



Students and staff gather at the MJP AP BC Welfare Residential School for Girls in Nasanakota

Nasanakota MJP School upgraded to Inter level; MPC, BiPC admissions open

- Thanks to repeated representations by Raptadu MLA Paritala Sunitha, the state government issued GO No 6 upgrading the residential school, ensuring rural girls in the backward Ramagiri mandal no longer drop out after Class X
- The institution has launched first-year admissions with 40 seats each in MPC and BiPC streams.
- The long-standing demand of the region has been fulfilled, allowing rural girl students to pursue higher secondary education safely within their vicinity
- MLA Paritala Sunitha extended gratitude to Chief Minister Naidu, Education Minister Nara Lokesh, and BC Welfare Minister Savitha for fast-tracking the sanction

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IN a major boost to rural girl child education, the Andhra Pradesh Government has officially upgraded the Mahatma Jyotiba Phule (MJP) AP BC Welfare Residential School for Girls in Nasanakota to the Intermediate level.

The decision will allow students from the backward Ramagiri mandal to pursue higher secondary education locally starting this current academic year.

The development follows persistent efforts by Raptadu MLA Paritala Sunitha, who had repeatedly pushed the state government to address the lack of local post-secondary options for rural girls.

Following her representations, the government issued GO No 6, formally sanctioning the upgrade.

Previously, local girls had access to institutional education only up to Class X, forcing many to discontinue their studies

due to the absence of nearby residential colleges.

As per the government order, first-year Intermediate classes will commence immediately. The institution is offering 40 seats each in the MPC (Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry) and BiPC (Biology, Physics, Chemistry) streams.

The application process rolled out on Wednesday, with eligibility set for students who secured 500 marks and above in their recent Class X board examinations.

Expressing her gratitude, MLA Paritala Sunitha thanked Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu, Education Minister Nara Lokesh, and BC Welfare Minister Savitha for approving the project.

She noted that the school's students have historically maintained excellent academic records and urged the teaching faculty to work towards establishing the upgraded institution as a model educational center in the district.

Kurnool techie among 12 killed in tragic US skydiving plane crash

- Sai Karthik Varma (26), a software engineer based in Kansas and the only son of a migrant family from Thumbiganur village, died when a small recreational aircraft suffered a technical fault and crashed on Sunday
- The family, originally from Bhimavaram before settling in Kurnool district three decades ago, was shattered by the devastating news, prompting local leaders and neighbors to rush to their home to offer condolences
- The small plane, which was ferrying skydiving enthusiasts to a jump location, burst into flames upon impact after an alleged technical failure, killing all 12 individuals on board
- Karthik was an alumnus of the University of Central Missouri, where he completed his higher education before securing a position as a software professional in Kansas



File photos of Sai Karthik

when the plane allegedly developed a technical fault and crashed.

The aircraft burst into flames after impact, killing all 12 people on board. The devastating news was conveyed to the family, confirming that Sai Karthik Varma was among the victims.

The sudden demise of their only son has left the family shattered. Relatives said Sai Karthik Varma had been supporting his parents while building a promising career in the United States, making the loss even more heartbreaking.

The tragic incident has sent shockwaves through Thumbiganur village, where neighbours, well-wishers, and local leaders have been expressing their sympathies and extending support to the grieving family.

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NEWS of a tragic plane crash that occurred in the United States on June 15 came to light on Wednesday, bringing grief to a family from Kurnool district in Andhra Pradesh. Sai Karthik Varma (26), son of Datla Subrahmanyam

Raju and Padmavathi of Thumbiganur village in Kosigi mandal, was among those killed in the accident.

The incident has cast a shadow of sorrow over the village, with local leaders and residents visiting the bereaved family to offer their condolences.

According to family members, Datla

Subrahmanyam Raju and Padmavathi are originally from Bhimavaram in coastal Andhra Pradesh.

Nearly three decades ago, the family migrated to Thumbiganur village in Kosigi mandal and settled there. Their only son, Sai Karthik Varma, moved to the United States to pursue higher education. He completed his

graduation at the University of Central Missouri and later secured a software engineering job, residing in the state of Kansas.

On Sunday, June 15, Sai Karthik Varma reportedly joined a recreational skydiving activity. He was travelling in a small aircraft carrying participants to the skydiving location

Student JAC demands fee regulation committee in State

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TERMINING the unchecked fee hikes by private and corporate educational institutions a form of financial exploitation, the Andhra Pradesh Student Joint Action Committee (JAC) on Wednesday urged the State Government to immediately set up a Fee Regulation Committee to protect parents. Addressing reporters at a press conference at the JAC district office in Ananta Nagar, Student JAC District President Amar Yadav expressed deep concern over the aggressive commercialization of education.

He highlighted that several corporate schools are demanding an astronomical ₹1 lakh to ₹1.5 lakh annually for fresh first-grade admissions alone, hiding the hikes under specialized programs, multi-media classrooms, and advanced curriculum tags. "Education cannot be allowed to turn into a pure commercial business. The state must step in to ensure that schooling remains affordable and equitable



Members of the Andhra Pradesh Student JAC addressing a press conference in Anantapur

across all socio-economic strata," Yadav said. He strongly advocated for Andhra Pradesh to introduce a dedicated, high-power Fee Regulation Committee modeled after the strict regulatory framework currently running in neighboring Tamil Nadu to oversee private school fee structures and penalize institutional irregularities. The student leader warned that the absence of structured state oversight has given corporate managements a free hand to pressure families. He demanded an immediate audit of non-transparent fee collections across the district. District JAC Secretary Velugu Prashanth, along with committee members Ravi, Govind, and Yashwanth, were present at the briefing.



Collector O Anand and RDT AF-EC Director Dr YV Malla Reddy, and officials inspect climate-resilient farming demonstrations, agricultural exhibits and natural farming stalls during a farmers' conference on World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought in Anantapur on Wednesday

Action Fraterna conclave maps out climate-resilient blueprint for 500 farmers

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ASSERTING that the district holds the unique potential to establish itself as a pioneering national benchmark for sustainable agriculture, District Collector O Anand on Wednesday announced a massive expansion drive to scale natural farming across two lakh acres by next year.

He was addressing a large congregation of nearly 500 farmers and agri-experts at a conference organized by the Action Fraterna-Ecology Centre (AF-EC) to mark the World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought 2026.

The Collector noted that eco-friendly farming is currently thriving on 85,000 acres in the district. To insulate the region from recurring drought, the administration has locked a target to execute the Pre-Monsoon Dry Sowing (PMDS) program across two lakh acres during the ongoing Kharif cycle,

alongside reclaiming 35,000 acres of unused fallow land.

AF-EC Director Dr YV Malla Reddy emphasized that rapidly shifting monsoon timelines necessitate a total transition to climate-resilient farming, which his center has successfully implemented across 12 pilot villages.

Adding an agro-forestry dimension to the drive, Conservator of Forests R Yashodabai announced that the department is ready with 10 lakh specialized saplings for distribution starting July 1.

She urged farmers to plant neem and pongamia varieties, which serve as foundational raw materials for home-brewed bio-fertilizers. Accompanied by top line-department heads including District Agriculture Officer N Salu Reddy and District Horticulture Officer Umadevi, the Collector toured the specialized exhibition stalls demonstrating seed-ball production and water-harvesting machinery.

YSRCP cry foul over 'flawed' voter list revision

KADAPA: The YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) has alleged that the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls across Andhra Pradesh lacks basic transparency and is being systematically manipulated to purge opposition party supporters from voter lists.

Addressing the media here on Wednesday, former deputy chief minister Amjad Basha and former MLA S Raghurami Reddy stated that the entire revision exercise is riddled with errors and is disproportionately targeting regions where the YSRCP commands a significant base.

The opposition leaders strongly questioned the reliability of using the 2002 voter list as a baseline reference, pointing out that it

contains severe omissions and inconsistencies.

To substantiate their claims, they revealed that names of several long-term residents—including members of their own families and villages—were completely missing from the rolls despite living at the same addresses for decades.

Raghurami Reddy further noted that missing door numbers on the reference lists have created severe complications during fieldwork.

He alleged that Booth Level Officers (BLOs) are failing to conduct comprehensive door-to-door verifications and that the personnel deployed lack the technical knowledge to fill out the required documentation accurately.

Collector opens Aadhaar enrolment centre; warns against docs forgery

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TO eliminate long-distance travel for identity verification services, District Collector O Anand on Wednesday inaugurated a newly established Aadhaar Enrolment Centre in Anantapur city.

The facility is located at the PR Residency building, situated beside Chandra Hospital behind the local RTC Bus Stand.

Addressing the gathering, the Collector emphasized that the primary motive behind this urban facility is providing seamless, citizen-friendly services to vulnerable demographics, including senior citizens, rural folk, and students. He announced that



Collector O Anand inaugurating the newly established Aadhaar Enrolment Centre in Anantapur on Wednesday

the centre brings top-tier biometric and data management services—previously restricted to major cities like Vijayawada, Visakhapatnam, and Kakinada—directly to Anantapur residents.

The complex features dedicated counters for

fresh enrolments, mobile number linkage, address modifications, and biometric updates.

Issuing a stern policy directive, Collector Anand warned against any attempts to secure registrations through fraudulent methods or falsified certificates.

He ordered the center's executives to instantly report document forgery to his office, reiterating that individuals involved in fabricating applications would face severe legal prosecution.

The facility will function from 9:30 AM to 5:30 PM on all working days, remaining open year-round except on public festival holidays.

During his inaugural tour, the Collector inspected the token distribution counters and reviewed operational workflows by initiating his own data-update sequence. The event was attended by UIDAI Supervising Officer Javed, Regional Manager Mahadev, Operations Manager Prasad, and local Tahsildar Raja.

Kurnool gears up for June 28 national pulse polio drive

- Health teams will launch intense door-to-door tracking operations on Monday and Tuesday to vaccinate any children under five who miss the primary booth phase on Sunday
- To maximize coverage for moving populations, dedicated vaccination booths will be set up at all local Anganwadi centers and schools, alongside special mobile units at bus terminals and railway stations
- Immunization Officer and Public Health Officer confirm that the June 28 drive targets all children from newborns up to five years of age
- The specialized briefing session trained urban secretariat health workers, medical officers from all urban primary health centers (UPHCs), and field supervisors to execute the campaign

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A training programme on the Pulse Polio vaccination campaign was held on Wednesday at the New Lecture Gallery Auditorium in the Kurnool Medical College premises.

The session was organized

for urban ward health workers of Kurnool town as part of the preparations for the upcoming National Pulse Polio Programme.

Speaking on the occasion, Immunization Officer Dr Uma emphasized the importance of ensuring the success of the upcoming nationwide

Urban health workers trained at KMC auditorium



Immunization Officer Dr Uma addressing ward health workers on pulse polio vaccination campaign on Wednesday

Pulse Polio drive scheduled for June 28.

She stated that all eligible children must be administered polio drops without fail. She also highlighted that arrangements have been made to set up vaccination booths in Anganwadi

centres, schools, as well as special mobile vaccination units at key public locations such as bus stands and railway stations to ensure wider coverage.

Public Health Officer Dr Raghu also addressed the participants and appealed for full participation in the

campaign.

He urged that all children from newborns up to five years of age must be administered two drops of polio vaccine during the programme scheduled on the 28th.

He further stated that for children who miss

vaccination on Sunday, health teams will conduct door-to-door visits on Monday and Tuesday to ensure complete coverage. He stressed that the initiative is crucial for safeguarding the bright future of children and achieving 100 percent immunization targets.

The programme also included detailed instructions on the administration of polio drops and necessary precautions to be taken during the vaccination process.

Medical officers from urban primary health centres, secretariat health workers, field supervisors Shiva, Paul, and Mohan, along with projectionist Khaleel, participated in the training session.

Officials reiterated their commitment to making the Pulse Polio campaign a complete success in the district.

Medicover completes over 400 cardiothoracic surgeries

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Dr S Vigna Charan announced that the Department of Cardiothoracic & Vascular Surgery at Medicover Hospitals, Nellore — which provides advanced medical care for complex heart, lung and chest-related conditions — has successfully performed over 400 cardiothoracic surgeries with a success rate of 99.5%.



Briefing the media here on Wednesday, he said that these surgeries included Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting (CABG), heart valve replacement, minimally invasive cardiac surgeries, and procedures for congenital heart defects.

He attributed these achievements to the availability of modern technology, a dedicated Cardiac ICU, and a team of experienced doctors. Center Head Lavanya was also present.