

OUTRAGE IN PATHIKONDA

Grieving father demands panchayat action

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PATHIKONDA

IN a heartbreaking demonstration of grief and outrage, a father staged a protest with his 19-month-old son's body in front of the MPDO office on Wednesday, blaming severe village sanitation issues for the child's tragic death from dengue.

The toddler, Revanth— younger son of Narasa Naidu and Kavitha from Devanakonda mandal headquarters in Kurnool district—contracted a high fever a week ago.

Diagnosed with dengue, he was shifted to Kurnool Government General Hospital for advanced care, but tragically passed away during treatment.

A heartbroken Narasa Naidu alleged that he had repeatedly alerted the gram panchayat secretary and local staff over the past month



A father staging a protest with his deceased son's body in front of MPDO office seeking justice on Wednesday

regarding overflowing filth, foul smells, and neglected sanitation in their locality, only to be met with inaction.

Staging the protest with the child's remains, he demanded an official inquiry and strict action against negligent personnel.

Responding to the agitation, MPDO Jyothi, CI Venugopal, EORD Gopal, and other local authorities rushed to the scene. Expressing profound grief, they assured the family that comprehensive sanitation clean-ups would be

executed within 15 days and coordinated efforts launched to curb the menace of pigs and monkeys near water tanks.

While health officials noted that the direct causal link between the village sanitation and the dengue contraction remains under medical review, villagers are closely monitoring the implementation of the administration's promises.

“What happened to my son should not happen to another child,” a tearful Narasa Naidu pleaded.

Minister Keshav turns teacher as part of Yuvatha Bhavitha prog

- Minister Payyavula Keshav visits the Government Degree College in Uravakonda
- Steps into a first-year B.Com classroom, teaching students and sharing personal life lessons to inspire determination
- Drawing from his own school days when he turned humiliation into a three-month challenge, he urged students to convert setbacks into opportunities

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URAVAKONDA

STATE Minister for Finance, Planning, Commercial Taxes, and Legislative Affairs, Payyavula Keshav, stated that students would achieve success in life if



Minister Payyavula Keshav taking a selfie with students during his visit to the Government Degree College in Uravakonda as part of the 'Yuvatha Bhavitha' programme, on Wednesday

they moved forward with hard work and determination.

Visiting the Government Degree College in Uravakonda on Wednesday as part of the Yuvatha Bhavi-

tha program, the Minister stepped into a first-year B.Com classroom to briefly take on the role of a teacher, imparting valuable academic and life lessons. Encouraging students

to set clear goals, Minister Keshav advised them not to be disheartened by insults or failures, but to transform setbacks into stepping stones. Sharing personal ex-

periences of overcoming early humiliation, he urged students to view skepticism from others as an opportunity to demonstrate their talent. He emphasized that rural youth possess immense hidden talent and can scale great heights with proper dedication.

Furthermore, the Minister revealed that special attention is currently being directed toward upgrading essential infrastructure and amenities, such as drinking water and restrooms, across government degree colleges.

His interactive and engaging classroom session resonated deeply with the undergraduates, reinforcing the message that true success stems from perseverance, self-confidence, and persistent effort rather than mere luck.



Madakasira meet launches innovative mulberry biochar project

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MADAKASIRA

A farmers' participatory meeting was held in K Gundumala village on Wednesday to launch a project converting mulberry plant residues into biochar.

Jointly organized by Resonia Ltd., Prithivi Carbon Solutions, and the Sericulture Department, the initiative aims to restore soil health and boost crop yields. Former MLC Gundu-

mala Thippeswamy, Child Rights Commission Member Dr Srinivasamurthy, and Joint Director Shobha Rani addressed the gathering, emphasizing organic soil enrichment.

Prithivi Carbon CEO M Suryanarayana Murthy explained the 'Kon-Tiki' pyrolysis method. Supported by District Collector A Shyam Prasad, the event featured a live unit inauguration and drew 400 farmers.

Motherson recruits 89 students at Ananthalakshmi college

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ANANTAPUR

CHENNAI-BASED multinational Motherson Automotive Technologies and Engineering conducted a campus recruitment drive at Ananthalakshmi Engineering College, drawing 250 final-year B.Tech students.

HR Manager Dinesh outlined the company's global operations across 47 countries and diverse

sectors. Following written tests, group discussions, and interviews overseen by Placement Director Dr M Surendra Naidu, 89 students were selected as Trainee Engineers with a ₹3 lakh annual package.

College Chairman M Anantharamudu, Principal Dr Kutala Srinivasulu, and faculty members warmly congratulated the successful candidates for securing promising professional futures.



53 Devpt works worth Rs 20.87 crore inaugurated

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BUKKAPATNAM

PUTTAPARTHI MLA Palle Sindhura Reddy and former minister Dr Palle Raghunatha Reddy inaugurated 53 development works worth ₹20.87 crore during the 'Palle Panduga 3.0' program in Bukkapatnam Mandal.

Welcomed warmly by villagers, the leaders stated that public happiness guarantees an

Alliance sweep in the constituency. Highlighting the government's focus on rural progress, the MLA inspected infrastructure projects, interacted with citizens, and visited local schools. Engaging directly with students, she reviewed educational facilities and joined an archery activity, while urging officials to ensure high-quality and timely completion of all works.



Collector calls for garbage-free Hindupur

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HINDUPUR

DISTRICT Collector Shyam Prasad launched the 'Swachhata Hi Seva - 2026' campaign in Hindupur on Wednesday, urging citizens to build a clean society.

The Collector inspected a student 'Waste to Wealth' exhibition and distributed prizes for environmental competitions.

To honor frontline staff, he inaugurated a free medical camp providing check-ups to 600 sanitation workers in partnership with MIMS Hospital. He also flagged off six new eco-friendly e-autos to boost door-to-door garbage collection efficiency and reduce pollution, while appealing to residents to segregate wet and dry waste.



Prompt resolution of SC/ST issues demanded by Collector



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ANANTAPUR

DISTRICT Collector O Anand directed officials to resolve SC and ST grievances promptly during a Vigilance and Monitoring Committee meeting on Wednesday.

MP Ambica Lakshminarayana urged revenue staff to clear pending land disputes through constituency-wise reviews.

MLA Daggupati Venkateswara Prasad stressed

transparent administration, while SP Jagadish promised unbiased investigations into atrocity cases.

Committee members highlighted issues including temple entry restrictions, amenities in Ambedkar Residential Schools, and pensions for Urumulu artists.

The Collector reviewed previous actions and called for swift coordination among police, revenue, and prosecution departments to ensure justice.

Construction safety under scrutiny after fatal crane accident in Tirupati

PRADEEP VENNELAKANTI
TIRUPATI

QUESTIONS over construction safety and municipal supervision have come to the fore in Tirupati following the death of three workers in a crane accident at a hotel construction site on DBR Road, prompting the Municipal Corporation to suspend two town planning officials.

Municipal Commissioner M Jaya Krishna said the action was taken after a preliminary inquiry found lapses in monitoring the construction activity.

He said a detailed and transparent inquiry would be conducted by senior officials to determine the circumstances leading to the accident and fix responsibility. The accident occurred on Tuesday near Sri Convention Centre when a crane tilted while lifting a large tree and fell into a deep foundation pit. The crane and tree trapped workers inside the excavation, killing three and injuring three others.

The construction site is located between the Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan Municipal Corporation Government School and Sri Convention Centre. Excavation for basement construction had reportedly reached a depth of 34 to 40 feet, raising concerns over the safety of the adjoining school and the monitoring of the work.

A portion of the school compound wall was reportedly damaged during the excavation, while residents had allegedly raised concerns over the construction activity. The inquiry will examine whether the excavation was adequately supervised and whether the damage to the school premises was inspected by the authorities.

The Commissioner has directed engineering officials to assess the structural condition of the municipal school building and submit a detailed report. The inquiry is also expected to examine reports of rock removal at the site and establish whether any blasting was carried out. If blasting took place, officials will verify whether the required permissions were obtained. No conclusion has been reached on the issue pending verification.

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An overturned crane and rescue machinery at the hotel construction site on DBR Road in Tirupati. The fatal accident claimed three lives



Comprehensive assessment of welfare and development progs held

KADIRI: Joint Collector Maurya Bharadwaj chaired a comprehensive review meeting at the Kadiri Municipal Office on Wednesday.

Acting as Special Officer, he evaluated town planning, engineering, sanitation, and revenue operations. He directed officials to maintain strict cleanliness, ensure functional street lighting, and accelerate outstanding tax collections.

A special review assessed ₹29 crore worth of development works sanctioned under the Hybrid Annuity Model scheme, with strict instructions to complete projects on time while maintaining high quality. Municipal Commissioner Ajay Kumar and local staff participated in the discussions.

Youth festival celebrates talent and creativity in Nandyal

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NANDYAL

DISTRICT-level youth festivals serve as an invaluable launchpad for young talent, providing a vibrant platform for students to showcase their creativity and skills while contributing to the vision of Viksit Bharat, said District Collector G Rajakumari on Wednesday. The Collector, alongside Nandyal MP Byreddy Shabari and Allagadda MLA Bhuma Akhila Priya, inaugurated a district-level youth talent exhibition organized by the District Youth Welfare Department at SVR Engineering College in Ayyalur Metta.

The event featured spirited competitions in folk dance, folk singing, street plays, painting, and poetry writing. Addressing students, Collector Rajakumari advised youth to cultivate discipline, leadership, and practical skills alongside education, noting that district-level victors will advance to state and national competitions. MP Byreddy Shabari urged young participants to build leadership qualities to support national development goals under Viksit Bharat 2047 and Swarna Andhra 2047, while encouraging



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them to capitalize on emerging Rayalaseema employment avenues. Echoing these sentiments, Allagadda MLA Bhuma Akhila Priya emphasized that youth aspirations must be actively nurtured. She noted that the government is aggressively attracting industrial investments to boost local infrastructure and create sustainable job opportunities, allowing regional youth to build careers in their home districts. She also advised students to leverage technology and social media constructively.

District-level roller skating competitions set for Oct 3

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KURNOOL

THE Kurnool District Roller Skating Association will organize district-level roller skating competitions on October 3, following directives from the State Roller Skating Association.

The events aim to showcase young talent and select representatives for the upcoming state-level championship.

According to a joint statement issued by Additional Secretary A Puneeth Chowdary and CEO P Sunil Kumar, the competitions encompass both inline and quad skating formats across road



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race and rink race categories. Road races are scheduled on Khana Khazana Road at B Camp, while rink races

will take place at Indus valley street. Skaters between the ages of five and 20 years are eligible to participate.

Winners of these district trials will earn the opportunity to represent Kurnool district at the prestigious 38th State-level Roller Skating Championships, which are set to be held in Kakinada starting October 31.

Association representatives have called upon skating enthusiasts from across the district to register and display their skills.

Organizers emphasized that the tournament serves as an exceptional platform for young athletes to gain valuable competitive exposure, hone their athletic abilities, and advance to higher levels of competition.