YSRCP raises DSC row in Rajya Sabha

Subba Reddy demands Lokesh's resignation

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THE YSRCP raised alleged irregularities in the Andhra Pradesh DSC-2025 teacher recruitment in the Rajya Sabha on Thursday, with YSR Congress Parliamentary Party leader and Rajya Sabha MP Y V Subba Reddy demanded resignation of IT and HRD minister Nara Lokesh and called for the anti-paper leak legislation to be expanded to cover all State-level recruitment examinations.

Participating in the debate on the Anti-Paper Leak Bill, Subba Reddy extended the YSRCP's support to the proposed legislation but argued that it should not be confined to examinations conducted by the UPSC, SSC and National Testing Agency (NTA). Alleging large-scale irregularities in the DSC-2025 recruitment process, he claimed that teacher posts were sold, the selection process was manipulated and the examination paper was leaked. "Just as the Union Education Minister resigned by accepting moral responsibility, Andhra Pradesh education minister Nara Lokesh should also step down over the DSC scam," he demanded.

The YSRCP leader urged the Centre to bring examinations conducted by State agencies, including APPSC, DSC and APEAPCET, under the proposed law to strengthen the integrity of recruitment and restore public confidence in the examination system.

He also alleged that coaching-centre mafias were playing a major role in examination paper leaks and called for stringent action against them.

Raising broader concerns over education policy, Subba Reddy said students studying under the CBSE syllabus enjoy a competitive advantage in NEET compared to those following State syllabi. He claimed that the previous YS Jagan Mohan Reddy government had introduced CBSE in government schools, modernised public education and improved infrastructure, but alleged that 5.5 lakh students have left government schools under the present administration.

He further alleged that while the previous YSRCP government established government medical colleges to make medical education affordable for poor students, the present NDA coalition government is moving towards privatisation, making medical education increasingly inaccessible to economically weaker sections.

Over 16,000 schools in AP have only one teacher: Sharmila

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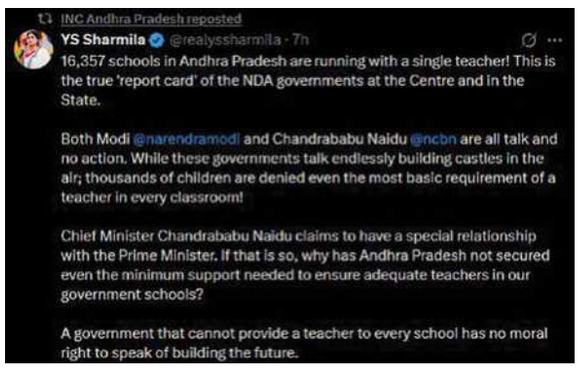
APCC chief Y S Sharmila on Thursday alleged that more than 16,000 schools are functioning only with a single teacher in the state, observing that Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu "all talk and no action."

Calling the single-teacher schools the true "report card" of the TDP-led NDA government in the southern state, Sharmila accused the NDA governments at the Centre and the state of talking "endlessly building castles in the air."

"16,357 schools in Andhra Pradesh are running with a single teacher! This is the true report card of the NDA governments at the Centre and in the State. While these governments talk endlessly building castles in the air; thousands of children are denied even the most basic requirement of a teacher in every classroom!" Sharmila said in a post on 'X'.



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16,357 schools in Andhra Pradesh are running with a single teacher! This is the true 'report card' of the NDA governments at the Centre and in the State.

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Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu claims to have a special relationship with the Prime Minister. If that is so, why has Andhra Pradesh not secured even the minimum support needed to ensure adequate teachers in our government schools?

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Naidu claims to have a special relationship with the prime minister, she said, adding, if that is so, why has Andhra Pradesh not secured even the minimum support needed to ensure adequate teachers in our government schools? A government that cannot provide a teacher for every school has no moral right to speak about building the future, she said. Children need teachers, not headlines, said Sharmila, observing that Andhra Pradesh deserves justice, not excuses. Meanwhile, there was no immediate reaction from the TDP.

AP forms panel for 2026 teachers' awards

Committee to be headed by HRD minister Lokesh; director of school education to serve as convener

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THE state government has constituted a state-level committee to select teachers for the prestigious State Teachers' Awards-2026. School education department secretary Kona Sasidhar issued GO Rt No 129 on Thursday, constituting the committee for the annual awards that recognise educators for their outstanding contribution to school education and academic excellence. According to the government order, the committee has been constituted following a proposal submitted by the director of school education and after careful examination by the government. The panel will oversee the selection process and finalise the list of awardees within the prescribed quota for the 2026 State Teachers' Awards.

The committee will be chaired by minister for HRD Nara Lokesh. The secretary to the government, school education, will serve as the vice-chairman, while the director of school education will function as the convener. Other members include the director of AP State Council of Educational Research and Training and noted educationist and former MLC Ramu Surya Rao (RSR Master). The government has directed the director of school education to take the necessary follow-up action for conducting the selection process in accordance with the prescribed guidelines.

Dedicated queue, new ramp for devotees

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IN a move to enhance convenience for devotees visiting the famous Sri Durga Malleswara Swamy Varla Devasthanam atop Indrakeeladri in Vijayawada, Temple Executive Officer and Special Grade Deputy Collector VK Seena Naik has announced a series of infrastructure and administrative measures aimed at ensuring hassle-free participation in various pujas and rituals.

During an inspection of the temple premises on Thursday, the EO, accompanied by senior officials, reviewed the movement of devotees and observed that pilgrims faced difficulties in reaching the puja mandapams during peak rush hours. To address the issue, he directed officials to create a dedicated queue line for devotees participating in special pujas.

Temple Executive Officer VK Seena Naik inspecting the newly proposed route for devotees at the Sri Durga Malleswara Swamy Varla Devasthanam atop Indrakeeladri in Vijayawada on Thursday

Under the new arrangement, devotees attending pujas and archanas will no longer have to pass through the main sanctum queue. Instead, they will be guided through a separate route starting from the Lakshmi Ganapathi Temple and proceeding via the Subrahmanya Swamy Temple directly to the puja venues.

To further improve crowd management, the EO instructed officials to construct a new access ramp and widen the existing exit passage, enabling smoother movement of devotees and reducing congestion within the temple premises.

Temple Assistant Executive Officer Ramesh, Executive Engineer L Rama, Deputy Executive Engineer Ashok Kumar, Sthanacharya V Shivaprasad Sharma, and other temple officials accompanied the EO during the inspection.

Shift towards nature farming: Collector

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Guntur

DISTRICT collector CM Sai Kanth Varma urged the farmers to turn El Nino crisis and challenges into opportunities. He along with Irrigation Superintendent Engineer Venkataratnam addressed the media at the Collectorate on Thursday. He advised the farmers to shift towards nature farming and cultivate alternative crops instead of paddy and enrol in the crop insurance scheme. He said that anticipated reduction in rainfall due to El Nino calls for change in agricultural practices. He further said that nature farming helps to conserve soil fertility and reduces cultivation costs and enables the farmers to achieve long term sustainability. He urged the farmers not to depend on traditional paddy cultivation under low rainfall conditions. He urged

Collector CM Sai Kanth Varma addressing the media in Guntur on Thursday

the farmers to enrol in crop insurances to face adverse climatic conditions and added that crop insurance provides financial security against losses due to drought and other adverse climatic conditions. He said that the district administration will provide all the necessary cooperation and support to the farmers.

Guntur district agriculture officer Padmavati was also present.

Passage of National Honour Bill in LS hailed

AMARAVATI: Lanka Dinakar, chairman of the Twenty Points Programme (Viksit Bharat–Swarna Andhra Pradesh) Implementation, welcomed the passage of the National Honour (Amendment) Bill, 2026 and the Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Amendment Bill, 2026 in the Lok Sabha, calling them significant reforms under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

He said the National Honour Bill, which seeks to promote the complete rendition of 'Vande Mataram' and extend it legal protection similar to the National Anthem, is a fitting tribute to its author, Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay. He also praised the examination reform legislation for introducing stricter measures to curb malpractice and safeguard students' interests.

Dinakar criticised the Congress, alleging it failed to engage constructively during the debate on the legislation.

Four arrested for burglary

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Ongole

PRAKASAM district police arrested four persons and recovered gold jewellery worth Rs 18 lakh on Thursday after a daytime burglary at a locked house in Maddipadu mandal.

Ongole DSP R Srinivasa Rao said that the accused broke open the door of the house of the complainant, Meesala Venkata Vamsi Krishna in Maddipadu village around noon on July 23 while the family had gone to Ongole. They stole around 26 sovereigns of gold jewellery from the almirah inside the house.

The police identified the four accused as Gopisetti Sunil (48) of Nellore, Tammisetti Venkateswarlu (25), Tammisetti Anand (19), both of Madala village in Palnadu district, and Malamanti Sai Kumar (33) of NTR district. Sunil and Venkateswarlu had known each other in jail earlier.

After their release, they fell into bad habits and planned the burglary. They hired an Innova car, roamed through Chirala, Bapatla, and Ponnur, and came to Maddipadu to target locked houses.

Ongole DSP R Srinivasa Rao explaining arrest of accused at a press meet in Ongole on Thursday

Special teams led by Ongole Rural CI M Seshagiria Rao and Maddipadu SI G Venkata Surya, under the supervision of Ongole SDPO R Srinivasa Rao, traced the vehicle and arrested the accused at Gundlapalli village. Police recovered 157.5 grams of gold jewellery, Rs 51 000 cash, and the Innova car bearing registration AP 27 TX 7738. Prakasam district SP V Harshavardhan Raju commended the teams for solving the case quickly.

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Farmers urged to opt for alternative crops

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EXPRESSING concern over the prevailing drought conditions, NTR district collector and Irrigation Advisory Board (IAB) Chairman Dr G Lakshmisha urged farmers to avoid paddy cultivation and opt for alternative crops to minimise the risk of heavy losses during the Kharif-2026 season.

He chaired the 5th IAB meeting at the Collectorate here on Thursday. The collector reviewed water availability, distribution and crop planning for the Krishna Eastern Delta with Water Resources Department officials and representatives of Water Users' Associations in view of the Super El Niño conditions. On the occasion, Dr Lakshmisha unveiled the Agriculture Department's awareness poster, 'Insure every crop you sow', to encourage farmers to enrol under PMFBY.

Collector and Irrigation Advisory Board Chairman Dr G Lakshmisha chairs the fifth IAB meeting in Vijayawada on Thursday

Speaking on the occasion, Dr Lakshmisha said the government has accorded top priority to safeguarding drinking water. He cautioned that if farmers begin paddy cultivation without adequate reservoir storage and rainfall remains deficient, they could suffer substantial financial losses. He advised farmers, particularly in suitable areas, to cultivate alternative and dry crops and cooperate with the government's water management strategy.

He said deficient rainfall due to the Super El Niño has significantly reduced water levels in the Srisailam and Nagarjuna Sagar reservoirs, while upstream projects, including Almatti, Narayanpur and Jurala, have also received poor inflows. Of the 29 TMC available in Pulichintala Reservoir, only about 25 TMC is utilisable and must be conserved to meet drinking water needs until June 2027 if drought conditions persist.

The collector said water is being supplied to the Krishna Delta through the Pattiseema Lift Irrigation Scheme, but reduced Godavari inflows have restricted operations to 20 of the 24 pumps. The available water will be prioritised to meet the drinking water needs of over 60 lakh people in Eluru, Krishna, NTR, Guntur and Bapatla districts.

He directed Agriculture Department officials to ensure that every crop is covered under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) and asked them to create awareness among farmers on the benefits of crop insurance.

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Stress on vigilance to combat human trafficking

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NTR district collector Dr G Lakshmisha has stressed that greater public awareness and vigilance are essential to prevent the trafficking of women and children. Coordinated efforts by government departments, educational institutions and society are essential to eradicate human trafficking and bonded labour, he said. To mark the World Day Against Trafficking in Persons, the collector unveiled an anti-human trafficking awareness poster at the Collectorate here on Thursday.

On the occasion, the collector released Rs 6.60 lakh as immediate rehabilitation assistance for 22 bonded labourers, crediting Rs 30,000 each to their bank accounts. The beneficiaries, migrant workers from Odisha, were rescued from a brick kiln at Nunna of Vijayawada Rural mandal on May 7, 2025. Dr Lakshmisha assured them of continued government support for their rehabilitation and rehabilitation into mainstream society.

Addressing the gathering, Dr Lakshmisha said the observance aims to educate people about the growing menace of human trafficking and promote preventive measures at the grassroots level.

Collector Dr G Lakshmisha releasing the wall poster on anti-human trafficking awareness in Vijayawada on Thursday

The collector warned that fraudsters are increasingly targeting young people through social media platforms such as Instagram and Facebook by luring them with fake promises of jobs, education and lucrative opportunities.

He urged the youth to verify such offers carefully and remain alert against online scams.

Dr Lakshmisha expressed concern that crimes such as sexual exploitation, child trafficking, bonded labour, forced begging, forced marriages and illegal organ trade continue despite technological advancements. He says that women, children, orphans, school dropouts and economically disadvantaged families are the most vulnerable to such crimes.

He appealed to the public to immediately inform the police about any suspicious persons or activities and reminded them that stringent provisions under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), the POCSO Act and other laws provide severe punishment for offences related to human trafficking and child abuse. He also urged citizens to contact Child Helpline 1098 in cases involving children in distress.

Deputy Commissioner of Labour Guntupalli Dhanalakshmi said human trafficking is an organised crime in which offenders first gain the confidence of victims before exploiting them. She advised youth travelling for education or employment not to trust strangers and encouraged women to make use of safety applications such as Shakti.