# Lokesh pats teacher for green initiative

- Venkatapuram Primary School headmistress Manoja develops a model kitchen garden for students
- She developed a thriving kitchen garden on the campus, cultivating a variety of vegetables and fruits
- The inspiring story was published in the November issue of Mana Badi

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A woman teacher working at the Mandal Parishad Primary School in Venkatapuram, popularly known as Mangalapuram, a hamlet of Pathapadu Gram Panchayat under Vijayawada Rural Mandal, Gannavaram Assembly Constituency in NTR district, has become an inspiration for her commitment to greenery, self-sustainability, and student welfare. Her exceptional efforts have drawn the attention of Minister for Human Resources and IT, Nara Lokesh, who appreciated her work on his official 'X' account on Tuesday. Headmistress Manoja Namburi, who has been working at the Venkatapuram (Man-

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er Rahul Meena said that

Solid Waste Management

(SWM) Centres play a cru-

cial role in converting waste

into valuable resources while



Students showing vegetables grown in the school's kitchen

galapuram) school for the past four years, has developed a thriving kitchen garden on the campus, cultivating a variety of vegetables and fruits. These are not only used in the school's mid-day meal programme but also shared with the students, encouraging them to eat healthy, locally grown produce. Her dedication to environmental awareness and sustainable food practices at the primary school level has earned her wide appreciation from both education officials and the community.

Her inspiring story was published in the November issue of Mana Badi, a monthly publication of the School Education Department and Samagra Shiksha. Minister Lokesh, who regularly reads

also contributing to environ-

mental protection and pol-

lution control. On Tuesday,

the Commissioner inspected

the Solid Waste Manage-

ment Centre located in the

Luthergiri area. He reviewed

staff details, the functioning

of the dumping yard, waste

**Civic chief inspects SWM Centre** 

the magazine, came across her feature and shared his admiration online.

He stated that "Congratu-

lations to Manoja Namburi, a teacher at Vijayawada Rural Venkatapuram Mandal Parishad Primary School, for transforming her school into a haven of nature and making her dream of greenery a reality. Manoja deserves appreciation for cultivating gardening habits among her students and making use of government funds for kitchen gardens to provide fresh vegetables and fruits in mid-day meals." When Manoja was transferred from the Mandal Parishad Upper Primary School at Gudavalli to Venkatapuram, the school was on the verge of closure due to a lack of student

Municipal Commissioner

Rahul Meena inspecting Solid

Waste Management Centre

personally took the initiative to campaign in nearby hamlets such as Mangalapuram, Seetharamapuram, and Apparaopeta, convincing parents to enrol their children in the local school. She even spent her own money on awareness activities. Thanks to her tireless efforts, the school's enrollment rose to 27 students, saving it from closure.

Since beginning her career as a government teacher in 1997 at Ravikamatham in Visakhapatnam district, Manoja has worked at several schools. including MPP School Kothapeta in Agiripalli Mandal and MPP Upper Primary School Gudavalli. Wherever she has served, she has promoted kitchen gardening as part of

In an interview with 'The Hans India', Manoja expressed her happiness about Minister Lokesh's recognition. She emphasised her belief that "schools should nurture both young minds and green spaces." Manoja encouraged parents to send their children to government schools rather than private or corporate institutions. She highlighted that qualified teachers are teaching in government schools and that the state government prioritises healthy food through its mid-day meal programme.

segregation, recycling, and

composting processes. He

also verified the records and

checked the vehicle register

to assess the number of gar-

bage collection trips being

made daily. Rahul Meena

inquired about the quantity

of waste collected per day,

segregation of wet and dry

waste, and the overall waste

### Tulluru police sub-division office inaugurated

• Home Minister Vangalapudi inaugurating the station says DGP is strengthening police system

• Assures that the staff shortage issue in the Sub-Division will soon be addressed

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HOME Minister Vangalapudi Anitha inaugurated newly constructed Tulluru Police Sub-Division office on Tuesday.

Speaking on the occasion, she expressed happiness over opening the new office and said it holds special significance. She recalled that Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu had initiated the construction of Amaravati in 2014.

She stated that DGP is strengthening the police system and assured that the government is providing all necessary facilities to the police force. "We have introduced insurance coverage up to Rs 1 crore for police personnel. After the coalition government took charge, we recruited 6,100 constables, whereas not a single constable post was filled during the YSRCP regime," she added.

She said that if any police officer dies in duty, their family will be supported with a minimum of Rs 15 lakh insurance compensation. She assured that the staff shortage in the Sub-

management system. He instructed Municipal Health Officer Vinuthna to organise awareness programmes to make Rajamahendravaram a clean and sustainable city. Executive Engineer Madhavi, DE Satyanarayana, and other officials accompanied the Commissioner during



inaugurating the sub-divisional police office at Tulluru in Amaravati on Tuesday

Division will soon be addressed. Referring to fake and manipulated videos, she said many are being troubled by such misinformation, but AP Police are effectively countering them. She criticised the YSRCP for circulating a video from UP where stones were thrown at a lorry

claiming it happened in AP. She praised the police for swiftly exposing the false propaganda.

DGP Harish Kumar Gupta, Guntur range IGP Sarvashresth Tripathi, SP Vakul Jindal, additional SPs GV Ramana Murthy, A Hanumanthu, Tulluru DSP Murali Krishna were present.

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