

Focus on preventive healthcare drives Sanjeevani expansion

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Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu looking at the Sanjeevani project details in Yadamari of Chittoor district on Saturday

After recording encouraging results during the pilot phase in Kuppam, the government has started expanding the programme in a phased manner to cover rural and urban populations.

The large-scale rollout of the project across the Chittoor district formally began at Yadamari of Puthalapattu constituency in Chittoor district on Saturday. As part of the programme, the state government has sanctioned Rs 162 crore for the deployment of 904 Mobile Medical

Units in remote and rural areas. Authorities have also set a target of conducting health screenings for nearly 56.40 lakh people within the next year. Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu directed officials to ensure that medical test reports are delivered to beneficiaries through WhatsApp within 48 hours to improve accessibility and speed of service.

Unlike regular health screening drives, Sanjeevani has been designed as a long-term healthcare man-

agement system. The programme combines doorstep screenings, digital health records, specialist consultations and artificial intelligence-based health advisories to provide continuous healthcare monitoring, particularly for people suffering from chronic and lifestyle-related diseases.

During the pilot phase in Kuppam, more than 80,000 residents were enrolled under the programme and over 70,000 medical tests were conducted. Following the response received during the trial phase, the government decided to extend the initiative across the state.

A major feature of the programme is the creation of Digital Health Profiles for every registered person. These profiles will contain prescriptions, diagnostic reports, medical history and follow-up details in digital format. Doctors will be able to access patient records from anywhere in the state, helping reduce repeated tests and improving treatment accuracy.

The project has been developed with support from

the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and Tata Consultancy Services. A centralised Digital Nerve Centre has also been established to integrate health data collected from Primary Health Centres, village clinics and hospitals.

Under the programme, 42 different medical tests will be conducted covering major health concerns including diabetes, hypertension, cardiac ailments, kidney disorders, respiratory diseases, cancers and maternal and child health issues. Health experts believe the initiative can strengthen preventive healthcare services and reduce pressure on tertiary hospitals through early detection and continuous monitoring.

Officials said screenings would be conducted through village and ward secretariats to improve access to healthcare services in both rural and urban areas. Artificial intelligence tools integrated into the system will generate health scores, issue reminders for follow-up consultations and support preventive care measures.

Op 'Clean Sweep' launched in municipalities across AP



Municipal administration and urban development minister P Narayana, Vijayawada Central MLA Bonda Umamaheswara Rao and others join sanitation workers in sweeping roads during the launch of 'Operation Clean Sweep' in Vijayawada on Saturday

- Four-week sanitation drive aims to make urban local bodies clean and dump yard-free
- Minister Narayana joins sanitation workers, launches awareness campaign in Vijayawada
- Govt targets waste processing, waste-to-energy expansion and cleaner urban infrastructure

B Anil Kumar Reddy, municipal commissioner H M Dhyanchandra and campaign brand ambassador Dr G Samaram.

As part of the programme, the minister joined sanitation workers in sweeping roads, painted road dividers, planted saplings and later shared breakfast with the public at an Anna canteen.

Addressing the gathering, Narayana said the state government was implementing the special Swachh Andhra campaign to make state clean and free from dump yards. He said the first week of the campaign would focus on cleaning roads and public places, while the second week would involve drain-cleaning activities with public participation. The third week would create awareness on waste segregation at households and commercial establishments, and the final week would focus on maintaining cleanliness in public toilets.

The minister said Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu had launched the Swachh Andhra initiative in Machilipatnam on October 2, 2024, with the objective of encouraging public participation in sanitation activities. He added that the Chief Minister has been personally reviewing the programme by visiting one district every third Saturday.

Narayana said out of nearly 153 lakh tonnes of legacy waste left unattended earlier, around 85 lakh tonnes of above-ground garbage had already been cleared in record time under the directions of the

Chief Minister. He said the remaining underground waste would also be removed by the end of June.

The minister further said the government was giving priority to waste-to-energy projects. While plants in Visakhapatnam and Guntur are already operational, six more projects are under various stages of construction and are expected to become operational within the next two years.

Swachh Andhra Corporation chairman K Pattabhiram said the government was striving to make the state a national model in sanitation through people's participation. He said steps were being taken to establish eight waste-to-energy plants and 107 waste processing centres across the State. He also noted that 2,000 electric vehicles had been deployed for door-to-door garbage collection.

Municipal administration principal secretary S Suresh Kumar said Swachh Andhra would play a key role in achieving the vision of Swarna Andhra. He appealed to citizens to treat urban cleanliness as a collective responsibility and avoid dumping waste on roads and in drains.

MLA Umamaheswara Rao called upon traders, educational institutions, self-help groups, NGOs and youth to actively participate in sanitation activities and contribute towards building a clean Andhra Pradesh.

Several NGOs, terrace garden groups, resident welfare associations, sanitation workers and citizens participated in the programme.

TDP, BJP hit back at Jagan over 'politics of violence'

- Payyavula says faction politics began under YS family
- CM Ramesh challenges Jagan on Viveka murder case narrative

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VIJAYAWADA

FINANCE minister Payyavula Keshav and BJP MP C M Ramesh launched a sharp counterattack against YSRCP chief Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy on Saturday, accusing the YS family of institutionalising faction and violence-based politics in Andhra Pradesh.

Addressing reporters along with Ramesh in Vijayawada, Keshav alleged that factional politics and the criminalisation of political culture in the state originated under the YS family. He asserted that the YS family were "the accused, not the victims," and accused Jagan of attempting to rewrite political history through emotional narratives.

The minister alleged that political intimidation, violent factionalism and misuse of influence had become entrenched in parts of Rayalaseema during the era of Y S Raja Reddy.

He claimed the TDP was considering



Finance minister Payyavula Keshav and BJP MP C M Ramesh speaking to the media in Vijayawada on Saturday

compiling and publishing incidents linked to faction violence in Pulivendula politics.

Keshav accused the YSRCP of weakening institutions, damaging industrial growth and disrupting projects during its tenure.

He said the "axe image" associated with the YSRCP had gained public traction because of the party's political conduct over the years.

BJP MP Ramesh alleged that Jagan was attempting to project himself as a victim in order to divert attention from the murder case of former minister Y S Vivekananda Reddy.

Three-wheelers distributed to differently-abled

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SOCIAL Welfare Minister Dr Dola Sree Bala Veeranjanya Swamy said the coalition government is committed to the welfare and development of differently-abled persons. He attended as the chief guest at the free three-wheeler scooter distribution programme held here.

Speaking on the occasion, the minister said the government is distributing 1750 three-wheelers across the state at a cost of Rs 17.50 crore under this program. In the first phase, 40 scooters are being

distributed in the Markapur district. He announced several other welfare measures for persons with disabilities. The government is spending Rs 4.32 crore to repair hostels for the differently-abled. A para-sports stadium will be built in Visakhapatnam at a cost of Rs 200 crore.

A disability Commission has been set up to provide more facilities for differently-abled persons, and full-time officials will be appointed to it soon. He said that steps will be taken shortly to fill the backlog of 300 posts reserved for differently-abled persons in the state.



Minister DSBV Swamy, collector M Vijaya Suneetha, MLAs and others distributing three wheelers to beneficiaries in Markapuram on Saturday

Dr Ramudu receives Biodiversity Conservation Award-2026

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DR J Ramudu, Lecturer in Botany at Dr Lakireddy Hanimireddy Government Degree College in Mylavaram of NTR district, has been conferred with the "Best Individual Biodiversity Conservator Award-2026" by the Andhra Pradesh Biodiversity Board.

The award was presented during the International Day for Biological Diversity celebrations organised by the state government at Acharya Nagarjuna University in Guntur.

Dr Ramudu received the award from Andhra Pradesh Biodiversity Board Chairman Nilayapalpu Vijay Kumar and Executive Director of Forests and Environment Nandini Salaria.

Principal Dr Illa Ravi said Dr Ramudu has been actively creating awareness on biodiversity conservation through seminars, workshops and academic lectures. His initiatives



Dr J Ramudu receiving the Best Individual Biodiversity Conservator Award-2026 in Guntur

have helped students and the public better understand the importance of protecting biodiversity and conserving natural resources.

He added that Dr Ramudu is presently undertaking a research project on the status of Orchidaceae family plant species in the Eastern Ghats of the state and methods for their conservation. Faculty members, students and non-teaching staff of the college congratulated Dr Ramudu on receiving the honour.

Govt aiming for clean Godavari Pushkaralu, says Durgesh

- Tourism minister says the govt is committed to conducting the upcoming Godavari Pushkaralu in a completely pollution-free environment
- By CM Pawan Kalyan will inspect ghats from Pushkar Ghat to Kotilingala revu and review pollution-clearance measures in the Nalla channel during his Rajamahendravaram visit on May 25

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RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM

TOURISM, culture and cinematography minister Kandula Durgesh said the state government aims to conduct the upcoming Godavari Pushkaralu in a completely pollution-free environment.

On Saturday, the minister, along with district collector Kirti Chekuri, joint collector Y Megha Swaroop, district SP D Narasimha Kishore and municipal commissioner Rahul Meena, inspected Pushkar Ghat to review arrangements ahead of Deputy Chief Minister Konidela Pawan Kalyan's visit.



Tourism minister Kandula Durgesh reviewing arrangements for the Deputy CM's visit in Rajamahendravaram on Saturday

Speaking to the media, Durgesh said senior officials reviewed preparations for the Deputy Chief Minister's visit to Rajamahendravaram on May 25. He said Pawan Kalyan is laying special focus to pollution control in the Godavari basin and measures needed for the smooth conduct of the Pushkaralu.

The Deputy Chief Minister is scheduled to arrive in Rajamahendravaram on Sunday night. On Monday morning, he will travel by boat from Pushkar Ghat to Kotilingala revu to inspect various ghats. He will also review measures to clear pollution and clean the Nalla channel.

A review meeting on Godavari Pushkaralu arrangements will later be held at the Rajamahendravaram Municipal Corporation office under the chairmanship of the district collector.

Durgesh said that although the Godavari is a sacred river, it is facing a serious pollution problem. He said timely action and proper planning could help ensure clean and hygienic Pushkaralu for pilgrims.

The minister directed all departments to make effective use of the coming year, work in coordination and prepare a comprehensive action plan for pollution-free Pushkaralu. Senior officials from various departments participated in the inspection.

AP fast-tracks electric bus push across 11 cities

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ANDHRA Pradesh is stepping up efforts to strengthen electric mobility infrastructure under the Centre's PM e-Bus Sewa Scheme, with the state aiming to emerge as a model for green public transportation, according to special chief secretary to the Chief Minister K Vijayanand.

Chairing a virtual review meeting at Vidyt Soudha here on Saturday, along with APSRTC in-charge vice-chairman and managing director M T Krishna Babu, Vijayanand reviewed progress in electricity infrastructure and charging facilities being developed for electric buses under the scheme.

He said the initiative would significantly improve sustainable urban transport systems while supporting environmental protection and modernising public transport in the state. The government led by Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu is according priority to green mobility and clean energy initiatives, he added.

Under Tender-II of the PM e-Bus Sewa Scheme, the Union ministry of housing and urban affairs has sanctioned 750 electric buses for Andhra Pradesh, covering 11 cities and 12 depots. Tirupati has also received a special al-

location of 300 electric buses under CESL Tender-III.

Of the 750 buses, 621 are 12-metre buses and 129 are 9-metre buses. They will operate in Visakhapatnam, Vijayawada, Guntur, Nellore, Kurnool, Kakinada, Rajamahendravaram, Kadapa, Amaravati, Tirupati and Anantapur.

Vijayanand said the government is simultaneously creating Behind-the-Meter (BTM) charging infrastructure through depots to ensure uninterrupted bus operations. The Central Sanctioning and Steering Committee approved financial assistance of Rs 79.98 crore against a total project cost of Rs 89.99 crore for high-tension power connectivity, charging stations and electrical infrastructure works.

He said substantial progress had been made in co-ordination with APTransco and discoms, while the Centre released Rs 17.86 crore for BTM infrastructure development in Simhapuri, Gajuwaka, Kakinada, Kurnool and Anantapur regions. The tender process for low-tension infrastructure at all 12 depots has been completed and Letters of Acceptance were issued on May 5. Krishna Babu directed officials to speed up pending electrical works to ensure timely completion of the project.

MLA flags off 'Operation Clean Sweep' drive

ONGOLE: District collector P Raja Babu and Santhanuthalapadu MLA BN Vijay Kumar launched the 'Operation Clean Sweep' programme at the Prakasam Collectorate here on Saturday. The drive is part of the government's initiative, 'One State One Sanitation Goal.' The four-week programme started on Saturday. The first week will focus on clearing garbage from red spots and yellow spots. The second week will cover drains and drainage systems. The third week will address residential and commercial areas.

The fourth week will target public toilets and government offices. The Collector and the MLA swept the road from the Collectorate to the Nellore Bus Stand center. The Collector



Prakasam collector P Raja Babu, MLA BN Vijay Kumar and others cleaning roads in Ongole on Saturday

also spoke to street vendors and residents near the bus stand about the importance of keeping the surroundings clean.