumar)

(Capital Information)

**Nagarkurnool :** Nagarkurnool District Collector Hemant Keshav Patil stated that the primary objective of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls is to ensure voting rights for every eligible citizen in the district. He emphasized that officials and political parties must work in coordination to conduct the voter list revision process in a transparent and efficient manner.

The Collector addressed a media conference held on Thursday evening regarding the implementation of the Special Intensive Revision

(SIR) programme in the district.

Speaking on the occasion, the Collector said that the Election Commission of India, under Article 324 of the Constitution and Section 21 of the Representation of the People Act, 1950, has announced the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) programme by fixing October 1, 2026, as the qualifying date.

He noted that Telangana is undertaking a Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls after a gap of 24 years. Previously, the exercise was conducted in 2002 in the erstwhile united Andhra Pradesh. The main objective of the pro-

gramme is to ensure voting rights for every citizen who attains 18 years of age by October 1, 2026.

The Collector explained that maintaining the purity of electoral rolls is a key priority and that the process would also include the deletion of names of deceased voters, migrated persons, and duplicate entries.

He said that the current voter list is being mapped with the 2002 SIR electoral roll. If a voter's name is not found in the old list, details such as the names of parents or grandparents and EPIC numbers must be entered in the enumeration form. He clarified

that no documents are required to be submitted at the initial stage.

He advised political parties to appoint Booth Level Agents (BLAs) at the booth level to monitor the programme effectively. He warned that if the name of an eligible voter is deleted, re-registration through the appeal process would take time. The district administration's goal is to ensure that not a single eligible voter loses their voting right.

As part of the implementation schedule, coordination meetings with BLOs and BLAs will be conducted at the mandal level during the first

week of June. Special training sessions for BLOs and related staff will be held from June 15 to 24. Subsequently, house-to-house surveys will be carried out from June 25 to July 24, during which applications from new voters will be collected.

The Collector stated that every voter will be visited at least three times by the Booth Level Officer (BLO) to collect and verify details. Pre-printed enumeration forms will be provided to existing voters. For new voter registrations, Form-6 along with a declaration form will be accepted. Voters can also independently fill and submit the enumera-

tion form online through the official website of the Election Commission of India.

He appealed to political parties and BLAs to play a key role in creating awareness among the public. They should assist citizens in correctly filling the forms during the house-to-house survey and help officials identify deceased or duplicate voters.

The Collector announced that the draft SIR electoral roll will be released on July 31, 2026. He advised every voter to verify whether their name appears in the draft list and submit objections or new claims by August 30, if necessary. All objections will be re-

solved by September 28, and the final electoral roll will be published on October 1, 2026.

The Collector further urged citizens to submit the enumeration form with complete details when BLOs visit their homes and to obзательно obtain a receipt. If houses remain locked, BLOs will make three visits. He added that if a voter's name is missing from the draft list, they can reapply through Form-6.

Officials and representatives from various print and electronic media organisations participated in the meeting.

### Professor Vedantam Vishnu Bhattacharyulu to deliver Bhagavata discourses at Annacharya Kalamandiram

(Capital Information)

Tirupati : Under the auspices of the Hindu Dharma Prachara Parishad of Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD), a seven-day spiritual discourse on the Bhagavata Mahapurana is scheduled to be held at the Annacharya Kalamandiram in Tirupati. National Sanskrit University Department of Agama Professor Vedantam Vishnu Bhattacharyulu will deliver the discourses.

The spiritual event will commence on May 22 (Friday) and conclude on May 28 (Thursday). The discourses will take place daily in the evening from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM. All devotees are requested to attend and avail themselves of this spiritual opportunity to experience the divine teachings of the Bhagavata Mahapurana.



## TUDA marching ahead on path of progress under guidance of CM Chandrababu Naidu: TUDA Chairman Dollars Divakar Reddy

(Capital Information)

Tirupati : Under the visionary guidance of Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu, the Tirupati Urban Development Authority (TUDA) has achieved remarkable milestones and is accelerating on the path of progress through transparent governance over the past year. Highlighting the achievements on completion of his one-year tenure, Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams Ex-Officio Member and TDP Tirupati Parliament General Secretary TUDA Chairman Dr. Dollars Divakar Reddy addressed a press conference and released a comprehensive progress report. On this successful milestone, the Chairman extended his special greetings to Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu and State Minister Nara Lokesh, while also thanking all the former chairmen of the organization for their contributions. He asserted that his ultimate objective is to make

TUDA the number one urban development authority in Andhra Pradesh with collective cooperation. **Permanent solution to five-decade-old Shettipalli land issue**

The Chairman revealed that the coalition government, shortly after assuming power, provided a permanent solution to the Shettipalli land victims' issue that had been lingering for nearly five decades. Following the directives of the Chief Minister, the government completely waived the registration fee of approximately Rs 17.50 crore, ensuring not a single rupee of financial burden fell on the poor beneficiaries. Through the highly transparent e-dip lottery system, land allotments were successfully completed for 1,711 beneficiaries, including 1,432 housing sites and 279 agricultural sites, along with free registration.

**Record land pooling and unprecedented revenue growth**



In the history of TUDA, a record-breaking 400 acres of land pooling was executed in this single year alone, which is set to generate a revenue of Rs 400 to 500 crore for the organization. Recognizing the public trust in TUDA, layouts spanning 1,500 acres were granted approvals, and permissions were sanctioned for the development of world-class hotels. The innovative development model of TUDA was also showcased through a special presentation in the national capital, New Delhi, and received high appreciation during international vis-

its to Japan, South Korea, and the United Kingdom. **Environmental protection and Operation Swarna**

To safeguard the Swarnamukhi River, which serves as the lifeline of the Tirupati region, TUDA launched the prestigious "Operation Swarna" initiative and accelerated its pace. The organization is working relentlessly to curb illegal encroachments along the riverbed, preserve ecological balance, and enhance groundwater levels. Furthermore, the beautification and development of the Avilala Tank have been fast-

tracked to improve the local environment, while water flow management is being streamlined in close coordination with irrigation department officials. **Infrastructure development and relief from traffic woes**

Mitigating traffic congestion for the residents of Tirupati and visiting pilgrims remains a top priority for the authority. To achieve this, the widening of the main road and the construction of modern drainage systems in the Upparapalli area are being executed rapidly on the ground. Additionally, the shifting works of the Telugu Ganga pipeline are being facilitated utilizing TUDA funds to clear the decks for seamless road construction. Development is being carried out equitably across all nine assembly constituencies under TUDA limits, and residents from neighboring areas are looking forward to being integrated into the authority's jurisdiction. **Transparent governance**

and future blueprint

Reflecting on the active governance over the past year, the Chairman noted that he had personally conducted field inspections alongside convening 3 board meetings, 30 special development meets, and 12 review sessions at the District Collectorate. Outlining future initiatives, he stated that the approval process for resorts and convention centers is being simplified to promote tourism in rural Tirupati. Special focus is also being laid on establishing electric vehicle charging stations and streamlining OEM certification to encourage eco-friendly energy.

Emphasizing that this successful year is merely the beginning, Dr. Dollars Divakar Reddy stated that the staff and officials are working round the clock to develop every village and ward, and extended his heartfelt gratitude to the local public, elected representatives, and officials for their continuous support.

## District Medical Officer Conducts Surprise Inspections at Private Hospitals

(Capital Information)

Mahabubabad : District Medical and Health Officer (DMHO) Dr. B. Ravi Rathod conducted surprise inspections at several private hospitals in Mahabubabad town on Thursday, including Deepthi Hospital, Ponugoti Hospital, Vennela Hospital, and Veerabhadra Hospitals.

Speaking on the occasion, the DMHO instructed hospital managements to prominently display the charges for all services and the facilities available, both in the local language and in English, for the benefit of patients. He also directed that essential documents such as the Clinical Estab-



lishment Registration Certificate, biomedical waste management authorization, pollution control clearances, and other necessary licenses must be displayed in visible locations. Dr. Rathod further emphasized that a list of consultant doctors should be clearly exhibited, along

with emergency contact numbers such as Fire Services (112), Police (100), and Ambulance (108). Adequate signboards for guidance within the hospital premises must also be installed. He warned that failure to comply with registration norms may lead to cancellation of

licenses at any time.

Regarding scanning centres, he stated that only authorized radiologists or gynecologists are permitted to conduct scans for pregnant women.

He reiterated that disclosing the sex of the fetus is a punishable offense under law. All scanning

centres must display boards stating that sex determination is not conducted, both in the scanning rooms and waiting halls. He also instructed that Form-F must be uploaded online on the same day and submitted to the District Medical and Health Office by the 5th of every month.

Additionally, hospital managements were directed to display tariff lists and ensure proper fire safety measures by installing necessary equipment. In-charge POMHN Dr. Virajitha, along with Lokya and Manohar, and others participated in the inspection program.

## RBVRR Telangana Police Academy to Conclude 40th Raising Day Celebrations on May 22

(Capital Information)

Hyderabad : The RBVRR Telangana State Police Academy will hold the closing ceremony of its 40th Raising Day celebrations on May 22 at the Rani Rudrama Devi Auditorium in Hyderabad.

Telangana Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla will attend the programme as the chief guest.

The event marks the culmination of the academy's four decades of service in

police training, professional development and institutional capacity building in Telangana.

Over the years, the academy has emerged as one of the country's leading police training institutions, contributing significantly to modern policing practices, leadership training and law enforcement preparedness.

Senior police officials, officers, trainees and invited dignitaries are expected to participate in the ceremony.

The programme is scheduled to begin at 4.30 p.m., with attendees requested to be seated by 4.15 p.m. Officials said working uniform has been prescribed as the dress code for police personnel attending the event.

The raising day celebrations commemorate the academy's journey in strengthening professional policing standards and enhancing the operational capabilities of law enforcement agencies in the State.

## Massive Fire Accident on Toopran NH-44 Container Lorry Carrying Cars Catches Fire

Fire Accident Raises Safety Concerns on National Highway Demand for Toopran-Manoharabad Fire Station Intensifies again

(Capital Information)

Medak Bureau : A massive fire accident occurred on the NH-44 bypass under the limits of Toopran municipality in

Upon receiving information, Toopran Circle Inspector Venkatraja Goud, SI Gangaraju, police personnel, and other officials rushed to

NH-44 was disrupted for some time.

According to officials, the container was transporting eight Maruti Suzuki cars, including WagonR and Swift models, from Nagpur to Kakinada. The vehicles reportedly suffered heavy damage in the fire accident.

Locals expressed concern that despite fire stations being sanctioned for Toopran and Manoharabad mandals, they are yet to become operational, causing serious difficulties during emergencies. With frequent accidents occurring on the busy NH-44 national highway, residents demanded the immediate establishment of a fire station in the region.



Medak district when a container lorry carrying cars suddenly caught fire. Thick flames rising from the vehicle created panic among motorists travelling on the national highway.

the spot and took up rescue and traffic control measures. Authorities worked hard to bring the fire under control and prevent it from spreading further. Due to the incident, traffic movement on

## Rajiv Gandhi Was a Guiding Force for Youth Politics: Jagadeeshwar Goud

(Capital Information)

Serilingampally: TPCC State General Secretary and Serilingampally Congress Party In-charge V. Jagadeeshwar Goud stated that former Prime Minister late Rajiv Gandhi was a visionary leader who showed a new direction to youth politics in India.

On the occasion of Rajiv Gandhi's death anniversary, Jagadeeshwar Goud, along with local Congress leaders and residents, paid floral tributes to the former Prime Minister's statue at a programme organized by leader Ravi Kumar Naayi at HUDA Cafe in Madinaguda Division under the Serilingampally constituency.

Speaking on the occasion, Jagadeeshwar Goud described Rajiv Gandhi as a transformational leader who laid the foundation for India's Information Technology revolution and contributed immensely to the country's development across various



sectors. He said Rajiv Gandhi stood as a strong support for the poor and worked towards building a modern India.

He recalled several landmark reforms introduced during Rajiv Gandhi's tenure, including lowering the voting age to 18 years, strengthening the Panchayati Raj system, promoting telecom and IT revolutions, introducing computerization, continuing peace accords, empowering women, launching universal immunization programmes, and implementing a new education policy with a focus on

inclusive education.

He further remembered Rajiv Gandhi's leadership during a crucial phase in Indian politics after the assassination of his mother and then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi in 1984, when he took charge of the Congress Party and led the nation forward.

Several Congress leaders and party workers participated in the programme, including Serilingampally Congress Coordinator Raghunandan Reddy, Division President Ali, Bashpaka Yadagiri, Nagesh Nayak,

Nageshwar Rao, Shekhar Mudiraj, Ravinder Reddy, Kavoori Prasad, Mannepalli Sambasiva Rao, Prabhakar Reddy, Kanakamamidi Narendra Goud, Ramulu Goud, Narasimha Goud, Yelamanchi Uday Kiran, Miriyala Preetham, Rajesh, Shiva Kumar, Vishnu, Padma Rao, Soundarya Rajan, Narsing Rao, Venkat Reddy, Sadik, Javed, Ramachander Goud, Narendra Mudiraj, Gopal Nayak, Shankar Goud, Chinna, Karthik Goud, Rizwan, and women Congress leaders Anita, Jaya,

## Mule Account Supplier Arrested by Cyberabad Police in Major Cyber Fraud Crackdown

(Capital Information)

Cyberabad : In a major breakthrough against cyber-enabled financial crimes, the Cyber Crime Unit and Special Operations Team (SOT) of Cyberabad Police jointly arrested a key accused involved in supplying mule bank accounts used for large-scale cyber fraud operations.

The arrested accused has been identified as Dilip Singh (27), a private employee working as a delivery boy, residing at Apuroopa Colony, IDA Jeedimetla, under Quthbullapur Mandal in Medchal-Malkajgiri district. He is originally from Nagaur district of Rajasthan.

According to police, the accused was arrested on May 21, 2026, at around 4:00 AM in connection with Crime No.1040/2026 registered under various sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) and the Information

Technology Act. **Fraud Network Operated Through Social Media**

Investigators revealed that during 2024, the accused came into contact with unidentified persons named "Jordan" and "Pintu Bhaiya" through an Instagram advertisement seeking bank accounts. After clicking the advertisement link, he allegedly communicated with the fraudsters through international WhatsApp numbers.

Police said the accused was promised commissions of Rs.25,000 for every savings account and Rs.50,000 for every current account arranged and supplied to the syndicate.

Despite being fully aware that the accounts would be used for cyber fraud activities such as trading scams, digital arrest frauds, online gaming frauds, part-time job scams and other illegal online finan-



cial activities, the accused allegedly continued supplying bank accounts and linked banking materials for monetary gain.

**Accounts, ATM Cards and SIMs Supplied to Fraudsters**

During investigation, police found that the accused procured and supplied bank

accounts belonging to himself and other individuals. He allegedly collected and handed over ATM cards, SIM cards, passbooks, cheque books and other banking materials to cyber criminals in exchange for commissions.

The fraudsters reportedly used these mule accounts to receive, transfer and withdraw

money cheated from innocent victims across multiple cyber fraud cases.

**Property Seized**

Police seized cash worth Rs.1,02,000, three mobile phones including Realme, iPhone and Vivo devices, 12 debit cards, one credit card, three physical bank passbooks, seven cheque books

and 33 bank passbooks that were allegedly couriered to various states.

**Bank Employees Under Scanner**

During the course of investigation, police also discovered alleged involvement of certain bank employees who reportedly colluded with the accused in facilitating the opening and supply of bank accounts later used in cyber fraud transactions.

Further investigation is underway to identify additional accused persons and trace the wider mule account network.

**Public Advisory Issued**

The Cyberabad Police warned citizens against renting or sharing bank accounts for commissions or easy money offers circulated through social media platforms such as Instagram, Telegram and WhatsApp.

Police advised the public

not to share ATM cards, cheque books, SIM cards, OTPs, internet banking credentials or KYC documents with unknown persons. Officials cautioned that individuals allowing their accounts to be used as mule accounts may face bank account freezing, financial losses, police enquiries, arrests and criminal prosecution.

Students, unemployed youth, delivery agents and gig workers were specifically urged not to fall prey to quick-money offers linked to cyber fraud syndicates. Citizens have been requested to immediately report suspicious cyber activities to the nearest police station or through the National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal.

The case is being investigated under the supervision of Cyber Crimes DCP T. Saimanohar and SOT DCP Shoban Kumar.

## Saraswati Anthya Pushkaralu Begin with Grandeur



(Capital information)

**Jayashankar Bhupalpally, May 21** : Kaleshwaram: The Saraswati Anthya Pushkaralu commenced grandly on Thursday. On the first day of the Pushkaralu, the first holy dip was performed at the sacred confluence at 5:43 AM. The sacred bath was participated in by Kanchi Kamakoti Peethadhipathi Sri Shankara Vijayendra Saraswati Swamiji, IT and Industries Minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu along with his wife, Endowments Minister Konda Surekha, Endowments Department Commissioner Hanumantha Rao, District Collector Rahul Sharma, spiritual advisor Govinda Hari and several other dignitaries. Bhupalpally and Rangareddy constituency MLAs Gandra Satyanarayana Rao and Mal Reddy Rangareddy also took part in the Pushkara Snamam and offered special prayers. A large number of devotees are arriving to take the holy dip during the Pushkaralu. The district administration has made extensive arrangements to ensure that devotees do not face any inconvenience. Facilities related to security, sanitation, drinking water, medical services and transportation have been arranged. District Collector Rahul Sharma stated that all departments are working in coordination to ensure devotees can perform Pushkara Snamam safely and comfortably during this auspicious period.

## Mulugu SP Sudheer Ramnath Kekan Visits Karre Guttalu Along With Officials



(Capital information)

**Mulugu, May 21** : Mulugu SP Sudheer Ramnath Kekan IPS, on Thursday Inspects Road Works from Murumuru to Tadapala; Directs Officials to Expedite Completion. Mulugu District Superintendent of Police Sudheer Ramnath Kekan visited the Karre Guttalu area under Venkatapuram mandal on Wednesday along with police officials. During the visit, the SP inspected the on-going road construction works from Murumuru to Tadapala via Pamunoor, Jalla and Doli. He instructed the concerned contractor to complete the road works at the earliest while strictly maintaining quality standards in the execution of the project. The SP also interacted with police personnel who have been working round the clock by providing security arrangements for the road construction activities. He directed the concerned officials to ensure all necessary facilities for the staff engaged in bandobast duties. Among those present were Eturnagaram ASP Manan Bhatt, Mulugu DSP Ravinder, SB Inspector Shankar, Venkatapuram CI Ramesh, Venkatapuram SI Tirupathi and other police personnel.

## Mulugu SP Sudheer Ramnath Kekan Visits Agricultural Market Storage Centre at Wazeedu



(Capital information)

**Mulugu, May 21** : SP Reviews Maize Procurement and Transportation in the District. Officials Directed to Ensure Immediate Procurement from Farmers and Quick Transportation to Warehouses. Instructions Issued to Provide Necessary Infrastructure Facilities. Mulugu District Superintendent of Police Sudheer Ramnath Kekan visited the Agricultural Market grain storage centre at Wazeedu mandal headquarters on Wednesday along with officials. During the visit, the SP interacted with Market Committee officials and directed them to expedite the procurement of maize from farmers across Mulugu district. He also instructed that the procured maize should be immediately transported to market warehouses to avoid losses to both farmers and traders. The SP advised officials to seek assistance from local authorities in case of shortage of transport vehicles for maize transportation. He further directed local officials to ensure the availability of all necessary infrastructure facilities at the procurement and storage centres. Eturnagaram ASP Manan Bhatt, Mulugu DSP Ravinder, SB Inspector Shankar and Eturnagaram CI Srinivas were also present during the visit.

## Sadyah Pancha Vaham Tyatra Prayagath Koti Shodhikam"

(Capital information)  
**Jayashankar Bhupalpally, May 21** :



Kaleshwaram Triveni Sangamam Echoes with Vedic Chants as Saraswati Anthya Pushkaralu Begin. Kaleshwaram Triveni Sangamam reverberated with Vedic chants as the Saraswati Anthya Pushkaralu commenced ceremonially at 5:43 AM on Thursday. Kaleshwaram, the only sacred place in South India where the Saraswati River is believed to flow as an underground stream (Antarvahini), became the venue for this rare spiritual occasion. In the early hours of Thursday, a grand ceremony was held on the banks of the Triveni Sangamam to invite Pushkarudu into the Saraswati River. Kaleshwaram, known as both a Triveni Sangam Kshetram and Trilinga Kshetram, witnessed this highly rare and sacred event. Until now, Saraswati Anthya Pushkaralu had remained limited to traditional observances, but this time the Telangana State Government is officially organizing the festival.

**Pushkaralu Begin with Ganapati Puja**

The Saraswati Pushkaralu formally began at 5:43 AM at the sacred confluence where the Godavari and Pranahita rivers meet, and where the Saraswati River is believed to emerge as an underground stream. The Pushkar celebrations are being conducted at Saraswati Ghat, previously used as the VIP Ghat during the Godavari Pushkaralu. State IT and Industries Minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu, along with his wife, Endowments Department Principal Secretary Shailaja Ramaier, Endowments Minister Smt. Konda Surekha, Endowments Commissioner Hanumantha Rao, District Collector Rahul Sharma, Bhupalpally MLA Gan-



dra Satyanarayana Rao, Rangareddy MLA Mal Reddy Rangareddy, Trading Corporation Chairman Aita Prakash Reddy and several other dignitaries attended the inaugural ceremony of the Saraswati Anthya Pushkaralu at the Triveni Sangamam. After offering the first prayers to Lord Ganesh, the

remover of obstacles, the dignitaries formally inaugurated the Saraswati Anthya Pushkar Mahotsavam celebrations.



**Pushkara Snamam Initiated by Peethadhipathi**

As part of the rare Saraswati Pushkaralu celebrations, holy Pushkara Snamams were also performed at the Triveni Sangamam. Kanchi Kamakoti Peethadhipathi Sri Shankara Vijayendra Saraswati Swamiji initiated the sacred Pushkara Snamam rituals. On this occasion, Vedic scholars performed special pujas to Goddess Saraswati. Later, the dignitaries offered prayers at the temples of Sri Kaleshwara Mukteswara Swamy, Sri Shubhananda Devi and Goddess Saraswati.

**Minister Sridhar Babu's Statement**

Speaking on the occasion, Minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu said that, under the directions of the State Government, the district administration led by the District Collector and Super-



intendent of Police had worked tirelessly over the past several days to make all necessary arrangements for devotees. He expressed hope that devotees in large numbers would participate in the Pushkara Snamams and receive the blessings of Goddess Saraswati, the divine mother of learning and knowledge.



## Women's Empowerment Drive Under Praja Palana Pragathi Plan, Statewide Women's Week Celebrations from May 25 to 31

(Capital information)

**Hyderabad, Mulugu, May 21** : The Telangana Government will organise "Women's Week Celebrations" across the state from May 25 to 31 with the objective of strengthening the economic, social and political empowerment of women under the Praja Palana - Pragathi Plan. The week-long programme will involve rural women, Self-Help Groups (SHGs), organisations, young women, adolescent girls, differently-abled persons and elderly women through a series of activities and awareness campaigns at village, mandal and district levels. The celebrations will focus on women's economic self-reliance, expansion of livelihood opportunities, social security, healthcare, safety, infrastructure development and strengthening of women's collectives. Special meetings, awareness programmes, inauguration of infrastructure facilities, grounding of livelihood units and loan melas will be conducted across the state. A major highlight of the celebrations will be the launch of an incubator programme for women entrepreneurs by Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy in Hyderabad on May 29. The event will also include the grounding of livelihood units aimed at expanding economic opportunities for women's groups statewide. In a statement, Telangana Minister Seethakka said the government's objective is to transform women's groups from mere savings collectives into productive forces driving the rural economy. She stated that opportunities such as bank loans, livelihood units, micro-industries, agricultural processing centres and solar power projects are being taken directly to the village level. The Minister said increased income in the hands of women would not only strengthen families but also make the rural economy more resilient. She added that every programme under the Women's Week celebrations has been designed to promote women's financial independence, safety and leadership development. She called upon all departments, women's groups and public representatives to work in coordination to make the celebrations successful. Day-wise Schedule of Programmes: May 25 - Solar Power Plants & Special General Body Meetings; Inauguration of 0.5 MW solar power plants in Vikarabad, Khammam, Peddapalli and Komaram Bheem Asifabad districts; Flagging off of 450 RTC buses operated by women's groups; Nutrition awareness programmes at district level; Special general body meetings of SHGs and village organisations; Distribution of bank loans and interest-free loans to women's groups; Felicitation of best-performing SHGs; Preparation of the 2026-27



action plan: May 26 - Social Inclusion Day Identification of eligible women, elderly persons, differently-abled persons and adolescent girls; Inclusion of remaining women into SHGs; Formation of SHGs for differently-abled and elderly women; Mock Parliament sessions for teenage girls; May 28 - Infrastructure Development Activities; Foundation stone laying for women's group buildings, work sheds and warehouses; Bhoomi puja and commencement of construction works; May 29 - Loan Melas & Grounding of Livelihood Units; Launch of incubator programme by Chief Minister Revanth Reddy in Hyderabad; Loan melas at mandal level; Special general body meetings of mandal federations; Establishment of 500 poultry units and micro-industries; Financial support through bank linkage programmes; Community Enterprise Fund assistance; Distribution of oil carts and neck egg carts; Distribution of battery-operated vehicles to differently-abled persons; Bhoomi puja for agricultural processing units, shade nets and 185 warehouses; Grounding of bee-keeping units and bio-input resource centres; May 30 & 31 - Women's Safety & Infrastructure Inaugurations; Inauguration of district women federation buildings; Bhoomi puja for petrol pumps in identified locations; Special meetings of district federations; Distribution of bicycles to teenage girls; Felicitation of women educated under the "Ammu Ku Aksharamala" literacy programme; Health camps and medical check-ups for women; Special wing programmes for women's safety; Distribution of Indiramma sarees in urban areas. The Telangana Government is organising the Women's Week celebrations on a prestigious scale to enhance women's participation in governance and strengthen women's groups as a key force in the rural economy. Minister Seethakka appealed to officials, SHGs and public representatives across the state to ensure the grand success of the celebrations.

## BJP Submits Representation to Collector on Farmers' Issues Demands Curb on Irregularities at Procurement Centres

(Capital information)

**Mulugu collectorate, May 21** : Bharatiya Janata Party leaders on Thursday submitted a representation to District Collector Borkade Hemant Sahadeorao, demanding immediate resolution of issues prevailing at paddy and maize procurement centres across Mulugu district. Led by district president Sirikonda Balram, the BJP delegation alleged severe delays in procurement, lack of basic infrastructure, and harassment of farmers in the name of deductions for moisture, wastage, and grain quality. The leaders stated that farmers, who toiled for months to raise their crops, are being forced to make repeated rounds to procurement centres and agriculture offices, facing immense hardship in the scorching summer. They demanded immediate availability of weighing machines, gunny bags, hamalis, and transport vehicles to ensure prompt procurement of every grain brought by farmers. The party also called for strict action against officials and middlemen allegedly involved in irregularities. The BJP further urged the administration to provide tarpaulin covers at pro-



urement centres to protect produce from unseasonal rains and ensure prompt payment to farmers immediately after lifting the grain. They also sought procurement of maize at the minimum support price without creating hurdles in the name of crop registration. Warning of large-scale protests if the issues remain unresolved, the BJP leaders said the party would continue to fight on behalf of farmers. Several party leaders participated in the programme.

## Applications Invited for Prime Minister Rashtriya Bal Puraskar

- District Welfare Officer E.P. Premalatha

(Capital information)

**Mulugu, May 21** : Mulugu District Welfare Officer E. P. Premalatha has invited online applications for the Prime Minister Rashtriya Bal Puraskar awards from talented children aged between 5 and 18 years. Applications can be submitted online on or before July 31,



2026. In a statement issued on Thursday, the District Welfare Officer said that children who have demonstrated exceptional talent and achievements in the fields of bravery, innovation, social service, environment, sports, arts & culture, and science & technology are eligible for the awards. She stated that applications may be submitted either by the children themselves or by their parents, relatives, citizens, or voluntary organisations working for child rights and child protection on behalf of eligible children. Applications will be accepted only through the online mode. Eligible candidates have been advised to apply through the official portal: awards.gov.in. Applicants have been requested to complete the registration process before July 31, 2026. For further details regarding the application process, candidates may contact Bal Raksha Bhan (BRB), Mulugu, or call 8639601782 and 9440615158, the statement added.

## Mulugu SP Sudheer Ramnath Kekan Visits Paddy Procurement Centre at Eturnagaram

- SP Reviews Paddy Weighing and Transportation Arrangements
- Assures Farmers of Full Support Until Every Grain is Sold
- Warns of Strict Action Against Irregularities



(Capital information)

**Mulugu, May 21** : Mulugu District Superintendent of Police Sudheer Ramnath Kekan visited the paddy procurement centre at Eturnagaram mandal headquarters on Wednesday along with officials. During the visit, the SP interacted with farmers and enquired about the issues they were facing at the procurement centre. He reviewed the paddy weighing process and the availability of vehicles for transportation of the produce. The SP assured farmers that strict action would be taken against anyone involved in irregularities during the weighing process and asked them to immediately report any malpractice to the police department. He also directed local officials to arrange sufficient vehicles for the transportation of procured paddy. Assuring complete support from the district police department, the SP stated that the administration would stand by farmers until every grain produced by them is sold and all necessary infrastructure facilities would be provided. Eturnagaram ASP Manan Bhatt, Mulugu DSP Ravinder, SB Inspector Shankar and Eturnagaram CI Srinivas also participated in the visit.

## ₹1,200 Crore Development Works Progressing Rapidly in Nakrekal

: *MLA Vemula Veeresham*

**(Capital information)**  
**Nakrekal** : Government Whip and Nakrekal MLA Vemula Veeresham said that development works worth over ₹1,200 crore are progressing rapidly in the constituency over the last two-and-a-half years. Major works include irrigation projects, flyovers, roads, municipal development, residential schools, CC roads and welfare schemes. More than ₹400 crore has been allocated for irrigation projects, while over ₹169 crore is being spent on R&B roads and flyovers. Under welfare schemes, 4,000 beneficiaries received Indiramma houses, free electricity is being provided to 40,000 households and farmers received benefits worth ₹668.72 crore through various schemes. The MLA said the constituency is witnessing rapid growth with the support of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy and assured more development in the coming days.



## Do Not Set Fire to Paddy Stubble : SI D. Saidulu



**(Capital information)**  
**Shaligouraram / Tungaturthi** : Shaligouraram SI D. Saidulu appealed to farmers and the public not to set fire to paddy stubble, warning that such actions could lead to serious fire accidents. On Thursday, a fire suddenly broke out after paddy stubble was set ablaze in agricultural fields located a short distance from the Shaligouraram Police Station. Due to strong winds, the flames spread rapidly towards the police station. Observing the situation, SI D. Saidulu immediately alerted his staff and, along with local farmers, rushed to the spot and carried out firefighting efforts to bring the blaze under control. Speaking on the occasion, the SI said that during summer, fires in agricultural fields can spread quickly and cause loss of life and property. He stated that timely action helped prevent the flames from reaching the police station, nearby haystacks belonging to farmers, and the adjacent agricultural market, thereby averting a major mishap. He advised farmers and the public to act responsibly and avoid burning paddy stubble or agricultural waste in fields. He also noted that such practices cause severe damage to the environment. SI D. Saidulu urged everyone to remain alert and ensure that such incidents do not recur in the future.

## Strive to Fulfil Rajiv Gandhi's Ideals

- *Kodad Municipal Chairperson Ernani Kusuma*



**(Capital information)**  
**Kodad** : Kodad Municipal Chairperson Ernani Kusuma and Venkat Ratnam Babu said that everyone should work towards achieving the ideals of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi. On Thursday, they paid floral tributes to Rajiv Gandhi's portrait at their residence. Municipal Vice-Chairperson, local ward councillors, and senior Congress party leaders participated in the programme and remembered the services rendered by Rajiv Gandhi to the nation. Speaking on the occasion, the Chairperson praised Rajiv Gandhi as a visionary leader who granted voting rights to youth and ushered in a technological revolution in the country. She said every individual should strive to realise his ideals. District Library Chairman Vangaveeti Rama Rao, Municipal Vice-Chairperson Devarapalli Malishwari, councillors Thota Srinu, Kotireddy, Kandula Koteswara Rao, Hari Prasad, Pasham Srinu, Gundapooneni Nageswara Rao, Gandham Pandu, Vanguri Gopi, Shabuddin, Sushila Raju, Uppagandla Srinu, Mustafa, Janardhan, Ali Bhai, Kampati Srinu, Bajan, and Congress party leaders participated in the event.

## Special Health Camp for Adolescent Girls Launched at Panagal UPHC by Mayor Burri Chaithanya Srinivas Reddy

**(Capital information)**

**Nalgonda** : As part of the 'Praja Palana Pragathi Pranali - 99 Days Action Plan', a special health screening camp for adolescent girls aged 15 to 18 years was conducted at the Panagal Urban Primary Health Centre (UPHC) on Thursday. The programme, which will continue from May 18 to May 23, 2026, focused on protecting and improving the health of adolescent girls. Medical teams conducted tests for anemia, diabetes and BMI, besides creating awareness on menstrual hygiene and adolescent health issues. Mayor Burri Chaithanya Srinivas Reddy inaugurated the camp and said the government is giving special priority to the health and

well-being of adolescent girls. Municipal Commissioner B. Sharath Chandra said hormonal changes during adolescence often lead to physical and mental health issues, especially anemia, and stressed the importance of balanced nutrition and healthy lifestyles. Medical Officer Dr. Tabassum explained that adolescent girls commonly face issues such as menstrual problems, weakness, acne and mental stress, and advised them to follow proper hygiene, nutrition and medical guidance. A total of 89 adolescent girls underwent health screenings during the camp. Several public representatives, health officials, ANMs, ASHA workers and staff members participated in the programme.



## Census Drive Supports School Enrollment Campaign

**(Capital information)**

**Nalgonda bureau** : Headmaster Udavath Lachiram of Damera Bheemanapalli Primary School is taking innovative steps to strengthen parents' confidence in government schools and secure a better future for students. As part of the ongoing census house-listing survey in the village, he has launched a special awareness campaign linked to the "Badibata" school enrollment program. During the house-listing survey, every household is being visited to identify school-age children and gather details about the schools they currently attend. The headmaster is personally interacting with parents, explaining the quality education available in government schools, the experience of teachers, and facilities such as free textbooks, uniforms, and mid-day meals. He is encouraging parents to enroll their children in government schools. The awareness campaign has received a positive response from villagers, and several parents have already assured that they would admit



their children to government schools. Speaking on the occasion, Headmaster Udavath Lachiram said that combining the census survey with the Badibata program has helped them reach every household and create awareness among parents about the importance and standards of government schools.

## Supreme Court Historic Verdict on BC Caste Census Welcomed

: *BC Youth Association State General Secretary Kattakola Deepender*

**(Capital information)**

**Nalgonda Bureau** : BC Youth Association State General Secretary Kattakola Deepender expressed happiness over the historic verdict delivered by the Supreme Court bench headed by Justice Surya Kant regarding the BC caste census. He spoke at a press conference organized at the district headquarters on Thursday. Speaking on the occasion, Deepender said the Supreme Court dismissed the petition filed against the caste census and clearly stated that it is the responsibility of the government to ascertain the actual population and socio-economic conditions of backward classes. He said the court's opinion that an accurate caste census is essential for the fair distribution of welfare schemes, reservations, educational opportunities, and employment benefits



has strengthened the cause of social justice. Deepender stated that although BCs play a crucial role in nation-building, the lack of proper statistical data has led to injustice in several sectors. With this Supreme Court verdict, there is now hope that the actual population of BCs will come to light, which could help ensure equal rights, proper political representation, and increased educational and employment opportunities in the future.

Welcoming the historic judgment, Kattakola Deepender demanded that the Central Government immediately conduct a transparent and scientific caste census. Among those present at the meeting were Nalgonda constituency president Bolla Nagaraju, vice president Vanam Venkateshwarlu, Nalgonda town president Vishwanadhula Shivakumar, Unemployed JAC district chairman Palvai Ravi, Kodala Shankar and others.

## SP Sharath Chandra Pawar Inspects Paddy Procurement Centre Along with District Collector

**(Capital information)**

**Nalgonda** : District SP Sharath Chandra Pawar IPS, along with District Collector Chandrasekhar, inspected the paddy procurement centre being operated under IKP in P.A. Palli mandal and the Chilakamarri paddy storage godown on Thursday. During the visit, the officials reviewed the paddy procurement process, weighing system, storage arrangements, transportation facilities, and services being provided to farmers. The District Collector instructed all departments to work in coordination to ensure that farmers do not face any inconvenience. Officials were directed to maintain complete transparency in the procurement process and ensure speedy payments to farmers. They also stressed the need to directly interact with farmers visiting the centres, understand their problems, and resolve them immediately. SP Sharath Chandra Pawar stated that adequate police security arrangements had been made at the procurement centres to maintain law and order. Farmers were advised not to depend on middlemen and to sell their paddy directly at government procurement centres. Considering the severe summer conditions, officials were instructed to provide minimum basic fa-



ilities at the centres, including drinking water, shade, seating arrangements, and first aid facilities. The officials reiterated that the welfare of farmers is the government's top priority and that transparency and timely execution should be maintained at every stage from procurement to milling. Devarakonda DSP Srinivasa Rao, Mallepalli CI Naveen, SI Narasimha, officials of various departments, police personnel, IKP representatives, and farmers participated in the programme.

## Congress Leaders Pay Tributes to Rajiv Gandhi in Nakrekal



**(Capital information)**

**Nakrekal** : The death anniversary of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi was observed by Congress party leaders in Nakrekal on Thursday. On the occasion, Congress leaders paid floral tributes to Rajiv Gandhi's portrait and remembered his services to the nation. Former Nakrekal Municipal Chairperson Chevugoni Rajitha, Srinivas, former councillors and party leaders participated in the programme.

## Tributes Paid to Rajiv Gandhi on His Death Anniversary



**(Capital information)**

**Nalgonda / Miryalaguda** : Nalgonda District Mahila Congress Party President Gopagani Madhavi said that the services rendered by former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi for the development of the country are unforgettable. On Thursday, on the occasion of Rajiv Gandhi Death Anniversary, she paid floral tributes to his portrait.

## FARMER DIES IN ACCIDENTAL FIRE



**(Capital information)**

**Shaligouraram/Tungaturthi** : A tragic incident occurred in N.G. Kothapalli village of the mandal, where a farmer died after accidentally getting trapped in flames. According to police and villagers, Noone Munthala Sattaiah (72), son of Veeraiah, was setting fire to paddy stubble in his agricultural field when the flames suddenly spread uncontrollably. He got surrounded by the fire and thick smoke, and reportedly died on the spot after being unable to breathe. Local villagers and relatives who noticed the incident immediately tried to rescue him, but their efforts were unsuccessful. Sattaiah sustained severe burn injuries on his hands, legs, and face due to the fire. Based on a complaint lodged by the deceased's son Venkanna, police reached the spot and conducted a panchanama. The body was later shifted to Nakrekal Government Hospital for postmortem examination. Police registered a case and started an investigation, SI D. Saidulu told reporters.

## GOVERNMENT WHIP BEERLA ILAIAH PAYS TRIBUTE TO RAJIV GANDHI ON DEATH ANNIVERSARY



**(Capital information)**

**Athmakur** : Telangana State Government Whip Beerla Ilaiah paid rich tributes to former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi on his death anniversary at Athmakur mandal headquarters in Yadadri Bhuvanagiri district. He garlanded Rajiv Gandhi's statue and offered floral tributes. Later, he inspected the ongoing road works in the mandal headquarters and instructed the contractor to ensure quality standards in the construction works. Speaking on the occasion, Beerla Ilaiah said Rajiv Gandhi remained an inspiration to the youth and stressed the need to carry forward his ideals. Mandal Congress leaders, sarpanches, Youth Congress, Mahila Congress, NSUI leaders, and party workers participated in the programme.



### MINISTER PAID TRIBUTES TO FORMER PM RAJIV GANDHI

(Capital Information)

**Sathupalli** : Floral tributes were paid to Bharat Ratna and former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi at Sathupalli on the occasion of his death anniversary, Telangana Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy, Sathupalli MLA Dr. Matta Raghayee Dayanand, and IDC Chairman Muvva Vijay Babu garlanded the statue of the late leader and remembered his contribution to the nation.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy said Rajiv Gandhi's services to the country and his vision for modern India would always be remembered.

Senior leader Challagundla Narasimha rao, Municipal Chairperson Rehana Begum, AMC Chairmen Doma Anand Babu and Bhagam Neeraja, Gade Chennarao, Pingali Samuel, Municipal Councillors Viriwada Aparna Nagabhushanam, Kavitha, and several public representatives and party leaders participated in the programme.



### Anti-Drug Drive in Dharmapuri with Dog Squad

(Capital Information)

**Jagtial/Dharmapuri** : On SP Ashok Kumar's orders and DSP Purushottam Reddy's directions, Circle Inspector A. Ram Narasimha Reddy and SI G. Mahesh led police checks for ganja and narcotics using a trained dog squad.

Teams inspected grocery stores, tea stalls, pan shops, and suspected areas in Dharmapuri as part of Jagtial district's Anti Drug & Narcotic Team drive.

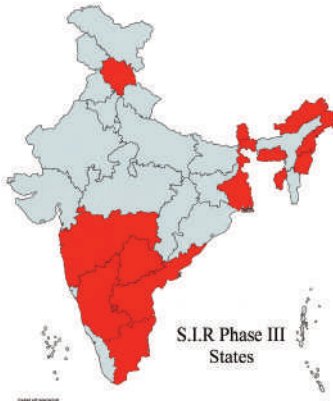
SI G. Mahesh warned youth about drug dangers and urged public to report any sale or use. Police said surveillance will continue and strict action will be taken against offenders.

### 'SIR' Effect on Neighboring State Voters Sparks Intense Debate in Telangana Politics

(Capital Information)

**Medchal-Malkajgiri** : The Election Commission of India's prestigious Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of the electoral rolls in Telangana has triggered a fresh wave of political speculation across the state. If fully implemented on the ground, the initiative is bound to draw intense scrutiny to individuals residing in Telangana who simultaneously hold voting rights in neighboring Andhra Pradesh and other states. Under existing electoral guidelines, a citizen is legally permitted to hold a vote in only one location nationwide. Consequently, the identification and verification process of these dual voters has now emerged as a major talking point among regional political circles.

A wide array of estimates is currently circulating regarding the substantial number of residents settled in the Greater Hyderabad region and other key areas who continue to maintain active voting profiles in their native



states. Political analysts believe that the implementation of the Special Intensive Revision will significantly fast-track the verification and weeding out of duplicate entries. Final decisions on these voter profiles will rest heavily on the field-level verification and stringent document checks executed by Booth Level Officers (BLOs).

#### Shift in Political Equations Expected

This regulatory move has prompted major political parties to initiate internal assessments regarding its potential impact on local

electoral equations. There is growing curiosity across the political spectrum about the exact framework of the field inquiries and how effectively the state apparatus will execute the exercise. The issue has become a subject of intense deliberation particularly in assembly segments on the outskirts of Hyderabad with a high concentration of voters with roots in Andhra Pradesh, including Kukatpally, Quthbullapur, and Serilingampally, alongside several other prominent constituencies across Telangana.

Meanwhile, election authorities have clarified that all final decisions regarding the voter lists will be entirely governed by statutory regulations and a transparent verification framework. They emphasized that the core objective of the Special Intensive Revision is to safeguard the integrity of the democratic process, ensuring that while every eligible citizen is granted a franchise, no voting right is subjected to duplication or misuse.

### District-Level "Praja Palana - Pragati Pranalika" Programme to be Held in Suryapet Today

(Capital Information)

**Suryapet** : Capital Information District Collector Tejas Nand Lal Pawar announced that a district-level programme under the Telangana Government's prestigious 99-day initiative "Praja Palana - Pragati Pranalika" will be held on Friday at the Suryapet district headquarters.

The programme will begin at 10:00 AM at Ravi Mahal Function Hall. District In-charge Minister for SC, ST, Minority and Disabled Welfare, Adluri Laxman Kumar, and Irrigation & Civil Supplies Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy will attend the event, the Collector stated.



The programme will mainly focus on a comprehensive review of new government schemes. Officials from various departments will present the achievements made in their respective sectors and explain upcoming welfare programmes.

Officials from the Agriculture, Housing, Rural Development, Revenue, Education, Electricity, and Civil Supplies departments have been directed to participate in the review meeting and ensure the programme's success, the District Collector added.



### Handloom Elegance Shines on the Red Carpet

(Capital Information)

**Bhoodan Pochampally** : Indian handloom artistry once again captured global attention at the 79th Cannes Film Festival being held in Paris. International handloom brand ambassador and Miss Asia Reshmi Thakur walked the red carpet in exquisite handloom attire, drawing admiration from audiences and international celebrities alike.

Her ramp walk highlighted the beauty and heritage of Indian handloom fabrics on one of the world's most prestigious platforms. Speaking on the occasion, Reshmi Thakur said that showcasing a 200-year-old handloom tradition on an international stage was a matter of great pride.

She stated that introducing the world to garments crafted with dedication and sleepless nights by skilled handloom artisans was truly meaningful. Referring to the handloom creations adorned with Hyderabad pearls, she remarked, "This is not a dream, it is history."

Reshmi Thakur further said that promoting the remarkable work of handloom weavers at a global level is her mission. She expressed special gratitude to the Government of India, Telangana Handloom Development Commissioner Arun Kumar IAS, and Pochampally Producer Company CEO Tadaka Ramesh for giving her this opportunity.

National Handloom Award recipient Tadaka Ramesh appreciated Reshmi Thakur for presenting the greatness of Indian handloom artisans to the world through her ramp walk at the 79th Cannes Film Festival and conveyed special thanks on behalf of the weaving community.

### Special Passport Mela for Journalists Begins at Hyderabad Press Club

(Capital Information)

**Hyderabad** : In a first-of-its-kind initiative for media professionals, the Regional Passport Office has launched a week-long special Passport Mela for journalists at the Hyderabad Press Club.

Regional Passport Officer Sneha Jonnalagadda inaugurated the services on Thursday through a mobile passport seva vehicle set up exclusively for journalists and their families. Speaking on the occasion, she said the Regional Passport Office was committed to providing timely passport services to applicants with complete documentation.

She stated that Telangana currently has one Regional Passport Office, five Passport Seva Kendras and 14



Post Office Passport Seva Kendras functioning across the state. The newly introduced mobile passport service at the Press Club was aimed at making passport services more accessible to journalists, she added.

The special drive will continue for a week, with efforts being made to facilitate passports for nearly 600 applicants at the rate of 40 applica-

tions per day. Hyderabad Press Club president S. Vijay Kumar Reddy and general secretary Ramesh Varikuppala urged journalists and their family members to make use of the facility. They thanked the Regional Passport Officer for arranging the special mobile passport services at the Press Club in response to requests from the journal-

ist community. Press Club office-bearers including vice-presidents Aruna Attaluri and A. Rajesh, joint secretaries Chilukuri Hariprasada and Vardhilli Bapurao, treasurer Ramesh Vaitla, and executive members Muthyala Sattibabu, Vanam Nagaraju, Ashok Dayyala and Amit Battu were present during the inauguration.

### IRCTC Launches Special Bharat Gaurav Tourist Trains for Pilgrimage Tours

(Capital Information)

**Hyderabad** : The Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) has announced three new Bharat Gaurav Tourist Train packages aimed at promoting spiritual and pilgrimage tourism for devotees, particularly from Telugu-speaking States.

IRCTC officials said the all-inclusive pilgrimage tours are designed to provide comfortable and organised travel experiences covering major religious destinations across India.

Sharing details of the packages, IRCTC Manager P. V. Venkatesh said the initiative seeks to combine spiritual tourism with affordable travel, accommodation and sight-seeing facilities.

The first package, titled "Divya Dakshin Yatra", will depart on May 24 and cover major South

Arunachaleswara Temple, Meenakshi Amman Temple and Ranganathaswamy Temple.



Indian pilgrimage centres including Tiruvannamalai (Arunachalam), Chidambaram, Srirangam, Madurai, Kanyakumari, Rameswaram and Thanjavur.

Officials said the tour includes visits to prominent temples such as the

tled "Ayodhya-Kashi Purnya Kshetra Yatra", will begin on July 4 and will focus on pilgrimage destinations including Ayodhya and Varanasi.

According to IRCTC, all packages include travel in Bharat Gaurav Tourist Trains, hotel accommodation, vegetarian meals, road transport for sightseeing and travel insurance.

Officials said the initiative is intended to make pilgrimage journeys more convenient and hassle-free for devotees by offering end-to-end travel arrangements under a single package.

Passengers interested in bookings and tour details can visit the official IRCTC Tourism website or contact IRCTC tourism offices.

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### Veterinary Association of India Seeks Pay Parity and Structural Reforms Before 8th Pay Commission

(Capital Information)

**Hyderabad** : The Veterinary Association of India (VAI) has submitted a detailed representation before the 8th Central Pay Commission, seeking structural, financial and institutional reforms for veterinary professionals across the country.

The representation was led by Radhakrishna Pulikanti, who presented a comprehensive policy memorandum highlighting long-pending demands relating to pay parity, career progression and occupational recognition in veterinary services.

In its submission, the association underlined the crucial role played by veterinary professionals in livestock development, rural livelihoods, public health, food safety, na-

tional biosecurity and the "One Health" framework.

The VAI stated that despite veterinarians contributing significantly to the rural economy and public welfare, several professional concerns remain inadequately addressed.

One of the major demands placed before the commission was complete pay parity for veterinary doctors with medical and dental professionals across all levels of government service.

The association also sought uniform implementation of parity-related recommendations across Central government departments and Union Territories.

The memorandum further advocated implementation of the Dynamic Assured Career

Progression (DACP) scheme for veterinary professionals on par with medical services to address stagnation and ensure time-bound career advancement.

The VAI also proposed the establishment of a Central Veterinary Service (CVS) aimed at integrating veterinary services under a unified national framework and strengthening disease surveillance and emergency response systems.

Highlighting occupational risks faced by veterinarians, including exposure to zoonotic diseases such as rabies and brucellosis, the association requested continuation of the Non-Practicing Allowance (NPA) at 25 per cent of basic pay along with a minimum 20 per cent

wildlife conservation and rural extension services.

Speaking on the occasion, Radhakrishna Pulikanti said strengthening veterinary services is essential for ensuring food security, public health resilience, farmer welfare and achieving the national vision of "Viksit Bharat @2047".

He expressed hope that the 8th Central Pay Commission would take a progressive decision addressing the concerns of veterinary professionals.

The association said fair institutional recognition and stronger support systems for veterinarians would contribute significantly to livestock productivity, farmer income growth, disease preparedness and sustainable national development.



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The memorandum additionally called for financial incentives for postgraduate and doctoral qualifications, recognition of study periods as service experience and greater inclusion of veterinary professionals in senior administrative and policy-making positions.

According to the association, India's livestock sector contributes nearly 30 to 32 per cent of agricultural GDP and around five per cent of the national GDP, while supporting nearly 70 per cent of rural households.

The VAI noted that veterinarians form the backbone of the livestock economy through their role in disease control, food safety, pandemic preparedness, research,