

# Jagan assures support to fisherman Kari Chinna

- Former Chief Minister talks to Chinna and enquires about the incident
- He assures the fisherman that the YSRCP will stand by the fishermen
- Party leaders from various constituencies offer moral support to Chinna

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FORMER chief minister and YSRCP president YS Jagan Mohan Reddy spoke to fisherman Kari Chinna, the lone survivor among the seven fishermen whose boat capsized in the sea, over phone and assured him that the YSRCP would stand by him and extend all possible support.

Chinna, who is undergoing treatment at a hospital in Visakhapatnam, explained the tragic incident to Jagan in detail, recalling



YSRCP president YS Jagan Mohan Reddy talking to Kari Chinna over the phone in the presence of the party leaders in Visakhapatnam on Thursday

the horrifying night at sea, how the fishermen struggled after the accident, how he managed to swim such a long distance and was finally rescued.

Seven fishermen who had gone into the sea for fishing were returning when their boat capsized. Of the seven fishermen,

six went missing, but Chinna survived.

Chinna told YS Jagan that the boat had been purchased by taking loans and that the family had now lost everything.

He requested support, stating that the boat, worth nearly Rs.50 lakh, had sunk, and he had received

no assistance despite surviving the accident and being hospitalised.

Offering comfort to Chinna, Jagan said he would visit Visakhapatnam if required.

Jagan criticised the government for failing to provide compensation for the lost boat, pointing out

that when fishermen lose their boat, they also lose their livelihood.

He said the YSRCP would pressure the government to provide support and ensure justice is meted out to the affected families.

Meanwhile, the government provided compensation of Rs.10 lakh to each of the six missing fishermen's families.

However, the YSRCP leaders claimed that Chinna, who survived the tragedy and is undergoing treatment, was ignored.

Former Visakhapatnam South MLA Vasupalli Ganesh Kumar, YSRCP Visakhapatnam district president KK Raju, party Bheemunipatnam coordinator Majji Srinivasa Rao, Gajuwaka coordinator Tippala Devan Reddy, Visakhapatnam east constituency M Appa Rao, among others, raised concerns over Chinna's condition and assured him that they would continue to fight until justice is meted out.

# Bhanu Chandhar's miniature wind turbine sets a new record!

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WHEN Maheswaram Bhanu Chandhar began experimenting with a 3-mm-diameter wind turbine for power generation for the first time, he was not quite sure that he would end up designing the world's smallest wind turbine over a few attempts.

After trying his hands at a couple of working models, his 8-mm X 8-mm wind turbine eventually gained a place in the 'International Book of Records'.

Delighted over the achievement, Bhanu Chandhar says that a lot of groundwork went into making the miniature innovation. "I did the tiniest silent wind turbine in just three hours," says Bhanu Chandhar with excitement writ large on his face.

Serving as an Assistant Professor in the Electrical and Electronics Engineering (EEE) department at Sri Sivan College of Engineering, Chilakapalem in Srikakulam district, his miniature work earned him a place in the International Book of Records for creating the tiniest silent wind turbine.

Made of copper sheets integrated with a miniature DC motor and a dash of enamel paint, Bhanu Chandhar, who did Ph.D in electrical engineering after completing M. Tech (electrical engineering) and B.Tech (power engineering), says that the silent wind turbine, meant to hide from enemy's attention, could be incorporated for the border security project.

"I am planning to work on it next," he mentions. Although the International



Book of Records uploaded Bhanu Chandhar's feat on its official website last month, he will receive the record certificate in a few days.

Talking about his support system, he says, "I feel grateful to my parents Maheswaram Nagaraju and Santhamani and the college management I work for as they extended complete support in every aspect of my innovation."

For years, Bhanu Chandhar has been focusing on smart grids and renewable energy systems. "In future, I would like to do an extensive research on green energy and propagate the concepts among students," the Assistant Professor shares with 'The Hans India'. Bhanu Chandhar exudes confidence that his innovation will set a new standard in his career graph.

# Collaborative inspection carried out for AI-based traffic management 'SARTHI'

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CITY Commissioner of Police Shankhabrata Bagchi and Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation Commissioner Ketan Garg carried out a collaborative field inspection and discussed the implementation of project SARTHI (Systematic Augmented Radial Traffic & Hoop Induction), an Artificial Intelligence (AI)-based Integrated Traffic Management System (ITMS), aimed at making traffic management in Visakhapatnam.

During the inspection, GVMC Commissioner Ketan Garg, City Police Commissioner Shankhabrata Bagchi, and senior officials from GVMC and the City Police reviewed the technical aspects of Project SARTHI at the Police Command and Control Centre in Visakhapatnam.

Representatives of Keltron, the ITMS developer, gave a detailed presentation on the project design, AI-based traffic analytics, traffic



City Commissioner of Police Shankhabrata Bagchi briefing the details in Visakhapatnam on Thursday

management at major junctions, vehicle movement monitoring, signal optimisation, real-time traffic monitoring and other technological features.

Later, the GVMC Commissioner, the City Police Commissioner and senior officials conducted a joint field inspection at Maddilapalem junction to assess the proposed ITMS, evaluate traffic flow and junction management, and examine the practical implementation of AI-based traffic management solutions. The primary objectives of Project SARTHI are to reduce traffic congestion at major junctions across the city, eff-

iciently manage traffic signal timings based on real-time vehicular movement, provide priority passage for emergency service vehicles, enhance road safety and ensure faster, safer and uninterrupted transportation facilities for the public.

The GVMC Commissioner stated that GVMC and the Visakhapatnam City Police will work in close coordination to develop a state-of-the-art AI-based traffic management system tailored to the city's requirements.

He added that Project SARTHI would play a key role in transforming Visakhapatnam into a smarter and safer city.

# ECI officials inspect SIR process in Visakhapatnam

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SENIOR officials from the Election Commission of India (ECI) on Thursday inspected the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of the electoral rolls being undertaken across the district to assess the progress and transparency of the exercise.

Principal Secretary at the ECI Avinash Kumar conducted field visits to several polling stations and interacted with voters to verify the implementation of the SIR process.

The officials visited polling station No: 193 in the Visakhapatnam West assembly constituency, where they examined the electoral roll revision process.

They interacted with vot-

ers, reviewed the mapped electoral rolls in detail and clarified doubts raised by the locals.

Subsequently, they inspected the digitisation process at Visakhapatnam North assembly constituency and gathered feedback from local voters regarding the ongoing revision exercise.

The Election Commission team also visited polling stations 280 and 281 in the Bheemunipatnam constituency, where they reviewed the SIR exercise.

GVMC Commissioner Ketan Garg, RDOs Dilip Chakravarthi and Sangeet Madhur, Electoral Registration Officers (EROs) Gnavenavi and Madhusudhan, along with AEROs, accompanied the Commission officials during the inspection.



Election Commission of India officials visiting Visakhapatnam on Thursday

# 'World Population Day' posters and banners unveiled

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AS part of the 'World Population Day' programme to be held on July 11th, District Collector Vijaya Krishnan unveiled posters and banners here on Thursday.

Speaking on the occasion, Vijaya Krishnan directed medical and health department officers to organise rallies and awareness meetings at all Primary Health Centres (PHC) and Sub-Centre levels in the district from July 11th to 18th.

The Collector underlined that these programmes should be made successful with the slogan: 'Let's follow the right interval between children - Let's build a healthy and happy family'.

The Collector asked couples to be aware of family



Anakapalli District Collector Vijaya Krishnan and other officials at the poster launch event organised in Anakapalli on Thursday

planning methods and instructed officials to create awareness at the field level about safe methods available, including oral contraceptive pills, PPIUCD, among others.

A lucky dip programme will be organised for couples who have successfully adopted family planning methods.

The district administration will distribute cash prizes to them.

District Medical and Health Officer M. Haimavati, District Immunisation Officer Chandra Shekhar, district statistical officer Ramachandra Rao, and other health department officials and staff participated.

# SCoR mandates round-the-clock monitoring at flood-prone railway underpasses

- The GM meticulously verified the operational readiness of essential equipment, including diesel and electrical dewatering pumps, sump arrangements, natural drainage channels, CCTV surveillance, and covered pump sheds
- The inspection also covered the installation and status of cross-drainage facilities, safety chains, stop boards, and speed breakers aimed at protecting commuters
- Mathur directed officials to monitor weather forecasts closely and deploy field staff 24/7 at highly vulnerable spots during intense rainfall events

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GENERAL Manager of South Coast Railway Sandeep Mathur carried out a detailed inspection of Limited



General Manager of South Coast Railway Sandeep Mathur inspecting Limited Height Subways in Visakhapatnam on Thursday

Height Subways (LHSs) prone to water logging during the monsoon season in Visakhapatnam division here on Thursday.

The inspection was aimed at reviewing the preparedness of the railway officials to ensure public safety and effective management of water logging during heavy rainfall.

The General Manager was accompanied by Divisional Railway Manager of Visakhapatnam Division Lalit Bohra, Principal Chief Engineer BSK Rajkumar, senior officers from the zonal headquarters and from the Division.

During the inspection, the General Manager reviewed

the arrangements made at the vulnerable Limited Height Subways- between Pendurthi - Simhachalam north section and another one between Gopalapatnam - Visakhapatnam section.

The General Manager examined the preventive measures put in place to tackle water accumulation during periods of intense rainfall.

He reviewed the availability and operational readiness of diesel and electrical pumps, sump arrangements, natural drainage systems, CCTV surveillance, covered pump sheds, cross drainage facilities, safety chains, stop boards and speed breakers installed at the subways. Sandeep Mathur directed

the officers to maintain a high level of preparedness throughout the monsoon season and ensure that all dewatering equipment remains in serviceable condition at all times.

He emphasised that prompt action should be taken whenever water accumulation occurs so that the subways should be restored for safe public use.

The General Manager instructed officials to closely monitor weather forecasts, deploy field staff round the clock at vulnerable locations during heavy rains and ensure seamless coordination among engineering, electrical and operating departments for swift response.

# CITU demands committee report into VSP ladle blast incident

- CITU State President CH Narasingha Rao questions why the inquiry committee appointed by Union Steel Minister HD Kumaraswamy has not submitted its report even after a month since the tragic ladle blast that killed 10 workers

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CITU state president CH Narasingha Rao questioned why the inquiry committee appointed by Union Steel Minister HD Kumaraswamy has not submitted its report even after a month of the tragic ladle blast incident that occurred at Visakhapatnam Steel Plant (VSP) in which 10 workers lost their lives.

Addressing the media in Visakhapatnam on Thursday, Narasingha Rao mentioned that the probe conducted by the state factory department identified eight major safety lapses in the plant.

He alleged that in last



CITU state president CH Narasingha Rao addressing the gathering in Visakhapatnam on Thursday

January, the department pointed out 645 safety deficiencies and sought an explanation from the steel plant management, but no response was submitted within the stipulated 15-day period.

The CITU state president stated that 12 workers died in different accidents at the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant during 2025 and claimed that 37 cases related to safety violations of the steel plant management are currently pending before various courts.

Alleging gross negligence on the part of the management, the CITU state president demanded immediate arrest of the Chairman and Managing Director of the VSP.

Recalling the LG Poly-

mers gas leak tragedy in 2020, Narasingha Rao mentioned that 12 persons, including the company's South Korean director, were arrested and held accountable following the incident.

He questioned why Visakhapatnam Steel Plant management has not faced similar legal action despite

more serious industrial accidents happening at the plant. Speaking on the occasion, CITU state secretary RKSVM Kumar alleged that while each major department of the steel plant earlier had a dedicated safety officer, the entire plant is now functioning with only three safety officers in three shifts.

He said workers have been continuously raising concerns over inadequate safety measures and have brought the deficiencies to the notice of the Union Steel Minister. However, despite repeated representations, no corrective measures have been taken, while repeated accidents continue to recur at the plant.

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