

Keshav decodes budget plan in Uravakonda outreach

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STATE Finance Minister Payyavula Keshav participated in a constituency-level outreach programme on the Budget 2026-27 held at the Mandal Parishad office in Uravakonda.

Addressing officials and the public, the Minister said the primary objective of the outreach was to create awareness about key features of the state budget, development priorities, and welfare

initiatives.

He emphasised the need to ensure that information reaches both district and mandal-level officials as well as citizens, enabling effective implementation of government policies.

Keshav directed officials to adopt a clear and structured approach in utilising budget allocations, stressing that every rupee must be spent efficiently and transparently.

He noted that nearly 85 previously stalled central schemes had been revived



Finance Minister Payyavula Keshav addressing the officials during the Budget 2026-27 outreach programme at the Mandal Parishad office in Uravakonda constituency on Wednesday

and urged departments to make optimal use of the available funds.

Highlighting the government's commitment to transparency, the Minister said efforts are being made to ensure that the benefits of the budget reach the com-

mon people more effectively.

He called on officials to focus on accountability and timely execution of programmes to achieve development goals.

Officials from various government departments participated in the programme.

Officials urged to drive Viksit Bharat, Swarna Andhra goals by 2047

- Lanka Dinakar reviews the implementation of centrally sponsored schemes and projects
- States that transforming India into a developed nation by 2047 is a key objective of the Prime Minister
- Emphasizes that Andhra Pradesh should play a crucial role in this national mission

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CHAIRMAN of the 20-Point Programme, Lanka Dinakar, on Wednesday called upon officials to work with commitment towards achieving the goals of "Viksit Bharat" and "Swarna Andhra" by 2047.



Chairman of the 20-Point Programme, Lanka Dinakar addressing a meeting on Viksit Bharat on Wednesday

He made these remarks during a review meeting held at the Collectorate Conference Hall to review the implementation of centrally sponsored schemes and projects in Kurnool district.

Addressing the officials, Dinakar stated that transforming India into a developed nation by 2047 is a key objective of the Prime Minister, while the State aims to emerge as a leading region under the "Swarna Andhra" vision.

He emphasized that Andhra Pradesh should play a crucial role in this national mission

and directed all departments to align their efforts accordingly.

Referring to administrative reforms, he noted that a key issue raised in a previous review led to a decision allowing municipal corporations to directly utilize their funds without diversion through CFMS, easing operational challenges across urban local bodies.

The Chairman also highlighted welfare and sector-specific concerns, particularly in handloom clusters like Kodumuru, where steps have been initiated to secure GI tag recognition.

He suggested forming self-help group-based clusters for master weavers to improve access to credit and financial assistance. Stressing the need for preventive healthcare, he recommended periodic health screenings for weavers due to occupational hazards.

District Collector Dr A Siri, in her address, outlined the district's development priorities post reorganization, noting that nearly 75 percent of the region remains rain-fed with limited irrigation coverage. She detailed plans to promote water conservation, expand drip irrigation, and encourage crop diversification towards horticulture.

Measures such as farm mechanization, compensation support to farmers, and efforts to boost dairy, fisheries, and industrial investments through the Orvakal node were also highlighted.

Free eye medical camp held

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COLLEGE Principal Dr Kutala Srinivasulu announced that, on the occasion of World Health Day, Ananthalakshmi College organized a free eye medical camp and an awareness programme regarding eye health issues.

This initiative was conducted under the aegis of the National Service Scheme (NSS), courtesy of Smart Vision Eye Hospital.

During the event, experts from Smart Vision Eye Hospital educated students on various eye-related problems, explaining their causes, the precautions necessary for prevention,



and providing medical advice.

Furthermore, their medical team conducted free eye examinations for 500 individuals, including students, college staff, and residents of Itikalapalli.

Students and staff members identified with vision impairments underwent comprehensive eye examinations using a computer

slit lamp and received free medical treatment. The event was attended by College Chairman M Anantha Ramudu, Vice Chairman Ramesh Naidu, Principal Dr Kutala Srinivasulu, Director of Skill Development Dr M Surendra Naidu, NSS Officer T Manohar, Program Coordinator Himabindu, as well as faculty members and students.

KIMS Saveera organises road safety awareness rally

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TRAFFIC CI Venkatesh Naik stated that everyone must strictly adhere to traffic regulations in order to reduce road accidents.

Under the aegis of KIMS Saveera Hospitals, and in observance of International Neurosurgeons Day, a road safety awareness programme was organized at the Tower Clock Circle in Anantapur.

Speaking on the occasion, he emphasized that given the daily increase in the number of vehicles, the public needs to exercise greater caution.

He highlighted that factors



such as controlling speed, refraining from driving under the influence of alcohol, and obeying traffic signals are absolutely critical.

During the event, an individual dressed as 'Yama' (the God of Death) handed out flowers to those not wearing helmets and urged them to make wearing a

helmet mandatory. He warned them that, otherwise, they would end up coming to him.

Subsequently, Neurosurgeons Dr Mohana Murali Krishna and Dr Anil spoke, noting that the majority of patients requiring neurosurgical interventions are, in fact, victims of road accidents.



Home Guards Commandant M Mahesh Kumar inspecting a parade and briefing personnel on election duty at the police parade ground in Anantapur on Wednesday

Home guards urged to uphold khaki image during polls

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RAYALASEEMA Region In-charge Home Guards Commandant M Mahesh Kumar called upon personnel to discharge their duties responsibly and enhance the reputation of the police department while ensuring effective public service.

A parade of Home Guards was conducted at the local police parade ground under the directions of District Superintendent of Police S Satish Kumar.

The Commandant attended as the chief guest, inspected the parade, and later addressed the personnel.

He provided detailed guidance to Home Guards assigned for upcoming election duty in Tamil Nadu, explaining their roles and appropriate conduct while interacting with voters. Emphasising discipline and professionalism, he urged them to perform their responsibilities with dedication.

Mahesh Kumar stressed the importance of maintaining good health, stating that physical fitness is essential for efficient duty performance.

He advised personnel to recall their training, enhance their skills, and remain prepared for challenges in daily duties.

He also highlighted safety during travel, instructing personnel to carry valid driving licences, ensure timely renewal of insurance, and follow proper protocols. Home Guards were advised to report any issues through sub-division in-charges or higher authorities for resolution.

A grievance session was held later to address concerns, which will be forwarded to the District SP for necessary action. AR DSP Srinivasulu, RI Vali, RSI Pradeep Singh, and other staff attended the programme.



Grand celebrations mark DS Nakara's birth anniversary

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THE State Government Pensioners Association, located at the local 'C' Camp, organized the birth anniversary celebrations of DS Nakara.

Following this event, the association held its regular monthly meeting, which is customarily conducted on the second Wednesday of every month.

Speaking on the occasion, A Maddileti Reddy (Secretary, State Government Pensioners Association) and Kotla Linganna (President, Kurnool District State Government Pensioners Association) highlighted the legacy of DS Nakara (1914-2009).

They noted that Nakara had

served as the former Financial Advisor to the Ministry of Defence, Government of India. They hailed him as a champion who fought for the rights of millions of pensioners across the country, citing a historic case he filed against the Central Government in 1983.

In that landmark case, the Supreme Court delivered a pivotal verdict declaring that "pension is not a bounty [gift] given, but a right of the employee."

The Court further ruled that there should be no discrimination in pensions based on the date of retirement and affirmed that all pensioners possess equal rights. This judgment brought about revolutionary changes in the pension system.

Narayana Health crosses 10k spine surgeries milestone

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NARAYANA Health has surpassed 10,000 successful orthopaedic and spine surgeries, including over 1,000 robotic joint replacements, reinforcing its position in advanced, technology-driven healthcare.

The milestone highlights the hospital's focus on clinical excellence, innovation, and improved patient outcomes.

Marking the achievement, the hospital reported successful management of two complex cases advanced knee arthritis and a rare multi-level spinal tumour. Dr Abhinandan S Punit, Senior Consultant and Clinical Lead-Arthroplasty, stated that the institution remains committed to expanding access to



Doctors of Narayana Health addressing the media at the Press Club in Anantapur on Tuesday

high-quality care through advanced technologies and multidisciplinary expertise, enabling precision in surgery and faster patient recovery.

In one case, a 69-year-old patient suffering from severe knee pain due to advanced osteoarthritis underwent a total knee replacement and was mobilised within a day, later

discharged with improved mobility.

In another case, a 53-year-old patient diagnosed with a rare spinal tumour involving multiple levels underwent a complex surgery led by Dr Shashidhar BK and a team of specialists.

The procedure involved tumour excision and multi-level spinal stabilisation

using advanced navigation and neuromonitoring technologies.

Doctors reported that the patient regained full strength in the lower limbs post-surgery. The hospital stated that continued emphasis on early diagnosis and integrated care will further strengthen its role in delivering advanced orthopaedic and spine treatment.

COLLECTOR HITS THE GROUND TO INSPECT MGNREGA WORKS

- The inspection was carried out at Kuvvakonda area under Bukkapatnam Gram Panchayat, where ongoing trench works were reviewed
- Examines attendance records of workers and assesses the quality of work at the site
- Directs to accelerate the pace of works and ensure timely completion of targets set under the scheme

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DISTRICT Collector A Shyam Prasad conducted a surprise inspection of employment guarantee works under the MGNREGS scheme in Bukkapatnam mandal on Wednesday.

The inspection was carried out at Kuvvakonda area under Bukkapatnam Gram Panchayat, where

ongoing trench works were reviewed.

During the visit, the Collector examined attendance records of workers and assessed the quality of work at the site.

He also interacted directly with labourers to understand their concerns and working conditions.

Officials were directed to accelerate the pace of works and ensure timely comple-



Collector A Shyam Prasad interacting with labourers during a surprise inspection of MGNREGS works at Kuvvakonda area in Bukkapatnam mandal of Anantapur district on Wednesday

tion of targets set under the scheme.

Emphasising worker welfare amid rising tem-

peratures, the Collector instructed authorities to provide adequate shade, drinking water, and medical

kits at all work sites.

He further directed that all eligible beneficiaries must be provided employ-

ment opportunities and that works must be executed strictly as per guidelines.

The government has set clear targets for the current month, aiming to maximise employment opportunities in rural areas.

Officials have been instructed to ensure daily attendance of 77,000 workers across sites and complete 1.9 million person-days of work by the end of the month.

District Water Management Agency Project Director Vijayendra Prasad, Puttapparthi Cluster APD V Ramesh Babu, APO Srinivas Reddy, EC Manjunath, and other field staff participated in the inspection.

SC Commission chairman orders speedy resolution of pending cases in Chittoor

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SC Commission Chairman KS Jawahar directed revenue and police officials to work in coordination and resolve pending cases immediately, stating that land disputes and caste discrimination issues remain high in the Chittoor district.

He conducted a review meeting on Wednesday in Chittoor with senior officials on cases of atrocities against Scheduled Castes and the implementation of welfare schemes. District Collector Sumit Kumar, district SP Tushar Dudi and other officials participated.

Jawahar said he expected the district to develop as a model, but observed that discrimination still continues in new forms at grass-roots level. Caste discrimination has not been completely eliminated and is still visible in some areas. Officials have a responsibility to address public grievances without delay. He noted that atrocity cases are higher in Kuppam, Palamaner

and Nagari areas. District Collector Sumit Kumar explained the steps being taken to resolve issues related to SC communities. Major concerns include land disputes, DKT land matters, encroachments and issuance of caste certificates.

A special drive is being conducted by the revenue department with village-level inspections to speed up solutions.

He added that special attention is being given to problems in SC colonies, including population pressure, lack of basic amenities and food-related issues, with co-ordinated action taken through concerned departments.

SP Tushar said special investigations into atrocity cases are being carried out under the supervision of DSP-level officers. Committee members Sriprati Babu, M Biksham, NT Ramanjaneyamma, Secretary Chinnna Rayudu, Joint Collector A Rajendran, District Social Welfare Officer Rabbani Basha and others attended the meeting