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AMARAVATI SET FOR MAJOR ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE PUSH

(By GMA Staff Reporter)

Amaravati, August 12: Amaravati is set to witness another major milestone in its capital development program me, with Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu scheduled to inaugurate the E-3 Seed Access Road and the steel bridge constructed across the Buckingham Canal on Thursday.

The opening of the key road corridor is expected to improve connectivity to Amaravati and make travel to the capital faster and more convenient. The E-3 corridor is being developed as an important component of the grid-based road network planned for Amaravati, with global standards and future traffic requirements in mind.

34 roads spanning 350 km

The E-3 road will connect the N-series roads from N-1 to N-17 in Amaravati. The government is developing the capital's road network in a grid

pattern, connecting major corridors in north-south and east-west directions.

The network is designed to provide direct access to different parts of the capital while reducing unnecessary diversions. A total of 34 major roads under the E and N series are being developed, covering approximately 350 km.

The integrated road network is intended to provide a strong transportation backbone for Amaravati as traffic volumes increase with the expansion of the capital.

Rs.1,519 crore E-3 corridor

The 21.77-km E-3 road starts at Dondapadu and passes through Rayapudi, Venkatapalem, Penumaka and Undavalli before connecting with NH-16 near Manipal Hospitals at Tadepalli.

The road is being constructed at a cost of Rs.1,519 crore in three phases. The 60-metre-wide corridor will include a

nine-lane carriageway, a dedicated Bus Rapid Transit System (BRTS) corridor and service roads.

The project also incorporates essential utility infrastructure, including drainage, drinking water supply, gas and power networks. Cycle tracks, footpaths and green belts are also being developed as part of the corridor, giving the E-3 route the features of a modern urban road.

Steel bridge over Buckingham Canal

To connect the E-3 corridor with the Vijayawada-Mangalagiri highway, the government has constructed a 478-metre-long, four-lane steel bridge across the Buckingham Canal at a cost of ₹82 crore.

The Chief Minister will inaugurate the bridge along with the E-3 road on Thursday. Once opened, the bridge is expected to provide an improved route between Vijayawada and

Amaravati.

It will also help reduce traffic pressure on the Karakatta Road by enabling vehicles to reach Amaravati directly through the Seed Access Road.

The government has been giving top priority to road infrastructure as part of the reconstruction and development of Amaravati. The inauguration of the E-3 road and the steel bridge by Mr. Chandrababu Naidu is being seen as another significant indication of the pace at which infrastructure works are progressing in the capital region.

CM's tour schedule

According to the schedule, Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu will leave the camp office at 10.20 a.m. and reach the Undavalli steel bridge at 10.30 a.m.

He will unveil the foundation plaque at 10.35 a.m. and address the gathering at

- ◆CM Naidu to inaugurate E-3 Seed Access Road
- ◆Buckingham Canal steel bridge
- ◆Rs.1,519 crore E-3 corridor being developed in three phases
- ◆CM to inspect MLA, MLC residential complexes at Rayapudi



10.45 a.m.

Later, he will travel along the Seed Access Road to Rayapudi, where he will inspect the residential complexes being constructed for MLAs and MLCs.

The Chief Minister is scheduled to reach the State Secretariat at 1.25 p.m. and return to his residence at 6.30 p.m.

AP Signs MoUs for Lithium, Gallium Exploration and Mining Excellence Centre



(By GMA Staff Reporter)

Amaravati, August 12: The Andhra Pradesh government has stepped up efforts to explore critical mineral resources in the State, signing an MoU with the CSIR-National Geophysical Research Institute (NGRI) for extensive exploration of lithium and gallium deposits in the Vempalle region of the Kadapa basin.

The MoU was signed between NGRI and the State Mines and Geology Department on Wednesday in the presence of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu.

Preliminary studies conducted by NGRI in and around Thummalapalle have indicated the presence of lithium and gallium. Initial estimates suggest lithium concentrations of up to 1,000 parts per million (ppm) and gallium concentrations of up to 250 ppm.

The latest agreement will facilitate detailed exploration and further scientific

assessment of the mineral deposits.

The project is estimated to cost Rs.140 crore and will be funded entirely through the National Mineral Exploration Trust (NMET).

Centre of Excellence for mining sector

In another major initiative, the Mines Department signed an MoU with IIT (ISM) Dhanbad-TEXMIN in the presence of the Chief Minister to promote research, technology and skill development in Andhra Pradesh's mining sector.

Under the agreement, IIT (ISM) Dhanbad will establish a Centre of Excellence in the State focusing on mining-related research, technological advancement and skill development.

Minister Kollu Ravindra, senior officials of the Mines Department and representatives of the participating institutions attended the MoU signing ceremonies.

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(By GMA Staff Reporter)

Amaravati, August 12: The Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly is set to mark a historic milestone by opening its premises to the public during the Independence Day celebrations, Speaker Chintakayala Ayyanna Patrudu announced on Wednesday.

In an initiative inspired by former Chief Minister N.T. Rama Rao's vision of "Mana Sabha – Jana Sabha" (Our Assembly – People's Assembly), the Assembly premises will be

opened to common citizens and students as part of the celebrations.

Speaking to the media at his office in the Assembly premises, Speaker Ayyanna Patrudu said people, elected representatives and school students could visit the Assembly on the evenings of August 14 and 15 to witness the illuminated Assembly complex.

Special police band performances and cultural programmes depicting India's

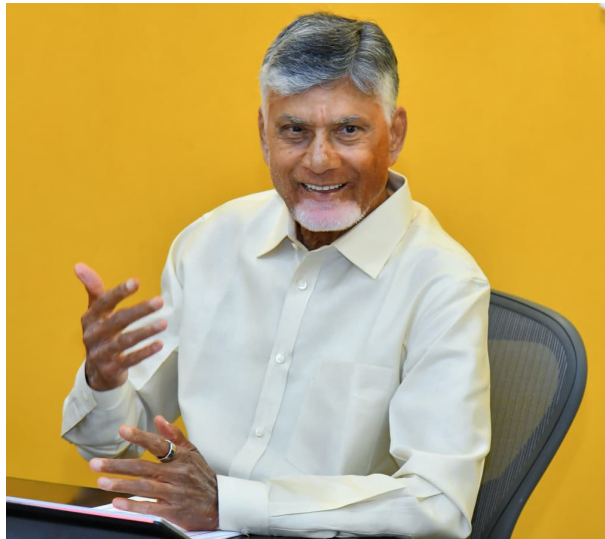
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CM directs officials to focus on value addition to beach sand minerals

(By GMA Staff Reporter)

Amaravati, August 12: Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has called for value addition to beach sand minerals available in Andhra Pradesh. He emphasized the need to prioritize the manufacture of value-added products within the state to reduce dependence on other countries for rare earth minerals and called for adoption of advanced technologies in this sector.

A delegation led by Karan Adani, Managing Director of Adani Ports and SEZ Limited, met Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu at the Secretariat today. The delegation briefed the Chief Minister on the proposed titanium plant to be established by the Adani Group in Srikakulam district with an investment of Rs.16,000 crore, as well as beach sand mining, the products that can be manufactured from these minerals, their applications across various sectors and market demand. The Adani Group representatives explained



that ilmenite available in beach sand can be value-added to produce titanium slag, titanium dioxide (TiO2) and titanium sponge. They said TiO2 has applications in paints, coatings, cosmetics, plastics and polymers, UV-protection products and several other industries.

Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu stressed the importance of manufacturing

value-added products within the state to maximize the economic benefits from the state's mineral resources. He said beach sand minerals should not be viewed merely as resources to be extracted as raw minerals, but as the foundation for developing an integrated value chain that delivers maximum benefit to both the state and the country. The Chief Minister said Andhra Pradesh should move towards self-reliance in rare earth minerals. Mining and development of rare earth minerals should contribute to nation-building while also strengthening the state's economy, he said. He directed officials to focus on identifying the resources available in the state, the technologies required for their development and suitable technology partners in the rare earth minerals sector. The entire process, he emphasized, should be designed to serve the interests of both Andhra Pradesh and the nation.

The Adani Group representatives also informed the Chief Minister that steps would be taken to establish skill development facilities, Adani University, an international school, a 1,000-bed hospital under the name Adani Aarogya Mandir, and a 150-seat medical college in Visakhapatnam. They also presented the master plan details for the proposed Adani Data Centre and IT Park in Visakhapatnam.

Andhra Pradesh takes fresh steps to boost industrial growth

(By GMA Staff Reporter)

Amaravati, August 12: Andhra Pradesh has taken another significant step towards accelerating industrial growth, with investment promotion roadshows held in Chennai and Coimbatore receiving an encouraging response from industrialists, investors and representatives of international business organisations.

The two-day roadshows, held on Tuesday and Wednesday ahead of the CII Partnership Summit 2026, were organised by the Andhra Pradesh

- Investment promotion roadshows in Chennai, Coimbatore receive strong response
- Industrialists show keen interest in investing in Andhra Pradesh
- Positive response to CII Partnership Summit 2026: Minister Kondapalli Srinivas



Government in partnership with the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and coordinated by the Andhra Pradesh

Economic Development Board (APEDB).

Minister for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, Rural Poverty Alleviation and Non-Resident Telugu Empowerment, Kondapalli Srinivas, who led the State delegation, said the programmes had successfully showcased the wide range of investment opportunities available in

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MINISTER NIMMALA WARNS OF ACTION OVER PUSHKARA LIFT WORKS DELAY

(By GMA Staff Reporter)

Vijayawada, Aug 12: Water Resources Minister Nimmala Ramanaidu expressed serious displeasure over the slow progress of pipeline works under the Pushkara Lift Irrigation Scheme and warned that strict action would be taken against officials and contracting agencies if the works were not completed as per the schedule.

The Minister conducted a review of the progress of the Pushkara Lift Scheme pipeline works through a video conference on Wednesday. He expressed strong displeasure with officials and representatives of contracting agencies over the progress being below expectations.

Polavaram District Collector and SP, Irrigation Adviser Venkateswara Rao, ENC Narasimha Murthy, Executive Engineers and representatives of contracting agencies participated in the review.

Minister Ramanaidu said officials and agency representatives had recently submitted a work schedule for the Pushkara Lift Scheme pipeline works to Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu. Irrigation Adviser Venkateswara Rao subsequently inspected the works at the field level to verify whether they were progressing according to the schedule and submitted a report to the Minister. Questioning the

officials over the lack of progress despite the submission of a work schedule, the Minister said negligence in projects of such importance to the public would not be tolerated.

He directed officials to take stringent action against contracting agencies that failed to complete the works within the scheduled timeframe. If contractors acted in a manner that caused loss to public interest, the Collector and SP should not hesitate to register criminal cases and take appropriate action, including sending those responsible to jail, he said.

The Minister directed ENC Narasimha Murthy to issue a memo to the Executive Engineer concerned for negligence

in the execution of the works. He also instructed officials to submit a daily work progress report on the Pushkara Lift Scheme pipeline works from now onwards.

Focus on Efficient Use of Godavari Water

Minister Ramanaidu said Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu had directed officials to conserve and utilise every drop of water carefully, particularly amid difficult conditions such as El Niño.

He said the Pushkara Lift Scheme was crucial for the effective utilisation of Godavari waters. With the Chief Minister scheduled to release water through the Polavaram Left Main Canal by the end of



this month to enable the supply of Godavari water up to Anakapalli, the Minister directed officials and contracting agencies to accelerate the pipeline works and complete them within the stipulated deadline.

The Minister made it clear that there would be no compromise on timely execution of the project, which is considered vital for public benefit and efficient utilisation of Godavari waters.

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Recruitment Crisis

The prolonged protests over alleged irregularities in recruitment examinations have moved beyond an examination dispute. They have become a larger question of transparency, accountability and the credibility of the government recruitment system. For 19 days, students and job aspirants in Jharkhand have remained on the streets, demanding a comprehensive investigation into alleged irregularities, question-paper leaks and procedural lapses in recruitment examinations. Their agitation, led by the JPSC-JSSC Reforms Manch, has now acquired a distinctly political dimension, with former Chief Minister and BJP leader Raghubar Das openly backing the protesters and demanding a Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) probe. This is not an issue that the government can afford to dismiss as merely another political confrontation. For thousands of young people preparing for government examinations, a recruitment test represents far more than a question paper. It represents years of preparation, financial sacrifice and the hope of securing a stable livelihood. When allegations of paper leaks or manipulation emerge, the damage extends beyond a single examination. It undermines faith in the entire recruitment process. The demand for an independent investigation therefore deserves serious consideration. Raghubar Das has given the state government a week's time to recommend a CBI inquiry into the alleged irregularities. He has also threatened to launch a hunger strike in the name of Bhagwan Birsa Munda if the demand is not met. His criticism of the alleged police action against protesters and his demand for a high-level inquiry into the lathi-charge have further intensified the controversy. Political leaders naturally have their own interests in opposing a government. But that does not make every allegation politically motivated. The government must separate political rhetoric from legitimate grievances and address the latter with facts, evidence and transparency. The controversy has also drawn the Ak-hil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) into the conflict. The organisation has announced protests across the country, including at district headquarters and universities, and demanded cancellation of the JSSC-CGL examination. It has argued that repeated changes in the government-appointed SIT have weakened public confidence in the investigation and that only a CBI probe can restore credibility. Whether a CBI investigation is legally or administratively necessary should ultimately be determined on the basis of evidence. But the government's responsibility is clear: it must demonstrate that the investigation is independent, credible and capable of identifying those responsible. Another disturbing aspect of the controversy is the human cost. Raghubar Das has demanded compensation of ₹1 crore each for the families of 19 candidates who reportedly died after participating in the 2024 excise constable fitness tests. Such incidents require a separate, transparent examination of whether adequate safety arrangements, medical preparedness and reasonable physical standards were in place. The government should not respond to protests merely through administrative pressure or policing. Arrests, force or restrictions may temporarily clear a protest site, but they cannot resolve the underlying grievances. In fact, excessive use of force can deepen distrust among young people who already feel that their concerns are being ignored. The way forward is straightforward. The government should publish the facts surrounding the disputed examinations, disclose the findings of existing investigations wherever legally permissible, explain the status of the SIT inquiry and establish a credible mechanism for examining complaints. If evidence indicates a serious systemic failure, the affected examination should be cancelled or re-conducted without penalising genuine candidates. At the same time, protesters and political organisations must ensure that their demonstrations remain peaceful and do not disrupt public life. Jharkhand's recruitment controversy is ultimately a test of institutional credibility. Government jobs cannot become a lottery in which honest candidates bear the cost of administrative failures. Every recruitment examination must be conducted with transparency, technological safeguards, independent oversight and clear accountability. Young people do not need promises. They need a recruitment system they can trust. The government has an opportunity to demonstrate that trust is not merely a slogan. It is a responsibility.

AP Targets 95-95-99 HIV Control Goals by December 1

(By GMA Staff Reporter)

Amaravati, August 12: Andhra Pradesh is stepping up efforts to achieve the 95-95-99 HIV control targets by December 1, 2026, with the State government intensifying awareness, testing and treatment initiatives aimed at building an AIDS-free Andhra Pradesh.

Health Minister Satya Kumar Yadav called upon youth and voluntary organisations to actively participate in the campaign and help the government achieve the targets.

The Minister launched a 60-day special Information, Education and Communication (IEC) campaign organised by the Andhra Pradesh State AIDS Control Society (AP SACS) in Vijayawada on the occasion of International Youth Day.

Speaking on the occasion, the Minister said Andhra Pradesh had made significant progress in HIV control, with new HIV infections declining by 77 per cent and deaths falling by 87 per cent compared with the past.

Under the 95-95-99 framework, 95 per cent of people living with HIV are expected to know their status, 95 per cent of those diagnosed should be on treatment, and 99 per cent of those on treatment should achieve viral suppression.

The State has so far achieved 88 per cent, 87 per cent and 96.2 per cent respectively across the three indicators. The Minister urged officials and stakeholders to bridge the remaining gaps and achieve the prescribed targets by December 1.

Focused action to meet December target

Minister Satya Kumar Yadav directed officials to identify gaps at each stage and implement targeted measures accordingly.

He called for continuous district-wise monitoring and corrective action wherever required. Youth should be made key partners in the campaign, while social media should be extensively used to spread HIV prevention and awareness messages, he said.

‘Suraksha’ dashboard for monitoring

The Minister unveiled the ‘Suraksha Dashboard’, a digital monitoring platform designed to track the progress of HIV control programmes across districts.

The dashboard will help

officials identify districts and areas where progress is satisfactory, locate gaps, determine where special attention is required and accelerate interventions wherever necessary.

60-day awareness campaign

Health Department Secretary G. Veerapandian said extensive awareness programmes would be conducted over the next 60 days in villages, schools, colleges, engineering institutions and higher educational institutions.

As part of the preparations for an AIDS-free India, activities will be taken up in line with the guidelines of the National AIDS Control Organisation (NACO), with a focus on achieving the ‘Surakshit’ and ‘Surakshit Plus’ targets by December.

Folk art programmes, social media campaigns and distribution of pamphlets will be used to take the awareness drive to the grassroots, he said.

Palamaneru, August 12 (Our Reporter) The Jayanti celebrations of Goddess Chowdeshwari were held grandly on Tuesday at the temple in Gangavaram mandal.

Palamaneru MLA N. Amarnath Reddy and Vannakula Kshatriya Corporation Chairman C.R. Rajan attended the celebrations. On the occasion, leaders of the Palamaneru Vannakula Kshatriya Association accorded a warm welcome to the dignitaries. Later,

Preventing mother-to-child transmission

Health and Family Welfare Commissioner Chakradhar Babu said pregnant women would be encouraged to undergo HIV testing at an early stage.

Those requiring treatment would be provided timely medical care to prevent transmission of HIV from mother to child. Services would also be strengthened to ensure that eligible patients receive treatment without delay, he said.

ART centres under review

AP SACS Project Director Smaran Raj said the performance of Anti-Retroviral Therapy (ART) centres was being reviewed under the supervision of district Collectors.

He said measures were being taken to ensure that people diagnosed with HIV are linked to treatment and that those already undergoing treatment continue to receive uninterrupted services.

The special 60-day campaign will cover villages, educational institutions and vulnerable groups. Youth, NGOs, healthcare workers, educational institutions and the media will be involved in taking the campaign to the grassroots.

Special emphasis will be placed on testing pregnant women, preventing mother-to-child transmission, continuity of ART treatment and viral-load suppression.

Officials will identify gaps in every district and take corrective measures, Smaran Raj said, adding that the entire process—from diagnosis to treatment and from treatment to viral-load control—would be continuously monitored.

AP SACS In-charge Additional Project Director Dr. Bhagyalakshmi, JD-IEC Dr. Manjula, JD-TI Sukumar, JD-BSD/CST Dr. Srinivasa Varma, JD-BTS Dr. Chakravarthy, representatives of major voluntary organisations and a large number of youth participated in the programme.

Chowdeshwari to bless everyone and ensure peace, prosperity and happiness among the people. TDP leaders R.V. Balaji, R.B.C. Kutty, Giribabu, Nagaraju, Khaja, B.R.C. Kumar, Kiran, Sridhar, Jagadeesh and Venkataramana, along with Vannakula Kshatriya Association leaders Srinivasulu, Vijayasekhar, Lakshmaiah, Shanmugam, Venkatesh, Nataraj and others participated in the celebrations.



‘Mana Sabha – Jana Sabha’

AP Assembly opens doors to public

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freedom struggle will be organised during the evening hours.

The Speaker said students were being specially invited to familiarise the younger generation with the country's freedom movement and its history. Depending on the arrangements, students may also be permitted to visit the Assembly's main hall.

Food courts may also be allowed on a limited, paid basis for visitors during the celebrations. However, restrictions will be imposed on activities such as making reels with mobile phones inside the premises due to security concerns.

Assembly to be opened to public every year

Assembly Secretary General Prasanna Kumar Suryadevara said the State Legislature, regarded as a temple of democracy, would be treated as “Mana Sabha – Jana Sabha” and opened for public visits during the 80th Independence Day celebrations.

He said visitors would be allowed between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. on August 14 and 15 and urged students and the general public to make use of the opportunity.

Depending on visitor numbers, arrangements would be considered to allow visitors to enter the Assembly meeting hall without mobile phones.

He said students from nearby areas would arrive in buses arranged by their educational institutions. Discussions were also being held with APSRTC officials to arrange some buses for the convenience of other visitors.

Preparations for Assembly session

Speaker Ayyanna Patrudu said a meeting with the Chief Secretary, other senior secretaries, the DGP and senior police officials would be held on August 14 morning to review security and other arrangements for the Assembly session beginning on August 17.

Speaker seeks action over

absentee MLAs

The Speaker also expressed concern over elected representatives who remain absent from Assembly proceedings.

He questioned how MLAs could claim salaries and allowances without attending the House when the primary responsibility of legislators was to raise and discuss people's issues.

He recalled that in the past some members allegedly used to remain absent for several days and later sign the attendance register. He said such practices would be stopped with the introduction of a digital facial-recognition attendance system.

Under the new system, attendance would be recorded only when a member is physically present in the seat allotted to them.

The Speaker said a report had already been submitted to the Centre seeking appropriate action regarding legislators who remain absent from Assembly proceedings. He said he had also raised the issue at Speakers' forums in Barbados and Goa and advocated a special law by Parliament on the matter.

Speaker on Opposition status

Responding to questions on former Chief Minister and YSR Congress Party president Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy's demand for Leader of Opposition status, Ayyanna Patrudu said the position could not be granted without the required numerical strength in the House.

He questioned under which rule Opposition status could be granted to a leader who did not have the required numbers.

The Speaker also said a member without recognised Leader of Opposition status could not be allotted time equivalent to that given to the Chief Minister. However, every member of the House would be given an equal opportunity to speak according to the rules, he added.

DSP's Family Seeks Justice

Over Alleged Land Harassment

(By GMA Staff Reporter)

Narasaraopet, Aug 12: The parents and brother of Paderu Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) Rajasimha Reddy have approached the Narasaraopet rural police seeking protection and justice in connection with an alleged agricultural land dispute.

According to the family, they owned two acres of agricultural land that had come to them from their mother-in-law's side. They alleged that in 2020, Kotapati Mallikarjuna Rao sought the land for a real estate venture.

The family claimed that after they refused to part with the property, irrigation channels were allegedly encroached upon and walls were constructed, preventing water from reaching their agricultural land.

They further alleged that pressure was subsequently brought on them to sell the land. According to their complaint, the sons, Bharat Simha Reddy and Raja Simha Reddy, each issued cheques/promissory instruments for Rs.10 lakh towards the roadshows.

Minister Srinivas expressed satisfaction over the positive response received for the CII Partnership Summit 2026, which is scheduled to be held in Visakhapatnam on November 12 and 13.

He said the government would provide speedy clearances and closely monitor project implementation to convert investor interest into actual investments. The State would extend all necessary support and cooperation to ensure the smooth progress of projects, he added.

CII Andhra Pradesh Vice-Chairman Dr. G. Sambasiva Rao, CII Chennai Chairman R.V. Chari, CII Coimbatore Zone Chairman V. Naushad, Vice-Chairman Mahalingam Ramaswamy and AP MSME Development Corporation CEO Vishwamanoharan, among others, participated in the roadshows.



Andhra Pradesh takes fresh steps to boost industrial growth

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Addressing the gatherings, the Minister highlighted the State's natural resources, skilled workforce, strong infrastructure, strategic ports, industrial corridors and investor-friendly policies under the leadership of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu.

He also explained the government's focus on good governance, speed of doing business and investor facilitation. The Minister invited industrialists and investors to explore opportunities across various sectors in the State and assured them of full government support in establishing mutually beneficial partnerships.

Industry leaders share positive experiences

Representatives of Isuzu Motors, Hero MotoCorp and Coromandel International shared their positive

experiences of doing business in Andhra Pradesh, which the Minister described as a reflection of the State's attractive investment climate.

During the Chennai session on Tuesday, the Minister held discussions with German Consul General Michael Hasper, Indo-Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry President S. Padmanabhan, TECC Chennai Director General Stephen Hsu and POSCO Chennai Plant Operations Head Jung Woong Kang.

Discussions covered investment opportunities in semiconductors, electronics, renewable energy, technology, skill development and the MSME sector.

Focus on emerging sectors in Coimbatore

The Coimbatore roadshow on Wednesday focused on several emerging investment opportunities. The

Minister held discussions with Emerald Jewellery Managing Director K. Srinivasan on gold refining and the opportunities it could create for the MSME sector.

He also discussed a green hydrogen project with Leap Green CEO Devanand and held talks with Gian Charging CEO Karthikeyan Palaniswamy, L.G. Balakrishnan & Bros Director Rajeev Parthasarathy, Tiruppur Exporters' Association General Secretary N. Thirukkumaran and Seegar Group Managing Director Radhakrishnan.

Wide range of investment opportunities

The State government presented investment opportunities in renewable energy, green industries, tourism and hospitality, manufacturing, industrial clusters, ports, logistics and private industrial parks during



Accuracy over speed, Journalism must serve public interest: Collector

(By GMA Staff Reporter)

Bapatla, August 12: The Press Information Bureau (PIB), Vijayawada, under the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India, organised a Vartalap–Media Works hop at Sairam Grand Convention Hall in Bapatla on Wednesday. The work shop brought together government officials, PIB representatives and journalists from print and electronic media to discuss the changing media landscape, professional development, responsible journalism and effective communication of government policies and welfare programmes.

Bapatla District Collector Dr. V. Vinod Kumar attended the programme as the chief guest and inaugurated the workshop by lighting the ceremonial lamp. PIB Vijayawada Director G. Suresh Kumar explained the important role of the Press Information Bureau in providing authentic and timely information to the media on government policies, programmes, development projects and public welfare initiatives.

Continuous Learning Essential
Addressing the gathering, the District Collector stressed the importance of continuous learning and professional skill development for journalists and other professionals. He said professionals should constantly upgrade their knowledge and skills instead of becoming complacent after gaining experience.

Referring to the regular training programmes and examinations undertaken by IAS officers, he said continuous learning is essential to maintain professional efficiency and remain relevant in a rapidly changing environment.

Drawing an analogy with cricket, the Collector said long-term success in any profession depends on a combination of quality performance and strong personal values. In journalism, quality and credible content should go hand in hand with professional ethics, responsibility and integrity.

Accuracy Must Come Before Speed

The Collector said the media sector has undergone a major transformation from traditional print media to electronic, digital and social media platforms. While information now reaches the public within seconds, the shorter attention span of audiences has also increased the pressure on journalists to deliver news quickly.

In this environment, journalists and government officials must be able to verify information quickly and respond responsibly, he said. Speed should never come at the cost of accuracy and credibility. Journalists

Collector leads bicycle rally with students



(By GMA Staff Reporter)

Bapatla August 12: As part of the 80th Independence Day celebrations, District Collector Dr. Vinod Kumar participated in a bicycle rally along with students in Bapatla. The rally started from the Municipal High School and proceeded to the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar statue near the Pedanandipadu flyover. Municipal Commissioner M. Hasini flagged off the rally. At the Ambedkar statue, Collector Dr. Vinod Kumar administered the Independence Day pledge to the students, urging them to uphold India’s sovereignty and integrity and actively contribute to the goals of Viksit Bharat 2047 and

PIB Vartalap Media Workshop Held in Bapatla



should verify facts through reliable sources and documentary evidence before publishing or sharing information.

Transparency Builds Public Trust

The Collector emphasised the importance of transparency and regular interaction between government departments and the media. Referring to the Chief Minister’s emphasis on transparent communication, he said regular press conferences and interaction with journalists would help departments explain government programmes effectively and strengthen public confidence.

He said effective communication between the administration and media can ensure that authentic information about government initiatives reaches the public without distortion.

New Opportunities for Journalists

The Collector encouraged journalists to explore their individual creativity and professional opportunities in the digital age. Social media, he said, can be used not only for instant news dissemination but also for developing specialised content, building professional identity and reaching specific audiences.

He advised journalists to identify emerging areas of public interest and produce focused, informative stories that can provide meaningful information to communities. He also suggested that media professionals explore relevant government schemes and opportunities that could support their professional and financial development.

Need to Combat Fake News

The workshop highlighted the growing responsibility of the media in combating misinformation and fake news. With unverified information spreading rapidly through social media platforms, journalists were advised to adopt a research-oriented approach and ensure that reports are based on verified facts rather than unconfirmed claims.

The participants were encouraged to give greater importance to

constructive and issue-based journalism, focusing on subjects that directly affect communities, including agriculture, climate change, government welfare schemes, local development, tourism, employment and economic opportunities.

Emphasis on Data and Emerging Technology
The importance of data-based journalism and modern technology was also discussed. Media professionals were encouraged to improve their skills in data mining, digital research and emerging technologies, including generative artificial intelligence, to analyse information and identify meaningful trends.

The speakers, however, stressed that technology should complement journalistic judgment and fact-checking rather than replace professional responsibility.

I&PR and Housing Minister’s OSD Anitha said journalism carries a significant responsibility in shaping public opinion and keeping people informed. She urged journalists to maintain accuracy, credibility and ethical standards while reporting. With the rapid growth of digital and social media, she stressed the need to verify information before publication

and encouraged media professionals to make effective use of modern technology to provide reliable and meaningful content to the public.

PIB officials said programmes such as Vartalap provide an important platform for interaction between government departments and media representatives, enabling journalists to obtain authentic information about government initiatives and strengthening communication between the administration, media and the public.

The workshop was attended by PIB Vijayawada Director G. Suresh Kumar, Sambasiva Rao, Lead Bank Manager Shiva Krishna, District Information and Public Relations Officer P. Venkataramana, RDO A. Hari Kumar, Bapatla MRO saleema, Programmer Solomon Raju, PIB officials and representatives of print and electronic media. The participants discussed the evolving role of journalism in the digital era and stressed the need for accurate, transparent, ethical and public-oriented reporting. The workshop concluded with an emphasis on strengthening professional skills and ensuring that the media continues to play a constructive role in informing and empowering society.

Protect Every Acre of Crop, Says Minister Anam

(By GMA Staff Reporter)

Nellore, August 12: The interests of farmers are the top priority of the government and every effort will be made to protect paddy crops under the second crop season in Nellore district, Minister for Endowments Anam Ramanarayana Reddy said on Wednesday.

He assured farmers that the government would work responsibly to ensure irrigation water was supplied until the last stage of the crop and that every acre under cultivation would be protected.

The Minister chaired a detailed review meeting at the Tikkana Pranganam in the Nellore Collectorate on Wednesday morning to review water releases for the second crop, water storage levels in the Somasila and Kandaluru reservoirs, irrigation management and measures to prevent water wastage.

MLAs Kakarla Suresh, Dagumati Venkata Krishna Reddy, Somireddy Chandramohan Reddy and Vemireddy Prashanthi Reddy participated in the meeting.

3.22 lakh acres targeted
Irrigation officials briefed the meeting on water availability, storage levels in Kandaluru reservoir, the requirement for the second crop and measures being taken to prevent wastage.

Minister Anam said the district was targeting cultivation of the second paddy crop across 3.22 lakh acres using water from the Somasila project.

He directed officials to ensure proper irrigation management in the Nellore and Kovur delta areas and prevent any shortage to farmers. Special measures should be taken to address water scarcity in the Kavali, Dakshinapu and Kandikuru canals in non-delta areas, he said.

The Minister said the Agriculture and Irrigation departments were working in coordination as per the directions of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu to protect the rabi crop.

He said there should be no negligence in supplying the required water to crops before September 30 and instructed officials to take all necessary measures to protect every

Protect Every Acre of Crop, Says Minister Anam



acre.

Next 30 days crucial
Minister Anam said the coming 30 days were extremely crucial as the paddy crop had entered the grain formation stage.

Any negligence in irrigation management at this stage could result in significant losses to farmers, he warned.

Officials, irrigation committees, project committees and people’s representatives should jointly monitor canals and fields continuously and ensure that farmers receive the required water, he said.

He also said Nellore and Tirupati district farmers under the Telugu Ganga Project were being supplied water for the second crop. As only limited water could be released from Kandaluru reservoir, officials should make optimal use of available water to protect the crop.

Collector stresses water management

Nellore Collector Himanshu Shukla said the next 30 days were critical, with the coming 15 days particularly important for effective water management.

Despite water stress caused by El Niño conditions globally and in Andhra Pradesh, the district had managed irrigation effectively in accordance with the decisions of the Irrigation Advisory Board (IAB), he said.

The Collector directed irrigation officials to clearly report the extent to which IAB decisions were being implemented, identify problems and submit plans for resolving them.

He also asked Agriculture Department officials to provide precise information on crop maturity timelines in different canal command

Tributes Paid to Freedom Fighters in Bapatla on Quit India Movement Anniversary



(By GMA Staff Reporter)

Bapatla, August 12: The Forum for Better Bapatla organised a tribute programme at the freedom fighters’ memorial near the Old Bus Stand in Bapatla on Wednesday, marking the 85th anniversary of the Quit India Movement.

Forum for Better Bapatla Secretary Dr. P.C. Sai babu, who led the programme, paid floral tributes at the memorial and recalled the historic role played by Bapatla in the Quit India Movement.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Saibaba recalled the historic incidents of August 12, 1942, when protesters attacked the Bapatla Railway Station and Sub-Court. He also recalled the notable incident in which advocate Nalam Ramachandra Rao reportedly

Patriotism displayed by Muttayipalem Students



(By GMA Staff Reporter)

Bapatla August 12: The 80th Independence Day celebrations were held at the Mandal Parishad Primary School, Muttayipalem Bapatla mandal, as per the directions of the District Collector. An Independence Day rally was organised from the school premises and flagged off by School Management Committee Chairperson Karra Aruna. Headmaster Gurujala Srinivasa Rao paid tribute to the freedom fighters and highlighted their sacrifices for the nation. He urged students

to draw inspiration from the great leaders, pursue education with discipline and grow into responsible citizens. Students enthusiastically marched through the village streets carrying portraits of Mahatma Gandhi, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, Jawaharlal Nehru and other national leaders, along with the Tricolour, while raising patriotic slogans. Teachers C.H. Ramadevi, B. Vijayalakshmi, D. Vandanakumari and Sheikh Parveen, SMC members and students participated in the rally.

He said Bapatla had played a unique and significant role in the Quit India Movement and stressed the need to preserve and pass on the town’s freedom struggle history to future generations.

Sub-Treasury Officer A. Parishuddha Rao, M.S. Reddy Degree College lecturers Ramamohan and Bhikshalu, Narra Sambu, T. Bhaskar Rao and students participated in the programme. The Forum for Better Bapatla, secretary Dr. P.C. Sai babu, has been commemorating the freedom fighters every year and working to preserve and promote Bapatla’s historical heritage and contribution to India’s freedom struggle.

Patriotism displayed by Muttayipalem Students



He cautioned that if water storage in the Somasila project did not increase, the situation could become challenging in the coming days.

He urged officials, engineers and water-users’ associations to prevent wastage and ensure that every available drop was used efficiently.

Tail-end irrigation remains priority
Kovur MLA Vemireddy Prashanthi Reddy said the priority was to conserve water and ensure irrigation reaches the tail-end of the command area.

She said adequate water was being supplied for the second crop in the Kovur constituency and measures had been taken to ensure that water reached Ramateertham, the last village in the command area.

She said water would be required until September 17 in Buchireddypalem and Kovur mandals and until September 30 in the tail-end Kodavalur and Vidavalur mandals.

She said efficient water management had enabled farmers to receive irrigation up to the tail-end using 9.5 TMC out of the 13 TMC allocated to the Kanigiri reservoir.

She also requested the Minister and Collector to ensure timely payment of salaries to the field-level irrigation staff working round the clock.

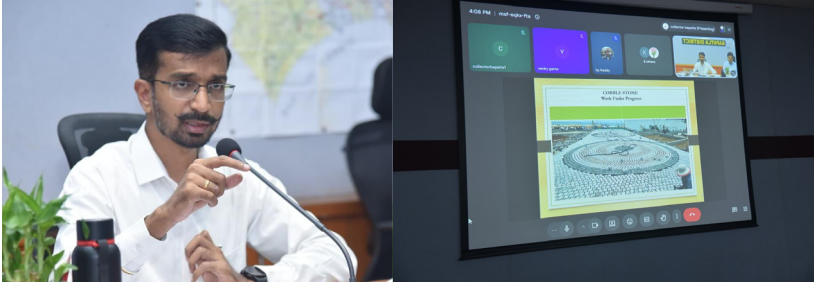
Senior irrigation officials, including Somasila, Kandaluru and Irrigation Superintending Engineers G. Ramachandra Murthy, Subrahmanyeswara Rao and Desh Naik, District Agriculture Officer Satyavani, executive engineers, agriculture officials, project committee chairpersons, water-users’ association representatives and farmers attended the meeting.

Collector directs officials to expedite MoU implementation

(By GMA Staff Reporter)

Bapatla, August 12: District Collector Dr. Vinod Kumar V. directed officials to expedite the implementation of MoUs signed for tourism and industrial projects in Bapatla district. He reviewed the progress of the MoUs at the Collectorate on Wednesday. Officials informed the Collector that 12 projects involving investments of 7852.16 crore are proposed in the district, with the potential to generate direct and indirect employment for around 1,435 people. Several tourism projects, resorts and beachfront development works have been proposed in Suryalanka and Chirala.

The Collector instructed officials to speed up land allotments, infrastructure development and



necessary departmental clearances. He directed them to continuously monitor the progress of each project and resolve any issues without delay. He also reviewed the progress of MSME parks being developed at Nainipalle in Vetapalem mandal and Govada in Amruthalur mandal. He sought details from APIIC Zonal Manager Narasimha Rao and directed officials to complete the works within the stipulated deadlines. The

progress of development works being undertaken at Suryalanka beach under Swadesh Darshan 2.0 was also reviewed. The Collector directed officials to complete the remaining works at the earliest while strictly maintaining quality standards. DRO Lavanna, District Tourism Officer K. Binhar, District Industries Officer Ramakrishna, APTDC EE Srinivasa Rao and others participated in the review meeting.

Plant One Tree at Every Household on August 14: Collector

(By GMA Staff Reporter)

Bapatla, August 12: District Collector Dr. Vinod Kumar V. directed officials to ensure that a sapling is planted and protected in front of every household on August 14 as part of the Independence Day celebrations. The Collector held a video conference on Wednesday evening with RDOs, municipal commissioners, MPDOs, APOs and other officials to review arrangements for the Independence Day celebrations to be held at the Police Parade Grounds on August 15. The Collector instructed officials to encourage residents in urban and rural areas to plant a sapling in front of their houses, along roadsides or in government offices. People should take a pledge to protect the sapling and upload photographs of the activity on social media. He said that a cycle rally



would be organised at 4 PM on Thursday at Repalle Municipality as part of the State Government's Ane Nenu programme, aimed at encouraging every citizen to participate in the development of the

Forest Department Creates Awareness on Elephant Conservation Among Students

(By GMA Staff Reporter)

Bhakarapeta, August 12: On the occasion of World Elephant Day, awareness programs on elephant conservation were organized at the Zilla Parishad High School and J.C.R. Edu Valley School in Bhakarapeta village, under the aegis of the Bhakarapeta Forest Range Department. The events were held under the leadership of Bhakarapeta Range Forest Officer N.Venkataramana.

During the program, forest officials educated students about the importance of elephants, their role in maintaining ecological balance, the need for elephant conservation, and the precautions required to mitigate human-elephant conflicts. A skit on elephant protection was performed to further enhance awareness among the students.

Additionally, drawing competitions centered around elephants were conducted in the schools, and prizes were distributed to the top performers. Following this, the students took a pledge dedicated to the conservation of elephants.

HIV Testing Drive Held in Gollapalem

(By GMA Staff Reporter)

KAKINADA, August 12: A voluntary HIV testing drive was organised at Gollapalem village in Kajuluru mandal of Kakinada district on Wednesday by Bheema Bai Mahila Mandali, in association with the District AIDS Prevention and Control Organisation and other community-focused organisations.

A total of 39 men and women from the village voluntarily underwent HIV testing during the programme. According to the test reports, one person tested positive for HIV.

Staff of Bheema Bai Mahila Mandali provided counselling to the person who

placards, participants marched through the village raising slogans on elephant protection, emphasizing the need for public participation in wildlife conservation.

The event saw the participation of Zilla Parishad High School Headmaster Siva Kumar, teachers, J.C.R. Edu Valley Chairman Y. Jayachandra Reddy, school staff, Forest Section Officer B. Muniswamy Naik, Forest Beat Officers C. Ravi, K. Lakshmi Prasad, Y. Rajesh Kumar, Pradeep Chand, M. Sadashivayya, J.B. Nikhil, along with other forest department personnel and students.

tested positive and explained that regular use of Antiretroviral Therapy (ART) medicines could help maintain good health. They advised the person not to panic and stressed the importance of continuing treatment regularly.

The organisers also explained preventive measures to the other participants to help reduce the risk of HIV infection and encouraged them to remain aware of HIV prevention practices.

Medical and Health Department personnel, Disha staff and representatives of Bheema Bai Mahila Mandali participated in the programme.

TTD JEO and MLA Inspect Arrangements for Mahalakshmi Deepa Puja

Palamaneru, August 12: (Our Reporter) TTD JEO Sharath and Palamaneru MLAN. Amarnath Reddy inspected the arrangements on Wednesday evening for the Sri Mahalakshmi Deepa Puja, scheduled to be held on August 14, on the occasion of Shravan Friday, at the Government Degree College grounds in Palamaneru. More than 2,000 devotees are expected to participate in the programme. The officials directed the authorities to make all necessary arrangements and ensure that devotees face no inconvenience during the event. They appealed to



women devotees to participate in the prestigious Deepa Puja with devotion and seek the blessings of Goddess Mahalakshmi.

Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams Dharma Prachara Parishad Chairman Medasani Mohan, CEO, and alliance leaders from the Palamaneru constituency were also present.

country. The Collector said that officials, ward secretariat staff, school and college students and others would participate in the rally along with him. The Collector directed departments including Fire Services, DRDA, MEPMA, Housing, CPDCL, DM&HO, Agriculture, Horticulture, Panchayat Raj, Women and Child Welfare, Education and Municipal Administration to arrange tableaux and stalls showcasing government schemes and departmental activities. In-charge DRO and Special Deputy Collector Lavanna, Bapatla RDO A. Hari Kumar, CPO A.S. Raju, RWS SE Anantharaju, Panchayat Raj EE Satyanarayana, JD Animal Husbandry Venugopal, District Agriculture Officer A. Lakshmi, DM&HO Dr. S. Vijayam ma, DEO Srinivas Singh, DPO L. Prabhakar Rao, DIC GM Ramakrishna, SSPO Srinivasa Rao, Irrigation SE Venugopal, DIO Kodandarama, Municipal Commissioner M. Hasini and other officials participated in the video conference. RDOs, municipal commissioners, MPDOs, village and ward secretariat staff and APOs also attended.

Ministers Must Respond to the Water Crisis: J.C. Prabhakar Reddy



Tadipatri, August 12 (Our Reporter): Former Municipal Chairman J.C. Prabhakar Reddy warned that Anantapur district could face a water shortage due to inadequate rainfall. He urged political leaders and officials to remain vigilant from now on. Speaking to the media, he said that although water had entered the district through the HLC and Handri-Neeva canals, it would benefit only certain areas. "Will it not rain? People keep talking about El Niño and La Niña, but we are not seeing significant rainfall. Some people say that there will be no rainfall when Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu is in power. If there is no rainfall, then how did water reach the Handri-Neeva canal? Can anyone answer this? No one knows how nature works," J.C. questioned.

Water in Gandikota, but...

"There will be no major water problem in the Tadipatri constituency because the Gandikota Reservoir still has abundant water. However, this water is sufficient only for the Tadipatri urban area. Farmers in Yadiki and Papili mandals are not receiving adequate water for cultivation," J.C. said, expressing concern. Farmers Suffer Losses, Businesses Hit

He said that farmers in the rural areas of the Tadipatri constituency had already suffered heavy losses due to the impact of rainfall. As the financial condition of rural people has deteriorated, businesses in Tadipatri town have also been affected.

"Even now, Finance Minister Payavula Keshav and leaders such as Kaluva Srinivasulu should respond proactively and remain alert regarding the water situation. Otherwise, there is a possibility that people across Anantapur district may face a drinking water crisis," J.C. Prabhakar Reddy said.

Notices to Be Issued to Voters Left Out of SIR Process



(By GMA Staff Reporter)

Bapatla, August 12: District Collector Dr. Vinod Kumar directed officials to issue notices to those who were left out of voter registration during the SIR (Special Intensive Revision) process conducted earlier. The Collector held a review meeting through video conference with EROs, AEROs, RDOs, Municipal Commissioners, Tahsildars and BLOs from the New Video Conference Hall at the District Collectorate on Wednesday night to review the SIR process. Speaking on the occasion, the Collector directed BLOs to issue notices to eligible persons who were not enrolled as voters during the earlier SIR exercise. Each BLO should issue 50 notices per day and collect the required supporting documents from the concerned persons. Those receiving notices should approach the respective EROs and AEROs for verification of their details, he said. The Collector instructed the BLOs to commence the process immediately and complete it without any pendency.

In-charge DRO and Special Deputy Collector Lavanna, District Collectorate AO Mallikarjuna Rao, Election Superintendent Shafi, RDOs, Municipal Commissioners, BLOs and other officials participated in the video conference.

MLA JC Asmith Reddy's Door-to-Door Visit Under "Telugudesam to Every Household" Programme



(Our Reporter)

Tadipatri, August 12: As part of the "Telugudesam to Every House hold" programme aimed at reaching out to the public, understanding their problems and providing prompt solutions, Tadipatri MLA JC Asmith Reddy extensively toured Ward No. 2 of Padamati Geri in the town on Wednesday. During the visit, MLA JC Asmith Reddy directly met the residents and enquired about their problems. Several residents brought local issues related to drinking water, sanitation, roads and drainage to his attention. Responding immediately to the concerns raised by the people, the MLA spoke to the concerned officials over the phone and instructed them to treat the public's problems as a priority and resolve them at the earliest. He made it clear that there should be no delay in addressing the issues. The local residents thanked the MLA for personally visiting their neighbourhood and listening to their concerns. MLA JC Asmith Reddy stated that he would remain accessible to the people and continue working for the development of the ward.

Free Medical Camp Held at Palamaneru Court



Palamaneru, August 12 (Our Reporter): A free medical camp was conducted at the Palamaneru Court premises under the aegis of the Mandal Legal Services Authority, as per the directions of Senior Civil Judge Vavili Adinarayana.

Judges, advocates, court staff, police personnel and litigants attended the camp and underwent medical examinations. Government Homeopathic Medical Officer Uma Rani examined the participants and provided medical advice for various health-related issues.

A total of 106 people were examined during the free medical camp.

Senior Civil Judge Vavili Adinarayana, Junior Civil Judge Likhitha, Advocates' Association President Irshad Ali Khan, senior and junior advocates, court staff, Government Homeopathic Medical Officer Uma Rani, FNO Sujatha and litigants participated in the programme.

Tributes Paid to Yadati Kashipathi



(Our Reporter)

Tadipatri, August 12: Telugu Velugu Literary and Social Service Organization President T.V. Reddy said that Yadati Kashipathi, a revolutionary writer and prominent journalist who dedicated his life to public service and literature, would always be remembered. The 10th death anniversary meeting of Yadati Kashipathi was held grandly on Wednesday at Surya High School in Tadipatri under the auspices of the Telugu Velugu Literary and Social Service Organization. School Principal Radhakrishna Reddy presided over the meeting. The programme began with floral tributes being paid to Kashipathi's portrait. Speaking on the occasion, T.V. Reddy, Farmers' Association leader Rajareddy and teacher Devan recalled Kashipathi's significant contributions to society as a revolutionary writer, poet, left-wing

leader and journalist. They said that his numerous articles, revolutionary poems that inspired social consciousness, and speeches that encouraged young people and students to think critically continue to inspire generations. The speakers praised Kashipathi as a great personality who dedicated and sacrificed his life for the people and various public movements. Duguru Sridhar Honoured with 'Yadati Kashipathi Memorial Award'

In memory of Yadati Kashipathi, former senior journalist of Prajashakti, Duguru Sridhar, was presented with the 'Yadati Kashipathi Memorial Award.' He was felicitated with a shawl and presented with a memento along with a cash award. Social activist Muniswamy, Headmistress Asha B, teachers Shareef and Jnaneshwari, along with students, participated in the programme.

Youth Should Play a Key Role in Nation's Development

Palamaneru, August 12 (Our Reporter): The International Youth Day and National Library Day celebrations were held in a grand manner at SVCR Government Degree College in Palamaneru under the joint auspices of the NSS and Library departments.

Speaking on the occasion, College Principal Dr. M. Venkateswarlu said that youth are making significant progress in various fields. He urged students to excel in their areas of interest and contribute to individual, social and national development. He also advised students to cultivate the habit of reading books and grow into responsible citizens.

Vice-Principal G. Nandeeswaraiha said that youth should move forward on the path of development and improve their problem-solving skills to succeed in the competitive world.

He highlighted the crucial role of libraries in achieving personal success.

Head of the Telugu Department R.E. Vasu said that reading books



helps in developing a strong personality and advised the youth to cultivate good habits. NSS Coordinator Dr. R. Venkatesh Babu stated that books play a vital role in human development.

Head of the English Department A. Suresh Kumar said that reading is essential for personal growth. College faculty members, NSS volunteers and students participated in the programme and made the celebrations a success.

World Elephant Day Celebrations Held in Palamaneru

Palamaneru, August 12: (Our Reporter) World Elephant Day was observed with various programmes at a ZPHS school in Gangavaram mandal. On the occasion, different sports competitions were conducted for students, and FRO Champla Naik distributed prizes to 30 winners. Later, cultural programmes were organised for students from various schools at the

Elephant Camp, located about five kilometres from Palamaneru town. Students also participated in a tree-planting programme in vacant areas as part of the celebrations.

The children were delighted to see the elephants at the camp and expressed their excitement. FSO officials Sukumar, Ramesh and Yugandhar, along with forest guards and watchers, participated in the programme.



BASS Leaders Felicitate Single Window Chairman Harish



Palamaneru, August 12 (Our Reporter): BASS leaders felicitated Harish, who was recently elected as the Chairman of the Single Window Society, at the BASS Bhavan in Gangamma Thopu on Wednesday.

BASS Honorary President Sudhakar, Secretary Dr. Janardhan, and other BASS leaders garlanded Harish and honoured him

by presenting a shawl. Later, Single Window Chairman Harish hosted a lunch for the BASS leaders at the BASS Bhavan.

Former presidents P.J.C. Babu and Ganesh, Joti, Pushpala Venkateswarlu, Kishore, Koti, Hemanth, Saraayi Chandranna, Jai Shankar, Lakshmi pathi, Chandra, Ramesh, and other BASS leaders participated in the programme.

Four Arrested in Kukunoor Robbery Case

(By GMA Staff Reporter)
Kukunoor, August 12: Police arrested four persons in connection with Kukunoor Police Station Cr.No.76/2026 under Sections 134 and 307 of the BNS, registered over the assault and robbery of an elderly woman on August 9. Police recovered the stolen gold necklace and the car allegedly used in the crime.

As part of the investigation, police on Wednesday morning around 9 a.m. noticed three men and a woman moving suspiciously near Thimmampeta junction in Venkatapuram village of Kukunoor mandal. When they attempted to flee after seeing the police, officers chased and apprehended them.

The arrested persons were identified as:

Shaikh Qasim @ Basha @ Jatala, 26, of Jangareddygudem. He has 17 previous cases against him—13 in Jangareddygudem Police Station limits, including one murder case, two in Koyyalagudem and one in Nallajerla.

Vasamsetti Ramachandra Pavan Kumar @ Skylab, 19, of Jangareddygudem. He has 10 previous cases, including one murder case—nine in Jangareddygudem and one in Koyyalagudem.

Nalubolu Lokesh, 27, of Jangareddygudem, who has three previous cases registered in Jangareddygudem Police Station limits.

Payam Rutu, 26, daughter of Rajarao and wife of Shaikh Qasim, belonging to the Koya ST community



and a resident of Butta Lakshmiapuram village in Burgampahad mandal of Bhadradri Kothagudem district, Telangana.

Modus Operandi

According to the investigation, the accused were travelling in a white Maruti Suzuki car bearing registration number TS 03 ET 4530 and decided to commit a theft due to their financial needs. While passing through Kukunoor, they spotted an elderly woman walking alone. They stopped the car, intercepted her, threatened and assaulted her, and forcibly snatched the gold necklace she was wearing.

When the woman's son-in-law attempted to intervene, the accused pushed him aside and threatened to kill him before fleeing the scene in the car.

While escaping towards the Thimmampeta road in Venkatapuram village, the car reportedly went out of control and hit a roadside tree, damaging the front-left tyre area. The

accused then drove the vehicle into a nearby forest area, abandoned it and fled.

Gold Necklace and Car Recovered
Police recovered the victim's gold necklace from the accused. Including the beads, the necklace weighed approximately 21.600 grams, as confirmed using an electronic weighing machine.

Police also seized the white Maruti Suzuki car bearing registration number TS 03 ET 4530, identifying it as the vehicle used in the crime, in the presence of mediators.

All four accused were arrested at around 11:30 a.m. on August 12 and produced before the Jangareddygudem court for remand. Further investigation is underway. The SP specially appreciated Kukunoor CI P. Bala Suresh Babu, SI K. Raja Reddy and the police personnel for their prompt investigation, speedy arrest of the accused and recovery of the stolen gold necklace and the vehicle used in the crime.

Guntur Officials Inspect Independence Day Arrangements



(By GMA Staff Reporter)
Guntur, August 12: DIG Raja Kumari and District Collector C.M. Saikanth Varma inspected the arrangements for the Independence Day celebrations at the Capital Parade Grounds on Wednesday.

They reviewed preparations for the full-dress rehearsal scheduled for August 13, including seating arrangements for the Chief Minister, ministers, judicial officers and All India Services officers. They also inspected the routes for guests and the public, parking facilities and other arrangements.

The officials discussed the traffic plan in view of the expected vehicle congestion and reviewed the preparation of tableaux by various government departments showcasing their progress and achievements.

Superintendent of Police Vakul Jindal, Guntur Municipal Corporation Commissioner K. Mayur Ashok, CRDA Additional Commissioner Kollabathula Karthik, Joint Collector Ashutosh Srivastava, Protocol Director Mohan Rao, Revenue Divisional Officer K. Srinivasa Rao and other officials participated in the inspection.

Eluru Collector Reviews Independence Day Arrangements



(By GMA Staff Reporter)
Eluru, August 12: District Collector K. Vetriselvi directed officials to make elaborate arrangements for the grand celebration of Independence Day in the district.

The Collector reviewed the preparations with officials at the Gautami Conference Hall in the Collectorate on Wednesday. She directed officials to ensure that the 80th Independence Day celebrations on August 15 are conducted in a festive atmosphere at the Eluru Police Parade Grounds.

She instructed officials to prepare and display tableaux showcasing various schemes and programmes implemented by departments including Agriculture, Horticulture, Housing, Jaladhara-Jalaharathi, Forest, Education, Rural Development, Swachha Padam and Tribal Development.

The Collector also directed officials to set up stalls highlighting

the progress of food processing units, ICDS, agricultural mechanisation, Animal Husbandry, DRDA, MEPMA and other departmental programmes.

She called for cultural programmes aimed at promoting patriotism and national unity. She further instructed officials to recommend only those employees who have no pending cases or disciplinary action for receiving commendation certificates for their outstanding services in various departments.

Officials were also directed to invite public representatives in accordance with protocol.

Joint Collector M.J. Abhishek Goud, DFO P.V. Sandeep Reddy, DRO M. Sridevi, Zilla Parishad CEO Jagadamba, DPO Mallikarjuna Rao, RDO Lakshmiarasanna, DMHO Dr. Shobha, DEO Venkatalakshamma, Transco SE Ambedkar, DWMA PD K.V. Subbarao, CPO Srinivasa Rao and officials from various departments attended the meeting.

Guntur Launches 'Thalli Bidda Express' Services



(By GMA Staff Reporter)
Guntur, August 12: The government has introduced advanced 'Thalli Bidda Express' (Mother and Child Express) vehicles with the objective of ensuring that pregnant women and new mothers do not face difficulties before or after childbirth, said Kandula Durgesh, Guntur district in-charge and State Minister for Tourism, Culture and Cinematography.

On Wednesday, Minister Durgesh, along with local MLA Naseer Ahmed and medical officials, flagged off the new Thalli Bidda Express vehicles at the Kanuri Gymkhana Children and Women's Health Centre on the GGH premises in Guntur. He personally accompanied a new mother and her newborn into the vehicle, interacted with them warmly and sent them home.

Addressing the media later, Minister Durgesh said the services had been revived with the support of the National Health Mission and the State Government. The vehicles will safely transport women home after delivery and also bring pregnant women to hospitals for antenatal check-ups, high-risk pregnancy cases and treatment requiring iron/sucrose injections for severe anaemia.

He said the vehicles are brand-new air-conditioned vehicles equipped with six airbags, GPS tracking, an SOS button for emergencies and a 102 call-centre facility. Pregnant women and new mothers can call 102 to avail themselves of the service free of cost.

10% Discount on International Speed Post for Rakhi

(By GMA Staff Reporter)
Guntur, August 12: Rakhi festival symbolises the cherished bond between brothers and sisters. In view of Rakhi Purnima on August 28, the India Post Department has made International Parcel and International Speed Post services available for sending rakhis, gifts and other permitted items to brothers, relatives and loved ones living abroad for work, business or studies.

To help people in rural areas send rakhis overseas, India Post is offering a 10% discount on the International Speed Post document service for retail customers at all post offices, including nearby branch post offices.

The Postal Department is making arrangements to ensure that rakhis are delivered safely with secure packaging at charges lower than those of private courier services.

Guntur Postal Superintendent U.

18 Thalli Bidda Express Vehicles Launched in Guntur



(By GMA Staff Reporter)
Guntur, August 12: The government has introduced Thalli Bidda Express vehicles with the objective of promoting institutional deliveries and significantly reducing maternal and infant mortality, said Guntur district in-charge Minister and State Tourism Minister Kandula Durgesh.

On Wednesday, Minister Durgesh, along with local MLA Naseer Ahmed, launched 18 Thalli Bidda Express vehicles at the Kanuri Gymkhana Women and Child Health Centre on the premises of GGH in Guntur.

Speaking to the media, the Minister said the vehicles would be used to transport pregnant women safely to hospitals and ensure that new mothers and their babies reach home safely after delivery. He said the vehicles are fully safe, air-conditioned and equipped with airbags. Pregnant women and new mothers can call the 102 call centre and avail themselves of the service free of cost. Hospital staff will also accompany them in the vehicles to provide necessary support. The Minister said the programme was launched across Andhra Pradesh on Tuesday and was introduced in Guntur district on Wednesday with 18 vehicles being made available. He said the initiative was taken as part of the government's efforts to achieve "Healthy Andhra Pradesh." GGH Superintendent Dr. Durgaprasad, DMHO Dr. Vijayalakshmi, DCHS Dr. Rangarao, Gynaecologist Dr. Aruna, Jana Sena Guntur district president Gade Venkateswara Rao and hospital medical staff participated in the programme.



Yalamandaiah said the initiative will enable people to share the joy of Rakhi with their loved ones even when they are living far away. He urged customers to make use of this facility and celebrate the festival with their family members across the world.

Donors' Support Vital for Educational Institutions: Deputy Speaker

(By GMA Staff Reporter)
Guntur, August 12: Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly Deputy Speaker Raghurama Krishnam Raju said educational institutions can develop rapidly only with government encouragement coupled with the support of generous donors. He praised the valuable contributions made by donors towards the development of educational institutions.

He was the chief guest at a programme held on Wednesday as part of the golden jubilee celebrations of Acharya Nagarjuna University (ANU) to honour donors who have rendered significant services and provided financial assistance for the university's development. The programme, presided over by ANU Vice-Chancellor Prof. K. Gangadhara Rao, began with the Deputy Speaker lighting the ceremonial lamp.

Raghurama Krishnam Raju said recognising and honouring donors is a great tradition. He noted that the university administration's decision to remember and honour donors reflects not only their generosity but also its sense of gratitude and culture. Over its five-decade journey, ANU has made significant progress in education, research and other fields and has educated thousands of students.

AMG India International Director Dr. Arun Kumar Mohanty said it was gratifying to see conferences and meetings being regularly conducted in the spacious auditorium built with the support of donors. He said the progress of the country and the State is closely linked to the development of educational institutions and stressed that donor support is therefore essential. He added that the donor felicitation programme at ANU had inspired him and said he would similarly identify and honour donors who have contributed to the development of educational institutions in his constituency.

Donors' Role Crucial in ANU Development

Avanigadda MLA Mandali Buddhagprasad said it was commendable that donors who contributed to the university's development were being recognised and honoured during its golden jubilee celebrations. He explained the historical developments that led to the establishment of ANU and said the university had emerged as a key centre for higher education in the Guntur region. He stated that the contribution of donors to the university's progress would always be remembered.

Education Must Adapt to



Changing Needs

AP State Council of Higher Education Chairman Prof. K. Madhumurthy said fundamental changes were needed in the education system to meet the requirements of changing times. He stressed the need to provide students with skills suited to future requirements and ensure the effective utilisation of available resources. He suggested that curricula should be redesigned keeping future needs in mind.

Infrastructure Expanded with Donor Support

AMG India International Director Dr. Arun Kumar Mohanty said it was gratifying to see conferences and meetings being regularly conducted in the spacious auditorium built with the support of donors.

Significant Progress Over Five Decades

ANU Vice-Chancellor Prof. K. Gangadhara Rao said the university had made remarkable progress in education, research, sports and infrastructure over its five-decade journey. He said the contributions of donors, academicians, alumni, officials and various organisations to this progress were invaluable.

Donors Felicitated

Donors who rendered distinguished services and provided financial assistance for the development of the university were felicitated on the occasion. Those honoured included Bommidala Krishnamurthy, Jagarlamudi Muralimohan, retired IAS officer L.V. Subrahmanyam, Tulasi Ramachandra Prabhu, G.S.G. Iyengar, Yarlagadda Lakshmiarasanna, Paladugu Lakshmana Rao, Rayapati Srinivas, Muppalaneni Srinivas, Y.V. Anjaneyulu, G. Sivaramakrishna Prasad, M. Kamalakara Babu, K. Veerabrahmam, Hanumantha Reddy, S. Bharani, S.K. Shameem Bhanu and K.F. Paradesi Babu, among others. AP State Council of Higher Education Vice-Chairperson Prof. K. Ratnasheelamani, Rector Prof. R. Sivaramaprasad, Registrar Prof. Simhachalam, governing council members Prof. Muralimohan, Prof. Trimurtirao, Dr. Sudhakar, Prof. Swarooparani, Dr. Venugopal and Shameem Begum, along with teaching and non-teaching staff, researchers and students, attended the programme.

Seed Access Road Ready for Inauguration

(By GMA Staff Reporter)
Guntur, August 12: The Seed Access Road and steel bridges have been readied for inauguration. Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu is scheduled to inaugurate the projects on Thursday.

District Collector C.M. Saikanth Varma and Amaravati Development Corporation Chairperson Lakshmi Parthasarathi inspected the arrangements on Wednesday.

Following the inauguration of the steel bridge and Seed Access Road, the Chief Minister will address a public meeting organised at the venue. He will later inspect the residential complex for legislators.

The police department has made security arrangements and prepared plans for parking and traffic diversions. Awareness programmes were also conducted for police personnel deployed for the event.

Joint Collector Ashutosh Srivastava, CRDA Additional Commissioner Kollabathula Karthik, Tenali RDO K. Sreeramani, Rural Water Supply Department Superintending Engineer K. Kalyana Chakravarthy, MTMC Commissioner Aleem Basha, District Civil Supplies Officer P. Komali Padma, Additional SP Ravi Kumar, District Panchayat Officer B.V. Naga Sai Kumar and other officials participated in the arrangements.

Postal Department Offers International Parcel Services

(By GMA Staff Reporter)
Guntur, August 12: People can now send goods and other parcels to relatives, friends and customers living abroad from their nearest post office, said Guntur Division Postal Superintendent U. Yalamandaiah. He said the Postal Department is offering four types of international services, enabling people to send documents, certificates, gift parcels to relatives and friends, as well as goods manufactured by businesses to foreign countries. The International Registered Letter and EMS are primarily meant for documents and certificates. The International Tracked Packet Service can be used to send various items, including lightweight gifts. The Air Parcel Service allows customers to send heavier parcels to other countries. The Superintendent said the charges depend on the weight of the parcel and the destination country. People can avail themselves of these services at branch post offices in villages as well as sub-post offices and head post offices. He said international postal services are available to almost all countries across the world. The International Tracked Packet Service can be used to send various items, including lightweight gifts. Selected major post offices also provide parcel-packing facilities for a nominal fee, at a lower cost compared with private individuals and organisations. Postal Superintendent U. Yalamandaiah urged people to make use of these international postal services for sending documents, gifts and goods abroad.

Organ Donation Can Give Others a New Lease of Life: Minister

(By GMA Staff Reporter)
Guntur, August 12: State Health Minister Satyakumar Yadav said organ donation is a noble act that can give another person a new lease of life, and the government is organising awareness programmes across the State to encourage people to come forward for organ donation. Speaking at a programme organised by the Indian Red Cross Society, Andhra Pradesh State Branch, at Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan on Wednesday on the occasion of International Organ Donors Day, the Minister said 41 brain-dead persons had donated their organs by the time he took charge as Minister, helping facilitate organ transplants for 166 people.

He said that during 2025, as many as 93 people donated their organs, benefiting 363 recipients and giving them a new chance at life.

The Minister said district-level senior officials, as per the directions of the State government, are attending the funerals of brain-dead organ donors and paying their

Collector Calls for Greater Awareness on HIV/AIDS

(By GMA Staff Reporter)
Vijayawada, August 12, 2026: District Collector Dr. G. Lakshmisha called for extensive public awareness on HIV/AIDS and urged people to make effective use of the medical services being provided by the government for prevention and treatment.

He said HIV can be effectively controlled through awareness, vigilance, timely medical testing and regular medication.

The District Medical and Health Department organised an awareness rally from the Old Government Hospital in Vijayawada on Wednesday. Collector Dr. G. Lakshmisha flagged off the rally and participated in it, personally creating awareness among the public.

Students, healthcare workers and representatives of voluntary organisations took part in the rally,

Former Rajya Sabha MP Alla Ayodhya Ramireddy's Birthday Celebrated Grandly



(By GMA Staff Reporter)
Guntur, Aug 12: The birthday celebrations of former Rajya Sabha member Alla Ayodhya Ramireddy were held on a grand note at the YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) district office in Brindavan Gardens, Guntur, on Wednesday, under the aegis of Team Ayodhya.

Former Minister Ambati Rambabu and former MP Modugula Venugopala Reddy said Ayodhya Ramireddy was a leader who practised value-based politics and worked diligently for the party.

Speaking on the occasion, they recalled his contribution as the YSRCP regional coordinator for Guntur,

Collector Unveils Posters on Alternative Farming Methods

(By GMA Staff Reporter)
Palnadu District, August 12: District Collector Dr. Kritika Shukla unveiled awareness posters aimed at educating farmers about alternative agricultural practices in view of the possibility of rainfall deficit, high temperatures and water scarcity due to the El Niño effect. The posters, prepared by Natural Farming District Project Manager K. Amalakumari, were released in the presence of district officials during a Primary Sector Action Plan meeting chaired by the Collector at the district Collectorate on Wednesday. The posters highlight measures such as conserving soil moisture, cultivating crops with less water, adopting crop diversification, promoting intercropping and following natural farming practices to effectively deal

respects. He said organ donors are as great as soldiers who sacrifice their lives for the security of the nation.

Satyakumar Yadav appreciated the services being rendered by the Indian Red Cross Society and assured that he would



extend his support to its various welfare activities. He particularly appreciated the organisation for conducting awareness programmes on organ donation along with blood donation camps.

He called upon people across the State to create greater awareness about blood donation, eye donation and organ donation.

carrying placards and raising slogans on HIV prevention, control, treatment and government healthcare services.

Speaking on the occasion, the Collector said proper awareness about AIDS can help control the spread of the disease. He stressed the need to dispel misconceptions about HIV and ensure that accurate, scientific information reaches everyone.

He said people diagnosed with HIV need not panic, as the disease can be effectively controlled by regularly taking government-provided medicines and following doctors' advice. He urged people who suspect they may have been exposed to HIV or who have been in high-risk situations to undergo medical testing without delay.

Those diagnosed with HIV should undergo treatment under medical supervision and take their medication regularly, he advised.

The Minister said around 51,000 people across the State have registered online for organ transplantation. Considering the large number of people awaiting transplants, he appealed to the families of brain-dead patients to come forward and consent to organ donation.

Red Cross to Intensify Awareness Campaigns

Red Cross State Branch Chairman Y.D. Rama Rao, who presided over the programme, said thousands of people across the State are suffering from kidney, liver and heart ailments due to changing lifestyles and are waiting for organ transplants. Thousands have registered through the Jeevandan app seeking transplants.

He said although many families have come forward to donate organs and save the lives of patients, thousands are still waiting for transplants. Thousands have registered through the Jeevandan app seeking transplants. The Red Cross will therefore conduct extensive awareness programmes to educate the public and encourage more people to donate organs.

Rama Rao thanked the Governor of Andhra Pradesh and the State government for their support to the Red Cross's social welfare activities.

He also said it was a matter of great satisfaction that the Red Cross entered into an MoU with LV Prasad Eye Institute on Wednesday to establish Red Cross cornea centres in all districts across the State. Red Cross State Vice-Chairman P. Ramachandra Raju, renowned ghazal singer Ghazal Srinivas, LV Prasad Eye Institute representative Dr. Sunitha Chaurasia, Red Cross State Branch Treasurer Dr. Srihari Rao, District Medical and Health Officer Dr. Vijayalakshmi and others attended the programme.

MLA Participates in Rudra Parayanam, Extends Aid to Poor



(By GMA Staff Reporter)
Narasaraopet, Palnadu District: An Ahoraatra Rudra Parayanam programme was conducted with devotion at the historic Pathuru Sivalayam on Wednesday. Narasaraopet MLA Dr. Chadalavada Aravinda Babu participated in the Rudra Parayanam and performed special prayers at the temple.

Later, under the auspices of the Sharada Smartha Purohita Sangham, essential commodities were distributed to 25 economically disadvantaged Brahmin families. Financial assistance was also provided to five poor students to support their education.

The organisers said that extending support to poor families and students along with conducting spiritual programmes is part of their social responsibility.

AP Bullion Merchants Association president Kapilavai Vijay Kumar, TDP Narasaraopet town president Gattupalli Satyanarayana, alliance leaders, Guduru Shekhar, party workers and devotees participated in the programme.



district, officials said. District Agriculture Officer M. Jaggarao, District Horticulture Officer Venkata Rao, DWMA Project Director Siddhalingamurthy, Natural Farming District Project Manager K. Amalakumari and other district officials participated in the meeting. The campaign will also encourage farmers to adopt climate-resilient practices for sustainable agricultural production.

'Suraksha' Dashboard Launched for Digital HIV Monitoring

(By GMA Staff Reporter)
Vijayawada, August 12: State Health Minister Satyakumar Yadav said the government's primary objective is to build an HIV/AIDS-free Andhra Pradesh and achieve the prescribed 95-95-99 targets in full by December 1, 2026. He called upon youth and voluntary organisations to actively participate in the campaign.

The Minister launched the 60-day special Information, Education and Communication (IEC) campaign organised by the Andhra Pradesh State AIDS Control Society (AP SACS) in Vijayawada on the occasion of International Youth Day.

Speaking on the occasion, Satyakumar Yadav said Andhra Pradesh had made significant progress in HIV control. New HIV infections have declined by 77 per cent, while deaths have fallen by 87 per cent compared with earlier years.

He explained that under the Centre's 95-95-99 target, 95 per cent of estimated people living with HIV should know their status, 95 per cent of those diagnosed should be on treatment, and 99 per cent of those receiving treatment should have a suppressed viral load. Andhra Pradesh has currently achieved 88-87-96.2 per cent across the three categories.

He urged all stakeholders to work together to achieve the remaining targets by December 1.

Focused Action Towards December Target

The Minister directed officials to identify gaps at each of the three stages and take targeted measures in areas where shortcomings are found. He instructed officials to continuously monitor district-wise progress and take corrective action wherever necessary.

He stressed the need to involve youth as key partners and make extensive use of social media to spread awareness messages.

'Suraksha' Enables District-wise Monitoring

The Minister unveiled the 'Suraksha Dashboard', developed to digitally monitor the progress of HIV

Unnati foundation to provide Rs.1 crore for knee replacement surgeries at GGH

(By GMA Staff Reporter)
Guntur, Aug 12: The Ussnati Foundation has come forward to support free knee replacement surgeries for poor patients at the Government General Hospital (GGH) in Guntur by providing implants, equipment and technical expertise worth ₹1 crore.

Ussnati Foundation Chairman and senior joint replacement surgeon Dr. Boosireddy Narendra Reddy announced the initiative and signed an understanding with GGH Superintendent Dr. G. Durgaprasad. He said the foundation would provide the required implants, equipment and technical support to facilitate around 100 knee replacement surgeries for economically disadvantaged patients.

The announcement was made during an interaction held at the MCH Block meeting hall at GGH on Wednesday. The programme brought together patients who had undergone free knee replacement surgeries at the hospital about a decade ago, along with their family members. The event was marked by celebrations, dances and kolatam performances by the beneficiaries.

Dr. Narendra Reddy recalled that, inspired by former State Health Minister Dr. Kamineni Srinivas, the Ussnati Foundation had earlier conducted 125 free knee replacement surgeries at GGH. He said the successful completion of the surgeries had given the foundation immense satisfaction.

Responding to requests from Guntur Medical College Principal Dr. N.V. Sundarachari and GGH Superintendent Dr. Durgaprasad, the foundation decided to extend another round of support worth ₹1 crore. Dr. Narendra Reddy said he would personally visit GGH and perform the surgeries free of cost.

He described the opportunity to serve patients at a government



control programmes and identify district-wise gaps.

The dashboard will help officials determine which districts are progressing well, where gaps exist, which areas require special attention and where interventions need to be accelerated, enabling timely and targeted action.

60-Day Awareness Campaign with Youth

Health Department Secretary G. Veerapandian said extensive awareness programmes would be conducted over the next 60 days in villages, schools, colleges, engineering colleges and higher educational institutions.

As part of preparations for an AIDS-free India, activities will be undertaken in accordance with National AIDS Control Organisation guidelines to achieve the 'Surakshit' and 'Surakshit Plus' targets by December. He said awareness would be spread through folk-art performances, social media and pamphlets.

Preventing Mother-to-Child Transmission

Health and Family Welfare Commissioner Chakradhar Babu said pregnant women would be tested for HIV at an early stage and provided with necessary medical services and treatment to prevent transmission of HIV from mother to child.

He said services would be strengthened to ensure that those requiring treatment receive it without delay.

ART Centres to be Reviewed

AP SACS Project Director Smaran Raj said the functioning of Anti-



hospital as a privilege and said GGH had infrastructure comparable to, and in some respects better than, that available at government hospitals elsewhere in the State. He appreciated the efforts of the medical college principal and hospital superintendent in strengthening the hospital's facilities.

Guntur Medical College Principal Dr. N.V. Sundarachari said the fact that none of the 125 patients who underwent knee replacement surgeries developed an infection was a testimony to Dr. Narendra Reddy's dedication and surgical expertise. He became emotional while watching the beneficiaries, who had regained mobility, participate in dances and kolatam performances.

GGH Superintendent Dr. G. Durgaprasad praised Dr. Narendra

Retroviral Therapy (ART) centres was being reviewed under the supervision of district Collectors, along with monitoring treatment continuity among people living with HIV.

He said measures would be taken to ensure that those diagnosed with HIV receive treatment and that patients already undergoing treatment continue to receive uninterrupted services.

Over the next 60 days, awareness activities will be extended to villages, schools, colleges, higher educational institutions and vulnerable communities. The campaign will be taken to the grassroots with the participation of youth, voluntary organisations, healthcare workers, educational institutions and media organisations.

Special focus will be placed on HIV testing among pregnant women, prevention of mother-to-child transmission, continuity of ART treatment and viral-load suppression.

"Gaps in every district will be identified and appropriate measures will be taken. Every stage—from diagnosis to treatment and from treatment to viral-load suppression—will be monitored. We will build on the progress already achieved and move towards an HIV/AIDS-free Andhra Pradesh," Smaran Raj said.

AP SACS In-charge Additional Project Director Dr. Bhagyalakshmi, JD IEC Dr. Manjula, JD TI Sukumar, JD BSD/CST Dr. Srinivasa Varma, JD BTS Dr. Chakravarthy, representatives of major voluntary organisations involved in the campaign and a large number of young people participated in the programme.

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Reddy for his efforts to provide free surgeries to poor patients. He assured that the hospital administration would extend its full cooperation to ensure the successful implementation of the upcoming knee replacement programme.

The beneficiaries expressed their heartfelt gratitude to Dr. Narendra Reddy and the GGH medical team for helping them regain pain-free mobility. They said the surgeries had brought a major change to their lives.

GGH Orthopaedics Department Head Dr. P. Anil Babu, professors Dr. A. Ajay and Dr. K. Srinivasa Rao, BMR Groups Chairman Boosireddy Malleswara Reddy, Dr. Boosireddy Deeptireddy, Dr. Boosireddy Unnati, assistant professors, postgraduate students and others participated in the programme.

AP Minsiter Nara Lokesh Responds to Influencer’s Video, Extends Support to Family in Distress

(By GMA Staff Reporter)
Dr BR Ambedkar Konaseema, Aug 12: 65-year-old Ramamurthy cares for his 90-year-old mother and paralysed wife in a tin-roofed shed without electricity

The story of 65-year-old Ramamurthy from Avidi village in Kothapeta mandal of Dr BR Ambedkar Konaseema district, who has been selflessly caring for his 90-year-old mother and wife, who is bedridden with paralysis, came to light through an influencer’s video on social media.

Ramamurthy, his mother and wife have been living in a small tin-roofed shed without electricity, with the family dependent on a ₹4,000 pension. The influencer highlighted their difficult circumstances and tagged Minister Nara Lokesh on X.

Minister Nara Lokesh responded immediately, saying he was deeply moved by Ramamurthy’s care and affection towards his elderly mother



and differently-abled wife. He said he would personally ensure that the family receives all eligible government welfare benefits.

Following Minister Nara Lokesh’s directions and instructions from local Kothapeta MLA Bandaru Satyananda Rao, officials from the Panchayat Raj and Revenue departments, along with local representatives and panchayat staff, reached Ramamurthy’s residence in Avidi village. After assessing the family’s situation,

officials provided ₹10,000 in immediate financial assistance along with essential supplies.

Officials also initiated steps to arrange an electricity connection for the household and provide pension benefits to every eligible family member.

Ramamurthy, his wife and local residents thanked Lokesh and the local administration for responding promptly and extending support to the family.

INTACH Seminar in Delhi Explores Heritage of Asian Elephants

New Delhi, August 12(GNS): A special seminar exploring the historical, cultural, environmental and conservation significance of Asian elephants was organised at the INTACH headquarters at Lodhi Estate in New Delhi on Wednesday.

The event aimed to examine the diverse dimensions of elephant-related heritage and explore ways to secure greater international recognition for the rich legacy associated with Asian elephants.

Elephants in India's history and culture

Renowned historian and numismatics researcher Dr. Sanjay Garg delivered a special lecture on “The Royal Pachyderm: The Numismatic Journey of the Asian Elephant.”

He highlighted the role of elephants in Indian history, their depiction on ancient coins and their links with royal traditions, economic history and India's cultural heritage.

Dr. Jasti Veeranjanyulu, National Vice-President of the All India Panchayat Parishad, Chairman of the Amaravati Development Committee and an INTACH member, attended the seminar.

Focus on ‘Gaja-Lok’
The gathering also held detailed discussions on the ‘Gaja-Lok’ initiative, which seeks to comprehensively



research and document the history, art, culture, ecology and conservation of Asian elephants and promote their heritage at the international level.

Dr. Veeranjanyulu said the thousands-year-old relationship between humans and elephants represented a unique chapter in Indian civilisation.

“Elephants are not merely wildlife; they are an integral part of India's history, royal traditions, arts, architecture, coinage, literature and cultural heritage,” he said.

He appreciated the Gaja-Lok initiative for bringing together art, history, environment, research, cultural heritage and international partnerships. Such efforts would help strengthen elephant conservation

while preserving their valuable heritage for future generations, he said.

INTACH support
INTACH Chairman Ashok Singh Thakur, Member Secretary Ravinder Singh, a retired IAS officer, Anita and others participated in the programme.

On the occasion, Dr. Veeranjanyulu felicitated INTACH Chairman Ashok Singh Thakur with a shawl and congratulated him for the organisation's efforts to highlight the historical, cultural and environmental heritage associated with elephants.

He expressed hope that the Gaja-Lok initiative would help secure wider global recognition for India's rich heritage connected with Asian elephants.

District-Level Maternal Health Training Held in Bapatla

(By GMA Staff Reporter)

Bapatla August 12 : A two-day District-Level Cascade Training on Maternal Health Strengthening was conducted in Bapatla on August 11 and 12, 2026, to strengthen the knowledge, clinical skills and preparedness of healthcare providers in managing maternal and obstetric complications. Bapatla MLA Vegesana Narendra Varma Raju participated in the training programme and addressed the participants. He stressed the importance of providing timely and quality maternal healthcare services and urged healthcare personnel to work in coordination to ensure better care for pregnant women. On Day 1, 26 staff from secondary healthcare facilities, including four Obstetricians & Gynaecologists and 22 Staff Nurses, participated in the training. Sessions covered pregnancy-induced hypertension, pre-eclampsia, postpartum haemorrhage, objective blood-loss measurement, the EMOTIVE first-response bundle, Iron Sucrose and FCM protocols, high-risk pregnancy management and emergency obstetric skills. Practical simulations and team drills were conducted to strengthen emergency preparedness. On Day 2, representatives from 18 PHCs, comprising 18 Medical Officers and 18 Staff Nurses, participated. The sessions focused on early identification of high-risk pregnancies, appropriate management, timely referral and coordination with higher-level healthcare facilities. The inaugural session was attended by DM&HO, Bapatla, Dr. S. Vijayamma, DCHS, Bapatla, Padmavathi, and the Technical Lead, Swasti. They highlighted the importance of strengthening healthcare provider



capacity and ensuring timely and appropriate management of maternal complications. Experienced resource persons, including Dr. Sushila, Senior Obstetrician & Gynaecologist from FOGSI, and Dr. Zareena, Obstetrician & Gynaecologist, CHC Vemuru, along with the training and technical teams,

supported the programme. The two-day training is expected to improve provider competency, adherence to standard maternal health protocols and emergency preparedness, while strengthening timely referral and management of high-risk maternal cases across Bapatla district.

Students should uphold the ideals of freedom fighters: Rotary club president

(By GMA Staff Reporter)
Bapatla August 12 : Students should play a key role in the progress and development of the nation, said Rotary Club of Bapatla President Vejjandla Srinivasa Rao. He called upon students to follow the ideals of the great freedom fighters whose sacrifices secured India's independence.

As part of the 80th Independence Day celebrations, Bhavapuri Balots avam, Bapatla, organised the Andhra Ratna Duggirala Gopalakrishnayya Memorial Drawing Competitions at the Rotary Kalyana Mandapam in Vijayalakshampuram, Bapatla, on Wednesday. Drawing competitions were conducted for students of Classes 5, 6 and 7 on

national leaders who participated in the freedom movement, while students of Classes 8, 9 and 10 competed on various episodes of the



Indian freedom struggle. Around 260 students from different schools enthusiastically participated and showcased their artistic talent. Speaking as the chief guest, Vejjandla Srinivasa Rao urged students to learn about the sacrifices made by the great

PC & PNDT Act Implementation Reviewed in Bapatla

(By GMA Staff Reporter)
Bapatla August 12: A sub-district level PC & PNDT meeting was held at the chamber of Bapatla District Medical and Health Officer Dr. S. Vijayamma. Bapatla Area Hospital Superintendent Dr. Siddhartha, gynaecologists, paediatricians, programme officers and NGO representatives attended the meeting. The meeting reviewed the implementation of the Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (PC & PNDT) Act and discussed measures to strengthen monitoring mechanisms and prevent sex selection and illegal determination of the sex of the foetus. The participants also discussed creating greater public awareness about the PC & PNDT Act, strengthening inspections and monitoring, and ensuring strict implementation of the prescribed guidelines to effectively prevent violations.

Bajrang Dal Committees Formed in Cherukupalli and Nizampatnam
Bapatla, August 12: Bajrang Dal committees were formed in Cherukupalli town and Nizampatnam mandal under the leadership of Bapatla district Bajrang Dal president Nallam Naresh. Vishva Hindu Parishad Bapatla district treasurer Maddula Venkateswarlu and Bajrang Dal district leaders participated in the committee formation programmes. Leaders Immadishetti Ramu, Perali Koti, Alapati Murali, Bandi Narasimha Rao, Kakarpati Prasanna Kumar and Cheemakurthi Narayana were among those who participated.

Suryalanka beach development to boost tourism and regional growth

(By GMA Staff Reporter)
Bapatla, August 12: Bapatla MLA Vegesana Narendra Varma Raju said efforts were underway to transform Suryalanka Beach into a major tourist destination on the lines of Goa. He said the region was witnessing development across four key sectors—agriculture, tourism, education and aquaculture.

The MLA said more than ₹97 crore had been sanctioned under the Centre’s Swadesh Darshan 2.0 scheme for tourism infrastructure at Suryalanka, including an excellence centre and facilities for local vendors. He said government measures, including subsidised power at ₹1.50 per unit, were supporting aquaculture farmers. Plans for five-star hotels were

also expected to boost tourism and create employment opportunities for local youth. Narendra Varma Raju expressed concern over attempts to obstruct ongoing tourism projects and said public funds should not be wasted. He assured that he would take up the issue with the Tourism Development Corporation and the concerned authorities to ensure the projects were completed without

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Nellore Collector to Conduct ‘Palleveekshan’ in Manubolu Today

(By GMA Staff Reporter)
Nellore, August 12: Nellore District Collector Himanshu Shukla will conduct the ‘Palleveekshan’ programme at Manubolu Gram Panchayat on Thursday to review the implementation of government development and welfare programmes at the grassroots level and understand the problems faced by local residents.

During the visit, the Collector will inspect various development works and review the delivery of government services to villagers.

As part of the programme, Mr. Shukla will first inspect the distributary canal restoration works being taken up under the MGNREGS at Yachavaram. He will subsequently visit an Anganwadi centre and review the facilities available there.

The Collector will also inspect the Solid Waste Processing Centre (SWPC) shed, Primary Health Centre and Overhead Service Reservoir (OHSR) tank in Manubolu village.

Interaction with farmers and SHG members

At the Rythu Seva Kendra in the Manubolu Secretariat, the Collector



will interact with Champion Farmers and distribute PMDS kits and green manure seeds to farmers.

He will also participate in the distribution of fodder seeds and cattle feed organised by the Animal Husbandry Department. Later, the Collector will interact with members of Self-Help Groups (SHGs) under Velugu-SERP and seek their feedback on various welfare and livelihood programmes. The Collector will subsequently receive petitions from villagers and issue necessary instructions to the concerned officials for resolving their grievances.

Field Staff Performance reviewed in Bapatla veterinary department

(By GMA Staff Reporter)

Bapatla August 12: A review meeting of field staff working under the Bapatla Area Veterinary Hospital was held on Wednesday at the Manthenavaripalem Veterinary Hospital. The meeting was conducted by Bapatla AVH Assistant Director Dr. V. Srinivasa Rao, while Bapatla District Veterinary Officer Dr. B. Venugopal presided over the meeting. The performance of field staff was reviewed, and necessary guidance was provided for achieving the targets under SASCI. Bapatla Divisional Deputy Director Dr. M. Srinivasa Rao explained various issues, including door-to-door surveys on fodder availability, measures to address fodder shortages and the Gopal Ratna Awards. Cherolu Animal Husbandry Development Organisation Executive Officer Dr. Janardhan Rao stressed the importance of an animal-centric approach and provided suggestions for the development of dairy farming and

improvement of livestock productivity.

Bapatla Divisional Assistant Director Dr. Nagireddy and DLDA



Veterinary Officer Dr. Chalapathi Rao offered necessary suggestions and guidance to the staff. Later, a sapling was planted on the premises of the veterinary hospital.

Veterinary officers Dr. Sivakumari, Dr. Vanajalakshmi, Dr. Tirumala Teja, Dr. Kiran, Dr. Sahitya, Dr. Ansari, Dr. Nagarjuna and Dr. Rachel Divya, along with para-veterinary staff, AHA staff and Gopala Mitras, participated in the programme.

Dindi Krishnaveni Paid Final Tributes

(By GMA Staff Reporter)

Bapatla/Karlapalem: MPTC member Dindi Nagalakshmi Subbarao’s mother-in-law, late Dindi Krishnaveni, was paid floral tributes during her final ceremony at Ganapavaram in Karlapalem mandal. A Andhra Pradesh State Ex-Servicemen Welfare Association President Tandra Sambasiva Rao paid homage to her portrait and conveyed his condolences to the bereaved family.

Karlapalem Mandal Parishad Vice-

businessman Perala Suresh, leaders Atla Nageswara Reddy, Mandapati Paramananda Kumar, Swamy Reddy and former MPTC member Kuchipudi Samuel (Amos), among others, paid their respects.



Diabetes is a chronic disease

(By GMA Staff Reporter)

Bhimavaram, Aug 12: Unhealthy eating habits are contributing to a number of health problems, and early detection of diseases can help prevent serious health complications in the future, said Morning Coffee Club Founder and Convener Bonda Rambabu, Co-Convener Oleti Srinivas, PRO Bhattiprolu Srinivasa Rao and Kanagarla Kishore.

A free blood sugar testing camp was organised for members of the Morning Coffee Club on Wednesday at Tadimalla Complex in Bhimavaram. The programme was conducted with the support of Kanagarla Kishore, Managing Director of Sri Someswara Medical Distributor in Bhimavaram and a member of the club.

Speaking on the occasion, Kotha Srinivas, Karumuri Satyanarayana and Repaka Mani Mohan Rao said that a large number of people are suffering from diabetes these days. They stressed that regular exercise and a healthy, balanced diet are essential for keeping blood sugar levels under control.

Minister Kandula Durgesh Meets Newly Appointed Archaeology Commissioner

(By GMA Staff Reporter)

Amaravati, Aug 12: Senior IAS officer Revu Muthyala Raju met Tourism, Culture and Cinematography Minister Kandula Durgesh at the State Secretariat on Wednesday after assuming charge as Commissioner of the Archaeology and Museums Department.

Minister Durgesh congratulated Muthyala Raju on assuming the new responsibility. During the meeting, the two discussed various issues concerning the preservation of the State's archaeological heritage and the development of museums across Andhra Pradesh.

The Minister stressed the need to protect the State's ancient archaeological wealth, historic monuments and inscriptions for future generations. He called for steps to modernise museums across the State and make them more attractive to tourists.

Tourism development to get major push in Andhra Pradesh

(By GMA Staff Reporter)

Amaravati, Aug 12: Newly appointed Andhra Pradesh Tourism Development Corporation (APTDC) Managing Director Pattan Shetty Ravi Subhash met Tourism, Culture and Cinematography Minister Kandula Durgesh at the State Secretariat and discussed measures to accelerate tourism development across the State.

Minister Durgesh congratulated Ravi Subhash on assuming charge as APTDC Managing Director and directed him to work continuously at the grass roots level to strengthen the tourism sector and position Andhra Pradesh as a leading tourism destination.

During the meeting, the Minister stressed the need to identify tourism potential in agency and tribal areas and prepare special development plans for such destinations. He called for greater emphasis on eco-tourism projects that protect the natural environment and wellness tourism initiatives that promote health, recreation and well-being.

The Minister also directed officials to attract investments through the public-private partnership (PPP) model and ensure that agreements already signed are implemented at the earliest.

The two also reviewed the new tourism policy and its allied policies.

Exercise and a healthy diet are essential for controlling blood sugar levels

Free blood sugar tests conducted for Morning Coffee Club members in Bhimavaram



Kurusetti Srinivasa Apparao, Manepalli Venkanna Babu and Bondada Bangaraju said diabetes is a chronic disease, but adopting a few simple lifestyle habits can go a long way towards managing the condition effectively.

Gundu Sumurthy, Sanka Babu and Pulavarthi Ramakrishna said that at

least 30 minutes of walking, yoga or other forms of exercise every day can improve insulin function and help regulate blood sugar levels.

Bonda Hanumantha Rao, Boys Srinivas, Punnnani Kanakarao and Kancharla Bhaskara Rao, along with other club members, participated in the programme.

Farmer Land Rights Get Boost in Kovvur

(By GMA Staff Reporter)

Kovvur, Aug 12 : Protecting farmers' land and ensuring security for their land rights is the primary objective of the coalition government, Kovvur MLA Vemireddy Prashanthi Reddy said.

She was speaking at a programme held at the Kovvur MRO office premises on Wednesday, where pattadar passbooks and house site pattas were distributed to beneficiaries.

The MLA said the government had promised before coming to power that it would resolve land-related problems, issue pattadar passbooks bearing the State emblem and repeal the Land Titling Act. She said the government had fulfilled these promises soon after assuming office.

She pointed out that due to errors committed by the previous government, several farmers' privately owned lands were included in the 22(A) prohibited list. Similar problems were reported in the Kovvur Assembly constituency, she said.

Farmers from villages near Kothavangallu had recently brought to her notice that nearly 400 acres of land, which had been under cultivation for around 90 years, had been included in the 22(A) list. The issue was brought to the attention of the Collector, Joint Collector and local

Parimala Jyothi selected for special training in Finland



YSR Kadapa District, Kashinayana, August 12 (Good Morning Andhra): The State Government has selected Bandi Parimala Jyothi, a teacher at the ZPH school in Reddy Kottala village, Kashinayana Mandal, for specialized teacher training in Finland. She has received official orders to this effect. She will participate in the Finland training program scheduled from August 17 to 26 at the University of Turku in Finland, aimed at strengthening literacy, numeracy, and learning skills at the primary level. It is noteworthy that Parimala Jyothi previously received the State Best Teacher Award from the Chief Minister in 2025. District Educational Officer Shamsuddin, Kashinayana Mandal Educational Officers Mohammad Shafi and Nirmala, School Headmaster Vaka Chandrasekhar, fellow teachers, and students' parents congratulated her for bringing international recognition to Kadapa district.

Visakhapatnam port approves Rs.334 crore flyover to ease traffic congestion

(By GMA Staff Reporter)

Visakhapatnam, Aug 11: The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways has taken steps to ease traffic congestion at Visakhapatnam Port by approving the construction of an internal flyover.

The ministry has decided to build the flyover at an estimated cost of Rs.334 crore. The project has received the approval of the Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways.

The proposed 3.5-km elevated corridor will connect Convent Junction with the dock area, providing a dedicated route for traffic and improving connectivity within the port.

The flyover is designed to separate road and rail traffic inside the port premises and eliminate delays at nine railway crossings. The project is expected to remove a major bottleneck in Visakhapatnam and improve the movement of cargo through the port.

The Union Minister expressed confidence that the project would significantly improve traffic flow in the port and help accelerate cargo

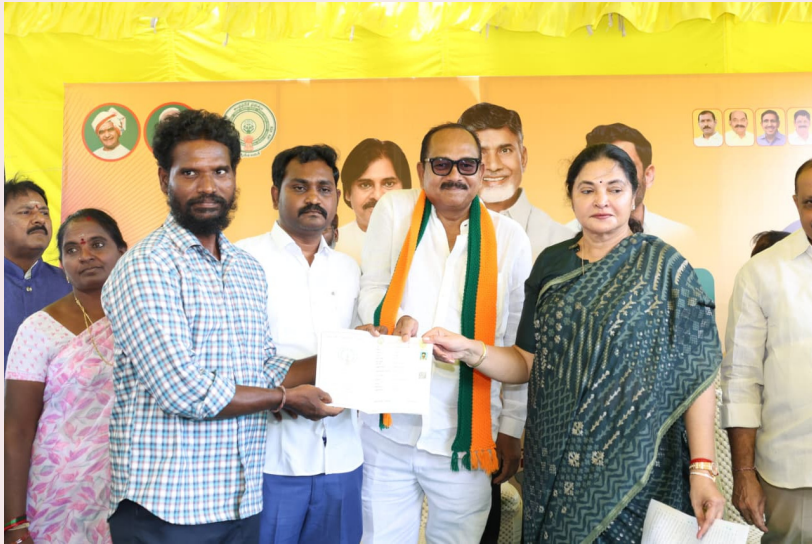
- ◆ Ports Ministry approves construction of an internal flyover to streamline traffic movement
- ◆ Rs.334 crore project to connect Convent Junction with the dock area
- ◆ 3.5-km elevated corridor to separate road and rail traffic inside the port



transportation. The Ports Department has said

that efforts will be made to complete the internal flyover within 30 months.

- ◆ Pattadar passbooks, house site pattas distributed in Kovvur
- ◆ 939 farmers receive passbooks for 3,917 acres
- ◆ House site pattas handed over to 50 poor families



MRO, and steps were being taken to resolve it soon, she said.

The MLA said the issue demonstrated how re-survey operations could help protect farmers' land rights and ensure justice.

939 Farmers Get Pattadar Passbooks

Re-survey had been completed for 5,554 acres in Kovvur village, of which pattas had been issued for 3,917 acres. Pattadar passbooks bearing the State emblem were being distributed to 939

farmers, she said.

The new passbooks feature advanced security measures, including the State emblem, a high-security anti-tamper design, QR code and geo-coordinates, she explained.

Passbooks bearing the State emblem had already been distributed in nine villages of Kovvur mandal, she said. The government was also taking steps to issue passbooks for lands covered under Sada Bainama transactions.

Minimum wages advisory board holds coordination meeting

(By GMA Staff Reporter)

Vijayawada, August 12: A coordination meeting with the Chairman and members of the Minimum Wages Advisory Board of the Labour Department was held at the Swarna Palace Hotel in Vijayawada on Tuesday. State Labour Minister Vasamsetti Subhash attended the meeting as the chief guest.

The meeting discussed in detail the wages and welfare of workers employed in various sectors across the State, implementation of minimum wages and the government welfare schemes available to workers.

Minister Subhash directed officials to take effective measures to ensure that workers receive fair minimum wages. He also stressed the need to expedite the process of fixing and revising minimum wages in accordance with prevailing economic and employment conditions.

Workers' welfare a priority

The Minister said the welfare of workers was one of the key priorities of the State government and assured that the government was committed to providing better wages, social security and dignified living conditions to the working class.

He directed the Chairman and members of the Minimum Wages Advisory Board to conduct field-level studies on workers' problems and prepare comprehensive reports on wage conditions across different



sectors.

He also called for greater coordination among employers, workers' unions and concerned government departments to identify and resolve issues affecting workers.

Labour rights and industrial growth

Minister Subhash said the coalition government was committed to protecting workers' rights while creating an environment conducive to industrial development.

He alleged that workers had been neglected during the previous government and claimed that several labour-related boards had also been abolished.

The Minister said the new labour codes being implemented under the coalition government would benefit workers and that awareness

The government had empowered RDOs to expedite the resolution of problems relating to patta lands included in the 22(A) list, the MLA said.

As Kovvur constituency is predominantly a delta region, initiatives aimed at safeguarding farmers' land rights were particularly important, she added.

The MLA thanked the officials and the government for their efforts to provide farmers with secure pattadar passbooks and reiterated that "protecting farmers' land and ensuring security for their rights" remained the government's key objective.

House Site Pattas for 50 Poor Families

House site pattas were also distributed to 50 poor families who have been earning their livelihood by working in brick kilns, the MLA said.

She specially thanked tribal leader Bala Chinniah for his support in facilitating the initiative. She assured that the government, along with the VPR Foundation, would continue to support tribal communities and other disadvantaged sections.

BJP leader Raghavendra, SC leader Bala Chinniah, coalition leaders, government officials and local residents attended the programme.

programmes would be organised to educate workers about the provisions and benefits available to them.

Praise for CM Chandrababu Naidu

Minister Subhash praised Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, saying that he continued to work tirelessly for the people of the State like a dedicated worker despite being 70 years old.

He said it was a matter of good fortune for the people of Andhra Pradesh to have a leader who was working continuously for their welfare.

Minimum Wages Advisory Board

Chairman Pellakuru Srinivasulu Reddy, board members and senior Labour Department officials, including Secretary M.V. Seshagiri Babu, Commissioner Gandham Chandrudu and Jesial Rani, besides other officials, participated in the meeting.