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- Steps taken toward resolving long-standing issues between the two nations
- Announcement by Union Minister Piyush Goyal at the 2026 Summit
- Agreement with the EU also set to be implemented starting next year
- Key statement comes amidst US proposals for 25% tariffs



Delimitation independent of population

A 50% increase in Lok Sabha seats for all states?



- Proposal to increase Lok Sabha seats by 50% across all states
- An attempt to find a solution while avoiding controversies related to census data
- Likely to maintain the existing proportional representation of states
- A pathway to expedite the implementation of women's reservation
- Official announcement expected following a Union Cabinet meeting

Delhi: The Central Government is moving toward a significant step regarding the delimitation of constituencies in the country. It is understood that the government has decided to undertake this process independently of census data. The plan reportedly involves a uniform 50% increase in the number of Lok Sabha seats across all states. This new proposal is expected to be discussed and formally approved during a Union Cabinet meeting. Typically, the most recent census serves as the standard for delimitation. However, the government does not wish to wait until a new census is completed; therefore, it is reportedly preparing to decouple the process from census figures entirely.

33% Reservation for Women is Certain

Congress Cannot Stop It



- Congress and Rahul Gandhi cannot block the women's quota, says Shah
- Uniform Civil Code will definitely be implemented in BJP-ruled states, he asserts
- Parliament's Winter Session to begin on November 30
- Criticizes Rahul Gandhi, stating that merely carrying a copy of the Constitution does not equate to respecting it
- Accuses the Congress of having held the Constitution captive during the 18-month-long Emergency

Delhi: Union Home Minister Amit Shah has made it clear that neither the Congress party nor its top leader, Rahul Gandhi, can halt the process of providing 33% reservation for women in Parliament and Legislative Assemblies.

Red Sanders smugglers should tremble at the very thought of targeting red sanders logs

Pawan Kalyan



Amaravati: Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan has issued a stern warning, stating that red sanders smugglers should feel a shiver down their spines at the mere thought of eyeing these logs. He directed the Anti-Red Sanders Task Force and Forest Department officials to conduct operations in a manner that shuts down all possible routes, ensuring that no illegal transportation can take place. In a series of raids conducted by the Forest Department within the YSR Kadapa division, approximately 114 red sanders logs were seized, and three individuals were arrested.

CM Chandrababu Supports Women's

Reservation and Delimitation Bills



- CM asserts that delimitation will not harm the interests of Southern states
- Proposal to increase the current number of Lok Sabha constituencies by 50 percent
- Explanation that a 50 percent increase would raise the number of MP seats in Andhra Pradesh to 38
- Appeal to all political parties to support both key bills

Delhi: Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu has emphasized the necessity of ensuring adequate representation for women in legislative bodies, as well as increasing the number of parliamentary constituencies in line with the country's population growth. He expressed his full support for the measures being taken by the Central Government regarding the implementation of women's reservations and the delimitation of constituencies. During his visit to Delhi, CM Chandrababu spoke at a joint press conference alongside Union Minister for Heavy Industries H.D. Kumaras wamy, Union Ministers Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu and Pemmasani Chandra Sekhar, and other Members of Parliament.

A 50% increase in Lok Sabha seats would benefit the South



CM Chandrababu states that the delimitation of constituencies is highly advantageous for Andhra Pradesh.
Full support expressed for the proposal to increase Lok Sabha seats nationwide by 50%.
Chandrababu departs for Delhi following an invitation from Prime Minister Modi.

Do not relax

the alliance's winning streak must continue



- Nara Lokesh holds a teleconference with key party leaders
- Directs cadre to treat every election with seriousness
- Advises coordination with Jana Sena and BJP leaders
- Warns to remain vigilant against violence from the 'axe party' (YSRCP)

Amarawai: In light of the ongoing panchayat elections in the state, TDP Working President and National General Secretary Nara Lokesh held a teleconference with key party leaders. He reviewed the results of the first phase of elections and provided guidance to the party ranks for the upcoming phases. Lokesh congratulated the candidates supported by the alliance on their remarkable victories in the first phase. He expressed satisfaction that the winning momentum of the alliance, which began during the 2024 general elections, continues into these panchayat elections. However, he cautioned the party cadre against becoming complacent due to their recent successes, emphasizing that every election must be taken seriously. "Whether an election is small or large, it should be treated as an election. A higher voter turnout will lead to larger margins of victory for us. We must work even harder than we did during the urban and local body (parishad) elections," he urged.



Jagan Faces a Two-Front Challenge

Vijayawada, November 27: A new and intriguing political equation has emerged in Andhra Pradesh. The announcement by Vijayasai Reddy—a key figure—that he will embark on a state-wide *padayatra* (foot march) following the upcoming Ugadi festival has become a major topic of discussion in political circles. He stated that he intends to engage directly with the public to understand the ground-level issues faced by villages. Notably, there is also speculation that YSRCP chief Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy is planning a *padayatra* around the same time. It appears both leaders are preparing for a competitive political showdown. Vijayasai Reddy has already significantly intensified his verbal attacks against Y.S. Jagan. Having previously accused Jagan of ..



Campaign Ends In Giddalur, Police Security Tightened: SP

- Ban On Public Meetings, Rallies And Mikes
- Outsiders Must Leave Villages Immediately
- Strict Action If Cash, Liquor Distributed

Markapuram Pen Power, November 27:The campaign for the second phase of Gram Panchayat elections to be held on November 29 in six mandals of Giddalur constituency ended at 5 PM on Friday, said District SP Pankaj Kumar Meena. A ban on election campaigning will be in force for 44 hours before the end of polling.He clarified that during this period, election campaigning through



Delimitation: Will It Reshape India's Political Landscape?

Centre takes a crucial step towards the delimitation of constituencies Possibility of changes in political representation based on population“* Widespread debate over the interests of southern states

India's democratic system appears to be on the threshold of another significant chapter. Reports suggesting that the Union Cabinet has approved the Delimitation Bill, aimed at reorganising Lok Sabha and Assembly constituencies across the country, have triggered widespread discussions in political circles. The decision was reportedly taken at a Union Cabinet meeting chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Speculation is also rife that the Bill may be introduced in the Lok Sabha on the 30th of this month. However, this development should not be viewed merely as an exercise in redrawing constituency boundaries, but as a significant move capable of influencing the country's political power equations.““Significance of Delimitation in a Democracy: Public representation is the foundation of a democratic system. Delimitation is the process of redrawing the boundaries of Lok Sabha and Assembly constituencies in accordance with changes in population. Its primary objectives are to ensure adequate political representation for every voter, reduce population disparities and maintain a balance among constituencies. Rapid urbanisation, migration, population growth and changing socio-economic conditions in rural areas have resulted in substantial population disparities among several constituencies across the country. While the number of voters has increased considerably in some constituencies, it remains relatively low in others. Although delimitation is necessary to address these disparities, the criteria adopted for carrying out the exercise have now assumed considerable significance.““What Does the Constitution Say? : Articles 82 and 170 of the Indian Constitution deal with matters relating to the delimitation of Lok Sabha and Assembly constituencies. To encourage population control measures, restrictions were imposed in the past on the reallocation of Lok Sabha seats among states. Through the 84th Constitutional Amendment, provisions were made to continue this freeze until the publication of the figures of the first Census conducted after 2026. Against this backdrop, several questions have gained political significance. What methodology will be adopted for the forthcoming delimitation exercise? Which population figures will be taken as the basis? Will the existing number of Lok Sabha seats be increased? Will there be changes in the proportion of seats allocated to different states? These questions have become central to the ongoing political debate.““Will Population Control Become a Curse for Southern States? : One of the major concerns surrounding delimitation relates to the political representation of southern states. Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Kerala have successfully controlled population growth through progress in family planning, education, healthcare and women's empowerment. On the other hand, certain states in the country continue to record relatively higher population growth rates. If Lok Sabha seats are reallocated solely on the basis of population, states with larger populations may gain greater political representation. Concerns are being expressed that even if the existing number of seats allocated to southern states remains unchanged, their proportionate representation in the Lok Sabha could decline. How far would it be justified if states that successfully implemented population control policies promoted by the Union Government were to suffer political disadvantages? At a time when states that have made significant developmental progress deserve encouragement, the Centre has a responsibility to ensure that their political significance is not diminished.““Impact on the Future of the Telugu States: At present, Andhra Pradesh has 25 Lok Sabha seats, while Telangana has 17.

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"backstabbing" the Congress party, he now alleges that Jagan has treated him in a similar fashion. Once a pivotal leader and strategist within the YSRCP, Vijayasai Reddy’s decision to target Jagan directly while simultaneously preparing for a padayatra marks a new turning point in Andhra Pradesh politics. Should both leaders conduct their *padayatras* concurrently, the political temperature on the ground is likely to rise sharply. While Jagan aims to use his *padayatra* to mobilize the YSRCP cadre and address issues concerning the previous administration and the current state of affairs, Vijayasai Reddy is attempting to present an alternative voice by focusing on the specific challenges faced by rural communities. If two leaders begin their respective *padayatras* (foot marches) around the same time, it is almost certain to create a competitive atmosphere—in terms of media attention, social media discourse, and shifting political equations across constituencies. Vijayasai Reddy’s statements—accusing Jagan of "backstabbing" while simultaneously claiming that he himself is not a candidate for Chief Minister—appear to be a calculated strategic move. Analysts believe that by focusing on issues like social justice, grassroots-level problems, and the inclusion of the younger generation—rather than merely pursuing power—he aims to attract those within the YSRCP who are dissatisfied, as well as others seeking political change. It remains to be seen, however, to what extent the criticisms and the *padyatra* announcement by Vijayasai Reddy—who has long been a key figure within the YSRCP—will impact the party’s existing vote bank or its cadre. While Jagan seeks to demonstrate his own strength and the commitment of his cadre, the emergence of his former associate, Vijayasai Reddy, as a direct challenger, could present a new political headache for the YSRCP. Ultimately, the period following the upcoming Ugadi festival is set to feature a "battle of *padyatras*" in Andhra Pradesh politics. With Vijayasai Reddy preparing his own *padyatra* to counter Jagan’s, and both sides intensifying their verbal attacks, it is clear that the political landscape, mutual criticisms, and grassroots-level contests in Andhra Pradesh are poised to become significantly more intense in the days to come.

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Delhi: Union Minister for Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal has revealed that the bilateral trade agreement between India and the United States has reached its final stage. He stated that the obstacles previously encountered regarding the terms and implementation process of the agreement are being cleared. He made these significant remarks while speaking at the ‘India Debt Capital Market Summit 2026,’ held virtually. Goyal clarified that the proposed trade agreementbetween the two countries is nearing a conclusion, noting that a crucial breakthrough has been achieved in the negotiations. He explained that the agreement is being crafted in a manner that serves the interests of both nations. Goyal also lauded India’s economic progress, highlighting that the GST system has been simplified while keeping tax rates accessible. He pointed out that GST collections recently hit an all-time high and noted that exports reaching $90 billion in a single month marks a historic milestone for the country. Furthermore, he mentioned that discussions regarding a trade agreement with the European Union have also reached their conclusion. It was stated that the agreement with the European Union is expected to be finalized by the end of this year, with a possibility of it coming into effect by March or April of next year. There is confidence that these agreements will open up significant opportunities for Indian exporters in international markets. It may be noted that the U.S. Department of Commerce recently proposed imposing tariffs of up to 25 percent on Indian goods; however, the U.S. has indicated that the se tariffs could be reduced to 17 percent if a bilateral trade agreement is reached. The Indian government has already dismissed allegations regarding "excess capacity" in its manufacturing sector. During the first seven months of the current financial year, India's exports to the United States rose to $59.52 billion. The U.S. continues to remain India's largest export market.

Campaign in support of Kallipedu YCP Sarpanch candidate Attikayala's dream

YCP leader Ottur Kishore Yadav appeals that an educated woman will make the panchayat ideal



Naidupet November 27 Penn Power Repoter“ Kallipedu Gram Panchayat YCP Sarpanch Candidate YCP Mandal President Ottur Kishore Yadav conducted an election campaign in Kallipedu village on Friday, requesting that the candidate of YCP Sarpanch bless the dream of Attikayala and win. Yadav said that Kallipedu YCP Sarpanch candidate Attikayala Swapna is educated and competent. If she wins, she will make the Panchayat ideal by improving infrastructure such as roads, drainage, drinking water, street lights and sanitation. She will always be available to all the people," he said.“He said that Jagan Mohan Reddy will work for the development of the village along with providing transparent governance in accordance with his aspirations. He blessed the dream of Attikayala and asked them to win with a huge majority. YCP village and mandal leaders, activists and women's wing leaders participated in this campaign program.



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Lokesh further advised the cadre to work in coordination with Jana Sena and BJP workers at the grassroots level, adding that any issues encountered should be immediately brought to the attention of the party leadership. It was noted that Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu is continuously monitoring the election process. On this occasion, Lokesh criticized the opposition, warning, "The 'axe' party (a reference to the YSRCP, symbolized by an axe) is falling into a state of frustration due to a series of electoral defeats. They might resort to violence during the elections; everyone must remain vigilant against their attacks and conspiracies." He set targets for the party leaders, instructing them to work hard to secure victories in weaker areas and to strive for even larger majorities in regions where the party is already strong. He further directed leaders from constituencies not currently facing elections to provide support and services in areas where they are needed.

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An additional 50% of seats would be allocated based on the current number of seats held by each state. This approach would prevent political disputes between states addressing concerns that increasing seats based on population could otherwise lead to an unfair outcome for the southern states. There are concerns that states which have successfully controlled their population growth might lose their political representation. If the total number of seats is increased by 50 percent—applied equally to all states, independent of the census—these fears would be alleviated. The existing proportions would remain unchanged, ensuring that every state retains its relative importance. It appears that the central government is devising this strategy primarily to expedite the implementation of the women's reservation law. A 33 percent quota for women in legislative bodies can only be realized once the delimitation process is complete. The bill previously stalled last April due to a lack of the necessary numbers; removing the dependency on the census would accelerate the delimitation process, thereby facilitating the swift implementation of women's reservations. A special session of Parliament is scheduled to take place from November 30 to December 3. The Lok Sabha will convene starting November 30, and the Rajya Sabha from December 2. Preparations are underway to introduce an amendment bill during this session. Recently, 26 Members of Parliament from the opposition shifted their support to the government's side; the Centre is now looking to leverage this current strength to ensure the bill is passed.

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Amarawati: Chief Minister Chandrababu emphasized that the delimitation of constituencies presents a significant opportunity for Andhra Pradesh. He expressed concern that if the delimitation were based solely on current census data, southern states could be at a disadvantage. In this context, he explained to the State Cabinet that the proposal to increase the number of Lok Sabha seats across the country by 50% would be beneficial for all states.

He noted that maintaining the existing ratio of seats among the states until 2051 would ensure that no state is treated unfairly. With a special session of Parliament set to begin on November 30, he directed all MPs from the TDP, Jana Sena, and BJP to be present in Delhi starting from the 29th of this month.

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public meetings, rallies, processions, use of mikes, loudspeakers and social media should not be conducted.He directed political leaders, campaigners and persons from other areas who have no connection with the villages where elections are being held to leave those villages immediately. He said everyone must strictly follow the election code of conduct.The SP said that tight police security has been arranged under the leadership of the District Police Department to conduct the second phase elections peacefully and transparently, and continuous patrolling and vehicle checks are being carried out with special surveillance on problematic and highly problematic villages.“He warned that strict legal action will be taken if anyone indulges in illegal activities like luring voters, threatening them, or distributing cash and liquor.“He advised people to exercise their right to vote freely and fearlessly without any fear, and said no one should indulge in activities that disturb law and order.““He appealed to the people to immediately inform the local police or the Police Control Room number 9121104 783 if there are any violations of election rules, illegal activities or untoward incidents.

Is change possible with Marreddy alone..!

Internal debate in Pithapuram Jana Sena!



Our Staff Reporter, Penpower, Kakinada (Pithapuram), November 27 : There is a single debate going on in the ranks of JanaSena in Pithapuram, the most crucial constituency in state politics. Jana Sainiks who have been with the party since its inception strongly want Marreddy Srinivas, who has worked hard at the field level since the party's inception, to be given the responsibility of constituency in-charge again. - Marreddy who is in coordination with everyone Marreddy Srinivas is known as the lea der who carried the JanaSena flag in Pithapuram since the party was in difficult times, his supporters say. He has a philosophy of including everyone from village-level workers to constituency-level leaders, and the local cadre is analyzing that the party has been strengthened in the past because of working in coordination without hurting any group.““ - A person who is accessible to both the people and the leaders““People's soldiers recall that Marreddy Srinivas used to be able to call and talk directly to the common people about any small problem or need of the workers. They believe that he had the ability to stand as a bridge between the people and the high command at the local level when Pithapuram MLA and Deputy Chief Minister Konidala Pawan Kalyan was busy in the state administration.““- The equations that changed after the Five-Man Committee““The old cadre is expressing their regret that internal differences have started in the party since Marreddy was removed from the constituency in-charge responsibilities and a 'Five-Man Committee' was formed. On the other hand, although party sources believe that the high command brought this committee system to represent senior leaders and various social groups, there are criticisms that there is a delay in taking decisions at the field level and that the workers are confused as to whom to report.““ - If Jana Sena wants to regain its former glory..““The older generation of Jana Sainiks say that a single leadership is needed for the party to work with full enthusiasm in the constituency again. They are hopeful that only if Marreddy Srinivas is given the responsibility of in-charge again, the enthusiasm among the workers will return and the party will regain its former glory. And we have to wait and see what decision the party leadership will take on these demands coming from the field level...! However, it is reliable information that Jana Sena Party President, State Deputy Chief Minister and Pithapuram MLA Konidala Pawan Kalyan has already held talks with Marreddy Srinivas over the phone.

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Pawan Kalyan commended the Kadapa District Forest Officer and the staff who participated in this special operation.

He noted that the team had worked with coordination and strategic planning to identify the illicit activity and apprehend the suspects. Pawan Kalyan inquired about the specifics of the operation from the Forest Department officials. The officials explained that the raids were carried out after receiving information that red sanders logs were being transported in ambulances and cars. They confirmed that three individuals involved in the smuggling were taken into custody, and 114 red sanders logs—along with seven vehicles—were seized. Pawan Kalyan instructed the authorities to identify and arrest any other suspects who may have managed to escape. He further emphasized that the investigation should be conducted in a way that uncovers the root sources of the smuggling network. They issued orders to take strict legal action against those who plunder forest resources and engage in illegal activities.

Will make it an ideal village

- Sarpanch candidate Mangam Subrahmanyam



Our Staff Reporter, Penpower, Kakinada (Pithapuram), November 27 : Mangam Subrahmanyam, who is contesting as the village sarpanch candidate, said that he will make Chinnajaggampeta village an ideal village. On the last day of the election campaign, there was a festive atmosphere in Chinnajaggampeta. Mangam Subrahmanyam, who is contesting as the village sarpanch candidate, participated in the campaign of Mangam Subrahmanyam, who is contesting as the village sarpanch candidate, and TV actor Bobby (Jabardhasth Bobby), TV and silver screen actress Aruna Chowdhury, TV and silver screen actress Divyasri participated in the campaign and expressed their support and went to every house in the village and requested the voters to vote on the ring symbol. He said that if he is elected as Sarpanch, he will provide free pure mineral water to all the villagers, undertake the construction of a Kalyana Mandapam and a modern function hall with the participation of the villagers, and give Rs.20 thousand of his own funds every year to the temples and churches in the village. Similarly, he said that he will provide WiFi internet facility and digital services to the villagers, and he will do his best to provide playgrounds and distribute sports equipment to the village youth. He said that a free ambulance will be set up that will be available continuously for the medical needs of the villagers. He promised that he will make special arrangements for skill training, self-employment opportunities and job creation for the unemployed youth, and that he will work to provide auto stands, rest sheds and welfare schemes for drivers. He said that special measures will be taken for financial assistance to small traders and market protection. He said that he will do his best to ensure timely supply of seeds and fertilizers to the food grains and at a reasonable price. He said that he will take steps to establish a service center so that all government services can be easily accessed at one place and provide all facilities to the people of the village. He urged them to cast their precious votes on the ring symbol in the elections to be held on the 29th and make Chinnaja ggampeta the village sarpanch candidate.

Youth Play a Crucial Role in Achieving Viksit Bharat

Awareness of constitutional values must be promoted among youth

Youth urged to contribute to national development with democratic spirit

Yuva Samvad programme held at QIS College



Our Staff Reporter Pen Power “Ongole, November 26 : Speakers emphasised that youth participation is crucial in achieving the vision of Viksit Bharat. Marking Constitution Day, the ‘Yuva Samvad – Samvidhan Diwas Edition’ programme was organised on Thursday at QIS College of Engineering and Technology in Ongole under the auspices of Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat), Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India.““Speaking on the occasion, District Youth Officer A.V. Narasimha Kumar stated that the primary objective of the programme was to enhance awareness among young people about the Indian Constitution, constitutional values, democratic spirit, civic responsibilities and the role of youth in national development.““STEP CEO Srimannarayana emphasised the need for young people to understand the significance of the Indian Constitution and the principles of equality, liberty, fraternity and social responsibility. Students actively participated in the discussion and shared their views on these issues.““Project Director A. Padma Sunanda called upon young people to play an active role in achieving the vision of Viksit Bharat. She highlighted the importance of youth participation in shaping the nation's future.““E. Dinesh Kumar, Legal Officer B. Ratna Prasad, QIS College Principal Hanumantha Rao, faculty members, STEP staff, National Youth Volunteers and students participated in the programme.

Rampachodavaram MPDO Suspended Over Negligence in Providing Food to Poll Staff

Rampachodavaram, November 27: Polavaram District Election Officer and Collector K. Dinesh Kumar has suspended Rampachoda varam MPDO P.V.V.S. Prasad for negligence in providing food, refreshments and basic facilities to personnel deployed for the second phase of Gram Panchayat elections.On November 25, election staff staged a prot est in front of the ITDA office at Rampacho davaram, holding empty plates, after reportedly not receiving food and refreshments at the election material distribution centre. Taking serious note of the incident, the Collector stated that providing basic facilities to election personnel was the responsibility of the MPDO.““After seeking an explanation from the officer, the Collector ordered his immediate suspension under the AP Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991. Further disciplinary action will be initiated as per rules.

Daily flossing is essential for a long-lasting smile: Dr. Addala



Our Staff Reporter, Penpower, Kakinada, November 27 : At a program at the local Adabala Trust in the city, renowned dentist Dr. Addala Satyanarayana explained the use and method of flossing. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Addala said that National Flossing Day is celebrated on the fourth Friday of November every year, and that this day is dedicated to creating awareness about the health of teeth and gums and promoting the habit of daily flossing. He said that brushing alone does not completely remove food particles and plaque stuck in the gaps between the teeth, flossing can prevent problems like tooth decay, gum disease, and bad breath, and using waxed floss makes it easier to clean the gaps between the teeth when they are narrow or when you have braces. He said that flossing along with brushing in daily dental care has many health benefits. Flossing removes the layer of bacteria that accumulates in the gaps between the teeth that the brush cannot reach. It significantly reduces the risk of tooth decay by cleaning food particles and sugar deposits stuck between the teeth. It removes bacteria that accumulate on the edge of the gums and prevents diseases such as gingivitis and severe periodontitis. It prevents bad breath caused by food waste that decays between the teeth and keeps the breath fresh. If bacteria in the mouth enter the bloodstream, problems such as heart disease and diabetes can worsen. Keeping the mouth clean through flossing is also good for the body's health. To floss properly, take a floss thread about 18 inches long, wrap it around the middle fingers of both hands, and keep 1-2 inches in the middle to clean, pass the thread slowly and carefully between the teeth, do not put strong pressure on the gums, bend it in a 'C' shape according to the shape of the tooth, and gently move it up and down until it reaches the gum line, and use a clean part of the thread for each new tooth. Adabala Ratna Prasad, Nimmakayala Venkateswara Rao, Prasad Naidu, women and others participated in this program.

No Room for Negligence in Panchayat Elections

Election guidelines must be strictly followed

No delay in uploading election results

District Collector P. Rajababu

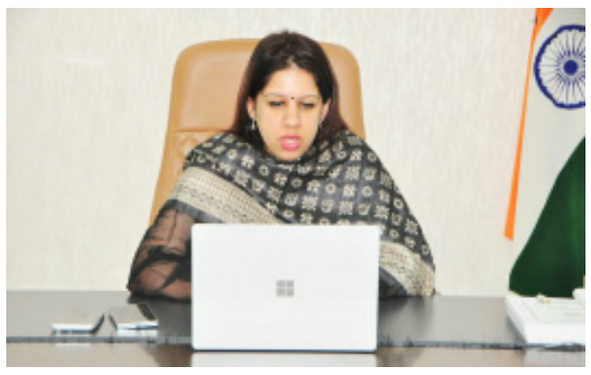


Our Staff Reporter Pen Power “Ongole, November 27 : District Collector P. Rajababu directed officials to ensure that there is no negligence in the arrangements for the panchayat elections. Ahead of the second phase of panchayat elections scheduled for November 29, the Collector conducted a video conference from Prakasa m Bhavan on Friday with Returning Officers, Presiding Officers, MPDOs and Micro Obser vers. Speaking on the occasion, the Collector instructed officials to complete all necessary arrangements at polling stations. He directed polling personnel to reach their respective polling stations with election materials a day in advance and commence the polling process at the scheduled time. He emphasised that entry into polling stations must be strictly regulated in accordance with election rules.““The Collector further directed officials to conduct the counting of votes as per the guidelines issued by the Election Commission and upload the results to the Swarna Panchayat website without any delay.““Stating that election personnel had already been provided with the necessary training in phases, he instructed them to ensure the smooth and error-free conduct of the entire election process. He also advised Micro Observers to closely monitor the ground-level situation. District Revenue Officer P. Venkataramana, District Election Nodal Officer M. Venkateswara Rao and other officials participated in the meeting.



All Arrangements in Place for Second Phase of Gram Panchayat Elections

District Election Officer and Collector Kritika Shukla



Narasaraopet , Pen Power, November 27 : Paln adu : All arrangements have been completed for the second phase of Gram Panchayat elections scheduled to be held on November 29 in Palna du district, District Election Officer and Collector Kritika Shukla said. She stated that the district administration is fully prepared to conduct the elections in a peaceful, free, fair, impartial and transparent manner. Speaking on the occasion, the Collector said elections would be conducted for 540 wards across 53 Gram Panch ayats in five mandals under the second phase. A total of 534 polling stations and 53 counting centres have been established for the smooth conduct of the elections. She also stated that 98 Gram Panchayats and 1,144 wards in the district had already been elected unanimously. Polling Personnel and Election Material Ready““The Collector said a total of 1,728 personnel, including reserve staff, had been deployed for election duties. Of these, 641 are Presiding Officers, 641 are Assistant Presiding Officers and 446 are other polling personnel. All necessary election materials have been arranged to ensure the smooth conduct of the polling process.““Special Surveillance at Sensitive Polling Stations““The Collector stated that 194 highly sensitive and 82 sensitive polling stations had been identified across the district. Special surveillance arrangements would be made at these locations. The entire polling process would be continuously monitored through CCTV cameras and webcasting to ensure transparency and prevent any irregularities.““Strong Police Security Arrangements““She said stringent security measures had been put in place to prevent any untoward incidents during the elections. Special police bandobast would be arranged in sensitive and highly sensitive areas, along with continuous surveillance. Necessary measures were being taken in coordination with the police department to maintain law and order at polling stations and vote-counting centres.““Collector Appeals to Voters to Exercise Their Right to Vote““The Collector stated that officials from the police, revenue and other departments were working in coordination to ensure free and fair conduct of the Gram Panchayat elections.““She appealed to the public and voters to extend their cooperation to the election process. Emphasising that the right to vote is highly valuable in a democracy, District Collector Kritika Shukla urged all eligible voters to exercise their franchise without fail on November 29 and actively participate in the democratic process.

Collective Efforts Needed to Make Polavaram a Child Marriage -*Free District.. Collector*



Rampachodavaram, November 27: Polavaram District Collector K. Dinesh Kumar called upon officials, voluntary organisations and the public to work together to make Polavaram a child marriage-free district.““An awareness programme titled Child Marriage-Free Bharat was organised at the ITDA conference hall on Friday to mark the International Day for the Elimination of Child Marriage and Forced Marriage. The programme was inaugurated by Collector K. Dinesh Kumar, AP State Commission for Protection of Child Rights member V. Gandhi Babu, Joint Collector Surapati Prashanth Kumar and Sub-Collectors Pruthviraj Kumar and Narendra Padal by lighting the ceremonial lamp.““Addressing the gathering, the Collector said child marriages adversely affect children's future, particularly the education, health and mental development of girls. He urged officials to create awareness at the village level and immediately inform the concerned authorities about any instances of child marriage. He stressed that protecting children's rights and ensuring equal educational opportunities was everyone's responsibility. Joint Collector Surapati Prashanth Kumar urged the public to report child marriages involving girls below 18 years of age to the police or ICDS officials. He called for widespread awareness campaigns in villages and encouraged girls to pursue higher education and excel in various professions.““V. Gandhi Babu said the district administration was committed to ensuring education, healthcare and safety for every girl. He stressed the need to prevent girls from dropping out of school, take legal action against those who conduct or encourage child marriages, and strengthen village-level vigilance through child protection committees, women's groups and youth organisations. He also emphasised rehabilitation and educational support for girls rescued from child marriages. Elect organisation coordinator Srinivasa Rao said awareness programmes were being conducted across the district under the Collector's guidance and a 100-day action plan was being prepared to eliminate child marriages.““A pledge against child marriages was administered and awareness posters were unveiled during the programme.““ICDS Project Director K. Uma, Sub-Inspector Ramesh, representatives of women's groups, schoolgirls, Elect organi sation official Shyam Kumar, Project Manager Mangatayaru and others participated.

Collector Calls for Successful Conduct of Navy Day and Vizag Navy Marathon

Naval operational demonstration at RK Beach on December 4
Vizag Navy Marathon on December 13
Over 15,000 participants expected in the marathon
District Collector M. Abhishikth Kishore



Our Special Correspondent Pen Power ““Visakhapatnam, November 27 :““““ District Collector M. Abhishikth Kishore called upon district officials to work in close coordination to ensure the successful conduct of the Navy Day celebrations scheduled for December 4 and the Vizag Navy Marathon scheduled for December 13. The Collector held a review meeting with naval and district officials at the Collectorate conference hall on Friday evening to discuss arrangements for the two major events. Speaking on the occasion, the Collector said that a full-dress rehearsal of the naval exercises would be held at RK Beach on December 3, followed by the Naval Operational Demonstration on December 4. He directed the district administration to extend its full cooperation to the naval authorities for the smooth conduct of the events.““Naval officials sought the cooperation of the district administration in making necessary arrangements, including barricading, parking facilities, uninterrupted power supply and temporary toilets, to ensure that guests and spectators did not face any inconvenience. They also sought special assistance from the Police Department in making security arrangements and requested the Collector to declare the demonstration area a no-drone flying zone.““Navy Marathon in Four Categories““The Collector stated that more than 15,000 participants were expected to take part in the Vizag Navy Marathon-2026, scheduled for December 13. Organised under the aegis of the Eastern Naval Command, the marathon will feature four categories — the 42-km Aircraft Run, 21-km Submarine Run, 10-km Aircraft Carrier Run and 5-km Frigate Run.““The runs will commence from RK Beach and proceed along the scenic coastline of Visakhapatnam through designated routes for each category. The marathon route will extend up to INS Kalinga at Bheemunipatnam.““Naval officials said that the marathon would help promote physical fitness among the public while creating awareness about the coastal region. They sought the cooperation of the district administration to make the event a grand success. For further details, interested participants can visit www.vizagnavymarathon.run or contact 7386007503 and 9515448412.““Joint Collector G. Vidyadhari, Deputy Commissioner of Police Chandolu Manikanta, District Revenue Officer S.D. Anitha, Race Organiser Commander S.S. Dodi, Race Consultant T. Ravi Kumar, Officer-in-Charge Lieutenant Commander (Retd.) Roshan Sahu, and several district and naval officials attended the meeting.

786 Complaint to the police alleging baseless allegations against Rafi

Complainant appeals to take action against YSRCP leader Paleti Nagarjuna



Naidupet, November 27: Penn Power representative. Mangaluri Venkaiah filed a complaint at Naidupet police station demanding action against YSRCP leader and 3rd ward councilor Paleti Nagarjuna for making false and baseless allegations against 786 Rafi, manager of 786 Seva Sanstha of Naidupet town.“According to the details mentioned in the complaint, the complainant stated that 786 Rafi established 786 Seva Sansthan in Naidupet town and conducted various service programs for the poor, needy and distressed people for many years. He said that apart from social service, he has special recognition in political and business fields.“But on the 26th of this month, Paleti Nagarjuna held a press meet along with some YSRCP leaders and made false and baseless allegations against 786 Rafi in the complaint. It is said that these comments have damaged his personal dignity, political life and social respect.“The complainant opined that it is inappropriate to make personal criticisms of a political party against a person who has earned a good reputation among the public. Regarding the comments made in the press meet, he asked to look into the facts and take appropriate action.“The police have been asked to collect the videos, audios, social media posts and other evidence related to the press meet and conduct an investigation. If it is found that a crime has been committed in the preliminary investigation, it has been appealed to take appropriate action against those responsible as per the laws.“Mangalluri Venkaiah requested the police to ensure that such baseless allegations are not repeated in the future and to conduct a thorough investigation into his complaint and do justice. Sharif Venkatesh and Satish along with him. Sheriff. Muduru Shekhar. Udaya Reddy and many others participated

Election Staff Urged to Avail Postal Ballot Facility

Special arrangements at MPDO offices on November 30
Voting facility available from 10.30 AM to 5 PM
District Collector
M. Abhishikth Kishore



Our Staff Reporter Pen Power “Visakhapatnam, November 27 : District Collector and District Election Officer M. Abhishikth Kishore urged eligible personnel engaged in election duties to exercise their franchise through postal ballots.““He stated that the postal ballot facility has been provided to eligible election personnel belonging to Visakhapatnam rural areas who have been assigned duties for the third phase of Gram Panchayat elections scheduled to be held in the district on December 2.““Special arrangements have been made at the respective Mandal Parishad Development Officer (MPDO) offices on November 30, he said, adding that the voting facility would be available from 10.30 AM to 5 PM.““In a statement issued on Friday, the Collector urged all eligible election personnel to visit their designated MPDO offices and exercise their right to vote through postal ballots within the stipulated time without fail.

Everyone must adhere to Election Commission guidelines

Basic amenities must be ensured at polling stations
District Collector Vijaya Krishnan
Training programme for Returning Officers at Nakkapalli



Our Staff Reporter Pen Power Nakkapalli, November 27: District Collector and District Election Officer Vijaya Krishnan directed officials to ensure the smooth and error-free conduct of the second phase of gram panchayat elections in the district.

CM Chandrababu Supports Women's Reservation and Delimitation Bills



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Chandrababu noted that the issue of women's reservations, which has been pending for nearly three decades, has now reached a critical stage. He described the decision to allocate 33 percent of seats in legislative bodies to women as a historic move. He pointed out that women have already demonstrated their talent in fields such as education, employment, and the economy, and added that the time has come for them to receive due prominence in politics as well. He stated that for women's empowerment, political participation is just as essential as social and economic participation.

The Chief Minister pointed out the need to increase the representation of elected officials in proportion to the country's population growth. He noted that the last delimitation of constituencies took place in 1976, based on the 1971 census—a time when the country's population was 588 million (58.8 crore) and the Lok Sabha consisted of 543 seats. He argued that it is unreasonable to maintain the same number of seats today, now that the country's population has reached nearly 1.47 billion (147 crore).

He explained that while one Member of Parliament (MP) represented every 1 million (10 lakh) people in 1971, an MP is now required to represent, on average, 2.7 million (27 lakh) people. He suggested that increasing the number of constituencies by 50 percent—resulting in one MP for every 1.8 million (18 lakh) people—would provide a better opportunity to effectively voice the concerns of the public within legislative bodies. Addressing concerns that delimitation might disadvantage the southern states, Chandrababu noted that these states have historically served as a model for the rest of the country in terms of population control. He warned that if the delimitation process were based solely on population figures (such as those from a 2026 census), the southern states—which have lower fertility rates—could risk losing political representation. Therefore, it has been proposed that the most appropriate approach would be to uniformly increase the number of seats across all states by 50 percent. This would ensure that states which have successfully implemented population control measures are not disadvantaged.

The Chief Minister explained that if this policy were implemented, the number of Lok Sabha constituencies in Andhra Pradesh would rise from the current 25 to 38. He further analyzed that the number of seats would increase to 59 in Tamil Nadu, 42 in Karnataka, 26 in Telangana, and 30 in Kerala—bringing the total number of parliamentary seats for the southern states to 195. He noted that this would preserve the federal balance without compromising the interests of the southern states. He added that the delimitation of these constituencies should be completed by the 2029 general elections, which would, in turn, pave the way for the effective implementation of reservations for women.

Chandrababu recalled that during N.T. Rama Rao's tenure in undivided Andhra Pradesh, the foundation for women's political representation was laid by granting them property rights and reservations in local government bodies. He highlighted that subsequent efforts, such as the empowerment of women through DWCRA (Development of Women and Children in Rural Areas) groups, have been significant; the fact that women secured numerous mayoral positions in recent local body elections serves as a testament to their progress. He mentioned that the Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly has already passed a resolution in support of the Women's Reservation Bill and forwarded it to the Central Government.

Chandrababu appealed to all members to vote in favor of the Women's Reservation Bill during the upcoming parliamentary session, scheduled for later this month. He called upon all political parties to set aside past political differences and extend unanimous support to these crucial bills, keeping the nation's interests and the future of women in mind. He made it clear that the women of the country would reject any political party that opposes bills aimed at fostering women's empowerment.

895 Poll Personnel Exercise Their Franchise Through Postal Ballots



Rampachodavaram, November 27: A total of 895 election personnel assigned to duties for the second phase of Gram Panchayat elections in Polavaram district exercised their right to vote through postal ballots on Friday. District Election Officer and Collector K. Dinesh Kumar said that the postal ballot voting process was still underway.""Special postal ballot voting centres were arranged at MPDO offices to facilitate officials and staff who will be on election duty during the second phase of Gram Panchayat elections scheduled for November 29. The Collector appreciated the election personnel for exercising their democratic right while discharging their election responsibilities and urged all staff assigned to election duties to make use of the facility.""District Panchayat Officer G. Bhaskar stated that, as per the latest information, 895 election personnel had cast their votes through postal ballots, while some others were waiting to exercise their franchise. He explained that the postal ballot facility would help personnel who would be unable to vote at their respective polling stations due to election duties.

Kakinada SDPO reviews security arrangements for second phase of Panchayat elections





Our Staff Reporter, Penpower, Kakinada (Pithapuram), November 27 : Kakinada Sub-Divisional Police Officer N.V.S.K.Durga Rao held a review meeting on the security arrangements for the second phase of Gram Panchayat elections to be held on 29th of this month in Pithapuram mandal. He met with the officers of all the police stations within the circle limits at the Pithapuram Circle Office on Friday. He reviewed the problems and shortcomings faced during the first phase of elections held on 26th of this month and ordered to take strong measures to prevent them from recurring in the second phase. He advised to identify rioters and rowdy sheeters who may disrupt law and order during the elections in advance and keep a constant vigil on them. He ordered to identify problematic and highly problematic villages and deploy additional police forces and reserve personnel there. It was clarified that basic arrangements like barricades, uninterrupted power supply, and adequate lighting should be completed in advance at the counting centers along with strong security. Every officer and staff participating in election duties should coordinate with other departments and act vigilantly and responsibly. The SDPO said that the police department is taking all security measures to ensure that the elections are held peacefully, free and impartially, and called on the people to exercise their right to vote without fear. Pithapuram Circle Inspector G.V.Satyanarayana, Pithapuram Town SI V.Manikumar, Gollaprolu SI N.Ramakrishna, U.Kothapalli SI G.Venkatesh, and Pithapuram Rural SI S.K.John Basha participated in this meeting.

Comprehensive Land Re-Survey Process Must Be Accelerated



Collector K. Dinesh Kumar Pending Survey Works Must Be Completed Within the Stipulated Time

Rampachodavaram, November 27: Polavaram District Collector K. Dinesh Kumar has directed the concerned officials to speed up the comprehensive land re-survey process across the district and complete all pending works within the stipulated time.""On Friday, the Collector, along with District Joint Collector Surapati Prashanth Kumar and Sub-Collectors Pruthviraj Kumar and Narendra Padal, conducted a review meeting on the progress of the re-survey at the local ITDA conference hall.""During the meeting, the Collector reviewed the progress of re-survey works across various mandals, Tahsildar login status, Sub-Collector and Joint Collector login processes, verification of physical records and details of villages where survey work was pending.""He stated that the progress of Tahsildar logins relating to 157 villages and Sub-Collector logins relating to 107 villages was reviewed, along with the progress of the Joint Collector login process.""The Collector instructed officials to thoroughly verify village-wise land records, make necessary corrections and complete all pending re-survey activities within the prescribed deadlines. He also directed them to ensure proper e-KYC procedures and upload survey-related information regularly based on survey numbers and physical records.""Special emphasis was laid on accurately surveying forest land boundaries and government land boundaries to avoid discrepancies. He instructed the concerned officials to ensure accuracy and transparency throughout the re-survey process.""Survey Assistant Director Krishna Raju, Deputy Survey Inspector Lakshman, Tahsildars C.H. Balaji and Ammaji, Sub-Collector Office Administrative Officer A. Satyanarayana, EDM Nagesh and other officials participated in the meeting.

Parking of vehicles on both sides of the road..

Severe disruption to traffic

- Ignoring police.. Motorists in distress
- S.F.S. High School Silver Jubilee celebrations cause trouble for city residents





Our Staff Reporter, Penpower, Kakinada (Pithapuram) : In the wake of the Silver Jubilee celebrations of S.F.S. English Medium High School located in the Maharaja Vari Kota in the city, there was a severe traffic disruption on the road. As the vehicles of those who came for the celebrations were parked randomly on both sides of the road, motorists and city residents who were traveling on that route faced severe difficulties. As a large number of parents and guests came for the school's Silver Jubilee celebrations, the entire road was filled with vehicles. Due to the lack of proper parking arrangements, two-wheelers and cars were parked on the road. Due to this, the remaining vehicles could not move forward. Those going on urgent work, school students and locals were stuck in the traffic and suffered hell.

Despite all this, the city residents are expressing extreme impatience that the police, who are supposed to regulate traffic, are not even looking in the direction. Locals are criticizing that this situation has arisen due to the lack of prior traffic restrictions or alternative parking arrangements during large-scale celebrations. At least now, people are demanding that the authorities respond and take steps to prevent traffic problems from arising.

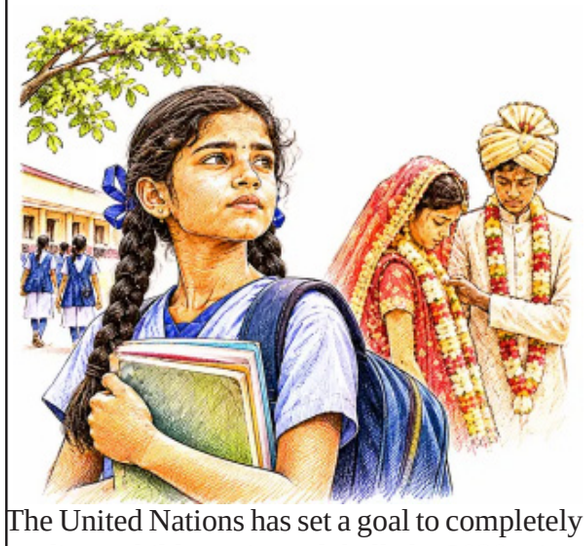
Claim That I Bought Vice-Chairman Post Is A Blatant Lie



- I Am Ready To Take An Oath, Are You Ready?
- Show Proof That I Paid Money
- Thanks To Leaders Who Gave Me The Post
- Nagajyothi Throws Challenge To Those Alleging Purchase

Markapuram, Pen Power, November 27: Municipal Vice-Chairman Koppula Nagajyothi strongly condemned the false propaganda that she bought the Vice-Chairman post. She was speaking at a press meet held at her residence in the town."She said some people are spreading false propaganda that she paid money for the Vice-Chairman post and are enjoying it, and requested people not to believe such propaganda. She clarified that neither she nor her family paid even a single rupee to anyone. She said it is not proper to make allegations without proof.She said she is ready to take an oath anywhere that she did not pay money to anyone, and threw a challenge asking whether those making false allegations are ready to take an oath."She thanked CM Chandrababu Naidu, Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan, local MLA Kandula Narayana Reddy, Ongole UDA Chairman Riyaz, State Haj Director Mirza Abid, Director Sadiq, and Municipal Chairman Vakalagadda Mallikarjuna Rao for giving her the opportunity as Janasena Party Vice-Chairman of the Municipality.

Childhood Bound by Matrimony!



The United Nations has set a goal to completely eradicate child marriage globally by 2030—just four years from now. This initiative, launched in 2016 in collaboration with the UNFPA, was designed as a 15-year program. The first phase included 12 countries, among them India. The program has now been renewed for its third phase, covering the period from 2024 to 2030. Despite these efforts, statistics indicate that approximately 650 million women and girls worldwide were married off during their childhood. Every year, 12 million girls are wed before reaching the age of 18. While the incidence of child marriage has declined in India, the problem persists; one-third of the world's child brides are in India.

According to a UNICEF study, more than half of all child marriages in the country are recorded in the states of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, West Bengal, Maharashtra, and Madhya Pradesh. Against this backdrop, the United Nations General Assembly adopted a significant resolution, declaring November 27 as the 'International Day for the Elimination of Child, Early, and Forced Marriage.' As this day is observed for the first time this year, special programs are being organized in India as part of the 'Child Marriage-Free India' (Balya Vivaha Rahita Bharat) campaign. In the Dharur taluka of Beed district, Maharashtra, a mother filed a complaint with the Child Helpline, reporting that her 13-year-old daughter had been married off ten days earlier. Following this, a case was registered against four individuals, including the groom and his parents. In the village of Buksoura, Uttarakhand, representatives from non-governmental organizations (NGOs) intervened to stop the marriage of a 16-year-old girl to 25-year-old Samir Biswas on November 18. In Mathiya village, Jaunpur district, Uttar Pradesh, family members had arranged for a 12-year-old girl to marry a 17-year-old boy on October 28. A complaint was filed alleging that, despite the girl's desire to pursue her education, her family ignored her wishes and sent her to work at a brick kiln. Authorities halted the marriage just as the groom's wedding procession was arriving. In Assam, as part of a recent government crackdown on child marriage, 565 people have been arrested and 481 cases registered. Over the past few years, the state has seen more than 12,000 such cases and over 11,000 arrests. In West Bengal, the Chief Minister announced that between January and June 2026, nearly 60,000 births to girls under the age of 18 were recorded in hospitals. In our own state, authorities in the Kurnool district intervened to stop five child marriages this past April. Three minor girls were rescued in Kotakonda, Devanakonda mandal, while two other child marriages were halted within the jurisdictions of the Dhone and Nagalapuram police stations.

Poverty as a primary cause: Poverty is one of the main drivers of child marriage. Poor financial conditions, an inability to afford a girl's education, and the desire to quickly fulfill the "responsibility" of getting a daughter married often push parents toward this path. Other contributing factors include the perception of a daughter as a financial burden, the burden of dowry and wedding expenses, and various social pressures. Furthermore, certain deep-rooted cultural traditions, beliefs, and customs—compounded by a lack of awareness regarding the harmful consequences of child marriage—sustain this issue. Child marriage not only deprives girls of an education but also exposes them to the risks of early pregnancy and childbirth. Girls who become mothers before their physical development is complete often suffer from anemia, malnutrition, and complications related to pregnancy and childbirth; they also endure significant mental stress. Data from the Child Marriage Data Portal reveals that 34.9 percent of women in India who were married as children gave birth to a child before the age of 18.

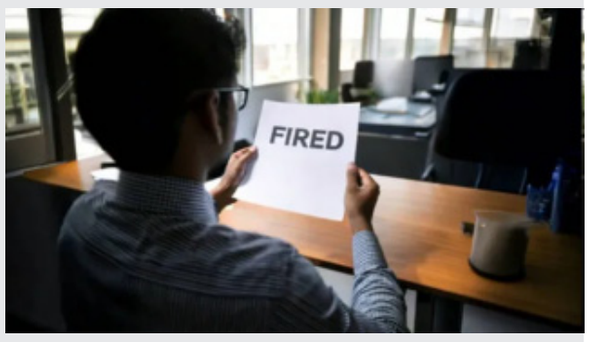
Climate change...: In recent times, climate change has also emerged as a factor contributing to child marriage. Floods, cyclones, droughts, and severe heatwaves are devastating the livelihoods of families. The loss of crops, the disappearance of employment opportunities, and an increase in migration are forcing girls to drop out of school. Faced with financial hardship, some parents view the marriage of their daughters as a solution. The link between natural disasters and the rise in child marriages—particularly in South Asia and Africa—is a cause for serious concern. A study, which analyzed three decades of climate and health data across nearly 50 countries and incorporated insights from girls in five of these nations, sheds light on the dire situation faced by many. Among the survey participants, 36 percent reported an increase in child marriages in their communities following natural disasters. Furthermore, 90 percent indicated that climate change is severely impacting their families' survival, health, and financial stability. UNICEF estimates that, globally, a girl is married off every three seconds. With only four yea rs remaining to meet the United Nations' targets, these statistics suggest that achieving the goal will be a formidable challenge. Creating a society free from child marriage requires more than just a reduction in the number of such unions; every girl must be granted the opportunity to pursue the education of her choice and the freedom to strive toward ambitious goals. We need families and a society that champion the idea that "a girl's future belongs on the path to school, not on the wedding altar."

Surprising that Telangana is unaware of AP's Palnadu Water Grid construction: Retired Engineers' Association expresses concern

Hyderabad: The Association of Retired Engineers has expressed concern over the fact that Telangana remains unaware of the Palnadu Water Grid project being constructed by the Andhra Pradesh government. Speaking at a press conference held at Visvesvaraya Bhavan in Hyderabad, the Association's President, Shyam Prasad Reddy, and General Secretary, Tanniru Venkatesham, stated that work worth Rs 100 crore has already been completed on the water grid. They strongly condemned the diversion of water from the Nagarjuna Sagar project by Andhra Pradesh without authorization from the Krishna River Management Board (KRMB). They remarked that it is regrettable that AP is diverting water illegally, given that, according to the agreement between the two states, water should only be drawn based on decisions made during KRMB meetings. They noted that there are currently only 40 TMC of water available in the Nagarjuna Sagar reservoir, which should be reserved for the drinking water needs of both states. They further stated that drawing water from the right canal without a KRMB meeting is inappropriate. They cautioned both state governments against using water arbitrarily rather than following a planned approach, and questioned the very purpose of having a KRMB if the two states are supposed to be in harmony. It was alleged that Andhra Pradesh has been systematically constructing projects and demanding a share of the water from the Godavari and Krishna rivers. A demand was raised for the Central government to immediately convene meetings of the Krishna River Management Board (KRMB) and the Apex Council. It was also requested that the issue regarding the Pothireddypadu head regulator at the Srisailam Dam be resolved. Furthermore, it was revealed that a plan has been devised to divert 3 TMC of water per day to the Palnadu Water Grid. It was emphasized that any new project requires the approval of the KRMB.

SAP Prepares for Major Restructuring Focused on AI

- Plans to cut 10,000 jobs globally
- Aim is to control costs and focus on Artificial Intelligence (AI)
- Second major round of layoffs at SAP in under three years



Delhi: German software giant SAP is reportedly preparing for another round of large-scale layoffs as part of a restructuring effort centered on Artificial Intelligence (AI). A report by Bloomberg indicates that the company is considering a proposal to eliminate at least 10,000 jobs worldwide—roughly 9% of its total workforce. Under the leadership of CEO Christian Klein, the company aims to further integrate AI technology into its software applications. The primary objective of this restructuring is to pivot the business to meet the growing demand for AI-driven products while simultaneously managing costs. It is understood that the changes will largely impact the product, engineering, and sales divisions.

SAP has already taken several stringent measures to redirect funds toward AI development; as of July, the company halted new hiring, with the exception of roles specifically related to AI. Meanwhile, changes are also taking place at the company's senior leadership level. The departure of key executives, such as the heads of product and sales, signals these upcoming changes. This marks the second major restructuring at SAP in the last three years. In January 2024, the company announced layoffs that resulted in the reduction of approximately 9,000 to 10,000 positions. SAP, which has a global workforce of 110,000 employees, typically makes such significant announcements toward the end of January, alongside the release of its full-year financial results. Consequently, an official announcement regarding this is expected soon.

Brothers murder their wives, unable to bear the constant quarrels between them

Ranchi: Unable to endure the persistent fighting between their wives, two brothers murdered them. They subsequently buried the bodies in a forest area. Following an investigation, the police arrested the brothers as well as their parents. The incident took place in the Gumla district of Jharkhand. The brothers, Shiva Shankar Sahu and Naveen Sahu, work as ambulance drivers. Their wives—28-year-old Mini Priya and 20-year-old Radhika Kumari—had been involved in ongoing disputes for a long time. Unable to tolerate these family conflicts, the brothers murdered their wives, Mini Priya and Radhika Kumari, in a fit of rage on November 23. They transported the bodies in an ambulance to a forest area in the neighboring Simdega district, where they dug a pit and buried them. Afterward, the brothers claimed that their wives had left home without informing anyone. Meanwhile, the families of Mini Priya and Radhika Kumari became concerned and filed a complaint, prompting a police investigation. The police grew suspicious of the brothers and questioned them. A police official stated that Shiva Shankar Sahu and Naveen Sahu confessed to murdering their wives. Based on the information provided by them, the bodies of the wives were located, recovered, and sent for postmortem examinations. A police official stated that, in addition to the two brothers, their parents—Sameshwar Sahu and Tileshwari Devi—have also been arrested. The axe used in the murders and the ambulance used to transport the bodies have been seized. The official further mentioned that a case has been registered against the accused under various legal sections, and an investigation is underway.

A small village, a grand ambition



A village girl secures a position in the Ministry of Defence at just 19
- Priyanka, a young woman from Rajasthan, lands a job as an auditor in the Ministry of Defence
- Villagers give a grand welcome to Priyanka upon her return home
- Deepali Rathore, another young woman from the same district, joins the Indian Army as a Lieutenant
- These achievements serve as an inspiration to girls in rural areas

Rajasthan: Two young women from a remote district in Rajasthan have achieved high aspirations through sheer determination, bringing pride to their respective villages. One has secured a position as an auditor in the Union Ministry of Defence, while the other has been selected as a Lieutenant in the Indian Army—both serving as an inspiration to many. Priyanka Prajapat, from a small village called Nuwan in the Didwana-Kuchaman district, earned the role of an auditor in the Ministry of Defence. Although her father, Suresh Prajapat, works abroad, Priyanka never neglected her studies despite the family responsibilities she had to manage. She completed her schooling up to the 12th grade in her own village before moving to Jaipur for higher education. Through consistent hard work and discipline, she reached her goal. Upon returning to her village for the first time since starting her job, Priyanka was given a grand welcome and felicitated by the villagers, led by the newly elected Sarpanch, Kuldeep Singh Rathore. Priyanka's uncle, Sheeshpal Prasad, shared that she had shown a keen interest in her studies from a young age; it was her determination and focus that brought her to this level. Priyanka's success serves as a great inspiration for girls in rural areas. She has proven that with the right encouragement and a hardworking spirit, girls can reach even the highest of positions. Meanwhile, Deepali Rathod—who hails from Jusari village in the same district—also made headlines recently after being selected as a Lieutenant in the Medical Corps of the Indian Army. When she returned to her village for the first time after joining service, the villagers gave her a grand welcome, complete with floral garlands and traditional songs. The achievements of both Priyanka and Deepali demonstrate that even if one is born in a small village, one can harbor big dreams—and through dedicated effort, those dreams can indeed be realized. The success of these young women serves as an inspiration not only to their own families but to society as a whole, especially to the youth in rural areas.

'Indiramma Insurance: A Sense of Security for Every Household'

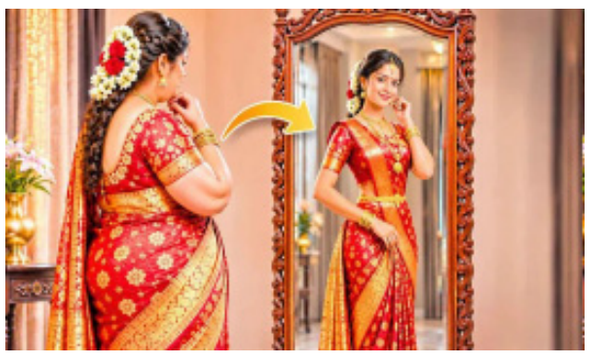
Rudrampur, November 27: On Friday, the 'Indiramma Family Insurance Scheme' was launched at the local Netaji School in Ramavaram (Division 16) of the Kothagudem Corporation, by the division's Corporator, Munigadapa Padma. Speaking on the occasion, she stated that the Indiramma Family Insurance Scheme provides reassurance and a sense of security in the event of the loss of the head of a household. She urged all eligible individuals to take full advantage of this scheme. The event was attended by former Floor



Leader Munigadapa Venkateswarlu, Senior Assistant Ravikumar, Krishna, Sriramulu, Ward Officers Shivaram, Srikanth, and Prabhakar, along with Computer Operator Swapna and Resource Person (RP) Kavitha.

Plump during the pre-wedding meetings, yet slim by the wedding day! Are you risking your health for the sake of beauty?





Young women who appeared plump during the formal pre-wedding meetings in the month of Ashwayuja are suddenly looking remarkably slim by the time their weddings arrive in the month of Kartika! Those who have slimmed down—striving for a slender, delicate waist to look picture-perfect on the wedding dais—are not achieving this transformation overnight through healthy means; rather, they are starving themselves. There is a frantic, high-speed rush among those with a fuller figure to become thin. They are attempting to shed in just a few days the excess fat that should ideally be lost over a longer period through a balanced diet and regular exercise. They are so obsessed with tracking exactly how much weight they lose each day that they fail to notice the actual changes happening within their bodies. Learn about this emerging trend surrounding weddings—and avoid making such a mistake, or letting anyone else fall into this trap.

It is often said that finding a woman who possesses beauty, youth, and wealth is rare; consequently, people end up compromising on one aspect or another. One might find a beautiful woman, but will she also be wealthy? Due to the prevalence of junk food, obesity has become common—and it is perhaps even more pronounced among the affluent. As a result, young women from wealthy families often carry extra weight. Yet, since the family's wealth carries significant "weight" of its own, the marriage proposal is accepted regardless of the bride's physical size. It has become common for the groom's family to suggest, "If your daughter could lose some weight by the wedding day, she would be a perfect match for our son," to which the bride's family responds with an assurance: "She will follow a diet; she'll be different by the time the wedding arrives." Just as a date is set for the wedding, a timeline is also fixed for weight loss. Many wonder, "If even adults struggle to stick to a diet, will young people—accustomed to the pleasures of taste—really be able to keep their promise?" Those who harbored such doubts during the initial meetings are often left astonished when, by the time the wedding arrives, they see the bride looking remarkably slim. Seeing such a transformation in just a month or two, they are left wondering, "Is this a dream, or is it real?"

Pressure on Young Women: Marriage is a lifelong journey—a union meant to enrich one's life—and everyone hopes for it to remain a beautiful, cherished memory. For the bride and groom, this desire is even stronger; they often revisit the sweet memories of their wedding day through photographs and videos, reliving the joy. Consequently, families strive to host a wedding that aligns with their social standing—sometimes even pushing beyond their means. Beyond the grand decorations, elaborate marquees, expensive jewelry, and lavish feasts featuring hundreds of dishes, there is now an added, unspoken expectation: the bride must also possess a certain "ideal" physical appearance. This new standard places immense pressure on young women. Many women feel pressured to lose weight before their wedding—they want to look photogenic, stay slim, and appear as a perfect, attractive couple when standing beside their partner. Being fit and slim is not only aesthetically pleasing but also healthy; naturally, many women are motivated to shed extra pounds. However, the task is significant, and time is often limited. Some women, finding that standard exercise and diet regimens fail to yield the desired results, are turning to medical professionals for help. Brides-to-be, eager to look their best for the big day, often consult cosmetologists and dermatologists for skin treatments and hair makeovers. Catering to this demand, some clinics now offer comprehensive packages that combine skin and hair treatments with weight-loss services. These clinics suggest that weight—and specifically obesity—can be reduced quickly through injections. Since this approach appears to deliver the promised results, it is not just brides-to-be who are lining up; many young women—including those who simply want to look their best for Instagram reels—are seeking these treatments. Some even turn to these clinics to ensure they look their best for formal pre-wedding introductions (*pendli choopulu*). A number of men are also adopting this same method to shed excess weight. Before the Wedding: Modern-day weddings are no longer just about grand, sprawling marquees or elaborate traditional settings; they are now filled with a host of charming, contemporary embellishments. Even before the formal wedding invitations (*lagna patrikas*) are printed, the festivities often begin with a "pre-wedding shoot." Much like a priest who orchestrates the wedding rituals, these shoots are managed by a "creative head." The prospective bride and groom pose in carefully curated costumes, set against backdrops that align with a chosen theme. In their eagerness to look perfect for these videos—much like changing an outfit to suit a theme—many are attempting to lose weight rapidly. While the desire to shed excess weight or burn fat is understandable, there is a scientific approach to weight loss. Factors such as one's body constitution, dietary habits, lifestyle, and genetics play a crucial role. Beauty is often defined by specific measurements, but it is not realistic—or even possible—for everyone to conform to these standards. Even when such changes are achievable, there are necessary limits. Doctors and dietitians should determine the appropriate rate of weight loss, and any changes to meal timings or exercise routines should be made under their professional guidance. Yet, ignoring these precautions, some people rush to alter their bodies quickly, driven solely by the desire to look good in photos and videos. Side Effects of "Effective" Injections: Various clinics offer packages promising a transformation into a "beautiful" appearance through a combination of injections, prescribed diets, and "smart" workouts. But one must ask: why were these injections developed, and for whom were they intended? This is not mentioned, and the young women themselves do not ask. Doctors warn that in this pursuit—driven by trust—they are putting their health at risk. As part of 'bridal packages,' some young women looking to lose weight are being given certain types of injections. These are, in fact, excellent medications for people with diabetes. Under medical supervision, and in limited...

Internal Strife Within the Alliance



Vijayawada, November 27: Some believe that the alliance might fall apart before the next elections; however, no party within the coalition has the audacity to take such a step. To take on Jagan—regardless of individual vote banks—all three parties must remain united. The leadership of all three parties is well aware of this reality. The significant number of seats and votes secured in the 2024 elections was not solely due to the TDP's strength, nor was it just a result of the alliance with the Jana Sena; it is widely acknowledged that the support of the BJP played a crucial role. Jana Sena chief Pawan Kalyan is clearly aware that if his party were to break away from the alliance—whether by contesting alone or by aligning exclusively with the BJP—it would yield no positive outcome. Despite projecting a bold exterior, Pawan Kalyan would never allow the alliance to collapse. He might choose to compromise if necessary, but he would certainly not permit Jagan to return to power. Meanwhile, the Jana Sena cadre has been expressing dissatisfaction on social media regarding issues such as seat-sharing for local body elections, the selection of chairpersons and vice-chairpersons, and the distribution of positions. Some are even posting claims that the party could win if it contested independently. However, the BJP's vote bank in Andhra Pradesh is minimal, and Pawan Kalyan is fully cognizant of the limitations of his own party's vote bank as well. Pawan Kalyan is well aware that if he were to enter the electoral fray relying solely on a specific social group, the results of the 2019 elections would likely repeat themselves. This is precisely why he keeps urging his supporters to leave the strategic planning to him and focus on their own work. He is ensuring, at all costs, that no rifts emerge within the alliance. Regardless of what others may say or think, Pawan Kalyan remains steadfast, continuing along the path he has charted for himself. He is fully conscious that a defeat would be more damaging to him personally than to any other party involved. That is why he chooses to exercise restraint in some instances, while asserting himself in others. As for the BJP, it is unlikely that they would attempt to distance themselves from Chandrababu Naidu in favor of an exclusive partnership with Pawan Kalyan. The BJP currently lacks a significant foothold in South India, with the exception of a marginal advantage in Karnataka; even in Telangana, the party recognizes that attaining power is a formidable challenge. Furthermore, there is no guarantee that aligning solely with Pawan Kalyan in Andhra Pradesh would lead to electoral victory or even secure parliamentary seats—which remain the BJP's primary objective for the upcoming elections.

Consequently, the BJP's central leadership is unlikely to abandon the TDP—a party with a larger base and a robust grassroots cadre—in favor of relying solely on Pawan Kalyan. The TDP, for its part, is equally pragmatic; Chandrababu Naidu knows that contesting alone would almost certainly lead to another defeat, and he is certainly not inclined to hand Jagan another opportunity to govern. Therefore, the dreams harbored by those who expect the alliance to fall apart by the time the next elections arrive will not come true.

Campaigning Ends for Second Phase Gram Panchayat Elections

48-hour silence period? 44-hour campaign ban comes into force – Collector K. Dinesh Kumar



Rampachodavaram, November 27: Campaigning for the second phase of Gram Panchayat elections in Polavaram district concluded at 5 PM on Friday, District Election Officer and Collector K. Dinesh Kumar announced. Polling is scheduled for Sunday, November 29, from 7 AM to 1 PM. Accordingly, the 44-hour campaign silence period came into force from 5 PM on Friday.““The Collector clarified that candidates contesting for Sarpanch and Ward Member posts must refrain from all forms of election campaigning, including door-to-door canvassing, public meetings, rallies, gatherings and the use of loudspeakers. Mobilising voters for campaign purposes is also prohibited.““He warned that the Model Code of Conduct must be strictly followed and that offering cash, gifts or other inducements to influence voters would invite strict action against those responsible. The Collector stated that all necessary arrangements for the second phase of polling had been completed. Election officials, polling personnel and police teams would work in coordination to ensure smooth conduct of the elections.““He appealed to the public to cooperate in conducting peaceful, free and fair elections and urged voters to exercise their franchise independently without yielding to any inducements.

Kakinada Fishermen Return Safely to Shore



Kakinada: Fishermen from Kakinada district, who had gone missing while out at sea for fishing, have returned safely to shore. Their boat reached the Uppada coast well past midnight, bringing an end to a week-long period of intense uncertainty.

The families of the fishermen breathed a sigh of relief upon their safe return.

Seven fishermen from Subbampeta village in U. Kothapalli mandal, Kakinada district, had set out to sea on November 4 aboard a boat named 'Emmanuel'. After reaching the Visakhapatnam harbor on November 10 to sell their catch, they headed back out to sea. However, when no communication was received from them after November 15 and the signals from the boat's transponder ceased, their families became extremely worried. Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu took note of the situation and directed that search operations be intensified. Following this, the Coast Guard, Marine Police, and district administration launched an extensive search mission. In this process, the boat owner, Girikana Simhadri, along with Surada Chinna, Merugu Narayana, Gampala Prakash, Tirri Narayana, Kandala Rambabu, and Surada Kondalarao, reached the shore safely.

- Seven fishermen, who had gone missing at sea, have arrived safely at the Uppada coast.

- The victims revealed that they became stranded at sea due to a mechanical failure in their boat's gearbox.

- Their families had been deeply anxious, as there had been no word from them for over a week

The fishermen explained that their return was delayed because the boat's gearbox had broken down and they were in an area with no mobile signal; they were unaware that the government had launched a search operation for them. Upon their arrival at the shore, the Coast Guard and officials from Kakinada district met with them to check on their well-being. The family members expressed their gratitude to Chief Minister Chandrababu for taking the necessary steps to ensure the safe return of their loved ones.

Icon Star Allu Arjun Shifts Strategy for His Films



Icon Star Allu Arjun's career has been fascinating from the very beginning. By choosing diverse stories from Arya to Ala Vaikunthapurramuloo he has carved out a unique identity for himself. After rising to stardom with films like Paru gu Race Gurram , *Sarra inodu and Ala Vaikunthapurr amuloo he created a pan-Indian sensation with the *Pushpa* franchise. While he completed some of his earlier films in a relatively short time, he dedicated significant periods to other projects; notably, he spent nearly six years on the *Pushpa* series. Currently, his upcoming film *Raaka*, directed by Atlee, is also being developed on a massive scale. Within Tollywood circles, there is a growing discussion that Allu Arjun feels the long time invested in individual projects has led to delays in his subsequent films. Consequently, it is rumored that he has decided to adopt a new strategy for his future work. Rather than taking long breaks between projects, he reportedly intends to have scripts, directors, and shooting schedules finalized well in advance. The idea, it seems, is to complete films more efficiently so that he can bring a steady stream of new movies to his fans. However, there has been no official announcement regarding this shift in approach. There is currently a lot of interesting discussion in the industry regarding Allu Arjun's upcoming projects. Specifically, there are reports that he may collaborate with Tamil director Lokesh Kanagaraj and Malayalam director Basil Joseph. Speculation suggests that both projects could potentially go on floors in 2027. Lokesh Kanagaraj has earned a distinct reputation for his unique action-oriented stories and innovative screenplays, while Basil Joseph has also captivated audiences with his own diverse and engaging narratives. The news of Allu Arjun potentially working with these two directors has sparked great excitement among his fans. It is said that the actor—fondly known as 'Bunny'—intends to meticulously plan the production timelines for both projects to ensure that filming is completed exactly according to schedule. He appears keen to accelerate the pace of his career by lining up these films one after another.

Nagarjuna's 14-Year-Old Record Under Threat

Tharun Bhascker and Dulquer's Films Close In!



An intriguing race for a box-office record is currently unfolding in Tollywood. The film *Damarukam*, starring Akkineni Nagarjuna, has held the record for the highest-grossing Telugu film released in the month of November for the past 14 years but now, it faces stiff competition. Directed by Srinivasa Reddy and featuring Anushka as the female lead, Damarukam was released on November 23, 2012, and went on to gross over 48 crore world wide, setting an all-time record for a Telugu film released in November. Now, two new Telugu films are rapidly closing in, threatening to surpass this long-standing record that has remained unchallenged for over a decade. *Ee Nagaraniki Emaindi 2* (ENE Repeat), directed by Tharun Bhascker and released on November 19, is performing exceptionally well at the box office. According to trade estimates, the film has already grossed approximately ?45 crore worldwide within just seven days of its release. With only another ?3 crore needed to break the record set by *Damarukam*, it appears almost certain that the film will surpass this milestone within the current week. Meanwhile, the film 'Aakasamlo Oka Tara', starring Dulquer Salmaan, was also released on November 20th and is performing strongly at the box office. Having grossed approximately ?37 crore in just six days, the film is well-positioned to reach the ?48 crore mark based on its expected performance this weekend. With both films released just a day apart, there is significant interest within the film industry as to which one will be the first to surpass Nagarjuna's record.

'Mayukha' Reaches 50-Day Milestone at RTC Cross Roads; Garners Record-Breaking Response on OTT!



In an era where small-budget films often struggle to survive in theaters for even three days, the Telugu psychological thriller 'Mayukha' has achieved a rare feat. The film successfully completed a 50-day theatrical run at the INOX Odeon theater in Hyderabad's prominent cinema hub, RTC Cross Roads. Directed by Sri Tej SK and produced by Shashidhar Nalla under the banner of Prashwitha Entertainments, the film has captivated audiences not only in theaters but also on digital platforms. It is currently trending at the top on OTT platforms like JioHotstar and Amazon Prime Video. It is estimated that the film has generated a total business of over ?3 crore through its theatrical and OTT rights—a remarkable achievement, as this figure is more than three times its production cost. The theatrical distribution was handled by Ganesh Bhari, while the OTT distribution was managed by Niranjan Pansari of Balaji Videos. With his debut film, director Sri Tej SK has successfully experimented by moving away from standard commercial formats, opting instead for a monochromatic color palette and a distinct visual treatment. The film's "slow-burn" narrative—which unfolds at a measured pace while building intense suspense—offers a fresh experience for thriller enthusiasts. Lead actress Payal Chengappa has earned acclaim for her mature performance and evocative, emotionally-charged expressions. Producer Shashidhar Nalla expressed his delight that the film, which began as a small-scale project, managed to hold its own against larger, high-profile releases and reach the 50-day milestone. The successful journey of 'Mayukha'
from its theatrical run to its transition to OTT platforms—serves as a great inspiration for experimental cinema and content-driven, small-budget films.

Civil Supplies Officials Conduct Surprise Inspection at Instamart

– Rice found being sold at higher prices
– 124 quintals of rice seized
– Case registered under the Essential Commodities Act



Our Staff Reporter Pen Power "Visakhapatnam, November 27 : The District Civil Supplies Department initiated action against Instamart for allegedly selling rice at prices higher than those prescribed by the government. District Civil Supplies Officer (DSO) Bhaskara Rao stated that officials conducted a surprise inspection at Instamart in Sujatha Nagar, Visakhapatnam, and seized 124 quintals of rice.""During the inspection, officials found that HMT and BPT varieties of rice were being sold at prices exceeding the government-prescribed rates. Following the violation of regulations, the officials seized the available rice stock, he said.""The value of the seized rice was estimated at Rs. 1,16,729. The DSO further stated that a case had been registered under Section 6-A of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955.

DSO Bhaskara Rao advised traders to sell essential commodities strictly at government -prescribed prices. He warned that stringent legal action would be taken against traders found violating regulations and selling essential commodities at excessive prices.

Victory Eludes India Despite Scoring 317

Shock for India in Rising Stars Semifinal; Sri Lanka Advances to the Final!



The India 'A' team faced deep disappointment in the first semifinal of the Men's Rising Stars Asia Cup. In a crucial encounter against Sri Lanka 'A' in Doha, India posted a formidable total of 317 runs, thanks to a strong batting performance; however, the team ultimately suffered defeat due to the failure of their bowlers. Sri Lankan openers Lasith Croospulle (116) and Seneeth Jayawardene (105) delivered heroic centuries, enabling Sri Lanka 'A' to comfortably chase down the target of 318 runs in just 41.3 overs, losing only two wickets. With this result, India has been eliminated from the tournament, while Sri Lanka has secured a spot in the final. After winning the toss and choosing to bat first, India scored 317 runs for the loss of 8 wickets in their allotted 50 overs. Opener Vaibhav Suryavanshi (40) provided a blistering start, while Abhishek Sharma (78), captain Tilak Varma (53), and Shahbaz Ahmed (54 not out) contributed valuable half-centuries. In response, the Sri Lankan batters chasing a stiff target of 318 took the attack to the Indian bowlers right from the very first over. The opening pair built a massive 174-run partnership for the first wicket, effectively snatching the match away from India's grasp. Sineth Jayawardene wreaked havoc, scoring 105 runs off just 70 balls, including 10 fours and 6 sixes. The other opener, Croospulle, struck 116 runs off 107 balls—featuring 12 fours and 3 sixes—to seal the victory for his team. Following them, Nishan Madushka (58*) and captain Pavan Rathnayake (31*) played aggressively to complete the formalities. Indian bowlers were unable to make any impact against the onslaught from the Sri Lankan batters. Harshit Rana conceded 61 runs in 7 overs while taking one wicket, and Shahbaz Ahmed gave away 60 runs in 10 overs for another wicket. Arshad Khan and Suryansh Shedge proved expensive, both conceding runs at an economy rate of over 11.50 per over. Despite posting a total of 317 runs while batting, India's bowling unit failed miserably, leading to their exit from the tournament at the semi-final stage.

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