

# Cong set for massive win in panchayat polls: Bhatti

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MADHIRA ( KHAMMAM)

DEPUTY Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu on Tuesday said the Congress party is witnessing a massive wave in the ongoing panchayat elections across the State, with the party winning around 85 per cent of the seats so far.

He attributed the success to the people's strong support for the welfare-oriented governance of the Indiramma government.

Speaking at a felicitation meeting of newly-elected sarpanches at the Madhira constituency headquarters, the Deputy Chief Minister said the victory reflects the tireless efforts and commitment of grassroots Congress workers. He said the panchayat elections were conducted peacefully and in a democratic manner, with



Deputy CM Bhatti Vikramarka speaking at a meeting at Madhira on Tuesday

results clearly favouring the Congress party.

Bhatti Vikramarka assured that the government would ensure equal development of all villages, irrespective of political affiliation. He said every sarpanch has a responsibility to work beyond personal interests and focus on the overall devel-

opment of their respective villages.

The Deputy CM highlighted various development and welfare programmes rolled out by the State government including free bus ride for women, 200 unit electricity, gas cylinder for Rs 500 and waiving go farm loans etc.

He added that sarees are being distributed to one crore women, and interest-free loans are being provided to make one crore women financially self-reliant.

The Deputy Chief Minister said Telangana has achieved the highest per capita income in the country. He explained that the

Vision Document-2047 outlines plans for infrastructure development, industries, educational institutions, IT and pharma hubs, and power generation. As part of the state's goal to become a \$3-trillion economy by 2047, plans are in place to generate 1.39 lakh megawatts of power.

He said that following the release of the Vision Document, investments worth Rs 5.75 lakh crore flowed into Telangana, and more investments are expected in the coming years.

In the Madhira constituency, Congress candidates won over 90 of the 131 sarpanch posts, creating a record. Bhatti Vikramarka urged the newly elected sarpanches to give priority to education, healthcare, agriculture and rural development, and to work towards building model villages.

## Police thrash Cong rebel candidates ahead of polls

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HUZURNAGAR ( SURYAPET)

HIGH tension prevailed in Bakkamanthula Gudem village of Mathampally mandal of Huzurnagar constituency in Suryapet district. With the third phase of Gram Panchayat elections scheduled to be held in the village on Wednesday, villagers alleged police excesses late on Tuesday night.

According to reports, Congress party rebel candidate Irigela Narender Reddy and ward members Krishnapati Naveen Reddy, Palle Narasimha Reddy, Paredi Saidi Reddy, Balmuri Veera Reddy and Madarapu Gopi were allegedly attacked by police



around 10 pm without any reason.

It is stated that the police waylaid them on the village road and assaulted them indiscriminately. They were later taken to the Mathampally police station, where they were allegedly beaten again.

The victims claimed that their mobile phones were seized and they were released only in the morning. Villagers expressed strong anger over what they de-

scribed as an unprovoked police attack.

Residents said that elections in the village have always been conducted peacefully in the past, and questioned the motive behind allegedly targeting one particular group this time. They further alleged that the incident took place at the instigation of members of the ruling party, whose candidate is contesting for the post of sarpanch from the Congress party.

## Ballot papers found in drain, 12 officials suspended

HYDERABAD:A major controversy has erupted following the panchayat elections in Chinnakaparthi village of Chitaly mandal in Nalgonda district after ballot papers cast in favour of a sarpanch candidate were found dumped in a drainage canal.

The incident triggered serious public concern over the integrity of the electoral process. Former minister and MLA Jagadish Reddy, former Rajya Sabha member Lingaiah Yadav and former MLAs Chirumurthy Lingaiah and Kancharla Bhupal Reddy lodged complaints with higher authorities, alleging negligence and deliberate misconduct by election officials.

Acting swiftly, the District Collector ordered a detailed inquiry. After already suspending the Returning Officer, the administration took further stringent action, suspending 12 officials, including MPDO Jayalakshmi and Stage-2 officer Vijay Kumar, for violations of poll procedures. Investigations are underway to fix responsibility.

## CP Sunil Dutt inspects security arrangements at polling station



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POLICE Commissioner Sunil Dutt on Tuesday visited several critical polling stations in Singareni mandal in view of the third phase of the Gram Panchayat elections.

The Police Commissioner inspected security arrangements at the polling station in Karepalli village and reviewed bandobast measures. He instructed police person-

nel to ensure close coordination among all departments so that polling is conducted in a peaceful and orderly manner.

He warned that strict action would be taken against anyone found violating the election code of conduct. Emphasising the importance of peaceful elections, he appealed to candidates, local residents and political leaders to extend full cooperation to the police and election authorities. The Police

Commissioner further stated that Section 163 of the BNSS Act is currently in force. In this context, he made it clear that victory rallies and celebratory processions will not be permitted after the declaration of election results. Any violation of the orders would invite legal action, he warned.

He reiterated that maintaining law and order during the election process is the collective responsibility of all stakeholders.

## Foolproof arrangements in place for peaceful conduct of GP polls

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MAHABURNAGAR (WANAPARTHY)

ELABORATE arrangements have been made to ensure transparent and peaceful conduct of the third phase of Gram Panchayat elections in district on Wednesday, said District Election Officer and Collector Adarsh Surabhi on Tuesday. He appealed to voters to exercise their franchise fearlessly and vote for the candidate of their choice.

The Collector inspected polling material distribution centres set up at the mandal headquarters of Pebbair, Chinnambavi, Veepangandla, and Panagal, and reviewed the distribution process as polling staff departed with ballot boxes to their respective polling stations.

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District Collector Adarsh Surabhi inspecting the arrangements at distribution centers in Wanaparthi district on Tuesday

dal will witness elections for 17 Sarpanch and 141 ward member posts; Chinnambavi for 16 Sarpanch and 139 ward Members; Veepangandla for 14 Sarpanch and 124 ward members; Srirangapur for 8 Sarpanch and 77 ward members; and Panagal for 26 Sarpanch and 221 ward members.

Polling will take place from 7 am to 1pm. Voters were

urged to participate actively and cast their votes without any fear or pressure.

To prevent untoward incidents, tight police security has been deployed across all polling areas. Flying squads have been instructed to maintain constant vigil, and the election authorities warned of strict action against anyone violating election rules, offering inducements, or attempt-



ing to intimidate voters.

For the smooth conduct of the final phase, a total of 2,239 polling personnel—including 968 presiding officers and 1,271 assistant presiding officers—are deployed. They collected polling materials on Tuesday and proceeded to their assigned polling centres. Election general observer Mallaiah Battu supervised arrangements in Pebbair mandal, while Additional Collector (Revenue) N Khemiya Naik reviewed preparations in Veepangandla mandal. RDO Subramanyam monitored the distribution centre at Chinnambavi mandal. Tahsildars, MPOs, and other officials coordinated the distribution process.

## Villagers urged to exercise their votes without fear

ALL SET FOR THIRD PHASE OF PANCHAYAT POLLS TODAY

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DISTRICT Collector Anudeep Durishetty on Tuesday said that all arrangements have been completed to conduct the third phase of Gram Panchayat elections smoothly and without any lapses. He appealed to the public to exercise their right to vote in a peaceful atmosphere.

The Collector inspected the distribution and reception centres set up at the Government Junior College premises in Karepalli village of Singareni mandal, where election material is being issued to polling staff and received after polling.

During the inspection, he examined ballot papers, ballot boxes and other election-related material. He interacted with Returning Officers and polling personnel and conducted an awareness session, giving them clear instructions to strictly follow election rules and procedures. He directed the staff to



verify all materials using the checklist to avoid any confusion or shortcomings.

The Collector said polling for the third phase will be held on Wednesday in seven mandals of the district — Sathupalli, Vemsuru, Penuballi, Kallur, Tallada, Singareni and Enkoo — for the posts of sarpanches and ward members.

He informed that polling will be conducted from 7 am. to 1 pm, followed by counting from 2 pm, after which the election of the Deputy Sarpanch will be completed and results declared.

The Collector instructed polling personnel to care-

fully monitor the polling process, including the proper use of ballot papers and ballot boxes, and to discharge their duties impartially and transparently as per Election Commission guidelines. He stressed that the counting process should be carried out meticulously without any haste and that Returning Officers must take full responsibility.

He said special focus has been placed on sensitive and critical polling stations. To prevent any untoward incidents, tight police security arrangements have been made under the supervision of the police department.

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ACHAMPET (NAGARKURNOOL)

DISTRICT Collector and District Election Officer, Badavath Santhosh, conducted a surprise inspection of the election material distribution centre in Achampet mandal headquarters, on Tuesday.

During the inspection, the Collector reviewed the arrangements made for the conduct of third phase of panchayat elections and enquired with officials about the smooth distribution of polling materials. He instructed election staff to perform their duties with dedication and coordination to ensure the successful conduct of the final phase of elections.

He directed officials to keep all polling materials segregated and arranged polling station-wise. The vehicles arranged for transporting polling and police personnel deployed for se-



curity at polling stations were inspected, and officials were instructed to ensure that all staff reach their designated polling stations on time. The Collector emphasised careful checking and packing of ballot papers. He also instructed officials to ensure uninterrupted power supply for 24 hours during the polling process. He advised election personnel to

re-verify polling arrangements upon reaching their respective polling stations.

Special arrangements should be made to avoid inconvenience to polling staff, including transportation facilities, morning breakfast and midday meals. He further instructed that polling materials, especially ballot papers, must be transported under armed police escort.



The Collector directed officials to ensure adequate drinking water, lighting, parking facilities, and smooth access routes at polling stations. Any deficiencies noticed should be immedi-

ately reported to the authorities concerned.

He instructed all election personnel to strictly follow the guidelines issued by the Election Commission and conduct the elections in a peaceful, fair, and impartial manner. He stated that free and fair elections are possible only when all personnel involved work in close coordination.

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