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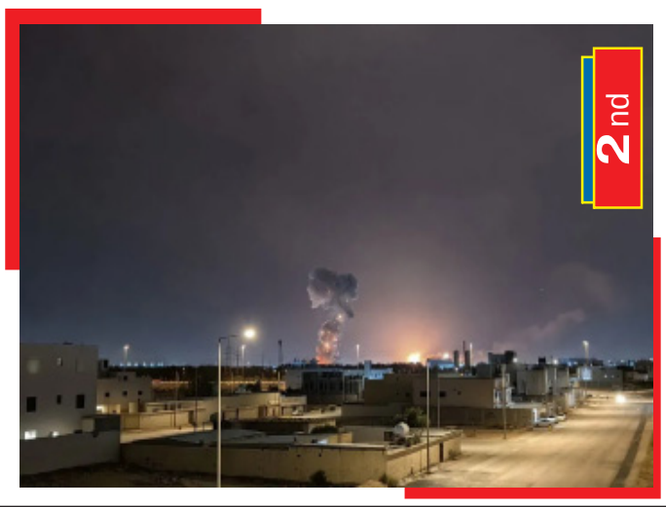

- Coalition forces strike Sanaa, the capital of Yemen
- Arab nations condemn the attack as a violation of Saudi sovereignty
- Britain announces the imposition of sanctions on the Houthi group
- Houthis allege 72 attacks within 24 hours

AP Legislative Assembly Sessions to

Begin on December 5



- Dates set for the Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly winter session
- 'Investment Protection Act' bill likely to be introduced in the House
- Government aims to safeguard industries, regardless of political shifts
- A key move following major investment agreements at the recent CII summit

Suvendu Adhikari makes sensational claim

Joined the BJP on Pranab Mukherjee's advice!

- Reveals that Pranab, while serving as President, advised him not to remain just an "employee."
- Likened the TMC to a "private company" run by an aunt and her nephew.
- Identifies Pranab Mukherjee as his true mentor and advisor.
- Suvendu Adhikari joined the BJP in 2020.



West Bengal: BJP leader Suvendu Adhikari has made significant remarks regarding the late Congress stalwart and former President of India, Pranab Mukherjee. He stated that it was Pranab Mukherjee who was the President at the time who advised him to leave the Trinamool Congress (TMC) and join the BJP alongside Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Suvendu made these comments while speaking at an event in Kolkata. He described Pranab Mukherjee as his guide and true advisor. Recalling a meeting at Rashtrapati Bhavan after Pranab assumed the presidency, Suvendu shared that Pranab had told him, "If you want to remain just an employee, then stay where you are; but if you want to grow on your own, then walk with Modiji." He further noted that, even back then, Pranab had remarked that the TMC was functioning like a "private company" owned by an aunt and her nephew, who were acting as its "managing chairman" and "managing director." Suvendu clarified that he left the party because he did not want to remain merely an "employee." However, he declined to disclose the date of the meeting, stating that he wished to avoid any unnecessary controversies surrounding the late leader. Suvendu Adhikari, who rose to prominence within the TMC through the Nandigram movement,

AP's Own-Tax Revenue Increases

Chandrababu Conducts Key Review of Revenue-Generating Departments



- 18.7% growth recorded in the state's own-tax revenue
- CM Chandrababu emphasizes increasing revenue without imposing a burden on the public
- 58% of the annual target achieved by November 23
- Revenue growth observed in the Commercial Taxes, Excise, and Registration departments
- Use of AI technology in tax scrutiny and audits

Amaravati: Chief Minister Chandraba bu held a high-level review in Amar avati regarding the performance and revenue growth of the state's revenue-generating departments. It was noted that the key decisions, administrative reforms, and development initiatives implemented by the government are yielding positive results. In the current financial year, the state's own-tax revenue including special margins has reached Rs 74,342 crore. Officials inf ormed the Chief Minister that this represents an increase of Rs 11,738 crore compared to the Rs 62,604 crore recor ded during the same period last year, marking an overall growth of 18.7%.

Missing Kakinada Fishermen Found Safe

Minister Atchannaidu



Kakinada: Minister Kinjarapu Atchan naidu has announced that the seven fishermen from Kakinada district, who had gone missing while out at sea, are safe. He explained that their boat became stranded after experiencing a technical failure with its engine, but confirmed that all the fishermen are currently in good condition. According to details, the seven fishermen hailing from Subbampeta village in U.

A New Chapter Under Nara Lokesh's Leadership

'MyTDP' Reaches a Major Milestone with 1 Million Registered Users
- Number of party workers registered on the 'MyTDP' app hits the 1 million mark
- Innovative technology designed to directly connect party workers with the leadership
- A specialized system, developed under the guidance of Nara Lokesh, to recognize and reward grassroots-level workers
- A digital platform for gathering feedback and monitoring party activities
- High adoption rates in constituencies including Narasaraopeta and Kuppam



Amarawati: The Telugu Desam Party (TDP) has taken another significant step toward the effective integration of modern technology in politics. The 'MyTDP' app concei ved by TDP Working Pres ident Nara Lokesh to bri dge the gap between party workers and the leadership has surpassed the mi lestone of 1 million registered users. The TDP announced this achievement in an official statement. Party sources noted that this marks a unique milestone in the digital management of regional political parties in India. The platform was developed in alignment with Nara Lokesh's vision, wit h the primary objective of identifying grassroots-level workers and providing them with opportunities commensurate with their service. The app allows workers—who carry out party activities, door-to-door campaigning, and social service initiatives in villages and wards—to update and register their details regularly. The party has clarified that this platform allows for the direct monitoring..

Challenges Await

Vangaveeti



Vijayawada: A new administration has taken charge in Vijayawada, a city that holds a distinct place in Andhra Pradesh politics. Vangaveeti Radhakrishna, a leader from the Jana Sena Party, has assumed office as the city's Mayor. Along with him, 86 corporators also took their oaths. The swearing-in ceremony, which took place amidst some political criticism and controversy, marks the beginning of a new governance in the city.

Heavy Police Deployment for First Phase of Panchayat and Municipal Elections

Amarawati: Everything is set for the first phase of Gram Panchayat and Urban Local Body (municipal) elections in Andhra Pradesh. The police department has made elaborate security arrangements to ensure that the polling, scheduled for tomorrow, takes place in a peaceful, free, and transparent manner. In a statement, DGP Harish Kumar Gupta announced that approximately 46,000 police personnel have been deployed across the state for these elections. The first phase will see polling for 3,191 Sarpanch posts and 25,061 ward member positions, as well as elections for 23 Urban Local Bodies.



- Tight security at sensitive polling stations
- Extensive checks to curb the distribution of cash and liquor



Emotional Bonds Beyond Financial Assistance: Mutual Trust Is the Key to the Progress of Neighbouring Nations

The relationship between India and Nepal extends far beyond geographical boundaries. It is a unique friendship deeply rooted in centuries of shared history, culture, spiritual connections, and strong people-to-people ties. This enduring relationship, nurtured in the shadow of the Himalayas, serves as an important foundation for regional cooperation in South Asia. Against this backdrop, reports of India's substantial financial assistance for Nepal's development have once again brought bilateral relations between the two countries into focus. When a neighbouring country develops, the benefits of that progress extend beyond national borders. The same principle applies to India–Nepal relations. Improvements in Nepal's roads, railways, electricity, healthcare, and urban infrastructure will not only enhance the living standards of its people but also expand trade opportunities in India's border regions.“Economic Cooperation: A Strong Foundation for Development : For a mountainous country like Nepal, the development of infrastructure is extremely important. Challenging geographical conditions, natural disasters, and transportation limitations frequently create obstacles to the country's progress. Under such circumstances, international cooperation, investments, and technological expertise can provide much-needed support to Nepal's economy. However, development cannot be achieved merely by announcing massive financial packages. Transparency in the utilisation of funds, accountability in project implementation, and timely completion of development works must be given priority. Such cooperation will achieve its true purpose only when the benefits of development reach people living in rural and remote mountainous regions.“Road and Rail Connectivity to Boost Trade : Transportation connectivity between India and Nepal plays a crucial role in strengthening economic relations between the two countries. The development of border roads, expansion of railway networks, and modernisation of freight transportation systems can significantly facilitate trade and commercial activities. As Nepal is a landlocked country, India's transportation routes and seaports hold particular importance for its international trade. Improving cross-border infrastructure can help reduce transportation costs while creating greater opportunities for tourism, employment, and economic growth. At the same time, environmental protection must not be neglected in the name of development. Preserving the fragile ecological systems of the Himalayan region while expanding infrastructure remains a major responsibility of both governments.“Cooperation During Disasters Is the True Spirit of Friendship : “Nepal frequently faces natural disasters such as earthquakes, floods, and landslides. During such difficult situations, cooperation from neighbouring countries becomes essential. India has previously participated in relief operations and reconstruction programmes following natural disasters in Nepal. However, cooperation should not be limited to providing assistance after disasters occur. Permanent mechanisms must be established for early warning systems, weather information sharing, disaster management training, and emergency medical services. Such measures can play a vital role in protecting the lives of people in both countries.“Mutual Trust Is Essential in Regional Politics : Nepal occupies a strategically important position in South Asian geopolitics. Situated between India and China, Nepal continues to maintain relations with its neighbours while safeguarding its national interests. In this context, India–Nepal cooperation must move forward on the principles of mutual respect, sovereignty, and equal partnership. Border disputes, trade-related concerns, and other diplomatic differences that occasionally arise between the two countries should be resolved through constructive dialogue. Both governments have a responsibility to ensure that political disagreements do not weaken the historical bonds shared by their people.“Development Must Deliver Results Beyond Announcements : The most important aspect of development cooperation is effective implementation. Signing agreements, laying foundation stones for projects, and announcing substantial financial assistance represent only the initial stages. The real achievement lies in translating these commitments into meaningful outcomes that benefit ordinary citizens. Both countries should strengthen long-term partnerships in education, healthcare, technology, renewable energy, and youth skill development. Particular attention must be given to creating employment opportunities for Nepalese youth, supporting local industries, and providing better market access for small businesses.“Stronger Friendship Must Bring Positive Changes to People's Lives : The strength of India–Nepal relations lies not merely in official meetings between governments but in the deep cultural, spiritual, and social connections shared by the people of both nations. To further strengthen this trust, development initiatives must bring visible and positive changes to the lives of ordinary citizens. Assistance extended to a neighbouring country should not merely symbolise generosity. It should serve as a foundation for mutual development, regional stability, and lasting friendship. For India–Nepal friendship to grow stronger and remain as enduring as the Himalayas, actions must speak louder than words, implementation must take precedence over announcements, and public welfare must remain above political interests. Only then can cooperation between the two countries emerge as a meaningful model for development and regional partnership in South Asia.

Challenges Await Vangaveeti



Remarks made by Radhakrishna on this occasion have become a topic of discussion within political circles. His indication that he intends to transform the face of Vijayawada—distinct from the status quo—has sparked new hope among the city's residents. However, the tasks ahead for the new Mayor are far from easy. There are numerous long-standing issues in the city that remain unresolved. In particular, traffic congestion is a major source of distress for the people of Vijayawada. As a primary commercial hub for the Amaravati capital region, the city sees thousands of vehicles entering daily, leading to heavy traffic on major thoroughfares. The proposal to expand the Benz Circle junction has been under discussion for a long time but has yet to be fully implemented. Similarly, the road-widening project on Eluru Road—stretching from the new bridge to the bus stand—also requires further progress. The new Mayor will also need to focus on critical infrastructure projects, such as the construction of flyovers and the overall development of the city's road network. While development is progressing rapidly in the suburban areas, there is a prevailing view that infrastructure in certain parts of the main city falls short of expectations. Issues such as sanitation, drainage, drinking

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water supply, and road maintenance require urgent attention. Another critical matter is the distribution of land title deeds (house site pattas) to people living in hilly areas; it is noted that approximately 2.3 lakh individuals are yet to receive these deeds. Coordinating with the relevant government departments to facilitate this process will be a key responsibility for the Mayor. The residents, who have been waiting for years, are hopeful that their long-standing grievances will finally be addressed. Beyond development initiatives, maintaining political coordination will also pose a significant challenge for Radha. In the Vijayawada Municipal Corporation, the Jana Sena Party has 19 corporators, while the Telugu Desam Party has 53 members; in this context, ensuring synergy among the alliance partners is crucial. Decisions regarding the city's development must be made in an inclusive manner. As the heir to Vangaveeti Ranga, Radha holds a distinct identity in Vijayawada. However, he now faces the responsibility of transcending that legacy by winning the hearts of the people through his own performance. While a political lineage may secure a position, it is the actual development work that serves as the true benchmark for earning and sustaining public trust. Only time will tell to what extent Radha will succeed in his goal of giving Vijayawada a new look.

That is why Radhakrishna: Everyone knows who Vangaveeti Radha Krishna is. Radha Krishna, who was elected as the MLA for Vijayawada East in 2004, is well known as the son of the late leader Vangaveeti Ranga. He is also popularly referred to simply as "Radha." However, during his oath-taking ceremony as the Mayor of Vijayawada, he stated his name as "Vangaveeti Radhakrishnan." This left those present in the assembly wondering if he had misspoken or if they had misheard him. It later became clear that he had indeed stated his name correctly, and everyone had heard it accurately. This raised questions: given that "Radha Krishna" is a typical Telugu name, how did the Tamil-influenced suffix "Krishnan" come to be part of his name? There is, in fact, an interesting story behind this. Although he is known to the public as "Radha Krishna," his full legal name—as recorded in official government documents—is "Vangaveeti Radhakrishnan." Consequently, when he took the oath as the new Mayor of the Vijayawada Municipal Corporation, he declared his name as "Vangaveeti Radhakrishnan." This sparked a discussion, but there is a specific reason for it: this is the name that appears in his school records. His parents had originally named him "Vangaveeti Radha Krishna"—after his paternal uncle—but as a child, he attended school in Ooty, Tamil Nadu. During his school years, the school authorities—following a Tamil naming convention—added the suffix 'n' to his name, recording it as 'Radhakrishnan' in the school registers. This version persisted and was subsequently used in all his official documents. Ever since, the name 'Radhakrishnan' has appeared on his educational certificates, passport, election affidavits, and all other government records. Although he is widely known to the public and political circles as 'Vangaveeti Radha' or 'Radhakrishna,' he used his official name—'Radhakrishnan'—during his oath-taking ceremony as Mayor, in accordance with legal requirements. In short, the oath-taking ceremony revealed to many that 'Vangaveeti Radhakrishnan' is, in fact, his legal name. It is worth noting that C.P. Radhakrishnan currently serves as the Governor of a state (and has held the position of a constitutional dignitary), and now, people are pointing out that the Mayor of Vijayawada is also named Radhakrishnan. The name 'Radhakrishnan' is quite popular—often inspired by the legacy of Sarvepalli Radhakri shnan, who was born in Tamil Nadu and went on to become the President of India—a trend particularly common in Tamil Nadu.

Saudi Arabia Retaliates Against Houthi Drone Attack on Riyadh

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Delhi: Following a drone attack by Houthi rebels on the financial district in Riyadh, the capital of Saudi Arabia, the situation in Yemen has escalated significantly. In retaliation, a Saudi-led coalition launched a series of airstrikes on Sanaa, the capital of Yemen, on Tuesday night. These reciprocal attacks have once again pushed tensions between the two sides to a breaking point. Al-Masirah TV, a Houthi-affiliated outlet, reported that Saudi forces carried out strikes near the Sanaa International Airport. Local residents described massive explosions that caused windows in nearby homes to rattle. Houthi military spokesperson Yahya Sarea alleged that Saudi forces had carried out 72 airstrikes and missile attacks on Yemen over the past 24 hours, resulting in the deaths of civilians. Previously, Turki al-Maliki, a spokesperson for the Saudi-led coalition, announced that the Houthis had carried out a "cowardly act" targeting one of the towers in the financial center of Riyadh. He stated that the attack was conducted using a drone and warned that there would be a firm response to the Houthis, who continue to target civilians and civilian infrastructure. The UAE, Bahrain, Qatar, and the Arab League strongly condemned the attack on Saudi Arabia, describing it as a threat to the kingdom's sovereignty and security. Meanwhile, the British government announced the imposition of sanctions against the Houthi group and four of its leaders, citing their intensification of military operations in Yemen and their attacks on international shipping. The Houthis, however, rejected these sanctions, accusing the British government of legitimizing the crimes committed by Saudi Arabia.

Missing Kakinada Fishermen Found Safe

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Kothapalli mandal, Kakinada district had set out for fishing, but contact with their families was lost on November 19. Authorities identified that their boat had become stranded approximately 3 kilometers off the coast of Krishnapuram, located between Uppada and Tuni. Upon receiving the information, the Indian Coast Guard and the Indian Navy launched an intensive search operation using helicopters and vessels. Minister Atchannaidu expressed his gratitude to the Coast Guard and Navy personnel for their prompt response and assistance in locating the fishermen. The Minister explained that arrangements are currently being made, with the help of another boat, to bring the fishermen and their vessel safely to the shore. He assured the families of the fishermen that rescue operations are underway and urged them not to worry.

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IG B. Rajakumari, the police coordinator for the elections, stated that a total of 46,350 personnel have been assigned to election security duties. Of these, 16,701 have been allocated for municipal election duties, while 29,649 have been assigned to ensure security for the Gram Panchayat elections. In addition to district police forces, 127 platoons of the Andhra Pradesh Special Police (APSP) have been deployed. Furthermore, personnel from the Railway Police, 'Eagle' units, and other specialized wings are also participating in the security operations. The DGP stated that security has been significantly tightened, especially at sensitive polling stations. He mentioned that 'bind-over' cases have been registered in advance against individuals deemed likely to disrupt law and order. To curb the distribution of cash and liquor during the election period, special surveillance has been established, and inspections at check-posts have been intensified. He noted that modern technology—including drones, CCTV cameras, body-worn cameras, and the 'TRACE' app—is being fully utilized to monitor the election process. Officials stated that the situation on the ground is being continuously reviewed through a command and control center at the police headquarters. Once polling concludes, the ballot boxes will be transported to strong rooms under police protection.

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joined the BJP in 2020 following the growing influence of Abhishek Banerjee. After defeating Mamata Banerjee in Nandigram in 2021 and serving as the Leader of the Opposition, he went on to defeat her again in the Bhabanipur constituency during the 2026 Assembly elections, subsequently taking office as the first BJP Chief Minister of Bengal. Suvendu’s remarks—that Pranab Mukherjee, a key leader within the Congress, had suggested he move toward the BJP—have sparked intense discussion within political circles.

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of the performance of its workers, which in turn informs decisions regarding the allocation of election ticketsfor local body polls, party positions, and nominated posts. Through this app, messages from the leadership and party guidelines are swiftly disseminated to the grassroots level. Simultaneously, it serves as a channel to bring ground-level issues and the feedback of party workers to the attention of the leadership. The system is also used to track attendance at various events, including the recently held 'Digital Mahanadu,' as well as training sessions and other meetings. Furthermore, a 'Photo Booth' feature—utilizing facial recognition technology—has been integrated, allowing party workers to easily access photographs taken with party leaders. The party stated that, in terms of app usage across the state, the parliamentary constituencies of Narasaraopet, Chittoor, Ongole, Nellore, and Guntur are leading, while the assembly constituencies of Kuppam, Vinukonda, Kanigiri, Mangalagiri, and Gannavaram rank at the forefront. The Telugu Desam Party noted that this digital platform has become a vital tool in modernizing the political system through technology, helping to strengthen the party’s structure with its workers at the very core.

AP's Own-Tax Revenue Increases



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The review meeting was attended by Chief Secretary Neerabh Kumar Prasad, along with senior officials from the Finance, Revenue, Excise, Stamps and Registration, Mines, Transport, Municipal Administration, and Panchayat Raj departments. Officials stated that against an annual revenue target of Rs 1,27,506 crore, 58% of the goal had already been achieved as of November 23. This includes an 18.8 percent growth in tax revenue and a 31.3 percent growth in non-tax revenue. Tax revenue increased by Rs 10,104 crore—rising from Rs 53,692 crore last year to Rs 63,796 crore this year. Similarly, non-tax revenue climbed from Rs 1,330 crore to Rs 2,091 crore.

Department-wise revenue details: Commercial Taxes: Recorded an 18.3 percent growth, resulting in an additional revenue of Rs 5,917 crore. Within this, revenue from GST grew by 18.1 percent, reaching Rs 3,694 crore.

Excise Department: Generated a revenue of Rs 20,083 crore (including special margins), marking a 19.6 percent increase—an additional gain of Rs 3,287 crore compared to the previous year.

Stamps and Registration: Recorded a 16.6 percent growth, bringing in a total revenue of Rs 8,020 crore.

Transport Department: Achieved a 17.3 percent growth, with tax revenue reaching Rs 3,649 crore, driven by vehicle purchases and registrations.

Mines and Geology Department: Recorded a 13.2 percent growth, reaching Rs 2,086 crore.

Forest Department: Revenue increased by 22.3 percent, amounting to Rs 22 crore. Local Bodies: From April 1 to November 20, tax revenue recorded was ?238 crore for panchayats and ?2,365 crore for urban local bodies.

Do not burden the public: CM Chandrababu

During a review meeting, Chief Minister Chandrababu emphasized the need to increase revenue across government departments without imposing any additional tax burden or raising charges on the public. He noted that the significant improvement in revenue is a result of curbing leakages within government systems, rectifying flaws, and enhancing transparency through online processes. He directed officials to ensure that revenue growth continues, reflecting the impact of the development initiatives underway in the state. The CM stated that Artificial Intelligence (AI) is being extensively utilized to modernize the tax collection system. He mentioned that an AI-based system is currently being implemented for property tax collection across 123 urban local bodies. Furthermore, the Chief Minister explained that AI tools have been in use since April of this year across four divisions of the Commercial Taxes Department, where the technology is being effectively applied to the scrutiny of tax returns, audits, field-level inspections, and the resolution of legal matters.

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Amaravati: The winter session of the Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly is set to commence on December 5. During this session, the coalition government is expected to introduce the 'Investment Protection Act' bill—a piece of legislation it considers highly significant. The session is likely to span approximately 15 days. The primary objective of this new legislation is to provide legal assurance to industrial investments in the state, ensuring they remain secure regardless of any political changes. The bill is designed to prevent sudden, arbitrary policy shifts—such as those affecting industrial incentives or land allocations—that could otherwise occur when there is a change in the state government. Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu has already announced that this will be the first such law of its kind in the country. This initiative follows the recent CII Partnership Summit in Visakhapatnam, which saw record-breaking investment agreements totaling approximately Rs 9.89 lakh crore. In light of this, the government has decided to expedite the introduction of this Act to further bolster the confidence of industrialists. Speaking on this matter, Minister Lokesh stated, "Many investors have approached us regarding this. The government is giving it serious consideration, and we will certainly introduce legislation." Meanwhile, these Assembly sessions will also feature a comprehensive discussion on the current status of key irrigation projects in the state, the progress of construction work, and future action plans.

Human birth can be achieved only through three sadhanas

- *Peethadhipati Dr. Umar Alisha Swamy*

Our Staff Reporter, Penpower, Kakinada (Prathi padu), November 25 : Sri Vishwa Vigyan Vidya Aadhyathmika Peetham Ninth Peethadhipathi Dr. Umar Alisha Swamy, speaking through the internet, said that everyone sitting on this holy land where his eighth Peethadhipati Parabrahma Sri Mohiddin Badshah meditated should achieve three sadhanas, that is, through the practice of Maha Mantra, satisfaction through the practice of knowledge, and liberation through the practice of meditation, and should achieve human birth. Later, Speaker Ahmed Alisha said that one should believe in the Guru with concentration and walk on the path of knowledge and purify the impurities within oneself. Another brother, Mahbub Pasha, said that through the spirituality taught by Parabrahma Sri Mohiddin Badshah Swamy, one should behave in a cultured and inquisitive society. Another brother, Kabir Shah, said that they should live happily by practicing the teachings of their father. He described Bavuruwaka as a golden land. Another brother, Sri Hussain Shah, said that he was grateful to Nandu for the opportunity to walk in the place where his father had done penance. The program was attended by the sisters of the Peethadhipats, Zarina Qutubuddin, Adil and village Sarpanch Doddi Satyanarayana, former Sarpanch Nanda Apparao, Vice Sarpanch Geddam Ramana, and Doddi Mangamma. The program was organized by Central Committee Member NTV Prasada Varma. Peetham Convener Peruri Suribabu spoke. Umar Alisha Rural Development Trust distributed 180 blankets to the needy.



Deaths of Newborns..

Families Protest Outside Chittoor Government Hospital, Alleging Medical Negligence

Chittoor: Two separate incidents involving the deaths of newborns occurred in Chittoor district on Wednesday. According to the families, Radhamma—a resident of Ponnedupalli village in Thavanampalli mandal—gave birth to a baby girl at the Thavanampalli Government Hospital on the 16th of this month. Citing poor health, doctors at Thavanampalli referred the infant to the Chittoor Government Hospital. After three days of treatment there, the doctors advised that the baby be taken to Tirupati; consequently, the family moved her to the maternity hospital in Tirupati. Following two days of treatment in Tirupati, the infant passed away on Wednesday. Alleging that the death was caused by a lack of proper medical care at the Chittoor Government Hospital, the parents—Radhamma and Purushotham—along with their relatives, staged a protest outside the facility with the infant's body. They expressed deep anguish, stating that the treatment was handled solely by junior doctors and staff, and that the absence of senior, expert physicians led to their child's death. In a separate incident, a baby boy born to a couple named Saloni and Kristu—from Ramapuram village in Gudipala mandal—also died at the Chittoor Government Hospital. After being told that the baby was in good health, the parents were informed of his death less than half an hour later, prompting them and their relatives to stage a protest in front of the hospital. The police arrived at the scene and spoke with the victims. Following the police's assurance that action would be taken against those responsible, the protest was called off.

Zilla Parishad Chairperson Vantala Shanthi Extends Support to Rintada Sarpanch Candidate Pathuni Lakshman



Gudem Kotha Veedhi, Pen Power, November 24: Zilla Parishad (ZP) Chairperson Vantala Shanthi conducted an extensive election campaign on Tuesday in support of Pathuni Lakshman, the YSRCP-backed candidate for the Sarpanch post in Rintada Gram Panchayat. She visited households throughout the village, urging voters to support Lakshman. Speaking on the occasion, Shanthi assured the villagers that, in her capacity as ZP Chairperson, she would provide full cooperation for the comprehensive development of the Rintada Panchayat. She emphasized that electing public representatives to local bodies creates greater opportunities for village development and appealed to the residents to bless Pathuni Lakshman with their votes. The campaign saw the participation of Gudem Kotha Veedhi ZPTC member Kankipati Giri Prasad, MPP Pujari Leela Prasad, former MPP Boyina Kumari, as well as a large number of key YSR CP leaders, party workers, and supporters.

Preparations Underway to Launch Sanjeevani Healthcare Services from January 1:District Collector





Vijayawada, pen power, November 25: The government is making extensive arrangements to make the Sanjeevani healthcare programme available to the public from January 1, 2027, District Collector stated. As part of these preparations, the District Collector visited the fourth phase of training being conducted under the Sanjeevani programme at KBN College, Vijayawada, on Wednesday. The Collector interacted with the Medical Officers and Community Health Officers attending the training and reviewed the progress and various aspects covered in the programme. The Collector emphasized that all necessary training, preparedness and coordination measures should be completed before the launch of the programme to ensure effective healthcare services for the public. The Sanjeevani programme will play a crucial role in providing quality healthcare services to people. The trained Medical Officers and Community Health Officers were instructed to learn every aspect of the programme thoroughly and utilize their training effectively at the field level. The Collector directed the medical staff to be fully prepared for the implementation of the programme and stressed that they must work responsibly to ensure timely and quality healt hcare services to the public. Speaking on the occasion, District Medical and Health Officer Dr. A. Shravan Babu said that Medical Officers and staff should work in close coordination to make the Sanjeevani programme successful and ensure that NTR District stands at the forefront of its implementation in the state.""KBN College Administrative Officer Narayana, District Programme Management Officer Dr. Naveen, District Programme Officer Mahesh, Dr. Sravani, Dr. Karthik, and representatives of Tata organization Satyanarayana and Gopikrishna, among others, participated in the programme.

Ensure the victory of YSRCP-supported candidates in the Sarpanch elections

Chintapalli, Pen Power, November 24.: Vantala Shanthi, the Zilla Parishad Chairperson of Alluri Sitharama Raju district, has urged the public to ensure the victory of YSRCP-supported candidates in the local Panchayat Sarpanch elections. On Tuesday, she attended a wedding held in a local Adivasi-dominated area as a special guest. After blessing the newlyweds, she joined YSRCP supporters in their campaign efforts. She requested that, just as the public had supported and ensured the victory of YSRCP-backed MPTC and ZPTC candidates in the previous elections, they should now do the same by electing those supported by the YSRCP in the upcoming Sarpanch elections.

Woman is the source of creation. It is our responsibility to protect her - Dr. Addala



Our Staff Reporter, Penpower, Kakinada, November 25 : A rally was organized with women at Team Hospital at Nagamalli Thota in the city on the occasion of International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women. On this occasion, Dr. Addala Satyanarayana, Head of Sri Satya Dental Hospital, said that every year on November 25, the 'International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women' is celebrated worldwide. The main purpose of this day is to prevent physical, psychological, and domestic violence against women and girls and to create awareness among the public about it. On November 25, 1960, the three Mirabal sisters, Patria, Minerva, and Maria Teresa, who fought against the regime of Dominican Republic dictator Rafael Trujillo, were brutally murdered. In memory of their sacrifice, women's rights activists have started celebrating the Day against Violence on November 25 since 1981. We should strictly implement the laws for the protection of women in our society, and provide legal, medical, and psychological assistance to women who have been subjected to violence. This campaign, which will start on November 25, will continue for 16 days until International Human Rights Day on December 10. He said that women should be free from both silence at home and fear outside, that raising their hands against women is not strength, but a sign of men's weakness, that women are the source of creation, and it is our responsibility to protect them. Suresh, Verma, Dr. Sabita, Jyoti, Jaya Lakshmi, Sravanthi, Lakshmi and other women participated in this program.

Special measures must be taken to prevent fodder shortages



- Fodder cultivation should be undertaken on 6,000 acres in the district under the 'VB-G-RAM-G' scheme.

- District Collector Sumit Kumar

Chittoor: District Collector Sumit Kumar has directed officials to raise awareness among livestock farmers regarding the utilization of fodder. On Wednesday, he held a review meeting at his chamber in the Collectorate with relevant officials concerning fodder cultivation under the 'VB-G-RAM-G' scheme. The meeting was attended by the Joint Director of the Animal Husbandry Department, Uma Maheshwari, along with other officials from the Animal Husbandry, Agriculture, and allied sectors. During the meeting, the District Collector instructed that fodder cultivation be carried out across 6,000 acres in the district. He emphasized the need for extensive awareness programs for dairy farmers about this scheme. He further directed that daily review meetings be held with mandal-level officials to monitor the implementation of the program at the field level. Additionally, he ordered that meetings be conducted with mandal-level officials on December 10th to discuss fodder cultivation in the district. He also inquired about the functioning of fodder monitoring committees at the mandal, divisional, and district levels. He stated that livestock farmers should be educated on the use of fodder cultivated at the village level through 'pre-monsoon dry sowing.' A 'Fodder Development Committee' must be established within the jurisdiction of every veterinary clinic. It was explained that this committee will focus on aspects such as the use of fodder seeds, the availability of water resources, and the production of silage. Industrial incentives will be provided at the district level for the production and supply of silage and total mixed rations (TMR) for livestock. Special training programs for farmers will be organized through veterinary colleges and Krishi Vigyan Kendras (Agricultural Science Centers). Furthermore, it was suggested that fodder storage centers be established in areas with abundant water resources to meet future requirements. The event was attended by Agriculture Department Joint Director Murali, Deputy Directors Govindu and Arif, DRDA Project Director Sridevi, DWMA Assistant Project Director Dhanalakshmi, Assistant Directors from the Animal Husbandry Department, and others.

Questions Surrounding the Death of a Woman at 'Lakshmi Nivasa'

- A comprehensive investigation must be conducted to uncover the truth.

- Those responsible must be strictly punished.

- Demands raised by AIDWA, the AP Women's Federation, and the Working Women's Committee.

Tirupati: A protest was organized by the All India Democratic Women's Association (AIDWA), the AP Women's Federation, and the Working Women's Committee, demanding a thorough investigation into the death of a woman at 'Lakshmi Nivasa' in the PK Layout area of ??Tirupati on the 28th of last month. Speaking on the occasion, AIDWA District Secretary Dr. P. Sai Lakshmi, AP Women's Federation District Secretary Nadia, and Working Women's Committee Convener R. Lakshmi stated that there are many suspicious circumstances surrounding the woman's death. They pointed out that the deceased was labeled an "unidentified woman," and after a post-mortem was conducted, her last rites were performed without any meaningful effort to ascertain her identity—a fact that raises serious concerns. They emphasized that when an unidentified woman dies, it is essential to conduct a widespread search to determine who she was, where she came from, and who her family members are; if necessary, the body should have been kept in the mortuary while awaiting her relatives. They questioned why the last rites were carried out in such a hurried manner, bypassing all established protocols. Furthermore, concerns were raised regarding the lack of a comprehensive interrogation of the owners of the house where the woman resided, as well as the neighbors. The absence of clarity surrounding the procedures followed during the *panchanama* (official inquest/spot inspection) has also given rise to several suspicions.

Ensure Peaceful Conduct of Gram Panchayat Elections

SP K. Chakravarthy



Voters Urged to Exercise Their Franchise Without Fear, Pressure or Inducements Rampachod avaram, November 25: Polavaram District Superintendent of Police K. Chakravarthy, IPS, has urged the public, voters, candidates and political leaders to cooperate in ensuring peaceful conduct of the first phase of Gram Panchayat elections scheduled for November 26.""The SP appealed to voters to exercise their franchise freely without fear, pressure or inducements. He advised contesting candidates and political leaders to guide their supporters to maintain restraint and avoid disturbing law and order in villages.""He stated that elaborate security arrangements had been made at polling stations, with special measures in place to protect ballot boxes. He warned that anyone involved in damaging or stealing ballot boxes or obstructing election duties would face strict legal action.""The SP urged villagers to cooperate with police and election officials and strictly follow election guidelines. He assured that the police department would remain on high alert throughout the election process and take legal action against anyone disturbing public peace.""Maintaining public safety, ensuring free and fair voting, and conducting peaceful elections are the primary objectives of the police department, SP K. Chakravarthy stated.

Collector Kritika Shukla Inspects Arrangements for Narasaraopet Municipal Elections



Chilakaluripet , Pen Power, November 25 : Narasaraopet: District Collector Kritika Shukla inspected the distribution centre set up at the local Municipal Stadium on Wednesday for the smooth conduct of the municipal elections. During her visit, she thoroughly examined the counters arranged for election duties, facilities provided to officials and staff, and transportation arrangements. She also enquired with officials about the security arrangements at the strong rooms and the preparations made at the vote counting centres. The Collector instructed officials to ensure all necessary facilities were provided to election staff so that they would not face any inconvenience while performing their duties.""She directed the polling personnel to depart for their respective polling stations from the afternoon onwards and reach their destinations on time. Collector Kritika Shukla emphasized that all officials should work in close coordination to ensure that the elections are conducted peacefully, transparently and efficiently.

Jampala Prakash sworn in as 20th Ward Councilor in Venkatagiri Municipality



Venkatagiri November 25 Penn Power representative. Jampala Prakash was solemnly sworn in as the 20th ward councilor at the Venkatagiri Municipality office under the patronage of Honorable MLA Kurugondla Ramakrishna.""* On this occasion, MLA Kurugondla Ramakrishna congratulated Councilor Jampala Prakash, who took charge of the new duties. He hoped that he would keep the trust reposed in him by the people and work dedicatedly for the development of the 20th ward.*""Municipal Chairperson Ms. Donthu Sharada, former AMC Chairman, Town Presidents, Municipal Commissioner, Kotami Chief Leaders, Town Councillors, activists, people of 20th Ward participated in this program and congratulated the new Councillor.""Working for the development of the ward in accordance with the aspirations of the people, we wish to move forward with the goal of solving public problems.

Srikalahasti Municipal and Gram Panchayat elections should be conducted in a calm and fair manner

Request to Joint Collector and Police Officers to ensure tight security during elections

Tirupati, November 25 pen power Repoter. Srikalahasti. The leaders handed over a petition to the Joint Collector at the Tirupati Collectorate on Wednesday demanding that the Sarpanch and Ward Members elections to be held in the Srikalahasti Municipality as well as the Gram Panchayats be conducted in a calm and fair manner. Similarly, in the office of Tirupati SP, he requested the police department officials to take up tight security arrangements during the elections."In the wake of recent attacks, hooliganism, physical assaults on candidates and activists during the nomination process, he asked to take precautions to avoid any untoward incidents during the election. The officials were advised to identify the problem areas and arrange adequate police presence."Elections are very important in a democratic system and the leaders appealed to create an environment where every voter can exercise his right to vote freely without any fear, pressure or temptation. The officials were asked to pay special attention to make the election process transparent and fair.

Offering Support to Overcome Agricultural Challenges

German Delegation Meets with Minister Tummala

Hyderabad, November 25: A delegation from Germany has expressed its commitment to assist in overcoming the challenges faced by the agricultural sector in Telangana. The delegation indicated its readiness to provide support in areas such as food processing, food storage facilities, research, and the transfer of technology. On Wednesday, the German delegation met with the State Minister for Agriculture, Tummala Nageswara Rao, at the Secretariat. During the meeting, the Minister discussed the opportunities available within the agricultural sector, as well as the various issues currently faced by farmers. Minister Tummala urged the delegation to take the necessary steps to increase the export of agricultural products from Telangana to Germany. He also extended an invitation for the German delegation to participate in the 'Invest Telangana Global Summit 2026' and explore investment opportunities within the state. Furthermore, the Minister highlighted that the government is working toward transforming the state into a premier global destination for agricultural investments, with a specific focus on attracting significant capital into the agriculture, fertilizer, food processing, and FMCG (Fast-Moving Consumer Goods) sectors. In preparation for the Global Summit to be held from December 7 to 9 at Bharat Future City in Hyderabad, Minister Tummala chaired an introductory meeting on Wednesday at the Secretariat with the Executive Council representing the agriculture, fertilizers, FMCG, and food processing sectors.

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If you win as Sarpanch, you will develop and show!

Despite the heavy rain, the TDP candidates campaigned vigorously



Naidupet, November 25 Penn Power Spokes person Candidates contesting with the support of Telugu Desam Party in Bhatlakanupuru Gram Panchayat of Naidupet Mandal have intensified their election campaign. Sarpanch candidate Gunnam Reddy Madhusudan Reddy, who is contesting as a member of the 8th ward, conducted a door-to-door campaign in Bandi Sirisha village.""Candidates, TDP leaders and activists took part in the campaign despite the heavy rain. On this occasion, they met the people of the village and requested them to show their support and vote.""Sarpanch candidate Gunnam Reddy Madhusudana Reddy has been assigned the symbol of scissors and 8th ward candidate Bandi Sirisha has been allotted the symbol of cooker. Gunnam Reddy Madhusudan Reddy said that he will work for the development of infrastructure in the village and his main aim is to solve the problems of the people.""The candidates asked the people of the village to cast their precious vote on the allotted symbols and make them win. The candidates said that the campaign received response from the villagers."In this program Gunnam Reddy Aruna Reddy, "Ravindra Reddy, Venkata Reddy, Sridhar Reddy, former Sarpanch Guravayya villagers and others participated.""Telugu Desam Party leaders, activists and others participated.

Arrangements Completed for First Phase Gram Panchayat Elections in Polavaram District

Polling in Five Mandals on November 26; Counting to Begin at 2 PM



Rampachodavaram, November 25: All arrangements have been completed for the first phase of Gram Panchayat elections scheduled to be held on November 26 in five mandals of Polavaram district, District Election Officer and Collector K. Dinesh Kumar announced on Wednesday.““Polling will be conducted from 7 AM to 1 PM, followed by the counting of votes from 2 PM onwards. Polling materials, ballot boxes and election personnel were dispatched from distribution centres to their respective polling stations on Wednesday.““The elections will be held in Addateegala, Devipatnam, Gangavaram, Rajavommangi and Rampac hodavaram mandals. A total of 91 Gram Pancha yats and 850 ward member positions are covered, with 924 polling stations established to facilitate 1,35,562 voters.““As part of the election process, four Sarpanch positions and 116 ward member positions were elected unanimously. While three Gram Panchayats — Kondapalli, Veeravaram and Jiyyampalem — recorded unanimous elections for both Sarpanch and all ward member positions, the Sarpanch post in Jagampalem was also elected unanimously. In the remaining 87 Sarpanch positions, 285 candidates are contesting, while 1,741 candidates are in the fray for 734 ward member positions.““A total of 1,241 ballot boxes have been arranged. Of the polling stations, 121 have been identified as sensitive and 41 as highly sensitive, with additional security measures put in place. CCTV surveillance will be arranged at 188 polling stations, while videography will cover the remaining 736 centres. As many as 41 micro-observers have been appointed in sensitive areas. A total of 1,559 postal ballots have also been issued to eligible election staff and service voters.““District Panchayat Officer G. Bhaskar stated that arrangements relating to staff deployment, transportation and distribution of polling materials had been completed. He assured that necessary facilities were being provided to enable voters to exercise their franchise without inconvenience.““Collector K. Dinesh Kumar directed all officials and election personnel to strictly follow Election Commission guidelines and work in coordination to ensure free, fair, transparent and peaceful elections.

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TEAM NTR'S COLLECTIVE EFFORT BEHIND NUMEROUS ACHIEVEMENTS IN TWO YEARS: COLLECTOR DR. G. LAKSHMISHA



Vijayawada, Pen Power, November 25: District Collector Dr. G. Lakshmisha stated that numerous development and welfare programmes have been successfully implemented in the district over the past two years through the collective efforts of Team NTR, coordination among officials, and the cooperation of public representatives and citizens.““On Wednesday, several district officials met the Collector and congratulated him on completing two years in office since assuming charge as District Collector.““Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Lakshmisha said special emphasis had been placed on implementing government welfare programmes, resolving public grievances, and promoting development in education, healthcare, women’s empowerment, industrial growth and tourism.““He highlighted several achievements, including SKOCH Awards for the NTR Vikas and IGNITE Cell initiatives, NITI Aayog recognition for Aspirational Mandals, and the promotion of women entrepreneurs through the Guntupalli RISE Centre. He said these achievements reflected the collective commitment and hard work of Team NTR.““The Collector stated that various departmental activities were being continuously monitored through 563 Key Performance Indicators (KPIs), with a target of achieving 18.5 per cent annual economic growth in the district. Special attention was also being given to implementing constituency-wise development plans.““He further said that initiatives such as MSME parks to promote industrial development and collaboration with the Ratan Tata Innovation Hub to encourage innovation among youth were contributing to the district's overall progress.““Dr. Lakshmisha also mentioned the successful organisation of major events such as Dasara celebrations and the Saras Mela, along with coordinated relief and rescue operations during natural disasters.““Acknowledging the contributions of every officer and employee, the Collector called upon all departments to continue working together with the same spirit and commitment towards the overall development of the district and public welfare in the coming years.

Have an affidavit filed by the Joint Director (JD)

- High Court Bench directs the State Election Commission (SEC)

- Hearing regarding the rejection of a Sarpanch nomination

Amaravati, November 25: Borra Venkateswara Reddy has challenged an order by a single judge—which directed him to approach the Election Tribunal—regarding the alleged intentional rejection of his nomination for the Sarpanch election of Bhimavaram Gram Panchayat in Nellore district. In this context, he filed an urgent petition, which was heard by a High Court bench on Wednesday. The State Election Commission (SEC) informed the court that the acknowledgment allegedly issued by the Returning Officer (RO) after the acceptance of the nomination was not in the prescribed format; furthermore, the signature on it was not his, and there were doubts regarding the official seal. Given this, the bench directed the counsel for the SEC to have an affidavit filed by the Joint Director (JD) of the State Election Commission, containing full details. A bench comprising Chief Justice Justice Lisa Gill and Justice Challa Gunaranjan issued these orders on Wednesday and adjourned the hearing to Friday.

Everyone in Kakinada should exercise their right to vote today - Dr. Addala



Our Staff Reporter, Penpower, Kakinada, November 25 : Dr. Addala Satyanarayana appealed that the right to vote is a great opportunity inherited by the Constitution to elect representatives to govern the people and to use it responsibly. He said that if good candidates are selected as their candidates in the municipal corporation elections to be held today, they will achieve development. He urged everyone to exercise their right to vote for our clean and safe Kakinada. He said that since the right to vote is the basis for the development of society, everyone should use their vote wisely. He said that it is sad that some people show apathy towards voting. Dr. Addala urged everyone to recognize voting as a fundamental right and consider voting as a responsibility.

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Uplift Awareness Seminar under the auspices of RBI at Adarsh Engineering College



Our Staff Reporter, Penpower, Kakinada (Chebrolu), November 25 : An Uplift Awareness Seminar was organized for students under the auspices of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) at Adarsh Engineering College in Chebrolu village of Gollaprolu mandal. The seminar was held on the topics of banking awareness, investments and cyber frauds. RBI Manager Ramakrishna and Kakinada Lead District Manager CH.S.V.Prasad attended the program as chief guests. Students were explained about safe banking practices, the need for savings and investments, precautions to be taken in digital transactions and how to be vigilant against the increasing cyber crimes. They were advised not to share OTP, PIN and bank details with anyone. The program was attended by College Principal Dr. Y.V.N. Rajasekhar, Dean R&D Dr. S.V.R.K. Rao, TPO T. Prem Bosco, NSS Program Officer M.Subbarao, English Professor Dr. K. Rama Rao participated. The Principal thanked the RBI officials for organizing this valuable program in their college. Society for Social Transformation (SST) District Coordinator Sumanth and Pithapuram Financial Literacy Center Councilors Sheikh Dada, B. Ratna Raju, MD Irfan participated in this program.

Inspections of Packaged Drinking Water Brands



Mumbai: Reports suggesting the presence of harmful chemicals in products from Bisleri have sparked concern. In response, the central government has taken a significant decision. Government sources informed Reuters that authorities have decided to conduct inspections of all packaged drinking water brands across the country. This move follows a dispute between the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) and Bisleri International. The FSSAI had authorized an investigation into Bisleri after a sample of its packaged drinking water was found to be unsafe. However, government sources told Reuters that subsequent tests indicated that Bisleri's samples were, in fact, in compliance with food safety regulations. Previously, the company had recalled the specific batches of packaged water that were identified as unsafe. Bisleri clarified that the products failing to meet quality standards were limited to a single batch manufactured at its Goa plant in September 2025. Bisleri stated that out of the six samples collected, five complied with the regulations; however, one sample showed 'bromate' levels exceeding the prescribed limit. Bisleri revealed that they filed an appeal, following which the sample was sent to a referral laboratory. While tests at that laboratory confirmed that bromate levels were within the permissible limits, it specifically identified the presence of 'polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons.' Bisleri clarified that an independent test of the same sample at another accredited laboratory also confirmed that bromate levels remained within the prescribed limits. The company explained that these test results were submitted to the regulatory authority in February 2026, and as no further communication was received from them, the company assumed the matter had been resolved. Meanwhile, the FSSAI has granted approval for the prosecution of several companies, including Bisleri, regarding their food products. Other entities named include Vasant Masala, Tit-Bit Foods India, Mimamsa Industries, and Asha Confectionery. Additionally, the FSSAI has temporarily suspended the licenses of Urmi Lifesciences LLP and Gaur Ayurvedic Store for failing to adhere to food safety standards. As it was determined that these products—including those from Bisleri—did not meet the prescribed safety standards and were therefore unsafe, permission has been granted to initiate an investigation into these companies under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006.

Former MP Geetha stands by fishermen families and gives courage



Our Staff Reporter, Penpower, Kakinada (U.kothapalli), November 25 : Garikina Simhadri, a resident of Uppada Subbampet village in the constituency, along with 6 other fishermen, went hunting on the 4th of this month and are still missing. Upon learning of this, former CM Jagan Mohan Reddy, at the initiative of former Kakinada MP Vanga Geethavis wanath, spoke to District Collector Harindra Prasad and the authorities and asked them to take immediate relief measures. On Wednesday, he met the missing fishermen family members and gave them courage and assured them that they were with them. He assured the family members that the 7 fishermen would return safely.

First Bullet Train from May

Hyderabad: Union Minister for Railways Ashwini Vaishnaw has shared good news for those eagerly awaiting the country's first bullet train service. He officially announced that work on the prestigious Ahmedabad-Mumbai High-Speed ??Rail Corridor is progressing rapidly toward its final stages, with plans to conduct a trial run of the bullet train by May or June of next year. In this regard, the 'B28' bullet train coaches—being developed indigenously by BEML and ICF—are expected to arrive at the Surat depot by April next year. The train, consisting of 8 coaches and measuring 202 meters in length, will have a capacity to carry 557 passengers at a time. The 508-kilometer-long corridor project between Ahmedabad and Mumbai has recently reached another significant milestone. The National High-Speed ??Rail Corporation Limited (NHSRCL) has successfully completed the construction of tracks and the installation of 25 kV overhead electrification equipment along an approximately 50-kilometer elevated stretch between Surat and Bilimora in Gujarat. Power supply has also been tested on both the 'up' and 'down' lines. During the



trial run, this bullet train will travel along the tracks at a speed of 250 kmph (with a maximum capacity of 280 kmph). Technical tests, set to begin in May, are expected to last for two to four months. If everything proceeds as planned, the Railway Ministry aims to launch the first phase of bullet train services—between Surat and Bilimora—by August 15 of next year, with Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurating the service. The 508-kilometer corridor will feature 12 stations and includes a 21-kilometer underground tunnel, as well as a 7-kilometer tunnel section beneath the sea. Once the entire project is fully operational, the travel time between Ahmedabad and Mumbai—which currently takes six to seven hours by regular train—will be reduced to just two hours.

Irregularities by Rice Millers Amount to Rs. 6,700 Crore

Hyderabad: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has intensified its investigation into individuals who diverted government-owned paddy meant for 'Custom Milling Rice' (CMR)—in Telangana. The ED has initiated strict action by registering multiple money-laundering cases against rice millers across various districts who misappropriated government paddy worth crores of rupees and failed to return the processed rice. According to preliminary estimates, investigative agencies have identified that government paddy valued at approximately Rs. 6,700 crore has been diverted since the 2021–22 Kharif season. The ED is focusing specifically on the financial transactions and the accumulation of illicit assets linked to this massive scam. The Civil Supplies Corporation allocates paddy—procured from farmers at the Minimum Support Price (MSP)—to rice mills for processing. However, it is alleged that several millers, instead of processing the paddy and returning the rice to the government as per the regulations, sold the stock in the open market for personal gain. Previous inspections conducted by state Vigilance and Enforcement officials, along with the Civil Supplies Department, revealed the disappearance of large quantities of paddy stocks, leading to the filing of criminal cases against hundreds of rice millers across the state. Acting on the basis of these FIRs, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) has gathered evidence indicating a large-scale diversion of funds. ED officials are currently scrutinizing a list of defaulting rice mills across key districts in Telangana, including Nizamabad, Karimnagar, Nalgonda, Suryapet, Warangal, and Medak. They are investigating the acquisition of immovable properties and the opening of bank accounts—purchased or held under *benami* (proxy) names—using proceeds from the unauthorized sale of government-supplied paddy. Summons have already been issued to several prominent millers, and the ED is reportedly intensifying efforts to seize assets acquired through these illicit means. The investigation is also exploring potential involvement by certain government officials and political figures. The ED's aggressive stance against the "rice milling mafia"—which has caused a loss of thousands of crores of rupees to the state exchequer—has triggered significant alarm among those involved in the wrongdoing. With the state government enforcing strict measures to recover outstanding dues, and the ED tightening its grip through money-laundering investigations, official sources anticipate further high-profile arrests and asset seizures in connection with this scandal in the coming days.

Bail Denied to YSRCP MLC Lella Appireddy

_ Case registered over allegations of obstructing election officials from performing their duties

_ Court clarifies that bail cannot be granted as the investigation is at a critical stage

_ Judge notes the risk of the accused influencing witnesses

Guntur: YSRCP MLC Lella Appireddy has faced a setback in a Guntur court. The court of the Second Additional District Judge in Guntur has dismissed his bail petition in a case involving allegations of obstructing election officials from carrying out their duties. After hearing arguments from both sides, the judge stated that bail could not be granted to the accused under the current circumstances. The court observed that the charges are serious and the investigation is currently at a highly critical stage. It further noted that granting bail at this juncture could hinder the investigation and create a risk of the accused influencing witnesses. The Nallapadu police had registered a case against Appireddy for allegedly obstructing election officials while they were transporting ballot boxes to a strong room following the conclusion of polling in Vengalayapalem, Guntur district. He was arrested on November 6 and subsequently remanded to judicial custody by the court. With the dismissal of his bail petition, Lella Appireddy will remain in judicial custody at the Rajahmundry Central Jail.

KCR's Enigmatic Strategy



Hyderabad: BRS leaders repeatedly assert that their party will certainly return to power in the upcoming elections and that KCR will become Chief Minister for a third term. Working President KTR echoes this sentiment, and Harish Rao displays similar confidence. While this may sound promising, it has already been three years since the last general elections in Telangana, leaving only two years until the next Assembly elections. It is noted that KCR has rarely made public appearances during these past three years. Furthermore, despite his role as the primary opposition leader, he has been notably absent from the Legislative Assembly—a fact that Congress leaders frequently mock by labeling his residence, the 'farmhouse,' as his primary base. Meanwhile, three years have slipped by in the blink of an eye. In contrast, Chief Minister Revanth Reddy remains constantly among the people. Beyond his official duties as CM, he travels across various districts, highlighting the benefits delivered by the Congress government while detailing the losses incurred during the BRS regime. He also actively criticizes dynastic politics and has leveled sharp accusations against the Kaleshwaram project—built at a cost of one lakh crore rupees—describing it as a massive burden on Telangana. Through these efforts, he is fostering confidence among both his party cadre and the general public that the Congress government will return to power. Looking ahead, Revanth Reddy has scheduled tours of the districts following the Sankranti festival; he has devised an ambitious plan to traverse the entire state well in advance of the upcoming elections. At the same time, there is a discussion regarding the extent to which the BRS—the primary opposition party—has managed to improve its standing. While KCR has remained at his farmhouse, KTR and Harish Rao have stayed among the public, working diligently to strengthen the party. Whether in the Legislative Assembly, among the masses, or at party offices, these two leaders are working in tandem—much like a pair of horses—to revitalize the BRS. Yet, the question remains: despite their hard work, is the party's popularity actually rising to the expected level? Some analysts suggest that the BRS duo is being overshadowed by the aggressive approach of Revanth Reddy. It is often remarked that things only get truly interesting when KCR himself enters the fray. There is also speculation about whether KCR intends to return to the public sphere exactly six months before the elections, with the belief that such a move might generate fresh momentum. The idea seems to be that by then, the "election mood" will have set in, and people might be more inclined to listen to what he has to say. However, others argue that these are outdated strategies, pointing out that, unlike in the past, people no longer shift their allegiance simply because a leader reappears just before an election. It is suggested that for the public to truly reconsider their stance, a leader needs to be among them at least two years in advance; otherwise, anything said during the heat of an election campaign is dismissed as mere political rhetoric. For now, it appears KCR has no immediate plans to return to the public eye. It remains to be seen what new strategies the BRS will ultimately adopt.

Jana Sena to Contest Panchayat Elections Independently



Vijayawada, : The Jana Sena Party has taken a key decision to contest the Gram Panchayat elections—part of the local body polls in Andhra Pradesh—independently. Jana Sena chief Pawan Kalyan officially announced on Sunday that, unlike the municipal, ZPTC, and MPTC elections, there will be no seat-sharing or distribution of constituencies among the alliance partners for the Gram Panchayat elections. He stated that party leaders, 'Janasainiks' (party workers), and 'Veera Mahilas' (women wing members) are free to file their nominations without any political constraints. Although the Jana Sena leadership maintains that Gram Panchayat elections should transcend political party lines—with the stated goal of strengthening local governance—the influence of grassroots political dynamics and pressure from the party cadre is clearly evident. In fact, the alliance between the TDP, Jana Sena, and BJP had functioned successfully in the recent municipal and 'Parishad' (ZPTC/MPTC) elections, securing a majority of the seats. However, it has become apparent that reaching a seat-sharing arrangement among the alliance partners is not feasible at the village level. Jana Sena workers have expressed deep dissatisfaction, alleging that they were treated unfairly during the municipal and *parishat* (local body) elections and that TDP leaders at the village and *mandal* levels have been ignoring their demands. Observers suggest that Pawan Kalyan, recognizing the risk that the party could weaken if its strong grassroots-level members are denied opportunities to contest for positions like *sarpanch* or ward member, has decided to respect the sentiments of his workers by giving them a "free hand." Meanwhile, within the BJP—the third partner in the alliance—there is also significant discontent regarding the outcomes of local elections and the distribution of posts. BJP members have voiced frustration, claiming that a lack of coordination among the alliance partners led to the defeat of their candidates in several urban local body elections, including in the Anantapur Corporation. They also feel they are not being given due importance when it comes to key positions, such as Zilla Parishad (ZP) chairpersons. In places like Bhimavaram, BJP leaders have openly expressed their dissent, accusing the alliance of violating the "coalition dharma" (the principles of the alliance). The resignation announcement by Adi Narayana Reddy has further intensified this dissatisfaction. Even during a recent joint press conference, TDP State President Palla Srinivasa Rao, Jana Sena Minister Nadendla Manohar, and BJP State President PVN Madhav acknowledged that minor coordination gaps had indeed occurred between the alliance partners in certain areas during the local elections. While there is an excellent understanding at the top level among Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, and senior BJP leaders, recent developments indicate that a similar level of coordination has yet to fully permeate the ranks of grassroots workers and village-level leaders. Although the statement from the Jana Sena Party—issued after the nomination deadlines for the first two phases of the panchayat elections had already passed—has elicited mixed reactions on social media, the contests in the villages during the upcoming phases are set to become all the more intriguing. Since these elections are held without party symbols, if supporters from the alliance parties enter the fray under the guise of a "friendly contest," the resulting split in votes could potentially create complications in certain areas.

Tragic Incident at the Sacred Shrine of Tirumala

- A devotee from Tamil Nadu collapses and dies of a heart attack
- The deceased has been identified as 55-year-old Vayalraj from Thanjavur
- The incident occurred near the Rambageecha bus stand
- Authorities have informed the family members

Tirumala: A tragic incident has taken place at the sacred shrine of Tirumala, often referred to as the 'Vaikuntha of the Kali Yuga.' A devotee who had arrived to seek the blessings of Lord Sri Venkateswara passed away suddenly due to a heart attack. The unexpected death of the devotee from Tamil Nadu left fellow pilgrims in a state of deep shock. According to details, 55-year-old Vayalraj, a resident of Thanjavur in Tamil Nadu, had come to Tirumala for a 'darshan' of the Lord. While walking near the Rambageecha bus stand in Tirumala, he suffered a severe heart attack. Experiencing intense chest pain, he collapsed on the spot. Although bystanders immediately attempted to provide assistance, it was to no avail; he had already passed away. Based on information found with the deceased, he was identified as Vayalraj from Thanjavur. Officials have since informed his family members in Thanjavur about the tragic incident. Devotees are expressing deep sorrow over the fact that some, who had come for a divine glimpse of the deity, lost their lives prematurely.

State-of-the-art 'Kavach' system and more



Kakinada: The South Coast Railway has taken another significant step toward enhancing railway infrastructure in Andhra Pradesh. Tenders have been invited—under the Engineering, Procurement, and Construction (EPC) model—for the construction of third and fourth broad-gauge railway lines between Bikkavolu and Duvvada, at a massive cost exceeding Rs 4,299 crore. The project entails the construction of new railway tracks spanning a total length of 151.08 kilometers. This section, which lies on the main Chennai–Kolkata railway route, has recently seen a sharp increase in both passenger and freight traffic. As the existing two lines are struggling to handle this pressure, the Railway Department has decided to construct two additional tracks. The alignment for this route—stretching from Bikkavolu through Samalkot to Duvvada—has been designed to bypass the existing Tuni and Anakapalle railway stations to alleviate congestion. Furthermore, these new tracks will be connected to the new Anakapalle–Kothavalasa broad-gauge line. Beyond the laying of tracks, this major project encompasses civil, electrical, signaling, and telecommunication works, full-scale electrification, and the implementation of the state-of-the-art train protection system, 'Kavach'. As part of the tender process, a pre-bid meeting is scheduled for December 23, and the deadline for the submission of bids has been set for February 15, 2027. Provision has also been made for a consortium—comprising a maximum of four entities—to participate in the bidding process as a single unit. A target has been set to complete the project within 45 months from the commencement of work. This project will significantly contribute to increasing train speeds between the Vijayawada and Visakhapatnam divisions of the South Coast Railway, and, most importantly, it will help alleviate traffic congestion on the Vijayawada–Visakhapatnam main line.

Campaign Regarding Surveillance of Government Schemes

Tirupati: YSRCP leaders, along with media outlets aligned with the party, are aggressively propagating the narrative that the Central government has placed Andhra Pradesh under surveillance and is demanding reports. They claim that the BJP feels it is being treated unfairly within the ruling coalition and is, therefore, seeking this information. Such stories are appearing extensively in pro-YSRCP media. This has sparked a debate: is there any truth to these claims, or is this a calculated move to provoke BJP leaders? In reality, the coalition government in Andhra Pradesh is not in a position that would warrant the Central government to demand such reports. Furthermore, the BJP leadership at the Centre typically focuses its scrutiny on states governed by the opposition or by leaders who challenge them. A clear example of this is the current situation in Telangana, where the Congress party—a staunch political adversary—is in power, and Chief Minister Revanth Reddy frequently targets Prime Minister Narendra Modi directly. Additionally, the BJP perceives a genuine possibility of capturing power in Telangana with some effort. Consequently, the party has placed a special focus on Telangana and is actively gathering reports—even though the BJP itself is a partner in the coalition government in Andhra Pradesh. Moreover, the central government was formed with the support of the TDP and Jana Sena. In Andhra Pradesh, too, leaders from these parties serve as ministers. Chandrababu Naidu himself acknowledges that the BJP has played a role in the development taking place in the state. As for Pawan Kalyan, he consistently heaps praise on Prime Minister Modi whenever he gets the opportunity. Consequently, there are no political actions or strategies from these allies that would arouse suspicion within the BJP or diminish its standing. Observers, therefore, argue that there is no reason for the BJP to seek reports on its allies. Instead, analysts suggest that the BJP might only be interested in gathering reports regarding the YSRCP—assessing how much the party has recovered since 2024 and what its prospects are heading into the next elections. It is highly unlikely that the BJP would take the risk of undermining the very foundation upon which its own position rests. Meanwhile, the YSRCP appears to be employing a different strategy: by propagating the narrative that the BJP leadership is dissatisfied with the coalition government—or feels sidelined—they may be attempting to sow discord among the local leadership of the alliance. Beyond that, they say the Centre has no doubts whatsoever about the alliance.

Growing Dissatisfaction Within the BJP



Visakhapatnam: Dissatisfaction within the Andhra Pradesh unit of the BJP is becoming increasingly apparent. There is ongoing discussion within the saffron party that they were not given fair opportunities during the local body elections. While many have chosen to remain silent, others have begun to voice their grievances openly. Recently, Union Minister Srinivasa Varma expressed his displeasure over being allocated too few wards in Bhimavaram, while Jammalamadugu MLA Adinarayana Reddy voiced his frustration over not being granted the Zilla Parishad (ZP) Chairperson position. More recently, Vishnu Kumar Raju, the MLA for the North constituency, expressed his discontent—publicly, in front of the media—regarding the failure to allocate the Deputy Mayor post in the Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation (GVMC) to the BJP. There is a broader debate surrounding how the Telugu Desam Party (TDP)—acting as the "big brother" within the alliance—has treated its partners during the local body elections in Andhra Pradesh. It is well known that while the BJP holds power at the Centre and possesses significant strength in North India, its presence in Andhra Pradesh remains limited. Typically, political parties enter into alliances to expand their own strength; however, for reasons unclear, the BJP has consistently failed to grow or gain ground whenever it has formed such alliances. Currently, the Jana Sena Party is also part of the coalition. The BJP cadre has expressed frustration, noting that they feel sidelined—even more so than the Jana Sena—and are distressed that their party is not being allocated the number of seats they had requested. In Visakhapatnam, for instance, the BJP had sought 20 out of the 120 wards as part of the alliance agreement; however, they were allotted only 11, of which they managed to win 8. BJP leaders claim that in the remaining three seats, independent candidates were fielded to ensure the defeat of their own nominees. They are expressing frustration, noting that even when they requested the Mayor's position, they were not even granted the post of Deputy Mayor—leading them to question how things can continue this way. Vishnu Kumar Raju, for instance, spoke openly to the media, stating that they have been making compromises out of respect for the principles of the alliance and the need for unity. BJP leaders are now questioning whether they will even be allocated MLA seats in the 2029 elections. They wonder what their fate will be if, by then, the alliance partners find some excuse to sideline them entirely. Amidst these internal discussions within the BJP, questions are being raised as to whether the party's national or state leadership is engaging with the senior figures of the alliance. Meanwhile, within the alliance, the prevailing view is that the BJP was allocated a fair number of seats, commensurate with its actual strength. Conversely, within the BJP ranks, there is a sentiment that even where seats were allocated, the transfer of votes—a key component of any alliance—did not happen effectively in certain areas, which they believe led to their defeat. For example, they point to the municipal chairperson seat in Nellimarla (Vizianagaram district), which was allotted to the BJP, only for a rebel candidate from the TDP to contest and defeat the BJP nominee. Similarly, regarding the Anantapur Corporation, BJP leaders claim they are not receiving full cooperation from their allies. Overall, there is significant discontent within the Andhra Pradesh unit of the BJP. The central question now is whether the party's national leadership will take note of these developments and intervene to set things right.

Child Marriage Prevented in Rampachodavaram

Rampachodavaram, November 25: ICDS officials prevented a child marriage in Rampachodavaram following a tip-off. ICDS Project Director K. Uma and her team visited the minor girl's residence and counselled both families on the legal consequences and adverse effects of child marriage. Responding to the officials' advice, the parents agreed to stop the wedding arrangements and conduct the marriage only after the girl turns 18, assuring that it would take place after three years. K. Uma urged the public to report any suspected child marriages and support their prevention.



Megastar's 'Vishwambara' in the Sankranthi Race
– *Is a Clash with 'Kaaka' Inevitable?*



There is renewed buzz surrounding 'Vishwambara,' the grand socio-fantasy film starring Megastar Chiranjeevi. Having been in production for quite some time, the film carries high expectations among 'Mega' fans. Once touted as one of the most prestigious projects in Chiranjeevi's career, the film faced unexpected criticism following the release of its teaser—specifically, the quality of the graphics and visual effects drew significant trolling on social media. Consequently, the filmmakers have been working to refine the CGI elements. Since then, there has been constant speculation regarding the film's release date. Previously, reports suggested that 'Vishwambara' might be released during the Sankranthi festival in 2026. However, confusion has arisen among fans as another film starring Chiranjeevi, titled 'Kaaka,' is also being prepared for a Sankranthi release. The makers of 'Kaaka' have explicitly stated on several occasions that their film will hit theaters during the Sankranthi season. Amidst this, new reports have emerged in media circles suggesting that 'Vishwambara' might also enter the Sankranthi fray. It is rumored that the makers are determined to bring the film to audiences during Sankranthi, regardless of the delays. This has sparked a fresh round of discussion among Megastar's fans. There is growing curiosity about what the box office scenario might look like if both 'Vishwambhara' and 'Kaaka' were to be released during the same festive season. With rumors of multiple postponements already surrounding the release of 'Vishwambhara', fans are eagerly awaiting an official announcement. Meanwhile, reports suggest that the team behind 'Kaaka' remains firm on a Sankranthi release, leading to questions about the final release schedules for both films. Recent media reports indicate that there may be clarity on the release dates for these two movies next month; until then, Mega fans will have to wait a little longer. Directed by Vassishta, 'Vishwambhara' is a grand-scale socio-fantasy film. It features Trisha Krishnan as the female lead opposite Chiranjeevi, with Ashika Ranganath and Kunal Kapoor also playing pivotal roles. The film is being produced by UV Creations on a massive budget.

Sarathkumar returns as an action hero
177th film titled 'Taxi'



Senior actor and politician Sarathkumar's 177th film has been titled 'Taxi'. The project was formally launched on Tuesday in Chennai with a traditional 'pooja' ceremony. After a long break, Sarathkumar will be seen in a full-fledged action role in this film. Being crafted as a complete action entertainer, the film is directed by Dhana. Dhana previously directed 'Vaanam Kottattum', which also starred Sarathkumar and earned critical acclaim. The film is being jointly produced by Berjaya Group of Companies and Raadan Mediaworks India Limited.Legendary director Mani Ratnam attended the launch event as the chief guest. He congratulated director Dhana and extended his best wishes to the entire film crew. Notably, Dhana previously worked as an associate director under Mani Ratnam. The story for the film is penned by renowned writer B. Jeyamohan, while the music is composed by Justin Prabhakaran. Naveen Kumar is handling the cinematography, while Siva Master is overseeing the action choreography. The film team stated that details regarding the rest of the cast and technical crew will be revealed soon.

Dulquer Salmaan's 'Akashamlo Oka Tara' Shines at the Box Office



Malayalam star Dulquer Salmaan's latest Telugu film, 'Akashamlo Oka Tara', continues to perform well at the box office. The emotional drama, which has garnered a positive response since its release, is maintaining its momentum. The film team is particularly encouraged by the strong occupancy rates recorded during the weekdays, following a successful opening weekend. Notably, the film saw a high volume of ticket sales this past Tuesday. The occasion of Kartika Purnima—which served as a partial holiday in some regions—provided an additional boost, leading to strong theater occupancy. According to trade sources, approximately 74,000 tickets were sold for 'Akashamlo Oka Tara' on Tuesday, following the sale of nearly 86,000 tickets on Monday. While there was a slight dip in ticket sales on Tuesday compared to Monday, the fact that such a large audience is turning out on a weekday is considered a very positive sign. Trade analysts are particularly impressed by the film's consistent performance, as it has managed to sustain its numbers without any significant drop. Typically, while films often see strong collections during their opening weekend, occupancy tends to decline starting from the following Monday; however, this film has defied that trend. However, recent ticket sales figures suggest that such a situation does not apply to 'Akashamlo Oka Tara'. The fact that there is little difference in ticket sales between Monday and Tuesday indicates strong audience interest in the film. If this trend continues in the coming days, the movie is likely to maintain steady box office collections. In particular, the film's emotional storyline has resonated well with family audiences, which has worked in its favor. Furthermore, the absence of any other major film releases this weekend with the exception of 'Bhogi', starring Sharwanand appears to be an added advantage for 'Akashamlo Oka Tara'. Regardless of any potential competition from new releases, if the film can sustain its current level of audience appeal, it stands a good chance of continuing to perform well at the box office for some time. 'Akashamlo Oka Tara' is directed by Pavan Sadineni, and it marks the debut of Sathvika Veeravalli as the female lead.

Suryavanshi notes lack of assistance for bowlers on the pitch



In the ACC Men's Asia Cup Rising Stars 2026 tournament, 15-year-old Suryavanshi stunned the cricketing world with a destructive performance against the United Arab Emirates (UAE). He smashed a record-breaking double century off just 52 balls, steering India to a memorable seven-wicket victory. In the process, the teenager set several world records. Speaking after receiving the 'Player of the Match' award, Vaibhav Suryavanshi reflected on his innings. He noted that while he had managed good starts in the previous two matches, he had been unable to convert them into substantial scores.

Consequently, he decided to take his time and play steadily at the start against the UAE. He explained that once he realized the pitch offered no assistance to the bowlers, he unleashed his natural, aggressive style of play.

"In the last two matches, I managed to settle in at the crease but couldn't put up a big score. That's why, this time, I planned to take some time early on and play with stability. However, after facing just a ball or two, I realized the pitch wasn't offering much help to the bowlers. Trusting my own strengths, I decided to play my natural, aggressive shots," Vaibhav explained. Vaibhav stated that he was able to bat freely because the conditions turned entirely in his favor. "I didn't clutter my mind with any complex thoughts. If the wicket had assisted the bowlers, I would have played cautiously and tried to stay at the crease for as long as possible. However, the pitch became very favorable for batting, and the ball came onto the bat beautifully. That is why I chose to stick to my natural style of play," he explained.

Vaibhav emphasized that his primary goal, regardless of the nature of the match, is to lead his team to victory and establish dominance. He mentioned that he has made it a habit since childhood to watch the ball closely, and that the advice from his coach, Hrishi, has been immensely helpful to his batting. "Ever since my Under-19 days, Coach Hrishi would repeatedly tell me to watch the ball intently. He advised that if I could track the ball's trajectory accurately, batting would become much easier," he recalled. Expressing his happiness at returning to form, he added that his objective is to maintain this momentum in upcoming matches and continue securing wins for his team.

In this match, Vaibhav Suryavanshi scored 204 runs off just 53 balls, including 28 sixes and 7 fours. In the process, he set new world records in the history of List-A cricket. He smashed a century in just 28 balls, erasing the previous record for the fastest century—set at 29 balls by Jake Fraser-McGurk. He then went on to reach the double-century mark in only 52 balls, recording the fastest double century in the history of cricket.

In this match, UAE lost the toss and batted first, posting 249 runs for the loss of 8 wickets in their allotted 50 overs. Harpreet Singh waged a lone battle, scoring 130 runs off 144 balls. Among the Indian bowlers, Arshad took 4 wickets for 43 runs. Chasing a target of 250, India 'A'—bolstered by a blistering innings from Suryavanshi and a crucial 137-run partnership for the third wicket with Rinku Singh—reached 254 runs for the loss of 3 wickets in just 14.2 overs. With this, India 'A' secured a comfortable victory and confirmed their spot in the semi-finals.

Elect Alliance-Backed Sarpanch Candidates for Village Development
Vemireddy Prashanthi Reddy

Nellore, November 25: pen power Repoter. Nellore Development programmes can move forward effectively only when there is coordinated governance from the village to the state level, said Telugu Desam Party Politburo member and Kovur MLA Vemireddy Prashanthi Reddy. She was speaking at a media conference held along with alliance leaders at the VPR office in Nellore on Wednesday. She said that the alliance secured grand victories in the recent local body elections because Telugu Desam, Bharatiya Janata Party and Jana Sena leaders and workers worked in mutual coordination. She recalled that people gave strong support to the alliance in municipal corporation, municipality, ZPTC and MPTC elections. She called upon everyone to continue the same unity and coordination in the forthcoming panchayat elections and to work for the victory of the Sarpanch candidates supported by the alliance parties in these elections, which are held without party symbols. Prashanthi Reddy criticised that around 16,800 BCs lost political opportunities in the previous YSRCP regime due to reduction in BC reservations. She expressed anger that when the alliance government tried to provide 34 percent reservation to BCs, YSRCP obstructed it by filing cases in court. She said that despite that, the credit of providing 40 percent posts to BCs by honouring the promise given goes to the alliance government. She said this stands as proof of the sincerity of Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu in giving due political importance to BCs.""She criticised that in the previous YSRCP government, opposition party candidates were not even allowed to file nominations, nomination papers were torn and forced unanimous elections were resorted to. She said that, in contrast, the alliance government conducted the local body elections in a free atmosphere and in a transparent manner. She clarified that the election process was conducted legally without giving scope for any untoward incidents and the people's verdict was respected.""Prashanthi Reddy recalled that YSRCP made several criticisms about the victories achieved through EVMs after the alliance government came to power. She said that now, in the local body elections conducted through ballot papers also, people gave a grand victory to the alliance and answered those criticisms. She said that the election results make it clear that whether it is EVM or ballot, the people's verdict remains in favour of the alliance.""She said that the TDP, BJP and Jana Sena alliance is leading the state on the path of development. She said that the alliance government under the leadership of Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu is bringing back on track the state which had suffered severe financial loss and had become disorganised. She said that in the past two and a half years, many reforms were brought and development was paved in all sectors. She said that the government is continuously working to fulfil the aspirations of the people by giving equal priority to welfare and development. She said that even while the election process was going on, alliance leaders stood by the people when natural calamities like cyclones struck. She explained that in the backdrop of adverse weather conditions across the world due to El Nino effect, Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu is taking steps with advance planning to ensure that the people of the state do not face drinking water and irrigation water problems.""Prashanthi Reddy said that development programmes will be implemented quickly and effectively only when public representatives work in coordination from village, mandal, district to state level. She said that efficient leadership in local bodies is necessary for rural areas to achieve more progress and to provide a better future for future generations. She said that Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu is conducting the local body elections prestigiously with the aim of strengthening leadership that works in coordination from village to state level.""She requested TDP, BJP and Jana Sena leaders and workers to work with mutual understanding and coordination in the forthcoming panchayat elections. She called upon leaders and workers of all three parties to work unitedly for the victory of Sarpanch candidates who will contest with the joint support of the alliance parties in the contest held without party symbols in panchayat elections. She said that responsible leadership which is constantly available to the people in villages and solves their problems should be encouraged. She appealed to everyone to cooperate so that panchayat elections are held in a peaceful and free atmosphere. MLA Vemireddy Prashanthi Reddy called upon all to further strengthen the unity among the alliance parties with the goal of village development, people's welfare and future generations' future, and to elect capable Sarpanch candidates with people's support.

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