

South Zone T-20 cricket tourney

Puducherry crowned champions

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AMARAVATI

The 2nd All India Police South Zone T-20 Cricket Tournament 2025-26 concluded on a grand note on Tuesday, with Puducherry emerging as champions and



DGP Harish Kumar Gupta presenting the trophy to the winners of 2nd All India Police South Zone T-20 Cricket Tournament 2025-26 at Mulapadu cricket stadium in NTR district on Tuesday

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prestigious five-day tournament, held from February 20 to 24 at the ACA Grounds in Mulapadu, was organised by the All India Police Sports Control Board, New Delhi, under the aegis of the Andhra Pradesh Police Department.

A total of 10 teams participated in the tournament, showcasing exceptional talent, discipline, and sportsmanship. In the semifinals, Puducherry defeated Tamil Nadu, while Andaman & Nicobar Islands overcame Telangana to set up a thrilling final clash between the two Union Territory teams.

In the high-voltage final, Puducherry Police defeated Andaman & Nicobar Islands Police by 43 runs to lift the trophy. After winning the toss, Andaman opted to bat. Batting first, Puducherry posted a formidable total of 192 runs in the loss of 9 wickets in 20 overs. Raju top-scored with an impressive 51 runs, anchoring

the innings. For Andaman, Yashwanth Rao delivered an outstanding spell, claiming 4 wickets for 51 runs in his 4 overs, while CP Yadav bowled economically, taking 2 wickets for 26 runs.

Chasing a target of 193, Andaman & Nicobar Islands were bowled out for 158 runs in 18.3 overs. Despite a promising start by the openers, the middle order failed to capitalise, leading to their defeat. Puducherry's B Prabh delivered a match-winning performance, taking 4 wickets for just 18 runs, including a remarkable hat-trick. He was adjudged both "Man of the Match" and "Man of the Series" for his outstanding all-round performance throughout the tournament.

Raghava Rahul of Andhra Pradesh was named Best Batsman, KP Yadav of Andaman received the Best Bowler award, and Mohammed Hasan of Andaman was declared Best Fielder.

'City development ahead of Greater Vijayawada plan'

- Mp kesineni sivanath reviews urban development works at the vijayawada municipal corporation

- Dpr prioritises construction of an extensive stormwater drainage network to prevent flooding during the monsoon

- Special master plan is being prepared for vijayawada in view of its proximity to amaravati and future urban expansion



MP Kesineni Sivanath with Vijayawada Municipal Corporation Commissioner HM Dhyanchandra reviewing developmental works at VMC headquarters on Tuesday

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EMPHASISING that "Vijayawada's development is our primary goal," Vijayawada MP Kesineni Sivanath alias Chinni said a comprehensive plan has been drawn up to modernise the city and resolve long-pending civic issues even before the proposed formation of Greater Vijayawada.

Reviewing urban development works at the Vijayawada Municipal Corporation (VMC) headquarters on Tuesday, the MP said a Detailed Project Report (DPR) covering stormwater drains, underground drainage, drinking water supply and city beautification has been prepared. The meeting was attended by VMC Commissioner HM Dhyanchandra, engineering officials and

public representatives.

The MP said the DPR prioritises construction of an extensive stormwater drainage network to prevent flooding during the monsoon. The existing Panta Kalva drain, currently about 2.5 metres wide, would be expanded to 8 metres to ensure smooth flow of rainwater and avoid waterlogging, he said. Special focus would also be given to complet-

ing unfinished drains and addressing runoff issues in hilly areas of the city, he said. He said that a special master plan is being prepared for Vijayawada in view of its proximity to Amaravati and future urban expansion. He said that the DPR also addresses shortcomings in earlier drainage works and proposes corrective measures to ensure long-term solutions. He said coordination meetings would be held with Railways, National Highways, Roads & Buildings Department and municipal authorities for the construction of proposed Road Over Bridges (ROBs) and Road Under Bridges (RUBs) at key locations.

As part of city beautification, the MP said plans are underway to develop three major canals, besides setting up mini sewage treatment plants at points where underground drainage flows into canals.

Kumbhabhishekam at Durga temple from March 6

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THE grand Kumbhabhishekam of Sri Durga Malleswara Swamy Varla Devasthanam atop Indrakeladri in Vijayawada will be performed from March 6 to 8 with traditional rituals and spiritual splendour, said Vijayawada MP Kesineni Sivanath alias Chinni.

In this connection, along with NTR District Collector Dr G Lakshimisha, Police Commissioner SV Rajasekhar Babu, Temple Trust Board Chairman

Borra Radhakrishna, and Executive Officer VK Seena Naik, he inspected the arrangements on Tuesday.

Addressing the media, the MP said that the Kumbhabhishekam, held once every 12 years as per Agama Shastra to rejuvenate the divine energy of the temple, would be conducted with elaborate arrangements and meticulous planning to ensure the smooth participation of devotees.

Further, he said Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy Chief Minister K Pawan Kalyan are expected to attend the ceremony on March 8.



MP Kesineni Sivanath (Chinni), collector Dr G Lakshimisha, Police Commissioner SV Rajasekhar Babu, Kanaka Durga Temple Trust Board Chairman Borra Radhakrishna, Executive Officer VK Seena Naik, and Trust Board members addressing a press conference in Vijayawada on Tuesday

Attack on Ambati's house condemned

GUNTUR :Former minister Dharmana Krishnadas strongly condemned the attack on "ideal political leader" Ambati Rambabu's house. He visited the latter's house in Guntur city on Tuesday and consoled him.

Speaking to the media, he said people across the state are condemning the attack on Rambabu. He criticised that since the coalition government came to power in the state, an unethical "Red Book Constitution" is being implemented. He said Minister N Chandrababu Naidu and HRD Minister Nara Lokesh are acting against the Constitution. He termed Ambati Rambabu as an efficient and capable leader and an inspiration to the leaders of the YSR Congress Party.

He said, "We will stand by YS Jagan Mohan Reddy with renewed enthusiasm. Ambati Rambabu has shown what true leadership means. The YSR Congress Party stands firmly with Ambati Rambabu's family. It is unclear what message Chief Minister Chandrababu is trying to send to the people of the state."

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Vocal concert of Alekha

Music festival begins

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LaNkaS, a music-based organisation dedicated to the promotion of classical music in Vijayawada and its surrounding regions, inaugurated its three-day musical festival on Monday evening at Velidanda Hanumantharaya Grand-halayam Hall.

The festival commenced with a vocal concert by K Subrahmanya Raju, who was ably accompanied by BVSS Krishna on the violin and K Karthikeya Adinarayana Sarma on the mridangam. Raju opened his recital with a vibrant Darbar Varnam, setting a classical tone for the evening. He then rendered Muthuswami Dikshitar's "Swaminatha"

in Nata raga, followed by Patnam Subramania Iyer's "Paridanamichite" in Bilahari. The concert gained further depth with Tyagaraja's "Paralokasadhana" in Poorvikalyani and the ever-popular "Sobhillu Saptaswara" in Jagamohini.

The second half of the inaugural evening featured a vocal concert by A Alekha, with M Sri Rama on the violin and T Krishna Vamsi on the mridangam providing excellent accompaniment. Alekha began her recital in the traditional manner with "Sri Vignarajam Bhaje" in Sri Ranjani raga and went on to present "Meenakshi Me Mudam" in Poorvi Kalyani. Lanka Bala Subrahmanya and Madhavi conducted the programme.

Workshop on heat transfer begins

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BHIMAVARAM

THE world will soon look towards India for technological advancements and cutting-edge research, said Dr Senthil Kumar Natarajan, Professor at National Institute of Technology Puducherry, while inaugurating a two-day national-level workshop in Bhimavaram on Tuesday.

The workshop, on "Innovation in Sustainable Heat Transfer and Solar Thermal

Energy Systems," is being organised by the Institution of Engineers (IEI), Bhimavaram local centre, at Sagi Rama Krishnam Raju Engineering College. The event was convened by Dr T Tarun Kumar.

Addressing the participants, Dr Natarajan emphasised that research must be pursued responsibly without causing harm to the environment. He urged researchers to focus on sustainable innovations that contribute to global

progress while preserving ecological balance. College in-charge Principal Dr BhVS Ramakrishnam Raju observed that with the rapid establishment of data centres, the world is increasingly turning towards India.

Intelligence (AI). Dr N Gopalakrishnamurthy, chairman of IEI Bhimavaram local centre and head of the Technology Centre, stated that the Central Government is giving high priority to research in solar and thermal energy.



Dr Senthil Kumar Natarajan, Professor at National Institute of Technology Puducherry addressing the students at SRKR Engineering College in Bhimavaram on Tuesday



Krishna University Vice-Chancellor Prof K Ramji addressing students in Machilipatnam on Tuesday

Youth urged to think innovatively

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VICE-CHANCELLOR of Krishna University Acharya K Ramji called upon students and youth to move forward with innovative thinking to achieve success in life. He was speaking as the chief guest at the Leadership Excellence Achievement Programme organised at the university campus in Machilipatnam on Tuesday with the support of the Sathya Sai Seva Samithi.

Addressing the gathering, he advised students to follow the "789 Formula" for a balanced lifestyle — seven hours of sleep, eight hours of study, and nine

hours for other productive activities.

University Rector Prof MV Basaveswara Rao urged students to draw inspiration from Swami Vivekananda, who showcased India's greatness on the global stage, and to strive for excellence with confidence and dedication.

The programme was presided over by Pharmacy College Principal Dr Rambabu. Registrar Prof N Usha, Engineering College Principal Dr Vijayakumari, Machilipatnam Sathya Sai Seva Samithi Convener Anjaneya Kumar, Saubhagya Lakshmi, Sakrishna Chaitanya and others also spoke on the occasion.