

CPM blames govt for spread of diarrhoea

Opens free food centre at New Rajarajeswari Peta

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AMID the continuing diarrhoea outbreak in New Rajarajeswari Peta here, CPM former state secretary and Rajya Sabha former MP P Madhu on Sunday inaugurated a free food supply centre to support locals affected by the crisis.

With the district administration and Vijayawada Municipal Corporation (VMC) ordering the closure of shops and hotels in the area, the CPM initiative has come as a relief to residents struggling for basic needs.

After inaugurating the

food centre, Madhu visited the health camp organised by VMC at Care and Share Municipal High School. He interacted with patients, enquired about their health, and spoke to doctors about the treatment being provided.

Speaking to the media, Madhu launched a severe attack on the TDP-led NDA government, accusing it of failure in controlling the diarrhoea outbreak. "Cases are rising day by day and people are living in fear. The government has failed miserably in preventing the spread," he said.

He demanded that the dis-



Former Rajya Sabha Member Madhu visiting a patient who is undergoing treatment at the health camp in Vijayawada on Sunday

trict administration immediately open four more health camps in New Rajarajeswari Peta to improve medical access. He also sought an ex-gratia of Rs 10 lakh for the families of those who died due to the outbreak. "So far, six to seven people have died, though the government has not officially confirmed the numbers," he alleged.

Madhu further demanded that the government arrange food facilities for diarrhoea victims and affected families, given the disruption of livelihoods caused by the crisis.

CPM Central Committee Secretary B Ramana Rao, Secretariat Member K Durga Rao, and other party leaders accompanied Madhu during his visit.



Vehicles stranded in one of the flooded roads at Lakshmipuram in Guntur on Sunday

Heavy rain throws normal life out of gear

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HEAVY rain which lashed Guntur city on Sunday evening threw normal life out of gear and several interior colonies inundated due to three feet level water stranded on the roads. Motor vehicles were seen trapped in the rainwater at several places. Several colonies located in the low-lying areas were waterlogged. Sub-way at the AT Agraharam is filled with rainwater. Several areas in Brodipet, Arundalpet, Chuttugunta, RK Puram, Pattabhipuram, GMC head office, NTR Bus Station, Swarnabharati Nagar were inundated in rainwater. Due to overflow of drains, rainwater flooded the roads and caused inconvenience to the locals. Rainwater stranded on the roads entered into autos. Several two-wheelers gave trouble at Pattabhipuram, AT

Agraharam and other areas due to flooding on roads. The road leading from subway to Syamala Nagar Railway Gate was also inundated.

Guntur Municipal Commissioner Puli Srinivasulu directed engineering officials to take emergency measures on a war-footing to bail out rainwater stagnated in various parts of the city. He instructed that if necessary, JCBs and poclains should be hired on rental basis to speed up the water removal works in a planned and effective manner. To address rain-related grievances, a 24/7 call centre (08632345103) has been set up at the GMC head office under the supervision of deputy commissioners, the commissioner added. He also appealed to the public in low-lying areas to temporarily move to GMC schools or designated relief shelters until the rains subside.

ICAR-NIRCA secures CSR project

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THE ICAR-National Institute for Research on Commercial Agriculture (ICAR-NIRCA) in Rajamahendravaram has secured its first Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) project from M/s Elitecon International, New Delhi. The initiative is titled "Upliftment of Tobacco Farmer Ecosystem through IoTs and Sustainable Agricultural Practices."

The two-year project is led by Dr Maganti Sheshu Madhav, Director of ICAR-NIRCA, and Dr Korada Rajasekhara Rao, Head of the Division of Crop Management, along with a team of multidisciplinary scientists. The main goal is to develop and demonstrate Internet of Things (IoT)-enabled technologies for efficient resource management in tobacco farming. The project will use modern tools like sensors, drones, and two-way

communication platforms for real-time monitoring of crops, pests, and weather. This will provide precise agricultural advice to farmers, which is expected to lower input costs.

A demonstration will be conducted on a 10-acre plot at the ICAR-NIRCA Regional Station in Jeelugumilli, Eluru district, where around 500 farmers will be trained on the new technologies and sustainable practices. The project is expected

to reduce irrigation water usage by 40 to 50%, decrease energy costs by 30 to 40%, and improve fertilizer and nutrient use efficiency. It also aims to increase crop productivity and promote the use of drones for pest management. In the long run, the initiative will help conserve natural resources, improve soil health, and empower tobacco farmers to adopt climate-resilient technologies for long-term sustainability.



A doctor from Resplix Institute counselling a parent of the autism child in Vijayawada on Sunday

Early intervention key to preventing autism: Expert

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RESPLICE Institute chairman Dr Chandrasekhar Thodupunoori emphasised that autism begins in the womb, and urged parents to "stop it before it enters your child's life."

Speaking at a free autism treatment camp held at the Icon Public School campus on Sunday, Dr Thodupunoori highlighted his institute's unique approach. The camp was inaugurated by Kondeti Rajendra, the head of Icon Educational Institutions.

According to Dr Thodupunoori, the Resplix Institute is the first treatment centre in India to offer a comprehensive approach to managing

autism and other neurological conditions. The institute specialises in Fecal Microbiota Transplantation (FMT) and multi-omics based personalised treatments for a range of issues, including autism, neurodevelopmental conditions, gastrointestinal disorders, and post-chemo gut recovery challenges.

He noted that the Resplix Institute is pioneering the use of FMT as a primary treatment to address the gut-brain axis, which is central to many modern ailments.

Dr Thodupunoori reported a positive response to the camp in Vijayawada and announced plans to hold free camps in other major cities across Andhra Pradesh in the coming days.

Harshavardhan takes charge as SP



V Harshavardhan Raju taking charge as SP of Prakasam district in Ongole on Sunday

NARESH NANDAM
ONGOLE

V Harshavardhan Raju assumed charge as the new Superintendent of Police (SP) of Prakasam district on Sunday, while his predecessor, AR Damodar, received a grand farewell after serving the district for 14 months.

The new SP was formally welcomed by ASP (Admin) K Nageswar Rao, AR Additional SP K Srinivasa Rao, and all sub-divisional DSPs, CIs, RIs, and SIs. Speaking on the occasion, SP Harshavardhan Raju said it was an honour to serve a district named after the renowned freedom fighter and Andhra



Out going Prakasam SP AR Damodar waving his subordinates as they bid grand farewell in Ongole on Sunday

Pradesh's first Chief Minister, Tanguturi Prakasam Pantulu. He outlined his priorities, emphasising maintenance of law and order as per state government directives, with special focus on women's safety through the Shakti App, cybercrime control, and creating a crime-free district. The SP assured round-the-clock accessibility to address public grievances and promised zero tolerance towards anti-social activities.

Meanwhile, outgoing SP AR Damodar received an emotional farewell parade with flower garlands and

shawls from police personnel. Officers and staff pulled his vehicle with ropes, showering flower petals as a mark of respect. In his farewell address, Damodar praised the cooperation of all ranks from Home Guards to Additional SPs, highlighting achievements in crime control, ganja eradication, women and child safety, traffic management, and staff welfare programmes, including medical camps and sports events. The ceremony was attended by Additional SPs, DSPs, CIs, RIs, SIs, and staff members.

Collector, civic chief monitor measures to contain diarrhoea

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AS part of the efforts to control diarrhoea outbreak at New Rajarajeswari Peta in the 57th Division of Vijayawada Municipal Corporation, NTR District Collector Dr G Lakshmisha said that strict preventive measures are being implemented under a planned action strategy. He informed that mineral water is being supplied to every household in New RR Peta and that Hygiene Kits are being distributed to residents.

On Sunday, Collector Dr G Lakshmisha, along with Vijayawada Municipal Corporation Commissioner HM Dhyanaachandra visited New RR Peta and monitored the door-to-door survey conducted across 11 Ward Sachivalayams. Awareness programmes are also being organised to educate the public on diarrhoea



NTR district collector Dr G Lakshmisha and VMC Commissioner Dhyanaachandra interacting with people while distributing hygiene kits at New RR Peta in Vijayawada on Sunday

prevention by distributing pamphlets. They appealed to the residents to remain cautious and to follow doctors' advice.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr Lakshmisha assured that adequate medical facilities and treatment were available for patients at the New Government Hospital. Additionally, a special health camp was being conducted at the Care and Share Municipal High School. He urged the public to cooperate with officials and adhere to the

guidelines prescribed by doctors to overcome the disease.

The Collector further said that the district administration and VMC are closely monitoring the situation, with special focus on tracking and treating diarrhoea cases. He added that preventive steps are being taken in advance to stop the spread of the disease in other parts of Vijayawada city. Residents were advised to contact the helpline number 9154970454 for assistance.

300 people avail free medical camp



Dr Prakash Chavala screening a patient at free medical camp by UPAS Hospital, at Inanamelluru on Sunday

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A free mega medical camp was organised on Sunday at Inanamelluru village of Maddipadu mandal in Prakasam district under the auspices of Inamana Foundation to commemorate its inauguration and the 14th death anniversary of Bala Koti Reddy.

The camp was jointly conducted by UPAS Super Specialty Hospital, Ongole, and N&N Dental Clinic under the leadership of Yenumula Sudhakar Reddy. Approx-

mately 300 villagers received free medical examinations, including blood pressure, diabetes screening, ECG, PFT tests, and dental checkups.

Prominent medical specialists participated, including Dr Prakash Chavala, Dr Gonuguntla Srinivas, Dr S Radha, and Dr T Murali Krishna Reddy. Patients received free medicines and were offered one-month free outpatient services with discounted diagnostic tests through NTR Vaidya Seva and EHS schemes, aimed at providing quality healthcare to ordinary people.

GOVT MEDICAL COLLEGES

Coalition's 'false propaganda' questioned

GUNTUR: Former deputy speaker Kona Raghupati came down heavily on Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu and the TDP-led coalition for spreading false propaganda on government medical colleges. Addressing the media at the YSR Congress Party central office on Sunday, he said Naidu has always thrived on lies, betraying the poor and weaker sections with false promises before elections and dashing their hopes after coming to power.

He recalled that it was YS Jagan Mohan Reddy who took

the historic decision to establish 17 new government medical colleges, guided by NITI Aayog's proposal for one college in every parliamentary constituency. "This was not a political move, but a social responsibility to ensure free healthcare for the poor and accessible medical education for students," Raghupati said.

During YS Jagan's tenure, seven colleges were fully constructed, five have already started classes, and the rest are nearing completion. In contrast, the

coalition government has halted construction for 15 months and is now shamelessly preparing to privatise these very institutions. "You rejected 50 MCI seats for Pulivendula Medical College and now you claim to care for students? This hypocrisy must be exposed," he said.

He slammed Chandrababu's claim of financial constraints. "You borrowed Rs 1.90 lakh crore in just 15 months. Can you not spend Rs 4,000 crore on essential medical colleges," he questioned.

CONTROLLING GANJA PEDDLING PRIORITY: SP

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BAPATLA

B Umamaheswar assumed charge as the third SP of Bapatla district on Sunday amid Vedic chanting ceremonies at the district police headquarters in Bapatla.

Speaking to the media, he outlined his key priorities, focusing on controlling illegal ganja transportation and sales, and preventing crimes against women and children.

The new SP thanked Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu and DGP Harish Kumar Gupta for his appointment. He emphasised leveraging technology to expedite case investigations and enhancing security measures in coastal areas, given the district's extensive coastline that attracts numerous tourists.

During a special meeting with district police officers, SP Umamaheswar discussed law and order situation and local issues. He stressed the need for the complete eradication of ganja trafficking and directed immediate action plans. The SP highlighted emerging cybercrime and white-collar crime trends, urging officers from constables to senior levels to develop technical



B Umamaheswar taking charge as Bapatla SP on Sunday

expertise. He announced 'visible policing' and enforcement duties from 6:00 PM to midnight daily, believing this could prevent the majority of crimes at the initial stage. The SP emphasised the need for an immediate response to victims visiting police stations and maintaining enhanced coastal area patrolling for tourist safety. CCS DSP P Jagadish Naik, Repalle DSP A Srinivasarao, Bapatla DSP G Ramanjaneya, Chirala DSP MD Moyin, AR DSP P Vijayasarathi, and other district CIs and SIs welcomed the new SP with flower bouquets.

Central Prison wins medal at national meet

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THE Central Prison in Rajamahendravaram has secured a bronze medal in the National Prison Hygiene Competition at the 7th All India Prison Duty Meet-2025. The event was recently held in Appa, Hyderabad, under

the auspices of the Telangana State Prisons Department.

In a press release, Central Prison Superintendent S Rahul announced the achievement. He stated that the Rajamahendravaram Central Prison won the award for its outstanding efforts in maintaining hygiene and a healthy environment within

the facility. Senior officials from the State Prisons Department praised the prison staff for their collective effort and dedication, which led to this significant national recognition. He opines that the award highlights the prison's commitment to providing a clean and sanitary living space for inmates.

Staff bids farewell to Ansariya

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THE district administrative machinery gave a grand farewell to A Thameem Ansariya, who served as Prakasam District Collector before her transfer to Guntur district as Collector.

A heartfelt farewell programme was organised at the Government Medical College Auditorium here on Sunday, where officials from various departments shared their working experiences and acknowledged her guidance during her tenure. Speaking on the occasion,



District officials presenting a memento to Thameem Ansariya at her farewell programme in Ongole on Sunday

Ansariya said she worked to steer the district towards development with coopera-

tion from senior officials and employees across all departments. She said that having

assumed charge as Prakasam District Collector on June 27 last year, she gained a comprehensive understanding of district conditions through extensive field visits. She highlighted special initiatives undertaken to eradicate child marriages and bonded labour by engaging various stakeholders and NGOs, particularly focusing on backward and weaker sections prevalent in Prakasam district. She noted that the district received national recognition for water conservation works under DWMA.

Ansariya emphasised her philosophy of providing nec-

essary awareness and guidance to employees rather than taking disciplinary action, which yielded better results during her 14-month tenure. She praised government staff and self-help group women for their role in successful official and unofficial visits by the Chief Minister and relief operations during the Vijayawada floods.

Joint Collector R Gopalakrishna, DRO B Chinna Obulesu, Ongole RDO Lakshmi Prasanna, Kanigiri RDVO Keshavardhan Reddy, and senior officials from various departments attended the programme.