

TTD's Srivari Vaidya Seva gets good response from doctors

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File photo of TTD executive officer M Ravichandra launching the dedicated IT application of Srivari Vaidya Seva in Tirupati

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TIRUMALA Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) has received an encouraging response from specialist doctors and other professionals across India and overseas for its newly launched Srivari Vaidya Seva programme, which aims to provide voluntary medical services to devotees.

The programme was introduced by TTD, inspired by the success of the Srivari Seva initiative and following the suggestions of Chief Minister N Chandrababu

Naidu to involve medical, veterinary and other professionals in voluntary service. TTD is currently implementing the programme on a three-month trial basis with a comprehensive action plan.

TTD joint executive officer Dr A Sarath said slot bookings opened on June 20 and 488 specialist doctors and experts from various fields have already registered. Specialist doctors are offered three-day service slots, while other doctors can serve for seven days. Those interested can also volunteer for one

month, six months or even a year. Service slots are being allotted by the respective department heads based on hospital requirements.

The Go Seva programme launched under Srivari Vaidya Seva has also received a positive response. Dr Sarath said all service slots for the first three batches have been filled, reflecting the confidence shown by volunteers. The veterinary specialists are providing advanced treatment for cows at the TTD Gosamrakshana Shala, including diagnosis, surgeries

and treatment of reproductive disorders.

So far, comprehensive health examinations have been conducted on 450 indigenous cows, and about 250 of them have been identified as having the potential for pregnancy. The experts have also guided goshala staff on proper feeding, nutrition, medical care, surgeries and daily management of the animals.

The veterinary team has treated several cows suffering from reproductive health problems. In one complex

case, surgeons successfully performed corrective surgery on a cow born with a combined birth and excretory passage, creating separate functional passages. Another cow, which was unable to walk due to a leg problem, underwent successful surgery. Dr Sarath said such complicated procedures were being carried out by experienced veterinary specialists.

Veterinary expert Dr G Padmanabhan said serving cows was equivalent to serving Lord Venkateswara. He described the week-long service as a unique spiritual experience and said the team had been carrying out treatments, surgeries and disease prevention measures effectively. JEO Sarath appealed to every doctor participating in Srivari Vaidya Seva to share their experience with colleagues and encourage more professionals to join the initiative. He said TTD would review suggestions received from volunteers during the three-month trial period and make necessary improvements before implementing the programme on a larger scale.

Teeparru charts AP's pushkaralu blueprint

- First village to launch zero-plastic, zero-flex and zero-pollution campaign ahead of Godavari Pushkaralu-2027
- Community-led initiative to be showcased to CM and Deputy CM for replication across Godavari basin
- River conservation, pilgrimage tourism and rural livelihoods woven into a single sustainable model

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AMARAVATI

ON the banks of the Vasishta Godavari, where plastic waste and political flex banners once dominated the riverfront, Teeparru has scripted a new chapter in Andhra Pradesh's preparations for Godavari Pushkaralu-2027. The West Godavari village has become the state's first 'Maa Godavari Pushkaralu Model Village', transforming Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan's 'Swachh Godavari-Pavitra Pushkaralu' vision from a government blueprint into a grassroots movement.

Unlike a conventional government programme, the initiative has been driven jointly by villagers, the Gram Panchayat, the State Tourism Department, the West Godavari district administration and Mahavatar Babaji TadEkam Foundation. More than 400 villagers gathered to take a collective pledge to protect the river—not merely during Pushkaralu but every day. Tourism minister Kandula Durgesh, who launched the initiative, described Teeparru as a village that had shown the government the way. Calling it a model worthy of replication, he said community participation was the key to

preserving the Godavari for future generations. The initiative directly echoes Pawan Kalyan's action plan announced in Rajamahendravaram in May, which envisages more than 260 model panchayats, elimination of untreated sewage entering the Godavari, continuous pollution monitoring and strict vigilance over industrial discharge before the 2027 Pushkaralu.

At the heart of Teeparru's transformation is a four-point commitment: treating the river as 'Maa Godavari', eliminating plastic, removing political and commercial flex banners from the village and ghats, and ensuring zero pollution. The campaign also promotes the philosophy of 'Seva Hi Snan', emphasising that protecting the river is the highest form of devotion.

The model goes beyond conservation. Teeparru is also developing tourism infrastructure, including selfie points overlooking the Godavari, kayaking facilities and leisure boating with refreshments and music, creating new livelihood opportunities while enhancing the pilgrim experience. The tourism department and district administration will now present the Teeparru model to Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan with a proposal to replicate it across the Godavari basin. TadEkam Foundation has already announced plans to extend the initiative to Mukkamala, Kundaleswaram, Mukteswaram and Kovvur, working with local bodies and government departments.

Targeted for completion by Sankranti-2027, months before Godavari Pushkaralu (June 26–July 7, 2027), Teeparru is expected to serve as Andhra Pradesh's pilot model for integrating river conservation, spiritual tourism, adventure activities and rural development into a single community-driven programme.

Deeply moved by warm welcome from Indian community in New Zealand: PM

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"The love and affection of the New Zealand's Indian community touched me deeply. They have waited four decades for the visit of an Indian Prime Minister and their extraordinary enthusiasm and warmth were visible today. Their bond with India remains unwavering." PM Modi arrived in Auckland Friday evening, local time, for the

third and final leg of his three-nation visit. In a special gesture, New Zealand Prime Minister Christopher Luxon received PM Modi at the airport. This marks the first official visit of an Indian Prime Minister to New Zealand in 40 years. The iconic Sky Tower in Auckland was illuminated in the Indian tricolour as a special gesture to mark Prime Minister Modi's visit to New Zealand.

One Nation, One Election rollout likely by '29: Panel

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He said that the committee has visited several states, including Gujarat, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhanda, Punjab, Haryana and Delhi, where it interacted with constitutional experts, civil society organisations, educationists and other stakeholders.

An overwhelming majority of those consulted have supported the idea of simultaneous elections, said the BJP MP from Pali

in Rajasthan.

"We have found that almost 99 per cent of stakeholders, particularly from civil society and various organisations, favour simultaneous elections. The effort now is to evolve a mechanism that is acceptable to all political parties," he said.

Asked about the timeline for implementation, he said the committee was examining various options, indicating that the reform could become operational by the

time the next general elections are due in 2029.

He said there is also a possibility of bringing some states into alignment before that if political parties and the chief ministers voluntarily agree to synchronise their electoral cycles.

Highlighting the economic rationale behind the proposal, Chaudhary cited findings placed before the high-level committee headed by former President of India Ram Nath Kovind.

E20 petrol may cut mileage by 5%: Govt

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India achieved 10 per cent ethanol blending in 2022, ahead of schedule, and reached 20 per cent blending during the 2025-26 ethanol supply year after investments in dedicated ethanol plants, storage and logistics, the ministry said. Addressing concerns over older vehicles, the ministry said E20 underwent extensive testing covering engine durability, fuel systems, material compatibility, corrosion resistance, drivability and emissions before its nationwide rollout. It cited feedback

from automobile manufacturers, including Maruti Suzuki and Hero MotoCorp, saying they had not reported E20-related corrosion, abnormal wear or component-life damage in vehicles serviced under real-world conditions.

The ministry also dismissed demands for petrol pumps to offer multiple fuel grades such as pure petrol, E10 and E20, saying maintaining parallel nationwide supply chains would increase logistics costs and complicate fuel distribution across India's network of more than 100,000 retail outlets.

Cabinet clears gold mine, mega industrial projects

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These include 60.29 acres at a price of Rs 15 lakhs per acre for the Adani Foundation to establish a skill, education, healthcare and medical education ecosystem in Visakhapatnam; 93.38 acres for Ecobox Industrial Asset IV Pvt. Ltd. to develop a logistics and light industrial park; 93.43 acres for Berry Alloys Ltd. to establish a Rs 1,200 crore integrated steel raw material project in Vizianagaram, and 34.02 acres for Akshat Greentech Pvt. Ltd. to set up a 3.5-GW solar cell manufacturing unit in Anakapalle with an investment of Rs 1,600 crore generating 750 jobs.

Incentive packages for Mondelez India to expand its Sri City chocolate manufacturing plant with an investment of Rs 1,801 crore, Avero Panels' Rs 1,137.58 crore integrated wood panel project in Kuppam, and SAF One India's Rs 1,356.22 crore sustainable

aviation fuel plant were also approved.

A major logistics boost came with approval for an Integrated Logistics Park at Satyavedu in Tirupati district. Spread over 63.01 acres, the Rs 255 crore project will include warehousing, industrial units, container yards, truck terminals and cold storage facilities, creating around 1,000 jobs.

The Cabinet also approved incentives for tourism projects, including an ITC Welcomhotel four-star hotel in Nellore, a three-star hotel and an integrated amusement park in Kadapa, a Sarovar Portico mixed-use hospitality project in Vijayawada, besides amending the Tourism Policy to facilitate promotion of concerts.

For Amaravati, the Cabinet approved fresh CRDA land allotments, amendments to Land Pooling Scheme Rules, doubled the monthly rehabilitation assistance for 634 displaced

families from Rs 5,000 to Rs 10,000, and cleared implementation of the agricultural loan waiver scheme for eligible farmers in seven Land Pooling Scheme villages.

In a major decision relating to public infrastructure, the Cabinet sanctioned 10 Multi-Village Drinking Water Schemes worth Rs 9,355 crore and 2,943 drinking water works costing Rs 1,811.81 crore to improve water supply in severely water-scarce habitations, subject to availability of Jal Jeevan Mission and other funds. The Cabinet also approved Rs 1,800 crore working capital support for AP MARKFED, establishment of an exclusive NIA Special Court at Visakhapatnam with state-wide jurisdiction, three Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Centres of Excellence for IIT-JEE and NEET coaching, increase in the government's equity in MARKFED, and several administrative and land-use approvals.

May be put behind bars or bumped off, says Hasina

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"They may arrest me on my return, they may even kill me," Sheikh Hasina told the news agency. "Still, I have to go." Expressing deep concern over the ongoing situation of her political supporters back home, the former Prime Minister emphasised her resolve to face the consequences on her home soil. "My party leaders and workers are being subjected to tremendous repression. If death comes, I want it to come on my own soil, where my parents are buried and where their blood was shed," she added. The high-stakes announcement follows a ruling by Bangladesh's International Crimes Tribunal, which sentenced her to death after convicting her of crimes against humanity.

Rajpal Yadav to go to jail as court upholds conviction

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The Court further ordered that the actor shall undergo three months' imprisonment in each of the seven cheque bounce cases, with all the sentences running concurrently. It also directed him to pay the fine imposed by the trial court, observing that failure to pay the fine would entail six months' imprisonment. The Court granted Yadav two months' time to either comply with the judgment or avail of legal remedies before the appropriate forum.

Modi lands in New Zealand on final leg of three-nation tour

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I will also be addressing a community programme tomorrow in Auckland," he said. In a post on X, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said, "This historic visit is set to strengthen bilateral ties and unlock new avenues of cooperation across several areas especially trade, defence, sports, culture, education, and people-to-people exchanges." Calling it as a "special welcome in Auckland", the MEA in another post on X said the iconic Sky Tower was illuminated to mark Modi's visit to New Zealand, "symbolising the friendship between our two countries." In his departure statement in New Delhi, the prime minister had said that his visit would "meaningfully build" upon the strong momentum in India-New Zealand ties pursuant to Luxon's visit to India in March 2025. Modi said his visit to Indonesia, Australia and New Zealand will further strengthen India's Act East Policy, MAHASAGAR Vision, as well as its outlook towards a free and open Indo-Pacific. During his two-day visit to New Zealand, he will hold talks with Luxon on ways to further enhance economic, trade and commercial engagements. He will also address the Indian diaspora at a community programme. Modi arrived in New Zealand after concluding a three-day visit to Australia, where he held summit talks with Prime Minister Anthony Albanese, and both leaders reinforced the vital role of the bilateral partnership in ensuring a peaceful Indo-Pacific. A major highlight of the summit talks between the two leaders was their focus on significantly ramping up defence ties, especially in the maritime domain.

An agreement on civil nuclear energy to facilitate the commercial supply of uranium from Australia to India to fuel New Delhi's nuclear power projects was sealed after over two years of negotiations. Modi was in Indonesia before that, where 14 agreements were inked to boost cooperation in critical minerals, maritime security and other key sectors.

Iran hatched fresh plot to kill Trump, Israel alerts US

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Concurrently, CNN, citing two sources familiar with the matter, reported that the warning referred to a specific alleged plot.

While the exact details of the purported plan remain unclear, CNN reported that US agencies had not independently verified the intelligence or been tracking the alleged plot before Israel's warning. According to CNN, some US officials believe the Israeli intelligence may also be part of a broader effort by Israel to influence Trump's decision on whether to inten-

sify American military action against Iran.

One source told the broadcaster that US intelligence has been monitoring a steady flow of threats against Trump in recent weeks, but described the Israeli warning as new because it referred to a specific alleged plan.

The White House declined to comment directly on the reported intelligence, referring both The Wall Street Journal and CNN to remarks Trump made on Wednesday while speaking to reporters in Ankara, Turkey.

Mystery strikes hit Iran after US ends attacks

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The attacks come as they and the US insist the Strait of Hormuz must be open and free to ships to transit. Iran insists the strait, through which about a fifth of all oil and natural gas passes, must now be under its sole control and that vessels should begin to pay fees to Tehran - even though the world for decades has considered it an international waterway. Iran's grip on the strait during the conflict led to a global energy crisis, though oil prices have sharply dropped since wartime highs of USD 120 a barrel. Israel, which took part in the Iran war, also has not claimed any recent attacks on Iran.

AP Cabinet orders tough crackdown on social media abuse

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The issue dominated the Cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu on Friday, where director general of police and senior police officials gave a detailed presentation on social media-related offences, legal challenges in prosecution, and the handling of such cases in courts.

Following the presentation, the Cabinet directed the police not to ignore objectionable social media content and instructed them to invoke all available legal provisions against offenders while respecting the constitutional guarantee of freedom of expression.

The Chief Minister

ordered the establishment of a state-level Social Media Response Cell as well as a Task Force to monitor, investigate, and act against cases involving alleged online abuse, hate campaigns, misinformation, and character assassination. Police officers have been directed to immediately constitute the task force, with the option of inducting outside experts, if required.

Naidu also instructed officials to allocate funds for identifying anonymous social media handles involved in abusive and defamatory campaigns and ordered specialised training for station house officers (SHOs) to strengthen investigation of cyber-related offences.

To help strengthen the government's cases in courts, the Chief Minister directed the police department to identify and recommend public prosecutors with expertise in cyber investigations, saying legal strategy in tackling social media cases should be significantly strengthened.

A key decision of the Cabinet was to examine whether Andhra Pradesh requires a special law to deal with serious social media offences.

Naidu directed officials to study the legal frameworks adopted by other states and countries, assess existing best practices, and submit recommendations on whether an exclusive piece of legislation is required

and Public Relations Minister K Parthasarathy said social media was increasingly being used not only to attack political opponents but also to spread falsehoods, damage reputations, and mislead the public. He alleged that certain individuals were receiving support from political parties to carry out such campaigns and said the government would utilise every legal provision available to take strict action against those responsible.

The Cabinet also decided that the issue would be examined by the Cabinet Sub-Committee before a final policy decision is taken.

During the meeting, Naidu accused the YSR Congress Party of using social media campaigns to divert public attention from the government's developmental and welfare programmes. He alleged that the Opposition was deliberately provoking ruling party MLAs through online campaigns and advised Ministers and legislators not to react emotionally or fall into what he described as a political trap.

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The Minister said the proposal for a separate law to deal with serious social media misuse would also be studied as part of the government's broader effort to strengthen legal and institutional safeguards against online abuse.

Lokesh pitches for Korean investments in shipbuilding

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Seeking to diversify its industrial base, Andhra Pradesh also invited HD Korea Shipbuilding & Offshore Engineering (HD KSOE), a part of HD Hyundai group, to explore investments in shipbuilding and offshore engineering, highlighting the state's 1,053-km coastline, six operational ports, upcoming deep-water ports and expanding logistics infrastructure.

Semiconductors and electronics emerged as another major focus. The government invited Korean companies to establish display equipment manufacturing, semiconductor packaging and PCB manufacturing

facilities, while highlighting the Rs 1,595-crore Shinhyup Electronics project at Naidupeta, which is expected to generate over 2,100 jobs.

The state also pitched opportunities in EV components, battery energy storage systems, home appliances and green energy manufacturing, showcasing Andhra Pradesh's plans to develop a 160-GW renewable energy ecosystem and dedicated EV manufacturing clusters.

To deepen long-term economic engagement, the government proposed establishing a dedicated Korea Desk within the Andhra Pradesh Economic Development Board, creating Korean industrial parks, expanding

skill development partnerships and opening the first Invest Korea/KOTRA office in South India outside the metropolitan cities.

With India and South Korea targeting bilateral trade of \$50 billion by 2030, Andhra Pradesh is positioning itself to capture a larger share of Korean investments by leveraging its ports, industrial corridors, skilled workforce and investor-friendly policies. The state is now aiming to build on the success of Kia and LG by making Korea a key partner in its next phase of industrialisation centred on semiconductors, EVs, shipbuilding and advanced manufacturing.