

# Pawan urges AU students not to embrace any ideology blindly

- Deputy CM describes students as possessing 'nuclear energy' that must be channelled into building a stronger nation and serving society
- Exhorts youth to avoid following any ideology blindly, urging them instead to choose a path that upholds constitutional values and shows gratitude to the taxpayers who fund their education.
- Sharing his own journey from the film industry to politics, he highlights how overcoming personal failures gave him the strength to lead, encouraging students to dream big despite any setbacks

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DEPUTY Chief Minister K Pawan Kalyan emphasised that students possess 'nuclear' energy and their 'explosive' traits have to be utilised for building the nation.

Participating as chief guest at Andhra University's 'Shatabdi Utsavalu' on the concluding day organised in Visakhapatnam on Wednesday, the Deputy CM exhorted the students not to get carried away by any ideology blindly.

"Each one of you make sure what 'ideology' is worth to be embraced. Embrace an ideology which will uphold dharma, constitutional values, and help showcase gratitude to the nation," he urged,

encouraging the student community to dream big and work hard to realise it.

The government is providing education through the money from scores of taxpayers. By getting educated, it is also important to contribute to the nation, Pawan Kalyan underlined. "The actions we take will decide our future. Our knowledge and thoughts should be constructively channelised and useful for the society," he stressed.

The academic phase of students plays a key role in nation's growth and it is also their responsibility too, the Deputy CM said.

Speaking about Andhra University, Pawan Kalyan, "Several stalwarts, intellectuals and experts were gradu-



Deputy Chief Minister K Pawan Kalyan along with artists at the centenary celebrations of Andhra University in Visakhapatnam on Wednesday

ated from the 100-year-old Andhra University. Even as I don't deserve to be addressing this great institution, I did come for the centenary celebrations for the love you showered on me."

Recalling his film life, Pawan Kalyan said that he would know about Andhra University's emblem and departments through filmmaker Trivikram Srinivas. "I used to get scared to attend students' programmes because it is tough to answer their

bold questions. Participating in such a large scale student-centric programme today is a big adventure for me," the Deputy Chief Minister admitted. It is common to applaud celebrities. But those who sacrificed their lives and contributed remarkably for the nation deserve such applause, Pawan Kalyan mentioned.

"A decade back, I was not addressing the way I am now. I have overcome several failures in my life before stand-

ing here as failures made me stronger. The main reason behind me venturing into politics is to safeguard future generations. Students and youth play an important role in building future generation and I wish them all the best for it," the Deputy Chief Minister emphasised.

Later, the leader presented prizes to various winners who took part in different competitions in the presence of AU Vice Chancellor GP Raja Sekhar, among others.

# NDA govt is committed to comprehensive regional devtpt: MP

- Sribharat inaugurates multiple development works worth Rs.2.39 crore, marking a major boost to urban infrastructure in the constituency
- The projects, executed across GVMC wards 52, 89, and 90, reflect a comprehensive development approach
- In ward 90, a newly-developed public park and community hall were opened

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MP M Sribharat stated that the west constituency in the city is witnessing rapid transformation across all sectors, with a focused push on enhancing civic infrastructure to improve residents' quality of life.

Addressing the gathering during a series of inauguration ceremonies organised here on Wednesday, the MP mentioned that the Andhra Pradesh government is committed to driving development in every sphere.

Alongside Government Whip PGRV Naidu (Ganababu), he inaugurated multiple development works



Visakhapatnam MP M Sribharat and MLA Ganababu inaugurating development works in Visakhapatnam on Wednesday

worth Rs.2.39 crore, marking a major boost to urban infrastructure in the constituency.

The projects, executed across GVMC wards 52, 89, and 90, reflect a comprehensive development approach.

Some of them include the inauguration of the Swarna Ward Secretariat building and an additional floor to the community hall in VUDA Colony of ward 52, aimed at strengthening administrative services and public engagement.

In ward 90, a newly-developed public park and community hall were opened, while a women's building in Kakani Nagar and a modernised public park in ASR Nagar were dedicated to the public.

Kothapalem in ward 89

witnessed the launch of a public park and community hall, along with the inauguration of a Muslim Community Hall in Santosh Nagar and a Viswabrahmin (Kamsali) community hall in Adarsh Nagar. These works highlight efforts taken to cater to diverse social groups.

Speaking on the occasion, Government Whip and MLA Ganababu noted that the administration is giving top priority to constructing parks and community halls in tune with public needs, ensuring that development remains people-centric and sustainable.

Former corporators Bommididi Ramana, Dadi Ramesh, leaders Boddeti Vijay, Y Tirumala Rao, V Chandrasekhar, alliance leaders, were present.

# AU's Dr Ambedkar Chair designated as national nodal centre

- Marking a remarkable milestone, AU's Dr BR Ambedkar Chair is designated as the national nodal centre
- As Andhra University celebrates 100 glorious years of its academic journey, the recognition adds another feather in its cap
- Hailing it as a historic accomplishment, the university fraternity expressed delight over the development

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THE Dr BR Ambedkar Chair at Andhra University has been officially designated as the national nodal centre for the national portal of Dr Ambedkar Chairs across the country by the Dr Ambedkar Foundation (DAF), Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.

The prestigious recognition has been conferred at a time when the university is commemorating its centenary celebrations.

The designation of Andhra University as the national nodal centre marks a remarkable milestone, placing the institution at the forefront of coordinating, managing and strengthening the digital ecosystem of all Dr Ambedkar Chairs across India.

The national portal serves as a unified platform for documentation, research dissemination, knowledge sharing and academic collaboration in alignment with the vision of Dr BR Ambedkar and the mission of 'Digital India' for inclusive growth.

In recognition of his outstanding leadership and unwavering commitment, Prof James Stephen Meka, Chair Professor of the Dr Ambedkar Chair, Andhra University, has been designated as the national nodal officer for the portal.

Stakeholders across academic and policy circles appreciated Prof. James Stephen Meka for his consistent, result-oriented and visionary performance, which has transformed the Chair into a model centre of excellence at the national-level.

The Government of India has further strengthened this initiative by sanctioning a dedicated grant for the portal's maintenance, technological upgradation, and national coordination activities over a five-year period.

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"This is not just an achievement, but a defining moment in the centenary celebrations, a reflection of our commitment to excellence, innovation, and social inclusion," underlined Prof. James Stephen Meka and the stakeholders.

The university fraternity expressed delight over the development, hailing it as a historic accomplishment that highlights Andhra University's position as a national leader in higher education and social justice initiatives.

# New base year workshop set for state income data

- Experts from 31 States and UTs are transitioning to a 2022-23 base year, moving away from the decade-old 2011-12 series.
- This shift ensures economic data reflects modern market realities and structural changes post-pandemic.
- MoSPI Secretary Saurabh Garg notes that GDP is the benchmark for state borrowing limits and Central tax devolution.
- The workshop places heavy focus on DDP to map economic health at the local level.

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A three-day-long all-India workshop on state income and related aggregates with the new base year (2022-23) for officers of the Directorates of Economics and Statistics (DES) of States/UTs began in Visakhapatnam on Wednesday.

Organised by the National Accounts Division (NAD) of the National Statistics Office (NSO), under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI), the workshop aims to familiarise states/UTs with the methodological changes introduced at the national level and promote uniformity, transparency and comparability in regional accounts



Guests at a three-day-long all-India workshop in Visakhapatnam on Wednesday

statistics.

Attending as chief guest Secretary, MoSPI Saurabh Garg emphasised the importance of GDP as a key indicator for determining states' borrowing limits and for the devolution of Central taxes.

He highlighted that the availability of GST data enables the preparation of expenditure-side estimates, which can be used to cross-validate estimates compiled through the production approach, thereby enhancing their robustness.

He also stressed the importance of states' active participation in surveys such as ASUSE and PLFS for generating reliable district-level estimates, particularly for the informal sector.

Referring to 'Sadhana Saptah 2026' under Mission

Karmayogi, he underscored the role of data-driven decision-making and administration.

Speaking on the occasion, Principal Secretary (Finance & Planning) Peeyush Kumar highlighted that the shift in base year from 2011-12 to 2022-23 is a crucial reassessment to capture structural changes in the economy.

He also emphasised the importance of District Domestic Product (DDP) in understanding district-level economic structures and stated that the revised series would present a more realistic picture of Andhra Pradesh's economy after its bifurcation.

Additional Director General (National Accounts Division), MoSPI Siddhar-

tha Kundu highlighted that adopting the new base year is a critical step toward ensuring that national accounts remain relevant and reflective of economic transformations. He emphasised the foundational role of states in providing accurate and timely data, which is essential for the reliability of national aggregates.

Deputy Director General (National Accounts Division) MoSPI Subhra Sarker, Director, Directorate of Economics and Statistics B Gopal, Deputy Director, Directorate of Economics and Statistics Subba Rao addressed the gathering.

Around 125 participants from MoSPI, New Delhi and 31 States/UTs will take part in the workshop that will continue till April 10.

# Two Iranian students seek financial assistance to reach home

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Two Iranian students pursuing their final year of pharmacy at Andhra University approached the District Revenue Officer on Wednesday, seeking urgent financial assistance in light of hardships caused by the ongoing conflict in West Asia.

The students, identified as Solmaz Mohammadi and Zeinab Mohammadi, submitted a formal representation explaining their distress.

In their appeal, the students conveyed that they were originally from Iran and are currently residing in India along with their three children, aged seven, five, and four.

They stated that the prevailing war conditions had disrupted communication with their families back home, leaving them without any financial or emotional support.

As a result, they expressed their inability to meet essential expenses, including house rent, children's school fees, and daily living costs.

The representation further noted that the family had



Two Iranian students briefing their distress to the revenue officer in Visakhapatnam on Wednesday

been unable to pay rent for the past two months, amounting to Rs.14,600, while pending school fees for their three children were Rs.29,700. The students also indicated that they required financial assistance to purchase air tickets to return to their home country.

However, they explained that their academic commitments, including an internship scheduled till early June, had compelled them to remain in India for the time being, although the uncertain situation might necessitate an earlier return if possible.

They earnestly appealed to the authorities to extend financial support to help them overcome the crisis, adding that any assistance provided would be useful to them.

# Tirupati-bound IndiGo flight fails to take off due to technical snag

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PASSENGERS who boarded the Tirupati-bound IndiGo flight (6E7063) at Visakhapatnam Airport on April 8 noon had to wait an extra hours because the flight failed to take off due to a technical snag.

For a while, passengers endured discomfort as the air conditioners failed to work on the flight.

Even as a team worked to fix the technical glitch, passengers were asked to wait for over two-

and-a-half hours before departing to Tirupati.

Meanwhile, a few passengers cancelled their travel plans and disembarked as the crew continued to fix the technical problem requesting an extended waiting period.

Some passengers argued with the flight crew seeking clarity on the departure reschedule.

After a prolonged wait, the flight which was supposed to take off at 1:50 pm, finally departed over two-and-a-half hours later.

# INDIAN NAVAL SHIP TRIKAND ARRIVES AT MOMBASA IN KENYA

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AS part of its ongoing deployment in the South West Indian Ocean Region, INS Trikand, a frontline guided missile frigate of the Indian Navy, arrived at Mombasa, Kenya. Aimed at strengthening maritime cooperation and enhancing bilateral ties between India and Kenya, the port call coincides with

the visit of Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Western Naval Command Vice Admiral Krishna Swaminathan to Kenya. Professional, cultural and social engagements will be carried out during the stay and essential stores will be handed over to the Kenya Defence Forces.

INS Trikand arrived at Mombasa, Kenya, on April 7. Also, the ship's Commanding Officer will call on senior government functionaries.

On departure from Mombasa, INS Trikand will engage in a Passage Exercise (PASSEX) with units of the Kenya Navy.

The exercise will facilitate the exchange of best practices and enhance bilateral maritime interoperability.

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- The visit features high-level meetings with senior government officials to strengthen long-standing bilateral ties.
- The deployment aligns with India's MAHASAGAR vision, promoting security and growth across the Indian Ocean.



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