



India break athletics gold jinx in Asian Games with women's 4x400m relay win

NAGOYA: India finally broke their athletics gold jinx at the Asian Games 2026, doing so in spectacular fashion as the women's 4x400m relay team of Vithya Ramraj, Kiran Pahal, Machettira Poovamma and Prachi stormed to gold in Aichi-Nagoya on Tuesday. The Indian quartet clocked 3:29.69 to finish ahead of Bahrain, who claimed silver in 3:30.21, while China took bronze in 3:31.02. The victory gave India their first athletics gold of the Games after a string of silver and bronze medals.

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Implementing our promises at jet speed, says CM Naidu

Urges people to compare NDA's rural development with previous YCP regime

- ▶▶ Launches Palle Panduga 3.0 in Nellore district
- ▶▶ Dy CM Pawan Kalyan also takes part
- ▶▶ 15,500-km BT, CC roads taken up under Palle Panduga 3.0

M SRINIVASA RAO
NELLORE

CHIEF Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu, while asserting his government's commitment to the development of the state, appealed to people to compare the NDA government's focus on rural development, welfare and good governance with what



CM Nara Chandrababu Naidu and Dy CM Pawan Kalyan launching developmental works as part of Palle Panduga-3.0 programme at Ramapuram village in Nellore district on Tuesday

he described as "destruction" during the previous YSRCP government. Addressing a Palle Panduga-3.0 public meeting at

Ramapuram in Varikuntapadu mandal in Nellore district on Tuesday, Naidu said the programme marked the beginning of a new phase of

development in rural areas.

Naidu appreciated Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan for his leadership in implementing three editions of Palle Panduga and for bringing changes to villages with an "activist spirit". He said the NDA government in the state was implementing its promises at "jet speed" and taking the state forward through welfare, development and good governance.

"The vote people cast in the 2024 elections has not gone waste. We have lived up to the trust reposed in us," he said, adding that the NDA alliance had gained further momentum since the 2024 elections. **Continued on Page 7**

Naidu calls for continuous skilling, governance overhaul

AP tops national capacity-building rankings under Mission Karmayogi

K VARAPRASADA RAO

AMARAVATI: Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu has called for a fundamental overhaul of governance systems and institutions by integrating technology, leadership, policy and continuous skill development to meet rising public expectations and harness emerging technologies such as Artificial Intelligence.

Addressing a Mission Karmayogi workshop organised by the Capacity Building Commission in Vijayawada on Tuesday, Naidu said the next 20 years would be crucial for India's development. **Continued on Page 7**

'AFFRONT TO CONSTITUTION'

CEC front for diabolical PM-HM duo: Congress

NEW DELHI: Ramping up pressure on Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Gyanesh Kumar, the Congress on Monday said the first step in the long road to reclaiming the country's democracy is the resignation of the CEC who is both a front for the "diabolical PM-HM duo" and an affront to the Constitution. Congress general secretary in-charge of communications Jairam Ramesh shared an interview of former Supreme Court judge Sudhanshu Dhulia in which he has said that the apex court has laid down the law in several judgments on citizenship and it "is not the Election Commission of India's job". **Cont'd on Page 7**

PM should resign for 'pressuring' CEC: Kharage

NEW DELHI: Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Tuesday called for Chief Election

Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar's immediate removal over alleged SIR "irregularities" and also demanded Prime Minister Narendra Modi's resignation on moral grounds for "pressuring" the poll panel chief. **Continued on Page 7**

SC to hear plea seeking suspension of CEC next week P7

AP, Telangana impacted due to drought: Chouhan

NEW DELHI: Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on Tuesday said that there are concerns about the drought situation in Karnataka, Maharashtra, parts of Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Rajasthan. "The information received so far indicates concerns in Karnataka, Maharashtra, parts of Andhra Pradesh-including Rayalaseema and adjoining areas-parts



of Telangana, and parts of Rajasthan. Detailed reports from the states are still awaited," Chouhan told reporters. **Continued on Page 7**

Amaravati going green with ornamental plants!

SHYAM SUNDAR MATHAM
AMARAVATI

AS the capital city of Amaravati takes shape, the Andhra Pradesh Capital Region Development Authority (APCRDA) is laying a strong green foundation alongside its infrastructure development. APCRDA Commissioner V Vijaya Rama Raju told The Hans India here on Tuesday that at the heart of this effort are two nurseries

- ▶▶ APCRDA developing nurseries for greener Amaravati
- ▶▶ Sets an ambitious target of producing

- one lakh trees,
- ▶▶ 4L ornamental shrubs, 10k indoor plants to dot Greenfield city



established to ensure a steady supply of quality plants for the new capital's parks, roads, public institutions and other green spaces. "In fact, the Amaravati Development Corporation and CRDA are jointly making efforts to develop the nurseries," he said. The flagship initiative is the 20-acre Central Nursery at Uddandarayunipalem, developed as a modern, long-term institutional resource for Amaravati's landscap-

ing and greening needs. In addition, APCRDA has developed another two-acre nursery on the premises of the Andhra Pradesh Secretariat at Velagapudi. Ramaraju said that the nurseries are designed to provide a continuous supply of native tree species, ornamental plants and indoor plants required for various greening and landscaping projects across the capital. **Continued on Page 7**

EMPOWERING THE POOR

A CELEBRATION OF OWNERSHIP

From living in their homes to legally owning them... Pattas and conveyance deeds for a record 26,401 families in NTR and Krishna Districts

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh Sri Nara Chandrababu Naidu confers complete ownership rights for poor families

House pattas distributed, with a total asset value of ₹11,246.80 crores

708 acres, spanning 34,25,268 square yards, to be handed over

Date: 30-09-2026 Time: 01:00 PM

Venue: Makineni Basava Punnaiah Stadium, Vijayawada

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The NDA Government is committed to fulfilling the dream of owning a home for every poor family in the state by 2029