

Vinod Kumar new collector of Bapatla

NARESH NANDAM  
BAPATLA

Dr Vinod Kumar took charge as the new district collector of Bapatla on Saturday, promising effective implementation of state government welfare schemes. The new collector brings prior administrative experience, having served as district collector of Anantapur district for 18 months before his current appointment. Speaking to the media after assuming office, Dr Vinod Kumar stated that welfare schemes provided by the state government would be implemented



Bapatla and Chirala MLAs V Narendra Varma and MM Kondaiah congratulating new collector Dr Vinod Kumar at collectorate in Bapatla on Saturday

efficiently. Chirala and Bapatla MLAs MM Kondaiah and V Narendra Varma, district officials from various departments, later met the new collector, presenting bouquets and extending their congratulations on his appointment as Bapatla Collector.

Kirti Chekuri takes charge as EG collector

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KIRTI Chekuri took charge as the new collector of East Godavari district on Saturday. Speaking to reporters after assuming office, she stated her commitment to resolving public issues and ensuring the successful implementation of the state government's welfare schemes and development programs. She emphasised that she will strive to make East Godavari a leading district by working in coordination with public representatives and officials. Collector Kirti also said that a comprehensive action plan is already being

prepared for the 2027 Godavari Maha Pushkaram. This plan will focus on creating necessary infrastructure and addressing any issues in advance. She sought the cooperation of all officials in guiding the district towards comprehensive development and making it a frontrunner. Earlier, upon her arrival at the Collectorate, Kirti Chekuri was welcomed by District Revenue Officer T Seetha Ramamurthy and Collectorate AO Ali. RDOs Rani Susmita and R Krishna Naik, DIPRO K Lakshmi Narayana, and Divisional PRO M Lakshmana Charyulu extended their congratulations to the new collector.



Kritika Shukla new collector of Palnadu

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NARASARAOPET

PALNADU new district collector Kritika Shukla said, she will give top priority to resolve the problems of the people and accessible to them. Speaking on the occasion, she said, "I will implement the welfare schemes with the coordination of people's representatives and officials and strive for the development of Palnadu district."



Kritika Shukla taking charge as Palnadu district collector at Collectorate in Narasaraopet on Saturday

Raja Babu takes charge as Prakasam collector

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ONGOLE

P Raja Babu assumed office as the 39th district collector of Prakasam district on Saturday, pledging comprehensive development through coordination with people's representatives. Upon arrival at the NSP Guest House, Raja Babu received a warm welcome from Joint Collector R Gopalakrishna, DRO B Chinna Obulesu, Ongole RDO Lakshmi Prasanna, Kanigiri RDO Kesavardhan Reddy, and other revenue officials. Vedic scholars performed traditional welcome ceremonies with purna kumbham at Prakasam Bhavan. The new Collector took charge amid blessings from Hindu, Muslim, and Christian religious leaders.



P Raja Babu taking charge as the Prakasam district collector at Collectorate in Ongole on Saturday

dination with public representatives. He assured that no problem would remain unresolved and promised to prioritise public issues while remaining accessible to citizens. The collector highlighted his commitment to the prestigious Velugonda project and other infrastructure development initiatives in the district. District-level officials and employees later met the Collector, presenting bouquets and extending congratulations on his appointment.

MINISTER PARTHASARATHY DISTRIBUTES CMRF CHEQUES

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MINISTER for Housing and Information & Public Relations (I&PR) Kolusu Parthasarathy said that the state government is committed to providing quality healthcare to the poor by extending both medical services and financial assistance. He noted that nearly 5 crore people are availing the services from the NTR Vaidya Seva scheme, while the Chief Minister's Relief Fund (CMRF) continues to support patients during emergencies. On Saturday, the Minister distributed CMRF cheques worth Rs 24.49 lakh to 52 beneficiaries from Chatrai, Musunuru, Nuzvid Rural, Nuzvid Town, and other parts of Eluru district at his camp office in Nuzvid. He personally interacted with the beneficiaries and enquired about their health conditions.



Minister Parthasarathy presenting CMRF cheque to beneficiaries at his camp office in Nuzvid on Saturday

Speaking on the occasion, Sarathy said the NDA coalition government was spending crores of rupees on strengthening medical and health facilities across the state. He explained that patients receiving treatment in private hospitals could submit

their medical bills to avail financial support under the CM Relief Fund. He urged people to make full use of the scheme, stressing that the government was committed to ensuring that no one is deprived of healthcare due to financial constraints.

Heavy rains leave Machilipatnam inundated

- With no proper drainage system in place, rainwater stagnated in many areas, causing severe inconvenience to residents
- Locals express resentment against the Machilipatnam Municipal Corporation

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MACHILIPATNAM

HEAVY rains battered Krishna district on Saturday, leaving several parts of the port city of Machilipatnam submerged. With no proper drainage system in place, rainwater stagnated in many areas, causing severe inconvenience to residents. The main road from Koneru Centre to Lakshmi



Rain water stagnated on the main road from Koneru Centre to Lakshmi Talkies in Machilipatnam Centre

Talkies Centre, including Godugupeta, Zilla Parishad Centre and surrounding localities, was completely waterlogged after nearly three to four hours of continuous rainfall. Vehicular movement

was badly disrupted, and residents struggled to reach workplaces and attend daily engagements. Locals expressed resentment against the Machilipatnam Municipal Corporation, accusing civic authorities

Call for collective fight against child marriages

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NTR district collector Dr G Lakshmisha has directed that temple authorities must pay special attention to marriages held in temples and to ensure that every marriage is duly registered. He stressed that collective participation is essential to build a society free from child marriages. On Saturday, a special meeting of religious leaders

against child marriages was organised at the Pingali Venkaiah Meeting Hall on the collectorate premises in Vijayawada, in collaboration with Vasavya Mahila Mandali and Just Right for Children NGOs. As part of the programme, awareness posters with details for display in temples were unveiled by Dr Lakshmisha, along with NGO representatives and temple officials.

Speaking on the occasion, the collector directed that display boards should be set up in every temple to inform devotees about legal marriage age, mandatory age certificates, and relevant laws. Vasavya Mahila Mandali President Dr B Keerthi, Endowments Assistant Commissioner Shanmukha Natarajan, representatives of Just Right for Children, and others took part in the meeting.



Collector G Lakshmisha unveiling awareness posters with details for display in temples model at the collectorate in Vijayawada on Saturday

Medical college 'privatisation'

YSRCP to launch state-wide agitation

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YSR Congress Party state coordinator Sajjala Ramakrishna Reddy held a Zoom meeting on Saturday with district party presidents, assembly coordinators, and senior leaders to discuss the coalition government's move to privatize 10 government medical colleges built under YS Jagan Mohan Reddy's leadership. The colleges identified for privatisation are in Parvathipuram, Narsipatnam,

Amalapuram, Palakollu, Bapatla, Markapuram, Madanapalle, Penukonda, Adoni, and Pulivendula. He condemned Chandrababu Naidu's attempt to hand over these institutions through PPP agreements, stating that while Naidu publicly claims "no loss," he cannot answer Jagan's direct questions. He directed leaders to take the issue widely into public debate involving retired employees, teachers, intellectuals, students, parents, and social organisations and conduct campaigns.

Ilaiyaraaja to perform live in Vij on Nov 8

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VIJAYAWADA is set to witness a grand musical night as legendary maestro Ilaiyaraaja will perform live in the city for the first time. The highly anticipated concert will take place on November 8 at the Indira Gandhi Municipal Corporation (IGMC) Stadium, promising an unforgettable evening for music enthusiasts. The official concert poster was unveiled by Ilaiyaraaja himself, along with

Trensetters Events Organiser Sudhakar, in Chennai on Saturday, adding to the excitement surrounding the event. Presented by Trendsetters. live, the historic show will feature the maestro's timeless melodies performed in all their grandeur, offering fans a once-in-a-lifetime chance to experience his magical compositions. According to organisers, tickets are available exclusively on BookMyShow. For further details, contact +91-8801111125, they added.



Ilaiyaraaja unveiling the official concert poster, along with Trendsetters Events Sudhakar in Chennai

ACA appoints Gary Stead as Head Coach for Senior Men's Team

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THE Andhra Cricket Association (ACA) has appointed internationally renowned coach Gary Stead as the Head Coach of the Senior Men's Team for the upcoming 2025-26 season. The announcement was made by ACA officials here on Saturday. Stead, who recently completed a successful stint with New Zealand Cricket is widely respected for his strategic acumen, player development skills, and proven ability to build high-performance teams across formats. ACA President and Vijayawada MP Kesineni Sivanath alias Chinni hailed Stead's arrival, describing him as "not just a coach, but a culture-builder."



Gary Stead

ACA Secretary and Rajya Sabha Member Sana Satish Babu described the appointment as a new chapter in Andhra cricket. Expressing his excitement, Gary Stead said, "I'm honoured to join the Andhra Cricket Association as Head Coach of the Senior Men's Team for the 2025-26 season."

Gowtham new YSRCP state booth committee general secretary

NARESH NANDAM  
ONGOLE

YSR Congress Party State Booth Committee President Sudhakar Reddy announced that, following the recommendation of the party president YS Jagan Mohan Reddy, he is appointing YV Gowtham of Ongole as the General Secretary of the state booth committee. Following the appointment, Gowtham met with the district YSRCP president, Dr Buchepalli Siva Prasad Reddy, and thanked him for the opportunity. Dr Reddy advised Gowtham to strengthen the party at the ground level and work for the welfare of the cadre. Gowtham extended his gratitude to YSRCP senior leaders, including former MP YV Subbareddy, former minister Kanu-



YSRCP State Booth Committee General Secretary YV Gowtham with Prakasam district YSRCP president Dr Buchepalli Siva Prasad Reddy in Ongole on Saturday

muri Nageswara Rao, ZP Chairperson Buchepalli Venkayamma, parliament constituency coordinator Chevireddy Bhaskar Reddy, district observer Battula Brahmananda Reddy, Ongole assembly coordinator Chunduri Ravi Babu, and others, for their support in his appointment. He announced that he will continue to strengthen the party and strive for the welfare of the party workers, with the support of the local leaders.

PB Siddhartha College celebrates 'Programmer's Day'

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THE Department of Data Science and Artificial Intelligence of PB Siddhartha College of Arts & Science, Mogalrajapuram here celebrated Programmer's Day on Saturday through an international-themed event titled 'Festa Dell Codice'. The programme was co-ordinated by HoD Dr Kompalli Udaya Sri and Assistant Professor B Samhitha Reddy. A series of contests such as Code Cascade, Algo Quest, and UNO Code were organized to enhance programming



PB Siddhartha College Data Science and Artificial Intelligence Department HOD Dr Udaya Sri, along with fellow faculty members and students, taking part in the 'Festa Dell Codice' programmer's Day event at the college in Vijayawada on Saturday

skills, algorithmic thinking, and logical problem-solving abilities among students. Speaking on the occasion, Dr Udaya Sri emphasised that the department is focused on skill development in coding and algorithm design, ena-

bling students to strengthen both their academic and practical knowledge. College Principal Dr M Ramesh, Director Vemuri Babu Rao, faculty members, and students participated in the event.

Vishnotsav 2K25 celebrated at Sri Vishnu Engg College

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THE 8th Graduation Day - Vishnotsav 2K25 of Sri Vishnu Engineering College for Women here was celebrated on Sunday at its Vishnu Convention Centre of South Campus. About 670 engineering graduates of 2021-25 batch, 35 M.Tech students and 55 MBA students of 2023-25 batch were awarded degree certificates during the event. R Ravichandran, Vice-Chairman of Sri Vishnu



Educational Society who was the Chief Guest addressing the students encouraged them to aspire to become successful entrepreneurs rather than focusing solely on job opportunities. The Principal emphasised that students

should be self-motivated to face life's challenges and embrace happiness, particularly as women. He encouraged them to consider startups as a viable path to becoming successful entrepreneurs. About 760 students and about 2500+ parents have participated and made the event a grand success. Principal, Vice-Principal, Controller of Examinations, Deans, HODs, Faculty and students of Shri Vishnu Engineering College for Women were also present.