

Neglect of tenant farmers alleged

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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.

MEPMA holds training programme on MDML app

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- The app also includes a voice-message grievance feature, allowing members to report discrepancies for prompt resolution



Additional Mission Director K Naga Venkateswara Rao, Self-Help Group (SHG) members, bookkeepers, resource persons (RPs), IT anchor persons, and TE-IBs participating in the MDML App training programme in Vijayawada on Monday

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A comprehensive training programme on the usage of the "Mana Dabbulu Mana Lekkaku" (MDML) mobile application and digital bookkeeping was conducted for field staff and trainers of trainers (TOTs) as per the directions of MEPMA Mission Director Vakati Karuna. The training was held at the SERP Head Office here on Monday under the chairmanship of Additional Mission Director K Naga Venkateswara Rao. Self-Help Group (SHG) members, bookkeepers, resource persons (RPs), IT anchor persons, and TE-IBs participated in the programme. The MDML

app, developed by the State Government under the MEPMA initiative, is designed to enable SHG members to record and review their monthly financial and non-financial transactions transparently through their mobile phones. The app also includes a voice-message grievance feature, allowing members to report discrepancies for prompt resolution.

Following the Mission Director's guidance, experienced SHG members, bookkeepers, and RPs from each district were selected as TOTs. IT anchor persons and TE-IBs were also included to strengthen technical support and ensure effective field-level implementation.

A special action plan was

scheduled to facilitate smooth rollout of the MDML app. The plan covered field testing of the application, issue identification and resolution, demonstration sessions, finalisation of the app, TOT training, and preparation of district- and ULB-wise action plans.

Additionally, SPMU officials from MEPMA headquarters were assigned specific districts to monitor the timely and accurate uploading of SHG transaction data, with a target date of 15th April 2026. The programme was attended by the additional mission director, SERP IB officials, TCS staff, State mission managers, head office staff, SHG members, bookkeepers, and resource persons.

FOUNDATION STONE LAID FOR SKILL DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

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THE foundation stone laying ceremony for the construction of the State Office and Skill Development Centre of the Sri Sathya Sai Seva Organisations was performed on Sunday at the Mandir premises here. The new facility will come up on the second floor of the Mandir building and is envisioned as a centre dedicated to service and value-based skill development. Several distinguished members of the organisation, including State president R Lakshmana Rao, Kamala Triveni, National Seva Mahila Coordinator Shashibala, Vice-President Surendra, State Sevadal Coordinators Shyam Prasad and Shanthi, District President Sai



Organisers laying stone for Sri Sathya Sai Seva Organisations State centre and Skill development centre

Viswanadham, and Convenor NVL Narasimha Rao. State, District, and Samithi office bearers, along with Sevadal members, were also present. Following the foundation ceremony, a Sevadal training

programme was conducted for Sevadal coordinators. The session focused on discipline, dedication, unity, and the true spirit of selfless service in accordance with Swamy's teachings.



Siddhartha alumnus Dr Gadde Venkateswara Rao addressing MBA students at the PB Siddhartha College in Vijayawada on Monday

'Extra skills pave way for bright future'

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OPPORTUNITIES favour those who are well-prepared, and readiness can transform one's life, said personality development expert and Siddhartha alumnus Dr Gadde Venkateswara Rao (GV Rao) during an interaction with MBA students at PB Siddhartha Arts and Science College here on Monday.

Addressing students at a programme organised by the Department of Business Administration in the college's webinar hall, Rao (Dubai) said that those who embrace challenges rather than seeking comfort are the ones who achieve success in life. He urged students

to think differently instead of following conventional paths and advised them to aim for entrepreneurship rather than remaining confined to a single organisation after gaining experience.

Dr Rao emphasised that candidates lacking additional skills, higher qualifications, or experience often miss out on opportunities. "Those who hesitate to take risks have no future," he remarked, adding that anxiety is natural but individuals must develop mechanisms to overcome stress.

College Dean Prof Rajesh C Jampala and faculty member Dr Rehman felicitated the chief guest on the occasion.

EXAM TIME!



Students attending intermediate first year examination at TJPS College in Guntur on Monday

Poet Raghavendra Rao's books released

RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM: Several speakers praised noted poet SV Raghavendra Rao as a tireless and ever-active literary personality during his Sahasra Chandra Darshana Mahotsavam (80th birth anniversary celebrations) and book release function held on Sunday. The programme, during which 12 books authored by Raghavendra Rao were unveiled, was organised at Anam Rotary Hall near Y Junction in the city. The event was presided over by Sahiti Gowtami president P Vijay Kumar.

Retired professor of Kendriya Vidyalaya Bethavolu Rama Brahmam and "Mahamahopadhyaya" Viswanadha Gopala Krishna Sastry attended as chief guests and addressed the gathering, re-



Speakers at the birth anniversary programme

calling the poet's contribution to Telugu literature and his dedication to poetic traditions. On the occasion, guests formally released several of his works, including Ugrasanthi, Corona Katha, Pudamithalli, Srivari Brahmotsavalu - Vahana Vaibhavalu and Draksharama Kshetra Sahitya Sameeksha, among others.

Film lyricist Rasaraju, literary personalities Kadimella Varaprasad, Dhulipala Ma-

hadeva Mani, Tata Sandeep Sharma and Aditya Educational Institutions director SP Gangi Reddy were among those present. Literary figures Dr Aripirala Narayana Rao, Talari Vasu, Ramadevi, Oleti Bangarawartha Sharma, Madhunamurthy, Sadhanala Venkata Swami Naidu, Krishnam Raju, Prayaga Subrahmanyam and Parasra Jagannadha Rao also participated in the programme.

Cong raises questions over border handling, trade pact

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RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM

SENIOR Congress leader and CWC member Gidugu Rudra Raju on Monday alleged that national security and economic interests of the country were being seriously compromised under the present Union government, raising three major issues during a press conference held in the city.

Rudra Raju referred to former Army Chief Manoj Mukund Naravane's memoir Four Stars of Destiny, claiming it revealed serious lapses during the India-China border tensions in 2020. He alleged that when Chinese troops advanced into Recchin La on August 31, 2020, the Army leadership did not receive timely political direction. "In war-like situations, decisions must come from political leadership.

History shows leaders like Jawaharlal Nehru, Lal Bahadur Shastri and Indira Gandhi took responsibility during national crises," he said.

He further alleged that repeated attempts by the Army Chief to reach Prime Minister Narendra Modi and senior members of the security establishment resulted in no clear response initially, and termed the situation a "collapse of the decision-making chain." According to him, the Army's forward deployment ultimately prevented escalation.

Rudra Raju also raised allegations linked to the so-called "Epstein Files," claiming that certain Indian political figures, including Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri, had interactions with Jeffrey Epstein that required a transparent investigation. He demanded that the Centre order an impartial probe similar to investigations initiated in some foreign countries.

Women's archery ranking tourney concludes

More than 170 women archers from various States participated in the ranking tournament across compound

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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 Siddhartha Institute of Hotel Management and Catering Technology here after two days of intense competition. The prestigious event



Winners of the National Women's Archery Ranking Tournament on the podium at the closing ceremony in Vijayawada on Monday

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 Committee 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.

Varla calls Jagan 'traitor of Dalits'

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MANGALAGIRI

TDP Politburo member Varla Ramaiah on Monday launched a sharp attack on former chief minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy, accusing him of betraying the Dalit community during his five-year tenure.

Addressing the media at NTR Bhavan, Ramaiah alleged that though Jagan repeatedly claimed Dalits were like his own relatives, his government failed to protect their rights. Citing the Supreme Court's recent observations in the Ananta Babu case, he said the court termed the earlier police investigation "perfunctory" and remarked that "Khakhi and Khaddar" worked together to shield the accused. The case pertains to YSRCP MLC Ananta Babu, accused of murdering his Dalit driver Subrahmanyam.

Ramaiah questioned Jagan's moral authority, asking



TDP Politburo member Varla Ramaiah at a press conference on Monday

how he could continue to claim solidarity with Dalits when such incidents occurred under his leadership. He welcomed the action taken by Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu, including the suspension of four police officers linked to the case.

The TDP leader demanded further action against senior officials who supervised the probe and called for a special investigation team (SIT) to reopen cases involving Dalit victims during the previous regime.

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