

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 seawater 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 beauty.

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

'Corporate Mitra' initiative, which is expected to benefit small traders by simplifying licensing and tax-related procedures. The allocation of Rs 40,000 crore for the electronics manufacturing sector is seen as a major boost for Sri City and the industrial areas around Renigunta, providing stability to thousands of workers.

Renewable energy initiatives in the budget are expected to further strengthen the district's push towards solar power.

The removal of customs duty on key materials used in solar panel manufacturing is likely to reduce costs and encourage wider adoption of rooftop solar systems by households, institutions, and government bodies. With electric vehicle usage also rising in the district, reduced battery costs will add further momentum.

In agriculture, special support for crops like coconut, cashew and cocoa in coastal mandals such as Satyavedu and Varadahaipalem is expected to improve farmers' incomes.

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, Rajahmundry 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 Manyam 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



Beekara Prakash

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

In a statement released on Monday, SP Ajitha Vendiella 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.

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 Bhagyateja. He stated that MSMEs are the backbone of the Indian economy and the new Budget aims to strengthen their growth and stability.

Bhagyateja was speaking at an awareness session on Budget 2026 organised by the Public Relations Society of India (PRSI), Tirupati Chapter, on Monday in Tirupati. The government has created a Rs 10,000 crore Growth Fund to promote MSMEs.

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.

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 hospi-



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

tals at Tirupati and Tirumala, including Ashwini Hospital, Ayurvedic Hospital, SVIMS, BIRRD Hospital and the Children's Hospital. He noted that several medical experts from different fields have shown keen interest in participating in this service-oriented initiative.

Dr Sharath also inspected BIRRD Hospital and expressed satisfaction with the medical services being provided.

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.

'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. The budget brings benefits to Andhra Pradesh, including more funds for rare earth mining and for fishermen, he noted.

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

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.

MP questions efforts to fill KGBV vacancies in AP



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ON Monday, Nellore MP Vemireddy Prabhakar Reddy questioned the Union government in Lok Sabha about measures to fill teaching and non-teaching vacancies in Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVs) in Andhra Pradesh. He also sought confirmation on whether only 490 of 587 KGBVs were functional, along with five-year data on girls' enrollment (including SC, ST, OBC, and differently-abled students), district-wise dropout and retention rates, and teacher-student ratios.

Union Minister of State for Education Jayant Chaudhary replied that, per Andhra Pradesh government data, 587 KGBVs exist, of which 546 are functional; the rest are at various completion stages. The current teacher-student ratio in KGBVs is 1:21, with a dropout rate of 0.81%. There are 277 teaching and 1,095 non-teaching posts vacant across the 587 KGBVs. The Minister clarified that teacher appointments and service matters in KGBVs are handled by state/UT governments, and filling vacancies remains a continuous process.

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.

BoB opens 61st branch at Bommeparthi



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.of Baroda (BoB), India's International Bank, inaugurated its new branch at Bommeparthi, in Tirupati Region (Rayalaseema) on Monday, marking the 61st branch.

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

Head; AEK Kishore, Deputy Regional Head; and K Purushotham Naik, Branch Head. Branch heads and staff from Ananthapur city, Bathalapalli, Kesepalli and Tadipatri, along with local villagers were present. Bommeparthi branch will cater to nearly 15 surrounding villages, providing banking services to about 25,000 people, thereby strengthening financial inclusion in rural Andhra Pradesh.

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I, SYEDA FATHIMA THASNEEM (OLD NAME) D. NO. 46/88-1, KAGITHALAPENTA, KADAPA CITY, YSR KADAPA DIST, AP, HERE CHANGE MY SURNAME IN NAME AS SYED FATHIMA THASNEEM (NEW NAME) D/O SYED ILIAS ALI, HENCEFORTH I MAY BE KNOWN AS SYED FATHIMA THASNEEM. (TH_HEERALA)

I, SYED RIZVANA PARVEEN, D. NO. 46/88-1, KAGITHALAPENTA, KADAPA CITY, YSR KADAPA DIST, AP, HEREBY DECLARE THAT I HAVE CHANGED MY SURNAME AND SHALL HENCEFORTH BE KNOWN AS SHAIK RIZVANA PARVEEN, W/O SYED ILIAS ALI. (TH_HEERALA)

I VADALA FAKRUDDIN (OLD SURNAME) R/O KOTTLURU, VALLURU(M), KHAIJIPET, YSR DIST, AP, HERE CHANGE MY SURNAME AS VADLA FAKRUDDIN (NEWSURNAME) S/O VADLA FAKRUDDIN. HEREAFTER MY NAME IS KNOWN AS VADLA FAKRUDDIN (TH_HEERALA)

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I, BANDAPALLI REDDI SEKHAR, S/o. B.Pedda Venkata Subbaiah, R/O. 8/10-A, Madigapalli, Gummukota, Sambapalli Mandal, Annamayya District, AP-516200 Changed my daughter's name from BANDAPALLI JYOSHITHA (Old Name) to, BANDAPALLI AARADHYA (New Name), (TH_44949)

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I, MOHAMMED AKHIL SABJAN SHAH (Old Name), S/o Mohammed Abdul Naseer, R/o/House No. 18-1-525, Bhavani Nagar, Tirupati Urban (M), Tirupati Dist- 517501, AP, India Henceforth be known/changed as MOHAMMAD AKHIL SABJAN SHAH (NEW NAME) (TH_RJP)

CHANGE OF NAME

I, PATAN ANWAR KHAN, (OLD NAME) S/o Late Chand Basha, R/o/ D.No. 25-483, Gandhi Nagar, New Pet, Palamaner, Chittoor Dist-517408, AP, hereby declare that I changed my name to ANWAR KHAN. (New Name) Henceforth, I shall be known as ANWAR KHAN (New Name) (TH_RJP)

CHANGE OF NAME

I, K SWETHA LATHA, Wife of No.6396431-1, Rank-NAIK P.MOHAN, residing at No. 194, G.Bandapalli Village, Narigapalle Post Chittoor Town & District, AP-517002 hereby declare that I have changed my name from SWETHA LATHA (Name as per Army Records) to K SWETHA LATHA (New Name as per Aadhar and other records) (TH_6436)

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I, PATTAN RAFFE KHAN, S/o. PATTAN MAHABOOB KHAN, Residing at 20-6-242, Meeramohiddin Darga, Kotamitta, Meelence Road, Nellore, SPSS Nellore Dt, AP- 524001. I have lost my Passport bearing No. A4570690 While I was travelling from Kotamitta, Meelence road to Peddabazar Center, Nellore for the purpose of Xerox on 11/01/25. If anyone found please inform at the above address. (TH_MADAN)

PASSPORT LOST

I, Buruju Ramachandra reddy, S/o B.Venkata Swamy Reddy R/o of D.No. 5-98/1, K.Reddyvaripalli, Kalikiri, Annamayya dt, AP- India, hereby inform that my Passport no.E4636160 and file no-Hyde15025102 has been lost, while at the time of house shifting. If found, please contact above or call, M:7569269498 (TH_RJP)

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, Kasa Vyshnavi, D/o Late Kasa Reddeppa, R/at D.No. 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 Arifham Azma Khanam to Kasa Hadhitha. Henceforth, she shall be known as Kasa Hadhitha for all purposes. (TH_RJP)

CHANGE OF NAME & D.O.B

I, KUNTUMALLA LAXMAIAH, S/o. K. RANGAPPA, Service No.14308013F, Rank TS Naik, D.No.3/2-1, Dorasanapalle (P), Proddatur (M), YSR Kadapa (Dt), Andhra Pradesh-516360. Army record my wife name and D.O.B. mention as REDDY KUMARI and D.O.B 17-05-1962. Instead of KUNTUMALLA REDDY KUMARI and D.O.B. 05-07-1962. Vide affidavit dated 23-01-2026. Before the notary public govt. of (A.P.). (TH_HEERALA)

CHANGE OF NAME

I, KIRSAANN AVVARU, S/o A. Cheennaiah, residing D. No. 41/959-3, Sankarapuram, Chinnna Chowk, Kadapa, A.P-516002. In My Mark List Roll No. 1031673, My Name mentioned as A. Kiran S/o A. Cheennaiah (Old Name). Instead of KIRSAANN AVVARU S/o A. CHEENNAIAH (New Name). (TH_2593)

CHANGE OF SURNAME

I, Keerthipati Sobha Rani (Old Name) W/o Keerthipati Suresh Varma, R/o 7/68, Chennarajupodu, Korlakunta, Obulavaripalli, Annamayya Dt Ap. I Have Changed My Sur Name To KADIMALLA SOBHA RANI, W/O KEERTHIPATI SURESH VARMA, Hence forth, I Will Be Known As KADIMALLA SOBHA RANI (TH_44949)

PASSPORT LOST

I, SHAIK ARIFF S/o. SHAIK GHOSSE BASHA, Residing of 20-1/A-8-87/4, AM residency 2nd Floor, Back side of HP Petrol Bunk, 1st Cross Parameswari Nagar, Nellore - 524001,SPSR 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, Rly Kodur Town & Mandal, Tirupathi District, A.P., hereby changed my Son's name as TIRUNAMALA VENKATA SUBBARAYULU (Old name) TO TIRUNAMALA VISHNU VARDHAN (New name) (TH_44949)

CHANGE OF NAME

I, MUHAMMED (Old Name) S/O. SHAIK ABDUL SALAM R/O:3-145-9-6-17-7,14th Cross, prasanth nagar Madanapalle town &mandal annamayya Dist Pin:517325.A. P. Here by declare that I have changed my name as MUHAMMED ABDUL SALAM (new name) in my all records (TH_1477)

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