

Legislature sports meet to begin at IGMC stadium today

- 156 MLAs and MLCs to participate in three-day event
- Chief Minister, Deputy CM to attend inaugural ceremony

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THE Andhra Pradesh Legislature Sports meet will be held at the Indira Gandhi Municipal Corporation (IGMC) Stadium in Vijayawada from February 24 to 26, bringing together legislators from across the State for a three-day sporting event aimed at promoting camaraderie among people's representatives.

According to officials, a total of 156 Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs) and Members of the Legislative Council (MLCs), including women represent-



Saap chairman Animini Ravi Naidu, along with MLAs, addressing the media regarding arrangements for the AP Legislature sports meet at the Indira Gandhi Municipal Corporation Stadium in Vijayawada on Monday

atives, will participate in the annual event. Officials said elaborate arrangements have been made to ensure the smooth conduct of the Legislature Sports Meet.

In preparation for the meet, Sports Authority of Andhra Pradesh (Saap)

chairman Animini Ravi Naidu, along with several legislators, unveiled the event jerseys and inspected arrangements at the stadium.

Addressing the media, Ravi Naidu said the sports meet would be inaugurated by Assembly Speaker Chin-

takayala Ayyannapatrudu at 3 pm on Tuesday. Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu, Deputy Chief Minister K Pawan Kalyan, and several ministers are expected to attend the inaugural ceremony, he said.

Further, he said as many as

14 events would be conducted, including cricket, kabaddi, volleyball, tug of war, athletics, badminton, chess, and carroms. Six teams would compete in the cricket tournament, captained by MLA Palla Srinivas and ministers Nadendla Manohar, Y Satya Kumar Yadav, Kollu Parthasarathy, K Atchanaidu, and Kollu Ravindra, he added.

Also, he said kabaddi competitions would feature teams led by Vasamsetti Subhas, Bhumireddy Ramgopal Reddy, BC Janardhan Reddy, and Raghurama Krishna Raju. Women ministers, MLAs, and MLCs would also participate in various events, showcasing their sporting talent, he said.

MLAs B Sudheer Reddy, S Vijay Kumar, MLC B Kalyana Chakravarthy, and others were present during the inspection.

PDF MLC Gopi Murthy returns Rs 1 L coupon, slams disruption of session

Says the Council should focus on public issues, not the political agenda

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PROGRESSIVE Democratic Front (PDF) MLC Borra Gopi Murthy on Monday returned a coupon worth Rs 1 lakh that was distributed to MLAs and MLCs during the ongoing Budget session. He stated that he did not wish to accept the benefit while the House was not functioning in the interests of the people.

The coupon was handed back to Legislative Council Joint Secretary Vijaya Raju. The Budget session of the Legislative Assembly and the Legislative Council has been in progress since February 9, with the Budget presented on February 14.

PDF MLC Gopi Murthy alleged that meaningful debate on the Budget was being hindered and that political issues such as the laddu and ghee adulteration controversy were dominating proceedings. He said the Council, often described as a House of elders, should correct and refine legislative discussions rather than allow disruption.

The MLC expressed concern that key issues affecting salaried employees, PRC implementation, small employees, farmers, tenant farm-



PDF MLC Borra Gopi Murthy returning a coupon worth Rs 1 lakh to Vijaya Raju, joint secretary of the Andhra Pradesh Legislative Council, at the council hall in Amaravati on Monday

ers, labourers, ASHA workers, and Anganwadi staff were not receiving adequate attention during the session.

CM links accountability to recognition in governance push

- Monthly appreciation letters to high-performing staff will be issued and recorded in service registers, while underperformers face corrective guidance
- Cleanliness in hospitals, availability of doctors, and strict monitoring of sanitation agencies ordered; temples must balance improved facilities with spiritual atmosphere

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CHIEF Minister N Chandrababu Naidu has directed government employees and officials to work with renewed commitment to deliver improved public services, asserting that

performance must be linked with accountability and recognition.

Reviewing various departments at the RTGS centre on Monday, the Chief Minister said while underperforming staff should be guided and motivated, those excelling at the field level and earning public appreciation must be formally recognised.

Accepting suggestions from senior officials, he ordered issuance of monthly appreciation letters to high-performing employees and directed that such commendations be recorded in their service registers. He also stressed measurable performance indicators and corrective steps for those lagging behind. During the review of the health department, Naidu underscored that cleanliness in hospitals, starting from Primary Health Centres, must be treated as a top priority. Outsourcing agencies responsible for sanitation would be held accountable for lapses, he warned, directing officials to identify hospitals failing to improve

standards. He also instructed authorities to ensure there is no shortage of doctors and to closely monitor equipment availability and hygiene.

Turning to the endowments department, the Chief Minister called for improved facilities for devotees while preserving the spiritual atmosphere in temples.

On revenue reforms, he emphasised restoring public trust through zero tolerance towards corruption. Land disputes should be resolved through re-survey, and services, especially land transactions, must be automated. He warned of strict action against erring surveyors.

The Chief Minister also called for safe drinking water monitoring, road accident audits, and expanded awareness of technology-based governance services. Referring to his participation in the AI Impact Summit in New Delhi, he directed departments to prepare action plans to implement MoUs signed during the event.

Patna court slams AP cops over IPS officer Naik's arrest

Judge cites procedural lapses, absence of warrant and failure to inform Bihar police before halting Andhra team's bid to take Sunil Naik into custody while rejecting transit remand

PATNA

IN a setback to the Andhra Pradesh police, a court in Patna has strongly objected to the manner in which senior IPS officer Sunil Naik was arrested at his residence in Bihar and rejected the transit remand sought in connection with a case linked to former MP J Raghurama Krishna Raju.

According to available information, an Andhra Pradesh police team led by SP A.R. Damodhar, DSP Arvind K and DySP G.B. Ramanna Murthy, along with a woman constable and six other personnel, reached Naik's residence at Rajban-



Sunil Naik

shinagar around 6 am on Monday. The team allegedly scaled the compound wall and entered the premises without prior intimation to the local Shastrinagar police station or any competent Bihar authority.

No arrest warrant was produced at the time. When Naik questioned whether mandatory inter-state arrest procedures had been followed, officers reportedly stated that a warrant was not required and that prior information to local police was unnecessary.

The arrest memo was prepared at 6 am, while the local police were informed only at 6.20 am, after the arrest had been effected. The operation also allegedly caused distress to Naik's 66-year-old mother, who was reportedly confined to her room for a brief period during the search. It was further alleged that some officers were in plain clothes and did not clearly identify themselves, raising concerns over compliance with established arrest norms, including the D.K. Basu guidelines.

When produced before the jurisdictional court, the judge rejected the transit remand, citing procedural lapses, absence of a warrant, failure to inform local police in advance and submission of documents solely in Telugu without translation. The court directed that Naik not be arrested for 30 days. Naik has been named in an FIR lodged in Guntur district in 2024 based on allegations of custodial torture made by Raju, who is now Deputy Speaker of Andhra Pradesh Assembly.

Women's archery ranking tourney concludes

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THE 3rd NTRP Khelo India National Women's Archery Ranking Tournament for Senior, Junior and Sub-Junior categories concluded successfully at the Sid-dhartha Institute of Hotel

Management and Catering Technology here after two days of intense competition.

The prestigious event was jointly organised by Andhra Pradesh Archery Association (APAA), Krishna District Archery Association (KDA), Cherukuri Volga Archery

Academy, under the aegis of Archery Association of India, supported by the Sports Authority of Andhra Pradesh (SAAP) and the District Sports Authority of NTR district.

More than 170 women archers from various States participated in

the ranking tournament across compound and recurve events in all three categories. Technical officials appointed by the national federation supervised the competitions.

V Spoorthi Bhimavaram secured the gold medal in the Sub-Junior Compound category, while K Bhushikirthana

won silver in the Junior Compound division. V Priya Vaishnavi also clinched medals in her respective event. Winners in different categories were presented medals, certificates, and prizes during the closing ceremony.

Vijayawada Municipal Corporation Sports Com-

mittee former Chairman Donepudi Shankar, senior advocates N Sai Sankar and P Rajasekhar, and other dignitaries attended as chief guests and distributed awards to the winners. APAA Chairman Cherukuri Satyanarayana, General Secretary BV Ramana and others were present.



Winners of the National Women's Archery Ranking Tournament being felicitated with medals and certificates by dignitaries at the closing ceremony in Vijayawada on Monday

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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OFFICE OF THE REVENUE DIVISIONAL OFFICER,
SULLURUPET & COMPETENT AUTHORITY FOR LAND ACQUISITION
Rc.A1.190/2021 Date: 16.02.2026.

PUBLIC NOTICE
UNDER SECTION 3G(3) & (4) OF NATIONAL HIGHWAYS ACT 1956

Whereas the Central Government declared that the lands specified in the following schedule Annexed to the said notification in the village of Tirupati District of Andhra Pradesh, for the public purpose for Acquisition of land for formation of (6 laning etc.) maintenance, management and operation of proposed road from Naidupet -Thurpu Kanupuru section of Sagaramala project in the District of Tirupati in the state of Andhra Pradesh has been acquired in exercise of powers conferred by Sub section(1) of Section 3D of the National Highways Act,1956(48 of 1956) and published in the Government of India Gazette vide S.O 740E) dt: 12.02.2026. Extraordinary part-II section 3 sub-section-II

In pursuance of sub section 2D of the Act, the Central Government declares that the lands specified in the said Schedule annexed here to shall vest absolutely in the Central Government free from all encumbrances from the date of publication of 3D(1) Notification in official Gazette of India

All the persons interested/Land owners in the lands specified in the following schedules shall appear in person or by agent, or by legal practitioner before the Competent Authority and Revenue Divisional Officer, Sullurpet for the public purpose for acquisition of land for formation of (6 laning etc.) maintenance, management and operation of proposed road from Naidupet -Thurpu Kanupuru section of Sagaramala project in the District of Tirupati in the state of Andhra Pradesh on the dates, place and time specified below and submit claims and state nature of the representation interest on such lands with relevant records as detailed below.

(1) E.C of the last 13 years (2) Sales practitioner deeds of title in original (3) Pattadar pass books/ title deeds (4) For building approved plans and tax assessment and tax paid receipts (5) Mutation extracts (6) conversion proceedings(7) Receipts for having paid developmental charges (8) Approved layout plan (9) 1B extract from the Tahsiladar (10) Original DKT patta (11) Aadhar card(12) Extract of Bank account Pass book and PAN card.

If any body fails to submit claims and produces the documents at below mention officer within the stipulated time the compensation will be determined with reference to the available records in this office.

Sl.No	Name of the District	Name of the Mandal	Name of the village	Date	Time	Venue for receiving applications and documents
1	Tirupati	Naidupet	Biradawada	05.03.2026	at 11.00 A.M	O/o Tahsiladar, Naidupet

SCHEDULE

Brief Description of the land to be acquired for the public purpose for Acquisition of land for formation of (6 laning etc.) maintenance, management and operation of proposed road from Naidupet -Thurpu Kanupuru section of Sagaramala project in the District of Tirupati in the State of Andhra Pradesh.

District: Tirupati
https://drive.google.com/filed/14Pu129DqyU2p9Z1T_rkWAHEo...
Sd/- Competent Authority Land Acquisition Officer & Revenue Divisional Officer, Sullurpet

NEGLECT OF TENANT FARMERS ALLEGED

- All India Kisan Morcha State Convenor Shobanadreeswara Rao launches a 30-hour indefinite hunger strike
- Demand removal of the requirement for the landowner's signature for issuing tenant farmer identity cards
- Warns that small and marginal farmers may gradually disappear, with agricultural lands ending up in the hands of large corporate entities



All India Kisan Morcha State Convenor and former minister Vadde Shobanadreeswara Rao and others at launch of tenant farmers' 30-hour protest in Vijayawada on Monday

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ALLEGING that tenant farmers, who form a major backbone of agricultural cultivation in the State, are being neglected, All India Kisan Morcha State Convenor and former minister Vadde Shobanadreeswara Rao strongly criticised the government on Monday. He launched a 30-hour indefinite hunger strike under the leadership of AP Tenant Farmers' Association

NTR and Krishna district committees, demanding that all tenant farmers be provided Rs 20,000 under the "Annadata Sukhibhava" scheme. He also demanded removal of the requirement for the landowner's signature for issuing tenant farmer identity cards and insisted that crop loans, compensation, and insurance benefits be extended directly to tenant farmers.

Addressing the gathering, Vadde clarified that landowners would not suffer

any loss by signing lease agreements and that ownership rights would remain unaffected. Expressing concern over the plight of tenant farmers, he said they were "like candles that give light to others while melting away themselves," adding that despite their hard work, they are left only with mounting debts.

Andhra Pradesh Agricultural Workers' Association General Secretary V Venkateswarlu extended support to the protest, stating that

agriculture in the State survives largely because of tenant farmers. He criticised Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu, alleging that promises made before elections — including recognition of tenant farmers, enactment of a special law, and extension of Annadata Sukhibhava benefits to all tenant farmers — have not been fulfilled after assuming office. Leaders warned that small and marginal farmers may gradually disappear, with agricultural lands end-

ing up in the hands of large corporate entities. They also condemned the alleged use of the Essential Services Maintenance Act (ESMA) against public movement activists while providing protection to exploiters.

AP Rythu Sangham senior leader Y Kesava Rao criticised the recent State Budget, noting that while Rs 52,000 crore was allocated to agriculture, there was no specific mention of tenant farmers. Tenant Farmers' Association State General Secretary Maganti Haribabu alleged that the present administration was continuing policies of the previous regime and questioned the allocation of land to corporates at nominal rates.

The protest was presided over by Krishna district president TV Lakshmana Swamy. Leaders Panchakarla Rangarao, J Venkateswara Rao, and G Seetha Reddy were honoured with initiation garlands by Vadde to mark the beginning of the hunger strike. State Vice-President Gopal and other leaders also participated. Progressive songs rendered by farmers' leader Alibaba.