

70,000 devotees to celebrate Karthika Pournami at Gudem Gutta

Temple staff have arranged all necessary facilities for devotees

Celebrations include 'Karthika Deepotsavam' and 'Ramaa Sahita Sri Satyanarayana Swamy Vratams'

SOUDAM RAJANNA
MANCHERIAL

On the occasion of Karthika Pournami, approximately 70,000 devotees are expected to visit the temple for darshan on Wednesday. Temple Executive Officer Srinivas stated that all necessary arrangements have been made to ensure devotees face no inconvenience.

The temples in Gudem have been adorned with renewed splendor. The Satyanarayana Swamy temple is beautifully decorated with colourful electric lights. During the Jatara, temple authorities make elaborate arrangements.



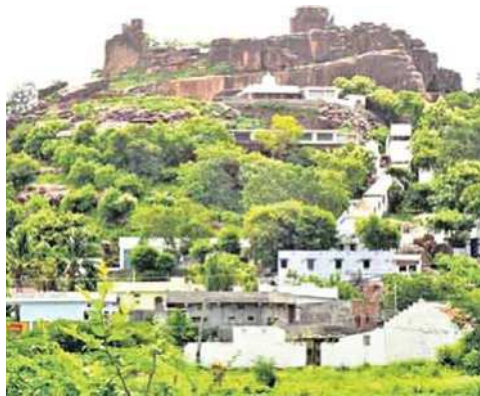
Packets of laddu and pulihora are prepared, and shamanas (canopies) are set up for devotees to rest.

The temple of 'Ramaa Sahitha Sri Satyanarayana Swamy' famously known as 'Gudem Gutta' is also referred to as 'Ratnadri'. Located in Gudem village of Dandepalli mandal, in Mancherial, this renowned pilgrimage site in India has earned the name 'Second

Annavam'.

In 1964, a devotee named Govardhana Perumandla Swamy had a divine vision in which the deity revealed His presence on Ratnadri hill, leading to the temple's rise to prominence.

Nearby, there are also temples dedicated to Sri Ayyappa Swamy and Pan-chamukha Anjaneya Swamy. The Ayyappa temple is built on another hill close to



the Satyanarayana temple, modeled after Sabarimala, and is fondly called "Sabarimala of the Telugus".

Devotees from Telangana and other states visit Gudem to worship Sri Satyanarayana Swamy.

There is a deep belief that the deity blesses devotees by fulfilling their wishes and granting happiness, health, and prosperity.

Pilgrims take a holy dip in the sacred Godavari river before visiting the temple. Every year during the month of Kartika, large numbers of devotees come for darshan.

On Kartika Pournami, couples perform the Rama Sahitha Sri Satyanarayana Swamy Vratam. Many women light Kartika lamps during this auspicious month. To mark Kartika Pournami, a grand annual fair (Jatara) is held at Gudem Gutta.



Immortalising Abdul Kalam's legacy

Khammam-based body to install 'Missile Man's' statues across TG and AP

- 13 statues prepared for AP were unveiled by AP CM Naidu in May at Amaravati
- Standing 10 ft tall, each statue has been sculpted by Modugu Prasad of Tiruvur in AP
- Work on statues meant for Telangana is currently underway

PV SATYANARAYANA
KHAMMAM

A Khammam-based organisation, Vibrants of Kalam, has embarked on a special project to immortalise the legacy of aerospace scientist and former President of India, late Dr APJ Abdul Kalam.

As part of the initiative, the organisation plans to install statues of Dr Kalam in all the erstwhile districts of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. Thirteen statues prepared for Andhra Pradesh were unveiled by Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu in May this year at Amaravati.

Speaking to the media, Vibrants of Kalam founder Vijay Kalam said that each statue, standing 10 ft tall, has been sculpted by Modugu



Vibrants of Kalam founder Vijay Kalam with Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu at the unveiling of Dr APJ Abdul Kalam's statue in Amaravati (File photo)

Prasad of Tiruvur in Andhra Pradesh's Krishna district. Work on statues meant for Telangana is currently underway. The height of the statue symbolises the tenth death anniversary of Dr Kalam, observed this year. Vijay plans to have the first statue in Telangana unveiled by Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy this November.

He said the entire project would cost around Rs 1 crore, including Rs 1 lakh per statue and the cost of constructing platforms for installation.

Explaining the inspiration behind the initiative, he shared that even a decade after Dr Kalam's passing, there were few places where admirers could pay homage on his

birth and death anniversaries.

"As the founder of Vibrants of Kalam, the largest organisation in the country dedicated to spreading the vision and ideology of Dr Kalam, I felt it was my responsibility to ensure his legacy lives on for future generations," he said.

Notably, the organisation aims to complete installations across all 23 erstwhile districts of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh by July 27 next year, coinciding with Dr Kalam's death anniversary.

"Annual events such as elocution, essay writing, and quiz competitions will also be organised for students and youth on his birth and death anniversaries to promote his ideals," Vijay added.

Paramita students excel in int'l competition



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Two students from Paramita High School viz. Rachamalla Aadhyaa, a student studying in class 10 and Gadam Sudhiksha, a student studying in class 8, recently participated

in the Read India Celebration in-ternational level competition and were selected for the second round.

The information was shared by school principal Balaji in a statement on Tuesday. He expressed his happiness that two students from

Paramita School were among the first 91 winners selected across the country. On this occasion, the school principal along with directors of Paramita Educational Institutions Prasuna, Anukar Rao, Rashmita, Vinoda Rao, and others congratulated the students.



NCC cadets of Kshatriya College of Engineering, Armoor receiving the 'Best Performance' award in the programme 'Say No to Drugs, Say Yes to Sports; organized under the supervision of the police department in Nizamabad on Tuesday



District Collector urges for seamless cotton procurement

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ASIFABAD

DISTRICT Collector Venkatesh Dhotre has urged that the cotton procurement process should be carried out without causing any problems to farmers.

In a meeting on Tuesday, discussions were held with the officials of the respective departments on creation of facilities in ginning mills, management of Kapas Kisan Mobile App- awareness to farmers, and protective measures in ginning mills.

Speaking on this occasion, the collector said that the ginning mill owners, CCI and marketing officials should complete the necessary arrangements for the 2025-26 season cotton procurement. He said that cotton was cultivated in 3.3 lakh acres in the

district this season and that there is a possibility of a cotton yield of 38 lakh quintals, and arrangements should be made in that direction.

He said that the agricultural officers and agricultural extension officers should educate the farmers on the use of the mobile app so that they can book slots through the Cotton Kisan app and bring it to the purchase centers on time.

Inspections should be conducted in each ginning mill under the auspices of the fire department and security arrangements should be examined, he said.

Meanwhile, transport department officials suggested that the farmers should keep the necessary vehicles ready to sell cotton and focus on the welfare of the workers working in the mills.



18L quintals cotton yield expected from Gadwal

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GADWAL

THE Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) has officially begun cotton procurement operations in Jogulamba Gadwal district. The inauguration ceremony was held on Tuesday at the Sri Balaji Cotton Ginning Mill, where Marketing Department Officer Pushpamma launched the procurement along with Rahul the CPO of CCI by breaking a coconut in traditional fashion.

According to officials, the district is expecting a yield of around 18 lakh quintals of cotton this season. Currently, only two procurement centers have been opened i.e. one at Gadwal and another at Alampur. These centers, operating out of two

ginning mills, have a combined capacity of 3,500 quintals.

Officer Pushpamma noted that procurement in Alampur had already begun a week ago and has been running smoothly since then.

However, several farmers in Gadwal expressed frustration that despite repeated attempts, they are unable to book slots for selling their cotton. The marketing officer explained that the shortage of Ginning mills is the main reason for the delay and difficulties in slot booking. Farmers, on the other hand, are urging the CCI and district administration to identify and open at least five or six additional ginning mills for procurement to ease the congestion and ensure timely purchases.

Development works worth Rs 1,400 cr will be completed within 18 months: Kadiyam

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HANUMAKONDA

STATION Ghanpur MLA Kadiyam Srihari inspected ongoing construction works of the Integrated Divisional Office Complex and 100-bed hospital in Station Ghanpur town on Tuesday, accompanied by officials and contractors.

Speaking on the occasion, he promised to complete the construction of both the Integrated Divisional Office Complex and the 100-bed hospital by November 2026 and dedicate them to the people of the constituency. He stated that the aim is to provide efficient administration and quality medical services to the public through well-planned and timely execution.

He further said that not only will the buildings be completed, but all necessary facilities will also be provided.

The MLA directed the officials to prepare a list of required medical equipment, medical and non-medical staff, and other necessities for the hospital. He instructed that by the time the construction is completed, all facilities should be ready and urged officials and contractors to expedite the works without delay.

Srihari said that Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, out of his affection for the people of the constituency, has been promptly sanctioning funds without hesitation. So far, Rs 1,400 crore has been sanctioned for various development works,



and several of them are already in progress. Plans are being made to complete these works within 18 months, he added.

He mentioned that permissions have been granted

for several key election promises, including mandal offices at Veleru and Chilpur and approvals for a few roads that are expected soon. He also criticized some people for trying

to obstruct development works and called upon the public to actively participate in the ongoing progress.

"Schemes such as 200 units of free electricity, supply of fine rice, Indiramma

housing, Rs 21,000 crore loan waiver, and Rs 500 bonus per quintal of paddy are examples of ideal welfare programs being implemented by the State Government," said the former Deputy Chief Minister.

The MLA alleged that KT Rama Rao (KTR) has lost power but not his arrogance, which is why he is spreading false propaganda against the CM and the Congress government.

He said that although the BRS party was given power twice for leading the Telangana movement, KCR's family exploited and looted Telangana.

Srihari demanded that the Kalvakuntla family reveal their assets before and after the formation of the state to the public.

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