

Hone sports skills: Collector exhorts youth

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- Encouraging the youths, the Collector underlined the need to hone their sports skills



District Collector Vijaya Krishnan speaking at the meeting in Anakapalli on Monday

will certainly shine in the field. The Collector instructed the sports development officers to promote sports in the district and encourage youths to hone their sports skills. She advised the youth to give priority to sports as well along with studies. Further, the District Collector directed the committee members to ensure that the youth do not fall into the trap of bad habits and provide them a platform to take up sports. Also, Vijaya Krishnan instructed the District Panchayat Officer to thoroughly examine the land proposed for the construction of 31 sports grounds with an extent of 10 to 15 cents suggested in each panchayat. The Collector advised the officials to coordinate with the mandal special officer and PET/PD and submit a viable report for the proposed project. Joint Collector M Jahnavi, in-charge District Revenue Officer Subbalakshmi, District Sports Development Officer Pujari Sailaja, DPO O Sandeep, DWAMA PD Purnima Devi, Municipal Commissioners of Elamanchili, Anakapalli, Narsipatnam and committee members participated in the meeting.

HANS NEWS SERVICE ANAKAPALLI

ANAKAPALLI District Collector Vijaya Krishnan instructed Zilla Parishad CEO P Narayana Murthy to acquire land for playgrounds in 24 mandal centres of the district with an area of not less than 25 cents each. Speaking at the District Sports Development Committee meeting held here on Monday, the District Collector mentioned that if talented youths are identified and given appropriate training and encouragement, they

IPS officers in city to get accommodation in star hotels

- IPS officers will now get star hotel accommodation in Visakhapatnam
- City Police Commissioner made a proposal with the star hotel association
- An agreement was signed between the Visakhapatnam city police and hotel association



Star hotels in Visakhapatnam where IPS officers will be accommodated

VASU POTNURU VISAKHAPATNAM

VISAKHAPATNAM is the most favoured destination to host national as well as international events. For an army of IPS officers who arrive in the city to render their service during various events, getting an accommodation has become a challenging task. Currently, the IPS officers are putting up at Sunrise Guesthouse (police officers' mess) that includes about 16 rooms. But during

major events, the capacity of the police officers' mess fails to cater to the number of IPS officers deployed for the purpose. To place a check on this issue, Visakhapatnam City Police Commissioner Shankhabrata Bagchi came up with a workable plan. As part of it, he held discussions with the representatives of star hotel managements and associations. The CP made a proposal that the TA/DA bills paid by the government to the IPS officers will be used to settle hotel bills if they get an accommodation in a star hotel during their visit. In the meantime, a number of star hotels came forward to accept the proposal. For the first time in Andhra Pradesh, a memorandum of understanding was signed between the Visakhapatnam city police and star hotels association in the presence of Director General of Police Harish Kumar Gupta and City Commissioner of Police Shankhabrata Bagchi.



An MoU being signed in the presence of City Police Commissioner Shankhabrata Bagchi in Visakhapatnam

Based on the recommendations of the 7th Pay Commission, the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) enforced a new pay matrix system for the IPS officers. According to this pay scale and depending on the category, the hospitality arrangements of the IPS officers will be provided by the designated hotels in Visakhapatnam city. Sharing details of the pact, the City Commissioner of Police Shankhabrata Bagchi said, "It is important to provide appropriate food and accommodation to the IPS officers to overcome their work stress and help them stay focused on duty. With the signing of the MoU, the first-of-its-kind initiative has been taken up by the city police." The MoU serves as a big relief for the IPS officers as they no longer have to experience accommodation problems in Visakhapatnam as they did in the past.



Pro Vice-Chancellor of the institution Y Goutham Rao along with students taking part in the pink walk held on the campus in Visakhapatnam on Monday

Three held for possession of LCD blots

HANS NEWS SERVICE VISAKHAPATNAM

THREE persons identified as P Konda Reddy, M Geeth Charan and T Harshavardan were taken into custody by the city police on Monday for reportedly possessing LCD blots here on Monday. Konda Reddy is YSRCP student wing president. At a media conference held here on Monday, DCP Mary Prashanti said the three have been closely associated with another and they are addicted to drugs and alcohol. As they ran out of supplies, Konda Reddy directed Charan to procure LCD blots from Bengaluru from a known source.



DCP Mary Prashanti briefing the details of the arrest in Visakhapatnam on Monday

The DCP informed that Charan went to Bengaluru on October 31 to procure the LCD blots. The next day, he travelled by train to reach Vizag on November 2. Based on a tip-off, a team of EAGLE, IV Town police caught Konda Reddy and Harshavardhan near the railway station while they were receiving the substance from Geeth Charan. The police arrested all the three and seized 48 LSD blots and three mobile phones from them along with a two-wheeler.

‘Aahwaan-2025’ welcomes freshers to AMC



Collector MN Harendhira Prasad inaugurating ‘Aahwaan-2025’ celebrations in Visakhapatnam on Monday

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ANDHRA Medical College (AMC) celebrated Freshers' Day under the banner of 'Aahwaan-2025' here on Monday. About 250 new medical students of the 2025 batch joined the AMC fraternity. The freshers were welcomed by the faculty members and senior students. District Collector MN Harendhira Prasad, Visakhapatnam south MLA Ch Vamsi Krishna Srinivas Yadav attended the event. Principal of the AMC KVSM Sandhya Devi, Superintendent of King George Hospital, Vice Principal (Academic) V Manmadha Rao, among others, were present. Meanwhile, the postgraduate students of Andhra Medical College

(AMC) excelled in research papers exhibition organised by the PG students at the state-level conference on Radiology at GITAM. Of the 180 research papers that were exhibited at the state-level, G Pushpita stood first and received the prestigious Vizag City Sub Chapter Award gold medal. Jayaguru Sambatharajan received the second prize for presenting 150 research papers, Dr Raja Reddy secured the gold medal and A Meghana received a special commendation certificate. The students who received the awards were congratulated by the AMC Principal Sandhya Devi, King George Hospital Superintendent I Vani, head of the radiology department Dr Bujji Babu, radiology professor Uma Maheswara Rao and other faculty.

Pink walk focuses on cancer prevention

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ENCOURAGING students and staff to adopt a healthy and proactive lifestyle and in observance of breast cancer awareness month, a 'pink walk' was held in Visakhapatnam on Monday. Organised by the Women Leaders' Forum (WLF) in collaboration with the Rotaract Club of GITAM, the event aimed at raising awareness about early detection and prevention of

breast cancer. Inaugurating the walk, Pro Vice-Chancellor of the institution Y Goutham Rao expressed concern over the rising incidence of breast cancer in India and emphasised that early detection, timely diagnosis, and increased awareness can significantly improve recovery outcomes. Further, he highlighted the importance of maintaining a healthy lifestyle including physical activity and yoga. Arun Kareek, Associate

Dean of Student Life, along with members of the club, WLF and a large number of students participated enthusiastically in the rally. Participants carried placards and slogans promoting breast cancer awareness, encouraging regular health check-ups, and emphasising the strength and resilience of survivors. The platform served as a reminder that awareness and education act as powerful tools in waging a battle against breast cancer.



Stopping her convoy, Home Minister Vangalapudi Anitha reached out to an accident victim at Elamanchili while she was travelling to Nakkapalli from Visakhapatnam and aided in shifting the victim to the Elamanchili government hospital on Monday

Vizag to host All India postal table tennis tournament from Nov 10

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THE 40th All India Postal Table Tennis tournament will be held in Visakhapatnam from November 10 to November 14, informed Postmaster General, Visakhapatnam Region VS Jayasankar. Speaking to the media here on Monday, he stated that the tournament will be held at the S-3 Sports Arena located at MVP Colony. The Postmaster General informed that such events will not only instill sportsmanship among postal employees but also serve as a platform for talented players

- The Postmaster General launched a teaser and logo of the tournament
- 14 Teams from 14 states, including Andhra Pradesh, will participate in the event
- The department plans to launch a special cover on the occasion

to project their expertise at the national level. Further, he mentioned that 14 teams from 14 states, including Andhra Pradesh, will participate in the tournament.



Postmaster General, Visakhapatnam region VS Jayasankar at the launch of the teaser of the tournament in Visakhapatnam on Monday

Launching a teaser related to the tournament and logo, Jayasankar recalled that the West Bengal team performed well and won several medals in the tournament held in Porbandar, Gujarat last year. The department plans to launch a special cover on the occasion. Sports enthusiasts and representatives from various sports organisations and the public are requested to scan the QR code for logo and prospect details. Visakhapatnam Postal Division Senior Superintendent NVSN Raju, deputy superintendent P Komal Kumar, assistant director KVD Sagar, among others, were present.

Science and spirituality exhibition inspires thought & joy

HANS NEWS SERVICE PUTTAPARTHI

OFFERING prayers at the divine lotus feet of Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba, the Sri Sathya Sai Seva Organisations- Andhra Pradesh (education wing) presented a unique offering through the two-day "Sanathana Dharma-Scientific Perspective" (Science and Spirituality) Exhibition, held at Sri Sathya Sai Higher Secondary School, Prasanthi Nilayam. The exhibition was inaugurated by R.J. Ratnakar, Managing Trustee of the Sri

Sathya Sai Central Trust, who praised the creativity, devotion, and dedication reflected in each display. He lauded the efforts of the Bal Vikas teachers for nurturing the talents of young students and instilling Swami's values through innovative expression. More than 250 students from 26 districts of Andhra Pradesh, guided by 150 Bal Vikas gurus, presented around 170 exhibits, each creatively blending science with spirituality. Every model showcased profound spiritual truths illuminated through scientific understanding.