

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 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 repre-



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

sentatives, 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-

taayala Ayyannapratrudu 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, Kolusu Parthasarathy, K Atchannaidu, 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

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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



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

allow disruption. The MLC expressed concern that key issues affecting salaried employees, PRC implementation, small employees,

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

CM links accountability to recognition in governance push

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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 de-

partment, 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 Rajbanshi-

nagar 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.

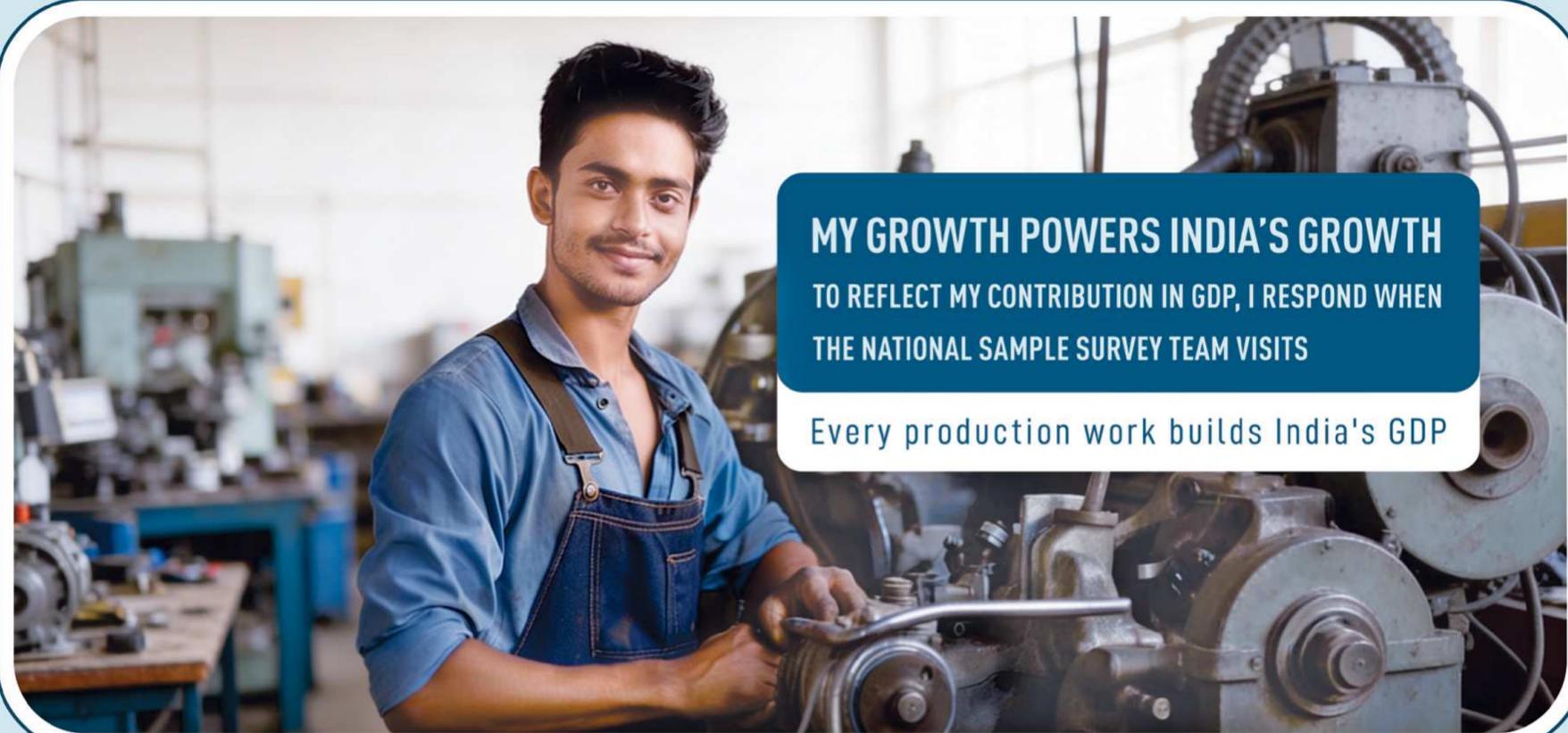
The operation also allegedly caused distress to Naik's 66-year-old mother, who was reportedly confined to her room for a brief

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.



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