

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 ready; hydel project progress reviewed.

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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



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

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 stabilised. 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.

GODAVARI PUSHKARALU

Focus on Gonguralanka development: MP Purandeswari

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RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM



MP Daggubati Purandeswari visiting Gonguralanka region along with MLA Muppudi Venkateswara Rao and officials on Friday

RAJAHMUNDRY MP Daggubati Purandeswari has stated that the State government is taking comprehensive measures at all levels to grandly organise the upcoming Godavari Pushkarams.

On Friday, the MP, along-side Kovvur MLA Muppudi Venkateswara Rao, Joint Collector Y Megha Swaroop and other senior officials, inspected Gonguralanka region falling under Kovvur constituency.

Speaking on the occasion, MP Purandeswari shared that she, along with district Collector Kirithi Chekuri and Municipal Corporation Commissioner Rahul Meena, had met Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu on Thursday to discuss the arrangements for Godavari Pushkarams. The discussions primarily focused on the modernisation of bathing ghats, widening of roads and providing essential amenities for the visiting pilgrims. She added that the Chief Minister assured full cooperation from the government and directed the officials to review the progress of work periodically to ensure seamless execution.

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The MP further revealed that active steps are being taken to develop Gonguralanka area into a prominent tourist destination. Following proposals to establish a special theme park in the area, joint inspection was conducted to assess the ground realities. She expressed optimism about developing the theme park by the commencement of the Pushkarams. A high-level meeting with the concerned departments will be convened within the next 20 days to take a definitive decision on the project, she added.

MLA Muppudi Ven-

kateswara Rao emphasised that Gonguralanka possesses immense potential to be developed into a major tourism hub. Joint Collector Megha Swaroop noted that the field inspection was carried out through the coordinated efforts of the Revenue, Irrigation, and Tourism departments.

The inspection team included Tourism Regional Director NVVSN Murthy, Godavari Headworks Executive Engineer (EE) G Srinivasa Rao, District Tourism Officer P Venkatachalam, Tahsildar D Durga Prasad, and MPP Kakarla Narayudu, among others.

Constituency-level PGRS organised



Collector M Vijaya Suneetha receiving petitions from public at Constituency level PGRS programme in Markapur on Friday

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MARKAPUR

DISTRICT Collector M Vijaya Suneetha said that the primary goal of the constituency-level PGRS programme is to resolve public grievances quickly. She received petitions from the public along with Markapur MLA Kandula Narayana Reddy at the constituency-level PGRS programme held in the town on Friday, as per government directives. Speaking on the occasion, she said that they would take the initiative to resolve all petitions within one month. She said that field surveys by officials would help find the right solutions to the petitions. She

directed revenue officials to work towards this goal. She said that everyone has a responsibility to make the constituency-level PGRS programme a success, as they are undertaken for a good purpose.

Officials said that a total of 71 petitions were received at the programme. Of these, 40 were related to revenue matters, and 31 were on other issues.

Joint Collector P Srinivasulu, DRO Venkata Sivarama Reddy, RDO Prabhakar, Housing PD Mohan Rao, Panchayat Raj District Officer M Venkateswara Rao, DLDO Balu Naik, and District Education Officer S Subba Rao attended the programme.

Intercity Express stoppage at Piduguralla approved

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THE Railway Ministry has approved a stoppage at Piduguralla railway station for Lingampalli-Vijayawada Intercity Express (Train Nos 12796/12795), bringing major relief to commuters and residents of Palnadu region, according to Narasaraopet MP Lavu Sri Krishnadevarayalu.

He said that this long-pending demand of passengers, employees, students, and businesspersons has finally been fulfilled following continuous efforts to improve rail connectivity in the region. The stoppage is expected to significantly benefit hundreds of daily commuters travelling towards Hyderabad and Vijayawada, particularly during peak morning and evening hours when train availability has been limited.

Recognising the transportation difficulties faced by Palnadu residents, the MP took up the matter with Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw and urged approval for a stoppage of the Intercity Express at Piduguralla sta-

tion. Responding positively to the request, the Railway Ministry granted approval for the stoppage.

Expressing gratitude, he thanked Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw for his prompt response and support in addressing the concerns of Palnadu commuters. He further stated that the stoppage of the popular "Employees Train" at Piduguralla will provide substantial convenience to employees commuting daily, students travelling for higher education, businesspersons, and passengers from Palnadu and surrounding areas. He added that the Railway Ministry is expected to officially announce the date of implementation and complete stoppage timings shortly.

Train schedule details of train No 12796 (Lingampalli - Vijayawada): Departs daily from Lingampalli at 4:40 am, passes through Secunderabad at 5:20 am, and arrives in Vijayawada at 10:35 am. Train No 12795 (Vijayawada - Lingampalli): Departs daily from Vijayawada at 5:30 pm and reaches Lingampalli at 11:35 pm.

Govt initiative to address employees' grievances lauded

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VIJAYAWADA

THE AP JAC Amaravati has expressed gratitude to the State government for issuing orders to conduct special Joint Staff Council meetings at district, Head of Department (HoD) and State Secretariat levels to address employees' grievances. Welcoming GO RT No 1032, in a press release issued here on Friday, AP JAC Amaravati Chairman Bopparaju Venkateswarlu, Secretary General Paliseti Damodar Rao, Associate Chairman TV Phani Perraju and Treasurer Timmasarathi Nageswara Rao stated that the government had responded positively to a series of representations submitted by employees' associations seeking staff welfare measures and effective grievance redressal. The leaders appreciated the government for not only issuing the orders but also specifying dates for conducting the meetings at various levels across the State. They said this initiative would help resolve departmental issues in a systematic manner and improve administrative coordination.

The AP JAC Amaravati leadership appealed to all recognised employees' unions to make effective use of the opportunity by coordinating in advance with district officials, HoDs and Secretariat authorities and preparing proper data on pending issues for discussion during the meetings.

They noted that for the first time in the State's history, the government had directed that Joint Staff Council meetings be conducted regularly during June, October and February 2027 at district, departmental and Secretariat levels with fixed schedules.

The employee leaders urged Collectors, Heads of Departments and departmental Secretaries to ensure that the meetings are conducted without fail and that employee issues are resolved at the respective levels so that staff members can work efficiently and continue delivering better public services.

2 Prakasam girls selected for fencing nationals



Putturu Chakrika and Ankala Tanvi

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TWO girl athletes from Prakasam district have been selected to represent the district at the 21st National Fencing Cadet Under-17 Championship. Prakasam District Fencing Association secretary G Naveen said that Putturu Chakrika and Ankala Tanvi will participate in the Saber category at the national championship. The

tournament will be held in Rudrapur, Uttarakhand, from May 23 to 28. The two athletes had won medals in individual events at the recent State-level fencing competition held in Tanuku and earned selection for the national event. Prakasam District Fencing Association founder-president V Nageswara Rao and coach Vijayalakshmi congratulated the selected athletes and wished them success at the national championship.

'Operation Clean Sweep' launched

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THE State government's prestigious sanitation initiative 'Operation Clean Sweep' was launched in Bapatla town on Friday with the active participation from local authorities and public representatives. The programme was launched near Sri Ksheera Bhavanarayana Swamy Temple under the leadership of Bapatla MLA Dr Vegesana Narendra Varma Raju. Demonstrating commitment towards cleanliness and civic responsibility, the MLA personally joined sanitation workers in sweeping roads, clearing garbage, and loading waste into municipal tractors. His active involvement in sanitation work earned appreciation from residents and municipal workers alike. As part of the drive, the MLA in-

spected roads and footpaths, stressing that public spaces should remain accessible and free from encroachments. To ensure pedestrian convenience, flex banners tied to footpath poles during his birthday celebrations were removed under his supervision. He also instructed roadside vendors operating beyond designated margins and obstructing traffic to shift within permitted limits.

Municipal officials removed materials placed on footpaths and roads by encroaching shopkeepers.

Addressing the public, MLA Narendra Varma urged citizens and traders to cooperate in maintaining cleanliness and transforming Bapatla into a clean, beautiful, and pedestrian-friendly town. Municipal Commissioner Raghunath Reddy and Jana Sena leaders were present.

Samadhan Samaroh from Aug 21

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RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM

WITH the core vision of ensuring 'Access to justice for all', a special Lok Adalat initiative named 'Samadhan Samaroh' will be conducted under the aegis of Supreme Court of India from August 21 to 23. This was announced in a press statement on Friday by Gandham Sunitha, the Principal District Judge and Chairperson of District Legal Services Authority.



DLSA Chairperson and Principal District Judge Gandham Sunitha

'Samadhan Samaroh' is a nationwide initiative undertaken by Supreme Court of India aimed at resolving disputes amicably through mediation and promoting harmony across the country. As part of this special drive, a Special Lok Adalat will be organised to resolve compoundable cases currently pending before Supreme Court through mutual settlement.

The Principal District Judge stated that the special drive will run for three consecutive days from August 21 to 23. The DLSA has

urged advocates and litigants to utilise this golden opportunity to resolve their long-pending cases swiftly through mutual understanding and compromise.

Litigants and advocates concerned within the combined East Godavari district limits can contact the District Legal Services Authority for further details and assistance. For inquiries and guidance, litigants can reach out to the helpline numbers 011-2311 6464 or 011-2311 6465.

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