

Naidu accuses Jagan of ‘Hit-and-Run’ Politics

(By GMA Staff Reporter)
Amaravati, Oct 24:Stating that YSRCP president Jagamohan Reddy resorting to hit and run politics to tarnish brand image of Andhra Pradesh for political gain, alleged TDP national President and Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu. Launching a sharp attack on Jagan Mohan Reddy, Chandrababu Naidu said that he had failed in every role, including as Chief Minister, party leader, son, brother and even as a citizen.

Addressing media persons at camp office here today Chandrababu Naidu stated that Jagamohan Reddy resorted to destructive politics and prolonged litigation.

Referring to present political situation and the local body elections, the Chief Minister said the government was committed in making Andhra Pradesh No. 1 State in the country. To build confidence among investors, the government was providing industrial incentives through an escrow account, he said. Some people's actions are bringing disrepute to the entire State. Industrialists are being forced to wonder and in a dilemma whether they should invest in Andhra Pradesh. Recalling the period between 2019 and 2024, the Chief

Minister alleged that people had lived in fear and could not even move freely on the roads. He also criticised the YSRCP president for not attending the Assembly to discuss public issues.

The Chief Minister said the NDA coalition government was functioning constitutionally and in the public interest. He appealed to voters to assess the track records of political parties and support those who had worked for public welfare.

The Chief Minister alleged that the YSRCP's sole agenda was to prevent local body elections and its leaders were resorting to violence to obstruct the democratic process. He claimed that Telugu Desam Party (TDP) workers had been targeted in attacks both in the past and at present, alleging that YSRCP members were attacking TDP workers and subsequently portraying themselves as victims. He maintained that the police had provided adequate security to YSRCP candidates to file their nominations, yet the party continued to approach courts with what he described as baseless petitions and complaints.

Referring to the previous government's tenure, the Chief Minister questioned the circumstances under which all



33 seats in Pulivendula were reportedly elected unanimously. He also cited figures stating that 79 per cent of MPTC seats and 76 per cent of ZPTC seats in Kadapa district had been won unanimously during the earlier local body elections. Accusing Jagan

Mohan Reddy of double standards, Chandrababu Naidu said the YSRCP president was criticising others despite the allegations levelled against his own party's conduct during its tenure.

The Chief Minister said people in Kuppam had always

exercised their voting rights freely and claimed that candidates had also filed nominations without obstruction in Pithapuram and Mangalagiri. He further questioned Jagan Mohan Reddy's attitude towards family property disputes, referring to allegations that he had prevented his sister from receiving a share of property left by their father.

The Chief Minister said Andhra Pradesh had the resources needed for progress and that the key was to utilise them effectively. He said the coalition government was committed to providing the leadership required to achieve the State's development goals. He reiterated that the public should examine the track records of political leaders, protect democratic values and support efforts aimed at development and public welfare.



Chandrababu Meets Amit Shah, Ashwini Vaishnaw in Delhi

Delhi, October 24(GNS): Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, who travelled to Delhi on Saturday, met Union Home Minister Amit Shah and discussed various issues for around 40 minutes, according to reports.

Following the meeting, Chandrababu Naidu returned to his official residence at 1 Janpath, where he later met Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw and reportedly discussed several matters.

The Chief Minister is also scheduled to attend a wedding at the residence of Supreme Court Justice Vijay Bishnoi.

Chandrababu Reviews Cyclone Threat, Directs Officials to Stay Alert

(By GMA Staff Reporter)
Amaravati, October 24: Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Saturday reviewed the emerging weather situation with officials following the formation of a depression over the Bay of Bengal and the possibility of a cyclone.

The Chief Minister held a review meeting with Chief Secretary Sai Prasad and officials of the Real Time Governance Society (RTGS). He directed the administration to remain on high alert and issue advance warnings to the public about potential weather-related risks. Officials informed the Chief Minister that a low-pressure system over the eastern

Chandrababu Naidu will stay in Delhi on Saturday night and is expected to return to Amaravati on Sunday afternoon.

central Bay of Bengal could intensify into a cyclone. Heavy to extremely heavy rainfall was likely in coastal Andhra Pradesh on Tuesday and Wednesday, they said.

In view of the possibility of strong winds along the coast, Chandrababu instructed officials to take necessary measures to prevent fishermen from venturing into the sea.

He also directed authorities to alert residents of low-lying colonies in areas likely to be affected by the storm. The Chief Minister stressed the need to keep toll-free helpline numbers accessible to the public for emergency assistance and weather-related information.

Alliance Must Secure Decisive Victory in Local Body Polls: Achchennai

Kotabommali, Oct 24(**Our Reporter**): State Agriculture Minister Kinjarapu Atchannaidu has called on leaders and party cadres to work in close coordination to ensure a decisive victory for alliance candidates in the upcoming local body elections.

MPTC and ZPTC candidates from Nandigam and Tekkali mandals met the minister at his camp office in Nimmada following the completion of the nomination process. During the meeting, Atchannaidu provided guidance on election strategies, the party's grassroots position and coordination among alliance partners.

The minister urged candidates and party workers to engage with people at the village level and explain the development and welfare programmes being implemented by the alliance government. He stressed that

every leader and cadre should work with collective responsibility to support the victory of alliance candidates.

Atchannaidu said development and welfare initiatives were progressing under the leadership of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu. He also asked party workers to explain to the public the problems faced by the state during the previous YSRCP government and highlight the development initiatives taken up by the present government.

He emphasised the need for leaders and cadres to remain accessible to people at the grassroots level and implement election strategies effectively, keeping the success of alliance candidates as their primary objective.

Leaders Pinakana Ajay Kumar, P. Chandrasekhar, Subhadramma, Padmavathi and Ladi Srinu, among others, were present.

BJP Slams Farooq Abdullah Over Pakistan Remarks on Kashmir

New Delhi, Oct 24 (GNS) The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has strongly criticised former Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Farooq Abdullah over his remarks that Pakistan was keeping the Kashmir issue alive by raising it on international platforms and that this was helping protect Kashmiris.

Jammu and Kashmir BJP president Sat Sharma described Abdullah's comments as anti-India and demanded that he apologise to the people of the country.

Sharma argued that Abdullah was able to express his views freely because of the democratic freedoms available in India, questioning whether he would enjoy the same

liberty in Pakistan.

He also said that several sections of society in Jammu and Kashmir had been denied their rightful rights and status when Article 370 was in force. According to Sharma, the region has been progressing since the provision was revoked.

Taking a sharp swipe at Abdullah, Sharma said that if he had such affection for Pakistan, he could go and settle there. He also accused the Congress of granting special powers that, in his view, had encouraged such criticism. Sharma asserted that the Narendra Modi-led government would respond firmly to any threat against Kashmir.

Sajjala Accuses Naidu of Dodging Election Questions

Tadepalli, Oct 24(**Our Reporter**): YSRCP State Coordinator Sajjala Ramakrishna Reddy criticised Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu for making personal attacks against Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy instead of answering serious questions about violence and irregularities in local body elections.



Speaking at the YSRCP central office, he said false propaganda cannot hide the truth. Sajjala questioned why YSRCP candidates were prevented from filing nominations, why nomination papers were allegedly torn inside government offices, and why valid nominations were rejected despite acknowledgment receipts. He demanded the release of CCTV footage and an independent investigation into these incidents. He condemned the house arrests of YSRCP leaders, police restrictions and installation of barbed-wire barricades even after Supreme Court directions. He also demanded an investigation into allegations that TDP supporters filed fake nominations in YSRCP's name.

Sajjala said the State Election Commission must independently examine CCTV footage, nomination receipts, rejection records and police actions instead of blindly accepting official reports. He

warned that the SEC would be responsible for failures to implement Supreme Court directions.

He accused Naidu of diverting public attention from his government's failures by dragging Jagan's family, properties and personal life into political debates. He also criticised the spread of fabricated stories through sympathetic media outlets.

Sajjala challenged Naidu to explain his government's performance, fulfilment of election promises and alleged electoral irregularities instead of resorting to character assassination. He said democracy cannot survive when opposition candidates are prevented from contesting elections.

Six booked for attempting to run over TDP workers in Savalyapuram

Savalyapuram, October 24(**Our Reporter**): Police have registered a case against six persons and others following a complaint alleging an attempt to run over Telugu Desam Party (TDP) supporters with a car amid political disputes in Savalyapuram mandal of Palnadu district. Three people sustained bleeding injuries in the incident, according to the FIR.

According to the complaint, Gonnugunta Mahesh (33), a resident of Potluru village, works as a software engineer in Mumbai. He and his family are supporters of the TDP and participate in party programmes. The complainant stated that disputes had previously arisen between TDP and YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) supporters in the village over political issues.

On October 23, Mahesh, along with two other TDP supporters, went to the MPDO office in Savalyapuram in connection with the ZPTC and MPTC nomination process. At around 5 p.m., while they were proceeding towards a nearby stall near Andhra Pradesh Gramina Bank, the accused allegedly arrived in a car.

The complainant alleged that Gadipudi Venkata Ramanjaneyulu, who was driving the car, drove towards them with the intention of running them

over. He reportedly reversed the vehicle and made another attempt to hit them. People present at the scene pulled the complainant and his companions aside and rescued them, according to the FIR.

When the Sub-Inspector and other police personnel on duty attempted to apprehend the accused, they allegedly tried to hit the police personnel with the car before fleeing the scene.

Mahesh, Siddala Nehemiah and Kommathoti Ravi Babu sustained injuries in the incident. They were shifted to the Community Health Centre (CHC) in Vinukonda for treatment, the complaint stated.

Case Registered Against Six Persons

Based on the complaint, Savalyapuram police registered a case against Gadipudi Venkata Ramanjaneyulu, Gadipudi Maruthi, Davuluri Bhasra Rao, Abburi Veerananeyulu, Ongolu Srinivasa Rao and Abburi Srinivasa Rao, along with others.

The case was registered on October 23, 2026, under Sections 109(1), 132 and 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), under FIR No. 76/2026. Sub-Inspector Morla Venkatesh Babu is investigating the case, according to the FIR.

YSRCP releases Jagan's letter opposing wedding at his Bengaluru residence

(By GMA Staff Reporter)

Amaravati, Oct 24: The long-running differences within the family of former CM Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy over property and politics have reportedly spilled over into arrangements for a family wedding. A letter written by YSRCP chief Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy opposing the use of his Bengaluru residence for the wedding of his niece Anjali, daughter of AP Congress Committee president Y.S. Sharmila, has triggered political debate.

The letter, dated October 9, cites security and privacy concerns as the principal reasons for opposing the proposed venue. Jagan reportedly stated that he was currently residing at the property and that hosting a wedding there would bring large numbers of unfamiliar people, including catering staff, decorators, event managers and photographers, onto the premises.

According to the letter,



such movement could pose security risks and lead to photographs and videos of the property being circulated publicly. Jagan reportedly added that he would have opposed holding the weddings of his own daughters, Harsha or Varsha, at the residence for the same reasons, stressing that the safety of his family was his priority.

Jagan also expressed



disappointment that Sharmila had chosen the venue despite his objections being conveyed through intermediaries and other individuals. While wishing Anjali happiness in her married life, he suggested alternative arrangements, including a destination wedding or a convention centre, similar to the arrangements made for his son Rajareddy's wedding.

He also reiterated his

reported offer to allow the family to use the Lotus Pond residence in Hyderabad for the ceremony, asking Sharmila to understand his concerns and choose another venue.

The YSRCP's release of the letter to the media has itself become a subject of political discussion. Critics may question the decision to make private family correspondence public, while the letter presents Jagan's stated position in terms of security and privacy. The episode has once again drawn attention to the reported property dispute and strained relations between the siblings. However, questions surrounding ownership rights, the legal status of the Bengaluru property and the parties' respective claims require verification through relevant documents and legal proceedings. The public disclosure of the letter has added another dimension to an already sensitive family dispute.

Cyclone likely to intensify over bay of Bengal, Andhra Pradesh on Alert

Amaravati, October 24: A well-marked low-pressure area over the east-central Bay of Bengal is likely to intensify into a depression by Saturday night and further strengthen into a deep depression on Sunday, according to Prakhar Jain, Managing Director of the Andhra Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority (APSDMA).

The system is expected to move west-northwards and intensify into a cyclonic storm over the west-central Bay of Bengal by Monday morning. It may strengthen further and approach the Andhra Pradesh coast by Wednesday morning, Jain said.

Fishermen have been advised not to venture into the sea in view of the developing weather system.

Heavy Rain Forecast for Coastal Districts

Light to moderate rainfall is likely in several districts of Andhra Pradesh on Sunday and

Monday. Scattered extremely heavy rainfall and heavy to very heavy rain in some areas are forecast for Tuesday and Wednesday.

Strong winds with speeds of 70-90 kmph may occur along the coastal belt, Jain warned, urging people to remain vigilant and take precautionary measures.

On Sunday, October 25, light to moderate rain is likely at isolated places in Krishna, Bapatla and Nellore districts, as well as parts of Rayalaseema, according to the advisory.

Rainfall Recorded in Rayalaseema

Several places in Rayalaseema received significant rainfall by 6 p.m. on Saturday. Simhadripuram in YSR Kadapa district recorded 71.5 mm, while Malapuram in Anantapur district received 74.5 mm.

Other rainfall recordings included 50.5 mm at Vennupusapalli and 44.9 mm at Muradi in Anantapur district,

45.1 mm at Jangamreddypalle in Kadapa district, 43.4 mm at Vidapanakallu in Anantapur district, and 42.5 mm at Gudenchervu in Jammalamadugu, Kadapa district.

Emergency Helplines Activated

Jain said the government had made arrangements to protect people and minimise loss of life and property. Residents requiring emergency assistance or information can contact the toll-free numbers 112, 1070 and 18004250101.

He urged people not to believe rumours or panic, and to follow weather updates issued by the disaster management authority, RTGS and the India Meteorological Department (IMD).

Residents were advised to keep mobile phones charged, store important documents and certificates in waterproof covers, and prepare an emergency kit containing food

and drinking water sufficient for at least a week. They should also check whether roofs, doors and windows are secure.

Safety Measures During the Cyclone

People should switch off the main electricity supply and disconnect gas connections when necessary, while keeping doors and windows firmly closed. Those living in unsafe houses should move to designated relief centres before conditions deteriorate.

Residents should drink only boiled and cooled water. If a building shows signs of sudden structural damage, they should take cover under a sturdy table or bench. People in flood-prone low-lying areas must move to higher, safer locations as soon as authorities issue instructions.

Those caught outdoors should avoid damaged or old buildings and stay away from trees, hoardings and electricity poles.

(By GMA Staff Reporter)

Kadapa, Oct 24: The battle for the mayor's post in Kadapa Municipal Corporation, the headquarters of YSR district, has emerged as a closely watched political contest in Andhra Pradesh. While the YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) is striving to retain its traditional stronghold, the TDP-led alliance is seeking to capture the mayoral seat and establish a new political foothold in the city.

The contest between the two women candidates, Suvarna and Deepti Reddy, has become a significant test for both political camps, with the outcome expected to shape their respective positions in Kadapa's local politics.

Political mileage for Jagan

or a breakthrough for the alliance?

The election is being closely watched for its potential political implications. A YSRCP victory would provide a boost to former Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy and energise the party cadre.

Conversely, if the TDP-led alliance wins the mayoral post, it would mark a significant breakthrough for the party, which has so far been unable to capture the Kadapa mayor's chair. Such an outcome could also prompt renewed debate over changing political equations in the district.

Re-nominations in 11 divisions add to the contest

The election process has gained further significance with



nominations being reopened in 11 key divisions, including divisions numbered 6 to 55, following earlier developments.

With direct contests now taking place in these divisions after some seats had previously been declared unanimous, the entry of new candidates has added another dimension to the electoral calculations.

Corporators will play a crucial role in determining the mayoral outcome. Consequently, both political camps are seeking to secure the support of elected representatives and strengthen their positions ahead of the mayoral election.

Dissidence and alliance coordination under scrutiny

Ticket allocation has reportedly created discontent among some aspirants in both camps.

Persuading disappointed leaders, managing internal differences and maintaining organisational unity have become important challenges for party leaderships.

For the TDP-led alliance, coordination among its constituent parties will be crucial, while the YSRCP will be looking to consolidate its organisational strength.

Disputes over nominations and competing political strategies have added to the uncertainty surrounding the election.

Civic issues remain central to the campaign

Beyond the political contest, issues affecting residents, including drinking water supply, drainage, roads and sanitation, remain important concerns in Kadapa city.

The election is scheduled for November 1, with counting set for November 3. The results will determine whether the YSRCP retains control of the mayoral post or the TDP-led alliance secures a breakthrough in the city.

The outcome will provide a clearer picture of the political balance in Kadapa's municipal administration, while the broader implications for the parties will depend on the results and subsequent political developments.

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BRS Miscalculation

The Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) appears to be revisiting a political strategy that its own leadership had previously identified as a costly mistake. After the party's defeat in the Telangana Assembly elections, its working president, K.T. Rama Rao, acknowledged on several occasions that the transformation of the Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) into the BRS and its national political ambitions had weakened the party's connection with the people of the State. Yet, recent remarks by Mr. Rama Rao suggesting that former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao would soon play a significant role in national politics and lead a non-BJP, non-Congress alliance raise questions about whether the party has learnt from its electoral setbacks.Political parties are entitled to aspire to a national role. However, such ambitions must be supported by organisational strength, electoral credibility and a clear political mandate. For the BRS, the immediate challenge is not to expand its influence beyond Telangana but to restore the confidence of voters within the State. The party's failure to win a Lok Sabha seat in the 2024 general election was a significant setback, underlining the difficulties it faces in rebuilding its political base.The decision to rebrand the TRS as the BRS was intended to transform a regional party into a national political force. Mr. Chandrashekar Rao sought to extend his political influence beyond Telangana, exploring possibilities for an alternative to the Congress and the Bharatiya Janata Party. The ambition was not inherently misplaced. However, the expansion appeared to precede the consolidation of the party's position at home.The BRS had emerged from the Telangana statehood movement and built its political identity around regional aspirations. Its appeal was closely associated with Mr. Chandrashekar Rao's leadership, the demand for Statehood and promises concerning irrigation, agriculture, welfare and regional self-respect. The transition to national politics risked diluting that identity at a time when voters expected the leadership to remain firmly focused on Telangana.The Assembly election defeat exposed the limits of this strategy, although it would be simplistic to attribute the outcome entirely to the party's national ambitions. Anti-incumbency, governance concerns, public expectations and the Congress's successful electoral campaign also contributed to the result. Nevertheless, the BRS leadership's own post-election assessments suggested that the loss of its distinct Telangana-centric identity had become a serious concern.The latest statements about Mr. Chandrashekar Rao's possible national role therefore invite an uncomfortable question: has the party mistaken political visibility for political strength? A leader's participation in national-level discussions does not automatically translate into electoral support, particularly when the party's organisational base is under pressure.The BRS must first demonstrate that it can function as an effective Opposition in Telangana. This requires sustained engagement with farmers, unemployed youth, employees and other sections of society, alongside a credible assessment of the Congress government's performance. Criticism of the ruling party must be backed by evidence, consistent public engagement and constructive alternatives rather than being confined to speeches and political meetings.Equally important is the need to rebuild the party organisation at the grassroots. Electoral setbacks cannot be reversed merely through renewed slogans or appeals to regional sentiment. The leadership must listen to local concerns, encourage internal debate, identify organisational weaknesses and establish a convincing account of what went wrong during its years in power.The Congress and the BJP continue to compete for political space in Telangana, each seeking to strengthen its organisational presence and electoral appeal. In this environment, the BRS cannot afford to treat the State as a secondary concern while pursuing uncertain national alliances. Any attempt to lead a third political front would require sustained negotiations, a clear common programme and support from parties with independent political interests. Such an arrangement cannot be built on the stature of a single leader alone.There is also a risk that renewed national ambitions could reinforce the perception that the party has not adequately understood the message delivered by voters. A regional party's strength lies in its ability to articulate local aspirations and respond to local problems. When that connection weakens, national prominence is unlikely to compensate for the loss.Mr. Chandrashekar Rao remains an important political figure in Telangana, but his future influence will depend substantially on the BRS's ability to recover public trust. The party should not assume that the emotional legacy of the Telangana movement will indefinitely protect it from electoral discontent. Voters who once supported the party can reconsider their choices when their expectations are not met.The BRS need not abandon national politics permanently. It must, however, recognise that national relevance is more sustainable when it grows out of a strong regional foundation. A party that hopes to influence politics across India must first demonstrate that it commands the confidence of the electorate in its own State.The immediate task is to reconnect with Telangana, offer a credible alternative to the ruling Congress and show that the lessons of defeat have translated into organisational and political change. Without that effort, talk of leading a national alliance may remain an exercise in political projection rather than a realistic strategy.For the BRS, the choice is clear: rebuild its standing in Telangana before seeking a larger role in Delhi. Repeating a strategy that the leadership itself has identified as damaging would risk deepening the party's crisis of credibility. The road to national influence, for the BRS, must begin with winning back Telangana.

Committed to Developing Guntur's Infrastructure: Mayoral Candidate Kovelamudi Lakshmi Aparna

(By GMA Staff Reporter)
Guntur, October 24: Guntur mayoral candidate Kovelamudi Lakshmi Aparna said she would work with dedication to ensure the comprehensive development of Guntur city, focusing on improving basic infrastructure and addressing the aspirations of residents.
An interaction meeting was organised on Saturday under the leadership of Dr. Shanakkayala Uma Shankar, BJP corporator candidate from Ward 10 in Guntur East. The programme was held on Ahalya Hospital Road in Kothapeta, where Lakshmi Aparna attended as the chief guest and formally inaugurated the BJP office for Ward 10 along with Dr. Uma Shankar.
Addressing the gathering, Lakshmi Aparna said she would remain accessible to the public and work towards improving civic amenities across the city. She appealed to residents to support all alliance corporator candidates and contribute to Guntur's development.
MLA Naseer Ahmed praised Dr. Uma Shankar for playing an important role in his election victory. He referred to the alliance formed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, and called upon party workers to work collectively to secure victories for candidates contesting in all 31 divisions of the eastern constituency. Former minister Dr. Shanakkayala



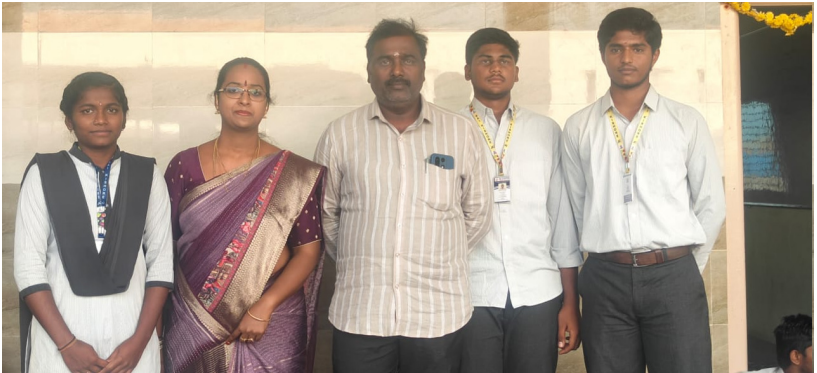
Aruna said that serving the public through the position of a corporator was a significant responsibility. She urged voters to support Dr. Uma Shankar, citing his involvement in various public service activities in Guntur.
Speaking on the occasion, Ward 10 BJP corporator candidate Dr. Uma Shankar said he felt privileged to serve the people of the city where he had grown up. He said that, alongside his medical services, he wanted to address the everyday needs of ordinary residents. He promised to work towards improving basic amenities and transforming Ward 10 into one of the best-maintained wards in Guntur.
The meeting was presided over by Guntur district BJP president Cherukuri Tirupathi Rao.
Former mayor Kovelamudi Nani, Guntur district BJP Mahila Morcha president Dr. Radha Madhavi, TDP leader Dr. Shanakkayala Rajakumari, senior TDP leader Kothuru Venkat, Jana Sena leader Bhargava, senior BJP leader Kothuru Venkata Subbarao, Ward 10 president Hanuman Chowdary, Naga Malleshwari, Padmavathi and others attended the programme.

Palamaneru, October 24: **(Our Reporter)**The second-phase Sri Venkateswara University Inter-College Men's Sports Competitions commenced grandly on Saturday at SVCR Government Degree College, Palamaner, with players from around 30 colleges participating.
DSP Degala Prabhakar, the chief guest, said sports help students develop discipline, determination and time management. He urged students to focus on both academics and sports. SVU Physical Director Prof. M. Shiva Shankar Reddy and college Principal Dr. M. Venkatesulu encouraged the participants to showcase their talent and uphold sportsmanship.
Competitions were conducted in volleyball, shuttle badminton, table tennis, chess and other events. CI Mohan Reddy, Vice-Principal Dr. K. Nandeeswaraiah, IQAC Coordinator Dr. Sheikh Benazeer, faculty members, students and players attended the inaugural programme.

Palamaneru october 24**(Our Reporter)** Four students of Sai Kishore Junior College, Palamaner, have been selected for the state-level athletics competitions after showcasing their talent in the Under-17 and Under-19 district-level selection events conducted by the School Games Federation at Taraka Rama Stadium in Tirupati.In the Under-17 category, Premchand secured second place in shot put, while Chakradhar won first



Sai Kishore Junior College Students Selected for State-Level Athletics Meet



place in high jump. In the Under-19 category, Deepak secured first place in shot put, and Supriya won second place in discus throw.The selected students will participate in the state-level athletics competitions to be held in Kurnool. College Chairperson P. Shailaja and Correspondent K. Kishore Kumar congratulated the students and physical education instructors on their achievement and wished them success at the state level.

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Unexpected Public Response to Door-to-Door Campaign: Corporator Candidate Gayatri

(By GMA Staff Reporter)
Guntur, October 24: Rangavajjula Gayatri, corporator candidate from the 43rd Division in Guntur, said she was receiving an encouraging response from residents during her door-to-door election campaign ahead of the municipal corporation elections.
On Saturday, Gayatri offered prayers at the Ramulavari Temple on 17th Line in Arundelpet before visiting households across the division to seek public support.
Speaking during the campaign, she said several development and welfare programmes were being implemented in Andhra Pradesh under the leadership of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, with support from the Central Government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. She also highlighted the development initiatives being undertaken in Guntur city during the coalition government's tenure.
Gayatri said she had been interacting with residents to understand the civic issues and basic needs of people in the 43rd Division. She assured voters that, if elected in the November 1 corporation elections, she would work to transform the division into a model ward by addressing local problems and improving public amenities.
Appealing for support, she asked voters to cast their votes in favour of her on the BJP's lotus symbol and support mayoral candidate Kovelamudi Lakshmi Aparna on the TDP's bicycle symbol. She urged residents to help the alliance candidates secure a decisive victory.



Ramineni Ravindra, Lakshmaiah, Bandaru Palli Venu, Ganapathi, Saiddaiah, Turlapati Bhaskar, Ankavara Prasad, Palapati Ravi Kumar, Velagaleti Gangadhar, Mannava Sodekar, Haripavani, Bhoolakshmi, Sandhya and leaders and workers of the TDP, Jana Sena and BJP participated in the campaign.
Konaseema Collector Inspects Strong Room, Counting Hall in Mummidivaram



(By GMA Staff Reporter)
KONASEEMA, October 24: Dr B.R. Ambedkar Konaseema District Collector R. Mahesh Kumar inspected the strong room and counting hall designated for the upcoming Mummidivaram Nagar Panchayat elections on Saturday and issued necessary instructions to officials.
During the inspection, Assistant Election Officer and Mummidivaram Nagar Panchayat Commissioner P. Ravi Varma briefed the Collector on the arrangements being made for polling scheduled for November 1 and vote counting on November 3.

Andhra Pradesh on High Alert as Cyclone Threat Looms

(By GMA Staff Reporter)
AMARAVATI, October 24: Agriculture and Fisheries Minister Kinjarapu Atchannaidu has directed officials in Andhra Pradesh's coastal districts to remain on high alert amid the possibility of a cyclone forming over the Bay of Bengal, stressing that protecting the lives of fishermen must be the top priority.
The Minister reviewed the situation with Fisheries Commissioner Ramashankar Naik over the phone on Saturday, discussing the potential impact of the weather system, the status of fishing boats at sea and precautionary measures being taken in coastal districts.
Citing India Meteorological Department (IMD) projections, officials informed him that a cyclone could form by October 26 and approach the Andhra Pradesh coast by October 28. Atchannaidu instructed officials not to show any negligence in implementing precautionary measures to prevent loss of life.
91 boats remain at sea
As of 5 p.m. on Saturday, 29,952 of the State's 30,043 fishing boats had reached safety at harbours and fish landing centres, while 91 boats remained at sea, officials informed the Minister.
The boats still at sea were located in the following districts:
Visakhapatnam: 37
Bapatla: 32
Krishna: 20
Anakapalli: 1
Kakinada: 1
Of the 91 boats, 72 were mechanised and 19 were motorised.
The Minister directed officials to take urgent steps to bring all the remaining boats safely ashore. He called for close coordination among fishermen's associations, boat owners, harbour authorities, the Coast Guard and marine police, with continuous monitoring of every boat still at sea.
Control rooms set up in coastal districts
Atchannaidu noted that Andhra Pradesh has a coastline of 1,053 km, covering 12 coastal districts, 555 marine fishing villages and 350 fish landing centres.
Fisheries Commissioner Ramashankar Naik informed the Minister that control rooms had been established in all coastal districts to monitor the situation continuously.
The Minister directed officials to ensure that fishermen did not venture into the sea under any circumstances until the threat had passed. He also called for extensive awareness campaigns in coastal villages to communicate cyclone warnings and safety instructions.Officials in Srikakulam, Vizianagaram, Visakhapatnam, Anakapalli, Kakinada, Konaseema, West Godavari, Krishna and Bapatla districts were asked to remain particularly vigilant.
Given the possibility of rough seas and strong winds, officials were also instructed to help fishermen secure their boats, nets and other equipment in safe locations.
Farmers urged to protect crops
The Minister warned that heavy to very heavy rainfall was possible in connection with the weather system and urged farmers to take advance precautions to minimise crop losses.Agriculture and horticulture department officials were instructed to provide timely technical guidance, particularly to farmers with crops nearing harvest, harvested paddy and horticultural produce.
Farmers were advised to:
Ensure proper drainage to prevent waterlogging in fields.
Store harvested paddy in safe and protected locations.
Provide adequate support to banana, papaya and other vulnerable horticultural crops.
Take necessary precautions to protect aquaculture pond bunds, drainage systems and electrical installations.
Field-level officials from the agriculture, horticulture and fisheries departments were directed to remain accessible in potentially affected areas and promptly communicate weather warnings to farmers and fishermen.
Safety must remain the top priority
Appealing to fishermen not to risk their lives by venturing into the sea, Atchannaidu said nothing was more valuable than human life.
He directed all concerned departments to work in coordination until the cyclone threat had completely subsided, ensuring that the safety of fishermen and farmers remained the foremost priority.

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Haryana Man Held in Indore Over Firing at Tiger Shroff's Car

Bhopal, Oct 24: (GNS) A 22-year-old man from Haryana has been detained in Indore by the Mumbai Police Crime Branch in connection with the October 18 firing incident targeting Bollywood actor Tiger Shroff's car, with investigators examining his alleged links to the suspected mastermind and the shooters.
The suspect, identified as Pranjal Thakran, hails from Sonipat in Haryana. He was taken into custody from the Pardeshipura area of Indore on Saturday in a joint operation by the Mumbai and Indore Police Crime Branches, Indore Additional DCP (Crime) Rajesh Dandotiya said.
According to Dandotiya, the Mumbai Crime Branch alerted Indore police on Friday night about the presence of a suspect linked to the firing case. Police subsequently traced and detained Thakran in Pardeshipura.
Preliminary investigation indicated that Thakran had been staying in Indore for the past five days to arrange medical treatment for his brother. Dandotiya said the Mumbai Police Crime Branch would be in a position to explain the suspect's specific role in the case.
ED Moves Supreme Court Against NewsClick Money Laundering Case Ruling
New Delhi, Oct 24: (GNS) The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has approached the Supreme Court challenging a Delhi High Court judgment that quashed a money laundering case against news portal NewsClick and its editor-in-chief, Prabir Purkayastha, in connection with alleged violations of foreign direct investment (FDI) rules, PTI reported.
In its petition, the ED argued that the High Court had quashed its Enforcement Case Information Report (ECIR) without examining the money laundering allegations on their merits. The agency also raised concerns over an alleged five-month delay in the pronouncement of the judgment.
The matter has not yet been listed for hearing before the Supreme Court.
In its May 29 judgment, Justice Neena Bansal Krishna of the Delhi High Court held that continuing the FIR registered by the Delhi Police's Economic Offences Wing (EOW) amounted to "nothing but a gross abuse of the process of law". The court ruled that once the FIR concerning the alleged predicate offence was quashed, the ED's ECIR arising from the same matter was also liable to be closed.
What Were the Allegations?
The EOW registered an FIR in 2020 alleging that PPK Newsclick Studio Pvt Ltd, the parent company of NewsClick, received ₹9.59 crore in FDI from US-based Worldwide Media Holdings LLC during the 2018–19 financial year in violation of foreign investment rules, allegedly causing a loss to the government exchequer.
The FIR claimed that the company's shares had been substantially overvalued to circumvent the 26% FDI cap applicable to digital news websites. It further alleged that more than 45% of the investment was diverted or siphoned off through payments such as salaries, consultancy fees and rent for ulterior purposes.
The ED subsequently registered a money laundering case against NewsClick, Purkayastha and others.
PPK Newsclick Studio sought the quashing of the FIR, arguing that it contained vague allegations.
Why the High Court Quashed the Case
The Delhi High Court
TDP fears defeat, resorts to fake nominations: Namburu Sankara Rao
Guntur, Oct 24**(Our Reporter):** Former YSRCP MLA Namburu Sankara Rao accused the TDP of resorting to intimidation, violence and fake nominations out of fear of defeat in the local body elections.
Addressing the media at his camp office in Guntur, he alleged that TDP supporters were filing nominations wearing YSRCP scarves in Amaravati, Lakadapadu and other areas while genuine YSRCP candidates were being obstructed.
He said candidates in Pedakurapadu constituency and Amaravati Mandal were threatened with sticks, knives and iron rods. Nomination papers were snatched, phones damaged and women candidates allegedly attacked. Chinnababu from Kosuru was reportedly beaten and suffered an ear injury. YSRCP leaders were also allegedly detained at midnight and placed under house arrest.
Sankara Rao said requests had been submitted to the SP, Collector and election officials seeking protection for 60 MPTC and five ZPTC candidates. However, candidates continued to face obstruction. He also pointed to visuals reportedly shared on the Palnadu Police's official social media page showing candidates wearing YSRCP scarves.
He demanded an immediate Election Commission inquiry, action against those responsible and protection for all candidates. He urged police to act impartially and ensure free and fair elections, including the upcoming panchayat polls.

End Ragging, Build Friendship: CI R. Rambabu

(By GMA Staff Reporter)
Bapatla, October 24: Bapatla Urban Circle Inspector R. Rambabu emphasised that ragging is a punishable offence and warned students against harassment, humiliation and inappropriate behaviour towards juniors. Addressing an Anti-Ragging Awareness Programme at Bapatla Agricultural College as the chief guest, he stressed the importance of maintaining healthy relationships between senior and first-year students. He explained that ragging could lead to serious legal consequences and adversely affect students' education and future career opportunities. Referring to the Andhra Pradesh Prohibition of Ragging Act, 1997, he warned that offenders could face imprisonment and fines depending on the severity of the



offence. Presiding over the programme, Associate Dean Dr. P. Prasuna Rani advised students to maintain discipline, manage emotional stress and focus on their academic and career goals.

She announced that a 10-day Deeksharambh Programme would commence on Monday, with final-year students serving as mentors to guide freshers and promote a supportive campus environment. Dr. K.S.R. Paul, Dr. D.V. Sai Ram Kumar, Dr. V. Srilatha, Dr. Y. Sunitha, teaching and non-teaching staff, and students participated in the programme.

PGRS Suspended Until December 2 Amid Local Elections

(By GMA Staff Reporter)
Bapatla, October 24: Bapatla District Collector Dr. V. Vinod Kumar announced on Saturday that the Public Grievance Redressal System programme has been temporarily suspended following the enforcement of the Model Code of Conduct for local body elections.

The Collector stated that the State Election Commission issued the election notification on October 14. As the municipal, Zilla Parishad and Panchayat election process is scheduled to continue until December 2, 2026, the PGRS programme will remain suspended while the election code is in force.



The Collector advised the public not to visit the District Collectorate on Mondays to submit grievances under PGRS. He clarified that the programme would resume after the Model Code of Conduct comes to an end.

Bapatla SP Warns of Strict Action Against Election Code Violations

Bapatla, October 24 (By GMA Staff Reporter):

Bapatla District Superintendent of Police B. Umamaheshwar warned that strict action would be taken against anyone violating the Model Code of Conduct during the local body elections. Addressing a press conference at the SP Camp Office on Saturday, he reviewed the nomination process, security arrangements and preventive measures undertaken by the police. The SP stated that 138 nominations were filed for 20 ZPTC seats and 1,549 nominations for 300 MPTC seats across 20 mandals. The nomination process, held from October 21 to 23, concluded peacefully except for a few minor incidents. Special police escorts were provided to 11 candidates from Nizampatnam Mandal and one candidate from Repalle Mandal to facilitate the filing of their nominations. As part of preventive measures, 1,380 persons were bound over in 244 cases across the district to maintain law and order during the elections. The SP said that elections would be conducted at 1,092 polling stations across 593 locations, including 92 hyper-sensitive and 138 sensitive polling locations, where additional security arrangements are being made. To prevent electoral malpractices, the police have established 17 checkpoints, 24 Flying Squad Teams, 39 Static Surveillance Teams, 24 Model Code of Conduct



monitoring teams and 24 Videography Surveillance Teams.

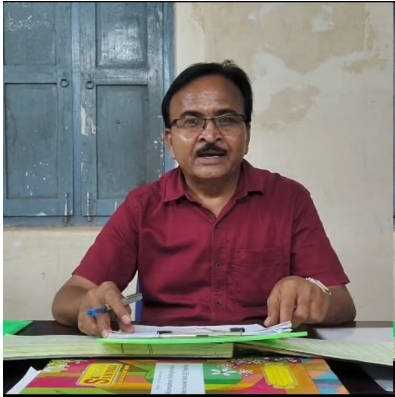
He advised people carrying 1 50,000 or more in cash, gold or other valuables to keep supporting documents and receipts ready for verification. The SP emphasised that political parties and candidates must obtain prior permission for rallies, public meetings, processions and the use of loudspeakers or DJs. He appealed to political parties, candidates and the public to cooperate with the police in ensuring free, fair, transparent and peaceful elections.

Election-related complaints can be reported to the Police Election Cell Control Room at 8333813228 or the emergency helpline 112. The identities of complainants will be kept confidential. Bapatla, Chirala, Repalle and AR DSPs Ch. Chandramouli, M.D. Moin, Shaik Abdul Aziz and P. Krishnam Raju attended the press conference.

Cyclone Alert: Fishermen Advised Not to Venture into Sea Until October 28

(By GMA Staff Reporter)
Bapatla, October 24: In view of the cyclone threat and expected strong winds, Fisheries Assistant Director Saida Bukya Naik has advised fishermen in the coastal areas of Nizampatnam, Repalle and Bapatla not to venture into the sea for fishing until October 28. Acting on the instructions of the Fisheries Commissioner, District Collector Dr. V. Vinod Kumar and senior Fisheries Department officials, he issued precautionary guidelines to fishermen, boat owners and fishing boat associations.

He warned that strong winds reaching speeds of 60–70 kmph were expected due to the cyclone and instructed all fishing boats currently at sea to return safely to fish landing centres by 6 PM on Saturday, October 24. Boat owners were advised to maintain sufficient distance between anchored vessels to prevent collisions and secure fishing nets and



other equipment in safe locations. Fishermen were urged to strictly follow the instructions issued by the Fisheries, Police and Revenue Departments to prevent loss of life and property. Saving lives is more important than fishing. All fishermen must return safely to shore and take necessary precautions. Saida Bukya Naik emphasised.

Collector Unveils Posters on Iodine Deficiency Prevention

(By GMA Staff Reporter)
Bapatla, October 24: Bapatla District Collector Dr. V. Vinod Kumar unveiled awareness posters on Iodine Deficiency Disorders Prevention Week at the District Collectorate on Saturday. As part of the week-long campaign from October 21 to 27, awareness programmes will be conducted in schools, Anganwadi centres, junior colleges, degree colleges, ITIs, nursing colleges and technical institutions across the district. Quiz and essay-writing competitions will also be organised in high schools, with two

appreciation certificates to be awarded in each school through the District Educational Officer. Speaking on the occasion, District Medical and Health Officer Dr. S. Vijayamma emphasised the importance of consuming iodised salt to prevent iodine deficiency disorders, including goitre. She advised the public to limit total daily salt consumption to five grams and ensure that the salt used is adequately iodised. RBSK and NCD Programme Officer Dr. K. Lalitha Rajeswari, and other officials participated in the programme.

Telugudanam–Telugu Dhanam Book Presented to media channel Editor

(By GMA Staff Reporter)
Bapatla, October 24: World Telugu Federation Membership Committee Vice-Chairman Vankayalapati Haribabu presented the Federation's coffee table book Telugudanam – Telugu Dhanam, along with a souvenir, to media channel Business Breakfast Editor Vasanth Kumar. The presentation took place during the Market Darshan programme held at



ITC Fortune Select Grand Ridge Hotel in Tirupati on Saturday.

Bapatla Completes Polling Staff Randomisation for ZPTC, MPTC Elections

(By GMA Staff Reporter)
Bapatla, October 24: District Election Officer and Collector Dr. V. Vinod Kumar announced that the randomisation of polling personnel for the upcoming ZPTC and MPTC elections scheduled for November has been completed in Bapatla district.



The randomisation process was conducted on Saturday at the District Collectorate Board Room in the presence of General Election Observer A.A.L. Padmavathi under the supervision of the District Collector. The Collector stated that Presiding Officers, Assistant Presiding Officers and Other Polling Officers were allocated to polling stations across the mandals through a randomisation process, ensuring transparency and impartiality in accordance with State Election

Commission guidelines. He directed all election personnel to work in coordination and discharge their assigned responsibilities efficiently to ensure the smooth conduct of elections. In-charge DRO Lavanna, DPO Naresh Kumari, DEO Srinivas Singh, CPO A.S. Raju, Collectorate AO Mallikarjuna Rao, Municipal Commissioner M. Hasini, Village and Ward Secretariat Coordinator Yashwanth and other officials attended the programme.

Counselling Held for Former NDPL Case Accused

(By GMA Staff Reporter)
Bapatla, October 24: As part of enforcement measures under the Model Code of Conduct for local body elections, the Prohibition and Excise Department conducted a counselling session for individuals previously accused in Non-Duty Paid Liquor cases. The programme was held on Saturday at the Office of the District Prohibition and Excise Officer, Bapatla, under the supervision of K. Vijay, Assistant Commissioner of Prohibition and Excise, Ongole. Addressing the participants, K. Vijay warned against the illegal transportation, storage and sale of liquor, stating that strict legal action would be taken against anyone involved in such activities. He emphasised that the department would maintain continuous vigilance



to prevent illegal liquor activities during the election period. The public was urged to report any information regarding illegal liquor transportation or sales to the concerned authorities. He assured that the identities of informants would be kept confidential. District Prohibition and Excise Officer Dr. Ch. Naresh, Prohibition and Excise CI Palaparthi Geetika, and departmental staff joined in the Counselling.

Ensure All Facilities at Polling Stations: Bapatla Collector

(By GMA Staff Reporter)
Bapatla, October 24: District Election Officer and Collector Dr. V. Vinod Kumar directed officials to ensure that all polling stations are fully equipped with essential facilities ahead of the upcoming local body elections. Chairing a review meeting with district officials, Returning Officers and Nodal Officers at the Collectorate on Saturday, he instructed them to complete repairs, whitewashing and cleaning of polling stations on a war footing. The Collector emphasised the need for proper electricity, drinking water, toilets and clean surroundings to ensure a comfortable voting environment. He also directed officials to keep electricians available for emergencies. He instructed Returning Officers to ensure smooth election arrangements, including the issuance of NOCs to candidates, preparation of route maps, distribution of election materials and readiness of strong rooms and counting centres. All dispatch centres



must have electricity, drinking water, sanitation facilities and medical camps, he added. In view of the forecast of heavy rainfall from October 26 to 29, the Collector directed officials to keep at least 10 tarpaulin sheets ready at each dispatch centre and take preventive measures against waterlogging at dispatch centres and strong rooms. He also instructed officials to remain alert in flood-prone areas and ensure immediate relief measures wherever necessary.

In-charge District Revenue Officer Lavanna, Zilla Parishad CEO Vijayalakshmi and officials from various departments attended the meeting.

Nuzvid Municipality Received Rs.88.46 Crore for Development in Two-and-a-Half Years: Minister Parthasarathy

(By GMA Staff Reporter)
Nuzvid, October 24: State Housing and Information and Public Relations Minister Kolu Parthasarathy said that 1 88.46 crore had been spent on development works in Nuzvid Municipality over the past two-and-a-half years. He appealed to people from all sections of society to support alliance candidates, highlighting the development and welfare initiatives undertaken by the government.



As part of the municipal election campaign, the minister conducted a door-to-door outreach programme in Ward 24 on Saturday. He explained the state government's development and welfare schemes as well as the civic development works taken up in Nuzvid Municipality.

During the visit, Parthasarathy interacted with residents and enquired about their individual concerns and ward-level problems. Residents, women and local leaders welcomed him warmly and brought various civic issues to his attention. People also expressed satisfaction with the works undertaken so far and thanked the minister. He assured them that the remaining works would be completed in phases based on their requirements.

Speaking on the occasion, Parthasarathy said proposals had also

been submitted for additional development works worth 1 155 crore in the municipality. He stated that Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu was drawing on his administrative experience to advance development and welfare programmes without allowing a shortage of funds to hinder progress. AP Agri Mission Vice-Chairman and constituency observer Marrireddy Srinivasa Reddy, municipal chairperson candidate Barla Ilayaraja, official alliance candidates, alliance leaders, ward-level representatives, party workers, supporters and a large number of local residents and women participated in the campaign. The minister urged residents to communicate their priorities to local representatives and assured them that public needs would remain central to the municipality's development agenda. He reiterated his commitment to improving civic amenities and implementing welfare programmes across all wards.

Ensure All Basic Facilities at Polling Stations: Bapatla Collector

(By GMA Staff Reporter)
Bapatla, October 24: District Election Officer and Collector Dr. V. Vinod Kumar directed officials to ensure all essential facilities at polling stations ahead of the upcoming local body elections. On Friday, the Collector inspected polling stations established at Ganga Subbarayudu Mandal Parishad Primary School, located on the premises of Zilla Parishad High School in Bobbepalli village of Martur Mandal, for the MPTC, ZPTC and Gram Panchayat elections.



He instructed officials to repair doors and windows, ensure proper lighting, provide drinking water and maintain clean toilets. He also directed the removal of bushes, cleaning of school premises and improvement of access roads to polling stations.

Interacting with villagers, the Collector enquired about voter

registration, the availability of electoral rolls and voter awareness activities. He instructed the Tahsildar to organise village-level meetings to create awareness about the election process.

Earlier, the Collector visited the Martur MPDO office and reviewed arrangements for the distribution of election materials. Returning Officer Karunashree, Bapatla RDO Harikumar, Tahsildar Prasanthi, MPDO Srinivasa Rao, CI Y. Srinivasa Rao, Panchayat Raj DE Adinarayana and other officials accompanied the Collector.

Public Urged to Report Election Violations

(By GMA Staff Reporter)
Bapatla, October 24: The public has been urged to report violations of the Model Code of Conduct to ensure free, fair and peaceful conduct of the ongoing local body elections. Citizens are requested to bring incidents such as distribution of money, liquor or gifts to influence voters, intimidation, illegal campaigning, misuse of official machinery and other electoral malpractices to the attention of the election authorities.

State Election Commission Control Room, Vijayawada 0866-2490023, 2490024, 2490025, 2490026, Bapatla District Collectorate Control Room 08643-220226, Whats App Helpline 8712417880, Election Watch, Bapatla District: 9963521857.

Election Complaint Helpline Numbers are announced.

The public is encouraged to report any election-related irregularities promptly through these helpline numbers and cooperate with election authorities in ensuring a transparent, impartial and peaceful electoral process.

DRO Lavanna Unfurls National and UN Flags at Bapatla Collectorate

(By GMA Staff Reporter)
Bapatla, October 24: District Revenue Officer (DRO) Lavanna called upon citizens to uphold patriotism, unity and brotherhood during a flag-hoisting ceremony held at the Bapatla District Collectorate on Saturday.



As part of the programme, Lavanna unfurled the newly installed Indian National Flag and the United Nations (UN) Flag on the Collectorate premises.

values of unity and cooperation.

Addressing the gathering, he highlighted the importance of national pride, mutual respect and collective responsibility in building a united and harmonious society. He urged everyone to strengthen the

Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan Assistant Project Coordinator (APC) Dr. Srinivasa Rao, Election Section Superintendent Shaik Shafi, Swarna Village and Ward Secretariat Coordinator P. Yashwanth, Collectorate staff and other officials participated in the programme.

13 Leaders Join TDP in Karlapalem

(By GMA Staff Reporter)
Bapatla, October 24: As many as 13 leaders from various villages under Pedagollapalem Panchayat in Karlapalem Mandal, Bapatla Assembly constituency, joined the Telugu Desam Party. The joining programme was held at the Karlapalem Mandal TDP office, where Bapatla MLA Vegesena Narendra Varma Raju welcomed the new members by presenting them with party scarves. Speaking on the occasion, the MLA said that the leaders had joined the TDP after being attracted by the welfare schemes and development initiatives of the coalition government. He stated that efforts were being made to ensure government benefits reached eligible beneficiaries.



Marpu Chennaivaripalem: Dakkumalli Bhaskara Rao, Perikala Suresh, Kagitha Salman Raju and Marpu Murali.

Yaramvaripalem: Yaram Somaiah, Mallela Victor Babu, Mallela Satyam, Jopudi Sandeep, Jopudi Ravi, Yaram Israel, Korapati Vinay and Perikala Chandu.

“If You Have Delivered Development, Why Fear the People’s Verdict?” Asks Fayaz Basha

(Our Reporter)
Tadipatri, October 24: YSR Congress Party State Secretary Fayaz Basha held a press conference at his office in Tadipatri on Saturday, making strong remarks in the wake of the upcoming municipal elections. Speaking on the occasion, Fayaz Basha questioned why the ruling party leaders, who claim to have delivered development, were afraid to face the people's verdict.



He subsequently criticized the ruling party, emphasizing that the people are the ultimate decision-makers in a democracy and that it is the government's responsibility to ensure free, fair, and transparent elections.

Fayaz Basha further noted that development works carried out while in power, rather than promises made during election campaigns, are what truly earn the public's trust.

Fayaz Basha also called upon voters to carefully evaluate the performance of their elected representatives before making their choice. He stated that fulfilling promises made to the public and prioritizing the town's development are the primary responsibilities of those in power.

He urged the authorities to uphold democratic values and respect the opinions of the people.

He stressed the need to provide better public services in key areas, including resolving public grievances, improving basic infrastructure, maintaining sanitation, and ensuring an adequate supply of drinking water.

He concluded by emphasizing that public support can be earned only through transparent governance, by addressing people's problems and ensuring that their needs and concerns receive due attention.

Chintalapudi Project Works to Begin in November: MP Putta Mahesh Kumar

(By GMA Staff Reporter)
Eluru, October 24: The long-awaited Chintalapudi Lift Irrigation Scheme is set to move forward, with project works scheduled to begin in November, Eluru MP Putta Mahesh Kumar announced on Saturday. He said all major hurdles had been cleared and the coalition government was taking steps to complete the project.

In a press statement issued to the media, the MP said the project, which was more than halfway completed, had stalled due to neglect by the previous government. Since assuming office, the coalition government has been working to resolve the pending issues and resume construction. He also recalled that the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change had recently given its approval to the project.

Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu had directed officials to make the necessary arrangements to commence work at the earliest, the MP said, adding that construction would begin next month, November.

Once completed, the Chintalapudi Lift Irrigation Scheme is expected to provide irrigation water through canals to nearly one lakh acres in Eluru district. Farmers in the upland areas of the Chintalapudi and Nuzvid constituencies will particularly benefit from the project. Filling canals and tanks will also help improve groundwater levels and address drinking water shortages, he explained.

The MP said the Polavaram project was nearing completion, with



its inauguration planned for next year. The commencement of Chintalapudi project works would therefore be another piece of good news for the people of the Eluru parliamentary constituency.

He expressed confidence that the project would be completed within two years under the supervision of Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu and State Water Resources Minister Nimmala Ramanaidu and subsequently dedicated to the nation.

Putta Mahesh Kumar said the completion of both the Polavaram and Chintalapudi projects would significantly improve water availability across Eluru district and help address the region's long-standing water scarcity.

He thanked Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu for his efforts to realise the project, Prime Minister Narendra Modi for extending support to the state, Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, Minister Nara Lokesh and Water Resources Minister Nimmala Ramanaidu for their cooperation.

The MP appealed to the people to recognise and support the development initiatives being undertaken by the coalition government.

Rowdy-Sheeteer Jailed for Violating Bind-Over Conditions in Eluru

(By GMA Staff Reporter)
Eluru, October 24: Eluru Rural police have sent a rowdy-sheeteer to jail for violating bind-over conditions by allegedly becoming involved in another criminal case while the preventive bond was in force. Police said this was the first such action of its kind by Eluru Rural police in the district.

The accused was identified as Chalamala Prabhu, 25, son of Durga Rao, a resident of Chenchula Colony in Eluru. Eluru Rural Sub-Inspector V. Venkateswara Rao took him into custody and executed the detention order.

Eluru DSP D. Sravan Kumar said the action should serve as a warning to those involved in unlawful activities. He warned that strict measures would be taken against individuals who violate preventive bond conditions and disturb public peace.

Six-Month Bind-Over Order Violated

According to police, Prabhu had been involved in several criminal cases and was already listed as a rowdy-sheeteer. To prevent him from engaging in further unlawful activities, authorities had placed him under a six-month bind-over arrangement and required him to execute a personal bond of ₹ 10 lakh.

Despite police warnings, he allegedly became an accused in a case registered within the limits of Eluru Rural Police Station on August 28 this year, thereby violating the conditions of the bond.

Detention Order Issued
Eluru Rural police reported the

MPTC, ZPTC Elections 2026: Nomination Scrutiny Completed in NTR District

(By GMA Staff Reporter)
Vijayawada, October 24: The scrutiny of nominations for the second general MPTC and ZPTC elections-2026 in NTR district has been completed, District Collector and District Election Officer Dr G. Lakshmisha announced on Saturday.

He said the Returning Officers had completed the scrutiny process and published the list of valid candidates in accordance with election rules. The lists have been displayed on the notice boards at the respective Returning Officers' offices.

According to the Collector, a total of 135 nomination papers were received from 110 candidates contesting ZPTC seats in the district. Following scrutiny, the nominations of 109 candidates were declared valid, while one candidate's nomination was rejected. Deadline for Form-B Submission

The Collector instructed candidates contesting on behalf of political parties to submit Form-B, confirming their official party candidature, to the concerned Returning Officer by 3 p.m. on Tuesday, October 27, 2026.

Candidates were advised to ensure that all documents relating to their party affiliation and official candidature were submitted correctly within the stipulated deadline to avoid complications during the election process.

Nominations Can Be Withdrawn Until 3 PM



Candidates wishing to withdraw from the electoral contest must submit their withdrawal forms to the respective Returning Officers by 3 p.m. on October 27. The Collector clarified that withdrawal requests submitted after the deadline would not be accepted.

He urged candidates not to wait until the last minute and to approach the concerned Returning Officers in advance with all the necessary documents. Final List to Be Announced on October 27
The final list of candidates remaining in the contest will be published after the withdrawal process concludes at 3 p.m. on October 27, the Collector said. Further details regarding subsequent stages of the election process will be communicated by the election authorities after the final list is released.

Dr G. Lakshmisha urged all candidates contesting the MPTC and ZPTC elections to strictly comply with election rules and the guidelines issued by the State Election Commission. He also appealed to candidates to cooperate with election officials in ensuring transparency and the orderly conduct of the electoral process. Candidates with queries regarding scrutiny, Form-B submission or withdrawal procedures were advised to contact the concerned Returning Officers for clarification.

Sankalpam Brings New Hope to the Lives of Persons with Disabilities

(By GMA Staff Reporter)
Tanuku, October 24: The services being provided by the Dr P.N.S. Kiran Charitable Trust to persons with disabilities are exemplary, Tanuku MLA Arimilli Radhakrishna said. He praised the trust for providing free artificial limbs and helping beneficiaries achieve financial independence.

The 'Sankalpam' programme was organised on Saturday at Sandhya Jyothi Old Age Home in Tanuku, jointly by the Dr P.N.S. Kiran Charitable Trust and the World Telugu Federation. As part of the initiative, measurements were collected from more than 100 persons with disabilities to prepare and fit artificial limbs free of cost.

Addressing the gathering, the MLA appreciated the trust for carrying out various service activities for the past decade. He said its efforts extended beyond distributing artificial



limbs, as it also helped persons with disabilities establish grocery shops and small businesses to earn a livelihood.

Providing opportunities for self-reliance, rather than limiting support to sympathy, was the true meaning of service, Radhakrishna observed. He also recalled the services rendered by the trust during the COVID-19 pandemic and congratulated the organisers for their continued commitment to public welfare.

Bolla Satish, Kan Raj and others participated in the programme.

Bilingual Constitution Book Presented to Supreme Court Additional Solicitor General

(By GMA Staff Reporter)
Vijayawada/Eluru, October 24: Senior International Lions Clubs leader K.V. Kishore Kumar and social worker and engineer Devarakonda Venkateswarlu presented a bilingual edition of the Indian Constitution to Kanakamedala Ravindra Kumar, the serving Additional Solicitor General of India at the Supreme Court, former Rajya Sabha member and senior advocate, during a meeting in Vijayawada.

During the interaction, Venkateswarlu explained that around 30,000 copies of the bilingual Constitution book had been distributed over the past three years to students, community groups, organisations, public representatives and officials from various government departments.

Responding to the initiative, Ravindra Kumar congratulated Venkateswarlu and offered suggestions on expanding public



awareness of the Constitution and extending constitutional education to more people.

Venkateswarlu said the book had already been published four times. The fifth and final edition, comprising 250 pages, is being planned. With public participation, the initiative aims to distribute another 70,000 copies of the bilingual Constitution over the next three years, particularly among school and college students.

He expressed confidence that the initiative would help strengthen constitutional awareness among young people and the wider public.

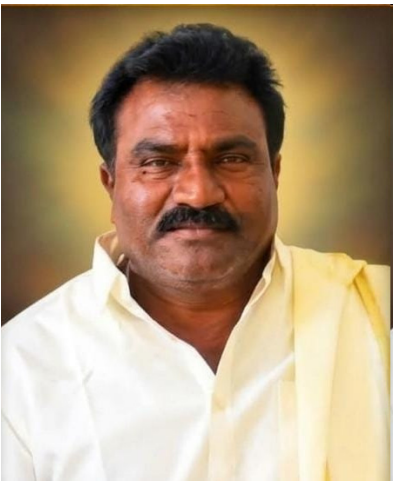
Family Donates Subba Reddy's Eyes After His Death, Setting an Example

(By GMA Staff Reporter)
Kamavarapukota, October 24: In a moving gesture of generosity, the family of Kalavala Subba Reddy, owner of Shiridi Hotel in Tadikalapudi village of Kamavarapukota mandal, donated his eyes following his death on Saturday.

Despite being grief-stricken, the family decided to donate his eyes to help restore sight to people in need. A team from the L.V. Prasad Eye Institute in Vijayawada visited Tadikalapudi and collected the eyes for transplantation purposes.

Villagers appreciated the family for making the noble decision during a difficult time. Their gesture was hailed as an inspiration to others, demonstrating how eye donation can help bring light into the lives of people with visual impairment.

Subba Reddy was well known in the village as a hotel owner who maintained friendly relations with everyone and spoke warmly with



people. His sudden demise has left villagers deeply saddened.

Residents expressed their condolences to the bereaved family and praised them for turning their personal loss into an opportunity to help others.

B. Vijay Kumar Appointed Expenditure Observer for NTR District Local Body Elections

(By GMA Staff Reporter)
Vijayawada, October 25: The State Election Commission has appointed B. Vijay Kumar, IFS, Chief Conservator of Forests and Director of the Andhra Pradesh State Forest Academy in Rajamahendravaram, as the election expenditure observer for local body elections in NTR district.

Following his appointment, Vijay Kumar met District Collector and District Election Officer G. Lakshmisha at the AVS Reddy Conference Hall in the Vijayawada Collectorate on Saturday and discussed arrangements for conducting the local body elections.

As the expenditure observer, Vijay Kumar will closely monitor candidates' election expenditure registers, including their daily expenses and bank account transactions, to ensure compliance with the rules and spending limits prescribed by the State Election Commission.

He will tour the district to inspect expenditure incurred on election rallies, public meetings, campaign vehicles and publicity materials, including flex banners and posters. These expenses will be cross-checked against the accounts submitted officially by the candidates.

The observer will also monitor the



progress of expenditure scrutiny and submit regular reports directly to the State Election Commission through its designated email address, observers.apsec@gmail.com, until the completion of the election process.

Vigilance Against Electoral Malpractices

Vijay Kumar will coordinate with district-level flying squads, Static Surveillance Teams, Video Surveillance Teams and accounting teams to prevent the distribution of cash, gifts and liquor intended to influence voters.

He urged the public to share information regarding election-related violations by contacting 62810 72815.

The appointment is aimed at strengthening expenditure monitoring and ensuring that candidates adhere to the election expenditure rules throughout the electoral process.

Guntur Collector Inspects EVM Warehouse, Reviews Security Arrangements

(By GMA Staff Reporter)
Guntur, October 24: District Collector C.M. Saikanth Varma inspected the EVM warehouse at the district headquarters on Saturday and reviewed the security arrangements in place. During the inspection, the Collector examined the security measures around the rooms where EVMs are stored, the functioning of CCTV cameras, and the locks and seals of the warehouse. He instructed the officials concerned to strictly follow the Election Commission's

Married Woman Brutally Murdered in Nachugunta Forest; Body Found Burnt

(By GMA Staff Reporter)
Unguturu, October 24: A shocking incident came to light in the forest area under the Nachugunta revenue limits of Unguturu mandal, where police found the body of a woman in a burnt condition in a bamboo plantation. Forest labourers spotted the body and alerted forest beat officer Rajesh. Acting on his complaint, Chebrole police registered a case and launched an investigation. Sub-Inspector Mami Dala Suryabhagavan visited the crime scene and examined the circumstances surrounding the incident. Based on the evidence gathered, police identified the deceased as Palivela Sandhya Rani, 41, a resident of Ravulaparru. She reportedly ran a grocery shop in the village and was married to Siva Ramakrishna Prasad. She had two sons who are pursuing engineering studies. According to preliminary



information, Sandhya Rani had told her family that she intended to visit a hospital in Tadepalligudem. On Friday morning, her son reportedly dropped her off on a two-wheeler at the Unguturu National Highway junction. However, questions have arisen over how she reached the forest area instead of proceeding to the hospital. The discovery of her burnt body has triggered shock and concern among local residents. Police have registered a case based on the forest beat officer's complaint and are investigating the circumstances of the suspected murder. Further details are awaited as the investigation progresses.

Bhimavaram Police Crack Major Apartment Theft Case Within 24 Hours

(By GMA Staff Reporter)
Bhimavaram, October 24: Bhimavaram One Town police cracked a series of burglaries at Sreenidhi Grand Apartment in Narasayya Agraharam within just 24 hours, arresting the accused and recovering gold and silver ornaments and cash worth approximately Rs.1,08,80,455.

Additional Superintendent of Police D. Viswanath disclosed the details at a press conference held at the Bhimavaram One Town Police Station on Saturday.

Seven Theft Cases in a Single Apartment

According to police, a case was registered on October 22 under Crime No. 232/2026 following a complaint by Seelamanthula Kanaka Mahalakshmi, a resident of Sreenidhi Grand Apartment. A total of seven cases were registered in connection with burglaries targeting different flats in the same apartment complex.

The investigation revealed that the accused allegedly took advantage of the residents' absence, broke open door locks and cupboards, and stole gold and silver ornaments along with cash.

CCTV Footage Helps Identify Accused

Acting on the instructions of District Superintendent of Police Adnan Nayeem Asmi, the investigation was expedited under the supervision of Additional SP D. Viswanath and Sub-Divisional Police Officer Raghuv eer Vishnu.

A crime team led by One Town Circle Inspector Ramesh inspected



the locations and analysed CCTV footage to identify the suspect. Based on credible information, police took the accused into custody at around 5 p.m. on October 23 in the vicinity of Bhimavaram Railway Junction.

Stolen Property Worth Rs.1.08 Crore Recovered

The accused was identified as Mohammed Basha, 40. Police recovered approximately 800 grams of gold, 2.5 kg of silver ornaments and cash from him. The total value of the recovered property was estimated at Rs.1,08,80,455, the Additional SP said.

Additional SP Commends Police Team

D. Viswanath specially commended One Town CI Ramesh, Sub-Inspectors K. Chandrasekhar and K. Srinivas, and other crime team personnel for solving the case swiftly and recovering the stolen property.

Head Constable Yehoshua and Constables Ramakrishna, Srinivas and other personnel participated in the operation.

The registration of seven theft cases in a single apartment complex and the recovery of property worth over Rs.1.08 crore within a short period have become a major topic of discussion among local residents.

National Saras Mela Trains SHG Women in Export Marketing to Take Local Products Global

(By GMA Staff Reporter)
Vijayawada, October 24: A special training programme on export marketing was organised on Saturday for women members of Self-Help Groups (SHGs) at the National Saras Mela in Vijayawada, providing them with insights into expanding their businesses and taking locally made products to international markets.

The programme was organised under the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM), functioning under the Union Ministry of Rural Development. It was conducted by the Marketing Centre of the Delhi branch of the National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (NIRDPR).

The training focused on "Export Marketing of SHG Products: Challenges and Opportunities." Around 90 SHG women from different parts of the country and 35 state nodal officers participated enthusiastically.

Export marketing expert Chintalapudi Malleswara Rao served as the resource person and explained the practical aspects of entering international markets. NIRDPR Assistant Director Chiranjil Kataria, Research Officer Sudhir Kumar Singh, NRLM National Mission Manager Rajiv Singhal and Andhra Pradesh SERP Director Dr Shivashankar Prasad also participated and offered guidance.



During interactive discussions, SHG women shared the marketing challenges they face and explored ways to identify international buyers, reduce dependence on intermediaries and maintain consistent product quality.

Participants received detailed guidance on packaging, branding, registrations, certifications, export documentation and logistics. The programme highlighted the growing opportunities in international markets for organic products, millet-based foods, spices, handloom textiles and handicrafts.

The trainers also explained how women entrepreneurs could connect with buyers through social media, e-commerce platforms, trade fairs and collective marketing initiatives facilitated by SHG federations.

The programme emphasised that capacity building, digital marketing and sustainable market linkages could help SHG women strengthen their businesses, improve their incomes and achieve greater financial independence.

DRDA Project Director A.N.V. Nanchar Rao and other officials attended the programme.

Union Minister Nimbuben Bhambhaniya Interacts with Lakhpati Didis at National Saras Mela

(By GMA Staff Reporter)
Vijayawada, October 24: Union Minister of State for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution Nimbuben Jayantibhai Bhambhaniya visited the National Saras Mela in Vijayawada on Saturday and interacted with 50 women entrepreneurs from Self-Help Groups (SHGs), including Lakhpati Didis, learning about their entrepreneurial journeys and achievements.

During her visit, the minister toured stalls run by women entrepreneurs and appreciated their efforts to transform traditional skills and locally available resources into sustainable income-generating businesses.

At the interaction, a woman entrepreneur from Gujarat shared her business success story. The minister also appreciated women from Meghalaya for producing cotton bags as an eco-friendly alternative to plastic bags.

Women entrepreneurs from Kerala showcased natural products and food

items, while participants from Bihar displayed handloom products. She encouraged the women to expand their enterprises and explore new market opportunities.

The minister said the progress of rural women through SHGs was inspiring, as they were achieving financial independence and emerging as entrepreneurs, business owners and community leaders.

She praised their determination and confidence in establishing their own businesses, supporting their families and creating employment opportunities for others.

Bhambhaniya stated that the National Saras Mela had become an important platform for strengthening women's Self-Help Groups, promoting rural enterprises and expanding market access under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the guidance of the Union Minister for Rural Development.

NIESBUD Interacts with SHG Women at National Saras Aajeevika Mela–2026 in Vijayawada

(By GMA Staff Reporter)
Vijayawada, October 22: The National Institute for Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development (NIESBUD), functioning under the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Government of India, organised awareness and interactive sessions with women members of Self-Help Groups (SHGs) from various states at the Learning and Knowledge Pavilion during the first National Saras Aajeevika Mela–2026 in Vijayawada on October 21 and 22.

The sessions were attended by NIESBUD Senior Faculty Member Dr. Shweta Mathur, Andhra Pradesh State Head K. Sairam, successful entrepreneurs and former NIESBUD trainees. They explained the training, mentoring and institutional support available to promote women's entrepreneurship.

Focus on Entrepreneurial Skills and Business Development

The programme held on October 21 introduced participants to various capacity-building initiatives implemented by NIESBUD. These included Entrepreneurship Development Programmes (EDPs), Entrepreneurship Skill Development Programmes (ESDPs), export management, digital marketing in collaboration with META, mentoring through Udyam Disha and UDHYAMKART, business plan preparation, packaging, branding, market linkages and financial assistance.

Participants were also briefed on the Training of Trainers Programme in entrepreneurship development for master trainers and facilitators working with Community Resource Persons–Enterprise Promotion (CRP-EP).

Implemented by NIESBUD under the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, in coordination with the Ministry of Rural Development and DAY-NRLM, the programme aims to strengthen the capabilities of community cadres who

Notice to Media Personnel: Guidelines for Election Media Passes in Guntur and Tenali

(By GMA Staff Reporter)
Guntur, October 24: Officials have announced the procedure for issuing media passes for municipal elections and MPTC/ZPTC polling and counting in Guntur district.

For municipal elections, media passes for the Guntur Municipal Corporation (GMC) will be issued by the GMC Municipal Commissioner, while passes for Tenali municipal elections will be issued by the Tenali Municipal Commissioner.

For MPTC/ZPTC polling and counting, media passes will be issued by the Guntur Revenue Divisional Officer (RDO) for the Guntur Revenue Division and by the Tenali RDO for the Tenali Revenue Division.

Accreditation Card Mandatory
As per Election Commission rules, journalists seeking election media passes must possess a valid accreditation card.

For press coverage of the polling process, major newspapers and leading electronic media organisations will be permitted to nominate one reporter and one photographer. The same arrangement—one reporter and one photographer per eligible media organisation—will apply to coverage

Postal Ballot Facilitation Centres in GMC and Tenali on October 27 and 28

(By GMA Staff Reporter)
Guntur, October 24: District Collector and District Election Officer C.M. Saikanth Varma has directed officials to establish postal ballot facilitation centres within the limits of Guntur Municipal Corporation (GMC) and Tenali Municipality on October 27 and 28.

The Collector held a video conference on Saturday with municipal commissioners, Revenue Divisional Officers (RDOs), returning officers, zonal officers and route officers to review election preparations. He stressed that postal ballot facilities must be provided to all personnel engaged in election duties.

He instructed officials to make advance arrangements for the distribution and collection of polling materials and ensure that election staff received proper training. Distribution of polling materials must not be delayed under any circumstances, and all required items must be available without exception. He also directed officials to organise the receipt of polling materials systematically and ensure their prompt transfer to strong rooms.

Photo Voter Slips to Be Distributed

The Collector directed officials to ensure that photo voter slips were distributed to voters.

Basic Facilities at Polling Stations
Returning officers, zonal officers and route officers were instructed to provide all essential facilities at polling stations and ensure that polling personnel faced no inconvenience.



support women-led enterprises, including those promoted under the Lakhpati Didi initiative.

Former NIESBUD trainees shared their entrepreneurial journeys and explained how the institute's training programmes had helped them develop their businesses. They encouraged SHG women to make use of NIESBUD's support at every stage of entrepreneurship, from identifying a business idea and establishing an enterprise to expanding operations and accessing new markets.

Dr. Shweta Mathur Highlights Business Opportunities

On October 22, Dr. Shweta Mathur delivered a special lecture on entrepreneurial awareness. She discussed identifying business opportunities and promoting enterprises through social media.

The session received an encouraging response from SHG women, who gained valuable insights into identifying profitable business opportunities, using digital platforms to promote their products and reaching a wider customer base.

NIESBUD expressed its gratitude to the Ministry of Rural Development for providing the opportunity to represent the institute at the Learning and Knowledge Pavilion. It also thanked the Society for Elimination of Rural Poverty (SERP), Andhra Pradesh, and the National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM) for their support in organising the programmes.

Overall, the sessions highlighted the importance of entrepreneurship education, skill development, mentoring and market linkages in helping women SHG members establish sustainable enterprises, expand their businesses and improve their incomes.

of the counting process, subject to Election Commission guidelines and regulations.

Media organisations have been requested to submit the names of their nominated personnel, along with their accreditation numbers, to the Information and Public Relations Department office.

Separate Lists to Be Submitted by October 24

Separate lists must be submitted for the following categories:

Guntur Municipal Corporation elections

Tenali municipal elections
MPTC/ZPTC polling and counting

The lists must reach the office of the Deputy Director, Information and Public Relations (I&PR), also referred to as the DIPRO office, by 5 p.m. on Saturday, October 24, 2026.

For assistance with submitting the media-pass lists, media representatives may contact Divisional Public Relations Officer Ravindra at 9121215297 or 9440045346.

Media organisations have been requested to follow the instructions and submit their lists within the stipulated deadline.



He emphasised the need to maintain cleanliness around polling stations and ensure the availability of toilets, drinking water, electricity and food. Officials were also asked to assess vehicle requirements in advance and identify the types of vehicles suitable for each route so that transportation arrangements could be made accordingly.

Micro-Observers' Training on October 26

The Collector announced that training for micro-observers would be held on October 26 at the S.R. Sankaran Conference Hall on the Guntur Collectorate premises.

Guntur Municipal Corporation Commissioner K. Mayur Ashok said that 596 polling stations had been identified within GMC limits and that distribution of photo voter slips had begun.

Tenali Municipal Commissioner J. Rama Appala Naidu stated that 185 polling stations had been identified within Tenali Municipality, with four zones and 18 routes arranged for election management. He also confirmed that the supplementary voter list had been received.

Returning officers, zonal officers and route officers participated in the video conference.

Union Minister Nimbuben Bhambhaniya Interacts with Lakhpati Didis at National Saras Mela–2026

(By GMA Staff Reporter)
Vijayawada, October 24: Union Minister of State for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution Nimbuben Jayantibhai Bhambhaniya visited the National Saras Mela–2026 being held at Punnami Ghat in Vijayawada, jointly organised by the Central and Andhra Pradesh governments. The event is significant as it is the first national-level Saras Mela to be organised outside the National Capital Region (NCR), Delhi.

During an interactive session at the Meet and Greet Pavilion, the Union Minister spoke with Lakhpati Didis and women entrepreneurs from Self-Help Groups (SHGs) representing various states across the country. She enquired about their handicraft products, business activities, sales strategies and experiences in marketing their products.

Minister Stresses Quality Packaging and Marketing

The Minister highlighted the importance of attractive product displays and quality packaging. She advised women entrepreneurs to pay special attention to presenting and packaging their products attractively while maintaining high standards of quality. Better packaging, she said, could help attract customers, improve market acceptance and increase sales.

Addressing the gathering, Bhambhaniya said the Lakhpati Didi initiative, in line with the vision of the Prime Minister, provides rural women with significant opportunities to become financially independent and self-reliant.

She appreciated the transformation of SHG women from depending solely on wages to becoming entrepreneurs who manage their own businesses. She noted that these women were not only

National Saras Mela–2026 Promotes Women's Entrepreneurship, Financial Inclusion and Handloom Sector

(By GMA Staff Reporter)
Vijayawada, October 24: The first National Saras Aajeevika Mela–2026, being held at Punnami Ghat in Vijayawada, is supporting women from Self-Help Groups (SHGs), Lakhpati Didis and rural entrepreneurs through initiatives focused on institutional credit, digital financial services, business development, traditional crafts and handloom promotion.

Stree Nidhi Targets Rs.12,000 Crore in Loans

The Andhra Pradesh Stree Nidhi Credit Cooperative Federation Limited has announced a loan disbursement target of Rs.12,000 crore for the financial year 2026–27. Of this amount, Rs.9,000 crore has been earmarked for regular livelihood loans and Rs.3,000 crore for business loans.

The loans are expected to help women establish and expand micro-enterprises in sectors such as food processing and value-added agricultural products.

Banking Schemes Explained to SHG Women

With the support of Union Bank of India, the convener of the State Level Bankers' Committee (SLBC), Andhra Pradesh, a special interactive session was organised with SHG women and Lakhpati Didis at the Learning and Knowledge Pavilion.

NTR District Collector Dr. G. Lakshminsha, IAS, along with representatives of Union Bank of India, Stree Nidhi and SERP, participated in the programme.

The session provided information on SHG loans, the Lakhpati Didi initiative and banking schemes such as Mudra loans, the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) and the Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) scheme.

Successful women entrepreneurs

APPCB Officials Inspect Jindal Waste-to-Energy Plant and Andhra Cements

(By GMA Staff Reporter)
Guntur, October 24: Andhra Pradesh Pollution Control Board (APPCB) Member Secretary S. Saravanan, IFS, and Chief Environmental Engineer M. Rajasekhara inspected the Jindal Waste-to-Energy Plant in Guntur district and Andhra Cements in Palnadu district to assess their operations and environmental protection measures.

Environmental Engineer and Regional Officer of the APPCB Guntur Regional Office, M.D. Najeena Begum, participated in the inspections and briefed the senior officials on the functioning of both industries, pollution control measures and the maintenance of environmental protection equipment.

Waste Management and Emission Control Reviewed

At the Jindal Waste-to-Energy Plant, the officials examined waste handling, processing and incineration procedures, furnace performance, air pollution control equipment and emission monitoring systems. They also reviewed arrangements for wastewater generation, treatment, reuse and disposal.

The officials stressed the need for effective pollution control measures to minimise the environmental impact of the plant's operations.

Dust Control Measures at Andhra Cements

During the inspection of Andhra Cements in Palnadu district, the team reviewed production activities, the



improving their livelihoods but also creating employment opportunities for others.

Women Entrepreneurs Praised for Their Achievements

The Minister expressed happiness over Vijayawada hosting the first national-level Saras Mela outside the National Capital Region. She hoped that similar events would be organised in other states in the future, creating more opportunities for women entrepreneurs.

Describing women as embodiments of divine power, Bhambhaniya praised their hard work, determination, business skills and contribution to social development. She said meeting Lakhpati Didis from different parts of the country was a particularly joyful experience.

Following the interaction, the Minister visited various exhibition stalls at the mela and inspected products displayed by SHG women from different states. She interacted with the entrepreneurs, appreciated their business initiatives and encouraged them to continue expanding their enterprises.

The visit highlighted the role of the National Saras Mela as a platform for promoting women's empowerment, strengthening rural livelihoods, expanding market opportunities for women-led enterprises and helping women establish sustainable sources of income.



shared their experiences and highlighted the importance of financial support in starting, managing and expanding businesses.

Handloom Workers Receive Guidance on Government Schemes

The Union Ministry of Textiles, through the Weavers Service Centre (WSC), Vijayawada, and the National Handloom Development Corporation (NHDC), organised awareness programmes for handloom weavers and artisans participating in the mela on October 23 and 24.

Along with a live demonstration of handloom weaving, participants received information about various schemes and services, including the National Handloom Development Programme, Raw Material Supply Scheme, IndiaHandmade portal, Handloom Mark, India Handloom Brand, Weaver MUDRA and the e-Dhaaga mobile application.

The programmes also provided an opportunity to understand the challenges faced by handloom workers and guide them on the government assistance available to address their concerns.

Coordinated Efforts to Strengthen Rural Livelihoods

These initiatives reflect the coordinated efforts of the Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD), DAY-NRLM, SERP/APSRML, banking institutions and the Ministry of Textiles.

The programmes aim to strengthen women's financial independence, expand market opportunities, encourage rural enterprises and support traditional handloom-based livelihoods.

performance of pollution control equipment, dust suppression measures during raw material handling, emission control systems and other environmental protection initiatives.

The officials instructed the management to maintain pollution control equipment in efficient working condition at all times and take appropriate steps to reduce dust emissions.

Industries Must Comply with Environmental Standards

Speaking on the occasion, APPCB Member Secretary S. Saravanan, IFS, emphasised that industries must strictly comply with the regulations prescribed by the Andhra Pradesh Pollution Control Board, the conditions stipulated in their environmental permissions and all applicable environmental standards.

He highlighted the importance of maintaining pollution control equipment efficiently, regularly monitoring emissions and wastewater quality, and taking immediate corrective action whenever deficiencies are identified.

Tree Plantation Programme Conducted

Following the inspection, APPCB officials organised a tree plantation programme on the premises of the Jindal Waste-to-Energy Plant. The officials stated that every industry has a responsibility to promote greenery and strengthen pollution prevention measures as part of its commitment to environmental protection.

National Saras Mela–2026 Records Rs.7.17 Crore in Sales; Punjab Bhangra Energises Punnami Ghat

(By GMA Staff Reporter)
Vijayawada, October 23: The National Saras Aajeevika Mela–2026, being held at Punnami Ghat in Vijayawada, recorded total sales of ₹ 7.17 crore as of October 23, with 2.77 lakh products sold so far.

On October 23 alone, 22,280 products worth ₹ 66.22 lakh were sold, while more than 35,000 people visited the exhibition. The strong sales provided valuable market opportunities for women entrepreneurs from Self-Help Groups (SHGs) and rural artisans to showcase and sell their products.

Cultural Performances Draw Crowds

Although rainfall reduced visitor turnout during the initial hours, the cultural programmes held in the evening attracted considerable attention and brought renewed energy to the mela grounds.

The highlight of the evening was an energetic Bhangra performance by a team from the Punjab State Rural Livelihoods Mission (SRLM). The performers entertained the audience with vibrant Punjabi folk music and dance.

The performance created a lively atmosphere, drawing more visitors

Training Programme at National Saras Mela–2026 Focuses on Export Marketing of SHG Products

(By GMA Staff Reporter)
Vijayawada, October 24: A training programme on export marketing challenges, potential opportunities and access to international markets for Self-Help Group (SHG) products was organised at the Learning and Knowledge Pavilion during the National Saras Mela–2026 at Punnami Ghat in Vijayawada.

Sudheer from the National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (NIRDPR) participated in the programme and guided women entrepreneurs on key aspects of export marketing.

Focus on Quality Standards and Export Requirements

The training highlighted the importance of product quality standards, scientific packaging, proper labelling, branding and attractive product presentation. Participants were also briefed on export requirements, including food safety, product shelf life, registrations and certifications such as FSSAI, GST and Importer Exporter Code (IEC).

The programme explored international market opportunities for millet-based food products, spices, pickles, handloom textiles, handicrafts, coconut-based products and traditional goods.

The trainer emphasised that maintaining consistent quality, ensuring timely deliveries, building a distinctive brand identity and effectively communicating the cultural heritage and stories behind products were essential for successful export marketing.

Collective Marketing to Expand Market Access

The importance of capacity-building training, financial linkages, institutional support and market linkage services provided to SHGs through SERP and the Deendayal

Local Holiday Declared for Polling on November 1 in Guntur and Tenali

(By GMA Staff Reporter)
Guntur, October 24: District Collector and District Election Officer C.M. Saikanth Varma announced a local holiday on November 1 in view of the municipal elections scheduled for Guntur Municipal Corporation (GMC) and Tenali Municipality.

The Collector made the announcement during a video conference held on Saturday with municipal commissioners, Revenue Divisional Officers (RDOs), returning officers, zonal officers and route officers.

Holiday for Government Offices and Institutions
The Collector said a local holiday had been declared for all government offices, local bodies and other government institutions in the areas where polling would be conducted. The decision aims to

AgriGold Bond Verification Schedule Announced for Guntur District

(By GMA Staff Reporter)
Guntur, October 24: The verification of AgriGold bonds belonging to the mandals of Tulluru, Tadikonda, Medikonduru and Phirangipuram was conducted from October 21 to 24, 2026. During this period, approximately 1,000 applications and 1,700 bonds were verified. The verification process for bondholders from the above-mentioned mandals will continue on October 26 and 27. Verification for Tadepalli and Duggirala Mandals AgriGold bond verification for Tadepalli and Duggirala mandals will be conducted from October 28 to 31, 2026. All AgriGold bondholders from these mandals are requested to attend the verification at the Guntur Regional Office of the CID, located behind Guntur Medical College, on



towards the cultural stage as well as the exhibition and sales stalls.

Boost to Rural Enterprises and Women's Empowerment

The encouraging response from visitors and the steady growth in sales underline the importance of the National Saras Mela as a platform for expanding market opportunities for products made by SHG women and rural artisans from across the country.

The event is helping promote rural enterprises, strengthen women's economic empowerment and connect locally made products with a wider customer base.

By bringing together rural entrepreneurship, cultural exchange and livelihood promotion, the National Saras Mela is providing women-led businesses with opportunities to reach broader markets and improve their incomes.



Antyodaya Yojana–National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM) was also discussed.

Participants were informed that aggregating products through federations and Community-Based Organisations (CBOs) and adopting collective marketing strategies could help SHGs handle larger orders, improve their bargaining power and strengthen their competitiveness in the market.

The proposal to establish collective marketing centres at the district level was also highlighted. These centres could facilitate the procurement, aggregation, storage and marketing of SHG products while connecting producers with buyers and exporters. Women Entrepreneurs Share Their Experiences

Women entrepreneurs from Ladakh, Punjab and Andhra Pradesh shared their products, branding strategies and marketing experiences during the programme.

The training encouraged SHGs to gradually expand into international markets by focusing on quality production, improved packaging, effective branding and partnerships with exporters and SHG federations.

The National Saras Mela continues to provide a platform for promoting women entrepreneurs, strengthening rural livelihoods, expanding market opportunities for SHG products and enhancing their export potential.

enable employees of government and private organisations and offices in the election areas to exercise their right to vote.

He clarified that the holiday arrangement would also apply to polling areas covered under the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881.

Holiday for Buildings Used as Polling and Counting Centres

Local holidays have also been declared for activities in government buildings, educational institutions and other buildings being used as polling stations and vote-counting centres on October 31, November 1 and November 3.

The arrangements cover the day before polling, polling day and counting day, respectively, to facilitate the smooth conduct of the municipal elections.



the specified dates. Documents Required
Bondholders must bring the following documents for verification: Original AgriGold bond Aadhaar card Bank passbook One passport-size photograph Photocopies of all relevant documents Bondholders are advised to attend the office on the dates specified for their respective mandals and bring all the required documents to ensure smooth verification.

ZPTC, MPTC Nomination Scrutiny Must Be Transparent: Krishna Collector

(By GMA Staff Reporter)
Gannavaram/Unguturu/Bapulapadu, October 24: Krishna District Election Officer and Collector D.K. Balaji directed officials to conduct the scrutiny of nominations for Zilla Parishad Territorial Constituency (ZPTC) and Mandal Parishad Territorial Constituency (MPTC) elections strictly in accordance with State Election Commission guidelines, ensuring transparency, impartiality and compliance with all rules.

On Saturday, District Collector D.K. Balaji, accompanied by District Superintendent of Police V. Vidyasagar Naidu, conducted field inspections at the Mandal Parishad offices in Gannavaram, Unguturu and Bapulapadu, where the scrutiny of ZPTC and MPTC nominations was underway. They reviewed the scrutiny process and the implementation of election rules at the respective centres.

Collector Stresses Transparency and Fairness

Speaking on the occasion, the Collector said that necessary measures had been taken to ensure transparent and impartial scrutiny at all nomination centres across the district, in line with State Election Commission guidelines.

He explained that Returning Officers had been provided with advance training on election rules. Special doubt-clearing sessions had also been organised to address their queries and ensure that the process was conducted smoothly.

The Collector instructed officials to follow the prescribed rules carefully and prevent any irregularities or difficulties during scrutiny. He said he had visited the centres along with the SP to personally assess the process at the field level.

He added that no complaints had been brought to their notice so far and



reaffirmed that all necessary measures were being taken to ensure free and fair elections in accordance with the State Election Commission's directions.

Police Make Security Arrangements for Election Process

District SP V. Vidyasagar Naidu said the receipt of nominations for ZPTC and MPTC elections in Krishna district concluded peacefully on Friday without any untoward incidents. The ongoing scrutiny process was also progressing smoothly and at a satisfactory pace.

He stated that scrutiny of ZPTC nominations had been completed to a large extent, while steps were being taken to finish the remaining work within the stipulated time.

The SP said comprehensive arrangements had been made to ensure impartiality at every stage of the election process and prevent any disruptions. The advance preparations undertaken under the Collector's supervision had helped expedite the scrutiny process.

He assured that adequate police security would be deployed during the upcoming election campaign, polling and vote counting to prevent untoward incidents. Sufficient police personnel would remain ready throughout the election process to maintain law and order.

Gudivada Revenue Divisional Officer (RDO) G. Balasubramanyam and other election officials participated in the inspection.

Officials Told to Remain Alert as Cyclone Arnab Threat Looms

(By GMA Staff Reporter)
Machilipatnam, October 24: Krishna District Collector D.K. Balaji has directed officials of all government departments to work in close coordination and take precautionary measures in view of the threat posed by Cyclone Arnab.

On Saturday evening, the Collector reviewed cyclone preparedness through a video conference from his camp office, along with Joint Collector M. Naveen. District officials, Revenue Divisional Officers (RDOs), Tahsildars, Mandal Parishad Development Officers (MPDOs) and municipal commissioners participated in the meeting.

Officials Told to Prepare for Worst-Case Scenarios

The Collector said the exact area where the cyclone would cross the coast was yet to be confirmed and instructed departments to remain prepared to handle even the most adverse conditions.

With cyclone warnings expected from October 27, all departmental officials were directed to remain available at their respective headquarters from the night of October 26.

He instructed officials to identify people living in vulnerable areas and relocate them to safer places in advance. Relief centres must be equipped with food, drinking water, electricity, toilets and medical facilities.

Wherever possible, separate relief centres should be arranged away from polling stations.

Emergency Equipment and Power Supply

The Collector directed officials to keep JCBs, power equipment, tractors and other machinery ready to clear fallen trees and restore road connectivity.

The Electricity Department was instructed to arrange additional poles, work crews, cranes and other essential equipment. Officials were also told to remain vigilant and prevent loss of life from snapped or fallen electric wires.

To maintain drinking water supplies



during power outages, overhead water tanks should be filled in advance. Adequate diesel must also be made available for generators at mobile phone towers to help maintain communication services.

Essential Commodities and Medical Services

The Collector instructed officials to expedite the transportation of essential commodities to ration shops and ensure that people do not face shortages of food and other necessities.

Measures must be taken to prevent fishermen from venturing into the sea. Officials were also directed to remove obstructions from canals and drainage systems to ensure the free flow of water.

Pregnant women, dialysis patients and others requiring urgent medical care should be identified in advance, and appropriate arrangements must be made to ensure continuity of treatment.

The Collector further instructed officials to ensure adequate drinking water and fodder for livestock during the cyclone period.

Control Rooms to Be Set Up Across the District

All mandal and divisional offices must establish control rooms and publicise their telephone numbers so that residents can contact officials during emergencies.

The Collector emphasised that protecting human lives and ensuring uninterrupted emergency services must remain the top priorities. All departments were directed to coordinate their efforts and complete preparedness measures without delay.

One ZPTC Nomination Rejected During Scrutiny in ASR District

(By GMA Staff Reporter)
Paderu, October 24: District Joint Collector and ZPTC Returning Officer Tirumani Sri Pooja inspected the scrutiny of nomination papers for the second phase of local body elections at the ITDA conference hall in Paderu on Saturday. The scrutiny was conducted in the presence of candidates, the Assistant Returning Officer and Zilla Parishad staff.

Speaking on the occasion, Sri Pooja stated that a total of 144 nominations had been filed for ZPTC seats across Alluri Sitharama Raju (ASR) district.

During scrutiny, the nomination filed by ZPTC candidate Seederi Simhachalam, from Madem village under Dammanapalli Panchayat in G.K. Veedhi Mandal, was rejected. The Returning Officer explained that the candidate had failed to submit the required caste certificate along with



the nomination papers. The nomination was therefore rejected in accordance with election rules. Sri Pooja stated that the scrutiny process was being carried out transparently and strictly in compliance with election regulations. Assistant Returning Officer, ITDA Assistant Project Officer (PVTG) M. Venkateswara Rao, Zilla Parishad Administrative Officers Satish and Prasad Rao, and staff from DRDA, village and ward secretariats and other departments participated in the scrutiny process.



The Collector subsequently reviewed the progress of the scrutiny process and obtained detailed information from District Joint Collector and ZPTC Returning Officer Tirumani Sri Pooja.

ZPTC Returning Officer Tirumani Sri Pooja, Assistant Returning Officer M. Venkateswara Rao, Zilla Parishad officials and staff from the concerned departments participated in the inspection.

Tight Security and Protocol Arrangements Ordered for Vice-President's Visit

(By GMA Staff Reporter)
Gannavaram, October 24: Krishna District Collector D.K. Balaji directed officials to complete all security and protocol arrangements meticulously ahead of the Vice-President of India's arrival at Vijayawada International Airport on October 26, 2026.

On Saturday, the Collector held a coordination meeting at Vijayawada International Airport with ISW and HFAC Superintendent of Police K. Arif Hafeez, District SP V. Vidyasagar Naidu, the Vice-President's security officials and representatives of various departments.

As the Vice-President is scheduled to travel by road from the airport to attend a programme in NTR district before returning to the airport, the meeting reviewed security arrangements, convoy movement, traffic regulation and protocol requirements.

Security and Traffic Management Reviewed

The Collector instructed officials to complete arrangements in advance at the airport control room, green room, VIP reception area, parking facilities and other designated locations.

He directed the police to thoroughly inspect the convoy route, deploy adequate security personnel at key locations and implement appropriate traffic control measures. Advance inspections must also be conducted by bomb disposal and video surveillance teams to identify and address any security gaps.

Medical and Emergency Services on Alert

The Collector instructed officials to keep medical teams, ambulances and essential medical equipment ready to respond to emergencies. Fire tenders must also be kept available under the



supervision of the Fire Services Department.

He stressed that special attention should be paid to the quality and hygiene of food served to the Vice-President. Sanitation measures must be undertaken in the airport surroundings and along the convoy route.

Officials were also directed to ensure uninterrupted power supply and keep alternative power arrangements ready to meet any eventuality.

Departments Told to Work in Coordination

The Collector emphasised that all departments must work in close coordination to ensure the smooth conduct of the visit. He instructed officials to strictly follow the security protocols prescribed by the Special Protection Group (SPG), discharge their assigned responsibilities with utmost vigilance and complete all arrangements within the stipulated time according to the advance plan.

The meeting was attended by Chandan D., Under Secretary for the Vice-President's Security, DCP B. Satyanarayana, Airport Director Lakshmikantha Reddy, Gudivada RDO G. Balasubramanyam, district officials from various government departments, Special Branch CI Y. Satyakishore, and officials from the police, medical, fire services and airport departments.

Election Observers Inspect Nomination Scrutiny in Four Mandals of ASR District

(By GMA Staff Reporter)
Paderu, October 24: District Election Observer Ronanki Kurmanath, IAS, along with Election Expenditure Observer Neeraj Hans, IFS, inspected the scrutiny of nominations for MPTC and ZPTC elections in Alluri Sitharama Raju district on Saturday.

The observers visited the Mandal Parishad Development Officer (MPDO) offices in Hukumpeta, Dumbbriguda, Araku and Ananthagiri mandals to review the nomination scrutiny process underway at the respective centres.

Strict Adherence to Election Guidelines

During the inspections, the observers instructed officials to scrutinise nomination papers thoroughly in accordance with the prescribed election rules and guidelines. They emphasised that all documents and certificates submitted by candidates must be carefully verified as per the regulations.

Officials were directed to remain vigilant, avoid errors at every stage of the process and strictly implement the instructions issued by the Election Commission.

Transparency and Equal Opportunity Emphasised

Anantagiri Accident Claims Seven Lives:Rs.5 Lakh Compensation Announced for Each Bereaved Family

(By GMA Staff Reporter)
Paderu, October 24: Alluri Sitharama Raju District Collector T. Nishanthi expressed deep sorrow over the death of seven people in an accident within the limits of Pinakota panchayat in Anantagiri Mandal.

The accident occurred near Peechumamidi village, at a site where road construction work was underway.

A total of seven people, including a teacher, a vehicle driver and workers, lost their lives in the tragic incident, leaving the district administration deeply shocked.

Financial Assistance for Victims' Families

The Collector conveyed her heartfelt condolences to the families of the deceased and said that necessary steps were being taken to support those affected by the tragedy. She announced that arrangements were being made to provide compensation of Rs.5 lakh to each of the seven bereaved families on behalf of the contractor.

Collector Directs Officials to Ensure Robust Municipal Polling and Vote Counting

(By GMA Staff Reporter)
Eluru, October 24: Eluru District Collector K. Vetriselvi has directed officials to make comprehensive arrangements for the smooth and secure conduct of polling and vote counting in the Eluru Municipal Corporation and the Nuzvid and Jangareddigudem municipalities.

The Collector reviewed election arrangements for the three urban local bodies through a Zoom conference with officials on Saturday. She instructed them to conduct polling and counting in accordance with the schedule prescribed by the State Election Commission and take all necessary measures to prevent any untoward incidents.

Vetriselvi stressed the need to educate contesting candidates about the Model Code of Conduct. She also directed officials to provide thorough training to personnel assigned polling and counting duties to ensure that they were fully familiar with the procedures.

The Collector instructed officials to arrange sufficient vehicles for transporting polling personnel and materials to polling stations and to prepare route maps in advance to



avoid logistical difficulties.

She further directed officials to monitor the election expenditure of contesting candidates and calculate expenses according to the rates prescribed by the government. Micro-observers were instructed to closely monitor and record candidates' election expenditure to ensure compliance with the prescribed rules.

Nuzvid Sub-Collector B. Vinuthna, Revenue Divisional Officers Lakshmi Prasanna and Ramana, Eluru Municipal Corporation Commissioner A. Bhanu Pratap, Nuzvid Municipal Commissioner K. Peeraiah, Jangareddigudem Municipal Commissioner K. V. Ramana and officials from various departments participated in the review meeting.

Farmers Must Adopt Alternative Farming Methods to Tackle Climate Change: Krishna Collector

(By GMA Staff Reporter)
Uyyuru, October 24: Krishna District Collector D.K. Balaji has urged farmers to adopt alternative farming methods to overcome the challenges posed by climate change, rising temperatures and natural disasters. He called on farmers to protect crop yields and earn additional income by adopting innovative agricultural practices such as seed pelleting, intercropping and mixed cropping.

The Collector interacted with farmers at an awareness programme held at the K.C.P. Auditorium in Uyyuru on Saturday. The programme focused on black gram cultivation in paddy fields, seed pelleting, intercropping and mixed cropping, and their potential benefits for farmers.

Farming Practices Must Adapt to Changing Weather

Speaking at the programme, the Collector said that weather conditions had become increasingly unpredictable in agriculture over the past three years due to floods, El Niño effects and other climatic developments.

Although humans cannot fully control nature, farmers can modify their cultivation practices to withstand adverse conditions, he observed. With temperatures likely to rise further in the coming days, farmers should anticipate challenges such as reduced seed germination and impaired crop growth and take preventive measures, he advised.

The Collector explained that the awareness programme had been organised after obtaining permission from the Election Commission, as the Model Code of Conduct was in force. Its objective was to educate farmers ahead of the Rabi season on suitable cultivation practices, seed selection, seed pelleting, intercropping and mixed cropping.

Seed Pelleting Can Support Better Germination

The Collector noted that rising temperatures and variations in soil moisture could affect seed germination. In this context, seed pelleting could be a useful technique for farmers.

He encouraged farmers to learn the method through practical demonstrations by agricultural scientists and understand how to prepare and use pelleted seeds. Farmers should also learn the techniques involved in intercropping and mixed cropping and adopt practices suited to their fields.

These measures, he said, could help improve crop resilience and maintain greater stability in agricultural production

144 Candidates File ZPTC Nominations in Alluri Sitharama Raju District

(By GMA Staff Reporter)
Paderu, October 23: Candidates representing various political parties filed their nominations peacefully for the second phase of local body elections in Alluri Sitharama Raju (ASR) district. On the final day of nominations, a large number of candidates submitted their papers for Zilla Parishad Territorial Constituency (ZPTC) seats.

Returning Officer and District Joint Collector Tirumani Sri Pooja received the nomination papers from candidates at the ITDA conference hall in Paderu on Friday.

According to the details provided, a total of 144 candidates filed their nominations across the district during the nomination period. Six nominations were filed on the first day, 40 on the second day and 98 on the final day.

Mandal-Wise Nominations

Candidates from all 11 mandals of the district submitted their nomination papers. The Mandal-wise



under unfavourable weather conditions. Natural Farming Helps Protect Soil Fertility

Emphasising the importance of soil health, the Collector said that cultivation methods should help preserve natural soil nutrients and enable plant roots to absorb them efficiently.

He highlighted the role of earthworms in improving soil structure and fertility. However, excessive use of chemical pesticides and other chemicals could harm soil biodiversity and threaten earthworm populations.

He therefore urged farmers to focus on natural farming practices that protect soil health. Scientifically reducing chemical inputs and adopting methods that maintain soil fertility would help establish a sustainable foundation for agriculture in the long term, he said.

The Collector also observed that naturally farmed produce could offer opportunities to secure better market prices. He advised farmers to consider product quality and market demand while making cultivation decisions, stressing that protecting soil fertility over the long term was just as important as achieving immediate yields.

Farmers Urged to Follow Scientists' Advice

The Collector called on farmers to improve their knowledge of emerging agricultural practices and adapt to changes in the farming sector. He encouraged them to carefully understand the recommendations and technical guidance provided by agricultural scientists and implement suitable methods in their fields.

From seed pelleting to alternative cropping systems, farmers should learn the techniques thoroughly and apply them to protect crops from adverse weather while making agriculture more profitable, he emphasised.

Uyyuru Revenue Divisional Officer S. Karuna Kumari, Agriculture Department official Jyothi Ramani, Natural Farming District Project Manager (DPM) Parthasarathi, and farmers from Uyyuru, Pamidimukkala, Kankipadu, Pamarru, Thotlavalluru and Pedaparupudi mandals attended the programme.

details reported were:

Chintapalli: 4
G.K. Veedhi: 11
Koyyuru: 3
G. Madugula: 6
Paderu: 9
Dumbbriguda: 11
Araku Valley: 16
Munchingiputtu: 9
Hukumpeta: 11
Ananthagiri: 12
Peda Bayalu: 6

Candidates from the Telugu Desam Party (TDP), Jana Sena Party, YSR Congress Party (YSRCP), Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Aam Aadmi Party, CPI, CPI(M), Bharatiya Chaitanya Yuvajana Party and independent candidates also filed nominations.

The nomination process was attended by Assistant Returning Officers, ITDA Assistant Project Officer (PVTG) M. Venkateswara Rao, Zilla Parishad Administrative Officer Satish, Prasad, DRDA and secretariat staff, among others.

2,374 MPTC Nominations Accepted in Eluru District

(By GMA Staff Reporter)
Eluru, October 24: A total of 2,374 nominations for Mandal Parishad Territorial Constituency (MPTC) seats have been accepted in Eluru district following scrutiny, while 49 nominations were rejected.

According to the scrutiny details, the district has 454 MPTC seats, for which a total of 2,423 nominations were filed. After verification of the nomination papers, officials accepted 2,374 nominations and rejected 49.

Pedavegi Mandal recorded the highest number of rejected

India Records \$3.3 Billion in Net FDI as Inflows Outpace Outward Investments

(By GMA Staff Reporter)
New Delhi, October 23: India recorded net foreign direct investment (FDI) of \$3.3 billion in August 2026, marking the third consecutive month in which foreign direct investment inflows exceeded outflows, according to the latest Reserve Bank of India (RBI) data.

The positive trend was supported by strong gross FDI inflows and a decline in outward investments by Indian companies. Net FDI represents the difference between total direct investments entering the country and investments flowing out.

According to the RBI's monthly Bulletin, FDI inflows exceeded outflows in seven of the eight months leading up to August, reversing the trend seen during the preceding five-month period, when outward flows had outweighed inflows.

The central bank noted that communication, miscellaneous



services and manufacturing together attracted more than two-thirds of the total FDI inflows during the period.

The latest figures indicate continued strength in foreign investment entering India, supported by robust inflows and moderation in investments made abroad by domestic companies.

Note: The supplied headline refers to September 2026, but the article body and RBI statement refer to August 2026. This report follows the month specified in the body of the supplied article.

Nellore Election Helpline Centre Provides Round-the-Clock Assistance

(By GMA Staff Reporter)

Nellore, Oct 24: The helpline call centre established at the Thikkana premises of the Nellore Collectorate is providing continuous assistance to the public in connection with the ongoing local body election process, District Collector and District Election Officer Himanshu Shukla said on Saturday.

The Collector revealed that around 50 people had contacted the call centre between October 14, when the election notification was issued, and October 23, seeking clarification on various aspects of the electoral process.

He said the staff were responding to queries raised by the public and forwarding certain issues to the officials of the concerned departments to ensure their prompt resolution.

Three shifts to ensure uninterrupted services

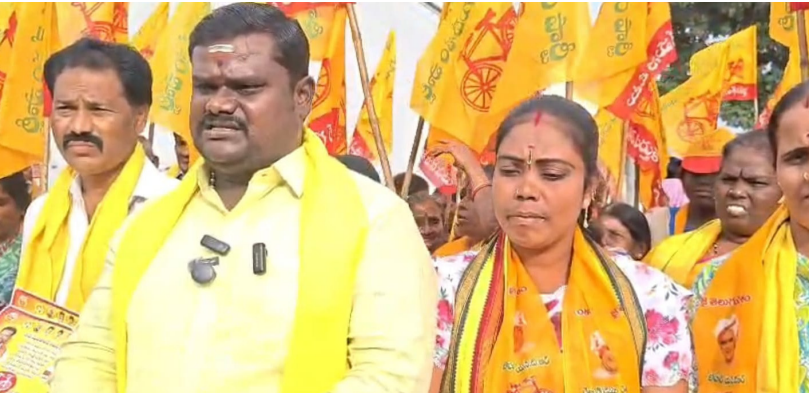
Shukla said the call centre was operating in three shifts, with eight staff members deployed in each shift to provide uninterrupted assistance.

The centre was established to provide election-related information, clarify public doubts and bring specific grievances to the

Rajyalakshmi Krishnamurthy Steps Up Campaign in Wards 2 and 3

Palamaneru October 24:(Our Reporter)TDP chairperson candidate Rajyalakshmi Krishnamurthy conducted an election campaign in Wards 2 and 3 of Palamaner Municipality. Leaders and party workers from the TDP, Jana Sena and BJP joined the campaign, meeting voters door-to-door and seeking their support. During the campaign, Rajyalakshmi Krishnamurthy interacted with local residents and enquired about issues affecting their wards. Coalition leaders discussed civic amenities, road conditions, sanitation and the need to improve basic infrastructure in the municipality. As part of the municipal election campaign, coalition leaders and workers are continuing their ward-level outreach by meeting residents and seeking support for Rajyalakshmi Krishnamurthy. Local leaders and party workers from the TDP, Jana Sena and BJP participated in the campaign.

Bless Shashikala, I Will Strive for Gangavaram Colony's Development: Dr. Murugan



Palamaneru, October 24:(Our Reporter) Dr. Murugan campaigned in support of TDP candidate Shashikala, contesting from Ward 9 of Gantavuru Colony, along with around 100 women on Saturday night. He assured residents that he would bring local issues, including

20 TDP and Jana Sena Youth Join YSRCP in Palamaner



Palamaneru, October 24:(Our Reporter)Twenty youths belonging to the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) and Jana Sena Party from Pedda Panjani Gram Panchayat joined the YSR Congress Party at its office in Palamaner.

Dr. N. Venkath Gowda, Chittoor District YSRCP president and former Palamaner MLA, welcomed them into the

BJP Candidate Adduri Sriram Conducts Door-to-Door Campaign in Vijayawada



(By GMA Staff Reporter)

Vijayawada, Oct 24: Adduri Sriram, the joint corporator candidate of the BJP, TDP and Jana Sena alliance in Ward 49 of the Vijayawada Municipal Corporation, conducted an extensive door-to-door election campaign on Saturday.

Accompanied by party leaders and workers, Sriram visited several localities in the division, including Saikem Vari Street, Abdul Azem Street, Hameed Street and Ganapathi Rao Road. He interacted with residents and distributed campaign pamphlets as part of his outreach programme.

During the campaign, Sriram appealed to voters to support him by voting for the Lotus symbol and help him secure victory with a substantial majority. He also sought their support for mayoral candidate Vangaveeti Radhakrishna, who is



attention of the relevant officials for timely action, he added.

Helpline numbers issued

The Collector urged the public to make use of the helpline services if they had any questions or faced difficulties relating to the local body elections.

People can contact the election helpline at 0861-2331261 or send their queries through WhatsApp at 7995576699, he said.



roads, drainage, streetlights, drinking water and house sites, to the attention of MLA Amarnatha Reddy and strive for their resolution. He appealed to voters to support chairperson candidate Rajyalakshmi Krishnamurthy and the coalition candidates from Wards 6, 7, 8 and 9.

party by presenting them with party scarves.

He expressed happiness over the youth joining YSRCP, stating that their confidence in the party's leadership and its welfare programmes would strengthen the organisation. He called upon party members to work together to resolve public issues.

contesting on the Glass symbol.

Promises focus on civic development Speaking during the campaign, Sriram said he would work continuously to address the problems faced by residents of Ward 49 and remain accessible to the public.

He said improving basic infrastructure and addressing local civic issues would be among his priorities. He expressed his resolve to develop Ward 49 into a model division in Vijayawada.

Alliance leaders participate Durgagudi Board member Avvaru Bullabbayi, TDP leader Patnala Haribabu, Jana Sena leader Kuricheti Ramesh, BJP leaders Pachipulusu Prasad, Paila Suresh and Sairam, and Dr Sri Lakshmi of Amma Hospital participated in the campaign, along with ward-level leaders, party workers and supporters.

Awareness on breast cancer must be strengthened among women: Nellore Collector

(By GMA Staff Reporter)

Nellore, Oct 24: District Collector Himanshu Shukla has called for greater awareness of breast cancer among women and urged them to recognise warning signs early and seek timely medical examinations.

Stressing that healthy women are the foundation of strong families, he said everyone should prioritise women's health and encourage them to undergo necessary medical check-ups without hesitation.

On Saturday, the Collector flagged off a breast cancer awareness rally organised by the Indian Red Cross Society from Gandhi Bomma Junction to the Red Cross office in Nellore.

Early detection improves recovery chances

Addressing the gathering, Shukla said identifying breast cancer at an early stage could improve treatment outcomes and increase the chances of recovery.

He urged women not to hesitate to discuss health concerns with others or ignore unusual changes in their bodies. Women who notice lumps in the breast, abnormal changes or other suspicious symptoms should consult a doctor promptly, he advised.

He also said women aged 40 and above



could discuss screening options, including mammography, with their doctors to determine the appropriate examinations based on their individual circumstances and risk factors.

Advanced treatment facilities available

The Collector said advances in medical technology and treatment methods had improved the options available for cancer patients. He added that cancer hospitals in Nellore district were providing medical services and urged women not to avoid

Tilak Varma, Nitish Reddy script thrilling win as India beat New Zealand by four wickets

Christchurch, Oct 24: (GNS) India defeated New Zealand by four wickets in a thrilling second T20 International at Christchurch on Saturday, chasing down a target of 181 with one ball remaining to take a 2-0 lead in the series.

Tilak Varma and Nitish Kumar Reddy emerged as the architects of India's victory, stitching together an unbeaten 69-run partnership for the seventh wicket. Their stand proved decisive after India had lost six wickets in pursuit of the target.

Varma remained unbeaten on 51 off 26 balls, striking six fours and a six, while Reddy contributed an unbeaten 26 off 13 deliveries. The pair maintained an aggressive approach under pressure to guide India home at 181 for six in 19.5 overs.

India's chase had begun on an uncertain note. Sanju Samson made 14 before being dismissed by Duffy, while Abhishek Sharma scored 27 off 21 balls. Young Vaibhav Sooryavanshi managed only four, and captain Shreyas Iyer was dismissed for seven as New Zealand kept the contest

Jasti Veeranjaneyulu, Miriyala Gopi Kumar Extend Support to Guntur Mayor Candidate

(By GMA Staff Reporter)

Guntur, Oct 24: Dr Jasti Veeranjaneyulu, national vice-president of the All India Panchayat Parishad (New Delhi) and chairman of the Amaravati Development Committee, and Miriyala Gopi Kumar, a Jana Sena leader and Sevasadan president, met Guntur mayoral candidate Kovelamudi Lakshmi Aparna on Saturday and extended their support to her candidature.

The meeting was held at Maurya Function Hall on KJC College Road in Guntur. The leaders commended Lakshmi Aparna and expressed their support for her candidature in the Guntur Municipal Corporation elections.

Kalavedika chairman Miriyala Prasad Rao, Jana Sena leader Degala Venkateswara Rao, senior TDP leader Yarra Gopu Nageswara Rao, and Sevasadan members Balaswamy, Rajasekhara, Arun and Dalavai Subrahmanyam were among those who attended the programme.

Support extended to corporator candidates

Following the meeting, Veeranjaneyulu and Gopi Kumar met alliance corporator candidates contesting in various divisions of Guntur and expressed solidarity with them.

The candidates they met included

finely balanced.

Axar Patel's 11 and Naman Dhir's brisk 31 off 17 balls helped India remain in contention. Dhir's innings, which included a six and three fours, provided the impetus India needed before the final partnership

TDP candidate Euka Dhanalakshmi Veeranjaneyulu from Ward 60, TDP candidate Jampani Nagamalleshwari Fakirayya from Ward 46, Jana Sena candidate Shaik Lal Ahmed (Madhulal) from Ward 37, and TDP candidate



Paruchuri Sanjeeva Rao from Ward 38.

The leaders also joined the candidates in door-to-door campaigning, interacting with residents and discussing local development, civic issues and the need to improve basic infrastructure.

Appeal for support

Veeranjaneyulu and Gopi Kumar appealed to voters to support mayoral candidate Kovelamudi Lakshmi Aparna and the alliance's corporator candidates in the upcoming elections. They urged residents to back the candidates and help them secure a strong mandate to work towards the development of Guntur city and the resolution of public grievances.

Awareness of HIV and AIDS Act Essential to Protect Rights: Experts



(By GMA Staff Reporter)

KAKINADA, October 24: Awareness of the HIV and AIDS (Prevention and Control) Act, 2017, is essential for people living with HIV to understand and safeguard their rights, speakers said at a training programme organised by Bhimabai Mahila Mandali in Tallarevu mandal of Kakinada district.

The six-month training programme focused on the HIV and AIDS (Prevention and Control) Act, 2017, government healthcare services and social security schemes for vulnerable communities, including people living with HIV and members of Dalit and Bahujan communities.

Speaking at the programme, Bhimabai Mahila Mandali project director Vasamsetti Nandivardhana stressed the

importance of understanding the provisions of the Act to protect individual rights and access available support.

Social activist K. Jayaprada said the effective utilisation of government healthcare services could contribute to building a healthier society. She encouraged participants to make full use of the medical facilities and services available through government programmes.

Bhimabai Mahila Mandali health programme organiser G. Chandrakala urged beneficiaries to utilise social security schemes provided by the government to improve their living standards and overall well-being.

Women, men from the project's target communities and staff members of Bhimabai Mahila Mandali participated in the programme.

took control.

New Zealand had posted a competitive 180 for five after being asked to bat. Glenn Phillips led the scoring with 70 off 43 balls, hitting four fours and four sixes. Bevon Jacobs added 58 off 46

Assembly Whip Datla Subbaraju Campaigns in Mummidivaram

(By GMA Staff Reporter)

KONASEEMA, October 24: Government Whip and Mummidivaram MLA Datla Subbaraju participated in the election campaign in Mummidivaram Nagar Panchayat on Saturday, appealing to voters to support Jana Sena candidate Gubbala Ganga Ratna Bhavani, who is contesting on behalf of the alliance.

Subbaraju toured various localities in the Nagar Panchayat limits and urged voters to elect Bhavani with a substantial majority in the upcoming municipal elections.

The campaign was attended by Dr B.R. Ambedkar Konaseema district TDP

World Polio Day Observed at Government Medical College in Rajamahendravaram

(By GMA Staff Reporter)

Rajamahendravaram, Oct 24: World Polio Day was observed at Government Medical College, Rajamahendravaram, under the chairmanship of Principal Dr M.S. Raju, with medical faculty highlighting the progress made in polio eradication and the need for sustained efforts to eliminate the disease worldwide.

The awareness programme focused on the current status of polio, achievements in eradication efforts and future strategies to prevent the spread of the virus.

Addressing the gathering, Dr M.S. Raju said the world had successfully eradicated smallpox through collective efforts and should pursue the same determination to eliminate polio completely. He stressed that no child should miss polio vaccination because of a lack of awareness among parents.

He warned that polio infection could cause lifelong disability and that negligence by individuals could put the health of others in the community at risk. Ensuring a polio-free society for future generations was everyone's responsibility, he added.

Community participation vital for eradication

Dr B. Srinivas Naik, professor in the Department of Community Medicine, explained polio-related statistics and the achievements of the Pulse Polio programme. He emphasised that the participation of parents, public representatives, healthcare workers and all sections of society was essential to achieving complete eradication. Dr V.V. Durga Prasad, head of the Department of Community Medicine, discussed the iceberg phenomenon, explaining that infections may go undetected even when only a limited number of cases are identified.

He stressed the need for continuous surveillance and comprehensive vaccination to prevent even a single case of polio. High levels of immunity across the population, known as herd immunity, could help prevent the spread of the disease, he explained.

Continuous surveillance and vaccination essential

Dr V. Suryarao said continuous surveillance was crucial to verifying the eradication of polio. The absence of reported cases alone was not sufficient; effective surveillance, laboratory testing and sustained vaccination activities were also necessary.

examinations out of fear of a possible diagnosis.

He emphasised the need to spread awareness about breast cancer from families to the wider community. Family members should pay attention to women's health and encourage those experiencing suspicious symptoms to seek medical advice, he said.

Shukla observed that awareness rallies organised by the Red Cross could help educate the public about the importance of early detection and timely treatment.

Collector appreciates Red Cross services

The Collector appreciated the Indian Red Cross Society for its humanitarian initiatives, including providing free blood to thalassemia patients.

He called upon the public to join hands with the organisation and participate in its service activities.

Concluding his address, Shukla stressed the importance of dispelling misconceptions about breast cancer and educating every woman about the benefits of early screening and timely medical care.

Doctors and members of the Indian Red Cross Society participated in the programme.

deliveries, while Michael Bracewell remained unbeaten on 10 off two balls.

Phillips and Jacobs helped New Zealand recover and build a challenging total after early wickets. Their contributions appeared sufficient to put the hosts in a strong position, but India's lower order turned the match around.

Arshdeep Singh was India's most successful bowler, claiming two wickets. Prince Yadav and Tilak Varma took one wicket each, while the remaining bowlers struggled to contain the New Zealand batters.

For New Zealand, Mitchell Santner was the standout bowler, taking four wickets for 21 runs in four overs. Duffy claimed one wicket, but the hosts could not break the Varma-Reddy partnership.

Varma was named Player of the Match for his match-winning half-century and two catches. His composure, alongside Reddy's timely aggression, ensured India crossed the finish line in a contest that went down to the final over.

Assembly Whip Datla Subbaraju Campaigns in Mummidivaram



president Guttula Sai, senior leaders Tadi Narasimha Rao and Chelli Ashok, Mummidivaram Nagar Panchayat TDP president Katta Satibabu, along with alliance leaders, party workers and a large number of supporters.

He urged parents to ensure that all eligible children received polio drops through routine immunisation and government-conducted Pulse Polio campaigns.

Dr Mohan Chandran, head of the Department of Paediatrics, discussed global efforts to eradicate wild poliovirus. He explained that wild poliovirus type 2 had been declared eradicated, while efforts



to eliminate wild poliovirus types 1 and 3 continued internationally.

He urged parents to ensure that children received all recommended polio vaccines according to their age.

Dr Uday Kumar of the Department of Pharmacology said awareness combined with appropriate action was essential to eliminating polio.

Oral vaccine plays a key role

Dr M. Bharathi, head of the Department of Microbiology, explained the importance of the oral polio vaccine in developing intestinal immunity and helping prevent the transmission of the virus. She also outlined the public health objectives behind conducting Pulse Polio campaigns at scheduled intervals. Doctors emphasised the importance of promptly identifying and reporting cases of acute flaccid paralysis (AFP) as part of polio surveillance.

As polio can spread through the faecal-oral route, they also urged the public to maintain personal and environmental hygiene, consume safe drinking water and ensure proper sanitation.

Medical students create awareness posters

As part of the programme, medical students prepared and presented posters highlighting polio eradication, the responsibilities of the public, the importance of vaccination and measures needed to sustain progress towards a polio-free world.

Heads of various departments, faculty members, non-teaching staff, college personnel and medical students participated in the programme.



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Alliance must win Guntur Mayor's post with huge majority

○Degala Prabhakar hosts cordial meeting in support of mayoral candidate Kovela Mudi Lakshmi Aparna

(By GMA Staff Reporter)

Guntur, Oct 24: Alliance leaders have called upon party leaders and workers of the TDP, Jana Sena and BJP to work in unity to ensure a landslide victory for alliance mayoral candidate Kovelamudi Lakshmi Aparna in the Guntur mayoral election.

An interaction meeting in support of Lakshmi Aparna was organised at Maurya Convention in Guntur on Friday under the leadership of APIDC Chairman Degala Prabhakar. Guntur East MLA Naseer, West MLA Galla Madhavi, Prattipadu MLA Burla Ram Anjaneyulu, TDP district president Pilli Manikyalaraao, Jana Sena district president Gade Venkateswara Rao, former MLA Kilari Rosaiah, Bonaboyina Srinivas, Chandu Sambasiva Rao, Nerella Suresh and BJP district president Cherukuri Tirupatirao were among those who attended the meeting.

MLAs call for collective effort
Guntur East MLA Naseer, West MLA Galla Madhavi and Prattipadu MLA Burla Ram Anjaneyulu urged alliance leaders and workers to work collectively for the victory of the alliance candidates.

They appealed to party cadres to respect the decision of the leadership and extend their full support to Lakshmi Aparna. They stressed that coordination among alliance partners in every division would be crucial to achieving a favourable electoral outcome.

The MLAs asked party workers to reach out to people, understand their problems and explain the development and welfare programmes being implemented by the government. They said every cadre member had a responsibility to work towards the success of alliance candidates.

The leaders observed that the meeting organised by Degala Prabhakar had sent a clear message of unity and support for the alliance's mayoral candidate. They said respecting the party leadership's decision and taking all sections of the alliance along would further strengthen unity among the partner parties.

Party decision is paramount: Prabhakar

Addressing the gathering, APIDC Chairman Degala Prabhakar said he was fully committed to the decision taken by the party leadership.

He stated that he had also been among the contenders for the mayoral post but had not been selected in view of the political considerations and equations taken into account by the party leadership. However, he made it clear that the party's decision was paramount and that he would abide by it. Prabhakar also praised Guntur MP and Union Minister Dr Pemmasani Chandrasekhar for his role in the city's development. He said the Union Minister had been making special efforts to secure funds and projects from the Central Government to accelerate development in Guntur.

Alliance leaders stress unity
TDP district president Pilli Manikyalaraao urged party leaders and workers to make the victory of alliance candidates their primary objective. He called upon them to work together on a common platform and intensify the election campaign in accordance with the

party leadership's decision.
Jana Sena district president Gade Venkateswara Rao, former MLA Kilari Rosaiah and Bonaboyina Srinivas stressed that unity and mutual cooperation among the alliance partners were essential for electoral success. They urged leaders and cadres of all three parties to coordinate their efforts and extend their full support to the alliance candidates.

BJP district president Cherukuri Tirupatirao also called for coordinated efforts by leaders and workers of all alliance parties. He said the spirit of unity should be reflected at the grassroots level and urged cadres to work for the victory of both the mayoral candidate and the alliance's corporator candidates.

Chairpersons of various corporations, alliance corporator candidates from Guntur city, leaders and workers of the TDP, Jana Sena and BJP, and a large number of supporters participated in the meeting.

Kapu JAC extends full support to alliance in Local Body polls

(By GMA Staff Reporter)

Visakhapatnam, Oct 24: The Kapu Joint Action Committee (JAC) will work towards ensuring the victory of alliance candidates in the upcoming local body elections, State Kapu Associations JAC convenor and Forum for Better Andhra Pradesh convenor Areti Prakash has said.

Addressing a press conference at the Visakha Public Library on Saturday, Prakash said members of the Kapu community would once again work collectively for the alliance, drawing inspiration from their united efforts during the 2024 Assembly elections.

He said the organisation would work towards fulfilling the visions of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan.

Development is alliance's agenda
Prakash said Andhra Pradesh was witnessing renewed momentum in development under the leadership of Chandrababu Naidu, Pawan Kalyan and IT and Industries Minister Nara Lokesh.

He said the Chief Minister's vision, Pawan Kalyan's development-oriented approach and Lokesh's global outlook were creating opportunities for growth across the State. He noted that increasing emphasis on investments in the IT and industrial sectors could help Visakhapa nm emerge as one of the country's major economic hubs.

Focus on North Andhra development
Prakash said the alliance government was paying special attention to the development of North Andhra, which he alleged had been neglected during the previous YSRCP regime.

He said Pawan Kalyan was working to improve infrastructure, healthcare, drinking water facilities and roads in tribal areas. The priority given to the IT and industrial sectors by Minister Nara Lokesh would also contribute to regional development, he added.

Mukka Sravani's selection welcomed
The State Kapu JAC welcomed the selection of Mukka Sravani, who belongs to the Kapu community, as the alliance's candidate for the Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation (GVMC) mayor's post, Prakash said.

He thanked Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan and BJP State president PVN Madhav for the decision. Giving priority to underrepresented sections in local body elections was a welcome development, he said.

Target is 100 per cent strike rate
Prakash said Andhra Pradesh was moving forward with key development goals, including the construction of

Amaravati, completion of the Polavaram project and irrigation projects across the State. He maintained that a strong mandate for alliance candidates in local bodies would strengthen public support for these initiatives. Expressing confidence that the Kapu community would stand firmly behind the alliance from Srikakulam to Anantapur, he said the alliance would aim for a 100 per cent strike rate in the local body elections, seeking to surpass its performance in the 2024 Assembly polls.

Criticising the previous YSRCP government, Prakash alleged that local body elections had become controversial during its tenure. He further alleged that the opposition was attempting to create obstacles out of fear of defeat.

He asserted that the Kapu community would continue to support the alliance irrespective of when the elections were held. Prakash said Kapu organisations fully supported Pawan Kalyan's decisions aimed at strengthening unity among alliance partners. He called upon members of the community to actively participate

Alliance victory is the goal in Kaluvai local body polls
(By GMA Staff Reporter)
Nellore, Oct 24: State Endowments Minister Anam Ramnarayana Reddy has called upon Telugu Desam Party (TDP) leaders and workers to work collectively to ensure a decisive victory for the candidates backed by the TDP and NDA alliance in the ongoing local body elections in Kaluvai mandal.

Several prominent leaders from Kaluvai mandal met Minister Anam Ramnarayana Reddy at his residence in Nellore on Saturday and extended their full support to the TDP candidates in the local body elections.

The leaders who met the Minister included Nagireddy Rajareddy, Majjiga Penchala Reddy, Rapur Dasarathara miredy, Kollapaneni Lakshminarayana, Kolamuru Venureddy, Chinnappa Reddy, Uyyalapalli Khalesha, Erraballi Paradesi, Galam Kistaiah, Sankala Erukalaiah and

in the election campaign and strengthen the leadership of Chandrababu Naidu, Pawan Kalyan and Nara Lokesh.

Kapu Sena to mobilise cadres for Sravani's victory: BN Murthy
Kapu Sena State president BN Murthy also welcomed the selection of Mukka Sravani as the GVMC mayoral candidate, describing the opportunity as an honour for the Kapu community.

He said Kapu Sena cadres would work collectively and tirelessly to ensure her victory with a substantial majority. The organisation was mobilising members of the community in support of Sravani and undertaking grassroots-level election activities, he added. Murthy said committees had been formed in all constituencies and offices were being established to coordinate the campaign. He expressed confidence that coordinated efforts would help secure a decisive victory for Sravani. Kapu leaders, including advocate Gollakota Subbarao, Dr K.V.V.V. Satyanarayana and Makinidi Manikantha, participated in the programme.

Chintalatomakuru Prabhavathi, among others. The leaders assured the Minister that they would extend their full cooperation to the alliance candidates and work towards their victory in the local elections.

Minister calls for unity among party cadres
Addressing the leaders, Anam Ramnarayana Reddy urged all party functionaries to treat the local body elections as a prestigious contest and work with mutual coordination to achieve the alliance's objectives. He called upon leaders and workers at every level, from villages to the mandal, to remain united and work with dedication for the success of the TDP and NDA-backed candidates.

The Minister emphasised that collective efforts, coordination and commitment among party cadres would be essential to achieving the desired electoral results.

Local body poll campaign gains momentum in Gudivada

(By GMA Staff Reporter)

Gudivada, Oct 24: The campaign for the upcoming local body elections has gathered momentum in Gudivada, with alliance leaders launching a public outreach initiative highlighting the government's welfare and development programmes.

Gudivada MLA Venigandla Ramu, along with alliance leaders, released campaign pamphlets titled "Cheppam... Chestunnam" (We Promised, We Are Delivering) at the alliance's Praja Vedika office in Gudivada. Explaining the key points in the pamphlets at a subsequent media conference, Ramu said the campaign aimed to inform voters about the initiatives undertaken by the coalition government.

He stated that most of the promises made to people in the Gudivada constituency before the elections had been fulfilled and that the remaining commitments would be addressed soon.

Development works highlighted
Ramu said the government was undertaking several development projects despite financial constraints, attributing the progress to the efforts of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan and Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

He claimed that coordination among the three leaders had helped Andhra Pradesh attract significant investments. Inspired by their approach, development works relating to roads, drainage and drinking water facilities had been taken up in Gudivada, he said.

The MLA maintained that changes were visible in the constituency and recalled that several basic amenities had been inadequate in the past.

Candidates selected through consultation

Ramu said TDP cadres were actively participating in the local body election campaign and that the alliance had taken the rural local elections seriously despite delays in municipal elections.

He explained that committees had been constituted at the mandal level and candidates were selected after considering

the opinions of party leaders and workers.

Taking a dig at the opposition, Ramu alleged that rival parties had shown little enthusiasm for the elections and were not fully in campaign mode. While the alliance was seeking votes by explaining the work it had undertaken, the opposition had little to present before voters, he claimed.

He said the elections in Gudivada were being conducted in a free environment and reiterated that the alliance did not intend to secure unanimous victories by preventing opposition candidates from contesting. He said the alliance had already made it clear that anyone was welcome to file nominations.

Ramu added that the alliance partners were working together and that his objective was to achieve a 100 per cent strike rate in the elections.

Varre Balaramakrishna is alliance candidate in Gudlavalluru

Responding to a question about a rebel TDP nomination in Gudlavalluru, Ramu said he had already apologised to the Jana Sena leadership over the incident. He expressed regret over what had happened and thanked Jana Sena leaders for maintaining coordination within the alliance.

He categorically stated that Varre

Rs.1 Crore for Urdu School development, College assured in Buchireddypalem

(By GMA Staff Reporter)

Nellore, Oct 24: Kovur MLA Vemireddy Prashanthi Reddy has announced plans to develop a modern high school with an investment of Rs.75 lakh through the VPR Foundation in Buchireddypalem, with the aim of providing better educational opportunities to minority girls who are unable to continue their studies after Class VIII.

She said land had already been purchased for Rs.20 lakh for the proposed school. The MLA also assured that efforts would be made to establish an Urdu college in Buchireddypalem to support minority students pursuing higher education.

As part of the "Cheppam... Chestunnam" (We Promised, We Are Delivering) door-to-door campaign, Prashanthi Reddy toured Wards 12 and 13 of Buchireddypalem Municipality on Saturday morning along with alliance leaders and workers. She met residents and explained the development and welfare programmes being implemented by the government.

She appealed to voters to support municipal chairperson candidate Dodla Vijayalakshmi, Ward 12 councillor candidate Shaik Rahmath Basha and Ward 13 councillor candidate Shaik Parveen.

Committed to minority welfare

Prashanthi Reddy said the coalition government was committed to the welfare of Muslim minorities, the poor and weaker sections of society.

Recalling the support extended by Muslim voters during the Assembly elections, she said she had been working continuously, along with her son, Dr Arjun Reddy, to improve the welfare of the communities that had supported her.

She assured minority families of

Voter Information Slips to Be Distributed to All Voters in Nellore

Nellore, Oct 24: Nellore Municipal Corporation Commissioner and Additional Election Officer Y.O. Nandan has directed officials to ensure that voter information slips are distributed to all voters within the corporation limits. Nandan held a teleconference on Saturday with NMC officials, returning officers, nodal officers, zonal officers, supervisors, booth-level officers (BLOs) and other officials concerned to review arrangements for the upcoming elections. During the meeting, he instructed officials to distribute voter information slips door-to-door on October 28, 29 and 30, enabling voters to identify their designated polling stations and exercise their franchise without difficulty. In a public appeal, he urged every voter to collect their voter information slip from the respective booth-level officer. The Commissioner directed officials to immediately complete any necessary repairs at polling stations and ensure that all facilities required for the smooth conduct of polling were in place.

assistance in education, infrastructure and welfare initiatives, adding that efforts would be made to address their needs.

Dodla family known for public service
The MLA said the Dodla family was widely recognised for its philanthropic activities and public service. She noted that the family had undertaken several service-oriented initiatives in Buchireddypalem, including the establishment of a hospital and a school, extending support to the poor irrespective of caste or religion.

She appealed to voters to elect Dodla Vijayalakshmi as municipal chairperson so that the family could continue its public service. She also sought support for councillor candidates Shaik Rahmath Basha and Shaik Parveen in Wards 12 and 13, respectively.

Development and welfare are priorities

Prashanthi Reddy said the State government, under the leadership of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, was giving equal importance to development

MP Vemireddy campaigns in Nellore rural, Seeks support for alliance candidates

(By GMA Staff Reporter)

Nellore, Oct 24: Nellore MP Vemireddy Prabhakar Reddy and TDP state spokesperson Kotamreddy Giridhar Reddy participated in an extensive election campaign in Magunta Layout, under Ward 27 of the Nellore Municipal Corporation, seeking support for the alliance candidates.

The leaders conducted a door-to-door campaign and attended an interaction meeting with residents along with Poluboyina Roop Kumar Yadav, the alliance candidate for Nellore Mayor.

During the campaign, Vemireddy Prabhakar Reddy and Giridhar Reddy appealed to voters to support Poluboyina Roop Kumar Yadav for the mayoral post and Nookaraju Madan Kumar Reddy, the alliance's corporator candidate from Ward 27.

The leaders said the alliance government was committed to the development of Nellore city and the implementation of welfare programmes.

They urged residents to extend their

Balaramakrishna was the sole alliance candidate for the ZPTC seat in Gudlavalluru mandal and that there would be no other alliance candidate.

Appealing to party workers, Ramu said they should remember that Balaramakrishna was contesting on the Glass symbol, associated with Jana Sena. He said the alliance would not encourage any activity that could undermine unity among its partners.

Ramu said his goal of achieving a 100 per cent strike rate was driven by the objective of ensuring strong representation in local bodies.

Alliance leaders participate

Jana Sena Gudivada constituency in-charge Buragadda Srikanth, TDP presidents of Gudivada Town, Gudivada Rural and Gudlavalluru mandals Panduraju Sambasiva Rao, Vase Murali and Polavarapu Venkata Rao, Market Yard chairman Potluri Ravi and BJP town president RK attended the programme.

Jana Sena district leaders Sandu Pavan, Vemuri Trinath, Sayan Rajesh and Kondapalli Chandrasekhar Reddy, along with TDP leaders Majjada Nagaraju, Gutta Chanti, Syed Jabeen, Gokavarapu Sunil, Seethayya, Devarapalli Koti, Niranjan and Yesu Padam, among others, were present.

and welfare.

She said the government was working to fulfil its electoral promises, improve basic infrastructure and implement the Super Six welfare schemes for the benefit of poor and weaker sections.

She urged residents to elect representatives who would remain accessible to the public, address local problems and work responsibly for the further development of Buchireddypalem Municipality.

Civic polls a contest between development and disorder

Describing the municipal elections as more than a contest between individual candidates, Prashanthi Reddy characterised them as a contest between integrity and corruption, justice and injustice, and development and disorder.

She called upon voters to support alliance candidates, whom she described as committed to public service and integrity, and participate in the development of Buchireddypalem.

support to the alliance candidates and elect them with a substantial majority to facilitate the continuation of development and welfare initiatives in the city.

Alliance leaders and local residents participated in the campaign programme.

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