

Sri Rama Navami celebrations to be held with grandeur

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Former minister N Raghuvveera Reddy distributing paddy to villagers in Neelakanthapuram for preparing sacred 'Talambralu' ahead of Sri Rama Navami celebrations

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MADAKASIRA

GRAND arrangements are underway for the Sri Rama Navami celebrations at Neelakanthapuram temples from March 27 to 29, temple committee chairman and former minister N Raghuvveera Reddy announced. Releasing posters for

the event on Tuesday along with villagers, Raghuvveera Reddy said that the three-day festivities will include the celestial wedding (Kalyanotsavam) of Lord Sri Sita Ramachandra Swamy and mass marriages on March 28.

He stated that special preparations are being made with devotion, particularly for the sacred 'Talambralu' (holy rice used in wedding

rituals).

As part of the tradition, devotees from Gangalavayi Palyam and Govindapuram panchayats will manually process paddy into rice using traditional methods.

To facilitate this, Raghuvveera Reddy personally distributed paddy to villagers, encouraging them to take part in the ritual preparations with

devotion.

He highlighted that such collective participation reflects cultural heritage and spiritual unity.

Appealing to devotees, he urged people to attend the celebrations in large numbers and seek the blessings of the deity.

Temple committee members, village elders, and several devotees were present during the poster release event.

Congress office rent hike spark doubts over funds

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SERIOUS concerns have surfaced over the financial management of a Congress party office following a prolonged vacancy in the District Congress Committee (DCC) leadership.

According to available information, the party office has 17 attached shops generating a monthly rental income of Rs 1,86,600.

During the 12-month period from February 14, 2025, to January 2, 2026, when the DCC president's post re-



Congress party office in Kurnool and the list of rents collected from 17 shops

mained vacant, the total expected revenue is estimated at Rs 22,39,200.

Sources indicate that approximately Rs.7.50 lakh from this amount may have been utilized towards employee salaries and other routine operational expenses.

However, there is no clear public record or official disclosure accounting for the remaining funds, leading to growing unease among party cadres regarding the transparency of financial management during the period of administrative vacuum.

The issue has gained further attention after Boya Kranthi Naidu assumed

charge as the new DCC president on January 3, 2026. Soon after taking over, he reportedly implemented a 25 percent hike in rent across all 17 shops attached to the party office.

The move has drawn criticism from local party members, who are questioning both the timing and the rationale behind the decision.

Party cadres who sought clarification on the utilization of accumulated funds and the sudden rent hike have reportedly not received any response.

The lack of explanation has fueled suspicions among sections of party workers, with

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Total	3,18,600.00

some alleging possible misuse of party funds and calling for greater accountability and transparency in financial dealings.

Meanwhile, when The Hans India attempted to contact Kranthi Naidu over the phone to seek his version on the allegations, he did not respond to the calls.

Lorry raided, 156 quintals of pds rice seized

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NELLORE

IN a joint operation, following a tip-off, Vigilance, Police, and Civil Supplies departments officials raided a lorry and seized Rs 7.50 lakh worth 156 quintals of Public Distribution System (PDS) rice at a petrol bunk (JK Filling Station) in Kovur on Tuesday.

According to the DSO B. Leela Rani, they have received credible information over illegal transportation of PDS rice to Chennai from Nellore.

The DSO explained that she immediately alerted the Vigilance officials and Kovur SI and conducted vehicle inspections at Kovur.

During the inspection, police noticed a lorry proceeding from Kavali to Chennai carrying 156 quintals of rice worth Rs 7.5 lakh. PDS rice was filled in 600 plastic bags each bag containing 26 kg and transporting with name 'Apple' brand.

During the interrogation, the lorry driver disclosed that PDS rice from Malakonda Swamy Rice Traders of Kavali town was procured from Sri Venkata Srikanth Raw and Boiled Rice Mill located at Gayatri Nagar in Kavali town.

The DSO said that a case has been registered against rice mill owner Korsiapati Madhava Reddy, Lorry Owner P. Yoganandh, Lorry driver Muthaiah. Police seized 156 quintals of PDS rice at Kovur on Tuesday.

MLA conducts surprise inspection of govt school

ANANTAPUR

SINGANAMALA MLA Bandaru Sravani Sree conducted a surprise inspection at the Government School in Salakancheruvu village of Singanamala mandal on Tuesday. During the visit, the MLA reviewed key aspects of the school's functioning, including student attendance, teaching methods, and the implementation of the Mid-Day Meal Scheme.

She interacted with the students to assess their learning levels and academic progress. Expressing concern over the need for improved educational outcomes, the MLA advised the teaching staff to enhance academic

standards and ensure effective classroom delivery.

She emphasized the importance of maintaining quality education and consistent monitoring of student performance.

Bandaru Sravani Sree also examined the infrastructure and facilities available at the school. After reviewing the existing conditions, she directed the concerned officials to address the identified issues promptly and ensure that necessary improvements are carried out without delay.

The inspection is part of ongoing efforts to strengthen the quality of education and ensure better facilities in government schools across the constituency.



MLA Bandaru Sravani Sree interacts with students during a surprise inspection at the Government School in Salakancheruvu village on Tuesday

Grand rituals, cultural processions mark 2nd day of Ugadi festivities

- Special puja rituals were performed for the presiding deities, followed by a series of sacred ceremonies
- Chandhi Homam was also performed separately in the Ammavari Yagashala
- The temple witnessed a steady inflow of pilgrims seeking blessings during the auspicious occasion

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SRISAILAM

The second day of the Ugadi Mahotsavams at the renowned Srisailam Temple was observed with religious fervour and devotion on Tuesday.

Special puja rituals were performed for the presiding deities, followed by a series of sacred ceremonies in the Yagashala from 8:00 a.m., including Chandishwara Puja, Mandapaaradhana, and Rudra Homam conducted for the welfare of all. Chandhi Homam was also performed separately in the Ammavari Yagashala.

As part of the celebrations, devotees participated in special Kumkumarchana and Navaavarana Archana offered to the Goddess.

The temple witnessed a steady inflow of pilgrims seeking blessings during the auspicious occasion.

Temple authorities stated that evening rituals,



including pujas and Japanushtanam, have been conducted from 5:30 p.m. with elaborate arrangements in place.

The Kailasa Vahana Seva a key highlight of the festivities was also held.

The processional deities after mounted on the Kailasa Vahana was taken out in a ceremonial procession through the temple streets as part of the traditional Gramotsavam.

Devotees hold a strong belief that witnessing this divine procession brings prosperity and fulfils their wishes.

In continuation of the celebrations, the Goddess has been adorned in the Maha Durga Alankaram, symbolising divine power with eight arms carrying sacred weapons.

The Gramotsavam has

featured a wide array of cultural performances, including Nadaswaram, Kolatam, Chekka Bhajana, Chenda Melam, folk danc-

es, and traditional musical displays, showcasing the rich cultural heritage and spiritual significance of the Ugadi festival.



The authorities of Srisailam temple have organized Kailasa Vahana Seva to the presiding deities. Goddess Bhramaramba Devi appeared as Maha Durga Alankaram and Gramotsavam organized in the temple street



Balaji Seva Trust conducts week-long annadanam for Srisailam pilgrims

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SRI Balaji Seva Trust organized free food distribution camps for devotees from Karnataka travelling on foot to Srisailam Temple on the occasion of the Ugadi Brahmotsavams.

The annadanam programme was conducted for seven days, from March 10 to March 16, providing timely meals and support to thousands



Organizers of Balaji Sev Trust distributing free food to Kannada devotees travelling to Srisailam on foot

of pilgrims undertaking the sacred journey.

The initiative reflects the Trust's continued commitment to serving devotees during major religious occasions.

According to the organisers, nearly 20,000 pilgrims benefitted from the camps set up in Kurnool town along the pilgrimage route.

In addition to free meals, the Trust also arranged basic medical services to address the

health needs of the devotees, many of whom travel long distances under challenging conditions.

Volunteers actively participated in the service activities, ensuring smooth operations throughout the week-long programme.

Prominent personalities, including Vishwa Hindu Parishad State President Sai Reddy Nandireddy, Venkateswara Swamy

Prakhanda Thimmareddy, L Raju, honorary advisor Vemareddy Dhanunjaya Reddy, Trust Chairman Srikanth, Treasurer Shivakoti Chandrasekar, and members Mohan Reddy and Sudarshan Reddy, took part in the initiative.

The Trust expressed gratitude to donors and volunteers for their support and reaffirmed its resolve to continue such service programmes in the coming years.