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Amaravati emerges as launchpad for Quantum Technology in India

In a major step toward positioning Andhra Pradesh as a leader in cutting-edge technology, Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu launched India's first quantum reference facilities in Amaravati, marking the beginning of a new era in quantum computing, innovation, and future-ready infrastructure in the state.



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Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu addresses scientists and stakeholders during the launch of India's first open-access quantum reference facilities in Amaravati on World Quantum Day.

AI Surveillance tightens grip on crime in Andhra Pradesh



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AI SURVEILLANCE TIGHTENS GRIP ON CRIME IN ANDHRA PRADESH

- L-13KBLH rapidly tracked to crime scenes using CCTV360 & ANPR
- Advanced real-time surveillance curbs crime, catching criminals in the act across Andhra Pradesh

In a major push towards smart policing, Andhra Pradesh is leveraging cutting-edge artificial intelligence and surveillance technology to transform crime detection and prevention, setting new benchmarks in real-time law enforcement and public safety.

Biomarker tests Launched in Uddanam



(By GMA Staff Reporter)

Amaravati, April 14: In a significant step to identify the causes of kidney diseases in Uddanam, the Andhra Pradesh government has introduced biomarker testing for the first time. The initiative aims to detect the risk of kidney disease among residents up to three to four years in advance.

A special research team has begun collecting blood and urine samples from locals. So far, around 1,500 samples have been collected and are being analyzed to understand the root causes of the disease. A modern laboratory with advanced equipment has been set up at King George Hospital in Visakhapatnam to support the study.

the study.

The project has received approval from the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), which has sanctioned Rs.6.2 crore for a three-year research program. The initiative gained momentum with the support of State Health Minister Satyakumar Yadav.

Experts said biomarker testing can help identify kidney disease at an early stage and predict future risk, allowing timely treatment and preventive care. The study will also include genetic analysis to better understand the disease. The government expects this research to help find long-term solutions and improve healthcare for people in the affected region.

Lok Sabha seats may rise to 850

New Delhi, April 14(GNS) : In a major step towards strengthening women's participation in governance, the Central Government is preparing to introduce a set of crucial bills in Parliament that aim to provide 33 percent reservation for women in the Lok Sabha and state legislative assemblies. At the same time, a significant proposal to increase the total number of Lok Sabha seats is also under consideration, marking a potential transformation in India's parliamentary structure.



Union Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal is expected to introduce the Constitutional Amendment Bill along with the Delimitation Bill in the Lok Sabha on the 16th of this month. If these proposals are approved, the strength of the Lok Sabha could increase substantially from the current 543 seats to around 850. Of these, approximately 815 seats would be allocated to states, while 35 seats

would go to Union Territories.

The proposed increase in seats will be based on the 2011 Census, which will also serve as the basis for determining reservations for Scheduled Castes (SC), Scheduled Tribes (ST), and women. As per the

bill, one-third of the seats in the Lok Sabha and state assemblies will be reserved for women. This reservation will also include seats for women belonging to SC and ST communities, ensuring broader representation across social groups.

The reservation of seats will be implemented on a rotational basis, meaning that constituencies reserved for women will change periodically. This approach is intended to provide equal opportunities across different regions and ensure that the benefits of reservation are widely distributed.

To implement these changes, the Centre plans to constitute a Delimitation Commission, which will be responsible for redrawing the boundaries of parliamentary and assembly constituencies. The commission will be headed by a sitting or former Supreme Court judge and will include the Chief Election Commissioner or a nominee, along with representatives from state election bodies. In addition, Members of Parliament and Members of Legislative Assemblies from each state will assist the commission in the process.

Parallel to this, Union Home Minister Amit Shah is set to introduce a separate bill aimed at facilitating delimitation and women's reservation in Union Territories such as Delhi, Jammu & Kashmir, and Puducherry. This move will ensure that the policy is uniformly implemented across both states and Union Territories with legislative assemblies.

The Centre has emphasized that these reforms are designed not only to increase women's representation in legislative bodies but also to enhance their role in policymaking and governance. By ensuring greater participation of women in decision-making processes, the government believes it can promote more inclusive, balanced, and effective governance.

These proposed changes are being viewed as a landmark step in India's democratic journey. Increasing the number of seats in the Lok Sabha will allow for better representation of the country's growing population, while the introduction of women's reservation is expected to address long-standing demands for gender equality in politics.

AP Inter Results to be declared Today at 10:31 AM

(By GMA Staff Reporter)

Amaravati, April 14: The results of the AP Intermediate examinations will be released today at 10:31 AM. Both First Year and Second Year results will be announced, bringing relief and excitement to lakhs of students across the state. State Minister Nara Lokesh will officially declare the results. Students can check their scores on the official website resultsbie.ap.gov.in.

In addition to websites, students can also access their results through WhatsApp by sending a message to

9552300009, making it easier for them to get their marks quickly.

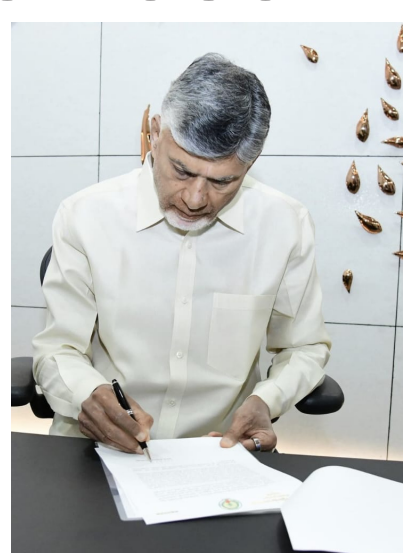
Officials stated that the evaluation process of answer sheets was completed by March 23, after which marks were uploaded and the results were finalized. The Board of Intermediate Education has ensured that all procedures were carried out with accuracy and transparency.

Students are advised to check their results only through official platforms and avoid relying on unofficial sources.

(By GMA Staff Reporter)

Amaravati, April 14: Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has written to the presidents of political parties in the state, as well as to Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha Members of Parliament, seeking their support for the Women's Reservation 'Nari Shakti Vandan' in Parliament.

In his letter, the Chief Minister requested them to extend their support to the 'Nari Shakti Vandan' Constitution Amendment Bill, which aims to implement 33 percent reservation for women in legislative assemblies starting from the 2029 elections. He appealed to them to strengthen Prime Minister Narendra Modi's resolve to provide one-third



reservation for women in Parliament and legislative assemblies.

The Chief Minister stated that the introduction of the Women's Reservation Amendment Bill in Parliament on the 16th of this month will stand as a historic milestone in Indian democracy. He expressed the view that the 'Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam' will contribute significantly to women's empowerment as well as the nation's progress.

Emphasizing the importance of inclusive governance, he noted that true progress is possible only when women's participation increases in government, administration, and legislative assemblies. He also called upon all stakeholders to pay homage to Nari Shakti in a country that reveres Bharat Mata.

Ambedkar's constitution is a great gift: Collector Himanshu Shukla inspires students

Highlighting the enduring relevance of B. R. Ambedkar and his Constitution, Nellore District Collector Himanshu Shukla called on students to draw inspiration from his ideals and focus on education as the foundation for empowerment and social progress.

(By GMA Staff Reporter)

Nellore, April 14: District Collector Himanshu Shukla said that the Constitution written by B. R. Ambedkar is a priceless gift to the nation and urged students to read it



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to gain awareness and inspiration.

The 135th birth anniversary of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar was celebrated grandly at Sri Venkateswara Kasturba Kalakshetram in Nellore city. The event was inaugurated by Collector

Himanshu Shukla, Mayor Sujatha, and Joint Collector Mogili Venkateswarlu.

Addressing the gathering, the Collector said the Constitution was framed after extensive discussions

Boiler blast at Vedanta power plant kills 10

Raipur, April 14 (GNS) : At least ten workers lost their lives and more than 25 others were injured in a massive explosion at a Vedanta Limited power plant in Singhitari, Sakti district, about 180 km from Raipur, on Tuesday.

The accident occurred during peak working hours when a boiler suddenly exploded, sending powerful shockwaves across the industrial area. The impact caused parts of the structure to collapse, trapping several workers under debris. Rescue teams and emergency services rushed to the spot immediately to carry out relief operations.

Eyewitnesses described scenes of panic as thick smoke and dust filled the area, forcing workers to run for safety. Many of the injured were pulled out from the rubble and shifted

to nearby hospitals, while critically injured persons were referred to advanced medical facilities in Bilaspur and Raipur.

Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai expressed deep concern over the incident and ordered a thorough investigation. He stated that strict action would be taken against anyone found responsible for negligence. Rescue operations are still underway to ensure no one remains trapped. Officials said the exact cause of the explosion is yet to be confirmed, but initial reports suggest

a possible technical fault, excessive pressure buildup in the boiler, or lapses in safety measures.

A spokesperson for the plant said the explosion occurred in the boiler unit operated by NTPC GE Power Services Ltd (NSGL), a joint venture responsible for maintaining the 2x600 MW facility. The company has initiated an internal inquiry in coordination with authorities.

Police have cordoned off the area, and district officials are overseeing relief measures. Announcements regarding compensation for the victims' families are expected after the preliminary investigation is completed.

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Nuclear Standoff

The abrupt collapse of talks between Iran and the United States in Pakistan marks yet another turning point in an already volatile geopolitical landscape. What was initially seen as a potential diplomatic breakthrough has instead spiraled into a renewed phase of confrontation, underscoring the fragile nature of international negotiations surrounding nuclear ambitions and regional power dynamics. At the heart of the issue lies Iran's steadfast refusal to scale back its nuclear program, a position it has consistently defended as a matter of national sovereignty and security. For Washington, however, Tehran's nuclear pursuits represent a red line—one that threatens not only regional stability in the Middle East but also global non-proliferation norms. The failure of dialogue, therefore, was perhaps not entirely unexpected, but the speed and intensity of the subsequent response from the United States have raised serious concerns. Within hours of the talks breaking down, former U.S. President Donald Trump reportedly ordered a naval blockade targeting Iranian ports. This move signals a dramatic escalation, shifting from diplomatic engagement to economic and strategic coercion. By attempting to choke Iran's exports and imports, the United States aims to exert maximum pressure on Tehran's economy—particularly its oil sector, which is a lifeline for the country's financial stability. The implications of such a blockade extend far beyond Iran's borders. As one of the key players in the global oil market, any disruption to Iran's supply chains is likely to trigger volatility in international crude prices. This, in turn, could impact economies worldwide, especially those heavily dependent on energy imports. In an already fragile global economic environment, such shocks could have cascading effects, including inflationary pressures and supply chain disruptions. However, the strategic calculus behind this move is not purely economic. It also reflects a broader attempt by the United States to assert military dominance and deter Iran from further advancing its nuclear capabilities. By showcasing its naval strength, Washington appears to be sending a clear message: compliance is not optional. Yet, history suggests that coercive tactics often yield mixed results, particularly when dealing with a nation that has demonstrated resilience under prolonged sanctions and isolation. From Iran's perspective, the blockade could be interpreted as an act of aggression, potentially provoking retaliatory measures. The Strait of Hormuz, a critical chokepoint through which a significant portion of the world's oil passes, could become a flashpoint if tensions escalate further. Any disruption in this region would not only endanger global energy security but also heighten the risk of a broader military confrontation. The role of Pakistan as the host of these talks also warrants attention. Islamabad's position as a facilitator underscores its growing importance in regional diplomacy. However, the failure of negotiations on its soil may also highlight the limitations of third-party mediation in deeply entrenched conflicts where core national interests are at stake. Ultimately, the breakdown of these talks and the swift move toward economic blockade reflect a deeper failure of diplomacy. While pressure tactics may yield short-term leverage, they rarely lead to sustainable solutions. The situation calls for renewed efforts toward dialogue, backed by realistic expectations and mutual concessions. In a world increasingly defined by multipolar tensions, the Iran-U.S. standoff serves as a stark reminder of how quickly diplomacy can give way to confrontation. The path forward must prioritize de-escalation, as the costs of continued hostility—both regional and global—are far too high to ignore.

A New Era in Biopharma: India's Stride Towards Innovation

(By Jagat Prakash Nadda)

In the global pharmaceutical landscape, biologics, biosimilars, and specialty drugs now account for over 40% of total pharmaceutical revenues. India, long known as the "Pharmacy of the World" due to its leadership in generic medicines, is now poised to shift its focus from volume-driven growth to innovation-led expansion.

Under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Government of India is implementing forward-looking policies that aim to retain the country's strength in generics while significantly increasing its footprint in emerging high-value segments. This strategic transition seeks to position India as a major player in next-generation therapeutics while sustaining its global dominance in affordable medicines.

A major milestone in this journey is the Rs.10,000 crore "Mission Biopharma Manufacturing Shakti," announced in the Union Budget 2026-27. This initiative marks a decisive step toward transforming India into a global hub for biopharma innovation and advanced therapeutics over the next decade. The mission focuses on strengthening scientific

India's pharmaceutical industry is entering a transformative phase, shifting from its long-standing strength in generic medicines to a future driven by innovation and advanced therapeutics. With the rapid growth of biologics, biosimilars, and specialty drugs worldwide, India is positioning itself to become a global leader in next-generation biopharma solutions.



capabilities, nurturing innovation-driven enterprises, and advancing India's leadership in cutting-edge drug development.

The program aims to rapidly enhance domestic capabilities in biologics, biosimilars, and advanced therapies. It complements initiatives such as the Promotion of Research and Innovation in Pharma-MedTech (PRIP), Research & Development and Innovation schemes, and BioNEST. Together, these efforts are designed to foster a robust innovation ecosystem, strengthen industry-academia collaboration, and facilitate the transition from generic drug manufacturing to innovation-driven discovery and development.

A key pillar of this strategy is the development of fermentation-based manufacturing capabilities. Despite its critical role in

producing antibiotics, vaccines, enzymes, and biologics, this segment has historically relied heavily on imports. By investing in infrastructure, enabling technology transfer, and offering targeted incentives, India is working to build self-reliance and enhance global competitiveness in this vital area.

Equally important is the expansion of India's clinical research ecosystem. The establishment of 1,000 accredited clinical trial centers is expected to significantly elevate India's position as a global destination for drug development. With its cost advantage and a growing pool of skilled researchers, India offers unique opportunities for efficient and high-quality clinical trials. Strengthening regulatory frameworks and institutional capacities will further align the system with global

standards, ensuring faster approvals and building trust among international partners.

In recent years, India has made significant strides in localizing Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs) and Key Starting Materials (KSMs), supported by initiatives such as the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme and Bulk Drug Parks. These measures have helped maintain some of the lowest drug prices globally, ensuring affordable healthcare for millions.

Programs like the Pradhan Mantri Bharatiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana have expanded access to affordable generic medicines through over 19,000 Janaushadhi Kendras across the country. Additional measures, including customs duty rationalization on drugs for cancer and rare diseases,

are further improving access to life-saving treatments. As advanced therapies expand, ensuring affordability and equitable access remains a core policy priority.

As the industry undergoes transformation, India is also aiming to expand its presence in both established and emerging markets, particularly in innovation-driven segments. Regulatory reforms, digitalization of approval processes, and faster clearances are improving ease of doing business. Strengthened quality standards and regulatory systems continue to enhance global confidence in Indian pharmaceuticals.

However, increasing investments in research and development remains a critical challenge. Addressing this will require stronger public-private

partnerships and sustained policy support.

Looking ahead, the convergence of policy support, technological advancement, and market opportunities presents an unprecedented growth trajectory for India's pharmaceutical sector. With a domestic market already valued at over ₹4 lakh crore, the sector is expected to expand steadily. In the coming decade, India is well-positioned not only to maintain its leadership in generics but also to emerge as a powerhouse in innovative drugs, fermentation-based products, and next-generation therapies.

In conclusion, India's pharmaceutical industry is entering a transformative phase defined by innovation, resilience, and global competitiveness. Initiatives like Mission Biopharma Manufacturing Shakti, expanding clinical infrastructure, and targeted manufacturing incentives are driving this evolution. India is steadily transitioning from a volume-driven generic hub to a leader in high-value biopharma innovation—laying a strong foundation for its role in global healthcare and contributing to the vision of a developed India by 2047.

Godavari Pushkaralu to be held on the lines of Kumbh Mela: Minister Kandula

(By GMA Staff Reporter)

Amaravati/Mangalagiri: Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan has directed officials to organize the Godavari Pushkaralu in 2027 on a grand and prestigious scale, ensuring that devotees face no inconvenience. Tourism Minister Kandula Durgesh said.

The Minister revealed that the Deputy CM held a review meeting at his camp office in Mangalagiri, where discussions were held on multiple issues, including development works in Nidadavole constituency under the Panchayati Raj and Rural Development departments. During the meeting, special focus was given to the planning and execution of the upcoming Godavari Pushkaralu.

According to the Minister, the Pushkaralu, scheduled from June 26 to July 7, 2027, will be conducted in a grand manner similar to the Kumbh Mela. As the festival occurs once every 12 years, an estimated 100 million (10 crore) devotees



are expected to attend. The government is prioritizing both devotee convenience and security arrangements.

He stated that modernization works at bathing ghats in Rajahmundry and other Godavari river regions have already begun. Special arrangements are being planned for drinking water, sanitation, accommodation, and rest areas for pilgrims.

The Deputy CM has also instructed officials to ensure robust security measures and to prepare a comprehensive traffic management plan to avoid congestion. The government plans to use

advanced technology to regulate crowd movement efficiently.

Minister Kandula Durgesh further announced that a high-level review meeting will soon be conducted in Rajahmundry with coalition leaders, public representatives, and officials to discuss Pushkaralu arrangements in detail. Key decisions regarding on-ground challenges and necessary measures will be taken during the meeting.

He emphasized that under the leadership of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy Chief Minister

Pawan Kalyan, the coalition government is committed to organizing the Godavari Pushkaralu in a spiritually grand manner that enhances the prestige of the state.

Additionally, the Minister mentioned that several development works are being carried out in Nidadavole constituency under the Panchayati Raj and Rural Development departments, and their progress was reviewed by the Deputy CM. He expressed gratitude to Pawan Kalyan for his support toward the development of the constituency.

Ambedkar – A Visionary Leader: MLA Badeti Chanti Pays Rich Tributes

(By GMA Staff Reporter)

Eluru, April 14: District Telugu Desam Party President and Eluru MLA Badeti Chanti described B. R. Ambedkar as a visionary leader who worked tirelessly to ensure that the benefits of the Constitution reach all people, beyond caste and religion.

On the occasion of the 135th birth anniversary of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, MLA Badeti Chanti and Joint Collector Abhishek Gowda paid floral tributes to Ambedkar's statue at the Old Bus Stand Center in



Eluru.

Speaking on the occasion, the MLA said that Ambedkar's life is an inspiration to everyone. He noted that the freedom and equality enjoyed by people in today's society are the result of the equal rights guaranteed in the Constitution by Dr.

Ambedkar.

He emphasized that Ambedkar's vision of social justice and equality continues to guide the nation and remains relevant even today. The event was attended by Social Welfare Department Joint Director Viswa Mohan Reddy,

SETWEL CEO Prabhakar, State Mala Finance Corporation Director Dasari Anjaneyulu, Eluru Municipal Corporation Commissioner Bhanu Pratap, MRO Gayatri, EUDA Chairman Peddiboyina Siva Prasad, Dalit organization leaders Dr. Mendam Santosh Kumar, Junju Moses, Revulagadda Lala Lajpat Rai, Doddigarla Subha Malik, Metara Ajay Babu, Kandula Ramesh, Lankapalli Manikyala Rao, Choutupalli Srinu, Melipaka Venkanna, Jala Balaji, and others.

Ensuring Law and Order: One Town SI Srinivasulu Leads Flag March in Proddatur



(Our Reporter)

Proddatur, April 14: With the objective of maintaining peace and public safety, One Town Sub-Inspector Srinivasulu led a large flag march on Tuesday evening across key areas of the town. Accompanied by around ten police constables, he conducted a foot patrol in sensitive areas and major junctions under the One Town Police Station limits, instilling a sense of confidence among the public.

Awareness on Traffic Rules

During the march, SI Srinivasulu not only focused on law and order but also took up the responsibility of educating people about traffic regulations. Special attention was given to violations such as triple riding on motorcycles. Youth found riding in violation of rules were stopped on the spot.

Counseling Instead of Just Penalties

Instead of merely imposing fines or filing cases, SI

Srinivasulu explained the dangers of traffic violations and counseled the offenders about road safety and the risks to their lives. His approach helped create awareness and encouraged behavioral change among the youth, who responded positively to his guidance.

Traffic Regulation Measures

Alongside the flag march, the police team addressed traffic issues in various parts of the One Town limits. Vehicles parked haphazardly were cleared to ensure smooth movement of traffic and to prevent congestion.

Residents appreciated SI Srinivasulu's proactive initiative, noting that his approach showed that police are not just enforcers of law but also responsible and approachable members of the community. His efforts in maintaining law and order while ensuring public convenience received praise from the townspeople.

Ambedkar Jayanti Celebrated in Bollapalli

Bollapalli, April 14: The 135th birth anniversary of B. R. Ambedkar was celebrated on Tuesday with enthusiasm in Bollapalli.

Leaders and local representatives paid floral tributes to Dr. Ambedkar's statue located near the MPDO office. As part of the celebrations, a birthday cake was also cut to mark the occasion. Speaking at the event, AP Giriyan Sangham State Vice President Vankudavath

Kota Nayak praised Dr. Ambedkar as a great humanitarian who embraced Buddhism. He emphasized that it is the responsibility of the people to protect and uphold the Constitution written by Ambedkar. The program was attended by Aam Aadmi Party district convener Pulimila Ruben, Chenchu Sangham leaders Kotaiiah, Sunil, Sudheer, Sunil Kumar, Anji Nayak, Ravi Nayak, and others.

Ambedkar Jayanti Celebrated Grandly Under the Leadership of JSP Leader Kalapa Ravi

(By GMA Staff Reporter)

Pileru, April 14: The 135th birth anniversary of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar was celebrated on a grand scale in Pileru town under the auspices of the Janasena Party. On this occasion, Janasena leaders paid rich tributes by garlanding the statue of Dr. Ambedkar. A large number of party workers and supporters participated in the event to commemorate his life and services.

Speaking at the event, Kalapa Ravi, Janasena Party Joint Chittoor District Secretary, hailed Dr. Ambedkar as a visionary who fought throughout his life for the upliftment of the downtrodden. He stated that as the chief architect of the Indian Constitution, Ambedkar earned an eternal place in history for establishing India as a sovereign, democratic, and republican nation. He added that Ambedkar's relentless efforts for equality, social justice, and the protection of fundamental rights serve as an inspiration for generations to come.

Party leaders further noted that it is everyone's responsibility to carry forward Ambedkar's ideals and ensure justice for the backward sections of society. They called upon the youth



to follow in his footsteps by prioritizing education, discipline, and social awareness.

The event saw the participation of Janasena Pileru Mandal President Mohan Krishna, Secretary Rajesh,

General Secretary Dhanasekar, and IT Wing members Charan, Teja, Madhu, among others. The program concluded with participants raising slogans in honor of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's legacy.

Grand Celebrations of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Jayanti

(Our Reporter)

Vinukonda, April 14: Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Jayanti was celebrated with great enthusiasm on Tuesday in Vinukonda town across various government and private offices.

The Vinukonda Bar Association also organized the celebrations in a grand manner under the leadership of Bar Association President, Pathan Ghouse Mohiuddin Khan. Vinukonda Junior Civil Judge, M. Mahathi, attended the event as the chief guest and spoke about the significant role played by Dr. B.R. Ambedkar in shaping the Indian Constitution. She praised him as a great social reformer who dedicated his life to fighting social inequality.

Similarly, celebrations were held under the leadership of BJP SC Morcha State Vice President Enumula Nageswara Rao, where GDCC Bank Chairman Makkenna Mallikarjuna Rao participated as the chief guest. Floral tributes were paid to Dr. Ambedkar's statue located on Narsaraopet Road.



Speaking on the occasion, Makkenna Mallikarjuna Rao described Dr. B.R. Ambedkar as the architect of the Indian Constitution and a global intellectual who designed the Constitution for the welfare of all sections of society.

He urged the youth to move forward in all fields by following

Ambedkar's ideals.

Town CI Prabhakar, former Municipal Chairman SK Shakeela, Vinukonda Agricultural Market Yard Chairman Misala Murali, Jana Sena Joint Guntur District Secretary Nishankara Srinivasa Rao, along with several alliance leaders and others, participated in the program.

Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Changed the Destiny of the Nation": MLA Kotamreddy

(By GMA Staff Reporter)

Nellore, April 14: Describing B. R. Ambedkar as the beloved son of Mother India, Rural MLA Kotamreddy Sridhar Reddy said that the visionary steps taken by Ambedkar transformed the course and direction of the nation.

On the occasion of Ambedkar Jayanti, MLA Kotamreddy Sridhar Reddy, along with TDP leader Kotamreddy Giridhar Reddy, paid floral tributes to the portrait of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar.

Community Hall Inaugurated
Later in the day, the leaders inaugurated a newly constructed Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Community Hall in Vengalrao Nagar, under the 33rd division of Nellore Rural constituency. The hall was built at a cost of Rs.35 lakh to fulfill the long-pending demand of local residents.

Leaders Highlight Ambedkar's Contributions

Speaking on the occasion, MLA Kotamreddy Sridhar Reddy stated that Dr. Ambedkar worked tirelessly for the upliftment of marginalized communities and remains a guiding force for social justice. He noted that significant development has taken place across the constituency in the last two years and assured that development activities will be intensified further in the coming days.

He also emphasized his commitment as a public representative to ensure basic amenities for all citizens. The program was attended by former city mayor Nandi Mandalam Bhanu Sri, cluster in-charges Mannem Penchala Naidu and Jaladanki Sudhakar, local corporator Karanam Manjula, 33rd division TDP president Karanam Hazarath Naidu, BJP leader Mandla Eswaraiah, and several TDP leaders including Meghanath Singh, Alagala Dayakar, Ashok, Pawan, Penchalayya,



Mettu Kranthi, Mastan, Nagendra Singh, Anand, Samuel Nani, Katari Venkataramana, Chinna, Pakam Ramesh, Dish Chinnu, Sandra Vijay, Ramanayya Naidu, Tummala Sriniva sulu Naidu, Dasari Penchalayya, Moulali, Mahilam Basha, Subbarayudu, Naveen, Saroja, Nirmalamma, Sriramulu, Chitti,

Vasu, Venkatesh, Madan, Gudi Vasu, Krishna, Gali Moshu, Eswaraiah, Sharief, Balli Hari, Ran gayya, Chandu, Muthyala Hari, Rajesh, Nagaraju, Kishore, Raju, Chiran jeevi, Ramesh Reddy, George, Mani, Kanamala Anil, Narasimha, Aslam, Majid, Ratnam, Meera, Rasool, and others.

Zilla Parishad Promotions and Compassionate Appointments Announced

(By GMA Staff Reporter)

Nellore, April 14: Under the jurisdiction of the District Zilla Parishad, Smt. M. Rajyalakshmi, who was working as a Junior Assistant at Zilla Parishad High School, Tatiparthi, has been promoted and appointed as Senior Assistant at the Mandal Parishad Office, Vakadu.

Compassionate Appointments in Zilla Parishad

In addition, compassionate appointments have been provided to two family members of deceased employees who had been working under the Zilla Parishad administration. They have been appointed as

Office Subordinates:

R. Sashilalasa – Mandal Parishad Office, Pellakuru
Y. Lokesh Kumar – Mandal Parishad Office, Kavali

On this occasion, Panchayat Raj Ministerial Employees Association District President Lakkakula Penchala yya and Secretary

Videva Prasanna Kumar expressed their gratitude to Zilla Parishad Chairperson Anam Arunamma, ZP CEO L. Sridhar Reddy, and Deputy CEO J. Mohan Rao for facilitating these promotions and compassionate appointments.



Dr. B. R. Ambedkar: The Architect Who Transformed India's Destiny

(By GMA Staff Reporter)

Nellore, April 14: B. R. Ambedkar, the chief architect of the Indian Constitution, is remembered as a visionary who reshaped the very structure of the nation. A leader who fought tirelessly for the rights of the oppressed, weaker, and marginalized sections, Ambedkar dedicated his life to achieving social justice and equality.

On the occasion of Ambedkar Jayanti, MLC and Telugu Desam Party Nellore District President Beeda Ravichandra, along with Somireddy Chandramohan Reddy, paid floral tributes to Dr. Ambedkar's statue at VRC Center in Nellore city. Later, Ambedkar Jayanti celebrations were held at the Telugu Desam Party district office, where leaders and party members participated in large numbers.

Among those present were Wakf Board Chairman Sheikh Abdul Aziz, APIWA Chairman Dr. Z. Sivaprasad, Minimum Wages Corporation Chairman Pellakuru Srinivasulu Reddy, Deputy Mayor Roop Kumar, former MLC Radhaya, Jenny Ramanaiyah, Bhulakshmi, and several district TDP leaders.

Speaking on the occasion, Beeda Ravichandra said that Dr. Ambedkar



devoted his entire life to nation-building and the upliftment of weaker sections. He emphasized that Ambedkar's efforts ensured economic, social, and political empowerment for marginalized communities, along with access to education and employment opportunities.

He noted that despite nearly 80 years of independence, social inequalities and discrimination still persist, and called upon everyone to work collectively to eliminate these

issues. He urged people, irrespective of their profession or position, to uphold and carry forward Ambedkar's ideals.

He further stated that Dr. Ambedkar's life continues to inspire future generations and that his sacrifices for nation-building remain exemplary. Drawing inspiration from Ambedkar, N. T. Rama Rao established the Telugu Desam Party to support and uplift weaker sections of society, he added.

Ambedkar Jayanti Celebrated at Nellore Municipal Corporation Office

(By GMA Staff Reporter)

Nellore, April 14: On the occasion of the 135th birth anniversary of B. R. Ambedkar, Nellore Municipal Corporation Mayor Devarakonda Sujatha, along with Commissioner Y. O. Nandan and officials from various departments, paid rich tributes by garlanding Ambedkar's statue at the Command Control Center in the municipal office on Tuesday.

Speaking on the occasion, the Mayor said it was a privilege to pay homage to Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, the architect of the Indian Constitution, a social reformer, and a Bharat Ratna awardee. She stated that despite facing untouchability and caste discrimination, Ambedkar pursued higher education and rose to a position that made the nation proud, becoming an inspiration to all.

She further added that Ambedkar's efforts brought transformative changes in many lives, and that her own journey to serving as Mayor reflects the path shown by his ideals.

Commissioner Y. O. Nandan highlighted that India stands as one of the strongest democratic nations in the world because of the Constitution framed by Dr. Ambedkar. He emphasized that the Constitution ensures equal rights, opportunities, and protection for every citizen.

He also stated that striving to achieve Ambedkar's ideals and being responsible citizens who respect democracy is the true tribute to the great leader.

Later, as part of the celebrations, a large cake was cut in the office premises and distributed among the staff.

The event was attended by Deputy Mayor Tahseen Intiyaz, Deputy Commissioner Chennudu, Additional Commissioner Himabindu, Deputy Director Madhuri, Health Officer Dr. Dinesh, TPRO Vasubabu,



Malaria Officer Dr. Jijiya, Manager Rajeshwari, Revenue officials Samad

and Srinivasulu, along with staff and officials from various departments.

Eluru District Collector Visits Dwaraka Tirumala Temple



(By GMA Staff Reporter)

Dwaraka Tirumala (Eluru District): Eluru District Collector Vetri Selvi visited the sacred Dwaraka Tirumala Temple and had darshan of Lord Venkateswara on Tuesday.

Temple officials welcomed the Collector with traditional honours. She performed circumambulation around the temple and later entered the inner sanctum, where she offered prayers to Lord Venkateswara and the

presiding deities. She also participated in special prayers conducted at the temple.

At the main hall, Vedic scholars and temple priests blessed Collector Vetri Selvi and her family members with sacred chants.

Later, the temple's in-charge Executive Officer Y. Bhadradi presented holy offerings and a framed picture of the deity to the Collector as a mark of respect.

Senior Journalist Rama Rao Passes Away

(By GMA Staff Reporter)

Narasaraopet, April 14: Senior journalist Rama Rao, fondly known as "Master," passed away at the age of 86 due to illness. He served as a reporter for nearly 25 years with the prominent Telugu daily Eenadu, earning respect for his dedication and professionalism.

Rama Rao began his career as a librarian at SSN College in Narasaraopet before transitioning into journalism, where he made a significant impact over two decades. He was known to be closely associated with former ministers Kasu Krishna Reddy and Dr. Kodela Siva Prasada Rao. He also served for a brief period as Managing Director of Safe Company, associated with Dr. Kodela.

He is survived by a son and two daughters.

Several prominent personalities expressed deep condolences over his demise. Members of Narasaraopet Rangasthali, including former honorary president K.V.K. Rama Rao (late), Master Venkata Rao, Subhani, and Madhu Kumar, described his passing as an irreparable loss to journalism, arts, culture, and education. Leaders and dignitaries including CPI State leader Y. Chenchayya, Dr. Marri Peddappa, advocate C.J. Pratap, CPI district assistant secretary Kasa Rambabu, senior leaders Uppalapati Rangaiah, S.K. Chinna John Saida, PDF leaders Nallapati Rama Rao, Koya Rama Rao, and others paid their final respects and offered heartfelt tributes.



'Jai Bhim' should reach every household: Jupudi

(Our Reporter)

Tadepalli, April 14: YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) leaders have called for the slogan "Jai Bhim" to resonate across every household in the state, stating that it should become the guiding principle of YS Jagan Mohan Reddy's vision.

The 135th birth anniversary of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar was celebrated with great enthusiasm at the YSRCP central office in Tadepalli. Several senior leaders and party members participated in the event, including former ministers Merugu Nagarjuna, Adimulapu Suresh, Mekathoti Sucharita, YSRCP State General Secretary Jupudi Prabhakar Rao, SC Cell State President and former MLA TJR Sudhakar Babu, Working President Kommoori Kanaka Rao, MLCs Lella Appi Reddy and Monditoka Arun Kumar, former MP Margani Bharat, former SC Corporation Chairperson Ammaji, Publicity Wing State President Kakumanu Rajasekhar, Vangaveeti Narendra, Velpula Ravikumar, Ravichandra, Grievance Cell State President Narayanamurthy, and others.

Floral tributes were paid to Dr. Ambedkar's portrait, followed by the ceremonial lighting of the lamp. Leaders remembered his immense contributions to the nation and called for continued efforts toward social justice and equality in line with his ideals.

'Capital Must Be Among the People' – Jupudi Prabhakar Rao

YSRCP leader Jupudi Prabhakar Rao explained that "Jai Bhim" signifies the growth of knowledge and empowerment. He noted that leaders like Mahatma Jyotirao Phule, Babu Jagjivan Ram, and Dr. Ambedkar share a common vision of social equality.

He supported Jagan's proposal to develop the Machilipatnam-Vijayawada-Guntur corridor (Mavigan) and emphasized that the capital should be located among people, not isolated in farmlands. He stressed the need for decentralized development across regions.

'Jai Bhim Must Echo in Every Home' – Merugu Nagarjuna

Former Minister Merugu Nagarjuna described Dr. B.R. Ambedkar as a visionary who transformed the lives of marginalized communities and gifted India its Constitution. He emphasized that governance must strictly adhere to constitutional values, but alleged that the current administration is deviating from them.

He credited YS Jagan Mohan Reddy for strengthening constitutional governance during his tenure and



delivering welfare schemes directly to people's doorsteps. Nagarjuna stressed that Ambedkar believed education was the greatest asset for the poor, a vision implemented effectively during Jagan's rule.

He criticized the current government, questioning the decline in literacy, the status of welfare schemes like Amma Vodi, and the accessibility of healthcare services. He also raised concerns about rising attacks on Dalits and alleged misuse of power by constitutional authorities.

'We Miss Jagan's Governance' – Adimulapu Suresh

Former Minister Adimulapu Suresh stated that governance in the state has deteriorated under the current coalition government. He claimed that Dalits have not benefited under the present regime and said that Jagan's administration, which followed Ambedkar's ideology, is being missed.

He alleged that attempts to install Ambedkar statues are being obstructed and cited incidents of social division among Dalits. He also criticized the government for failing to ensure housing for Dalits in the capital region, accusing it of creating unrest and weakening social justice.

'Jagan Implemented Ambedkar's Ideals' – Mekathoti Sucharita

Former Home Minister Mekathoti Sucharita said that YS Jagan Mohan Reddy is the only leader who truly implemented Ambedkar's principles in governance. She highlighted that

Jagan ensured representation for SCs, STs, BCs, and minorities by appointing them as Deputy Chief Ministers.

She also pointed out key welfare measures such as English-medium education for poor children, allocation of housing plots to over 3.1 million families, and improved healthcare services. She praised Jagan for standing by marginalized families during crises and delivering justice.

'Hundreds of Ambedkars Must Rise' – TJR Sudhakar Babu

Former MLA TJR Sudhakar Babu expressed concern over alleged attacks on marginalized communities and lack of action from the authorities. He called for the emergence of "hundreds of Ambedkars" to fight for justice and equality.

He highlighted issues like social discrimination and lack of access to basic rights, urging unity among people to bring back leadership that prioritizes social justice.

'Jagan Took Forward Ambedkar's Vision' – Lella Appi Reddy

MLC Lella Appi Reddy said that the Indian Constitution, authored by Dr. Ambedkar, continues to guide many nations. He praised Jagan's leadership for working towards eliminating social inequalities and upholding constitutional values.

'Jagan is a Modern Ambedkar' – Monditoka Arun Kumar

MLC Monditoka Arun Kumar described YS Jagan Mohan Reddy as a "modern Ambedkar" for

implementing policies aligned with Ambedkar's ideals. He noted that while many political parties treat Ambedkar as a vote bank, YSRCP has worked to genuinely implement his vision.

He highlighted initiatives like 50% reservations for women, improvements in education and healthcare, and social justice measures.

'We Will Work for Ambedkar's Ideals' – Margani Bharat

Former MP Margani Bharat emphasized the need for collective efforts to achieve Ambedkar's vision of an equal society. He stated that Jagan's governance served as a model in promoting social justice and eliminating inequalities.

'YSRCP Must Return for Social Justice' – Kanaka Rao

YSRCP Working President Kommoori Kanaka Rao said that Dr. Ambedkar envisioned unity among marginalized communities. He expressed concern that his ideals are fading and stressed that YSRCP must return to power to restore social justice and dignity for weaker sections.

YSRCP leaders collectively emphasized that the slogan "Jai Bhim" should become a movement reaching every household. They reiterated that only by following Ambedkar's ideology and leadership inspired by YS Jagan Mohan Reddy can true social justice and equality be achieved in the state.

Ambedkar's constitution is a great gift: Collector Himanshu

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and has ensured freedom and progress in the country. He emphasized that education is the key to empowerment and encouraged students to focus on their studies, recalling Ambedkar's belief that education brings light into people's lives.

He announced that from this Ambedkar Jayanti to the next, he would implement a structured action plan for district development, with special focus on improving the condition of welfare hostels. He assured that he would present a "progress report" next year on the same day.

The Collector also revealed that new industries are coming to the district, with four companies already coming forward, expected to generate employment for around 5,000 people. He assured students that efforts would be made to create job opportunities locally if they pursue education

seriously.

He made it clear that injustice against SC and ST communities would not be tolerated and strict legal action would be taken. He reiterated that all citizens are equal before the law and have equal rights.

Describing Ambedkar as not just a person but an ideology and a movement, he called upon everyone to practice his values of equality, liberty, and fraternity in daily life.

Earlier, leaders and officials paid floral tributes to Ambedkar's statue at VRC Center, including MLC Beeda Ravichandra, MLA Somireddy Chandramohan Reddy, Wakf Board Chairman Abdul Aziz, and others.

The event also included speeches by SC and ST leaders highlighting Ambedkar's life and struggles, a request for development of community buildings, and improvement of welfare hostels.

Food distribution programme held in Chirala Rural



(By GMA Staff Reporter)

Chirala Rural, April 14: A food distribution (Anna Prasadam) program was organized on Tuesday at the Sri Nagalingeswara Swamy Temple, along with Goddess Ganga Bhramaramba, located in Devangapuri village of Chirala mandal. On the occasion, food was distributed to around 60 people. In addition, essential items such as soaps and toothpaste were also provided to the beneficiaries.

The program was conducted in memory of the second death anniversary of Subbaravamma, wife of Jagabattuni Shankara Rao. Shankara

Rao extended financial support for the food distribution, while the supply of soaps and toothpaste was sponsored by Battu Tulasi Srinivasa Rao, a resident of the United States.

Speaking on the occasion, Battu Mohan Rao, Chairman of Pushpalli Charitable Trust, appreciated the donors for coming forward to support the needy and help alleviate hunger among the poor.

ICDS Supervisor Saja Pushpavalli, along with members Guthi Paranjyoti, Lakshmi Priya, Beeraka Balakrishna, and others, participated in the programme.

YSRCP Obstructed Juvvaladinne Development, Says MLA Narendra Varma

(By GMA Staff Reporter)

Bapatla, April 14: Bapatla MLA Vegesana Narendra Varma Raju has alleged that the previous YSRCP government deliberately obstructed the development of Juvvaladinne in Nellore district, despite it being a prestigious project for Andhra Pradesh.

In a statement issued on Monday ahead of YS Jagan Mohan Reddy's visit to Juvvaladinne, the MLA questioned the former Chief Minister's intent and asked, "With what face is he coming now?"

Narendra Varma stated that the proposed autonomous maritime shipyard and systems development center at Juvvaladinne, which is expected to be the first of its kind in the country, is a matter of pride for the state. However, he alleged that the previous YSRCP regime conspired to stall such a significant development.

He further claimed that government orders issued in 2008 during the tenure of Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy had halted the construction of Juvvaladinne Harbour and Ramayapatnam Port. He accused the earlier leadership of compromising coastal development for personal interests.

The MLA noted that it was only after N. Chandrababu Naidu assumed office as Chief Minister in 2014 that those orders were revoked, paving the way for port and harbour development.

He highlighted that the Central Government sanctioned ₹138 crore for the Juvvaladinne Fishing Harbour, and the TDP government added ₹150 crore, taking the total project cost to ₹288 crore. He credited the Telugu Desam Party for developing a multi-purpose mega harbour with a 909-meter-long jetty, describing it as a unique achievement in South India. He also acknowledged the role of Muppavarapu Venkaiah Naidu for his continuous support and encouragement.

Narendra Varma criticized the YSRCP government's five-year tenure, alleging that it only issued tenders and failed to complete the harbour works. He claimed that projects which should have been



completed within two to three years were left pending for several years, adversely affecting fishermen's livelihoods.

He questioned why Jagan Mohan Reddy is visiting Juvvaladinne now despite not making any of the harbours operational during his tenure.

The MLA stated that after the coalition government came to power, Andhra Pradesh is once again becoming a hub for investments. He announced that a new project worth ₹45 crore is being planned at Juvvaladinne, which is expected to provide employment to nearly 1,000 youth.

He assured that the government is committed to completing pending harbour works at the earliest and improving the lives of fishing communities.

Narendra Varma further alleged that YSRCP leaders are unable to tolerate the inflow of investments into the state and have resorted to making baseless criticisms. He reiterated that the government will not compromise on the welfare of fishermen.

Grand Celebrations of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's 135th Birth Anniversary in Kadapa

(By GMA Staff Reporter)

Kadapa, April 14: The 135th birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, the architect of the Indian Constitution, was celebrated with great enthusiasm and reverence in Kadapa city. On this occasion, TDP Politburo Member Reddappa Gari Srinivas Reddy and Andhra Pradesh Government Whip and Kadapa MLA Reddappa Gari Madhavi paid rich tributes to Dr. Ambedkar. They garlanded his statues at the Collectorate and the New Bus Stand Circle as a mark of respect. Speaking



at the event, the leaders described Dr. B.R. Ambedkar as a personality who

gifted India its supreme Constitution. They emphasized that every citizen

should follow the path shown by Ambedkar and work towards building an equal and just society. They further stated that Ambedkar's lifelong struggle for social justice and equality remains an inspiration for generations. The leaders highlighted that the true tribute to Babasaheb lies in carrying forward his ideals and ensuring justice and dignity for all sections of society.

Several TDP minority leaders, including 27th Division In-charge Sheikh Manool, party workers, and Ambedkar admirers, participated in the program.

Societal development possible through Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's Ideals: Associate Dean Sardar Beg

(Our Reporter)

Bapatla, April 14: Associate Dean of Dr. NTR College of Food Science and Technology, Bapatla, Dr. M. Sardar Beg, stated that societal development is achievable by following the ideals of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, who rose to great heights by using education as his most powerful tool despite facing numerous hardships from a young age.

The 135th birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna Dr. B.R. Ambedkar was celebrated with great enthusiasm on Tuesday at Dr. NTR College of Food Science and Technology in Bapatla. The event was organized under the leadership of Associate Dean Dr. M. Sardar Beg and Assistant Professor and SC/ST Cell In-charge Y. Aruna



Kumari. The program began with floral tributes to Dr. Ambedkar's portrait. Speaking as the chief guest, Dr. Sardar Beg highlighted Ambedkar's immense contribution to drafting the Indian Constitution and his lifelong struggle for equality, social justice, and the protection of rights.

He encouraged students to take

inspiration from Ambedkar's thoughts, pursue education with discipline, and contribute towards the development of society.

During the event, Y. Aruna Kumari and student Kumari Reshmi also addressed the gathering. As part of the celebrations, an essay writing competition was conducted, and prizes were distributed to the winners

by Dr. Sardar Beg.

Kumari N. Loukya, a third-year student, secured the first prize, while Kumari K. Divya, a second-year student, won the second prize. Kumari M. Nikita, also a third-year student, received the third prize.

The event was attended by faculty members and staff, including Dr. N. Vinod (Associate Professor), E. Gauthami (Assistant Professor), Dr. K. Vinay Pramod Kumar (Teaching Associate), Dr. Y. Dileep Sen (Teaching Associate), Kumari M.D. Bhavana (Teaching Associate), B. Nagalakshmi (Physical Director), Vijaya Saradhi (Superintendent), Lakshmi Sujatha (Senior Assistant), along with office staff Chandrasekhar, Padmavathi, and several students.

Stock market on edge amid escalating Iran-US Conflict

Mumbai, April 14: (GNS) The intensifying tensions between Iran and the United States have once again raised serious concerns across global financial markets, with the Indian stock market closely watching the developments. The abrupt collapse of peace talks, coupled with reports of naval blockades in the strategically vital Hormuz Strait, signals a potential escalation into a full-scale conflict. Such geopolitical instability historically triggers volatility in global markets, and India is no exception.

India, being one of the largest importers of crude oil, is particularly vulnerable to disruptions in the Middle East. Nearly 60-70% of India's crude oil imports pass through the Hormuz Strait. Any blockade or military confrontation in this region can lead to a sharp spike in crude oil prices. Rising oil prices directly impact inflation, fiscal deficit, and corporate profitability, thereby exerting downward pressure on stock markets.

Impact on Nifty and Overall Market Sentiment

If the conflict intensifies further, the Nifty 50 index is likely to face significant volatility. Historically, during major geopolitical tensions, markets tend to react negatively in the short term due to uncertainty and risk aversion among investors. Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs), who play a crucial role in Indian markets, may pull out funds from equities and shift towards safer assets like gold and US bonds.

In such a scenario, Nifty could witness a correction of around 5% to 10% depending on the severity of the conflict. Key support levels may be tested, and panic selling could amplify the downside. However, domestic institutional investors (DIIs) and retail investors might provide some

cushion, preventing a deep crash.

Sector-Wise Impact Analysis
Different sectors will react differently to the evolving situation:

1. Oil & Gas Sector:
This sector could see mixed reactions. Upstream companies like ONGC may benefit from rising crude prices, while downstream companies such as oil marketing firms could suffer due to higher input costs and controlled pricing policies.

2. Aviation Sector:
Airlines are expected to be among the worst-hit sectors. Higher fuel prices significantly increase operational costs, squeezing profit margins and potentially leading to losses.

3. FMCG Sector:
Consumer goods companies may face pressure due to rising inflation and reduced consumer spending. Input costs may increase, impacting margins.

4. Banking and Financials:
Banking stocks may see short-term declines due to market uncertainty and reduced credit growth expectations. However, strong fundamentals could limit long-term damage.

5. IT Sector:
The IT sector may act as a defensive play. A weakening rupee, often seen during global crises, can benefit IT exporters as their revenues are dollar-denominated.

6. Defence Sector:
Interestingly, defence stocks may witness a rally due to increased global focus on military spending and defence preparedness.

Currency and Inflation Concerns
The Indian Rupee is likely to weaken against the US Dollar amid rising global uncertainty. A weaker rupee increases import costs,



especially for crude oil, thereby fueling inflation. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) may face challenges in balancing inflation control with economic growth.

Higher inflation could also delay interest rate cuts or even force tightening measures, which would negatively impact equity markets further.

How Much Can the Market Fall?
While predicting exact levels is difficult, analysts suggest that if the

conflict escalates into a prolonged war, Indian markets could correct by 8-12% in the worst-case scenario. However, if the situation stabilizes quickly through diplomatic intervention, the correction may remain limited to 3-5%.

Markets tend to recover once uncertainty subsides. Therefore, long-term investors are often advised not to panic during such geopolitical events but instead focus on fundamentally strong stocks.

Investor Strategy Going Forward
Investors are advised to remain cautious and avoid aggressive positions during high volatility. Diversification becomes crucial in such times. Allocating a portion of the portfolio to defensive sectors like IT and FMCG, along with safe-haven assets such as gold, can help mitigate risks.

Short-term traders should closely monitor global cues, crude oil prices, and currency movements. Any signs

of de-escalation in tensions could trigger a sharp rebound in markets.

The ongoing Iran-US tensions have introduced a fresh wave of uncertainty in global markets, with the Indian stock market bracing for potential shocks. While short-term volatility is inevitable, the long-term outlook will depend on how the geopolitical situation unfolds. Investors should stay informed, remain patient, and make decisions based on data rather than emotions.

Statues of National Leaders Inspire Future Generations: TDP Leaders

(By GMA Staff Reporter)

Eluru, April 14: District Telugu Desam Party President and MLA Badeti Chanti, along with Zilla Parishad Chairperson Ganta Padmasri, stated that statues of national leaders serve as a source of inspiration for future generations. They praised B. R. Ambedkar as a global intellectual and a guiding force for the nation.

On the occasion of the 135th birth anniversary of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, statues of prominent national leaders installed by the RTC Bahujan Employees Federation were unveiled near the RTC depot garage opposite the new bus stand in Eluru. The unveiling ceremony was attended by MLA Badeti Chanti, ZP Chairperson Ganta Padmasri, Denduluru MLA Chintamaneni Prabhakar, and RTC Vijayawada Zone-2 Chairman Reddy Appala Naidu.

During the event, statues of Jyotirao Phule, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, Jagjivan Ram, and Kanshi Ram were unveiled by the respective leaders.

Speaking on the occasion, Badeti Chanti said that installing statues of



great leaders who rendered remarkable service to the nation at public places would inspire younger generations. He added that the coalition government, under the leadership of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, is working in line with the ideals of Dr. Ambedkar. Ganta Padmasri praised Dr. Ambedkar as a great leader who worked tirelessly for the upliftment of marginalized communities and urged everyone to strive towards achieving his ideals.

RTC Chairman Reddy Appala

Naidu encouraged people to follow the values of national leaders in their lives. The program was attended by RTC RM Shabnam, EUDA Chairman Peddiboyina Siva Prasad, State Mala Finance Corporation Director Dasari Anjaneyulu, Depot Secretary Pilli Raju, Vegi Ramasuri, Remalli Pavulu, Namburi Ravikumar, B. L. Narayana, Chantibabu, Shyam, Sivakumar, K. V. Rao, Employees Union Secretary T. Anjaneyulu, TDP leaders Junju Moses, Arnepalli Tirupathi Rao, RTC staff, and others.

Rs.1.58 Crore Subsidy and Interest-Free Loans Distributed to SC Beneficiaries in Bhimavaram: Collector Nagarani

(By GMA Staff Reporter)

Bhimavaram, April 14, : Following the celebrations of B. R. Ambedkar Jayanti, District Collector Chadalava da Nagarani distributed financial assistance to beneficiaries at the Collectorate premises on Tuesday.

Under a Central Government scheme implemented by the AP Scheduled Caste Cooperative Finance Corporation in coordination with the Society for Elimination of Rural Poverty (SERP), financial support was provided to eligible beneficiaries. A total of 135 SC Self-Help Group (SHG) beneficiaries received loans and subsidies amounting to Rs.1.58 crore under the Unnati scheme with zero interest.

The Collector stated that the total assistance included Rs.67.5 lakh as corporation subsidy, Rs.74.7 lakh as SERP Unnati loans, and Rs.15.8 lakh as beneficiary contribution.

She explained that the PM-AJAY scheme is a major initiative by the Government of India aimed at the socio-economic development of



Scheduled Castes. The scheme focuses on reducing poverty by developing model villages and promoting self-employment among SC youth through business loans and grants.

The Collector further said that villages with more than 40% SC population are identified as model villages under the scheme. Eligible beneficiaries can receive up to 50% subsidy of the project cost or a maximum of Rs.50,000 as grant, along with interest-free loans in certain cases.

She clarified that applicants must belong to Scheduled Castes, reside in villages with over 40% SC population, and have an annual income below

Rs.2.5 lakh to qualify for business grants. Eligible individuals can apply online through Gram Panchayat offices or Mandal Mahila Samakhya (DWCRA) offices. The scheme aims to empower SC youth and women by enhancing self-employment opportunities and improving livelihoods.

The program was attended by DRO B. Shivannarayana, Bhimavaram RDO Praveen Kumar Reddy, DRDA Project Director MSS Venugopal, DWAMA PD Dr. CH Appa Rao, PM-AJAY PD T. Murali, officials from Housing, Education, Social Welfare, BC Welfare departments, and SHG women beneficiaries.

Ambedkar's Contribution to Dalit Rights is Immense: Speakers at 135th Jayanti Celebrations

(By GMA Staff Reporter)

Nellore, April 14: On the occasion of the 135th birth anniversary of B. R. Ambedkar, grand celebrations were organized under the joint auspices of Roods Charitable Trust and PMP Association on Tuesday at the Roods Charitable Trust office in Dykes Road Center.

Attending as the chief guest, IJU National Council Member Anumula Jayaprakash described Dr. B. R. Ambedkar as a leader who fought for social equality.

He stated that Ambedkar's contribution toward securing the rights of Dalits is immense and unforgettable. He emphasized that Ambedkar's message on education, equality, and self-respect continues to guide the present generation and plays a crucial role in building an equitable society. He urged people to practice Ambedkar's ideals in their daily lives.

PMP Association President Shakhavarapu Venugopal said that Dr. Ambedkar, the architect of the Indian Constitution, dedicated his life to eliminating social inequalities and ensuring equal rights for all. He highlighted Ambedkar's famous call to "Educate, Organize, Agitate," which inspired people to strive for justice



and empowerment. He added that Ambedkar Jayanti is observed across the country with respect through tributes, meetings, and discussions that recall his vision and values.

SC, ST, BC, Minority Cell State President Kudumula Subbarao stated that Dr. Ambedkar was not only the architect of the Constitution but also a great economist, lawyer, and social reformer. He noted that Ambedkar worked tirelessly for women's rights and labor welfare and strongly opposed caste discrimination, laying the foundation for an equal society. Speakers emphasized that

Ambedkar's teachings inspire people to uphold equality, justice, and freedom, and that following his ideals will lead to a more progressive society. Floral tributes were paid to Ambedkar's portrait as part of the celebrations.

The event was attended by Roods Charitable Trust Chairman Sheikh Rasool, K. Chinna, retired ASI Mahaboob Basha, teachers Subhan, Health Organizer Kondapuram Venkateswarlu, Kalyana Bharati Trust Chairman Bharati, Malli Babu, Mastan, Sattar, Ramanayya, and others.

Dr. B. R. Ambedkar – The Visionary Who Authored India's Constitution: Collector K. Vetrivelvi

(By GMA Staff Reporter)

Eluru, April 14: District Collector K. Vetrivelvi described B. R. Ambedkar as a global intellectual who authored the Constitution of India, the guiding force of the world's largest democracy.

On the occasion of the 135th birth anniversary of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, the Collector paid floral tributes to his portrait at the Collectorate on Tuesday.

Speaking at the event, Collector Vetrivelvi said that Dr. Ambedkar was a great leader who fought relentlessly against untouchability and caste discrimination. She emphasized that today's youth should follow the path shown by Ambedkar and strive to achieve his ideals.

She noted that Ambedkar strongly believed that poverty eradication and social development could be achieved through education. He played a key role in spreading the



value of education and worked tirelessly for its advancement.

Highlighting his contributions, she said that Ambedkar excelled as a legal expert, political leader, economist, and social reformer, rendering remarkable services to the nation. Born into a humble background and overcoming discrimination and hardships, his life remains an inspiration for generations.

She further stated that Ambedkar was a strong voice against social evils

and worked to resolve social and economic issues through various laws and reforms, striving for equality for all.

Collector Vetrivelvi concluded that working towards achieving Ambedkar's ideals is the true tribute to the great leader.

The program was attended by Social Welfare Department Joint Director Viswa Mohan Reddy, officials from various departments, and leaders of Scheduled Caste organizations.

AP MCA Leaders Welcome Cancellation of 8 PM FRS, Thank Health Minister

(By GMA Staff Reporter)
Guntur, April 14: Leaders of the AP MCA Association have expressed happiness over the cancellation of the 8 PM FRS system in Andhra Pradesh and thanked State Health Minister Satyakumar Yadav for providing relief to Community Health Officers (CHOs).

District General Secretary Pallapati Lingaraju Yadav said that, on behalf of the Guntur district AP MCA Association, they extend heartfelt gratitude to the Minister for taking a positive decision. On Tuesday, Lingaraju Yadav, along with CHOs from the district, met the Minister and felicitated him with a shawl.

Speaking on the occasion, he stated that the cancellation of the 8 PM FRS system will help CHOs perform their duties more efficiently and deliver better quality healthcare

services to the public. He added that the decision reflects the government's understanding of the challenges faced



by CHOs at the field level.

District President Sandhya and Vice President Vanaja also thanked the Minister for considering their concerns and responding positively.

Association leaders including Sravanti, Swathi, Noorjahan, Smajana, Mounika, Sandhya, Karuna, and Keerthi urged the government to continue supporting the welfare and job security of CHOs in the future.

Grand Early Tamil New Year Celebrations Held in Guntur



(By GMA Staff Reporter)
Guntur, April 14: The Tamil Cultural Association of Guntur organized grand early celebrations of the Tamil New Year at Vignam Mandiram. The program began with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp by Parimala, Divya, Kalyani, Shobhana, Chandini, and other women, followed by prayers in praise of Tamil Thai.

Tributes were paid to late Tamil personalities including Annaji Manickavel and other prominent figures. The event featured devotional songs by Tamil playback singers V. M. Mahalingam, Mookuthi Murugan, and N. K. Manikandan.

Cultural performances added color to the celebrations, including traditional drum dance, Kaliyamardana dance, and folk performances. The Karakattam dance with decorated pots, peacock dance, and an eco-themed "Go Dance" highlighting

environmental awareness attracted special attention. Performances praising Lord Subrahmanya and village deities were also presented.

IPS officer K. R. M. Kishore Kumar and I.V.S. officer G. Jayalakshmi, along with other distinguished guests, were felicitated on the occasion.

Association General Secretary R. P. Palaniyappan stated that based on the solar calendar, people in Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, Punjab, Assam, and Odisha celebrate the New Year on April 14 every year.

Parveen Raj, Managing Director of Bharathi Soap Works Group, said that the Tamil community will continue to maintain harmony with other communities and support society.

The event was attended by association leaders T. R. Ramesh, K. Jagadeesh Babu, Purushotham, Shobhanand, Sevel, Lakshmanan, and others.

AI Surveillance tightens grip on crime in Andhra Pradesh

(By GMA Staff Reporter)
Amaravati, April 14: Andhra Pradesh is rapidly transforming policing through advanced technology, with its AI-driven surveillance system proving to be a powerful tool in crime detection and prevention. The state's Real Time Governance Society (RTGS), through the CCTV360 platform integrated with Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR), is enabling real-time tracking of suspects and vehicles, leading to swift arrests and faster case resolution.

Recent cases from Tiruvuru and Ongole highlight the effectiveness of this system. In Tiruvuru, a house theft reported on April 7 involved a burglar fleeing on a stolen motorcycle. Using CCTV360, police tracked the vehicle's movement across multiple locations in real time. Instant alerts helped field teams intercept the accused within hours, successfully recovering the stolen vehicle.

In another incident on April 4 near Kandukur, a hit-and-run case was reported after a biker struck a pedestrian and fled. With the help of RTGS surveillance, authorities traced the vehicle's movement. On April 12, an ANPR camera at Ongole RTC bus stand identified the bike, triggering an alert. Police quickly acted on the information, intercepted the vehicle, and arrested the accused.

The CCTV360 system allows authorities to monitor vehicle history,

track live movement, predict possible routes, and send immediate alerts to ground teams. In the Tiruvuru case, the system revealed the stolen bike had passed through eight locations across Krishna and Godavari regions, aiding in swift tracking.

The state has deployed over 14,700 AI-enabled surveillance cameras, creating a comprehensive monitoring network across public spaces and key junctions. These cameras not only assist in crime detection but also identify traffic violations, suspicious activities, and emergency situations.

Under the leadership of N. Chandrababu Naidu, the surveillance system has been upgraded to enhance public safety and ensure efficient law enforcement. The integration of AI and real-time analytics has shifted policing from reactive to proactive, significantly reducing response time. Officials say the system is not only helping solve crimes quickly but also acting as a deterrent. With every movement monitored and recorded, escaping detection has become increasingly difficult.

As Andhra Pradesh strengthens its tech-driven policing model, it is emerging as a benchmark for smart governance. The message is clear—technology has become a decisive force in ensuring safety, accountability, and justice across the state.

Amaravati emerges as launchpad for Quantum Technology in India

(By GMA Staff Reporter)
Amaravati, April 14: Marking World Quantum Day, Andhra Pradesh has taken a major leap in advanced technology with the launch of India's first quantum reference facilities. Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu inaugurated the IS and IQ quantum testbeds at SRM University in Amaravati and Medha Towers in Gannavaram, dedicating them to the nation.

Addressing scientists, researchers, and students, the Chief Minister said Amaravati will serve as a launchpad for quantum technology in India. He expressed pride that Andhra Pradesh is now home to the country's first open-access quantum reference facilities, enabling researchers, companies, and students to test and develop quantum technologies.

He noted that the initiative coincides with the birth anniversary of B. R. Ambedkar, highlighting Ambedkar's belief that knowledge drives social progress. The Chief Minister thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Minister Jitendra Singh for supporting the development of the Amaravati Quantum Valley.

Building a Self-Reliant Quantum Ecosystem
Chandrababu Naidu emphasized



that quantum technology is as critical to future innovation as electricity was to industry and the internet to the digital age. He said that countries mastering quantum capabilities will shape the future, and Andhra Pradesh aims to make India self-reliant in this domain.

The IS system at SRM University will support research, while the IQ system at Medha Towers will cater to industrial applications. Developed within just eight months using indigenous technology, these facilities will also enable testing and certification of quantum hardware.

Amaravati Quantum Valley from

December

The Chief Minister announced that the Amaravati Quantum Valley project will be launched by December. He outlined a broader vision of developing Amaravati as a sustainable, net-zero "blue-green" capital city on the banks of the Krishna River.

He also highlighted parallel initiatives, including a space city in Tirupati, a drone hub in Orvakal, green hydrogen projects, a med-tech hub in Visakhapatnam, and semiconductor manufacturing in Anantapur. He revealed that major investments, including from Google, are expected

to boost the state's technology ecosystem.

Training 4.5 Million in AI and Quantum Skills

The government plans to train 4.5 million people in artificial intelligence, quantum computing, and data security in collaboration with institutions like IIT Madras and industry partners. The goal is to promote innovation, entrepreneurship, and a strong startup ecosystem across the state.

A First for Andhra Pradesh

With these facilities, Andhra Pradesh becomes the first state in India to host quantum testbeds capable of testing and certifying quantum computing hardware under extreme conditions, including temperatures close to absolute zero (-273°C).

The Amaravati Quantum Valley is expected to drive breakthroughs in pharmaceuticals, agriculture, defense research, logistics, cryogenics, and climate modeling, while also enhancing the security of digital transactions.

Senior officials, scientists, and academic leaders, including representatives from DRDO, IITs, and SRM University, participated in the event.

PM Surya Ghar scheme inspired by Ambedkar Launched in Guntur East

(By GMA Staff Reporter)
Guntur, April 14: Guntur East MLA and Assembly Minorities Committee Chairman Mohammed Naseer said the PM Surya Ghar scheme is being implemented in the spirit of B. R. Ambedkar, aiming to transform electricity consumers into producers.

The scheme was launched at Bhavani Nagar, 4th Line in Guntur city. Speaking on the occasion, the MLA said solar power panels will provide clean electricity to every household while also enabling families to sell surplus power to the grid.

He stated that the initiative is particularly beneficial for poor and Dalit families, helping bring economic and social empowerment in line with Ambedkar's vision. In Guntur East constituency, solar panels have been installed for around 2,200 households

Education was Ambedkar's greatest weapon: MLA Naseer

(By GMA Staff Reporter)
Guntur, April 14: Guntur East MLA and Assembly Minorities Committee Chairman Mohammed Naseer said that education was the most powerful weapon used by B. R. Ambedkar to shape India's future. On Tuesday, the MLA participated in Ambedkar Jayanti celebrations at multiple locations including Old Guntur Christian Peta Main Road, Gaddipadu Main Road, Lodge Center, Sri Venkateswara Vignana Mandiram, the Telugu Desam Party district office, and his constituency office.

Speaking on the occasion, he described Dr. Ambedkar as a great social reformer who gave India its remarkable Constitution, making it the



world's largest democracy. He said

He appreciated the efforts of electricity department officials for effectively implementing the scheme and urged eligible beneficiaries to approach his office for enrollment.

The MLA also expressed gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu for supporting initiatives that benefit economically weaker sections.

justice, and his life continues to inspire today's youth. He highlighted Ambedkar's contributions as a lawyer, economist, and reformer who worked for the betterment of society. He added that values such as equality, liberty, and justice enshrined in the Constitution reflect Ambedkar's vision, which is why he is revered as the father of the Indian Constitution. He also mentioned Ambedkar's famous work Annihilation of Caste as a guiding force for social reform. The MLA emphasized that Ambedkar's life teaches people to remain determined and move forward with dedication despite challenges.

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Amanchi Vijaya Bhaskar Sastry Conferred Honorary Doctorate

(By GMA Staff Reporter)
Guntur, April 14: Amanchi Vijaya Bhaskar Sastry has been awarded an honorary doctorate in recognition of his significant contributions to temple rituals and Agama studies. He has performed deity consecrations and conducted sacred rituals in more than 1,400 temples, and has also authored several research-based books on Agama Shastra.

The honorary doctorate was presented on Tuesday in Bengaluru by J. Srinivasamurthy, Honorary Vice-Chancellor, and N. R. Narasimhamurthy, Registrar of Sri Vidya International University of Vedic Sciences. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Vijaya Bhaskar Sastry said that the university, affiliated with a Vedic sciences institution in Florida, USA, had recognized his work and conferred the doctorate. He added that he had studied Smartha traditions under scholars Medhacharya Papayadhanulu, Bandhakavi Ramalingeswara Rao, and Bhuvanagiri Srimangurthy



Avadhani. He emphasized that the growth of Sanatana Vedic and Agama traditions would strengthen temple systems and urged governments to extend greater support for their development.

On this occasion, Dr. Vijaya Bhaskar Sastry and his wife Karunashree received congratulations from State Government Whip and MLC Pidugu Hariprasad, Mylavaram Srinivasa Rao, Samavedam Shanmukha Sharma, Annadanam Chidambaram Sastry, several spiritual leaders, temple priest associations, and Brahmin organizations from both Telugu states.

Ambedkar's Constitution is India's Shield: TDP Leader

(By GMA Staff Reporter)
Guntur, April 14: Senior TDP leader Many stated that the Constitution framed by B. R. Ambedkar stands today as a protective shield for India.

Ambedkar's 135th birth anniversary was celebrated on Tuesday under the leadership of Christ Orphan Center Ministries (CO CM) President Merugumolu Stephen Sundar. On the occasion, Many, along with Stephen Sundar, paid floral tributes to Ambedkar's portrait.

Speaking at the event, Many said that India's peace and stability are largely due to the strong Constitution written by Dr. Ambedkar. He also noted that the country's economic stability is rooted in the policies suggested by Ambedkar.

Move Forward United to Achieve Ambedkar's Ideals: AP NGO Leader



(By GMA Staff Reporter)
Guntur, April 14: Calling for unity in achieving the ideals of B. R. Ambedkar, AP NGO Guntur District President Ghantasala Srinivasa Rao urged employees to work together for social justice and equality.

The appeal was made during Ambedkar's 135th birth anniversary program held at the NGO Home in Guntur on Tuesday. Speaking on the occasion, Srinivasa Rao said that Ambedkar's life symbolizes a great struggle for equality and social justice.

He emphasized that employees should work responsibly and serve society, and encouraged everyone to follow Ambedkar's message: "Educate, Organize, Agitate" in their daily lives.

The event was attended by AP NGO State Vice President Sheikh Nagoor Shareef, Guntur City President and Secretary C. H. Kalyan Kumar and G. V. Koteswara Rao, district executive members K. V. N. Sukumar, C. H. Anil, B. Krishna Kishore, Narasimharao, city executive members Sunil, Bavanna Narayana, Paul Prasad, women's wing chairperson Sheikh Tajunisa, Nagapavani, Jainabi, Jasinta, and others.

Ambedkar's Constitution is India's Shield: TDP Leader

He emphasized that the Constitution remains the only



safeguard for the development and welfare of the masses.

The program was attended by Nidumukkala village TDP leader Bandela Nageswara Rao, Women and Child Department Legal Officer Mannam Sudhakar, organization treasurer Kuraganti Suvarna Kumari, secretary Boddu Blandinamma, Ramavat Hanuma Nayak, and children.

Equality for all through Ambedkar's constitution

(By GMA Staff Reporter)

Palnadu, April 14: District Collector Krittika Shukla, Superintendent of Police B. Krishna Rao, and MP Lavu Sri Krishna Devarayalu stated that Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, the architect of the Indian Constitution, worked tirelessly for the upliftment of marginalized and weaker sections and laid the foundation for an egalitarian society.

On the occasion of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's birth anniversary, floral tributes were paid to his portrait at the District Collectorate and Police Headquarters. Collector Krittika Shukla, MP Lavu Sri Krishna Devarayalu, and SP B. Krishna Rao participated in the ceremony and honored the leader.

Speaking on the occasion, the officials noted that Dr. Ambedkar's contributions to the nation will remain immortal in history. They emphasized that his ideals should continue to guide society and that constitutional values such as equality, justice, and fraternity must be respected by all.

The Collector and SP urged government employees to perform their duties with a strong commitment to the spirit of the Constitution and to work towards realizing Ambedkar's vision.

MP Lavu Sri Krishna Devarayalu stated that despite facing discrimination and hardships during



his time, Dr. Ambedkar did not fight individuals but worked to reform the system and secure a free and dignified future for future generations. He emphasized that education is a powerful tool for social transformation and that Ambedkar's life stands as an example of how knowledge can lead to dignity and progress.

He also highlighted that India was

among the fastest countries to implement reservations for SCs and STs after independence. Drawing inspiration from Ambedkar, leaders like Nandamuri Taraka Rama Rao worked for the welfare of the people, he added.

He further encouraged people, especially SC and ST communities, to benefit from schemes like the Surya

Ghar initiative by installing solar panels.

On the occasion, attendees also visited a photo exhibition showcasing the life and achievements of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar.

Narasaraopet MLA Aravind Babu, along with several leaders, Dalit intellectuals, and officials, participated in the program.

Ambedkar Jayanti Celebrated Grandly Under YSRCP Leadership

(By GMA Staff Reporter)

Narasaraopet, April 14: Dr. Gopireddy Srinivasa Reddy, Working President of Palnadu district from the YSR Congress Party, stated that B. R. Ambedkar meticulously crafted a Constitution suitable for a diverse and united India.

On Tuesday, the 135th birth anniversary of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, the architect of the Indian Constitution, was celebrated in a grand manner under the leadership of Dr. Gopireddy Srinivasa Reddy. Hundreds of party workers participated in a rally that began from the YSRCP office on Guntur Road and proceeded to the Ambedkar statue at the Clock Tower Center, where floral tributes were paid.

Addressing the gathering, Dr. Gopireddy Srinivasa Reddy highlighted that Dr. Ambedkar was born into a poor family and faced untouchability and social discrimination. Despite these challenges, he pursued higher education abroad and earned multiple degrees, becoming a symbol of determination and resilience. He also noted Ambedkar's role in the freedom struggle alongside Mahatma Gandhi.

He further stated that after independence, the then national leadership entrusted Dr. Ambedkar

with the responsibility of drafting the Indian Constitution. He emphasized that Ambedkar's vision continues to guide the nation toward equality and justice.



During his speech, Dr. Gopireddy also criticized the current coalition government, alleging that it is neglecting the principles of Ambedkar's Constitution. He pointed out issues such as the lack of maintenance and electricity at the 120-foot Ambedkar statue in Vijayawada, which was built during the tenure of Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy. He further made remarks regarding recent incidents in the state and called upon the public to respond appropriately.

Several YSRCP leaders and party workers participated in the programme.

Set up maize procurement centres in every mandal: YSRCP Leader

(Our Reporter)

Narasaraopet, April 14: YSRCP Palnadu District Working President Dr. Gopireddy Srinivasa Reddy has demanded that the government establish maize procurement centres in every mandal to ensure farmers receive fair prices for their produce.

He warned that if the demand is not met, the party will organize a farmers' protest in Narasaraopet on the 17th of this month.

Speaking at a press conference held at the YSRCP office on Guntur Road on Tuesday, Dr. Srinivasa Reddy, along with party leaders Chitta Vijayabhaskar Reddy, Annam Punna Reddy, and Kuruguntla Srinivas Reddy, highlighted the challenges faced by farmers.

He stated that maize is being cultivated in about 1,235,000 acres across the state, including 53,739 hectares in Palnadu district. However, farmers are facing severe distress due to the lack of remunerative prices.

He pointed out that the Central Government has announced a Minimum Support Price (MSP) of Rs.2,400 per quintal for maize. Despite this, he alleged that the state government has failed to establish procurement centres, leaving farmers at the mercy of middlemen.



According to him, due to the absence of government procurement centres, traders linked to the ruling party are purchasing maize at prices ranging between Rs.1,600 and Rs.1,700 per quintal, significantly below the MSP.

He further claimed that during the previous YSRCP government, crops were procured at fair prices, ensuring satisfaction among farmers.

Dr. Srinivasa Reddy also alleged that procurement centres have not been set up for other crops such as chickpeas and black gram. He

criticized the government for not establishing a price stabilization fund, stating that such a fund would have protected farmers from losses.

He demanded the immediate establishment of a price stabilization fund and the setting up of maize procurement centres in every mandal.

He announced that a protest will be organized in Narasaraopet on the 17th, inviting participation from farmers across all constituencies, irrespective of political affiliations, to make the protest a success.

Two Schools in Gurazala Under Consideration for NCC Units

(Our Reporter)

Gurazala, April 14: Two schools in Gurazala mandal are under consideration for the establishment of National Cadet Corps (NCC) units, according to sources. The Government High School in Gurazala town and the Andhra Pradesh Social Welfare Residential Boys Gurukul School in Madugula village have applied for NCC units and are currently under review.

NCC battalion officials are expected to visit the schools in the coming days to assess their eligibility. The inspection will include evaluation of sports grounds, student strength, availability of rooms, and other required infrastructure for setting up NCC units.

If selected, each school will enroll around 50 students from Classes 8 and 9 for NCC training. The program will provide basic military training along with instilling discipline, unity, leadership qualities, and a sense of patriotism among students.



NCC training also plays a key role in shaping students into responsible and disciplined citizens with a spirit of service. Additionally, students who successfully complete NCC training and obtain certification will have the

benefit of a 2% reservation in certain government job opportunities.

If approved, the establishment of NCC units in these schools is expected to open up better prospects and a brighter future for the students.

Grand Celebrations of Ambedkar's 135th Birth Anniversary in Piduguralla

(Our Reporter)

Piduguralla, April 14: On the occasion of the 135th birth anniversary of the architect of the Indian Constitution, B. R. Ambedkar, former MLA Kasu Mahesh Reddy paid rich tributes by garlanding Ambedkar statues located at Police Station Center and Island Center in Piduguralla town.

The celebrations were held in a grand manner at the Telugu Desam Party office under the leadership of alliance leaders. Leaders and members of Telugu Desam Party, Janasena, and BJP, along with party workers, supporters, women leaders, youth leaders, and representatives of Dalit organizations, actively participated in the event.

Under the auspices of KNR Educational Institutions, heartfelt tributes were paid to Bharat Ratna Dr. B. R. Ambedkar as part of his 135th birth anniversary celebrations. On this occasion, college directors Koneti Narasimharao and Badisa Mastan Rao highlighted Ambedkar's immense contributions as the chief architect of the Indian Constitution, a social reformer, and a visionary who emphasized the importance of education.

They recalled Ambedkar's inspiring message: "Educate, Organize, Agitate," stating that it should serve as a guiding principle in every student's life. They emphasized that education is the true source of strength and that dedication to studies can help individuals achieve great heights.

They further stressed that equality, justice, and fraternity can only be strengthened in society when individuals strive to become responsible citizens. Ambedkar's ideals, they said, continue to guide

AP IDC Chairman Degala Prabhakar Distributes Fruits at Old Age Home

(By GMA Staff Reporter)

Guntur, April 14: On the occasion of the 135th birth anniversary of B. R. Ambedkar, AP IDC Chairman Degala Prabhakar distributed fruits and bread to elderly residents at Mathrusri Old Age Home, located in Srinagar 7th Line.

The program was organized on Tuesday under the leadership of Team Degala, with support from Sunil, Hanif, and their team. Degala Prabhakar attended as the chief guest and personally handed over fruits and bread to the elderly. He also interacted with them, inquiring about their health and needs, and offered words of encouragement.

the nation toward progress.

Faculty members including Sadineni Narasimharao, Telakapalli Gopikrishna, Aluri Prasanna Kumar, B. Indu, and Sravanthi, along with students, participated in the program.

Additionally, as per the directions of MLA Yarpatineni Srinivasa Rao, the birth anniversary celebrations of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar were conducted grandly at the Telugu Desam Party office under the leadership of alliance members, with wide participation from leaders, cadres, and community representatives.



Speaking on the occasion, Degala Prabhakar said that Dr. Ambedkar's life is an inspiration to all and emphasized the need to practice his ideals of equality, dignity, and justice for every individual in society.

National-Level Bull Strength Competitions Conclude in Vinukonda

(Our Reporter)

Vinukonda, April 14: The national-level bull strength competitions held as part of the Veeranjaneya Swamy temple festival near Madamanchipadu village in Vinukonda mandal concluded on Tuesday.

The week-long event was conducted with great enthusiasm. High-quality bulls from across the Telugu states as well as other parts of the country participated and showcased their strength. The competitions attracted a large number of spectators from the constituency and nearby districts.

At the closing ceremony, Gonuguntla Leelavathi, wife of Government Chief Whip G.V. Anjaneyulu, and GDCC Bank Chairman Makkena Mallikarjuna Rao attended as chief guests. They distributed prizes to the



winners and congratulated them.

Speaking on the occasion, Leelavathi said that such competitions are not just a sport but also an important part of rural culture and tradition passed down through generations. She noted that these events help promote livestock development in rural areas and reflect the strong bond between farmers and their cattle.

She also appreciated the organizers for encouraging traditional rural activities and preserving cultural heritage. Later, a free food distribution program was arranged for farmers and visitors under the leadership of GDCC Bank Chairman Makkena Mallikarjuna Rao.

Members of the temple committee, local leaders, and several others participated in the program.

Ambedkar Jayanti Celebrated by Jana Sena Party in Narasaraopet

(Our Reporter)

Narasaraopet, April 14: On Tuesday, the Jana Sena Party organized grand celebrations to mark the birth anniversary of the architect of the Indian Constitution, B. R. Ambedkar.

On this occasion, party leaders paid floral tributes to Dr. Ambedkar's statue at the Clock Tower Center in the town. Speaking at the event, Jana Sena leaders highlighted Ambedkar's invaluable contributions toward the upliftment of marginalized communities and his relentless efforts to eliminate economic inequalities in society. They stated that his vision and ideals

continue to inspire generations.

The program witnessed the participation of Jana Sena Party district secretary Addepalli Anand Babu, Narasaraopet mandal president Kishatmshetty Govind Rao, District Government Hospital Development Committee member Miriyala Venkata Subbamma, along with leaders Gupta Srikanth, Manchala Tirupathi Rao, Dama Srinu, Rompicharla leader Achula Srinivasa Rao, Pothula Shiva Koteswara Rao, Bandi, Achula, Chalavadi Srinivasa Rao, Gudipati Mahankala Rao, Jalapati Nageswara Rao, Achula Samba, Yalamala Konda,



Ulli Chanti, and women leaders Jakka Nirmala, Lakshmi, and Kasa Sravani, among others.

Grand Celebration of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's 135th Birth Anniversary

(By GMA Staff Reporter)
ASR District (Paderu), April 14: The 135th birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, the architect of the Indian Constitution and a global intellectual who guided the development of modern India, was celebrated with great grandeur in ASR District.

The event was organized by the Social Welfare Department at the Old Bus Stand in Paderu. District Collector T. Nishanthi participated in the program and paid rich floral tributes to the statue.

Speaking on the occasion, the Collector described Dr. Ambedkar as a force behind democracy and a beacon of hope for the marginalized sections of society. She praised his lifelong efforts toward achieving social equality and justice.

She further highlighted that Dr. Ambedkar provided India, the world's largest democracy, with a remarkable Constitution that guarantees fundamental rights to every citizen. Emphasizing the importance of education, she recalled Ambedkar's powerful message: "Educate, Organize, Agitate," and urged the youth to follow his path and contribute to nation-building.

The program was attended by Superintendent of Police Amit Bardar, Joint Collector T. Sri Pooja, ITDA Project Officer Aditya Varma, former



MLA Giddi Eswari, In-charge District Revenue Officer and Special Deputy Collector B. Neelakantha Rao, GCC Chairman Burra Nagaraju, former MPP Burra Vijaya Rani, L.K. Parvathi, APCS Chairman Dappodi Venkataramana, Social Welfare Officer D.V.S.S. Jayalakshmi, Collectorate Superintendent Lakshmana Rao, Land Acquisition and Grievance Superintendent Balaraju, Minority Welfare Officer

Rahim, DLPO P.S. Kumar, Divisional Public Relations Officer Venkata Rao, District Malaria Officer Tulasi, along with various government officials, public representatives, local leaders, and students.

During the event, participants raised slogans of "Ambedkar Zindabad" and called upon everyone to work towards achieving the ideals of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar.

CITU Organises Ambedkar Jayanti Celebrations in Errabalem

(Our Reporter)
Errabalem, April 14: The 135th birth anniversary of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar was observed by the Centre of Indian Trade Unions (CITU) in Errabalem with great respect and enthusiasm.

On the occasion, CITU Capital Division President M. Ravi and Municipal Workers Union President T. Adilakshmi paid floral tributes to Dr. Ambedkar's statue. As part of the celebrations, buttermilk was also distributed to the public.

Addressing the gathering, M. Ravi stated that the working class must come forward to protect the Constitution drafted by Dr. B.R. Ambedkar. He alleged that the ruling governments are intensifying attacks on workers' rights.

He criticized the Central Government, stating that the NDA regime has scrapped 29 hard-earned labour laws and replaced them with labour codes that, according to him, pose a serious threat to workers. He warned that the implementation of these labour codes could lead to



policies such as "hire and fire," increased working hours, compulsory night shifts for women, and wage reductions, thereby affecting job security and workers' welfare.

Ravi urged workers to unite and prepare for large-scale struggles until these labour codes are withdrawn. He emphasized that while Dr. Ambedkar ensured rights for workers through the Constitution, the current policies are undermining those protections.

He also demanded a halt to the privatization of public sector units, called for the regularization of contract and outsourcing workers, and sought

wage increases in line with rising prices.

He concluded that organizing and fighting collectively against such challenges would be the true tribute to Dr. B.R. Ambedkar.

The program was attended by AP Municipal Workers and Employees Federation leaders from the capital region, including O. Rama Rao, T. Adilakshmi, K. Koteswari, T. Tirupatamma, S.K. Subhani, Uyyala Roshaiha, G. Mary Anjali, Malleswari, Edukondalu, Gopi, Srilakshmi, M. Nageswara Rao, Anjaneyulu, Tirumalesh, Sunitha, and others.

Fire Services Week 2026 Launched with Poster Release in Paderu

(By GMA Staff Reporter)
ASR District (Paderu), April 14: Fire Services Week-2026 was formally launched in ASR District with the release of awareness posters and pamphlets by District Collector T. Nishanthi, the District Superintendent of Police, and other senior officials.

The Fire Services Department, in coordination with the Andhra Pradesh State Disaster Response and Fire Services Department, is organizing Fire Services Week from April 14 to April 20.

This year's theme is "Learn Fire Safety - Increase Productivity," with the motto "Service is Our Duty."

The initiative aims to create awareness among the public about fire safety and the importance of preventive measures to avoid loss of life and property.

Speaking at the event held near Ambedkar Statue Junction at the Old Bus Stand, District Collector Nishanthi emphasized that strict adherence to fire safety rules can



significantly reduce accidents and damage. She highlighted the importance of public awareness and preparedness in handling fire-related emergencies.

As part of the week-long program, awareness sessions will be conducted in schools, colleges, and industries. Demonstrations on the usage of fire safety equipment will also be organized to educate people on handling emergencies effectively.

Officials informed that fire service vehicles will move across major

junctions in the town, distributing pamphlets and spreading awareness about safety precautions to be followed during fire accidents. Citizens were urged to immediately inform the Fire Department in case of any fire incident, stressing that public safety is their top priority.

The event was attended by District SP Amit Bardar, Joint Collector T. Sri Pooja, ITDA Project Officer Aditya Varma, former MLA Giddi Eswari, District Fire Officer, and other officials.

Fire Services Week Inaugurated Grandly in Vinukonda

(Our Reporter)
Vinukonda, April 14: Fire Services Week was inaugurated with great enthusiasm on Tuesday at the Fire Station on Vellaturu Road in Vinukonda town.

The program began with fire service personnel paying tributes to Fire Officer Sony S. Kumar of Kerala Fire Services and Leading Fireman Dungan Singh of Uttarakhand Fire Services, who lost their lives last year. A two-minute silence was observed in their memory.

On the first day of the celebrations, chief guests Dr. Manikantha Suresh of Suresh Hospitals and Arif, Principal of Vivekananda High School, attended the event and unveiled the Fire Services Week awareness posters.

As part of the program, students from Sharma School, Gurukula School, and other institutions participated in



a rally accompanied by a fire engine. The rally proceeded up to Vennela Super Market, where a water demonstration was conducted to create awareness about fire prevention during the summer season.

Officials educated the public on safety measures to prevent fire accidents, especially during extreme

heat conditions.

The event was attended by Fire Officer B. Nageswara Rao, Leading Fireman K. Srinivasa Rao, Driver Operators B. Kiran and A. Sekhar, Firemen S.K. Mastan, P. Haribabu, M. Mallikarjuna Rao, Home Guards P. Basha Khan, G. Ramakrishna Rao, D. Mastan, A. Seenu, and others.

Ambedkar's 135th Birth Anniversary Celebrated Grandly in Paderu

(By GMA Staff Reporter)
Paderu, April 14: The 135th birth anniversary of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar was celebrated with great enthusiasm at the APNGO Bhavan in Paderu, said AP JAC Alluri Sitarama Raju District Chairman and AP NGO President L. Ravindra Babu Patrudu.

The program began with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp and floral tributes to Dr. Ambedkar's portrait. Several dignitaries participated and spoke about Ambedkar's ideology and his immense contribution to the nation.

Speaking on the occasion, L. Ravindra Babu Patrudu highlighted Dr. Ambedkar's struggles, movements, and invaluable services to society. He stated that Ambedkar's vision of equality, humanity, and a just society continues to inspire generations. He particularly emphasized Ambedkar's efforts toward the welfare of the poor and marginalized sections.

Pensioners' Association Honorary President T. Appa Rao remarked that Ambedkar's ideals remain a strong source of inspiration even today. He noted that Ambedkar always focused on uplifting weaker sections and believed that everyone deserves an equal place in society based on merit.



National Representative of DLO, S. Manikyam, stated that Dr. Ambedkar dedicated his life to fighting poverty and injustice. He added that Ambedkar's reforms and movements continue to guide and inspire people across the country.

Later, participants organized a large rally and reached Ambedkar Junction, where they garlanded the statue of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar and raised slogans in his honor.

The event was attended by Mandal Revenue Officers V. Trinadha Rao and Giddi Raj Kumar, Additional DMHO Dr. T.N. Pratap, AP JAC Organizing Secretary and AP NGO Associate President Gulleli Simhadri, AP JAC Co-Chairman and APTF District President R. Jagan Mohan, AP JAC District Executive Member and

former Tribal Employees Association President Kudumula Kantharao, Tribal Employees Association District President Masada Eswara Rao, Secretary Mukhi Seshadri, AP JAC District Treasurer G. Subrahmanyam, AP JAC Paderu City Unit President Kambidi Subrahmanyam, AP NGO District Vice President Kunduru Suresh Kumar, Ramabai Seva Sangham President M. Kailasam, Honorary President S. Nagabbai, Dr. Sudhakar, AP NGO City Unit Vice President M. Suryanarayana Naidu, K. Ramakrishna, DLO representatives G. Dhanunjay and Kuda Subrahmanyam, along with several employees, teachers, and students.

The program concluded successfully with active participation from all attendees.

Grand Celebration of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's 135th Birth Anniversary Held in Chittoor

(By GMA Staff Reporter)
Chittoor, April 14: The 'My Bharat Chittoor' organization, under the aegis of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India, grandly celebrated Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's 135th birth anniversary.

Indian Red Cross Society Secretary R. Sahadeva Naidu attended as the chief guest. Speaking on the occasion, he recalled Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's life highlights, thoughts, and services to society. He called upon the youth to follow the path of equality, justice, and social change shown by him.

My Bharat Accounts Officer M.C. Babu Reddy stated that national development is possible only through literacy and that economic inequalities can be eliminated. He praised Dr. B.R. Ambedkar as a great personality.

Following this, a rally was



conducted from Darga Circle to Ambedkar Bhavan. Participants in the rally raised slogans reflecting Ambedkar's ideals to create awareness among the public. Prior to the program,

floral tributes were offered to Ambedkar's portrait.

Joseph Raju (President, Support Organization), volunteers, and about 50 youth participated in the program.

District Collector Nishanthi Inaugurates Summer Water Booth in Paderu

(By GMA Staff Reporter)
ASR District (Paderu), April 14: District Collector T. Nishanthi inaugurated a summer water distribution booth (Chalivendram) at Ambedkar Junction near the Old Bus Stand in Paderu on Tuesday morning. The facility has been set up by the Panchayat Raj Department to provide relief to the public during the ongoing summer season.

The Collector formally opened the booth by cutting the ribbon.

Speaking on the occasion, she said the initiative was taken to ensure that pedestrians and travelers do not face difficulties due to the rising temperatures. She directed Panchayat Raj officials to maintain the facility properly and ensure the continuous supply of clean and cool drinking water to the public throughout the summer. She also advised people to



take necessary precautions while stepping out in the heat and emphasized the importance of staying hydrated to maintain good health.

With temperatures steadily rising, the Collector urged citizens to remain alert, drink plenty of water, and take preventive measures to avoid heat-

related health issues.

The inaugural event was attended by District SP Amit Bardar, Joint Collector T. Sri Pooja, ITDA Project Officer Aditya Varma, former MLA Giddi Eswari, DLPO P.S. Kumar, Panchayat Raj officials, local public representatives, and revenue staff.