

RLIP not unfair to any region: YSRCP

- Prakash Reddy accuses Chief Minister of deliberately halting RLIP works, causing severe hardship to farmers
- Calls upon farmers from across district to participate in a public meeting scheduled for February 5
- Condemn attempts to divert public attention through controversies and criticises attacks on opposition leaders

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FORMER Raptadu MLA and YSRCP constituency coordinator Thopudurthi Prakash Reddy alleged that the Rayalaseema Lift Irrigation Project (RLIP) was not unjust to any region and accused Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu of deliberately halting its works, causing severe hardship to farmers.

Addressing a press conference at the YSRCP district office on Tuesday Prakash Reddy called upon farmers from across Anantapur district to



Former MLA Prakash Reddy during a press conference in Anantapur on Tuesday

participate in a public meeting scheduled on February 5 near the Pothireddypadu Regulator, urging them to fight for their rightful irrigation water.

He said that during the tenure of former chief minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy, welfare schemes were implemented every month with clearly announced schedules, benefiting people across the State.

In contrast, he alleged that the present government had failed to honour its promises and stalled key welfare and housing schemes.

Accusing Naidu of turning Amaravati into a hub of large-scale land profiteering, Prakash Reddy claimed that only a select few, including the Chief Minister, his ministers, and close associates, benefited, while no real wealth

was created for the State. He further alleged that the State government had failed to deposit its mandatory share for schemes such as MGNREGS, AMRUT, Jal Jeevan Mission, and housing projects, risking the discontinuation of central assistance.

He said that several irrigation projects, including Handri-Neeva and Galeru-Nagari link works, which were partially completed during the previous government, had been stopped, causing major losses to drought-prone Rayalaseema districts.

Prakash Reddy also condemned attempts to divert public attention through controversies and criticised attacks on opposition leaders, asserting that criticism should be met democratically and not through intimidation.

Devanakonda secretariat faces corruption charges by villagers

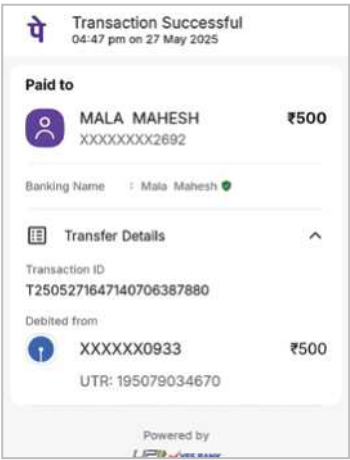
AMOUNT SENT THROUGH PHONEPE TO COMPUTER OPERATOR MAHESH

- Villagers claim that bribes are being demanded for routine public services
- Expresses concern that lack of effective supervision has allowed such practices to continue unchecked
- Assured that the matter would be looked into and that she would pursue the issue

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SERIOUS allegations of corruption have been raised against the Devanakonda Village Secretariat in Kurnool district, with residents claiming that bribes are being demanded for routine public services. Villagers allege that the Secretariat, meant to provide hassle-free governance at the grassroots level, has turned into a centre of illegal collections, causing hardship to the common people.

Speaking to The Hans India on Tuesday, local residents Talari Dastagiri and Ramesh alleged that



bribes are being collected openly for issuing birth and death certificates.

They claimed that amounts ranging from Rs.1,000 to Rs.3,000 are being demanded and that applications are deliberately delayed if payments are not made.

According to them, the computer operator, identified as Mala Mahesh, is allegedly collecting the money from applicants, while fixed rates are said to have been decided



Talari Dastagiri and Ramesh.

for different services.

The villagers further alleged that similar payments are being demanded for corrections in certificates, Aadhaar-related services for children, and other administrative works.

They also claimed that an organised system involving intermediaries is operating in and around the Secretariat, facilitating the collection of money and assuring applicants that their work would be completed swiftly after payment.

Residents expressed concern that the lack of effective supervision has allowed such practices to continue unchecked. When The Hans India contacted Devanakonda MPDO Jyothi for her response, she stated that she was unaware of the allegations. However, she assured that the matter would be looked into and that she would pursue the issue.

The Hans India also tried to speak to the computer operator Mala Mahesh over phone to get his version but there was no response.

Sevalal Maharaj Jayanti held

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The birth anniversary celebrations of Sevalal Maharaj were held with great fervour and traditional splendour at the spiritual town of Puttaparthi in Sri Sathya Sai district, under the aegis of the All India Banjara Bhakta Seva Sangh (ABBSS).

The event stood as a vibrant symbol of devotion, cultural heritage, and social unity. District Collector A Shyam Prasad attended the celebrations as the chief guest.

He paid floral tributes to the portraits of Sevalal Maharaj and Sathya Sai Baba, and ceremonially inaugurated the Sevalal Jayanti Rath Yatra by breaking a coconut, in keeping with tradition. The colourful procession, reflecting the customs, culture, and spiritual beliefs of the Banjara community, added a festive aura to Puttaparthi.

A key highlight of the programme was the Collector's participation in traditional tribal dances alongside Banjara women, drawing appreciation from

the public for his gesture of respect towards tribal art and culture. Later, the Collector joined the Rath Yatra, walking alongside devotees. The procession commenced from Sathyamma Circle and proceeded up to Ganesh Circle, accompanied by traditional drums, folk songs, tribal dances, and devotional chants. The streets resonated with enthusiasm and cultural vibrancy as devotees celebrated the ideals and teachings of Sevalal Maharaj. The celebrations transformed the town into a hub of devotion and festivity, leaving a lasting impression on participants and onlookers alike, while reaffirming the cultural richness and unity of the Banjara community.



Collector A Shyam Prasad flagging off the Sevalal Maharaj Jayanti Rath Yatra during the ABBSS-organised celebrations at Puttaparthi in Sri Sathya Sai district on Tuesday

firming the cultural richness and unity of the Banjara community.

Govt committed to protect farmers' land rights: Collector

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GORANTLA

THE State government is firmly committed to providing complete security to farmers' land rights, District Collector A Shyam Prasad said on Tuesday.

The Collector participated in a programme organised at Javakuladinne village in Gorantla mandal, where he distributed newly issued Pattadar Passbooks bearing the official government emblem to farmers.

Addressing the gathering, the Collector said the government is distributing authenticated Pattadar Passbooks across all villages in the district to strengthen land ownership security and improve transparency in land records. He cautioned that many land-related disputes arise due to the failure to conduct proper surveys at



Collector A Shyam Prasad distributing a newly issued pattadar passbook to a farmer during a land records distribution programme held at Javakuladinne village in Gorantla mandal on Tuesday

the time of purchase. Farmers and the public were advised to ensure land surveys are carried out before registration and to register only the surveyed extent.

He explained that discrepancies often emerge between land records and ground realities when surveys are ignored, a problem prevalent not only in the State

but across the country. The Collector noted that surveys are available in every village and that surveys will be completed within a week if applicants attend on the notified date. Sub-division surveys are mandated to be completed within 15 days, while new Pattadar Passbooks must be issued within 30 days.

Family counselling centre opened to address women's issues

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PUTTAPARTHI

A Family Counselling Centre has been inaugurated at Puttaparthi to provide effective support and resolution for women facing domestic and social issues, said Satish Kumar, Superintendent of Police, Sri Sathya Sai district.

The centre was inaugurated on Tuesday morning at the DSP office premises in Puttaparthi.

Speaking on the occasion, the SP said the police department would extend all possible support to women approaching the centre and work towards resolving their grievances through counselling. He noted that after revenue-related issues, family disputes account for a significant number of complaints received through grievance platforms. To address this, a dedicated counselling team comprising



Police officials interact with women during a counselling session at the newly inaugurated Family Counselling Centre at Puttaparthi in Sri Sathya Sai district on Tuesday

a lawyer, a representative from a voluntary organisation, a police officer, and a women's representative has been constituted. He said counselling would help couples resolve differences amicably and lead a peaceful life. The SP stated that the Family Counselling Centre at the district headquarters would serve as a model for the entire district by instilling confidence among women and homemakers.

He expressed gratitude to donors who extended support for setting up the centre and said special focus was being

placed on preventing crimes against women.

He added that similar counselling centres have already been established at Kadiri, Penukonda, and Dharmavaram, with staff available for two days a week and round-the-clock services if required.

The SP specially congratulated Vijay Kumar and his team for their efforts in establishing the fully equipped counselling centre.

DSP Vijay Kumar, Circle Inspectors, Sub-Inspectors, and police personnel were present at the programme.

Farmers express happiness over quick solutions at revenue clinic



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DHARMAVARAM

FARMERS are expressing their happiness as the Revenue Clinics, conducted under the auspices of the Revenue Department, are providing quick solutions to their land-related problems.

A piece of land in Survey Number 369-B, measuring 4.60 acres in Pulletipalli village of Chennekotheapalli mandal, had been under a notional account for some time due to a partition dispute among four brothers.

In this context, the brothers mutually resolved the partition dispute, submitted an application at the Revenue Clinic, and requested that the said patta land be registered as a regular account and that 1-B certificates be issued in their respective names.

After an inquiry into the matter, the Joint Collector sent a report, based on which Lakshminarayana, Akkulappa, Satyanarayana and Ramanjaneyulu were issued 1-B certificates according to their respective shares.

Revenue issues reviewed in state-level video conference

ANANTAPUR

A State-level review meeting on key revenue-related services was held on Tuesday through video conference from the CCLA office, Vijayawada, covering issues related to the Public Grievance Redressal System (PGRS), IVRS, mutations, resurvey, and distribution of Pattadar Passbooks scheduled for February.

The review was chaired by Sai Prasad, Principal Secretary (Revenue), along with Jayalakshmi, CCLA & Special Chief Secretary, with participation from District Collectors, Joint Collectors, DROs, and RDOs from across the State. From Anantapur Collectorate, District Collector O Anand, Joint Collector C Vishnu Charan, DRO A Malola, and other revenue officials participated in the review via video conference from the Mini Conference Hall. The officials discussed measures to strengthen grievance redressal mechanisms, expedite land-related services, and ensure timely distribution of Pattadar Passbooks, with emphasis on transparency and efficient service delivery at the district level.



Collector O Anand chairing a review meeting with revenue officials during a video conference on key land and grievance redressal issues at the Anantapur Collectorate on Tuesday

SP stresses on smooth traffic management during Maha Shivaratri Brahmotsavams

- Instructs that the festival arrangements be implemented effectively through close coordination among all concerned government departments
- Inspects key parking locations and traffic-prone areas in and around Srisailem
- Also reviews arrangements at the Lingalagattu bathing ghats and issued specific directions to officials to prevent congestion

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NANDYAL

IN view of the upcoming Maha Shivaratri Brahmotsavams at Srisailem, Nandyal District Superintendent of Police Suneel Sheoran, has directed police

officials to take stringent measures to ensure the safety of devotees and prevent traffic disruptions or any untoward incidents. Emphasizing the importance of coordinated efforts, the SP instructed that the festival arrangements be

implemented effectively through close coordination among all concerned government departments.

As part of the preparations, the District SP convened a review meeting with senior police officers on Tuesday to discuss security and traffic management plans. Subsequently, he personally inspected key parking locations and traffic-prone areas in and around Srisailem, including the ring road parking areas, RTC bus stand, Sakshi Ganapati area, Hatakeshwaram, Lingalagattu in Sundipenta

village, and other designated zones.

He also reviewed arrangements at the Lingalagattu bathing ghats and issued specific directions to officials to prevent congestion and ensure smooth movement of devotees.

The SP stressed that adequate parking facilities have been identified to manage the expected influx of pilgrims visiting the Sri Bhramaramba Mallikarjuna Swamy temple.

Police personnel have been instructed to regulate traffic efficiently so that

devotees can have a hassle-free darshan without inconvenience.

Special attention is being paid to avoid bottlenecks on approach roads and within the temple town during the peak festival days.

Appealing directly to devotees, SP Suneel Sheoran urged them to strictly follow police instructions and park their vehicles only in designated parking areas without causing inconvenience to others.

He cautioned that parking vehicles on either side of the roads would



Nandyal SP Suneel Sheoran inspecting traffic parking locations in Srisailem on Tuesday

not be permitted under any circumstances, as it could lead to severe traffic obstruction.

The SP expressed confidence that with public cooperation and inter-departmental

coordination, the Maha Shivaratri Brahmotsavams would be conducted peacefully and successfully.