

No place for dictatorial functioning in Congress: Anantha Ratnam

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CONGRESS leaders and activists staged a protest at District Congress Committee (DCC) office in Kurnool on Monday, alleging undemocratic functioning within the party. Party coordinator of Kodumur Assembly constituency Anantha Ratnam Madiga, along with leaders Syed Naveed, Sunkanna, and Kasim, opposed to the leadership of DCC president Kranti Naidu.

Anantha Ratnam said that authoritarian functioning has no place in the party and questioned why the leadership failed to respond when BJP youth wing activists allegedly attacked party office. He alleged that while Congress office had historically provided opportunities to many leaders, the current leadership is misusing its position.

He accused the DCC leadership of engaging in corruption and irregularities after being given an opportunity to represent the youth. He further alleged that funds generated through media-



Congress Kodumur constituency coordinator Anantha Ratnam Madiga and others staging a protest in Kurnool on Monday

tors from the party office premises were being diverted into personal accounts and misused. When party leaders demanded financial transparency, Anantha Ratnam claimed they were told that there was no obligation to show the accounts, which he described as unacceptable.

The leaders also objected to the removal of portraits of national icons such as Jawaharlal Nehru, Mahatma Gandhi, and Dr BR Ambedkar from the party office and questioned the installation of a photograph of Kondareddy Buruju in their place.

They further criticised postponement of a pro-

test programme planned in front of the Collectorate against rising gas prices and alleged that the DCC leadership was reluctant to take action even when BJP youth wing members reportedly attacked the Congress office.

Claiming that revenue from 19 commercial complexes attached to the party office had been properly deposited during the 11 months when there was no DCC president, the leaders demanded that the party high command immediately intervene and take action over the alleged financial irregularities.

Farmers told to use modern methods for profits

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DISTRICT Collector Shyam Prasad emphasised that adoption of modern farming techniques and scientific practices is essential to make agriculture profitable. He was speaking at Rythanna Meekosam programme held at Bidupalli village in Puttaparthi mandal on Monday.

The programme was attended by MLA Sindhura Reddy and former Minister Palle Raghunatha Reddy, along with agriculture department officials and local farmers.

Addressing the gathering, Collector Shyam Prasad advised farmers to practice natural farming and efficient water management, making the best use of available water resources. He also suggested cultivating crops that have strong market demand to ensure better income. The Collector said that plans are



District Collector Shyam Prasad interacting with farmers during Rythanna Meekosam programme at Bidupalli village on Monday

being prepared to encourage every farmer in the district to adopt natural farming during the upcoming Kharif season.

He further stated that the use of drones and modern agricultural machinery can

significantly reduce cultivation costs and help farmers complete farm operations on time.

MLA Sindhura Reddy said the government remains committed to supporting

farmers and noted that Rs 20,000 has been deposited into the accounts of about 2.6 lakh farmers in the district under a government scheme.

District Agriculture Officer Krishnaiah, Horticulture Officer Chandrasekhar, Micro Irrigation Officer Sudarshan, Agriculture Officer Nataraj, Horticulture Officer Naveen, and farmers from Bidupalli village participated in the programme.

PVKK Institute holds Iftar

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MINORITY Cell and Student Activity Cell under the aegis of PVKK Institute of Technology has organised an Iftar programme in the college premises.

Retired SP Janab Ameer Basha, College Chairman Dr Palle Kishore, Principal Dr B Ramesh Babu, management representative Srikanth Reddy, Executive Manager Anurag, students and Muslims offered prayers.

Prior to the prayers, 450 fruit bowls were distributed



to the faculty and staff of both PVKK Institute of Technology and PVKKIT Diploma colleges. The event was

coordinated by Minority Cell Convener Baba Salahuddin and Student Activity Cell Convener Anand Dampella.

Tributes paid to Amarajeevi

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CHIEF Executive Officer Narsa Reddy and other officials paying tributes to Amarajeevi Potti Sriramulu, on the latter's birth anniversary, at district Praja Parishad office in

Kurnool on Monday. Narsa Reddy said that Potti Sriramulu played a pivotal role in the formation of Andhra Pradesh, by taking up hunger strike in 1952 for 58 days for the creation of a separate State for Telugu-speaking people and sacrificed his life.



ADA GM Althaf Alikhan, along with mandal agriculture officer and other agricultural staff participating in 'Raithanna Meekosam' programme in Atmakur mandal on Monday

Potti Sriramulu, father of linguistic states in India: Minister



Health Minister Y Satya Kumar Yadav, MLA Daggupati Prasad and others paying tributes to Potti Sriramulu's statue in Anantapur on Monday

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HEALTH Minister Y Satya Kumar Yadav and MLA Daggupati Prasad paid floral tributes to freedom fighter Amarajeevi Potti Sriramulu on the occasion of his birth anniversary at Tower Clock here on Monday.

Minister Satya Kumar Yadav said Potti Sriramulu was the pioneer, who fought for the formation of linguistic States in India. He noted that the creation of Andhra Pradesh was a result of Sriramulu's historic struggle and sacrifice.

"The movement led by Potti Sriramulu laid the foundation for the formation of several linguistic states across the country, including Maharashtra and West Bengal," the Minister said.

He further stated that

the progress and identity of Andhra Pradesh today could be traced back to the efforts and sacrifices made during the statehood movement.

The Minister also highlighted the contributions of Arya Vysya community, stating that members of the community have played a significant role in strengthening the country's economic system while maintaining a low public profile.

MLA Daggupati Prasad said Potti Sriramulu undertook a 58-day fast unto death demanding a separate state for Telugu-speaking people, ultimately leading to the formation of Andhra Pradesh.

He said the government has taken steps to honour the legacy and sacrifice of the great leader by involving community organisations in commemorative events.

Road safety awareness rally held in Madakasira



People participating in helmet awareness rally in Madakasira on Monday

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MADAKASIRA

AN awareness programme on road safety and the harmful effects of drug abuse was organised in Madakasira town on Monday under the supervision of district police.

Superintendent of Police S Satish Kumar, Madakasira MLA MS Raju, film actors Sree Vishnu, Ananya, Hebah Patel, and Deepika, captain of Indian Blind Cricket Team, attended the event as chief guests.

SP Satish Kumar highlighted the importance of following road safety rules and warned against the dangers of reckless driving. He stated that the State ranks ninth in road accident cases, adding that 275 people lost their lives in road accidents in the

district last year, including 180 deaths due to not wearing helmets.

The SP urged motorists not to drive under the influence of alcohol or at high speed, noting that a moment of negligence could destroy lives and families. He stressed that helmets and seat belts act as protective shields and must be used by every driver and passenger.

He warned youth to stay away from ganja and other narcotic drugs, stating that possession or sale of such substances is a punishable offence that can lead to 10 to 20 years of imprisonment under the law.

MLA Raju emphasised the need to create awareness among youth and the public to prevent road accidents and drug abuse.

Resolve issues of RDT expeditiously, requests MP

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ANANTAPUR/NEW DELHI

ACTING on the directives of Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu, Anantapur MP Ambica Lakshminarayana met Union Minister for Civil Aviation Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu in New Delhi on Monday, to address and resolve administrative hurdles currently being faced by Anantapur-based Rural Development Trust (RDT) at Central government level.

Finance Minister Payyavula Keshav and Rajya Sabha Member Sana Satish Babu also participated in this



MP Ambica Lakshminarayana, Finance Minister Payyavula Keshav and Rajya Sabha Member Sana Satish Babu with Union Minister for Civil Aviation Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu in New Delhi on Monday

meeting. Later speaking to the media, MP Ambica said

that they brought to the Minister's attention the fact

that the Trust's operations are currently being adversely affected due to the delay in obtaining necessary permissions and other administrative issues related to its activities.

"We requested the Central government's cooperation in swiftly removing these obstacles to ensure that the Trust's services can continue without interruption," he added.

The MP said that the Union Minister responded positively to the issue and gave an assurance that he would hold discussions with officials concerned and take necessary measures to resolve the issue expeditiously.

Collector inspects SSC exam centre



District Collector O Anand inspecting a Class 10 examination center in Anantapur on Monday

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DISTRICT Collector O Anand stated that Class 10 public examinations are being conducted smoothly and peacefully across the district. On Monday, he inspected examination centre at Rajendra Municipal High School in Anantapur city.

According to officials, the examinations are being conducted from March 16 to April 1 at a total of 143 examination centres across the district. During the inspection, the Collector reviewed arrangements at the centre and interacted with officials

to ensure that the examinations are being conducted without any inconvenience to the students.

Collector Anand directed the officials to conduct the examinations in a transparent and disciplined manner, ensuring that there is no scope for malpractice. He stressed the importance of maintaining strict vigilance and following all guidelines to ensure the smooth conduct of the examinations.

He also instructed the authorities to make adequate arrangements and maintain proper monitoring at all examination centres across the district.

Cordon & search held in Gudur



Police conducting cordon and search in Gudur town on Monday

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NELLORE

FOLLOWING the directions of SP Ajitha Vejjndla, police officials conducted cordon and search operations in Gudur town on Monday, as part of Vajra Prahar to prevent ganja and other narcotics.

Police personnel, headed by Two Town C I J Srinivas, searched as many as 150 houses in Gudur Two Town police station limits and seized five motor cycles and one auto, which do not have proper documents. They also took one suspect

into custody and later released him after giving counselling. SP Ajitha Vejjndla urged youth not to consume ganja, which will ruin their lives.

She warned of initiating stringent action against those, who will smuggle ganja and PD Act would be invoked against repeated offenders.

The SP appealed people to inform police on toll free number 1972 or Dial 112, if they notice any such activity. She said Vajra Prahar will be continued till Nellore is made as zero per cent drug free district.

Ugadi Brahmotsavams begin at Srisailam temple

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THE five-day Ugadi Brahmotsavams at Srisailam Temple commenced on Monday with traditional rituals performed according to Agama Shastra.

The celebrations, scheduled from March 16 to 20, began in the temple premises with special prayers offered to Lord Mallikarjuna Swamy and Goddess Bhramaramba. Temple priests and Vedic scholars conducted the inau-



Srisailam temple EO M Srinivasa Rao and his wife along with priests performing puja in the temple on Monday

gural ceremonies, invoking divine blessings for the suc-

cessful conduct of the festival. As part of the initial rituals,

Executive Officer M Srinivasa Rao, along with Sthanacharyas, archakas and Vedic scholars, formally entered the Yagasala within the temple premises.

Later, various pujas were performed. In the evening, Ankurarpanam was conducted by sowing nine varieties of grains in sacred soil brought in the temple premises. Later, the deity was taken out in Bhringi Vahana Seva.

On the first day, the Goddess has appeared in Mahalakshmi Alankaram.