

SC certificates for Madasi Madari Kuruba community demanded

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MEMBERS of the Madasi Madari Kuruba community from Alur mandal submitted a representation to BC Welfare and Handlooms & Textiles Minister Savita and Alur TDP in-charge Vaikuntham Jyothi at the R&B Guest House in Alur on Tuesday, urging immediate issuance of Scheduled Caste (SC) community certificates to eligible members.

They brought to the minister’s attention the prolonged delays caused by the revenue department in processing applications de-

spite repeated requests. Speaking on the occasion, Taluka Convener Kaudiki Raju and General Secretary Peddahyata Mallayya stated that thousands of people from the Madasi Madari Kuruba community across several districts of the State have been waiting for SC caste certificates for years. Due to negligence and lack of awareness among some local revenue officials, SC certificates are either delayed or incorrectly issued as Kuruba (BC.B.11), depriving eligible individuals of their rightful benefits in education, employment, and welfare schemes. The



Members of the Madasi Madari Kuruba community giving representation to BC Welfare and Handlooms & Textiles Minister Savita and Alur TDP in-charge Vaikuntham Jyothi on Tuesday

leaders appealed to the State government to issue clear directives to revenue officials to resolve the issue without further delay. They also requested that the matter be brought to the notice of Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who will be visiting Kurnool on October 16, to ensure a decisive government-level resolution.

The event was attended by association honorary president Ranganna, Hanumappa Bellam Raju, Endi Halli Sarpanch Sudhakar, Sharan, former Sarpanch Devendrappa, Lingamurthy, and several other community leaders.

Complete all pending works by Dec, Sunitha tells babus

- The MLA discusses the progress of BT roads, CC roads, Village Health Clinics, and Gram Sachivalayam (village secretariat) buildings under various funding schemes
- Sunitha directed officials to expedite unfinished works, especially the 18 pending Village Health Clinics left incomplete by the previous government
- Reviews the construction of three new village secretariats in Vepakunta, Konapuram, and Narasampalli

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RAPTADU MLA Paritala Sunitha on Tuesday instructed Panchayat Raj department officials to complete all pending devel-



Raptadu MLA Paritala Sunitha conducting a review meeting with Panchayat officials in Anantapur on Tuesday

opment works by December. She held a detailed review meeting with Executive Engineers (EEs), Deputy Engineers (DEs), and Assistant Engineers (AEs) of the Panchayat Raj department at her camp office in Anantapur on Monday.

During the review, the MLA discussed the progress of BT roads, CC roads, Village Health Clinics, and Gram Sachivalayam (village secretariat) buildings under various funding schemes including World Bank, NAB-

ARD, NREGS, and the 15th Finance Commission. Officials briefed that out of 22 BT road projects worth ₹11 crore, works worth ₹6 crore have been completed, while the remaining are in progress.

Similarly, CC road projects worth ₹22.80 crore have achieved 98% completion, and new works worth ₹3.19 crore have recently been sanctioned.

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Clinics left incomplete by the previous government. She emphasized the need to make them operational at the earliest for public benefit.

Under the Pradhan Mantri Ayushman Bhava scheme, five new clinics are being built at a cost of ₹42 lakh each, while nine others are being constructed across Anantapur and Sri Sathya Sai districts under the 15th Finance Commission.

She also reviewed the construction of three new village secretariats in Vepakunta, Konapuram, and Narasampalli at ₹32 lakh each, and road works in Amidalakunta (₹2.35 crore for 6 km) and Kamarupalli (₹80 lakh for 1.9 km).

MLA Sunitha stressed that no project should remain pending beyond December, asserting that timely completion will significantly improve rural infrastructure and healthcare access in the constituency.

Awareness rally on Int’l Day of Girl Child held



Rally on Beti Bachao and Beti Padhao taken out in Kurnool on Tuesday

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THE International Day of the Girl Child was observed in a spirited manner at the Zilla Parishad Girls High School in Kurnool on Tuesday.

The event was organised under the supervision of District Mass Media Officer Prakash Raju.

To mark the occasion, students actively participated in an awareness rally highlighting the importance of protecting and educating girl children under the theme “Beti Bachao – Beti Padhao.” The rally also focused on promoting the im-

portance of nutrition among adolescent girls. Speaking on the occasion, Prakash Raju said that week-long awareness programmes are being conducted to spread the message of gender equality and women’s empowerment.

He underlined that gender imbalance poses serious social challenges and urged everyone to support girl children in achieving their dreams.

Education, he stressed, is the key to ensuring economic self-reliance and a secure future for girls.

Emphasizing gender equality, he said that women are on par with men in every sphere

and should be given equal opportunities to grow and lead. “Let us protect, educate, and empower girls to build a strong society,” he said, calling upon the community to work collectively toward this cause.

The programme was attended by Deputy DEMO Chandrasekhar Reddy, Legal Consultant Sumalatha, Deputy Health Education Officer Padmavathi, Health Worker Manasa, ASHA Worker Aruna, and Projectionist staff.

Officials and participants expressed their commitment to creating a safe, equal, and empowering environment for girls.

Essay writing competition on GST held

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AN essay writing competition on Goods and Services Tax (GST) was organised at Sri Sai Degree College, Gooty, under the jurisdiction of Sri Sai Campus CEO Sri Sriramulu, Sri Sai Degree College Principal Dr Venkateshwarlu Reddy, and PRR MBA College Principal Dr Prasanna Kumar (coordinator for GST programme).

The main objective of the competition was to enhance students’ understanding of GST and its role in India’s economic

system. A total of 200 students from various groups participated enthusiastically in the competition and expressed their insights on the significance, advantages, and implications of GST in the Indian economy.

After careful evaluation, nine students who excelled in the competition were awarded prizes and certificates for their outstanding performance.

All other participants received certificates of participation in appreciation of their efforts.



Collector inspects special sanitation campaign

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AS part of the special sanitation drive, Sri Sathya Sai District Collector A Shyam Prasad visited Venkatagaripalli Gram Panchayat in Puttaparthi Mandal on Tuesday.

The district-wide campaign, being conducted from October 13 to 20, aims to promote cleanliness, environmental protection, waste management, and plastic-free awareness across all gram panchayats in the district.

During his visit, the Collector emphasized that maintaining cleanliness with active public participation can transform rural areas into healthier and more beautiful communities.

He urged gram panchayat officials, women’s groups, and youth associations to work collectively through voluntary community service (Shramadanam) to keep their villages clean and hygienic.

The Collector personally inspected village streets,



Collector A Shyam Prasad inspecting the ongoing sanitation and cleanliness works in Puttaparthi on Tuesday

waste disposal centers, water tanks, and drainage systems, assessing the effectiveness of sanitation practices. He also interacted with villagers to gather feedback and suggestions for further improvement.

Speaking on the occasion Shyam Prasad said, “Cleanliness should become a community habit. When every individual contributes, villages can truly become models of health and harmony.”

The drive also witnessed

the participation of District Panchayat Officer Y Samatha, Puttaparthi Mandal Development Officer, local public representatives, Panchayat Secretary, Secretariat staff, and women’s self-help groups, who actively joined in the sanitation activities.

The drive has been receiving encouraging public response across the district, reflecting a growing awareness among rural communities toward maintaining a clean and sustainable environment.

Promotions for Panchayat Secys a festive gift: MLA Daggupati Prasad

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THE Andhra Pradesh Government’s decision to grant promotions to Panchayat Secretaries has been described as a Dussehra and Diwali gift to employees by Anantapur Urban MLA Daggupati Prasad.

He lauded the State Cabinet’s approval for the restructuring and reclassification of Panchayats, calling it a long-awaited reform that fulfills a 48-year-old demand of the Panchayat Raj Department staff. Celebrating the announcement, Panchayat Secretaries gathered at the

MLA office in Anantapur, where they performed milk abhishekam to the portraits of Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy Chief Minister & Panchayat Raj Minister Pawan Kalyan, expressing gratitude for the government’s support.

Speaking on the occasion, MLA Daggupati said the government has divided Panchayats into four grades Special (urban), Grade I, Grade II, and Grade III based on population and revenue, ensuring fair governance and better service delivery.

He noted that Panchayat Secretaries will now serve as



Panchayat Development Officers and MLA Daggupati Venkateswara Prasad performing milk abhishekam to the portraits of Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu and Dy CM Pawan Kalyan in Anantapur on Tuesday

Panchayat Development Officers, marking a major administrative upgrade within the department.

He criticized the previous YSRCP government, alleging that it had ignored rural development and neglected

Panchayat Raj institutions during its tenure. In contrast, he said, the current coalition government is committed to strengthening village-level governance through infrastructural development like roads and drainage systems.

‘Strict enforcement on firecracker sales ahead of Diwali’

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IN view of the upcoming Diwali festival, Sri Sathya Sai District Collector A Shyam Prasad and District Superintendent of Police S Satish Kumar issued stern warnings against unauthorized and illegal sale of firecrackers.

They emphasized that anyone violating government norms would face strict legal action.

At a review meeting held at the Collectorate on Tuesday, the Collector, along with officials from Revenue, Police, Fire, Municipal, RDO, and Tahsildar departments, discussed safety measures to be implemented across all li-



Collector A Shyam Prasad and SP S Satish Kumar speaking during the meeting in Puttaparthi on Tuesday

censed firecracker outlets in the district. The officials were instructed to ensure that all shop owners strictly follow fire safety regulations, maintain sand and water for emergencies, and prevent over-crowding and open flames near storage or sales areas.

The Collector directed that shops must be set up with

thatched sheds, maintaining a safe distance between each outlet to avoid fire hazards.

Electrical wiring should be inspected to prevent short circuits, and continuous monitoring should be carried out until the festival concludes.

The SP announced a special police drive to inspect

whether traders are adhering to safety norms and holding valid licenses.

He also warned that sale of crackers in residential or crowded areas is strictly prohibited and must only be done at officially designated locations.

Authorities urged the public to report any illegal sales of firecrackers to Dial 112 or the nearest police station, assuring that the informant’s identity will be kept confidential.

The officials reiterated that safety, legality, and public awareness must be the top priorities during the festive season to prevent accidents and ensure a safe Diwali for all.

Handri-Neeva tanks overflow, boosts Rayalaseema irrigation

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IN a major push to strengthen irrigation in Rayalaseema, Water Resources Minister Nimmala Ramanaidu reviewed the filling of tanks under the Handri Neeva Sujala Sravanthi Project at the Kurnool CE office on Tuesday.

The meeting brought together top officials, including Irrigation Advisor Venkateswara Rao, ENC Narasimha Murthy, Chief Engineers, Superintending

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- Reports that out of 517 tanks in the project area, 299 have already been filled, and active measures are underway to fill the remaining tanks
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Engineers, Executive Engineers, and other senior staff, to assess progress and streamline efforts for optimal water storage.

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Water Resources Minister Nimmala Ramanaidu reviewing a meeting on the filling of tanks under the Handri Neeva Sujala Sravanthi Project at the Kurnool CE office on Tuesday

fill the remaining tanks. Highlighting the state’s water storage achievements, Ramanaidu stated that res-

ervoirs with a total capacity of 961 TMC are currently holding 844 TMC, amounting to 87.86 percent of total capacity. “Already, 93 percent of the reservoirs in the state are full,” he added, attributing the success to the proactive water management policies of Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu.

Minister Ramanaidu also emphasized infrastructure development for the project, noting that ₹3,850 crore has been invested to channel Krishna waters

over 738 kilometers to remote areas.

He criticised former chief minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy for neglecting the Handri Neeva project, saying, “Despite claiming to be a son of Rayalaseema, he did not spend a single rupee on this lifeline project, nor cleared motor bills or desilted tanks.”

Contrasting past and present governments’ efforts, the minister stated, “What could not be achieved in five years under Jagan’s re-

gime, we completed in the first year of the coalition government.”

He accused the previous government of electoral theatrics, releasing water using rented tanks before polls.

In a symbolic demonstration of progress, Chief Minister Naidu brought Krishna waters to Kuppam, killed the Paramasagaram tank, and conducted a boat ride, showcasing the administration’s commitment to sustainable water supply and regional development.