

Bharath checks food quality at Anna canteen

- The Minister spends time interacting with elderly citizens, women, and hospital patient attendants, inquiring about the food's taste, hygiene parameters, and structural setup

- After monitoring the cooking and washing stations, Minister personally dons an apron to serve hot, subsidized lunch items to the citizens standing in line

- Criticises the opposition YSR Congress Party (YSRCP), stating that their leadership could not tolerate the current administration's expanding public welfare footprint

- Reminds the public that the previous regime had abruptly shut down Anna Canteens, depriving low-income families of basic food security

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ANDHRA Pradesh Minister for Industries, Commerce and Food Processing, TG Bharath, conducted a surprise inspection of the Anna Canteen functioning at the Kurnool Government General Hospital on Friday and said that the opposition YSR Congress Party was unable to digest the welfare measures being implemented by the present government. During his visit, the Minister closely interacted with elderly people, women and attendants having meals at the canteen. He enquired



Minister Bharath serving food at Anna canteen in Kurnool on Friday



whether the food being served was of good quality, hygienic and tasty, and repeatedly asked the beneficiaries to openly share any problems or shortcomings in the facility. The Minister also inspected the surroundings and operational arrangements at the Anna Canteen before personally serving meals to the people present there.

Speaking to the media later, Bharath said the inspection was aimed at understanding the ground-level reality of the scheme and ensuring that the poor and needy were receiving quality food without inconvenience.

He observed that hundreds of people from different regions visit the government hospital every day for treatment and that the Anna Canteen was proving highly beneficial for patients' attendants and economically weaker

sections by providing affordable and nutritious meals. Expressing satisfaction over the public response, the Minister stated that almost everyone he interacted with had given positive feedback regarding the food quality and services at the canteen.

Criticising the previous YSRCP government, he alleged that Anna Canteens were shut down during its tenure, depriving the poor of affordable food facilities.

He said the present government was committed to eradicating hunger among the poor through welfare-oriented initiatives such as Anna Canteens.

TG Bharath further remarked that the opposition was unable to tolerate the growing appreciation and goodwill the government was receiving from the public due to its welfare programmes.

New borewell brings quick water relief to Kappatralla village

- With soaring summer temperatures worsening water scarcity, residents of Kappatralla village in Devanakonda mandal had been struggling safe drinking water for several weeks

- Responding to the crisis, local representatives Kappatralla Surendra and Kappatralla Mallikarjuna immediately initiated relief works on Friday to establish a functional bore water supply system

- The emergency water project was executed following the directives of Alur constituency TDP in-charge Vaikuntham Jyothi and leader Vaikuntham Prasad, ensuring immediate logistics to cater to the parched village



Kappatralla villagers set up bore well to cater drinking water to the residents on Friday

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RESIDENTS of Kappatralla village in Devanakonda mandal have been facing severe drinking water scarcity amid the intense summer

heat, prompting local leaders to step in with immediate temporary relief measures.

Acting on the directions of Alur constituency in-charge Vaikuntham Jyothi and Vaikuntham Prasad, local representatives Kappatralla Surendra and Kappatralla

Mallikarjuna responded swiftly to the issue and initiated arrangements to ensure drinking water supply to the affected villagers.

Recognising the growing hardships faced by the residents due to acute water shortage, the local leaders

took immediate steps on Friday to set up a bore water supply system in the village as a temporary solution.

They stated that the demand for drinking water has increased significantly due to rising temperatures and assured villagers that continuous efforts are being made to provide uninterrupted drinking water supply.

The initiative has brought considerable relief to the villagers who had been struggling with inadequate access to safe drinking water over the past few weeks.

Villagers appreciated the prompt response and support extended by Kappatralla Surendra and Kappatralla Mallikarjuna in addressing the crisis.

Several villagers, including Kaulutlaya, Chakali Lakshmana, Yerra Kaulutlaya, Chintamanu Sudhakar, Giddayya, and Girapagari Venkatesh, participated in the programme and expressed hope that permanent measures for drinking water supply would also be taken up in the near future.

Man kills aunt over land dispute in Kurnool

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A gruesome murder over a property dispute shocked residents of Suluvayi village in Holagonda mandal of Kurnool district on Thursday night.

A man allegedly killed his step-aunt with an axe-like weapon after she refused to transfer agricultural land in his name.

The brutal incident created tension and grief in the village, prompting police to tighten security measures to prevent any untoward incidents.

According to police and local sources, Shekanna, son of Gadilinga's first wife, allegedly attacked his stepmother's sister-in-law Yellamma (45), who belonged to the second



File photo of deceased Yellamma

family of the household.

Family members said Gadilinga had earlier allotted nearly two acres of land to his second wife Yellamma.

On Thursday night, Shekanna reportedly returned home in an inebriated condition and demanded that Yellamma transfer the

land registered in her name to him. However, she refused, stating that she had three daughters and intended to keep the property for their future.

Enraged over her refusal, Shekanna allegedly attacked Yellamma with a hunting sickle and killed her on the spot before fleeing from the village.

On receiving information, police rushed to the scene, shifted the body for postmortem, and launched an investigation into the case.

A search operation has been initiated to trace the accused.

Police also deployed security personnel in the village as a precautionary measure to maintain law and order in the wake of the shocking incident.

Jagan has no right to criticise Naidu and Pawan, says AHUDA chief

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JANA Sena District President and AHUDA Chairman TC Varun has strongly condemned former chief minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy's recent criticisms against Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan.

Varun stated that the politically aware public of Andhra Pradesh will not fall for Jagan's theatrics, which stem from an inability to



stomach the state's progress under the alliance government. Varun sharply questioned Jagan's moral authority to criticize Pawan Kalyan's air travel, reminding the public

that Jagan routinely used a helicopter for distances as short as five kilometers. In contrast, Pawan Kalyan maintains absolute integrity, never misusing a single rupee of public funds for personal use. Declaring the landmark "Super Six" welfare schemes a resounding success, Varun accused Jagan of hatching backdoor conspiracies to block the development of Amaravati. He warned the YSRCP leader to halt his baseless slander or face severe political consequences.

SP pats young artists for bringing pride to police family

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ANANTAPUR

STUDENTS from the Police Children's Summer Camp in Anantapur showcased outstanding talent in the district-level painting competition conducted as part of the International Day of Biodiversity 2026 celebrations.

The competition, organised by the National Green Corps at the Government Degree College in Anantapur, focused on the theme of "Biodiversity".

Five students from the Police Children's Summer Camp, conducted under the initiative of P Jagadish, participated in the junior category, with three students securing top honours.

Sasmith, a Class VI student, won the first prize along with a cash award of ₹500 for his exceptional performance. Another Class VI student, M Dhanush, secured the second prize for his creativity and artistic presentation. P Vedanta Sai, also studying in Class VI, received a consolation prize for his performance in

the competition. The students used their artwork to highlight environmental awareness and biodiversity conservation, earning appreciation from organisers and participants alike.

Following their success at the district-level event, Superintendent of Police P Jagadish invited the winning students to his chamber and personally congratulated them for bringing recognition to the summer camp and the police family.

Speaking on the occasion, the SP said the Police Children's Summer Camp was aimed at identifying and encouraging the hidden talents and creativity of children from police families.

He noted that participation in such competitions helps improve confidence and motivates students to pursue excellence in academics and extracurricular activities.

The SP conveyed his best wishes to the prize winners and encouraged them to continue striving for higher achievements in the future.



SP P Jagadish felicitating students from the police children's summer camp who won prizes in the district-level biodiversity painting competition in Anantapur

Minister Satya orders immediate removal of canal encroachments



Satya Kumar Yadav reviewing civic and drainage issues with municipal officials during a special meeting in Dharmavaram on Friday



Satya Kumar Yadav inspecting an encroached drainage canal in Dharmavaram following recent rains and directing officials to take corrective measures



Satya Kumar Yadav distributing Chief Minister's Relief Fund cheques to beneficiaries at the NDA office in Dharmavaram on Friday

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DHARMAVARAM

SATYA Kumar Yadav visited several rain-affected areas in Dharmavaram on Friday to review sanitation, drainage and civic conditions following overnight rainfall that caused water stagnation and mud accumulation across the town.

Accompanied by Municipal Commissioner Venkataramanayya, municipal staff and local NDA alliance leaders, the Minister inspected key areas including SLV Market, KPT Street, Sridevi Hall Road, Thogata Street, Anjuman Circle and Jatka Stand.

He expressed concern over the deteriorating condition of drainage canals, particularly a major irrigation canal near

Sridevi Hall, which he said had significantly narrowed due to encroachments.

He directed officials to conduct an immediate survey and mark encroached portions to ensure the free flow of rainwater during the monsoon season.

He also instructed municipal authorities to strengthen waste management systems, install dustbins where necessary and intensify regular cleaning operations to maintain sanitation standards in the town.

During the inspection, Satya reviewed pothole-ridden roads near Anjuman Circle and ordered immediate patchwork repairs to prevent inconvenience to residents. He warned that even minor negligence during the rainy season could lead to larger

civic problems and stressed the need for prompt preventive measures.

Later, Satya Kumar Yadav interacted with street vendors around Anjuman Circle and NTR Circle and assured them that the government remained committed to urban development, sanitation and public welfare.

In a separate programme held at the NDA office in Dharmavaram, the minister distributed Chief Minister's Relief Fund (CMRF) cheques worth ₹46.14 lakh to 70 beneficiaries from the constituency. He said the assistance was aimed at supporting financially distressed families facing medical emergencies and serious illnesses.

He stated that over the past two years, financial assistance amounting to ₹9.65 crore

had been provided to 913 beneficiaries in the constituency through the CMRF and Letters of Credit schemes.

He added that the government was prioritising healthcare services and ensuring that deserving families received timely support for expensive medical treatment.

The Minister also chaired a review meeting with APTIDCO officials regarding the construction of 1,440 housing units at Regatipalli in Dharmavaram.

Officials informed the meeting that construction works had reached advanced stages and that the houses, along with supporting infrastructure such as roads, drainage systems and water supply facilities, were targeted for completion by August 2026.

Foundation laid for permanent drinking water project in Puttaparthi



Collector Shyam Prasad receiving public grievances from residents during the "One Month-One Constituency-Four Visits" programme at Nallamada on Friday

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NALLAMADA

SRI Sathya Sai District Collector Shyam Prasad and Puttaparthi MLA Palle Sindhura Reddy on Friday laid the foundation stone for a permanent integrated drinking water project worth ₹136.26 crore, aiming to permanently resolve the long-term water scarcity of the Puttaparthi constituency.

The mega-infrastructure project, sanctioned for Puttaparthi Municipality, will be built near the Bukkapatnam tank with financial backing from the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) and executed under the supervision of Jindal Water Works.

Former minister Palle Raghunatha Reddy attended the event as the chief guest.

Speaking at the launch, Collector Shyam Prasad emphasized that the project is designed with a future-ready vision to meet the drinking water needs of an estimated population of nearly two lakh people up to the year 2055.

The scheme will feature a massive storage capacity of 90 lakh litres and is expected to be fully completed

by May 2028, delivering safe drinking water to local households through 11,700 new tap connections.

The Collector further revealed that the state government has sanctioned nearly ₹1,000 crore for various municipal water projects across the district, alongside a ₹1.50-crore sewage treatment plant to protect the Chittravathi River from pollution.

MLA Palle Sindhura Reddy stated that the coalition government revived the long-pending project immediately after assuming office.

She added that major industrial projects, including a proposed ₹51,400-crore Reliance solar power plant in Amadagur mandal and a fighter aircraft manufacturing unit in Puttaparthi, would soon create large-scale employment opportunities for local youth.

Following the ceremony, the officials held a public grievance redressal drive at Nallamada, focusing on land disputes. Out of 115 petitions received from Nallamada and Puttaparthi mandals, 42 long-pending grievances were resolved on the spot by a high-level administrative team.

Medicover expert outlines 3 gold rules to keep chronic diabetes at bay

NELLORE: DR Ravindra Reddy, a leading diabetologist at Medicover Hospital, Nellore, has warned of a sharp surge in pre-diabetes cases among the youth, specifically within the 25 to 40 age demographic.

Speaking at an awareness programme on Friday, he emphasized that if identified during the pre-diabetes stage, the onset of full-blown diabetes can be completely prevented. Dr Reddy urged individuals not to ignore classic warning indicators, including excessive thirst, frequent urination,

persistent fatigue, increased appetite, and slow-healing wounds.

He advised that the disease can be easily kept at bay through simple habits: undergoing a blood sugar test once a year, engaging in at least 30 minutes of daily physical exercise, and maintaining a healthy body weight.

He concluded that by prioritizing metabolic health and making timely lifestyle modifications, the younger generation can comfortably avoid severe long-term health complications.