

UNION BUDGET PUTS TIRUPATI DISTRICT ON HIGH-GROWTH PATH

- Bird-watching towers proposed in the budget will make Pulicat lake to emerge as major eco-tourism hub
- High-speed rail corridors to put the district on national fast track
- Spiritual tourism to get a boost with temple town development plan

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Flamingos at Pulicat lake

TIRUPATI district is set to benefit significantly from the Union Budget presented by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, with a series of proposals aimed at boosting spiritual tourism, improving transport connectivity, strengthening healthcare, promoting renewable energy and supporting education and small businesses. The budget measures are expected to accelerate development, create employment opportunities, and enhance quality of life for people across the district.

A major highlight for the district is the Centre's decision to develop Pulicat Lake as a key eco-tourism destination. As part of this initiative,

bird-watching towers have been proposed at Pulicat, a move expected to significantly enhance tourism in the region. The towers will offer panoramic views of the lake, attract more visitors, and help generate employment opportunities for local youth, thereby giving a boost to the local economy.

Pulicat Lake, spread across Sullurupeta and Tada mandals, is known for its unique blend of freshwater and sea-water and its rich biodiversity. Every year, thousands of migratory birds, including flamingos, arrive from distant countries and stay for several months. Despite drawing large numbers of visitors, the absence of prop-

er viewing infrastructure has so far limited the tourist experience. The proposed bird-watching towers are expected to address this long-standing gap and allow visitors to fully appreciate the lake's natural growth.

The Budget has also brought major relief to Tirupati in terms of connectivity. Tirupati district will be covered in Hyderabad-Chennai high-speed rail corridor, which can significantly reduce travel time to two major cities. Further, efforts are underway to include Tirupati in Chennai-Bengaluru high-speed rail corridor as well. If approved, Tirupati will become one of the few cities in the country to be connected

by two high-speed rail corridors, marking a major milestone in its infrastructure growth.

The Budget has offered positive signals for Tirupati, one of the world's leading spiritual destinations. Under a national plan to transform major temple towns into economic regions, the Centre has proposed strengthening infrastructure in prominent pilgrimage centres. For Tirupati, this could mean improved transport networks, better accommodation facilities for pilgrims, and upgraded civic amenities.

The budget has also extended support to MSMEs in Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities through the proposed

initiatives aimed at women's empowerment, including plans to establish a girls' hostel in every district, are likely to enhance access to education for rural students across the region.

Police invoke NDPS Act against ganja smuggler

NELLORE: In a major move, the district police on Monday invoked Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic (NDPS) Act against a notorious ganja smuggler and habitual offender. He was shifted to Kadapa Central Prison. The accused was identified as Beekara Prakash @ Surya Prakash (51) of Krishna Nagar, Rajamundry town, East Godavari district. It may be recalled that in August 2025, police headed by Balaji Nagar CI K Sambasiva Rao arrested the accused at SVGS College grounds on NH 16, while he was transporting ganja in a car brought from Manayam area of Alluri Sitarama Raju district. CI Sambasiva Rao fired two rounds on the accused when he tried to kill the cops by hitting them with



his car. Police registered cases against the accused under various sections in Santhapet and Balaji Nagar police stations.

In a statement released on Monday, SP Ajitha Vejenda has warned that stringent action will be taken by invoking NDPS Act against those involved in ganja smuggling. She appealed the public to alert police immediately by dialling 100 if they notice anti-social activities.

It's 'youth power budget': BJP

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BJP State spokesperson Jalli Madhusudhan noted that Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman presented a record ninth consecutive Budget, a rare honor after Morarji Desai. "This budget focuses on ordinary people's welfare and lays a strong foundation for India's growth," he said.

Speaking to reporters here on Monday, he said salary earners get relief with higher standard deduction, easing middle-class burdens. Tax cuts on foreign education, medical travel, and trips reduce family costs. Simplifying income tax laws brings more transparency, he added.

Madhusudhan further



BJP State spokesperson Jalli Madhusudhan speaking to reporters in Chittoor on Monday

said farmers benefit from extra focus on agriculture and steps to boost their income. Infrastructure gets more funds for faster roads and railways. Defence spending rises to promote local manufacturing,

strengthening national security. Incentives for digital tech, AI, and robotics create new jobs for youth. "This is truly a 'Youth Power Budget' aimed at making India developed by 2047," Madhusudhan said.

The BJP leader said funds for ongoing projects in the State have also been released, which is a welcome step. He expressed happiness over allocations for railways and roads in Andhra Pradesh.

BJP district president Samanchi Srinivas, district general secretary Naresh Babu, district vice-presidents Anusha Ramakrishna and Vedavathi, IT Cell convenor Reddy Babu and others were present.

'India on track to become a developed nation'

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INDIA is progressing towards becoming a developed nation, said BJP State Media Convenor Anjaneya Reddy.

Speaking to reporters on Monday, Anjaneya Reddy highlighted that Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman is the only woman to present the national budget nine times in a row under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership.

He called the budget very promising and fair to all sections of society.

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TUDA chairman inspects temple tourism caravan

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TUDA Chairman and TTD Ex-Officio member C Divakar Reddy inspected the state-of-the-art caravan at Indira Maidanam on Monday, launched by the AP Tourism Department to boost temple tourism. He congratulated Nellore resident Y Srinivas Reddy for making it possible.

This is the first caravan in the State, equipped with all facilities for devotees.

The Tourism Department will roll out these caravans across the State through public-private partnerships, enabling easy visits to holy sites.

The Chairman commended the initiative and highlighted Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu's vision to develop temple tourism. "The government is creating tourism circuits at famous pilgrimage sites. A dedicated website will share details on holy places, accommodations, and circuits in simple language to promote tourism growth," he added.

Tourism Regional Officer Raman Prasad and TUDA Secretary Dr Sreekanth Babu were present.

Prudhvi appointed as BJYM State V-P

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BHARATIYA Janata Yuva Morcha (BJYM) has appointed young leader Prudhvi as its State vice-president, recognising his talent and dedication to Isocial service.

In recent years, Prudhvi has been actively involved in politics, successfully carry-

ing out every assigned programme and serving as an inspiration to the youth.

PRSI Tirupati hosts awareness session

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THE Central government has announced several supportive measures for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in the Union Budget 2026, said prominent Chartered Accountant V Bhagya. He stated that MSMEs are the backbone of the Indian economy and the new Budget aims to strengthen their growth and stability.

He also spoke about the 'Corporate Mitras' initiative, under which professionals will be trained to help enterprises with compliance and operational issues.

APSPDCL to launch special grievance programme for industrial power consumers

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ANDHRA Pradesh Southern Power Distribution Company Limited (APSPDCL) has announced a special programme to quickly resolve problems faced by industrial electricity consumers in its jurisdiction.

In a statement issued on Monday, APSPDCL Chairman and Managing Director Siva Sankar Lotheti said the initiative will cover Nellore, Tirupati, Chittoor, Kadapa, Annamayya, Anantapur, Sri Sathya Sai, Kurnool and Nandyal districts. He said APSPDCL has already introduced innovative programmes such as 'Dial Your CMD', 'Dial Your SE', and 'Current Ollala Janabatha' to address consumer issues swiftly.

As part of efforts to further encourage the industrial sector, the company is now launching a dedicated platform called the 'Industrial Consumers Grievance Redressal Forum'. Under this programme, meetings will be held on the first Wednesday of every month from 10.30 am to 11.30 am at the Superintending Engineer (SE) offices in the respective districts. In addition, the forum will be conducted on the third Wednesday of every month from 10.30 am to 11.30 am at the APSPDCL Corporate Office in Tirupati.

Industrial power consumers have been advised to directly meet the concerned district Superintending Engineer on the first Wednesday to explain their electricity-related problems. Issues that are not resolved at the district level can be taken up on the third Wednesday by directly meeting the CMD at the corporate office in Tirupati. The CMD said necessary steps will be taken to ensure quick resolution of industrial electricity issues through this programme.

He urged industrial power consumers to make full use of this opportunity.

BoB opens 61st branch at Bommeparty



Head; AEK Kishore, Deputy Regional Head; and K Purushotham Naik, Branch Head.

Branch heads and staff from Ananthapur city, Bathalapalli, Kespallipalli and Tadipatri, along with local villagers were present. Bommeparty branch will cater to nearly 15 surrounding villages, providing banking services to about 25,000 people, thereby strengthening financial inclusion in rural Andhra Pradesh.

The branch was formally inaugurated by Jagadguru Parama Pujya Sri Sri Dr Sachichinda Swamy Ji, in the presence of P Amarana Reddy, AGM & Regional

Preparations on for Srivari Vaidya Seva at TTD hospitals: JEO Sharath

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TTD Joint Executive Officer (Health & Education) Dr A Sharath on Monday said arrangements are underway to provide suitable facilities for doctors who will take part in Srivari Vaidya Seva, a new service initiative under Srivari Seva Professional Services, which will be launched shortly.

As part of the preparations, Dr Sharath inspected the proposed accommodation facilities at SV Ayurvedic Hospital, SVIMS and SV Vedic University along with concerned officials. He said that, following the directions of Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu, lodging facilities for medical professionals will be thoroughly verified, renovated and equipped with basic amenities.

This will enable doctors from various specialties to stay comfortably for a week while offering their services.

The JEO informed that Srivari Vaidya Seva will soon be introduced in TTD-run hospitals.



TTD JOE Dr A Sharath interacting with a patient at BIRRD hospital in Tirupati on Monday. BIRRD Director Dr G Jagadish is also seen

He directed officials to reduce waiting time for surgeries and strengthen outpatient and surgical services by upgrading infrastructure, manpower and equipment. During his visit, he interacted with patients and received positive feedback on treatment and facilities.

BIRRD Director Dr G Jagadish, Medical Superintendent Dr Venka Reddy, doctors and staff were present.

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I, KASA VYSHNAVI, D/o Late Kasa Reddepa, R@ Dno. 10-238, CTM Road, Balaji Nagar, Opp. Ganesh Temple, Madanapalle T&M, Annamayya Dist, AP, Passport No. U1753865, declare that my daughter's name was changed from Afshan Asqa Khanam to Kasa Manitha. Henceforth, she shall be known as Kasa Manitha for all purposes.

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CHANGE OF NAME & D.O.B

I, KUNTUMALLA LAXMAIAH, S/o K. RANGAPPA, Service No. 1430801, Rank TS Naik, D.O. 5/2-1, Dorasimpally (P), Produttur (M), YSR Kadapa (Dt), Andhra Pradesh-516360. Army record my wife name and D.O.B. mention REDDY KUMARI and D.O.B 17-05-1962. Instead of KUNTUMALLA REDDY KUMARI and D.O.B 05-07-1962. Vide affidavit dated 29-01-2026. Before the notary public govt. of (A.P.)

(TH_RJIP)

CHANGE OF NAME

I, KIRAAAN AVVARU, S/o A. Chennalai, residing D. No. 41/395-3, Kanchrapuram, Chinnapalli, Venkata, Kadapa, A.P. 516002. In My Mark List Roll No. 1031673, My Name mentioned as A. Kiran S/o A. Chennalai (Old Name), Instead of KIRAAAN AVVARU S/o A. CHENNAIAH (New Name).

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(TH_RJIP)

PASSPORT LOST

I, SHAH ARIF, S/o. SHAH GHOSH BASHA, Residing in 20-A/2-87/4, AM residency 2nd Floor, Back side of HP Petrol Bunk, 1st Cross Parameswari Nagar, Nellore - 524001, PSPR Nellore Dt, A.P. I have lost my Passport bearing No. A4396991, While I was travelling from Parameswari Nagar to Peddabazar Center, Nellore for the Purpose of Xerox on 27/12/2025. If anyone found please inform at the above address.

(TH_MADAN)

CHANGE OF NAME

I, TIRUNAMALA KUMAR, S/o TIRUNAMALA SUBRAMANYAM, residing at D.NO:6-16, Market Street, Ry. Kodu Town & Mandal, Tirupati District, A.P., hereby changed my Son's name as TIRUNAMALA VENKATA SUBBARAYULU (Old name) TO TIRUNAMALA VISHNU VARDHAN (New name)

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PASSPORT LOST

I, PATTAN RAFFE KHAN, S/o PATTAN MAHABOOB KHAN, Residing at 20-4/24, Meemahoddin Darga, Kotamitta, Meel