

Deploying AI to curb human-elephant conflict: Pawan

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DEPUTY Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan said Andhra Pradesh is using artificial intelligence to protect both people and wildlife, calling it a new step toward sustainable coexistence. He stated that the state is "showing the way from elephants to artificial intelligence" in minimising human-wildlife conflict.

In a social media post, Pawan Kaly-



an explained that an AI-based monitoring system has been introduced on a pilot basis in Chittoor district to track elephant movement near forest-

bordering villages. Powered by solar energy, the system detects elephant activity and generates mild deterrent signals to guide the animals back into

the forest. The mechanism also alerts forest department officials in real time, allowing immediate response to potential threats. He recalled that four trained 'Kunki' elephants were earlier brought from Karnataka to assist in driving away wild herds safely. The Kunki teams, he said, have already succeeded in diverting elephants that entered human settlements on several occasions.

Pawan said that the latest system combines artificial intelligence with machine learning to continuously monitor sensitive zones within a range of 60 to 120 metre. The initiative aims to prevent crop damage, reduce economic losses, and enhance community safety while ensuring ecological balance.

He added that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu, Andhra Pradesh is advancing toward sustainable development goals through technology-driven wildlife protection.

Panic in Tirupati suburb as leopard kills pet dog

After being alerted by residents of Bhupal colony, forest dept personnel rush to the spot and launch a search operation

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TIRUPATI

TENSION prevailed in Bhupal Housing Colony near Mangalam on the outskirts of Tirupati after a leopard strayed into the neighbourhood early Monday and mauled a pet dog to death, sending shock waves among the residents.

The distressing incident came to light when the owners of the house found their dog missing at daybreak. On checking the CCTV footage, they were startled to see a leopard dragging the animal away after attacking it in front of the house. The foot-

age confirmed that the big cat had entered the colony from the nearby forest fringes during the pre-dawn hours.

Alerted by the residents, forest department personnel rushed to the spot and launched a search operation. Officials later confirmed that they had found pugmarks and traces suggesting the leopard's movement from the Mangalam forest belt into the residential area.

Authorities have since installed camera traps at several vulnerable locations to monitor the animal's path and are prepared to deploy cages if the leopard continues to frequent the area.

"Our teams are on constant patrol, and measures are in place to prevent any danger to residents," forest officials assured.

Residents have been cautioned to stay indoors at night and to avoid leaving pets or cattle outside. The incident has reignited fears in the temple city, which has witnessed a series of leopard sightings in recent months — particularly around SV University and adjoining localities — highlighting the growing challenge of human-wildlife encounters near forested zones surrounding Tirupati.

FAKE LIQUOR CASE: JOGI SHIFTED TO NELLORE JAIL

- Court remands YSRCP leader for 10 days
- Excise dept seeks 10 days custody of former minister

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FORMER minister Jogi Ramesh and his brother Ramu, arrested in connection with the adulterated liquor case, were shifted to Nellore jail on Monday following a court order. The duo was initially lodged in Vijayawada district jail after being remanded for 10 days by the court earlier in the day. However, as per the revised directions, police later escorted them to Nellore Central Jail under tight security.

The case, which has sparked a political storm, continues to widen with investigators tightening the net around several suspects. YSRCP leader Manoj Kothari, from the Vi-

jayawada West constituency, is reportedly absconding after his alleged involvement surfaced during the probe. His name has been listed as A20 in the case.

The Special Investigation Team (SIT) is examining financial and logistical links connected to the illegal liquor network. Sources said multiple locations in Vijayawada and nearby districts are being raided to trace Kothari's whereabouts and uncover possible political or business links in the adulteration racket.

Meanwhile, the excise department filed a petition seeking the custody of Ramesh and his brother Ramu in connection with the case for 10 days. The court which took up the matter, adjourned it to Tuesday while seeking counter from the SIT.

In the same case, excise department sought custody of the main accused Addepalli Janardhana Rao and his brother for the second time. The hearing on the petition has been adjourned to May 6.

BJP celebrates Women's World Cup triumph

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JUBILANT celebrations erupted at the BJP state office in Vijayawada following India's historic victory in the ICC Women's ODI World Cup 2025. Fireworks lit up the sky as party leaders and activists rejoiced, hailing the achievement as a proud moment for the nation.

BJP State President PVN Madhav led the celebrations and congratulated Team India for their extraordinary performance. He said the Indian women cricketers



BJP State President PVN Madhav leading celebrations at the party office in Vijayawada on Monday

have brought glory to the nation and proven that Indian women can excel

on the world stage. Senior party leaders, including State General Secretaries

Sannareddy Dayakar Reddy, Nagothu Ramesh Naidu, Matta Prasad, Saligrama Lakshmi Prasanna, State Vice-President Nirmala Kishore, State Secretary Boddur Naga Lakshmi, BJYM State President Shiva Kumar Reddy, Mahila Morcha State President Nishidha Raju, Kisan Morcha President Chigurupati Kumara Swamy, SC Morcha President Panatala Suresh, Minority Morcha President Syed Basha, BJP NTR District President Adduri Sri Ram, Social Media In-Charge Adusumilli Keshav Kant,

and others, participated in the celebrations along with several activists.

Meanwhile, Andhra Cricket Association (ACA) President and MP Kesineni Sivanath congratulated the Indian women's team on their World Cup victory. He said the team's collective brilliance has created new history in Indian cricket and will inspire generations of women athletes. Sivanath also lauded Sri Charani, the Andhra left-arm spinner, for her key role in the final, becoming the first woman from the state to play in a World Cup for India.

Officials absent for PGRS warned

- NTR collector Lakshmisha conducts the Public Grievance Redressal System (PGRS) programme

- A total of 194 petitions were submitted during the session

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NTR district collector Dr G Lakshmisha has issued a stern warning to officials who remain absent from duty or from public grievance programmes without prior permission.

On Monday, Lakshmisha conducted the Public Grievance Redressal System (PGRS) programme at the Collectorate here. He, along with Joint Collector S Ilakkiya, received and reviewed petitions from citizens, patiently listening to their grievances. A total of 194 petitions were submitted



Collector Lakshmisha and joint collector S Ilakkiya receiving petitions from people during the PGRS at the Collectorate in Vijayawada on Monday

during the session.

Addressing the officials, the collector said people place their trust in the administration to resolve their

long-pending issues, and it is the duty of officials to uphold that trust by acting swiftly and responsibly. He stressed that officials must

attend every PGRS meeting without fail and warned that stringent action would be taken against those who skip the sessions without prior

approval. Lakshmisha also expressed disappointment over some officials who were regularly absent or failed to maintain proper office timings. He instructed them to gather detailed information from the grassroots level while addressing public grievances to ensure effective and favourable resolutions.

DRO M Lakshmi Narasimham, DRDA PD AVNV Nachara Rao, Gram/Ward Sachivalayam Special Officer G Jyothi, and other dignitaries participated in the programme.

Meanwhile, the collector distributed four laptops to students with disabilities who are pursuing their PhD, Degree, and BTech programmes, with a total value of Rs 1.40 lakh, at the Collectorate.

This initiative was made possible through the support of the NTR District Differently Aabled, Transgenders, and Senior Citizens Welfare Department.

Karthika Masam safety advisory

- SP Narasimha Kishore issues crucial safety advisory for devotees during the ongoing Karthika Masam

- Devotees advised not to panic, push, or shove one another

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RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM

FOLLOWING a tragic stampede incident at the Kasibugga Venkateswara Swamy Temple in Srikakulam district, East Godavari District Superintendent of Police D Narasimha Kishore has issued a crucial safety advisory for devotees during the ongoing Karthika Masam. The advisory focuses on preventing stampedes, pushing, shoving, and other undesirable incidents at temples, bathing ghats, and picnic spots across the district.

The SP stressed the



SP D Narasimha Kishore

need for discipline and patience among devotees, especially at Shiva temples and other places of worship that witness heavy crowds during this auspicious month. Devotees are strongly advised not to panic, push, or shove one another. They must proceed slowly and in an orderly manner within the queue lines. The SP appealed to

the public to cooperate with the police by strictly following the instructions and precautions issued by the Police Department, Endowments Department, and Temple Committees to ensure peaceful darshans.

SP advised to take specific steps to manage the crowds in Kartika picnics and Vanabhojanalu. Organisers must arrange an adequate number of food counters to match the expected number of attendees, he added. SP also suggested the organisers take necessary precautions to prevent electric short circuits and fire accidents in Ayyappa worship.

The SP further stated that in case of any requirement, the concerned authorities, including the Police, Fire, and Revenue Departments, must be informed in advance. SP Narasimha Kishore urged the public to Dial 112 for any police assistance during an emergency.

CRDA HOLDS GENDER COMMITTEE MEETING

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GUNTUR

AS part of the capital Amaravati construction project, the Social Welfare wing of APCRDA has formed gender committees under the Self-Help Group network to safeguard women's rights. These committees work towards the prevention of child marriages, prohibition of dowry, and protection of

women from domestic violence and sexual harassment.

The gender committee meeting was held at the CRDA office in Tullur under the supervision of the Social Welfare Wing. As part of the meeting, a training programme was organised, attended by over 30 women from 25 villages across the capital region. The programme was conducted under the

supervision of CRDA Social Welfare Wing DCDO Borra Srinivasa Rao, and facilitated by gender specialist CH Niteesha.

Speaking on this occasion, Niteesha enlightened the participants on key topics such as laws preventing violence against women, gender equality, the Domestic Violence Act, the Prevention of Sexual Harassment Act, the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, and the Dowry Prohibition Act. She engaged in interactive discussions, answering participants' questions and sharing insights on women's protection mechanisms.

MLA inaugurates labs at Govt Urdu College

- The labs are jointly sponsored by Sujana Foundation and Bhagyanagar Gas Limited at a total cost of Rs 12L
- MLA Sujana Chowdary says the education and medical sectors are being given top priority in the West Constituency

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VIJAYAWADA West MLA Yalamanchili Satyanarayana Chowdary alias Sujana Chowdary inaugurated the newly established Chemistry, Biology, Zoology, and Physics laboratories at the Government Urdu Junior College at Kabela here on Monday. The labs were jointly sponsored by Sujana Foundation and Bhagyanagar Gas Limited



Vijayawada West MLA Y Sujana Chowdary inaugurating the newly-established laboratories at the Government Urdu Junior College in Vijayawada on Monday

at a total cost of Rs 12 lakh.

Speaking on the occasion, MLA Sujana Chowdary said that the education and medical sectors are being given top priority in the West Constituency. He stated

that the establishment of these laboratories aims to enhance the scientific knowledge and practical learning of government junior college students. He urged students to make full use of the facilities and

focus on their studies to achieve excellence.

Recalling his earlier visit to the college, the MLA said that Principal Hafiz Sheikh Ahmed had requested the setting up of science labs for students,

and he was pleased to have fulfilled that request as part of his responsibility to improve educational infrastructure. He added that continuous efforts are being made to strengthen educational and healthcare systems in the constituency. MLA Sujana Chowdary also emphasised that students should sharpen their intellect and embrace innovation in line with rapid advancements in science and technology. On the occasion, he planted saplings in the college premises and thanked Karnati Rammohan Rao, former MD of Bhagyanagar Gas Limited, for his valuable cooperation.

College Principal Hafiz Sheikh Ahmed, lecturers Venkat, Rafiq, Sultana, Ramana, Rajeshwara Rao, former Corporator Abdul Khadar, and others participated in the programme.

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
Roads & Buildings Department
E-procurement Tender Notice

'e' NIT No.13/ENC(MDR)/2025-26, Dt.30.10.2025
Online tenders are invited under e-procurement platform for 40 works in various Districts in Andhra Pradesh for Rs.105.14 Crores under MDR-PLAN & 1 work in Annamaya District, 2 works in Guntur District for Rs.7.67 Crores under NABARD RIDF XXX. Tenderers can download the tender schedules and have further details from e-market place i.e., www.appeprocurement.gov.in from 3PM on 05.11.2025 onwards. Last date of receipt of tenders is upto 3.30PM on 21.11.2025.

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