

# Gold loan fraud unearthed in Bank of Baroda

Senior Branch Manager of the Jangareddygudem Branch registered a case

Gold appraiser Chalapaka Raju misappropriated gold ornaments worth Rs 10 crore pledged by customers

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SP K Pratap Shiva Kishore along with other police officials displaying the recovered gold ornaments

ka Raju (40) of Velampeta in Jangareddygudem, gold appraiser at Jangareddygudem Branch, was the main accused.

The police arrested him and recovered 4.120 kgs of gold worth Rs 5,71,65,000 and Rs 10,00,000 in cash. Under the supervision of the Eluru district Superintendent of Police K Pratap Shiva Kishore, Assistant Superintendent of Police & SDPO, Jangareddygudem, R Sushmitha arrested the accused. Based on a complaint lodged by the Senior Branch Manager of the Bank of Baroda, Jangareddygudem Branch, a case

was registered at Jangareddygudem Police Station and investigation was taken up. During the course of the investigation, it was found that serious irregularities had been committed in 176 gold loan accounts. The investigation revealed that the accused, while working as the gold appraiser, dishonestly misappropriated the gold ornaments pledged by customers for obtaining gold loans and replaced them with imitation ornaments and other worthless materials.

It was established that approximately 6.4495 grams of gold had been misappropriated, with an estimated market value of about Rs 10 crore. Further investigation disclosed that the accused had sold and pledged the misappropriated gold ornaments at various jewellery shops in Jangareddygudem in his own name as well as in the names of his parents.

## SIX HELD, GANJA SEIZED

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TADEPALLI police arrested six accused in connection with gana selling and seized 70 grams of ganja from their possession on Friday. Circle Inspector Nar-

endra informed that they have already booked the case against the accused and took permission from the higher officials to take further action. He warned that they will take stern action against those who transport and sell ganja.

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# Konaseema collector reviews flood readiness

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Collector R Mahesh Kumar

KONASEEMA district collector R Mahesh Kumar has directed officials to prepare mandal-wise contingency plans to prevent loss of life and property during the ensuing monsoon season if the Godavari River experiences floods. Reviewing flood preparedness, heavy rainfall response and the progress of the Special Summary Revision of electoral rolls, along with a district-level Peace Committee meeting at the Collectorate on Friday, the collector said all departments should remain on high alert from July to October, the period when cyclones and floods are likely to occur. He instructed officials to conduct Peace Committee meetings at the

mandal and divisional levels to ensure the smooth conduct of festivals and prevent disputes over idol installations and burial grounds. Mahesh Kumar asked departments to identify vulnerable stretches of irrigation canals, drainage channels, tanks and streams that are prone to breaches during floods and strengthen them in advance. Villages likely to be inundated under the first, second and third flood warning levels of the Godavari, along with roads that may get cut off, should be identified and evacuation

plans kept ready, he said. The collector directed officials to stock three months' supply of rice and essential commodities in flood-prone villages. He said one National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) team and one State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) team would be deployed in the district for emergency rescue operations. Boats and trained swimmers should also be kept ready. He asked officials to continuously monitor the five-day weather forecast through the AWARE portal and take timely precautionary measures. The Electricity Department was instructed to ensure an uninterrupted power supply during the monsoon. District Superintendent of Police Rahul Meena said the police department would remain fully prepared to support flood rescue and relief operations.

# Narsapur-B'loru Express flagged off

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UNION Minister of State for Steel and Heavy Industries Bhupathiraju Srinivasa Varma flagged off the regular weekly Narsapur-Bengaluru (SMVB) Express service at Palakollu Railway Station on Friday.

Speaking on the occasion, he said the train will depart from Narsapur every Friday at 3.50 pm and reach Sir M Visvesvaraya Terminal, Bengaluru, at 9.45 am on Saturday. On the return journey, it will leave Bengaluru every Saturday at 11 am and arrive in Narsapur at 5.50 am on Sunday.

Varma said the train would halt at Palakollu, Veeravasaram, Bhimavaram, Akividu, Kalkaluru, Gudivada, Vi-



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jayawada, Tenali, Bapatla, Chirala, Ongole, Kavali, Nellore, Guduru and Renigunta, improving rail connectivity for West Godavari district and other regions along the route. He said conversion into a regular express service would reduce ticket fares by nearly 30 per cent while ensuring better punctuality and operational efficiency.

He also said railway goods sheds were under construction at Palakollu, Bhimavaram and Akividu stations at a cost of Rs 20 crore. An escalator would also be installed at Palakollu Railway Station, he added. Former MLC Angara Rammohan Rao, DRUCC member Jakkampudi Kumar and Jana Sena leader Bonam Chinnababu were present.

# NIT director gets AICTE Board membership

HANS NEWS SERVICE TADEPALLIGUDEM

PROF NV Ramana Rao, In-Charge Director of the National Institute of Technology (NIT), Tadepalligudem, has been appointed as a Member of the All India Board of Undergraduate Studies in Engineering and Technology, a statutory academic body of the All India Council for Technical Education. The appointment is seen as recognition of his academic leadership and long-standing contribution to engineering education. The Board plays a key role in formulating academic policies, strengthening undergradu-



Prof NV Ramana Rao

ate engineering curricula, promoting quality standards and aligning engineering education with national priorities and emerging industry requirements. Expressing his gratitude, Prof Ramana Rao said he was honoured to be entrusted with the responsibility by AICTE. "The Board offers an important platform to shape the future of engi-

neering education through student-centric learning, outcome-based education, multidisciplinary approaches, innovation, research, entrepreneurship, skill development and stronger industry-academia collaboration," he said. He added that he would discharge the responsibility with commitment and work towards improving the quality of undergraduate engineering education across the country. NIT Registrar Dr P Dinesh Shankar Reddy, Deans Dr G Ravikiran Sastry, Dr V Sandeep, Dr N Jayaram, Dr Himabindu and Dr GB Veeresh Kumar congratulated him on this occasion.

# Govt opens talks with employee unions

AMARAVATI: The state government has initiated formal discussions with employee unions to address long-pending service and financial issues, signalling a renewed effort to resolve grievances relating to pending dues, Dearness Allowance (DA), the Pay Revision Commission (PRC) and other employee demands. As part of the initiative, finance minister Payyavula Keshav and revenue minister Anagani Satya Prasad held preliminary talks with leaders of the AP JAC Amaravati employee union at the State Secretariat on Friday.

The meeting was attended by AP JAC Amaravati chairman Bopparaju Venkateswarlu and other union representatives, who presented various financial and non-financial issues affecting government

employees. During the discussions, the ministers assured the employee leaders that the government was committed to resolving their concerns in a phased and systematic manner. They said the government intends to engage with all recognised employee unions to understand their issues before arriving at appropriate decisions. According to the ministers, the preliminary meeting focused on identifying key issues requiring immediate attention, including pending financial benefits, DA arrears, implementation of PRC-related matters and other service-related concerns. Following the initial discussions, the government decided to convene a comprehensive meeting with AP JAC Amaravati leaders at the Secretariat on Saturday.

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# NMC clears 100 addl MBBS seats for govt medical colleges

HANS NEWS SERVICE AMARAVATI

THE state has secured 100 additional MBBS seats for the 2026-27 academic year after the National Medical Commission (NMC) granted approval to expand undergraduate admissions in two government medical colleges, providing a major boost to medical education capacity in the state.

Announcing the development, medical and health minister Y Satya Kumar Yadav said the NMC had issued the Letter of Permission (LoP) sanctioning 75 additional MBBS seats for Government Medical College, Kadapa, and 25 additional seats for ACSR Government Medical

College, Nellore. With the latest approval, the MBBS intake at Kadapa Government Medical College has increased from 175 to 250 seats, while ACSR Government Medical College, Nellore, has expanded its intake from 175 to 200 seats from the 2026-27 academic session.

The minister said the

increase would significantly expand opportunities for students aspiring to pursue medical education in Andhra Pradesh while strengthening the state's healthcare education infrastructure.

Director of medical education Dr Vishnuvardhan said the approvals were secured following substantial improvements in infrastructure, recruitment of faculty and compliance with the standards prescribed by the National Medical Commission. He congratulated the principals, faculty members and staff of the Kadapa and Nellore government medical colleges for achieving the milestone.

# Four rural students selected for archery championship

HANS NEWS SERVICE VIJAYAWADA

FOUR students from PM SHRI Zilla Parishad High School, Nunna, in Vijayawada Rural mandal of NTR district, have been selected to represent Andhra Pradesh in the HEAL National Level Archery Championship, to be held in Noida, Uttar Pradesh, from July 12 to 14.

The selected students—D Amarkumar Priyadarshi, P Abhi Ram, Y Suma Sri, and Krishna Suriya-- will compete in the compound archery event. They were chosen for the state team based on their talent demonstrated during

the selection trials. The Andhra Pradesh contingent departed from Vi-

jayawada for Noida on Friday. The talented young archers have been receiving professional training at the Cherukuri Volga Archery Academy in Vijayawada. Their achievements have been supported and encouraged by the school's Physical Education Teachers, T Sri Latha and T Vijaya Varma, who have played a key role in nurturing their sporting talent.

Congratulating the students, PM SHRI Zilla Parishad High School Headmaster Surapaneni Ravi Prasad felicitated them at the school on Friday and wished them success at the national championship.



PM SHRI Zilla Parishad High School, Nunna, Headmaster Surapaneni Ravi Prasad, Physical Directors T Sri Latha and T Vijaya Varma, along with students in Nunna on Friday

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