



# AHUDA directs prompt action on public grievances, illegal layouts

**HANS NEWS SERVICE ANANTAPUR**

AHUDA Chairman TC Varun on Thursday directed officials to ensure solutions are provided for every issue raised during the AHUDA grievance meeting on Thursday.

The meeting, presided over by Chairman TC Varun and Vice-Chairperson (Joint Collector) Vishnu Charan at the local AHUDA office, received numerous public petitions.

Following this, a special review meeting was held with officials and staff.

Leadership stressed accelerating development and infrastructure in MIG layouts within the AHUDA jurisdiction for better buyer amenities. Chairman Varun also ordered strict action against illegal layouts in co-ordination with Panchayat Secretaries.

# Farmers urged to avail crop insurance before July 31

**HANS NEWS SERVICE ANANTAPUR**

DISTRICT Horticulture Officer Umadevi on Thursday urged all horticultural farmers in Anantapur district to enroll in the weather-based crop insurance scheme before the July 31 deadline.

Highlighting that dry chili falls under standard insurance, she stated that weather-based coverage applies to pomegranate, sweet lime, banana, and tomato. Per-acre premium rates are set at ₹3,750 for



pomegranate, ₹2,750 for sweet lime, ₹3,000 for banana, and ₹1,600 for tomato. With monsoon rainfall remaining deficit, DHO Umadevi emphasized

that adverse rainfall, temperature, or humidity levels will trigger insurance claims, making immediate enrollment crucial for farmers.



## JNTUA secures 24th rank & gold rating in green university rankings 2026

**HANS NEWS SERVICE ANANTAPUR**

JNT University Anantapur (JNTUA) achieved a major national honor by securing the 24th rank and a Gold Rating in the National Green University Rankings 2026, awarded by 'Green Mentors'.

Vice-Chancellor Prof H Sudarsana Rao announced that JNTUA placed among the top 50 national institutions based on ten performance indicators. The rankings evaluated renewable energy, green buildings, decarbonization, greywater reuse, waste segregation, plastic bans, and sustainability courses.

VC Prof Sudarsana Rao, Registrar Prof S Krishnaiah, IQAC Director Prof R Padma Suvarna, and Ranking Officer Dr B Om Prakash congratulated the faculty for their dedicated efforts.



## ‘Dharmavaram ranks 5th in door-to-door outreach’

**HANS NEWS SERVICE DHARMAVARAM**

DHARMAVARAM constituency secured fifth place in the state for its door-to-door campaign highlighting two years of alliance government achievements.

Leading the drive in Priyanka Nagar on Thursday, TDP constituency in-charge Paritala Sriram interacted with residents and instructed officials to resolve local grievances promptly.

Sriram noted that cadres visited 15,965 of the 80,726 constituency households in three days, calling for greater active participation.

Meanwhile, Sriram slammed YCP over baseless allegations regarding 'Mega DSC' teaching recruitment, questioning why they refused Education Minister Nara Lokesh's challenge to prove irregularities in the transparently completed process.

# Srisailam temple revises darshan & seva ticketing for Shravanam month

Srisailam Devasthanam announces revised ticketing rules and schedule modifications for the auspicious Shravanam month, spanning August 13 to September 12

To manage massive crowd footfalls, Arjitha Abhishekam and Arjitha Kumkumarchana will remain suspended on 19 peak days (all Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, and Mondays)

On these 19 peak days, Sparsha Darshan will be restricted to a single 8:30 PM slot, capped at just 250 tickets. Regular three-slot operations will continue on non-peak days



Temple Trust Board Chairman Pothugunta Ramesh Naidu and Executive Officer M Srinivasa Rao addressing the media in Srisailam on Thursday

**HANS NEWS SERVICE SRISAILAM**

ANTICIPATING a massive influx of lakhs of pilgrims from Andhra Pradesh, Telan-

gana, Karnataka, Maharashtra, and northern states, the Srisailam Devasthanam on Thursday announced revised schedules and online ticketing protocols for Sparsha Darshan

and Arjitha Sevas during the upcoming Shravanam month, observed from August 13 to September 12.

Releasing the new guidelines at a joint press conference on Thursday, Temple Trust Board Chairman Pothugunta Ramesh Naidu and Executive Officer M Srinivasa Rao stated that the adjustments aim to ensure smooth crowd management and hassle-free darshan for general pilgrims.

Under the revised plan, Arjitha Abhishekam and Arjitha Kumkumarchana will remain completely suspended on 19 designated peak days, encompassing all Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, and Mondays throughout the Shravanam month.

On these high-footfall days, Sparsha Darshan will be restricted to a single late-evening slot at 8:30 PM,

capped at a limited quota of 250 tickets.

On all non-peak days, Sparsha Darshan will operate as usual across three slots—7:30 AM, 12:30 PM, and 9:00 PM—alongside regular Arjitha Seva ticket issuance.

To simplify procurement and eliminate middleman exploitation, the temple management has allocated 80 percent of all available tickets through the official 'Mana Mitra' WhatsApp platform, while the remaining 20 percent will be accessible via the Devasthanam's official web portal. The authorities advised visiting devotees planning to participate in Sparsha Darshan or Arjitha Sevas during the month-long festivities to secure their tickets well in advance through these digital channels before embarking on their pilgrimage to the shrine.

## LOCAL BODY POLLS

# Lokesh calls for sweeping victory in Adoni Assembly segment

TDP National Executive President Nara Lokesh addresses key party leaders from the Adoni town and mandal units to outline local body election strategies

Calls upon party leaders, mandal in-charges, and cluster heads to work with unity and dedication to ensure a decisive victory for the NDA coalition in the upcoming local body elections

Directs cadre to conduct door-to-door campaigns highlighting the coalition government's two-year achievements while warning that strict disciplinary action will be taken against leaders deviating from the party line.

**HANS NEWS SERVICE ADONI**

CALLING upon the party cadre to strengthen the organizational setup at the grassroots, Telugu Desam Party (TDP) National Executive President and Minister Nara Lokesh on Thursday urged leaders in the Adoni Assembly constituency to work with dedication to ensure the coalition's victory in the upcoming local body elections.

Addressing a strategic interaction meeting with key TDP leaders from the



Minister Lokesh interacting with key TDP leaders from the town and mandal units in Adoni on Thursday

## ...challenges Jagan for open debate on mega DSC alleged scam

ADONI: Throwing an open challenge to YSRCP president YS Jagan Mohan Reddy for a public debate on the Mega DSC recruitment process, HRD and IT Minister Nara Lokesh asserted that the recruitment was conducted with complete transparency.

Addressing a TDP workers' meeting in Adoni, Lokesh stated he was prepared to discuss the issue at any time and venue fixed by Jagan.

He questioned the YSRCP chief over seeking legal stays and court adjournments while demanding CBI inquiries.

Accusing the previous regime of stalling major projects like the Bhogapuram International Airport and driving away investment, Lokesh noted that Kurnool is now witnessing industrial revival through key projects such as Tata Solar and Drone City.

Recalling his Yuva Galam padyatra, Lokesh reaffirmed his commitment to establishing a High Court Bench in Kurnool,



Minister Nara Lokesh addressing party workers meeting at Adoni

as well as an Industrial Training Institute (ITI), a Minority Residential School, and Urdu educational facilities in Adoni.

Highlighting that the TDP prioritizes cadre welfare by withdrawing politically motivated cases, Lokesh appealed to party workers to strengthen the organization at the grassroots and take the coalition government's developmental achievements directly to the public through door-to-door campaigns.

Adoni town and mandal units on Thursday, Lokesh

emphasized that winning the local body polls must be

the immediate priority. He instructed mandal,

# APSPDCL moves to monthly settlement for rooftop solar bills

**HANS NEWS SERVICE TIRUPATI**

THE Andhra Pradesh Southern Power Distribution Company Limited (APSPDCL) has accelerated settlement of electricity bills for grid connected rooftop solar customers.

In a press release on Thursday, APSPDCL CMD Siva Sankar Lotheti said aligning with Central and State renewable energy initiatives, the company aims to provide faster, transparent services to solar consumers who feed surplus power into the grid. He said, surplus solar units, which were earlier settled quarterly, will now be billed and

settled monthly, based on import export meter readings and applicable regulations. He said APSPDCL reported that 36,963 customers across Nellore, Tirupati, Chittoor, Annamayya, Kadapa, Kurnool, Nandyal, Anantapur and Sri Sathya Sai districts have installed rooftop systems totaling 128 MW capacity. The company credited Rs 83.88 lakh to consumer bank accounts in June and Rs 68.4 lakh in July for the surplus generation. With rising household interest in rooftop solar, the CMD said it will continue improving billing, net metering and monthly settlement processes.

# Public vigilance key to protect women, children from trafficking: DLSA chairperson

## World Day Against Trafficking in Persons observed in Chittoor with an awareness programme

**HANS NEWS SERVICE CHITTOOR**

DISTRICT Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Chairperson and Senior Civil Judge MS Bharati said that creating awareness and encouraging vigilance among people are essential to prevent trafficking of women and children. She was speaking at an awareness programme held in Chittoor on Thursday to mark World Day Against Trafficking in Persons. The programme was jointly organised by District Legal Services Authority, ICDS and Police department.

The judge expressed concern that despite rapid technological progress, crimes such as human trafficking, sexual exploitation, bonded labour, child trafficking, forced begging, forced marriages and illegal organ trade continue to exist. She said that many women and children become victims due to a lack of awareness.

Public should be cautious of people, who collect money by offering fake jobs



DLSA Chairperson MS Bharathi speaking at an awareness meeting in Chittoor on Thursday

and those, who commit fraud through social media. Children, women, orphans and school dropouts are more vulnerable to such crimes. The judge urged people to immediately inform the police if they notice suspicious persons or activities.

Bharati said that Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act and other laws provide strict punishment for offences related to human trafficking, child protection and sexual crimes. ICDS Project Director Venkateswari said

that if students are aware of such issues, they can help protect their families and society. She urged everyone to remain alert about the safety of people around them and called for greater awareness to prevent serious crimes such as illegal organ trafficking. Women Police Station DSP Srinivasa Rao said, human trafficking is an organised crime. Traffickers first gain the trust of their victims before exploiting them. Young people travelling to other places for education or employment should not trust strangers easily, he advised.

# Man commits suicide on video call to wife

**HANS NEWS SERVICE TIRUPATI**

A man committed suicide during a video call with his wife in Chandragiri town on Thursday. The deceased was identified as Jagadeesh (47), a resident of Tirupati and an employee at a college in Rangampeta. According to police, Jagadeesh had an argument with his wife on Wednesday and went to his parents' house in Chandragiri. Before taking his life, he made a video call to his wife and informed her of his intention. The wife promptly alerted police. Police rushed to the spot, forcibly entered the house as none opened the door and found Jagadeesh dead. The body was shifted to hospital for post-mortem. A case was registered and investigation is on.