

Joint Secy commends Kendriya Vidyalaya for following PM Shri objectives

HANS NEWS SERVICE KURNOOL

DR. Ishitha Ganguli Tripathy, Joint Secretary, Government of India, conducted a review inspection of PM SHRI Schools at Kendriya Vidyalaya, Kurnool as part of the nationwide assessment of the Pradhan Mantri Schools for Rising India initiative on Tuesday. The visit aimed at evaluating the effective implementation of academic, infrastructural, and co-curricular components envisaged under the PM SHRI framework.

During the inspection, Dr. Tripathy reviewed key facilities including science laboratories, computer labs, the library, and the Innovation and Skill Development



Dr. Ishitha Ganguli Tripathy, Joint Secretary, at a meeting in Kurnool on Tuesday

Centre. She also examined the digital infrastructure and recent upgrades provided under the scheme. A primary section demonstration class, conducted using an interactive panel, drew special appreciation for showcasing

technology-enabled teaching, student participation, and activity-based learning aligned with modern pedagogical practices.

Addressing students and staff, Dr. Tripathy commended the school for

translating the objectives of the PM SHRI initiative into classroom practice and encouraged students to embrace experiential and skill-oriented learning.

Principal Payal Priyadarshani highlighted the holistic focus of the scheme, citing support from the Government of India in strengthening infrastructure, introducing interactive learning tools, organising exposure visits, and conducting self-defence training. The programme, attended by senior education officials and academicians, concluded with appreciation for the institution's commitment to quality education, innovation, and all-round student development under the PM SHRI vision.



KVR college holds seminar on drone tech

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A three-day training seminar on drone technology was conducted at KVR (Women's) Degree College under the joint auspices of the Departments of Physics and Biotechnology, with financial support from the Central Government.

IIT-DM Professor Krishna Nayak, the chief guest,

highlighted the growing career prospects in drone technology, tracing its origins from Australia in 1849 to its military use in the US and later by DRDO in India in 1995. Principal Dr K Venkat Reddy said drones are transforming sectors such as agriculture and disaster management. Participants received certificates. Faculty members and students attended the programme.

YSRCP opposes shifting of R&B div office from Kalyandurg



YSRCP Anantapur district president Anantha Venkatarami Reddy addresses a press conference in Anantapur on Tuesday

HANS NEWS SERVICE ANANTAPUR

YSRCP Anantapur district president Anantha Venkatarami Reddy has opposed the proposed shifting of the Roads and Buildings (R&B) Divisional Office from Kalyandurg to Sri Sathya Sai district. Addressing a press conference at the party's district office on Tuesday, along with Kalyandurg constituency coordinator Talari Rangayya, he said the R&B Divisional Office was established in Kalyandurg during the tenure of former Chief Minister Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy to ensure administrative accessibility for the people of Kalyandurg and Rayadurg constituencies.

He recalled that key offices, including those of the DSP and RDO, were also set up in Kalyandurg headquarters to strengthen govern-

ance. Additionally, he noted that the Sriram Reddy drinking water scheme was implemented through a dedicated pipeline from PABR to serve Kalyandurg, Rayadurg and Madakasira constituencies during that period, when he was serving as MP and Raghuvveera Reddy as Minister.

Criticising the move to relocate the R&B office and staff to Hindupur, he said that instead of shifting existing facilities, the government should consider establishing additional offices if necessary. With the Assembly session underway, he urged Minister Keshav and the MLAs of Rayadurg and Kalyandurg to intervene and take appropriate steps.

He demanded that the R&B Divisional Office should not be shifted from Kalyandurg under any circumstances.

Accurate census forms backbone of devt: Collector

Systematic data collection will provide clear direction, she says

HANS NEWS SERVICE NANDYAL

ACCURATE and reliable census statistics form the backbone of national development planning, said District Collector G Rajakumari. She was addressing officials as the chief guest at a census training programme held at SVR Engineering College, Ayyalur Metta, in Nandyal town on Tuesday. Emphasising transparency and completeness, the Collector said systematic data collection would provide clear direction for effective implementation of government welfare schemes.

Speaking on the occasion, the Collector underlined that census data directly influences policy formulation in key sectors such as education, healthcare, employment, housing and infrastructure. She instructed all officials involved in the exercise to discharge their duties with utmost responsibility and to record household-level information strictly in accordance with government guidelines. Any scope for error must be



Collector Rajakumari addressing a meeting in Nandyal on Tuesday

eliminated, she said, as even minor inaccuracies could adversely impact planning and resource allocation.

Detailing operational guidelines, the Collector stressed the need to prevent duplication by ensuring that every individual is enumerated only once, particularly students and employees residing away from their native places. Residents of hostels, ashrams and NGO-run shelters should be covered under institutional enumeration. She advised field staff to accord census training the same importance as election training and to clearly ex-

plain the questionnaire comprising 33 questions while collecting information on housing type, drinking water sources, sanitation, cooking gas connections, and socio-economic conditions. Caste details, she clarified, must be recorded strictly as stated by respondents, without seeking any documentary proof.

The Collector further directed that data collection be carried out with complete coverage, ensuring no individual or habitation is left out, including remote hamlets and Chenchu habitations. Each unit of approximately 1,000 population should be

systematically mapped and enumerated within the stipulated timeline, while maintaining confidentiality of personal information.

She assured that honorarium and admissible expenses would be paid to staff as per norms upon completion of duties.

Senior census officials, including Joint Director and Chief Principal Census Officer Jagannath Majhi and Deputy Director Dibakar Barih, along with district and divisional officers, participated in the training programme and extended guidance to field-level personnel.

Albendazole distributed to children as part of National Deworming Day



HANS NEWS SERVICE ANANTAPUR

PROGRAMME Officer Dr. S.B. Vishnu Murthy visited the RBSK District Early Intervention Centre (DEIC) in Anantapur on Tuesday and reviewed the ongoing health services and outreach programmes. He inspected facilities and issued necessary instructions to medical staff.

As part of the National Deworming Day mop-up cam-

paigned, Albendazole 400 mg tablets were administered to follow-up cases at the DEIC centre, benefiting several children. At Sri Chaitanya English Medium School, Albendazole tablets were distributed to 51 students out of a total strength of 1,231 as part of the drive. District Immunisation Officer Dr. Naga Shashibhushan Reddy participated in the programme.

ROP (Retinopathy of Prematurity) screening was also

conducted at the DEIC centre. A total of 28 cases were examined, including 15 new and 13 follow-up cases. Two children requiring advanced care were referred to Pushpagiri Eye Hospital, Kadapa, for further treatment.

Additionally, 10 students from Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Gurukula School, Korrapadu, were transported to the DEIC centre through the Child Health Transport Vehicle. They were provided free medical services and safely returned to their school. Other referred cases were also examined and treated accordingly.

Officials stated that such initiatives will continue to ensure comprehensive healthcare and early intervention services for children in the district.



Steps Initiated to develop tourism facilities at Gollapalli reservoir

HANS NEWS SERVICE GOLLAPALLI

THE district administration has initiated measures to promote tourism at the scenic Gollapalli Reservoir.

District Tourism Officer K N Narasayya, along with his team, conducted a field inspection at the reservoir on Tuesday to assess the feasibility of developing tourism infrastructure.

Officials examined the potential for establishing a boating facility to attract visitors. Suitable locations were also identified for constructing modern resorts and accommodation facilities to enable tourists to stay at the site. The government aims to transform the naturally picturesque reservoir area into a major tourist destination in the district.

During the visit, tourism department staff and local officials reviewed the existing infrastructure and discussed the improvements required to enhance visitor amenities. Emphasis was laid on ensuring sustainable development while preserving the natural surroundings of the reservoir.

Officials stated that a comprehensive proposal outlining the development plan, infrastructure requirements and estimated costs will be prepared and submitted to the government shortly for approval.

Ensure flawless conduct of SSC exams: Collector



District Collector Dr S Venkateswar reviewing the arrangements for SSC public examinations at the Collectorate in Tirupati on Tuesday

HANS NEWS SERVICE TIRUPATI

DISTRICT Collector Dr S Venkateswar has directed officials to take strong measures to ensure smooth and secure conduct of the SSC examinations scheduled from March 16 to April 1. He reviewed the arrangements at a meeting held at the Collectorate on Tuesday with officials from various departments.

The Collector said the examinations will be conducted from 9.30 am to 12.45 pm and must be held in a strict and peaceful manner without any lapses. A total of 31,334 students from the district have registered to appear for the Class 10 examinations. This includes 29,165 regular students, 1,178 students who failed last year, and 991 students from open schools. The examinations will be conducted at 179 centres across the district.

Dr Venkateswar instructed officials to ensure tight security while transporting question papers to strong rooms. A district-level review meeting should be conducted with police, postal department, and other concerned officials regarding the transportation of question papers.

He directed that strong police security be arranged at all examination centres. CCTV

cameras should be installed at sensitive centres along with special security measures. Section 144 should be implemented at all examination centres. Internet and xerox centres near the exam centres should remain closed during examination hours.

The Collector said that no electronic devices or mobile phones should be allowed inside the examination centres by candidates, invigilators, or any staff. Police officials were asked to conduct checks in advance. He stressed that there should be no mass copying under any circumstances.

Officials were instructed to ensure that students reach examination centres on time. Basic facilities such as drinking water, toilets, lights, fans, electricity, first aid centres, and availability of medical officers must be provided at all centres. He also directed officials to ensure that APSRTC buses are made available for students attending the examinations.

DRO G Narasimulu, DEO KVN Kumar, Education Department Assistant Commissioner B Sudha, Tirupati Municipal Additional Commissioner Sarada Devi, DPO Susila Devi, DM&HO Dr V Balakrishna Naik, Transport Officer K Murali Mohan and other district officers attended the meeting.

HANS NEWS SERVICE KURNOOL

GROUNDBREAKING ceremony for the construction of a cement concrete (CC) road was held at Budaga Jangala Colony in Devanakonda, with works estimated at Rs 5 lakh.

Alur Assembly constituency in-charge Ternakal Venkappa speaking to *The Hans India* on Tuesday has said the CC road works are being taken up under the National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS) with an allocation of Rs.1.10 lakh in the mandal.

As part of the initiative spearheaded by the Jana Sena Party, similar road works are being launched in Devanakonda, Kothapeta, Kunkunuru and Ternakal villages.

Venkappa said CC road works worth Rs 3.80 lakh



Alur Assembly constituency in-charge Ternakal Venkappa participated at the groundbreaking ceremony at Devanakonda

are being initiated across the Alur Assembly Constituency. He stated that discussions are being held with the Chief Minister, Deputy Chief Minister and district officials to secure additional funds, assuring that sustained efforts are underway to strengthen basic infrastructure and ac-

celerate development in the constituency.

Referring to the larger development agenda, he said Andhra Pradesh is emerging as one of the fastest-developing states in the country under the coalition government, with progress on the Super Six

programmes, large-scale investments, job creation for youth, completion of the Polavaram project, metro planning, port construction and rapid development of the capital city.

The groundbreaking ceremony programme was attended by Andhra Pradesh

Valmiki Corporation Chairperson Bojjamma, MPDO Jyothi, Divisional Engineer Manohar, TDP mandal convener Vijayabhaskar Goud, market yard director Saroja, and leaders from the TDP and Jana Sena Party, besides local representatives and residents.

Sunitha seeks funds for drinking water

HANS NEWS SERVICE AMARAVATI/RAPTADU

RAPTADU MLA Paritala Sunitha met Deputy Chief Minister Konidela Pawan Kalyan during the ongoing Assembly sessions and submitted a memorandum seeking urgent funds for drinking water and road infrastructure in her constituency.

Highlighting the worsening summer water crisis,

Sunitha requested ₹50 crore for 52 villages under Anantapur Rural and Atmakur mandals, which continue to depend on the decades-old Sathya Sai water scheme. She also sought ₹55 crore for summer storage tanks, pipeline repairs, and the replacement of 2 MLD slow sand filters with 6 MLD rapid sand filters in Anantapur Rural. Additionally, she urged sanction of ₹180 crore for a CPWS project



from Gollapalli reservoir to supply drinking water to villages in Ramagiri, Kanaganapalli and Chennekothapalli mandals of Sri Sathya Sai district.

For badly damaged roads in Ramagiri, Kanaganapalli, CK Palli, Rappthadu and Atmakur mandals, she sought ₹11.50 crore.

The Deputy CM responded positively, assuring action to address drinking water needs and approvals

for pending road works, including those under Jal Jeevan Mission.

Separately, Sunitha met Ministers Nara Lokesh, Mandali Ramprasad Reddy and Janardhan Reddy, seeking funds for educational institutions, sports infrastructure and major road projects.

The ministers assured support after reviewing the proposals with concerned officials.