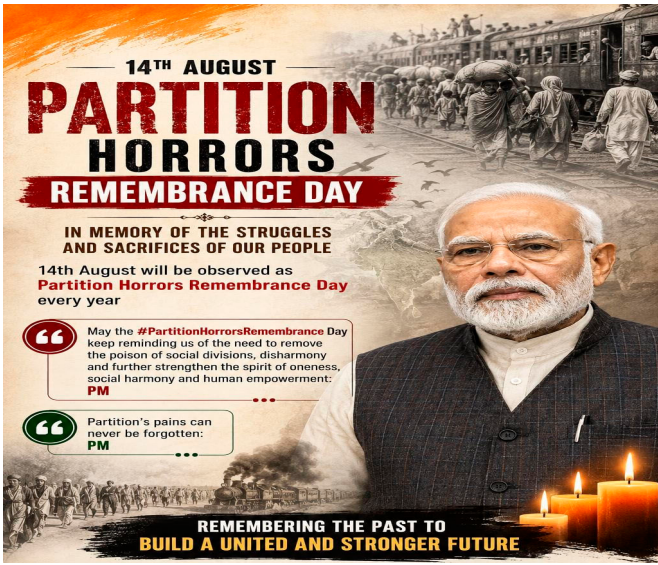




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Amaravati Will Become a World-Class Capital by 2028": CM

Amaravati | Surya News

Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu said the Seed Access Road has opened a major gateway to Amaravati and marks the beginning of the capital city's construction journey.

"Amaravati will emerge as a world-class, green and technology driven capital," Chandrababu Naidu said. He inaugurated the E-3 Seed Access Road connecting Amaravati with Vijayawada, Mangalagiri and Guntur at Undavalli on Thursday, along with steel bridges constructed across the Buckingham Canal.

He said Amaravati would be developed as a pollution-free, green-energy and deep-tech capital, based on five key concepts, including blue and green infrastructure, green energy and quantum deep technology.

The Chief Minister expressed confidence that Amaravati would emerge among the top five cities in India and become a capital admired across the

country by 2028.

MLA, MLC Quarters Inaugurated at Rayapudi

Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu also inaugurated the newly constructed residential quarters for MLAs and MLCs at Rayapudi in the Amaravati capital region.

The residential complexes, constructed by the Capital Region Development Authority (CRDA), have been handed over to the General Administration Department (GAD). The complex comprises 12 towers with 288 flats, with each flat spread across approximately 3,500 square feet.

The buildings have been equipped with modern amenities and facilities to provide comfortable accommodation for elected representatives within the Amaravati capital region.

The inauguration of the residential complex marks another significant step in the ongoing development of Ama-



ravati and the creation of necessary infrastructure for the capital region.

Ministers Nadendla Manohar and P. Narayana, MLAs Tenali Sravan Kumar

and Kolikapudi Srinivasa Rao, and MP Bhashyam Ramakrishna participated in the programme. A large number of farmers and local residents attended the event.

Red Fort Set for Grand 80th Independence Day Celebrations

New Delhi | Surya News

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will lead the 80th Independence Day celebrations at the Red Fort in New Delhi on August 15, 2026, with the event commemorating 150 years of the National Song 'Vande Mataram' and highlighting the role of 'Yuva Shakti' in building Viksit Bharat @2047. For the first time, 'Vande Mataram' will be rendered as part of the Red Fort celebrations.

The ceremony will feature the Prime Minister's Guard of Honour, hoisting of the Tricolour and a 21-gun salute using indigenous 105-mm Light Field Guns. Mi-17 helicopters of the Indian Air Force will shower flower petals over the venue.

Around 2,500 NCC cadets and My Bharat volunteers will participate, while nearly 5,000 special guests from various



sectors have been invited. Over 1,500 people in traditional attire from different States and Union Territories will also attend.

For public convenience, 25 cloak rooms, wheelchair assistance

and 200 volunteers have been arranged. Metro services will begin at 4 am and be free for invitees. Band performances will also be held at 343 locations across the country.

AP Steps Up Elephant Conservation

WORLD ELEPHANT DAY

AP Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan draws an elephant sketch during a national seminar held in Visakhapatnam to mark International Elephant Day.

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ISRO Steps Up Measures to Tackle Growing Space Debris

ISRO

New Delhi | Surya News

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is taking measures to address the growing threat of space debris caused by the increasing number of Low Earth Orbit (LEO) satellite constellations, Minister of State for Space Dr Jitendra Singh said in the Rajya Sabha on Thursday.

He said ISRO's "Debris Free Space Mission" will play a key role in protecting space assets and preventing further debris generation through measures including Active Debris Removal (ADR). Large satellite internet constellations, which may comprise thousands of satellites, increase the risk of collisions, particularly when satellites fail and lose their ability to manoeuvre.

India has been actively involved in international efforts to tackle the issue. ISRO has been a member of the Inter-Agency Space Debris Coordination Committee since 1996. India also participates in United Nations and other international forums dealing with space debris mitigation and long-

6 Lakh Solar Connections by September: CM

130 Reservoirs Under Pumped Storage Study
CM Directs Officials to Prepare Comprehensive Plans to Enhance Power Generation Capacity

HAREESH-SURYA NEWS

Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has directed officials to prepare comprehensive plans to enhance power generation capacity in line with the growing electricity demand in the State and ensure reliable power supply at lower cost.

Reviewing the functioning of the Energy Department at the Secretariat on Thursday, the Chief Minister directed officials to study the feasibility and potential of establishing Pumped Storage Energy Projects at 130 reservoirs across the State. He made the suggestion while discussing a proposal to establish a pumped storage project at Polavaram and called for a detailed assessment of the economic feasibility of such projects.

Referring to the possibility of



reduced power generation from reservoirs and other projects due to deficient rainfall this year, the Chief Minister directed officials to take advance measures to ensure uninterrupted power generation.

Naidu said industrialisation in the State was gaining momentum and electricity consumption was expected to double every six years. Accordingly, he called for comprehensive plans to enhance generation capacity and further measures to reduce power distribution losses.

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State Best Teacher Awardee Selected for Finland Education Programme

Rolugunta | Surya News

P.V.M. Nagajyothi, School Assistant (English) at Zilla Parishad High School in Rolugunta, Anakapalli district, has achieved another milestone in her teaching career after being selected for an international educational study programme in Finland.

Nagajyothi, who received the State Best Teacher Award in 2025, will travel to Finland on August 15 and participate in a 10-day educational programme at the University of Turku from August 17 to 27. She will study Finland's education system,

innovative teaching practices, student-centred learning, teacher training and learning environments.

Known for her multi-dimensional talents in teaching, sports, student development and social service, Nagajyothi uses modern teaching tools including puppets, 3D models, animations, digital content, Kahoot and Google Classroom. She also conducts Spoken English, Phonetics and Calligraphy activities to improve students' communication skills and confidence.

Her innovative teaching app-



roach, "Blooming English A Journey of Joyful Communication," aims to make English learning enjoyable and natural.

She plans to share her international learning experiences with teachers and students in Andhra Pradesh and introduce useful practices in schools.

Four Key Sectors to Drive India's Global Manufacturing Ambition

New Delhi | **Surya News**

NITI Aayog has released a report identifying four high-potential sectors that could help India emerge as a global manufacturing hub. The report focuses on chemicals, textiles, telecom and networking equipment, and solar photovoltaic manufacturing, examining their market potential, competitiveness, infrastructure, technology and employment opportunities.

The study highlights the chemicals sector's scope to increase domestic value addition and reduce import dependence through stronger downstream manufacturing. India's textile sector, which contributes around 2% to GDP and employs more than 45 million people, has significant potential through technology adoption, skilling, technical textiles and expanded global market access.

The telecom sector, with over 1.2 billion subscribers, can boost global competitiveness through greater localisation, component manufacturing, technology partnerships and export-oriented industrial clusters.

In solar manufacturing, India had 106 GW of installed solar capacity by March 2025 and needs another 174 GW to achieve its 2030 target. NITI Aayog has recommended stronger domestic supply chains, R&D, clean-tech clusters and international partnerships.

The report proposes sector-specific measures to strengthen manufacturing and accelerate India's growth trajectory.

Fungus Outbreak Forces Postponement of Celta Vigo's La Liga Opener



Sravani | **Surya news**

Celta Vigo's opening match of the 2026-27 La Liga season against Osasuna has been postponed after a fungus outbreak affected the playing surface at Estadio de Balaidos. The Spanish league confirmed that the decision was taken jointly by both clubs and the Spanish Football Federation following an inspection of the pitch.

The fixture was originally scheduled for Sunday but has now been moved to August 27. La Liga stated that the postponement was necessary because an illness had damaged the stadium's turf, making it unsuitable for competitive play.

League officials had inspected the field on Wednesday after concerns were raised about the condition of the pitch. Celta Vigo said La Liga had previously inspected the surface last week and approved the maintenance work being carried out to eliminate the disease affecting the grass.

However, the club explained that recent adverse weather conditions had slowed the

Meta Removes Over 7 Lakh Minor Accounts

Company intensifies age checks to protect children and enforce minimum age rules on social media platforms

New Delhi | **Surya News**

Meta has taken major action against accounts belonging to minors on its social media platforms, removing more than seven lakh accounts from Instagram and Facebook. The move is part of the company's ongoing efforts to identify underage users and strengthen protections for children online.

Meta is focusing on detecting accounts suspected to belong to minors who

do not meet the minimum age requirements for using its platforms. The company has been increasing measures to identify such accounts and prevent underage users from accessing services intended for older audiences.

The latest action has resulted in the removal of over 7 lakh accounts, highlighting Meta's intensified efforts to enforce its age-related policies. The company has indicated that the

crackdown will continue and that more accounts may be removed as its systems identify additional underage users.

The development comes amid growing concerns over children's safety, privacy and exposure to inappropriate content on social media.

Meta's continued account removal measures are aimed at creating a safer digital environment for young users.

AP Expands Elephant Conservation to Reduce Human-Wildlife Conflict

Visakhapatnam | **Surya News**

Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan said the state is giving top priority to elephant conservation while working to prevent human-wildlife conflict. Speaking at a national seminar organised in Visakhapatnam to mark International Elephant Day, he said the government was committed to ensuring the safe coexistence of people and wildlife.

Pawan Kalyan said four trained kumki elephants were brought from Karnataka to control wild elephant movements in agency areas, producing encouraging results. The kumki elephants have already assisted in 15 operations, helping reduce human casualties in forest-

border areas by 70 per cent and limiting crop losses.

He said Andhra Pradesh had also begun training its own kumki elephants, with a plan to train two elephants every year. One trained kumki elephant, Jayanth, is already deployed in Parvathi-puram Manyam district.

The Deputy Chief Minister highlighted the H.A.N.U.M.A.N project, launched in March 2026, with 93 response vehicles and seven wildlife ambulances. More than 200 animals have been rescued under the initiative.

He stressed that conservation requires public participation and said the goal was to enable people and wildlife to live safely together.

Harbhajan Singh Predicts Decline of Bilateral Cricket, Says ODIs No Longer Interest Him

Sravani | **Surya news**

Former India off-spinner Harbhajan Singh has sparked a fresh debate on the future of international cricket by admitting that he has "no interest in ODIs" despite playing 236 One-Day Internationals and taking 269 wickets in the format. Speaking in a podcast interview with PTI, Harbhajan said the rapid rise of franchise-based T20 leagues such as the IPL, Big Bash League and The Hundred has pushed bilateral international cricket into the back-ground.

Harbhajan believes fan preferences have changed significantly, with packed stadiums and huge television audiences for T20 leagues proving that shorter formats are dominating the sport. According to him, marquee contests



such as India vs Australia or India vs England still attract strong interest, but series involving smaller cricketing nations often struggle to generate comparable viewership.

The former spinner strongly defended Test cricket, calling it the "main cricket" and the ultimate examination of a player's skill, temperament and character. He urged all stake-

holders to protect and promote the long-format, warning that it is losing prominence in the modern cricket landscape.

Harbhajan also noted that the growing commercial power of T20 leagues has changed both player priorities and spectator expectations, making it increasingly difficult for international cricket to regain its former stature.

Commissioner Mayur Ashok Pushes for Fast-Track LRS Disposal

HAREESH -**SURYA NEWS**

The Guntur Municipal Corporation has directed officials to ensure 100 per cent disposal of applications received under the Layout Regularisation Scheme (LRS) by August 17. City Planner Rambabu issued the directions during a review meeting with town planning officials and staff at the corporation's conference hall on Thursday, following instructions from Municipal Commissioner K. Mayur Ashok.

During the meeting, planning secretaries reviewed ward-wise details of LRS applications pending in their respective logins, along with applications related to In-Principle Layout Pattern (IPLP). The City Planner directed officials to complete

disposal of all IPLP applications by August 15 and LRS applications by August 17 without errors.

Officials were instructed to approach senior authorities and clarify any doubts or technical issues to ensure speedy disposal of applications. The City Planner also directed planning secretaries and building inspectors to pay special attention to the removal of encroachments and carry out the process every day.

He further warned officials against neglecting public complaints and instructed them to resolve grievances within the stipulated time. ACPs Rehman and Zakira, TPSs, TPBOs and planning secretaries attended the meeting.

4G Push to Expand Connectivity in Tribal Areas

New Delhi | **Surya News**

The Centre is accelerating efforts to improve mobile and internet connectivity in underserved tribal areas, with 4G services being extended to uncovered villages under the Digital Bharat Nidhi (DBN). Union Minister of State for Tribal Affairs Durgadas Uikey informed the Lok Sabha that several projects have been approved to provide 4G connectivity, including in tribal-dominated areas.

In Bihar's Sasaram Lok Sabha constituency, 75 towers were planned in Kaimur and 24 in Rohtas. Of these, 71 and 22 towers respectively were already on air as of June 30, 2026. A total of



122 villages in Kaimur and 27 in Rohtas have been covered under the projects.

During 2021-22 to 2025-26, Andhra Pradesh received Rs.282.89 crore under DAPST from the Digital Bharat Nidhi, while Rs.2,183.10 crore was disbursed across states and headquarters.

The government is implementing telecom connectivity under PM-JANMAN to cover remote villages and habitations, including those inhabited by Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs), aiming for saturation of basic facilities within the mission period.

MP Chintakayala Vijay Donates First Salary to Martyrs' Families

Visakhapatnam | **Surya News**

Rajya Sabha Member Chintakayala Vijay has donated his first month's salary of ₹3 lakh towards the welfare of families of Army personnel who sacrificed their lives in the service of the nation.

Vijay personally handed over the donation cheque to Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh. He said supporting the families of soldiers who dedicate their lives to protecting the country is the responsibility of every citizen.

Explaining his decision, Vijay said he wanted to dedicate his first salary as a Member of Parliament to the families of soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice for the nation. He described the contribution as a small gesture of gratitude towards the armed forces and their families.

Vijay's decision to donate his entire first month's salary immediately after assuming office has drawn



appreciation from several quarters. His gesture was described as a mark of respect for the sacrifices made by Army personnel and their families.

The donation highlights the importance of extending support and solidarity to the families of servicemen who laid down their lives in the line of duty.

6 Lakh Solar Connections by September: CM

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The Chief Minister directed officials to maximise solar power generation. He asked them to take steps to install six lakh solar connections under the PM Surya Ghar scheme by September. Another three lakh connections under the non-Surya Ghar category should be installed at the earliest, he said. He also directed officials to approach the Centre for an additional 10 lakh connections.

While completing the target under the PM-KUSUM scheme, the State should also seek an additional 2,000 MW of capacity from the Centre, the Chief Minister said. He called for the integration of solar, wind and pumped stor-

age resources to create a reliable and cost-effective power supply system.

Naidu directed officials to bring down the average power purchase cost to Rs4.60 per unit this year and further reduce it to Rs.4 per unit by 2029.

Performance-Based Rating for Power Utilities

The Chief Minister suggested introducing a performance-based rating system for the six power utilities in the State. He directed officials to set clear targets for each utility and develop the power companies into competitive organisations capable of matching leading corporate entities.

Officials informed the Chief Minister that optimisation of power purchases had resulted in savings of Rs.234

crore, while another ₹100 crore had been saved through prompt-payment rebates.

Responding to this, Naidu directed officials to take continuous measures to reduce the debt burden on power utilities. He called for regular consultations to secure lower interest rates on utility loans and directed officials to highlight the improved performance of the utilities to financial institutions.

The Chief Minister said power utilities should henceforth borrow only for asset creation and capital investments and avoid taking loans for other requirements. He stressed that the financial position of the utilities should be strengthened without increasing tariffs by reducing

power procurement costs, interest burdens and distribution losses.

Digital Monitoring of Power Assets

The Chief Minister appreciated officials for implementing Digital Twin and Asset Health Index systems in the power utilities. He directed them to digitally monitor the condition of assets across the power system and proactively assess the health of transformers and other equipment so that repairs or replacements could be undertaken in advance.

Such measures would help reduce maintenance costs and ensure the supply of quality power to consumers, he said.

Minister Gottipati Ravikumar and senior officials participated in the meeting.

Google Pixel Watch 5 to Detect Insulin Resistance Without Blood Test

New Delhi | **Surya News:**

Google is reportedly preparing a potentially useful health feature for its upcoming Pixel Watch 5, aimed at helping users identify signs of insulin resistance without requiring a conventional blood test. The feature could offer an early indication of metabolic changes associated with the risk of developing type 2 diabetes.

Insulin resistance occurs when the body's cells respond less effectively to insulin, forcing the body to produce more of the hormone to maintain normal blood glucose levels. Early detection can encourage people to adopt healthier lifestyle habits and seek medical advice when necessary.

The proposed technology is expected to use health and activity-related data collected through the smartwatch to assess indicators associated with insulin resistance. If



introduced successfully, the feature could provide users with an additional tool for monitoring their metabolic health.

However, smartwatch-based screening should not be considered a replacement for laboratory blood tests or medical diagnosis. Further details on the feature's accuracy, availability and regulatory approval will be important before it can be relied upon for clinical decisions.

BJP Sets Target to Strengthen Organisation Ahead of Local Elections



Visakhapatnam | Surya News

A district-level meeting of BJP office-bearers was held at Vajpayee Bhavan under the chairmanship of district president Cherukuri Tirupathi Rao. District in-charge Yalla Dorababu attended the meeting and reviewed the party's organisational activities and future plans.

Addressing the gathering, Dorababu urged all mandal presidents and state-level office-bearers to attend the expanded state secretaries' meeting scheduled for August 18, coinciding with the visit of BJP national president Nitin Nabin to Visakhapatnam.

He called upon party workers to work towards ensuring victory for BJP candidates in every seat the party contests in the upcoming local elections. He also stressed the need to establish BJP flag pillars in every village and strengthen all party morchas at the grassroots level. Dorababu said stronger organisational units would help create new leadership and give the district a new direction. He urged morcha committees to actively engage with people and understand their problems, working towards finding solutions.

Several district leaders and party functionaries participated in the meeting.

YSRCP Turned APPSC into a Hub of Irregularities: Minister Durgesh



Nidadavole | Surya News

State Tourism, Culture and Cinematography Minister Kandula Durgesh accused the previous YSRCP government of turning the Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission (APPSC) into a platform for irregularities during its five-year rule. Speaking to the media at Undrajavaram in Nidadavole constituency on Thursday, he alleged serious irregularities in the APPSC Group-1 recruitment process. Durgesh said the 132-page SIT report on the alleged Group-1 recruitment irregularities was evidence of the previous government's "misrule". He alleged that answer scripts were re-evaluated three times against rules

and claimed white correction fluid was used on 95% of the answer sheets, causing injustice to deserving candidates. He also alleged that unqualified personnel, including security guards, electricians and data-entry operators, were involved in evaluating answer scripts. The minister said the coalition government had recruited 16,347 teachers through the Mega DSC in just 148 days with transparency. He assured unemployed candidates that preparations were underway to issue another DSC notification in October this year. Durgesh urged aspirants to ignore political allegations and prepare seriously for the upcoming recruitment examination.

GoM Seeks Revised Models for New Excise Policy



Mangalagiri | Surya News

The Andhra Pradesh Government's Group of Ministers (GoM) constituted to review and formulate Excise policies has sought revised models for the Retail Excise Policy to be implemented after September 30, 2026. The meeting was held at the office of the Commissioner of Prohibition and Excise at Mangalagiri on Thursday under the chairmanship of Mines and Geology and Excise Minister Kollu Ravindra. MSME Minister Kondapalli Srinivas, Power Minister Gottipati Ravi Kumar and Health Minister Satya Kumar Yadav participated online. Senior officials of the Revenue

(Excise) and Prohibition and Excise departments also attended. Officials presented the performance and outcomes of the existing Retail Excise Policy 2024-26 up to July 2026. They also placed before the GoM several proposed models for the policy period beginning after September 30, when the present policy expires.

Inputs and suggestions received from various stakeholders were also discussed. After examining the proposed models and available data, the GoM directed the Excise Department to revise the models and resubmit them with relevant supporting data for further consideration.

'Abhaya' Complaint Box Launched to Strengthen Safety of Students, Women

Nakkapalli | Surya News

The Anakapalli district police have intensified efforts to ensure the safety of students and women through the innovative "Abhaya" initiative launched under the guidance of District SP Tuhin Sinha, IPS.

As part of the programme, State Home Minister Vangala pudu Anitha on Thursday inaugurated an "Abhaya Complaint Box" at the Zilla Parishad High School in Nakkapalli. She personally inspected the complaints placed in the box and



interacted with students to understand their concerns.

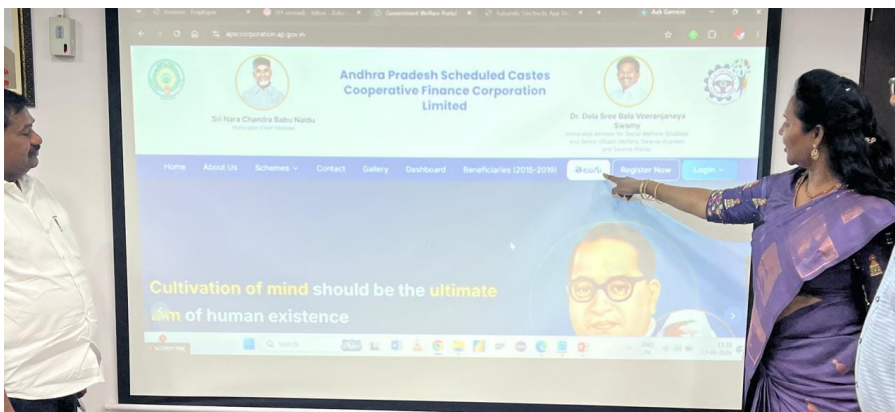
Speaking on the occasion, Anitha appreciated the Anakapalli district police for

promoting a safe environment for students, particularly girls, across schools and colleges. She said students could approach the police

without fear or hesitation and submit their concerns through the Abhaya complaint boxes. She warned that strict action would be taken against those involved in harassing or troubling students. The minister also appreciated police personnel for maintaining law and order through friendly policing and remaining accessible to the public.

School headmistress Pativa da Vijaya, police inspectors Murali, Ramakrishna and Vinod Babu, GMSKs, teachers, police personnel and students attended the programme.

SC Corporation Launches Official Website for Welfare Schemes



Amaravati | Surya News

Social Welfare Minister Dr. Dola Bala Veeranjanya Swamy on Wednesday launched the official website of the Andhra Pradesh SC Corporation, aimed at making welfare schemes more accessible to beneficiaries.

The newly launched portal provides comprehensive information on various Central and State government welfare schemes meant for Scheduled Caste communities. The website has also been designed to enable beneficiaries to register online easily and apply for eligible schemes without the need for repeated visits to government offices.

The Minister said the portal would also provide opportunities for nursing students to apply for free German and Israeli language training programmes. In addition, unemployed SC youth can use the website to register for skill-development and training programmes aimed at improving their employment prospects. Dr. Swamy urged eligible beneficiaries, students and unemployed youth to make effective use of the website and apply for the schemes relevant to them. He said the initiative would improve transparency, simplify access to welfare programmes and help ensure that government benefits reach deserving beneficiaries in a timely manner.

Guntur District Tennis Team Selections on August 16

Guntur | Surya News

Selections for the Guntur district tennis team will be held on August 16 at the tennis courts of NTR Stadium, according to District Tennis Association president N. Sambasiva Rao. The selections will be conducted in Under-10, Under-12, Under-14 and Under-16 categories for both boys and girls. Men's and women's singles categories will also be included in the selection process.

Sambasiva Rao said five players from each category would be selected based on their performance in the trials and would represent Guntur in state-level ranking tournaments. He called upon talented and interested tennis players to make use of the opportunity and participate in the selections.

Players wishing to take part have been asked to submit their entries by August 15 by contacting 9553335375. All participants must report at the NTR Stadium tennis courts by 7 am on August 16. The District Tennis Association urged eligible players to register within the stipulated deadline and attend the selection trials on time. The selections are aimed at identifying promising players and providing them an opportunity to compete at the state level.

GDAAP President Extends Support to Striking Junior Doctors

Guntur | Surya News

The Andhra Pradesh Junior Doctors Association (APJUDA) expressed gratitude to Dr I. Babji Syam Kumar, M.S., M.Ch. (Neurosurgery), president of the Government Doctors Association of Andhra Pradesh (GDAAP), for visiting their ongoing strike and extending support to their demands.

APJUDA representatives said Dr Syam Kumar kept his promise by attending the protest and standing in solidarity with junior doctors. His presence, they said, reflected the unity and collective strength of the medical fraternity.

The junior doctors thanked the GDAAP president for responding positively to their request and supporting their peaceful and democratic struggle for their legitimate demands. They said such solidarity would



strengthen their collective efforts and encourage them to continue their protest with determination. APJUDA members stated that the support extended by senior doctors was a source of encouragement during their ongoing agitation. They appreciated Dr Syam Kumar's commitment to the concerns of junior

doctors and hoped that continued support from the medical fraternity would help in resolving their issues.

The association reiterated its resolve to pursue its demands through peaceful and democratic means while maintaining unity among junior doctors across the state.

PVN Madhav Calls for Due Recognition to Vande Mataram



Vijayawada | Surya News

Andhra Pradesh BJP president PVN Madhav said the Har Ghar Tiranga programme was being organised on a large scale across the country to promote

patriotism and national unity. Addressing the media in Vijayawada, he said a historic decision had been taken under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi regarding the National Song, Vande Mataram. Madhav said the practice of

singing only a truncated version of Vande Mataram after Independence in 1947 had continued and argued that it reflected the persistence of divisive tendencies in the country. He stressed the need to give Vande Mataram its due place and recognition in national life. He said the full version of Vande Mataram would be rendered before the Prime Minister's Independence Day address this year. The move, he said, would help strengthen patriotic sentiments among citizens and reinforce the importance of the National Song. Madhav appealed to people across the country to participate actively in the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign and celebrate Independence Day with patriotic spirit. He emphasised that national symbols should be respected and their significance passed on to future generations.

Kanna's Public Life a 'Political University': Atchannaidu



HAREESH - SURYA NEWS

State Agriculture Minister Kinjarapu Atchannaidu said the trust and affection earned from people over five decades of public life were the real assets of senior leader and Sattenapalli MLA Kanna Lakshminarayana. Speaking at Kanna's 50-year public service and political golden jubilee celebrations in Guntur, Atchannaidu extended birthday greetings on behalf of himself and the alliance parties.

He said sustaining people's confidence and affection for five decades was an extraordinary achievement. Kanna began his

political journey as a student leader and went on to serve as an MLA, minister and state BJP president.

Atchannaidu noted that Kanna was elected from Pedakurapadu in 1989, 1994, 1999 and 2004, from Guntur West in 2009 and from Sattenapalli in 2024. "Constituencies and political circumstances changed, but people's affection for Kanna remained unchanged," he said.

He described Kanna's five decades of public life as a "political university" and an inspiration for young leaders. He said Kanna's experience and political knowledge should continue benefiting the state and younger generations.

Early Detection Key to Beating Cancer: Dr. Ram Kandula



- Awareness Seminar on Cancer Held Under KIMS Chakra Initiative

HAREESH - SURYA NEWS

An awareness seminar on cancer was organised in Phirangi puram on Thursday under the auspices of KIMS Chakra, Takkella padu, in association with the RMP, PMP, Urban and Rural Medical Practitioners' United Forum.

Speaking as the chief guest, Dr. Kandula Ramu said that various types of cancer were increasingly being reported due to changing lifestyles, dietary habits and other factors. He stressed the importance of early detection, not ignoring

warning signs and seeking timely medical advice. He urged rural medical practitioners to play a key role in creating awareness about cancer and encouraging people to undergo timely medical check-ups.

FFMPA State Federation President Yamarthi Nageswara Rao, FFMPA State Joint Krishna-Guntur Districts Zonal Secretary, United Forum State President Pasupuleti Venkateswarlu, Shaik Mastan Vali, T. Venkaiah, Manohar and others attended the programme.

Around 110 rural medical practitioners participated in the awareness seminar and received information on cancer prevention, early detection and treatment.

A Strong Nation Needs Responsible Citizens: Madhavi

GUNTUR - SURYA NEWS

Every citizen who responsibly fulfils their duty towards society is no less than a soldier serving the nation at the borders, said Guntur West MLA Galla Madhavi. A grand Tiranga Yatra (bike rally) was organised in Guntur on Thursday under her leadership as part of the Independence Day celebrations.

The massive bike rally began at the MLA's office in Srinivasa Rao Pet and passed through Chuttugunta, Nagarampalem and Eththuroad before reaching the Bharat Mata statue opposite Ramanama Kshetr am in Sampath Nagar. MLA Galla Madhavi paid floral tributes to Bharat Mata and, along with NDA alliance leaders, participated in the singing of the national anthem.

Hundreds of NDA alliance leaders, party workers, youth, women and patriotic citizens took part in the rally, raising patriotic slogans such as "Bharat Mata Ki Jai" and proudly displaying the national flag. Speaking on the occasion, Galla

Madhavi said it was a matter of pride for every Indian that the country was celebrating its 80th Independence Day. She said India had emerged as a prominent nation on the global stage after overcoming numerous challenges, crises and wars, with the sacrifices of freedom fighters and countless heroes serving as the foundation of the country's progress.

She said the nation still had greater heights to achieve and called upon every citizen to contribute responsibly to the country's development. The dedication of soldiers safeguarding the nation at the borders and police personnel maintaining peace and security within the country should inspire every citizen, she said.

Planting a sapling, keeping one's surroundings clean and contributing to the development of society are all acts of patriotism, she observed. She urged the younger generation to move forward with awareness and responsibility and work towards enhancing the honour and reputation of the nation.

"A Permanent Solution to Guntur East Flooding"

- Nasir Ahmed takes up issue with Pemmasani; Rs.5.70-crore culvert with Railway Minister's coordination
- Foundation stone to be laid at Mondigate today

HAREESH - SURYA NEWS

Several areas in Guntur East have been facing flooding during every monsoon season for several years. However, as there had been no TDP MLA from the Guntur East constituency for the past 15 years, the issue remained without a permanent solution. During the 2024 elections, Nasir Ahmed promised to find a solution to the flooding problem. After the elections, he initiated steps towards addressing the issue.

Nasir Ahmed brought the flooding problem to the attention of Union Minister Dr. Pemmasani Chandrasekhar. Recognising the seriousness of the issue, Pemmasani Chandrasekhar coordinated with the Railway Minister and paved the way for securing the required funds. As part of this effort, steps have been initiated to construct a new RCC box culvert at Mondigate. This is expected to provide relief to people in Guntur East from the flooding problem in the coming days.



Rajeev Gruha Kalpa Drain and Flooding Problem

The Rajeev Gruha Kalpa drain is one of the three major disposal drains in Guntur city that carry sewage and stormwater outside the city limits. The drain carries nearly 30 per cent of the city's sewage and stormwater. However, the existing small-sized culvert at Mondigate on the Guntur-Tenali railway line is inadequate to handle the water flow, causing the drain to overflow during heavy rains.

The existing old culvert is approximately 2 metres wide and 2.50 metres high. Due to its limited capacity, water does not flow smoothly during heavy rains, resulting in flooding in several areas of Old Guntur, including

Christianpet, Nandivelugu Road, Vinobhana gar, Yana mvari Veedhi, Soma vari Veedhi, Kattavari Veedhi, Israil pet, Nehru Nagar, Butchaiah Thota, Ramireddy Nagar and Prakash Nagar.

To address the issue, the Guntur Municipal Corporation has coordinated with the railway authorities and initiated steps to construct a new RCC box culvert measuring 4 metres in width and 2.50 metres in height.

New RCC Box Culvert at a Cost of Rs.5.70 Crore

A new RCC box culvert will be constructed at Mondigate, between Guntur (GNT) and Tenali (TEL) stations on the Guntur-Tenali section, at Km 21/30-32, with a contract value of Rs.5.70 crore.



Through the initiative of Union Minister Pemmasani Chandrasekhar, the long-pending flooding problem faced by the people of Guntur East has moved closer to a solution.

The foundation stone-laying ceremony for the new RCC box culvert will be held today at Mondigate.

Once the new culvert becomes operational, the water-carrying capacity of the Rajeev Gruha Kalpa drain is expected to increase, allowing stormwater to flow out more efficiently during heavy rains. This is expected to provide significant relief from the recurring flooding problem in several areas of Old Guntur. It will also improve the safety and reliability of railway operations. The construction of the culvert is a significant step towards fulfilling the assurance given by Nasir Ahmed during the 2024 elections to address the long-standing flooding problem.

Bills Pending, Development Moving Slowly...

- GMC Elections Near: Is Guntur Ready?

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Is the Guntur Municipal Corporation (GMC) ready for elections? The Andhra Pradesh State Election Commission has decided to publish ward-wise photo electoral rolls on September 3, marking a key step forward in the election process.

With the publication of the electoral rolls, preparations for the GMC elections are

expected to gain momentum. Officials are likely to begin arrangements for elections to the posts of Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Corporator.

Against this backdrop, the question of whether the Guntur Municipal Corporation is ready for elections has become a topic of discussion in the city.

Development Works Moving at a Slow Pace

Following the completion of the Mayor's term, there is a growing perception that development works within the Guntur Municipal Corporation limits are progressing slowly. Former corporators feel that once corporation



elections are held and elected representatives become accessible to the public, development works are likely to gain momentum.

Meanwhile, contractors who have completed various works are reportedly unhappy over delays in the payment of their bills. Around Rs.100 crore worth of bills are said to be pending, while only around Rs.10 crore worth of bills entered in the Nidhi portal have reportedly been cleared so far.

With the corporation elections approaching, the delay in clearing bills of contractors who have completed development works has become a matter of concern. Recently, following the intervention of MP Dr. Pemmasani Chandrasekhar, cheques worth around Rs.23 crore were reportedly issued

towards pending payments. Arrangements are also reportedly being made to clear another Rs.17 crore worth of bills. However, corporation officials have denied allegations that development works in the city are progressing slowly. They explained that some works, particularly BT road projects, were temporarily stalled due to a rise in the prices of raw materials required for road construction. Officials said the increase in raw material costs has also pushed up construction expenses, resulting in delays in BT road works. With election-related preparations moving forward, questions over when the GMC elections will be held and whether the elections will accelerate development works in the city have now become a topic of keen interest among the people of Guntur.