

# GST staffer, wife arrested under POCSO Act in Tirupati

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A shocking case involving the alleged sexual exploitation of a minor girl has led to the arrest of a GST Department employee and his wife in Tirupati.

Police said the accused, Rama Murthy (51), who works as a senior assistant, repeatedly assaulted a 16-year-old girl and threatened her with dire consequences to keep her silent. Investigators revealed

that the victim was allegedly abused on several occasions at the accused's residence in Tirupati and at other places.

Rama Murthy, who is related to the girl as the husband of her aunt, reportedly stored personal photographs and chat conversations exchanged with the minor through mobile phone and Share-Chat.

Police said he allegedly used the material to blackmail the victim and threatened to upload it on social media if she failed to meet him whenever he called.

He also allegedly warned the girl that her parents would be killed if she disclosed the incidents.

The case surfaced after the victim's parents learnt about the harassment and approached the Jagadgiri-gutta police station in Telangana.

Police there registered a Zero FIR and later transferred the case to Tirupati East police station for further action. Based on the com-

plaint, a case was booked under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act.

Tirupati Superintendent of Police L Subba Rayudu directed officials to conduct a detailed investigation, which was led by DSP M Bhaktavatsalam.

During the investigation, police allegedly found that the victim's aunt, Manasa, a Deputy Tahsildar working at Railway Koduru, had attempted to shield her husband from legal action.

Following the collection of evidence, both Rama Murthy and Manasa were arrested on Thursday and later produced before a court, which remanded them to judicial custody.

SP Rayudu appealed to the public to immediately report incidents of sexual abuse, harassment and blackmail involving children.

He assured that the identity of victims would be kept confidential and said strict legal action would be taken against those involved in crimes against minors.

# Polavaram must be completed by February: Shashibhushan

Water resources special CS orders strict quality, faster pace

MEIL officials told to coordinate; diesel/material shortages easing.

Advance monsoon plans readied; hydel project progress reviewed



Water resources department special chief secretary Shashibhushan Kumar at Polavaram project on Friday

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POLAVARAM

WATER resources department special chief secretary Shashibhushan Kumar directed officials and contractors to maintain momentum in the Polavaram irrigation and hydel power projects while ensuring uncompromised quality standards. He stressed that the prestigious national project must be completed by February 2027, in line with Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu's commitment to dedicate it by March next year. Kumar instructed the water resources department,

Polavaram Project Authority, and contracting agency Megha Engineering & Infrastructures Limited (MEIL) to work in close coordination with a clear action plan. He assured that any issue affecting construction would be resolved promptly if brought to the government's notice.

During his first inspection after assuming charge, Kumar stayed overnight at the project guest house and began his field visit at 8 am Friday, continuing until 1.30 pm.

He reviewed progress on key components including

the spillway, cofferdams, diaphragm wall, fish ladder, depletion sluice, and the earth-cum-rock fill (ECRF) dam. He also examined the Polavaram hydel power project and sought detailed reports from officials.

The review meeting resumed after lunch and continued until 6 PM, covering each division and project component.

Officials informed him that shortages of diesel and construction materials due to the West Asia conflict had temporarily slowed works, but the situation has stabi-

lised. MEIL representatives assured that construction would be accelerated to meet deadlines.

Kumar directed officials to implement advance action plans to ensure uninterrupted works during the monsoon season. Officials confirmed contingency measures are ready. Senior engineers and advisors including Sanjeev Vohra, K Ramesh Babu, M Venkateswara Rao, K Narasimha Murthy, R Ramachandra Rao, and MEIL representatives participated in the inspection and review

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File No.06/APSWB/TEHRFP/2026 Date:20-05-2026

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**DEMAND NOTICE TO THE BORROWERS (ABRIDGED)**  
(Notice under Section 13(2) of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (SARFAESI Act) (Here After Called 'Act')  
(I) Borrower: 1. M/s. Prashanth Transports, Prop. M.Prashanth Irsal, S/o. Mudda Irsal, D.No.24-7-333, Behind Chamundeshwari Apartment, Ravindra Nagar, Nellore - 524004  
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(II) Type of Loan: Loan A/c No: 43301420312 (TL)  
(III) Loan Outstanding: of Rs.50,67,037/- (Rupees Fifty Lakhs Sixty Seven Thousand and Thirty Seven Only) as on 27.04.2026. You are also liable to pay future interest at the contractual rate on the aforesaid amount together with incidental expenses, costs, charges, etc  
(IV) NPA Date: 15-03-2026 Date of Demand Notice: 27-04-2026  
(V) 1.Schedule of the property: (Reg. Sale Deed No.3143/1993, Dt.07.07.1993 registered at Sub Registrar of Assurance, Nellore in favour of Mudda Irsal S/o. John 2. Schedule of the property: (Reg. Sale Deed No.5828/2000, Dt.21.08.2000 registered at Sub Registrar of Assurance, Nellore, in favour of Mudda Irsal S/o. John  
**SCHEDULE: Item No.1:** Nellore Registration District, Nellore Sub Registration, Nellore Municipality Area, Nellore Bit-I, CAS No.597/3, Patta No.611, L.P.No.13/92, Ward No.24-II, Near D.No.1200/1, Raveendra Nagar area, Plot No.14, an extent of 16 ankanams 48 Sq.Ft. of Site on eastern side (Assessment No.1031079492)  
**Boundaries:** East : Plot No. 16 and 17, South: Layout Road, West : Remaining 16-48 Ankanams of site sold by executants to Nellapodu Rooth Salma, North : Plot No.13.  
Within these boundaries an extent of 16 Ankanams 48 Sq.Ft., of site on eastern side the above referred with all easement rights.  
**Item No.2:** Nellore Registration District, Nellore Sub-Registration, Nellore Municipality Area, Nellore Bit-I, CAS No.597/3, Patta No.611, L.P.No.13/92, Ward No.24-II, Near D.No.1200/1, Raveendra Nagar area, Plot No.14, an extent of 16 ankanams 48 Sq.Ft. or Site on western side.  
**Boundaries:** East : Remaining Site in the Plot belongs to Claimant South : Layout Road, West : Canal to Some extent vacant site to some extent, North : Plot No.13.  
Within these boundaries an extent of 16 Ankanams 48 Sq.Ft., of site on western side the above referred with all easement rights.  
Total an extent of the above said two documents comprised of an extent of 33.33 Ankanams of site with constructed therein.  
The Borrower/Guarantors mentioned above have availed loan / credit facilities from State Bank of India, RASMECC, Nellore (15546), SPSR Nellore District. The loan / credit facility has been secured by mortgage of property and asset as mentioned against the respective borrowers / guarantors name. As the Borrowers / Guarantors have failed to adhere to the terms and conditions of sanction, the account became irregular and was classified as NPA as per RBI guidelines. The Bank intends to enforce the following securities mortgaged by you and issued Demand Notice Under Regd.Post with Ack.Due which were returned / without proper signatures of the Borrowers / Guarantors. Hence this publication issued. Hereby, the Borrowers / Guarantor / Co-Applcint are called upon to pay the amount mentioned above with contract rate of interest costs, charges etc., thereon within 60 days from the date of respective notices, failing which the undersigned will be constrained to initiate action to enforce the provisions of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 against the aforesaid security under Sec.13 (4) without any further notice. This is without prejudice to any other rights available to us under the subject Act and/or any other Law in force.  
Date:27-04-2026, Place: Nellore Sd/- Authorised Officer, State Bank of India

# CM Naidu to launch Sanjeevani health project at Yadamarri today

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CHITTOOR



Chittoor SP Tushar Dudi reviewing security arrangements for CM's visit in Yadamarri on Friday

CHIEF Minister N Chandrababu Naidu will participate in several programmes at Yadamarri in Chittoor district on Saturday, including the launch of the 'Sanjeevani Health Project' at the Primary Health Centre (PHC). He will also address a public meeting during the visit.

Preparations for the Chief Minister's tour were reviewed on Friday by Chittoor MP D Prasada Rao, CM Programmes Coordinator Pen-durthi Venkatesh, Joint Collector Adarsh Rajendran and other officials. They inspected arrange-

ments at the helipad, public meeting venue and Yadamarri PHC. District SP Tushar Dudi briefed police officers and staff involved in convoy and security duties for the visit.

A trial run was conducted from the helipad set up near Chinnareddypalli bus stop to the meeting venue and healthcare centre. Officials

reviewed convoy responsibilities, security measures and traffic management during the exercise. The SP directed officials to maintain continuous surveillance at the public meeting venue, helipad, important junctions, parking areas and along the route using CCTV cameras. Police personnel were instructed to immediately report any sus-

picious persons or objects to senior officers and the control room. ASP Dr Tarun Pahwa, Additional SP SR Rajasekhar Raju, AR Additional SP Devadas, Chittoor SDPO J Venkatanarayana and other officials participated in the security review.

Meanwhile, the Chief Minister will leave his Undavalli residence in Tadepalli mandal of Guntur district by helicopter at 9 am on Saturday and reach the helipad near 14 Kandriga village in Yadamarri mandal at 11 am. After meeting public representatives and officials, he will participate in a public meeting from 11.15 am to 1.30 pm at the Praja Vedika venue.

# Disaster management talk held for NCC cadets

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CADETS of the 5 Andhra Girls Battalion NCC at NCC Nagar in Tirupati attended an expert talk on Disaster Management delivered by General Manager of Tirupati Smart City Corporation VR Chandra Mouli. The programme was organised as part of the battalion's initiative to expose cadets to eminent personalities from civil administration, public service and governance, helping them understand national service beyond the military domain.

During his address, Chandra Mouli highlighted the importance of disaster

preparedness, inter-agency coordination and effective delivery of relief and essential services during emergencies. He also explained the key aspects of the National Disaster Management framework and its implementation at the grassroots level.

Commanding Officer Colonel Anuj Wadhwa said such interactions help shape service-oriented young citizens and broaden cadets' understanding of national service. He said that though the NCC is fundamentally a military training organisation, it is equally committed to nurturing cadets who understand the full spectrum of national service, both in uniform and beyond.

# APSPDCL CMD orders fast-tracking of APSRTC EV charging stations

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APSPDCL CMD Siva Shankar Lotheti

APSPDCL Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) Siva Shankar Lotheti has directed executing agencies to fast-track the installation of Electric Vehicle (EV) charging stations for APSRTC buses across five districts: Nellore, Kadapa, Anantapur, Kurnool, and Tirupati. Addressing a review meeting on Friday, the CMD emphasized that contractors must maintain high quality standards and complete all infrastructure works by June 20 this year.

The high-capacity charging points are being set up under APSPDCL's close supervision at strategically identified transit hubs, including Mangalam. To prevent project delays, Lotheti instructed field teams

to bypass bureaucratic red tape by reporting on-ground difficulties directly to their circle Superintending Engineers.

This protocol ensures immediate, on-the-spot resolution of technical issues to keep the green mobility project firmly on schedule. Senior discom officials, including Directors Ayub Khan and Guravaiah, attended the session

# Over 5k candidates to appear for Civil Services prelims exam tomorrow

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Collector S Venkateswar along with UPSC observer Jitender Sharma and DRO G Narasimulu reviewing Civil Service exam arrangements in Tirupati on Friday

DISTRICT Collector Dr S Venkateswar said that all arrangements have been completed for the smooth and peaceful conduct of the UPSC Civil Services Preliminary Examination 2026, which will be held on.

The Collector conducted a review meeting on Friday with Assistant Coordinating Officers, liaison officers and officials of various departments regarding the arrangements for the examination.

Speaking on the occasion, he said that a total of 5,096 candidates will appear for the examination at 10 centres across the district. Paper-1

will be conducted from 9.30 am to 11.30 am and Paper-2 from 2.30 pm to 4.30 pm. Candidates will be allowed into the examination halls only up to 30 minutes before the commencement of the exam.

The Collector said jammers will be used during the examination and warned that strict action will be tak-

en against malpractice and copying.

He directed officials to ensure that photocopy centres near the examination centres remain closed during the examination hours. Candidates have been instructed to carry a valid identity card, failing which they will not be allowed into the examination centres.

**ANDHRA PRADESH POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD**  
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**ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING NOTIFICATION**  
In accordance with the notification No.S.O.1533(E) dt.14th September, 2006 and its subsequent amendments thereof by the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, we hereby notify Environmental Public Hearing on the proposal of 25.0 Ha Ordinary Sand Mine proposed at Bhagath Singh Colony and Deenadayal Nagar, Nellore Urban Mandal, SPSR Nellore District by Royalty Inspector O/o. District Mines and Geology Office, Nellore, SPSR Nellore District with an investment of Rs.20.0 lakhs. The details of the proposed project are as follows:-

1. Name with the address of the company	The Royalty Inspector, O/o. District Mines and Geology Office, Nellore, SPSR Nellore District.
2. Location of the proposed Project with Sy No	Bhagath Singh Colony and Deenadayal Nagar, Nellore Urban Mandal, SPSR Nellore District Latitude : 14°28' 40.8"N - 14°28' 55.6"N Longitude : 80°00' 51.0"E - 80°01' 14.4"E
3. Extent of land	25.0 Ha
4. Name of the Authorised person to be contacted with Address and Phone Numbers	The Royalty Inspector, O/o.District Mines and Geology Office, Nellore, SPSR Nellore District - 524001; Ph.No.9705837923
5. Total estimated Capital Cost for the project	Rs.20.0 Lakhs
6. Line of Activity and capacity	Mining of Ordinary Sand - 2,50,000 m3/Annum
7. Date/ Time / Venue of Public Hearing	Date : 23.06.2026 Time : 10:30 AM Venue : Adjacent to proposed site at Bhagath Singh Colony, beside NH-16, Govt. Housing layout colony, Nellore Urban Mandal, SPSR Nellore District

8. Places of availability of EIA & EMP and Executive summary of the proposed project.

i. O/o. The Collector & District Magistrate, Nellore, SPSR Nellore District
ii. O/o. The Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, Nellore, SPSR Nellore District
iii. O/o. The Revenue Divisional Officer, Nellore, SPSR Nellore District.
iv. O/O. The Commissioner, Nellore Municipal Corporation, Nellore.
v. O/o. The General Manager, District Industries Centre, A.K. Nagar, Nellore, SPSR Nellore District.
vi. O/o. The Joint Director (S), Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Integrated Regional Office (IRO), Vijayawada Green House Complex, Vijayawada - 520010
vii. O/o. The Member Secretary, A.P. Pollution Control Board, Paryavaran Bhavan, APIIC Colony Road, Gurunanak Colony, Autonagar, Vijayawada - 520 007
viii. O/o. The Joint Chief Environmental Engineer, A.P. Pollution Control Board, Zonal Office, 3rd Floor, Paryavaran Bhavan, N.T.Road, TIRUPATI - 517501.
ix. O/o. The Environmental Engineer, A. P. Pollution Control Board, Regional Office, Plot No.1, Prasanthi Nagar, Podalukur Road, Near Nellore Club, Nellore - 524 003.
x. O/o. The Tahsildar, Nellore Urban, SPSR Nellore District.
xi. O/o. The Mandal Praja Parishad Development Officer, Nellore Urban Mandal, SPSR Nellore District
xii. O/o. The Ward Administrative section, Bhagath Singh Colony, 54 Ward Sachivalayam, Nellore Urban Mandal, Nellore
xiii. O/o. The Panchayat Secretary, Pallipadu Village, Nellore Urban Mandal, SPSR Nellore District.

Suggestions, views, comments, and objections of the public, if any, are invited within 30 days from the date of publication of notification from all persons including bonafied residents, Environmental groups & others located near project sites/sites likely to be affected by the proposed project and plausible stakeholders. The above mentioned persons are requested to send written suggestions/objections/ opinions/ views to the undersigned officer of A.P. Pollution Control Board and may also participate in the Public hearing on the date, time and venue specified above.

Sd/-  
Place : Nellore Environmental Engineer (FAC),  
Date : 22.06.2026 A.P.Pollution Control Board, Regional Office, Nellore

# Two CIs suspended for lapses in investigation

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TIRUPATI police department has suspended two former circle inspectors after a departmental inquiry reportedly found lapses in investigation procedures and misuse of authority in separate cases. The suspended officers were identified as Srinivasulu, who earlier served as Tirupati East Circle Inspector, and Ramaiah, former Circle Inspector of SVU Police Station. Both officers had earlier been shifted to the Vacancy Reserve at Anantapur following complaints regarding their conduct.

The disciplinary action was taken based on the findings of an internal inquiry initiated by Tirupati Superintendent of Police L Subba Rayudu. The probe examined allegations linked to the handling of criminal investigations and alleged misconduct while discharging official duties. According to officials, Srinivasulu was found negligent in investigating a POCSO case. The inquiry reportedly observed that proper investigation procedures were not followed against an accused in the case. He was also accused of interfering in civil disputes and attempting informal settlements.

# NMC chief conducts on-ground inspection of mega road widening works

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NMC Commissioner YO Nandan inspecting road widening works at Madras Bus Stand Center in Nellore city on Friday

NELLORE Municipal Corporation (NMC) Commissioner YO Nandan conducted a comprehensive field inspection of sanitation and urban development works across key city areas on Friday, including Achari Street, the old Zilla Parishad office, and the Madras Bus Stand Center. During the visit, the Commissioner reviewed the alignment markings for the crucial road widening project running from the Madras Bus Stand to the District Collectorate. He directed town planning and engineering officials to ensure all construction works are completed within the stipulated timeframe without compromising on quality standards. Turning to civic hygiene, Nandan instructed the municipal staff to regularly undertake the desilting of drainage canals and ensure the immediate removal of accumulated waste to prevent waterlogging. Senior officials, including Deputy Engineer Raghuram, Assistant City Planner Satish, and regional sanitation supervisors, participated in the joint inspection.

# Shopkeepers told to remove stalls from Alipiri sidewalks



A team led by ASP Ravi Manohara Chari and Deputy Commissioner Amaraiah inspecting the sidewalks in Alipiri on Friday

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TIRUPATI municipal and police officials have issued a strict warning to street vendors to remove all illegal shops and food stalls from the footpaths around Alipiri immediately. The joint action follows numerous complaints from pilgrims and motorists regarding blocked walkways and severe traffic congestion.

A team led by ASP Ravi Manohara Chari and Deputy

Commissioner Amaraiah inspected the area and urged vendors to vacate voluntarily or face forced eviction. Beyond transit bottlenecks, officials raised serious sanitation and safety concerns, noting that commercial food waste dumped near Zoo Park Road is actively attracting wild animals from the nearby forest area, posing a threat to passing devotees. The administration stated that regular monitoring will continue to ensure clear pathways for pilgrims.