

CPI to hold 3-day march for rural job scheme

- Party to conduct padayatra from Anantapur to Bandlapalli (April 10-12) to demand MGNREGA protections, with national secretary Ramakrishna and PCC chief Sharmila expected to join
- Accuses Union govt of weakening the employment guarantee framework through alternative schemes that strip legal safeguards and shift funding patterns, risking rural labour livelihoods
- Concluding public meeting will be held at Bandlapalli, the village tied to the programme's early implementation



CPI leaders address a press conference at the party district office in Anantapur, announcing a padayatra from April 10 to 12 demanding continuation of the rural employment guarantee scheme

HANS NEWS SERVICE ANANTAPUR

CPI announced a three-day padayatra from Anantapur to Bandlapalli from April 10 to 12, demanding the continuation of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA). Addressing a press conference at the CPI district office, party leaders said that the march will begin at Samatha Gram in Anantapur and culminate in a public meeting at Bandlapalli on April 12. Several prominent leaders,

including CPI national secretary Ramakrishna, Congress state president Y.S. Sharmila, and leaders from various Left parties and farmer organizations, are expected to participate in the march and the concluding sabha. CPI leaders alleged that the Union government has weakened the rural employment guarantee framework by introducing alternative schemes that lack legal safeguards. They expressed concern that changes in funding patterns and implementation authority could adversely

impact rural labourers and small farmers. The party said that the employment guarantee programme had significantly reduced rural distress and migration while improving livelihoods. It warned that any dilution of the scheme could lead to loss of employment rights and increased hardship in rural areas. A large public meeting will be held at Bandlapalli, the village associated with the early implementation of the scheme, with participation from national and state-level leaders.

Tap water project launched in Kothaburuzu village

- Rs 30 lakh project launched to provide household tap connections under District Mineral Fund.
- 30 households to receive individual toilets worth Rs 4.5 lakh under Swachh Bharat Mission, boosting sanitation and health
- Collector urges shift to horticulture for higher farm incomes; 100-day plan underway to restore tanks and feeder channels for water security



MLA Kotla Jaya Surya Prakash Reddy along with district collector G Raja Kumari inaugurating house tap connection scheme at Kothaburju on Thursday

HANS NEWS SERVICE DHONE (NANDYAL DISTRICT)

A major step towards improving rural infrastructure was taken on Thursday as District Collector G Raja Kumari launched household tap connection works in Kothaburzu village of Dhone mandal in Nandyal district. The project, costing Rs 30

lakh, is being taken up under the District Mineral Fund. Dhone MLA Kotla Jaya Surya Prakash Reddy was also present at the event. The aim is to provide safe drinking water to every home, as promised earlier by Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu during his visit to the village. The Collector said that access to clean drinking water will improve health and living standards of villagers. She also announced that 30 households will get individual toilets under

the Swachh Bharat Mission, with a total cost of Rs.4.5 lakh. She stressed that better sanitation will lead to a cleaner and healthier environment. She added that all approved development works will be completed on time, and pending proposals will be cleared within a week. Speaking about agriculture, the Collector encouraged farmers to shift towards horticulture, which can bring higher income compared to traditional crops. She said crops grown on 7 lakh acres

generate about Rs.4,000 crore, while horticulture on 49,000 hectares earns nearly Rs 7,000 crore. The administration is also working on a 100-day plan to improve water security by restoring tanks and clearing feeder channels. The MLA said the government is committed to rural development and will fulfil all promises, including welfare schemes, housing, roads, and better irrigation methods like drip and sprinkler systems.



MLA Amilineni Surendra Babu interacts with students after inaugurating the new building of Brainy Star Private School in Kalyandurg on Thursday

Amilineni opens school building, urges parental focus on education

HANS NEWS SERVICE KALYANDURG

MLA Amilineni Surendra Babu on Thursday inaugurated the new building of Brainy Star Private School here on Tuesday and emphasised the importance of parental involvement in students' education. After formally opening the facility, the MLA inspected classrooms, a play area, and science laboratories. Addressing a gathering, he said parents must take greater responsibility in guiding children to become responsible citizens. He noted that both education and

Says both education and values are important for achieving success in life

values are essential for achieving success in life. Recalling his own schooling at Nirmala Convent, he said the English foundation he acquired there continues to benefit him. He also highlighted the government's commitment to providing quality education and nutritious mid-day meals, along with educational kits for students. The MLA appreciated the school management for its growth from a small institution with 25 students to a well-

developed campus accommodating around 250 students. He also pointed to the success of a free teacher training initiative in the region, which helped several candidates secure teaching jobs. Raising concerns about poor road connectivity affecting students' access to schools, he said the issue has been brought to the attention of the Transport Department and assured that necessary steps would be taken.

NSUI celebrates foundation day with grandeur



HANS NEWS SERVICE ANANTAPUR

THE National Students' Union of India (NSUI) celebrated its foundation day with grandeur here, led by district president Obulesu. State coordinator Naresh Yanamala attended as chief guest and hoisted the flag.

Addressing the gathering, Naresh highlighted NSUI's legacy since its inception under Indira Gandhi, emphasising its tireless struggles for educational reforms nationwide. He praised the organisation for empowering youth and defending student rights, while urging members to uphold democratic values. Naresh criticised the BJP-led central government for allegedly undermining the education system, calling on NSUI to resist these policies. Several local leaders, including Ajay, Naveen, and C V Vinod Kumar, participated in the event.

Naresh criticised the BJP-led central government for allegedly undermining the education system, calling on NSUI to resist these policies. Several local leaders, including Ajay, Naveen, and C V Vinod Kumar, participated in the event.

Water plant assn thanks govt for power sop

HANS NEWS SERVICE ANANTAPUR

THE coalition government in the state has delivered on its election pledge to reduce electricity costs for water plant owners by reclassifying them under Category 3. Water Plant Association state president Rammohan praised the move, vowing support for the government. During a visit to AHUDA chairman T C Varun in Anantapur on Thursday, Rammohan requested 1.5 cents of land for an association office.



Water Plant Association delegation meets AHUDA chairman T C Varun in Anantapur on Thursday

Varun assured immediate allocation, emphasising the government's commitment

to all sections. District vice president Harish and other leaders attended the event.



AP 20-Point Programme Committee chairman Lanka Dinakar, who is on tour of Anantapur district, visited the residence of former minister Dr Palle Raghunatha Reddy on Alamuru road here on Thursday. Along with Dr Raghunatha Reddy, Puttaparthi MLA Palle Sindhura Reddy and PVK Engineering College chairman Palle Venkata Krishna Kishore Reddy welcomed him.

Anantapur told to lead Viksit Bharat push

- 20-Point Programme Committee chief Lanka Dinakar urges district to excel in education, healthcare, and human resource development to meet national and state goals
- Review covers key Central schemes including Jal Jeevan Mission, AMRUT, PM Surya Ghar, and PM Kusum
- Rs 277 crore proposals submitted for farm sectors potential aid may exceed Rs 1,500 crore over six years

HANS NEWS SERVICE ANANTAPUR

ANANTAPUR district should emerge as a frontrunner in achieving the goals of Viksit Bharat and Swarna Andhra Pradesh, said Lanka

Dinakar, chairman of the 20-Point Programme Committee, during a review meeting held at the Collectorate on Thursday. The meeting, attended by MP Ambika Lakshminarayana, District Collector O



District Collector O Anand along with 20-Point Programme Committee Chairman Lanka Dinakar, MP Ambika Lakshminarayana reviews Centrally-sponsored schemes at the Collectorate in Anantapur on Thursday.

Anand, and senior officials, reviewed the implementation of key Central schemes,

including Jal Jeevan Mission, AMRUT 1.0 and 2.0, PM Surya Ghar, PM Kusum, and

other welfare programmes related to health, education, and rural development. Addressing the media, Dinakar stressed the need for progress in education and healthcare sectors to align with national and state development goals. He highlighted the importance of human resource development and called for effective planning under rural employment and livelihood initiatives to enhance asset creation and employment opportunities. Officials informed that proposals worth Rs 277 crore have been submitted for ag-

ricultural and horticultural development for 2026-27, with potential assistance exceeding Rs 1,500 crore over six years. The review also covered health programmes under the National Health Mission, maternal and child welfare schemes, and drinking water supply initiatives. MP Lakshminarayana urged strict implementation of Central schemes and timely achievement of targets. Collector O. Anand assured that all measures are being taken to ensure effective execution of development programmes across the district.



SIMS hospital performs complex pancreas surgery

HANS NEWS SERVICE ANANTAPUR

SIMS Hospital successfully performed a highly complex surgery to remove stones from a patient's pancreas. Bhavani Lokesh, a 27-year-old homemaker from Tumakuru district of Karnataka, had been suffering from severe abdominal pain for a year due to Chronic Calcific Pancreatitis. Expert surgeon Dr N Mohammed Shahid removed all stones from her pancreas and reattached the organ to the small intestine. The procedure,

typically performed only in major cities like Hyderabad or Bengaluru, was completed with remarkable precision. Lokesh was discharged just five days post-surgery. The medical team included Dr Shahid, along with critical care specialists Dr A Sanjana, Dr Vijay, Dr Arun and Dr Gautam. Hospital managing directors Dr M Ashwath Reddy and Dr G Swaroop Reddy noted that advanced surgical infrastructure is now available locally, ensuring comprehensive healthcare for Anantapur residents.



TUDA Chairman C Divakar Reddy, performing the bhoomi pooja in Tirupati on Thursday

TUDA initiates steps to shift Telugu Ganga pipeline to Mangalam-Renigunta road

- The 2.9 km road project, which had stalled since 2019, is now progressing with the shifting of the Telugu Ganga pipeline
- In 2019, the then TDP government had sanctioned Rs 19.5 crore for the project, but works came to a halt

HANS NEWS SERVICE TIRUPATI

TIRUPATI Urban Development Authority (TUDA) has taken a major step forward in reviving the long-pending road construction from Mangalam RTO office through Settipalli to Renigunta Road, fulfilling the dream of residents. The 2.9 km road project, which had stalled since 2019, is now progressing with the shifting of the Telugu Ganga pipeline at Mangalam. TUDA Chairman C Divakar Reddy, performed the bhoomi pooja for these pipeline shifting works. In 2019, the then TDP government had sanctioned Rs 19.5 crore for the project, but works came to a halt. Now,

under Chairman Divakar Reddy's initiative, TUDA has allocated Rs 2.9 crore from its own funds to complete the pipeline shifting swiftly. TUDA Chairman Divakar Reddy instructed officials to finish the pipeline works at the earliest, keeping public inconvenience in mind. He assured that once the shifting is done, all hurdles for the road construction will be cleared, paving the way for smooth progress through Settipalli to Renigunta Road. Chandragiri MLA Pulivarthi Nani, Tirupati MLA Arani Srinivasulu, Greenery and Beautification Chairman Sugunamma, Yadav Corporation Chairman Narasimha Yadav, TUDA Secretary Dr Sreekanth Babu, EE Ravindraiah were present.