

Value addition key to boosting coconut farmers' income

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- Principal Secretary (Food Processing) Chiranjeevi Chowdary takes part in the seminar



Principal Secretary (Food Processing) Chiranjeevi Chowdary speaking at a state-level in Rajamahendravaram on Thursday

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PRINCIPAL Secretary (Food Processing) Chiranjeevi Chowdary said that coconut farmers' incomes could increase by 15 to 20% through value addition instead of selling raw produce alone. He stressed that products such as desiccated coconut powder, flakes, snacks, coconut milk, tender coconut water, coconut jaggery, coconut sugar, activated charcoal and bio-products offer significant business opportunities. Emphasising the need to strengthen coconut-based value addition and micro enterprises, the AP Food Processing Society, in association with the Coconut

Development Board and the Coir Board, organised a one day State-level seminar on coconut cultivation, productivity enhancement, and the promotion of coconut based industries at Manjeera Convention Hall here on Thursday.

Chiranjeevi Chowdary inaugurated the seminar by lighting the ceremonial lamp along with AP Food Processing Society CEO Dr Shekhar Babu Geddam and Coconut Development Board Deputy Director Dr Manjunatha Reddy. Addressing the gathering, Chowdary said agriculture and allied sectors contribute nearly 35% to the State's Gross Domestic Product. AP ranks fourth in the country in coconut cultivation and production while

securing the top position in productivity. More than one lakh hectares are under coconut cultivation in the State, producing nearly 175 crore coconuts annually.

He said the State government aims to facilitate the establishment of 100 to 125 coconut based micro enterprises during the current financial year. Interested entrepreneurs will receive subsidies, technical assistance and training under the PMFME, MIDH convergence and Coconut Development Board schemes.

He encouraged youth to take up agri-business and agri-tech ventures, stating that sustainable earnings of Rs 50,000 to Rs 70,000 a month are possible through rural enterprises.

Master plan draft to be ready by July 15

DURGA TEMPLE

- Endowments Department Commissioner K Ramachandra Mohan inspects the ongoing infrastructure works
- Reviews the progress of the new Laddu Potu and Annadanam Complex
- Questions officials over the slow pace despite repeated inspections



Endowments Commissioner K Ramachandra Mohan, Sri Durga Malleswara Swamy Varla Devasthanam Trust Board Chairman Borra Radhakrishna (Gandhi), and senior officials inspecting the ongoing construction works of the new Laddu Potu and Annadanam Complex at the Kanaka Durga Temple atop Indrakeeladri on Thursday

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REAFFIRMING the state government's commitment to the holistic development of Indrakeeladri, the sacred abode of Goddess Kanaka Durga, Endowments Department Commissioner K Ramachandra Mohan on Thursday said that every development initiative at the hill shrine is aimed at providing better amenities and a hassle-free pilgrimage experience for devotees. During an extensive inspection of the ongoing infrastructure works at the Sri Durga

Malleswara Swamy Varla Devasthanam, the Commissioner reviewed the progress of the new Laddu Potu (prasadam preparation unit) and Annadanam Complex in the presence of Temple Trust Board Chairman Borra Radhakrishna (Gandhi) and senior officials. Ramachandra Mohan expressed serious concern over the delays in executing the projects and directed the engineering

officials to complete both facilities before the start of Sravana Masam. This timeline is crucial to ensure that the new Laddu Potu can be utilised for prasadam preparation and the Annadanam Complex can be used for free meal distribution well in advance of the Dasara Navaratri celebrations. The Commissioner instructed officials to submit the draft Indrakeeladri Master Plan

by July 15, stating that the blueprint should address the temple's long-term infrastructure needs while ensuring improved crowd management and enhanced facilities for the ever-growing number of pilgrims. Reviewing the construction works, he questioned officials over the slow pace despite repeated inspections and warned that further delays would not be tolerated. He directed the

engineering teams to speed up the works by deploying manpower round-the-clock in multiple shifts and emphasised that there should be no compromise on construction quality or prudent utilisation of public funds. He also personally reviewed the flooring works and suggested suitable colour schemes for the new Laddu Potu building.

The commissioner also inspected the elevated queue complex and took serious exception to commercial establishments, including cool drink stalls and other shops, operating beneath the structure. He ordered their immediate removal, stating that the space was created exclusively for improving pilgrim movement and convenience. "Every inch of land on Indrakeeladri must be utilised solely for the benefit of devotees and not for commercial activities," he asserted. Deputy Executive Officer Kishore Babu, Executive Engineer Rama, Assistant Commissioner Rangarao and engineering officials accompanied the Commissioner during the inspection.

GANDHI COOPERATIVE URBAN BANK

Allegations politically motivated: Vemuri

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GANDHI Cooperative Urban Bank Chairman Vemuri Venkata Rao dismissed allegations levelled against the nearly century-old institution, describing them as "false, baseless and motivated." He said attempts to tarnish the bank's reputation for personal or political reasons were unfortunate, particularly when it was preparing to celebrate its centenary. Addressing a press conference at the bank's head office at Governorpet here on Thursday, along with members of the governing body, Venkata Rao said the bank, established in 1928, has earned the trust of customers through transparent administration and sound financial management. Clarifying the allegations, Venkata Rao said they were related to a loan recovery case in which a mortgaged property was auctioned for Rs 63.90 lakh after the borrower defaulted and failed to respond to repeated notices. After recovering the



Gandhi Cooperative Urban Bank Chairman Vemuri Venkata Rao addressing a press conference at the bank's head office in Vijayawada, along with members of the governing body on Thursday

bank's Rs 32 lakh dues, the balance amount was kept in a suspense account due to disputes among the legal heirs and was later distributed with accrued interest as per Cooperative Department guidelines. He said the complainant had already received his share but continued to level allegations despite official inquiries finding no irregularities.

Highlighting the bank's performance, Venkata Rao said it currently has Rs 698 crore in deposits and over Rs 513 crore in advances, while registering a net profit of Rs 9 crore during the current financial year. The bank has

also declared a 10% dividend for its members. He said the bank had reduced its Non-Performing Assets (NPAs) to zero by March this year in compliance with Reserve Bank of India guidelines. It has also introduced digital banking services and increased its loan limit from Rs 50 lakh to Rs 1.5- Rs 2 crore for eligible borrowers, he said. As part of its expansion plans, the bank would shift its Nuzvid and Hanuman Junction branches to new premises on July 10. Also, he said his bank would construct a new central office and branch at Patamata in Vijayawada.

Industrial Park



Collector Kirti Chekuri inspecting the proposed site

Collector inspects site at Yadavolu

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DISTRICT collector Kirti Chekuri on Thursday conducted a field inspection at Yadavolu village in Devarapalli mandal as part of the process of identifying and allocating land to the AP Industrial Infrastructure Corporation (APIIC) for the proposed Industrial Park. Accompanied by Kovvur Revenue Divisional Officer K Ananda Rao and officials from the Revenue, Survey and other departments, the collector examined the proposed land parcels and reviewed key aspects, including the nature and extent of the land, road connectivity, availability of infrastructure and

the suitability of the site for industrial development. Speaking on the occasion, Kirti Chekuri said the State government was giving high priority to industrial development in the district.

She said that the proposed Industrial Park would create employment opportunities for local youth while contributing to the region's economic growth. She directed officials to expedite the processes related to land allocation, preparation of technical reports, and the verification of revenue records. She said all aspects would be examined in accordance with government norms before taking further steps for establishing the Industrial Park.

Kashmiri food festival on July 12

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NOVOTEL Vijayawada Varun is set to present the authentic flavours of Kashmir through a special one-day Kashmiri Food Festival Brunch at Food Exchange on Sunday. The event marks the fifth edition of the hotel's Lost Cuisine - Culinary Journey series, showcasing the rich culinary heritage of the Kashmir Valley.

The specially curated menu features traditional delicacies such as Nadru Yakhni, Kashmiri Rajma Dal, Maaz Shah Jeera Kebab, Kashmiri Mutton Rogan Josh, Kesar Phirni, and Shufta, prepared using authentic ingredients and time-honoured recipes. Hotel Manager Manish Pathak said the festival aims to introduce guests to the distinctive tastes and culinary traditions of Kashmir while offering an immersive dining experience.

The exclusive brunch provides food enthu-



siasts in Vijayawada with a unique opportunity to savour the aromatic spices, slow-cooked delicacies, and

centuries-old recipes that define Kashmiri cuisine in the elegant ambience of Food Exchange.

Open pickleball tourney brochure released

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THE brochure for the Open Pickleball Tournament, to be held on July 25th and 26th at newly constructed Vibe Pickleball

Court in Muthyala Reddy Nagar, was unveiled by Rajya Sabha MP Bhashyam Ramakrishna. The tournament is being organised by Vibe Pickleball Court, Guntur, in association with the Andhra Pradesh Pickleball Association.

Speaking on the occasion, Ramakrishna noted that pickleball has been gaining significant popularity in recent times, and said that organising such tournaments would go a long way in fostering the spirit of sportsmanship among the youth.

A Harish, founder of Vibe Pickleball Centre, also addressed the gathering, stating that these tournaments are being conducted to promote the growth of pickleball and to nurture sporting spirit among young players. Secretary of the District Pickleball Association GVS Prasad, coaches Ankala Subba Rao, K Arun Kumar and Anand Kumar were present.

CPM alleges sharp rise in power burden

- CPM State Secretariat member Ch Babu Rao alleges that the govt's two-year power sector progress report contained "misleading claims" and "half-truths."
- Electricity consumers paid nearly Rs 21,885 crore through true-up and adjustment charges during the last two years



CPM State Secretariat member Ch Babu Rao, along with State committee member D Kashinath, addressing a press conference while displaying details of the alleged hike in true-up and adjustment charges at the party office in Vijayawada on Thursday

CPM State Secretariat member Ch Babu Rao accused the coalition government of imposing a heavy financial burden on electricity consumers despite claiming that power tariffs had not been increased. Addressing a press conference at the CPM office here on Thursday, along

with State committee member D Kashinath, Babu Rao alleged that the government's two-year power sector progress report contained "misleading claims" and "half-truths." He claimed that while the government says electricity tariffs have remained unchanged or even

been reduced, consumers have been paying additional amounts through adjustment charges ranging from 62 paise to Rs 1.88 per unit over the past 24 months. According to Babu Rao, electricity consumers have paid nearly Rs 21,885 crore through true-up and

adjustment charges during the last two years. He alleged that the collections included Rs 6,072 crore for 2022-23, Rs 9,412 crore for 2023-24, Rs 1,400 crore relating to earlier years, besides around Rs 5,000 crore collected through an additional 40 paise per unit levy.

Questioning the government's claim that power purchase costs had declined from Rs 5.42 to Rs 4.90 per unit, he asked why the benefit had not been passed on to consumers. He also alleged that the government had delayed payment of more than Rs 13,000 crore in power subsidies to distribution companies. Babu Rao criticised the installation of smart electricity meters, alleging that the coalition government had abandoned its pre-election stand against the project. He demanded that the installation of smart meters be stopped and existing smart meters removed.

He also sought an inquiry into the solar power agreement involving Adani Group and the Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI), alleging that the government had failed to act despite corruption allegations. Kashinath said the CPM would continue its campaign against smart meters, adjustment charges and what it described as the growing burden of electricity costs on consumers.

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1	180446570719	Kakaraparthi Brahmaji Rao, S/o Malleswara Rao, Dharmavaram, Kovvurmandal, Rajahmundry, Andhra Pradesh 534340	21-11-2025 / 97,000.00 / 12.5 Grams
2	180446571648		21-11-2025 / 62,000.00 / 8 Grams
GUTALA [1341], West Godavari Dt, Ph : 83310 15652			
3	180450764565	Lingaju Posibabu, S/o. Krishna Murthy, 3 73, Polavaram Mandal, West Godavari, Gutala, Andhra Pradesh 534315.	12-12-2025 / 1,15,000.00 / 13.6 Grams
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