### **DRM supervises several** infrastructural development projects

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DIVISIONAL Railway Manager (DRM) Lalit Bohra conducted a comprehensive review meeting with the civil engineering department of Waltair Division on Sunday. The deliberations focused on infrastructural development projects, ongoing maintenance works, Amrit Bharat Station works, disaster management preparedness, and safety measures in boulder-fall prone areas. DRM interacted closely with senior supervisors to assess ground-level measures and stressed upon the need for strict adherence to safety protocols. Prior to the meeting, DRM Lalit Bohra inaugurated the renovated conference hall of the civil engineering department and appreciated the upgraded facilities. Addressing the officers and staff, he reiterated that safety is the foremost priority of railways and called for teamwork, constant vigilance, and timely execution of duties to ensure smooth train operations.





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### **Engineers' Day Greetings**



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## Once a violence-ridden hamlet, a team of youngsters here cuts ties of factionalism, emerge as SGTs



EAGLE chief Ake Ravi Krishna with the team who got selected for the DSC-2025 during his recent visit to Kappatralla

- · Replacing sickles and axes, the future teachers wield pens and books in Kappatralla
- Like their 'Guru' Ravi Krishna sir, they say that they want to change lives of children as well
- · The EAGLE chief says that he strongly believes in empowering youth with education
- His consistent efforts and effective strategies transformed the destiny of villagers

Rani Devalla Visakhapatnam

ONCE a village where violence and bloodshed dominated for generations, Kappatralla village shot to fame when a team of eight youngsters decided to sever the ties of factionalism and wield a pen instead.

Together, Nallabotula Ramanaidu and his brother Nallabotula Ramanjineyulu, Ediga Uttej Goud, Maryada Ramakrishna, Chintamanu Sriramulu and his sister Rajeswari, Mangal Mallesh and Ayesha aspire to contribute to the development of their village located at Devanakonda mandal of Kurnool district. After clearing the DSC-2025 examinations and getting selected as secondary grade teachers (SGTs), they are waiting eagerly to receive appointment letters in Vijayawada on September

Getting coached, guided and mentored for years by EAGLE (Elite Anti-Narcotics Group for Law Enforcement) head Ake Ravi Krishna, they set an example for the next generation to lead a life of dignity by getting empowered through educa-

Having grown up

amidst frequent occurrences of violence and bloodshed, the selected team said that they were quite fortunate to be guided by Ravi Krishna sir. "From charting out a 100-day action plan to being accessible to us through online classes and conducting mock tests, our sir trained us in every aspect for the DSC recruitment. It was his effective strategies that infused confidence in us and worked wonders for us," the team told The Hans India.

Back in 2015, when the then Superintendent of Police of Kurnool Ake Ravikrishna adopted Kappatralla, the village was in a bad shape. However, his consistent efforts accompanied by grand plans not just changed the lives of the people there but also resulted in a huge transformation of the hamlet infrastructure-wise.

Encouraging people to bid adieu to family feuds

that continued for over five decades was indeed a daunting task. But the then SP and now the EA-GLE chief could not settle for anything less. "Even when I was serving as an ASP of Chintapalli, a lot of analysis went behind each crime, the triggering factors, crime prevention mechanisms, etc. When I visited Kappatralla for the first time for a training in 2007, it was so heartwrenching to see children confined to homes, women becoming widows at a young age. In some houses, children were left alone as parents were attacked due to factioninduced vengeance. They did disturb me to a great extent," Ravi Krishna recalled when he was in Vi-

Seven years down the line, when Ravi Krishna took charge as SP of Kurnool, he vowed to do his part for Kappatralla by adopting it. The plan of action was set. Things

sakhapatnam.



Ediga Uttej Goud



Nallabotula Ramanaidu



Raieswari

began to change slowly but steadily one after the other. Kutcha roads got replaced with concrete roads, a school building was built over 10 acres, water plants were set up, community halls were built and drainage facilities provided. Farmers got trained, children were made sure to attend schools and youths were given skill training.

Laying emphasis on the importance of being financially independent, Ake Ravi Krishna's wife Ake Parvathi Devi encouraged women in the village to become part of self-help groups (SHGs) and set up units of their choice availing loans.

"Awareness grammes were carried out to prevent child marriages, improve income sources and empower children through education. Today, women here are much stronger. They manage their own finances and handle their business efficiently as most of them are into tailoring, farming, selling clothes or operating units. At a time when they have grown to make their own decisions, what more could I ask for? It is so satisfying to see their progress," mentioned Parvathi Devi, who continues to guide women in Kappatralla in a virtual mode apart from making frequent visits.

After years of sensitisation and intense advocacy drives carried out by Ravi Krishna, Kappatralla is no longer a faction-ridden village.

The facilities provided here have now become a model for the other hamlets to follow suit, while changed mindsets of the people appear to be contagious. "From violence to peace, people have completely transformed in Kappatralla. Over 95 percent of the village lands are now being used for cultivation purposes. There is a visible improvement in the economic growth of the families," explained Ravi Krishna with a tinge of pride. Once known for violence and vengeance, Kappatralla has totally been revamped into a model hamlet with amenities and changed mindsets that would be the envy of the rest of the

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## ARTIFICIAL LIMBS DISTRIBUTED TO SCORES OF DISABLED BENEFICIARIES

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ANDHRA Pradesh MedTech Zone (AMTZ) created a strong capacity for artificial limbs benefiting thousands of persons with disabilities.

From Jaipur foot to 'Vizag hand', myoelectric and bionic upper limbs, solar powered wheelchairs and lowcost prosthetic joints, they were designed to help individuals with upper limb amputations regain mobility and confidence.

The state-of-the-art bionic hand is a shining example of how Indian technology can transform lives. Recently, a woman in Visakhapatnam, who lost her arm in a road accident was attached with the prosthetic, opening new possibilities for independence. Thousands of people have already re-



Artificial limbs distributed at Andhra Pradesh MedTech Zone (AMTZ) to persons with disabilities

ceived artificial limbs made by AMTZ. The Principal Scientific Advisor to government of India Ajay Kumar Sood, who visited AMTZ, Vizag gave away artificial legs to several beneficiaries, while the myoelectric arm was given by Commander in Chief of Eastern Naval Command during a joint congress on emergency surgery held at Eastern Naval Command. Speaking on the occasion, MD and

founder CEO of AMTZ Jitendra Sharma remarked, "Vizag hand is more than a prosthetic, it is a promise of dignity."

The Assistive Technology Centre, supported by ICMR, New Delhi at AMTZ has been integrating research, prototyping, testing, and manufacturing under one roof, ensuring that customised solutions reach underprivileged communities.

The Divyanjan communities and groups from across the country are now collaborating with Assistive Technology Centre bridging the gap between the needy and Med Tech Zone's Prosthetic Limb Centre. Led by Amit Sharma, Med Tech Zone has created a ray of hope for beneficiaries who need artificial limbs and assistive devices.

# Indian Navy's first training squadron departs La Réunion and Port Louis

VISAKHAPATNAM

THE ships of the Indian Navy's First Training Squadron (1TS) INS Tir, ICGS Sarathi, and INS Shardul departed La Réunion and Port Louis respectively on September 11, reinforcing maritime cooperation and regional security in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR).

The visits reaffirm the Indian Navy's commitment to enhanced maritime partnership through joint training and capacity building, guided by the vision of MA-HASAGAR.

At La Réunion, bilateral engagements between the Indian Navy and the French Navy focused on professional exchanges and training interactions.

INS Tir and ICGS Sarathi



The ships of Indian Navy's first training squadron take part in bilateral engagements

participated in a PASSEX with the Floreal-class frigate FS Le Malin, which included coordinated manoeuvres. communication drills, and navigation exercises.

During harbour interactions, personnel from both navies undertook joint diving operations, cross-training visits, and shipboard familiarisation. Trainees of 1TS also visited CROSS (Centre Régional Opérationnel de

Surveillance et de Sauvetage) and a naval workshop, gaining valuable insights into operations and maintenance practices.

Joint yoga sessions, friendly sports fixtures, and social exchanges further strengthened bonds of camaraderie.

At Port Louis, Mauritius, INS Shardul conducted joint professional exchanges with the Mauritius National Coast Guard, including diving opdamage-control drills, shipboard familiarisation, and cross-deck visits.

The ship also undertook joint EEZ surveillance, a PASSEX, and cross-boarding exercises with MCGS Valiant, reaffirming strong interoperability between the two maritime forces. Cultural and community outreach activities, including yoga sessions, sports fixtures, and community service initiatives, were also organised. Additionally, the ship hosted visits by school children, members of the Indian diaspora, and Mauritian citizens.

The simultaneous port calls by 1TS at La Réunion and Mauritius highlights the Indian Navy's enduring partnership with regional navies, strengthening bridges of friendship.