

Kurnool health wing launches direct toll-free line to fight female foeticide

- Citizens can report unauthorized ultrasound scans and illegal gender tracking on the dedicated toll-free line 1800 233 2447, with absolute informant identity protection
- The district health wing warned that diagnostic labs, technicians, or individuals advertising sex-selection services will be prosecuted under the PCPNDT Act, 1994



DMHO Dr Y Kameshwar Prasad speaking to the media in Kurnool on Tuesday

Natal Diagnostic Techniques (PCPNDT) Act. Speaking to the media, he said that the initiative aims to strengthen enforcement of laws prohibiting illegal sex determination and sex-selective practices.

He emphasized that public participation is crucial for the effective implementation of the PCPNDT Act, 1994, which is designed to prevent gender-based discrimination before birth.

He reiterated that the government remains firmly committed to protecting women's rights and eliminating gender bias in society. He stated that any form of prenatal sex determination, advertisement of such services, or promotion of sex selection is strictly illegal under the law.

Such practices not only violate legal provisions but also contribute to disturbing the natural sex ratio and reinforcing harmful social inequalities.

He further warned against illegal activities such as unauthorized ultrasound or diagnostic centers conducting sex determination tests, promotional advertisements encouraging gender selection, and any other related unlawful practices.

Citizens have been urged to immediately report such violations through the toll-free helpline. He added that the identity of informants will be kept strictly confidential, and all complaints will be thoroughly investigated by the concerned authorities, followed by appropriate legal action against offenders.

Calling for collective responsibility, the DMHO appealed to all sections of society—including women's groups, youth organizations, medical professionals, elected representatives, and the general public—to support the strict implementation of the PCPNDT Act.

High-profile NDA conclave marks two years of coalition rule in AP

- Health Minister and BC Welfare Minister credit the governance milestone to the coordinated roadmap of Chief Minister Naidu and Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan
- Police Parade Ground saw a powerful show of solidarity, drawing regional heavyweights including Hindupur MP BK Parthasarathi and several district MLAs
- Collector A Shyam Prasad reveals that Sri Sathya Sai district has secured enhanced funding under the Rayalaseema Horticulture Hub initiative to expand commercial fruit and mulberry farming
- Highlighting infrastructural milestones, the administration confirmed the active construction of 450 kilometers of cement concrete (CC) roads and 100 kilometers of bituminous (BT) blacktop road



Ministers, public representatives and officials join beneficiaries during a programme marking two years of the coalition government's tenure at the Police Parade Ground in Puttaparthi on Tuesday

HANS NEWS SERVICE PUTTAPARTHI

the Police Parade Ground in Puttaparthi on Tuesday.

TO commemorate the successful completion of two years of the NDA coalition government in Andhra Pradesh, a massive state-backed public meeting titled "Yella Nammakam" was celebrated with grandeur at

The event drew a galaxy of top political figures, including Medical and Health Minister Satya Kumar Yadav, BC Welfare Minister Savitha, Hindupur MP BK Parthasarathi, and MLAs Palle Sindhura Reddy (Puttaparthi), Kandikunta Ven-

kata Prasad (Kadiri), Paritala Sunitha (Raphthadu), and MS Raju (Madakasira), alongside senior leaders Paritala Sriram and former minister Palle Raghunatha Reddy.

Addressing the sea of beneficiaries and party workers, Minister Satya Kumar Yadav asserted that the administration had successfully fulfilled its core electoral mandates and restored public confidence under the combined

leadership of Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan. Minister Savitha added that the last two years signaled a complete structural overhaul in public grievance redressal, ensuring a secure environment free of law-and-order breaches.

Detailing district-specific achievements, Sri Sathya Sai District Collector A Shyam Prasad and Joint Collector Mourya Bharadwaj high-

lighted that the region has been structurally integrated into the Rayalaseema Horticulture Hub project to aggressively expand sericulture and fruit plantation.

On the infrastructure front, the Collector announced the completion of 450 kilometers of cement concrete (CC) roads and nearly 100 kilometers of bituminous (BT) blacktop highways across the district's rural sectors.

NDA partners convene for mega 'two years of progress' assembly



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MLA Palle Sindhura Reddy and former minister Dr Palle Raghunatha Reddy anchored a massive victory celebration at the district headquarters on Tuesday, marking two years of alliance rule.

The mega rally featured top NDA leaders, including Ministers Satya Kumar Yadav

and Savitha, MP Parthasarathi, District BJP President Sekhar, and Janasena leader Umesh. Speakers criticized the previous regime's destructive policies and highlighted the state's transition toward sustainable growth.

District Collector Shyam Prasad and several regional MLAs attended the event, which showcased strong tri-party coordination.

Hundreds join MLA Sunitha for mass yoga session

HANS NEWS SERVICE RAMAGIRI

EMPHASIZING that daily physical wellness is the only effective antidote to the pressures of modern life, Raphthadu MLA Paritala Sunitha on Tuesday called upon citizens across all age groups to make yoga an permanent, integral part of their morning routines.

She made the remarks while participating as the chief guest at the special "Yoga-2026" programme, organized ahead of the 12th International Day of Yoga at the scenic premises of the Sri Tirumala Devara Venkateswara Swamy Temple near Nasanakota in Ramagiri mandal.

The wellness campaign



Participants, including Raphthadu MLA Paritala Sunitha, performing yoga during the International Day of Yoga programme at the Sri Tirumala Devara Venkateswara Swamy Temple near Nasanakota in Ramagiri mandal on Tuesday

witnessed strong voluntary attendance, with local Telugu Desam Party (TDP) cadre, mandal revenue officials, and hundreds of rural residents joining the mass session.

Setting a personal ex-

ample, the MLA rolled out a mat and performed a series of synchronized asanas alongside the participants.

Addressing the congregation, Sunitha noted that modern lifestyles have become increasingly mechan-

ical, leaving individuals vulnerable to severe physical exhaustion and emotional stress.

She stated that regular, uninterrupted yoga practice serves a dual purpose—optimizing physical stamina while restoring mental peace and emotional equilibrium.

The legislator lamented that neglecting physical health under the pretext of busy work hours is directly causing chronic lifestyle disorders among the youth.

Observing that the Union and State governments are heavily backing the wellness movement, she appealed to families to transform yoga into a daily household habit to build a healthier, more vibrant society.

TC Varun inducted in powerful 14-member state joining committee



HANS NEWS SERVICE ANANTAPUR

THE political stature of Janasena Anantapur District President and AHUDA Chairman TC Varun continues to rise, with his appointment to the party's newly constituted State Joining Committee. Formed under the absolute direction of Janasena chief and Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan, the

14-member panel is tasked with inviting prominent opposition leaders, academicians, and social activists into the party.

Varun's inclusion in this elite state-level body is seen as a reward for his organizational efficiency.

Party cadre across the combined district celebrated the decision, predicting a wave of fresh inductions.

Anantapur administration unveils massive prosthetic support drive

HANS NEWS SERVICE ANANTAPUR

IN a major humanitarian boost for persons with disabilities across the Rayalaseema region, District Collector and Magistrate O Anand launched "Project Cheyutha"—a specialized initiative to distribute advanced, functional LN-4 prosthetic hands to lower-income amputees completely free of cost.

The launch took place at the Police Parade Ground on Tuesday, where the official poster was unveiled during a "Divyang" thematic wellness session. The mega-project is a collaborative venture executed by Rotary District



Collector O Anand and Joint Collector C Vishnu Charan unveil the "Project Cheyutha" poster during the launch of the free prosthetic hand distribution initiative at the Police Parade Ground in Anantapur on Tuesday

3150, the global LN-4 Hand Project, and the Andhra Pradesh State Branch of the Indian Red Cross Society.

According to the official layout, a series of specialized fitting camps have been scheduled across the state. The drive will hit Guntur on August 2, Vizianagaram on

August 16, and culminate with a mega-camp in Anantapur on August 30, 2026. The programme caters to individuals aged four and older who have lost an upper limb below the shoulder, provided they maintain a residual limb length of at least four inches to anchor the device.

Anantapur MP attends dinner hosted by WB CM Suwendu Adhikari

ANANTAPUR : MP Ambika Lakshminarayana attended a formal dinner hosted by West Bengal Chief Minister Suwendu Adhikari at his official residence, alongside members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee.

During the visit, the Anantapur lawmaker congratulated Adhikari on making history as the first BJP Chief Minister of West Bengal. The Chief Minister greeted the parliamentarians individually, holding warm bilateral discussions on governance and presenting them with mementos.



Kalyandurg urban forest park set to open soon



HANS NEWS SERVICE KALYANDURG

COLLECTOR O Anand and MLA Amilineni Suresh Babu on Tuesday inspected the upcoming Urban Forest Park near Kalyandurg town to review its final readiness.

The officials visited the bird aviaries, children's parks, and the 'Hill View Point.' Collector Anand di-

rected forest authorities to submit expenditure sheets for two eco-cottages under the 'Jee Ram Jee' scheme in July.

MLA Suresh Babu added that the government will be asked to develop separate tourist resorts on-site and confirmed that Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan will be approached to formally inaugurate the ecotourism spot.

Kovur MLA slams Amarnath over remarks against HM Anitha



Kovur MLA Vemireddy Prashanthi Reddy addressing a media conference at her camp office in Nellore city on Tuesday

HANS NEWS SERVICE NELLORE

STRONGLY condemning the growing trend of misogyny in political discourse, Kovur MLA Vemireddy Prashanthi Reddy on Tuesday slammed former YSRCP Minister Gudivada Amarnath for his highly objectionable comments targeting State Home Minister Vangalapudi Anitha.

Addressing a press conference at her camp office in Nellore, Prashanthi Reddy stated that turning political opposition into personal mockery regarding a woman's appearance, attire, or makeup is a shameful low.

She emphasized that robust political debates must remain strictly centered around policy decisions, public welfare, and institutional governance.

The legislator highlighted that Home Minister Vangalapudi Anitha is a self-made leader who rose from

a modest background, beginning her career as a school teacher before rising to head the state's law and order wing through sheer merit.

She noted that launching personal tirades against a Dalit woman leader who achieved success through grit sends a dangerous, regressive signal to society.

Prashanthi Reddy underscored that both Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu are actively driving women's political integration by championing the 33% legislative reservation. She warned that attempts by political rivals to belittle women in public life would completely fail. Reminding opposition leaders that everyone has mothers, wives, and sisters in their households, she urged politicians to maintain absolute restraint and respect to ensure more women feel safe entering the democratic mainstream.

Kurnool fast-tracks massive preparations for Int'l Yoga Day

- SETKUR CEO announces that registration targets of 5.50 lakh citizens have been successfully locked in across the district ahead of International Yoga Day on June 21
- Following state directives, the administration has structured dedicated wellness sessions, including a mega-event for 1,000 municipal sanitation workers at the SCP Grounds on June 18
- As part of a unique tourism push, the district has already completed scenic mass-yoga sessions at iconic sites including Kondareddy Buruju, Orvakal Rock Garden, and the Jagannatha Gattu temple temple-lands
- Multi-tier competitive qualifiers have wrapped up from the village to the mandal level, with top regional yoga practitioners being actively forwarded to represent Kurnool in the upcoming state-level finals

HANS NEWS SERVICE KURNOL

EXTENSIVE arrangements are underway in Kurnool district to celebrate International Yoga Day in a

grand manner, with a target of mobilising 5.50 lakh participants for the 'Yoga Andhra' programme, said SETKUR CEO Venugopal on Tuesday.

A special Yoga Andhra

Aims to mobilize 5.50 lakh citizens



Setkur CEO Venugopal participating in the Yoga Andhra programme organized at Kurnool on Tuesday

programme was organised on Tuesday at the premises of Sri Rupala Sangameswara Swamy temple located near Jagannatha Gattu on the outskirts of Kurnool.

Addressing the event, SETKUR CEO Venugopal said that all preparations

have been completed to celebrate International Yoga Day on June 21 across the district on a massive scale. He noted that registration for participation has already been completed, targeting 5.50 lakh people across the district.

He further stated that

11,500 master trainers have been specially trained and are currently imparting yoga training across various regions of the district.

As part of tourism-oriented yoga activities, sessions have been successfully conducted with around 800 participants at prominent tourist locations such as Rock Garden and Kondareddy Buruju in Kurnool city.

Yoga programmes are also being organised at major temples including Yaganti, Mantralayam, Peravali, Kalvabugga, and Jagannatha Gattu under the supervision of the Endowments Department Assistant Commissioner.

Highlighting the coordination among departments, he said a special yoga programme with around 1,000 sanitation workers will be conducted on June 18 at the SCP Grounds as per state

government instructions.

He attributed the successful implementation of Yoga Andhra initiatives in the district to the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the leadership of Nara Chandrababu Naidu, and the directions of the District Collector.

Officials from all departments, from village to district level, are working in coordination to ensure the success of the programme.

He added that various yoga competitions were conducted at village, panchayat, mandal, and district levels, and district-level winners are being sent to state-level competitions.

The event concluded with expressions of gratitude to all officials and staff who contributed to the successful organisation of the programme at the spiritually serene Jagannatha Gattu environment.