Onions to be sold at Rs 35 a kg all over state

- **Civil supplies minster Manohar launches subsidised onion scheme in Vijayawada**
- **Each consumer can buy two kg by producing Aadhaar**



Civil supplies minister Nadendla Manohar launches sale of subsidised onions at Rythu Bazaar in Vijayawada on Wednesday

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CIVIL supplies minister Nadendla Manohar on Wednesday launched a subsidised onion sale programme at Rythu Bazaar here, under which onions will be sold at Rs 35 a kg with the support of the Centre and the National Cooperative Consumers' Federation (NCCF).

Speaking on the occasion, Manohar said rising prices in the open market were not confined to Andhra Pradesh, attributing the trend to global factors, including the impact of wars, the oil crisis and El Niño. He said the coalition government was closely monitoring market prices and taking measures to keep essential commodities affordable.

The minister said the government had already started selling BPT super-fine rice at Rs 48 and Rs 52 a kg through 400 special counters after noticing an increase in rice prices.

As onion prices crossed Rs 70 a kg in the open market, subsidised onions would be made available at all 115 Rythu Bazaars across the state. Each consumer would be entitled to two kg of onions on production of Aadhaar. Manohar said efforts were also being made to supply red gram and palm oil at subsidised prices through ration shops. The Centre had agreed to supply 1.20 lakh metric tonnes of red gram to AP. The minister said there was no shortage of rice in the country and adequate stocks were available for the next three years. He appealed to people not to believe rumours circulating on social media about rice shortages. He said the State had set a target of procuring 37 lakh metric tonnes of paddy during the coming kharif season, with scope for revision depending on future conditions. Vigilance had also been intensified against attempts to divert foodgrains and essential commodities to the black market by citing El Niño.

Manohar said some quality issues were noticed in the first consignment of onions and the stock would be graded before sale. Measures would be taken to ensure better quality in subsequent consignments.

Vijayawada East MLA Gadde Rammohan Rao and Civil Supplies Commissioner Kanna Babu were also present.

Quarter-final race takes shape at Sub-Junior Nationals

- **Boys' quarter-finalists: Maharashtra, Karnataka, Delhi, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh**
- **Girls' quarter-finalists: Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Kerala and Madhya Pradesh**



Action during the match between Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh boys at Maris Stella College in Vijayawada on Wednesday

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THE quarter-final picture at the 51st Sub-Junior National Basketball Championship, being conducted in Vijayawada, became clearer on Day 4, with several teams officially securing their places in the knockout stage after impressive performances in the league phase.

The tournament is being conducted at Maris Stella College, Chennupati Ramakotaiah Municipal Corporation Indoor Stadium, and KBC ZPH School at Patamata in Vijayawada.

In the boys' section, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Delhi, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh have secured their places in the quarter-finals. In the girls' section, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Kerala and Madhya Pradesh have confirmed their quarter-final berths.

In boys Group A, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan confirmed their quarter-final berths. Rajasthan produced one of the day's closest contests, edging past Uttar Pradesh 73–71 in a thrilling encounter.

Harshwardhan Singh led Rajasthan with 21 points, while Robin Dhanka and Rajath Vyas contributed 19 and 18 points respectively. For Uttar Pradesh, Ayushman Kumar scored 14 points, while Vanish Tomar and Sahil Kumar added 12 each.

In boys Group B, Karnataka, Delhi and Maharashtra booked their places in the knockout stage. Delhi registered a convincing 72–29 victory over Karnataka, with Vanish Dalal scoring 17 points and Karthik adding 16.

Despite the defeat, Karnataka had already done enough in the league phase to secure its quarter-final spot.

In the girls' section, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu confirmed their quarter-final berths from Group A. Tamil Nadu strengthened its position with a dominant 62–17 victory over Telangana. V Anshika led the scoring with 13 points, followed by Dhanya M with 12 and Kavya IK with 10. Maharashtra were among the standout performers of the day in Girls Group B, overpowering Kerala 103–45 to secure their place in the quarter-finals. Netra Damke was the star performer with a game-high 36 points, while Aarohi Kamble added 15 and Maitri Sha contributed 12.

Kerala and Madhya Pradesh have also confirmed their places in the Girls Group B quarter-final lineup. Kerala, despite its defeat to Maharashtra, had accumulated enough results during the league phase to progress to the knockout stage.

The Level 2 Boys competition also witnessed several high-scoring victories. Telangana defeated Goa 107–29, Chhattisgarh beat Tamil Nadu 82–19, West Bengal crossed the century mark with a 100–29 victory over Chandigarh, while Kerala defeated Puducherry 76–17.

With one day of league action remaining, the battle for the remaining quarter-final places and final group positions is set to reach a decisive stage.

Teams will look to finish the league phase strongly and carry their momentum into the knockout rounds.

Congress demands suspension of SIR



CWC member Gidugu Rudra Raju, Konaseema district Congress president Kothuri Srinivas and others participating in a dharna at Clock Tower Centre in Amalapuram on Wednesday

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Amalapuram

THE Congress has organised a large-scale dharna in Amalapuram, headquarters of Konaseema district, on Wednesday demanding immediate resignation and removal of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar, suspension of the Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls and restoration of voter names allegedly deleted from the rolls.

Congress Working Committee member and former APCC president Gidugu Rudra Raju, who participated in the protest, alleged that the Election Commission had compromised the sanctity of the electoral process and demanded that the CEC face legal action if violations were established. The Congress has been intensifying its protests over the SIR and its functioning.

Rudra Raju said the party had three immediate demands: resignation of Gyanesh Kumar as CEC, suspension of the SIR process and restoration of the names of around 13 crore voters, whom the Congress alleges were illegally deleted from electoral rolls. He alleged that important decisions relating to electoral rolls were being taken arbitrarily and claimed that the CEC had acted without the approval of the other Election Commissioners on several occasions.

Referring to reports about objections raised by Election Commissioners Sukhbir Singh Sandhu and Vivek Joshi, he alleged that their concerns related to voter inclusions and deletions, changes in statutory forms and other decisions concerning the electoral database. Reports have also emerged about differences within the Election Commission over aspects of the SIR process, while the Commission has maintained that its decisions were taken according to the applicable procedure.

Rudra Raju alleged that the changes made to Form 6, used for applications seeking inclusion of names in electoral rolls, required scrutiny and accountability. He said the Congress would continue its agitation until what it described as irregularities in the electoral roll revision process were addressed. He also criticised the Chief Election Commissioner and Other Election Commissioners Act, 2023, particularly the changes to the selection committee and the legal protection provided to Election Commission members for official acts.

'BJP has no role in SIR'

MLA Nallamilli Ramakrishna says that genuine grievances could be raised before the competent authorities



BJP SIR State convener and Anaparthi MLA Nallamilli Ramakrishna Reddy addressing the media at BJP office in Rajamahendravaram on Wednesday

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Rajamahendravaram

BJP SIR State convener and Anaparthi MLA Nallamilli Ramakrishna Reddy on Wednesday criticised Opposition parties for making what he termed baseless allegations against the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls and said the BJP had no role in the exercise.

Addressing a media conference in Rajamahendravaram, Nallamilli said some political parties with no electoral relevance were making unnecessary allegations against the SIR by relying on what he described as fabricated reports appearing in a section of the media.

He also accused the Opposition of spreading misinformation over discussions among members of the Election Commission. He said SIR was a constitutionally mandated exercise and had nothing to do with the BJP.

According to him, the present exercise was the 14th Special Intensive Revision undertaken after Independence.

The Supreme Court, in its May 2026 judgment on the Bihar SIR, upheld the Election Commission's authority to conduct the exercise under Article 324 of the Constitution read with the Representation of the People Act, 1950.

Nallamilli said every political party has agents at polling booths and questioned why there should be apprehension about the revision process when representatives of all parties were involved in the electoral process.

He said political parties should raise specific objections through the prescribed mechanisms instead of casting aspersions on constitutional institutions.

Targeting Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, the MLA alleged that he was making politically motivated and inappropriate remarks as he was unable to accept his electoral setbacks.

He said people were observing such criticism and would respond appropriately. He also alleged that the Congress was attempting to create doubts about constitutional institutions.

Nallamilli further alleged that Sonia Gandhi had voted despite not being an Indian citizen at the relevant time and said the Congress had no moral standing to question the electoral process. He said allegations against the Election Commission should be backed by facts and evidence.

He questioned the contention that the SIR process was designed to favour the BJP, asking how Prashant Kishor could have won in Bihar if the exercise was advantageous to the BJP. He said the Bihar experience showed that the SIR process was not designed to benefit any particular political party. The Supreme Court had upheld the validity of the Bihar SIR in May 2026, holding that the Election Commission had the authority to conduct the exercise and that the process was aimed at maintaining accurate and reliable electoral rolls. MLA Nallamilli appealed to Opposition parties to respect constitutional institutions and allow the electoral revision process to proceed according to law.

He said genuine grievances could be raised before the competent authorities and through the legal mechanisms available to voters and political parties.

Muslims stage protest over Dargah issue

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MUSLIM community leaders, religious scholars and devotees staged a protest at Hazrat Syed Malik Hussain Baba Dargah at ESR Gardens in Mangalagiri on Wednesday, seeking protection of the shrine in view of the proposed Seed Access Road project. The protest was led by Sufi Samaj State convener and Sufi spiritual leader Mohammed Altaf Ali Raza Baba. The protesters expressed strong objections to the reported proposal to remove or affect the dargah for the construction of the road. They said the shrine had significant historical and spiritual importance and urged the authorities to ensure that it was protected.

The protesters demanded that the government reconsider the proposed road alignment and examine an alternative route that would avoid affecting the dargah. They also urged the authorities to preserve the shrine at its existing location and take necessary measures to prevent any damage to the premises. Among their key demands were reconsideration of any proposal to remove or relocate the dargah, protection of the shrine in its present form, and a review of the road alignment. They further called for consultations with dargah trustees, Muslim community representatives, religious leaders and devotees before taking any decision concerning the shrine. The protesters also demanded that the government provide clarity on the proposed road project and the future of the dargah. They said that if their concerns were not addressed, they would announce their future course of action and continue their protest through peaceful and democratic means. Mohammed Altaf Ali Raza Baba appealed to the government to balance development works with the protection of places of worship. He urged the authorities to address the concerns of the community through dialogue and arrive at an acceptable solution.



Sufi Samaj State Convenor Mohammed Altaf Ali Raza Baba addressing the media during a protest at ESR Gardens in Mangalagiri on Wednesday

Sufi Saheb Jafar Hussaini, Sufi Mohammad Nazeeruddin Baba, dargah trustee Mohammed Usman and religious scholar Mohammed Zubair were among those, who participated in the protest.

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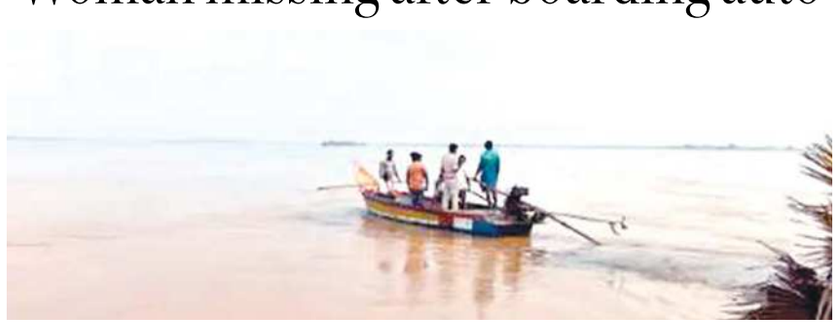
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Date: 30.09.2026, Place: Visakhapatnam Sd/- Authorised Officer, Canara Bank

Woman missing after boarding auto



A search operation being carried out in River Godavari

Hans News Service
Rajamahendravaram

A 36-year-old woman, who went missing after leaving work, is feared to have been pushed into Godavari River by an auto-rickshaw driver after he allegedly snatched her gold ornaments. The incident came to light after police examined CCTV footage and traced the auto in which she had travelled.

According to police and local sources, the woman, Vinte Adilakshmi is a widow. She married Sattibabu of Bheemolu village in Gopalapuram mandal about 20 years ago.

Her husband died of snakebite seven years ago and she had since been living with her parents at Kothapattiseema. Her daughter is employed in a private company in Hyderabad. Adilakshmi had been working at a sweet shop in Tallapudi of East Godavari for the past one year. Some other residents of her village were also employed at the same shop and used buses and autos for their daily commute.

As usual, Adilakshmi went to the sweet shop on Monday. However, she did not return home even late in the evening. Her family members contacted her coworkers and made enquiries, but could not trace her. Her brother Satyanarayana Murthy approached Tallapudi police on Tuesday and lodged a complaint.

Police registered a missing person case, SI Ramakrishna said. During the investigation, police examined CCTV footage from the areas surrounding the sweet shop under the supervision of Kovvur Rural CI Vijay Babu. The footage reportedly showed Adilakshmi boarding an auto alone on Monday night. Based on the CCTV footage, police took the auto driver into custody and began questioning him. During the investigation, it reportedly emerged that while taking Adilakshmi from Tallapudi towards Kothapattiseema, the driver allegedly snatched around 30 grams of gold ornaments from her neck and pushed her into the river.

Police have launched a search operation in the river to trace the woman.

Samagra Shiksha SPD Srinivasa Rao honoured with 'Indian Humanitarian Award'

Vijayawada

IN recognition of innovative initiatives undertaken by Samagra Shiksha for children with special needs in Andhra Pradesh, and its efforts to promote equal educational opportunities and empowerment, the Indian Book of Records has conferred 'Indian Humanitarian Award' on B Srinivasa Rao, State Project Director, Samagra Shiksha, Andhra Pradesh. The award was presented by Indian Book of Records Adjudicator Tulasiram.

Under the leadership of B Srinivasa Rao, Samagra Shiksha has undertaken several initiatives aimed at supporting children with special needs, including strengthening rehabilitation services, enhancing their participation in education, promoting the use of assistive technology and ensuring equitable educational opportunities.

The award particularly recognised 'Project Drushti', under which 21 students with special needs successfully reached the Mount Everest Base Camp. The initiative demonstrated that with appropriate encouragement, support and equal opportunities, children with special needs can pursue and achieve ambitious goals, including in para-sports and inclusive sporting activities.

The recognition is also seen as an acknowledgement of the continued efforts of Samagra Shiksha to strengthen an inclusive education system and ensure equal opportunities for every child with special needs. Speaking on the occasion, B Srinivasa Rao said the award was an honour for the dedicated team members of Samagra Shiksha working for the welfare and educational advancement of children with special needs, as well as for their parents.

He said Samagra Shiksha would continue its efforts to provide inclusive, equitable and quality educational opportunities to every student across the State.



Samagra Shiksha State Project Director B Srinivasa Rao being honoured with the 'Indian Humanitarian Award' by Indian Book of Records Adjudicator Tulasiram in Vijayawada