

INS Dunagiri Ship model presented to Sainik School Korukonda

- The CO receives a ceremonial reception at the Palace Central Hall by Group Captain SS Shastri, Principal of Sainik School Korukonda, alongside school officers
- Capt. Diwya Alok inaugurated a state-of-the-art smart panel in the conference hall to modernize digital learning infrastructure at the institution
- Addressing cadets and staff at the Dr. PVG Raju Auditorium, Capt. Alok shared insights on leadership, naval service, and devotion to the nation



Caption: Captain Diwya Alok, Commanding Officer of INS Dunagiri, presenting the INS Dunagiri Ship model to Sainik School Korukonda at the campus

Sainik School Korukonda. The Commanding Officer presented the ship model to the institution on behalf of Flag Officer Commanding Eastern Fleet Rear Admiral Alok Ananda. The visit commenced with a warm ceremonial reception at the Palace by Group Captain SS Shastri, Principal of Sainik School Korukonda, followed by school officers. Marking a significant step toward modernising digital learning resources for the school, Capt. Diwya Alok inaugurated a new state-of-the-art smart panel in the conference hall. In a gesture of military heritage and nautical pride, a ship model was presented at the Palace Central Hall in the presence of cadet representatives. A special assembly was convened at the Dr. PVG Raju Auditorium, where Capt. Diwya Alok addressed the cadets and staff, sharing insights on leadership, naval service and dedication to the nation. Later, Capt. Diwya Alok toured the school's NDA Motivation Hall and viewed the displays showcasing the institution's efforts to motivate cadets for the National Defence Academy.

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CAPTAIN Diwya Alok, Commanding Officer of INS Dunagiri, presented the INS Dunagiri Ship model to

Minister calls for foolproof power plan for Godavari Pushkaralu-2027

- Gottipati Ravi Kumar directs APEPDCL to execute a special action plan to complete all power infrastructure works for Godavari Pushkaralu-2027 by March 2027
- APEPDCL CMD Prudhvi Tej Immadi confirmed that 19 new 33/11 kV substations will be readied for Pushkaralu-2027, backed by ongoing infrastructure works worth Rs 830 crore
- The utility aims to commission 50 new substations in the current financial year, with 12 already charged following 30 completed in the previous year



Energy Minister Gottipati Ravi Kumar speaking at the review meeting organised in Visakhapatnam on Thursday

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ENERGY Minister Gottipati Ravi Kumar directed officials of the Eastern Power Distribution Company of Andhra Pradesh Limited (APEPDCL) to draw up and execute a special action plan to ensure uninterrupted and reliable power supply during Godavari Pushkaralu-2027.

Chairing a comprehensive review meeting at the APEPDCL corporate office on Thursday, the minister assessed the progress of various power sector development programmes with APEPDCL directors, chief general managers, head office officials and superintending engineers of all operation circles via video conference. He directed officials to accord top priority to Pushkaralu-related infrastructure and complete the work by March 2027. Stressing the state government's focus on renewable energy, Gottipati Ravi Kumar called for accelerating the PM Surya Ghar programme and launching extensive awareness campaigns to encourage more domestic consumers to install rooftop solar units. Special initiatives should also be undertaken to ensure that eligible Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe beneficiaries receive the benefits of solar schemes, he underlined. Referring to agricultural power supply, the minister said around 12,000 agricultural electricity connections were sanctioned during the previous year. He directed officials to expedite pending connections and ensure that eligible farmers receive electricity services without

unnecessary delay. Taking note of recent power disruptions caused by severe winds, Gottipati Ravi Kumar instructed APEPDCL to further strengthen its consumer communication mechanism so that people receive timely SMS updates indicating the expected restoration time whenever outages occur. Appreciating APEPDCL's performance in controlling distribution losses, the Energy Minister said the utility had emerged as a model in the country. He called for preparing a comprehensive report documenting the company's best practices so that successful initiatives could be replicated across other power distribution companies. Gottipati Ravi Kumar said the Center of Excellence for Energy Transition (CoEET), established with the objective of positioning Andhra Pradesh as a model state in clean energy and power sector innovation, and was already advancing several innovative programmes. He said CoEET was playing a significant role in developing technologies suited to the future requirements of the power sector by promoting innovation, research and startups. APEPDCL Chairman and Managing Director Prudhvi Tej Immadi said the company had completed all power-related arrangements for the Prime Minister's visit. He said consumers were being continuously updated through social media regarding expected restoration times during power interruptions. Responding to the growing electricity demand, the APEPDCL CMD said 30 new substations were taken up during the previous financial year. With a target of commissioning 50 substations during the current financial year, 12 substations had already been charged, he said. He further said that 19 new 33/11 kV substations would be made ready ahead of Godavari Pushkaralu-2027, while power infrastructure development works worth Rs.830 crore were underway to strengthen the distribution network and meet future demand. Tanuku MLA Arimilli Radhakrishna, APEPDCL directors TV Suryaprakash, T. Vanaja and S Haribabu, Chief Vigilance Officer K Ramakrishna Prasad, senior officials and others participated in the review meeting.

AICC launches national talent hunt

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TO identify the next generation of Congress leaders, the All-India Congress Committee (AICC) launched the national talent hunt, a unique initiative to identify individuals with conviction, talent and commitment to strengthen the Indian National Congress. Applications are invited from students, professionals, researchers, media enthusiasts, retired professionals and dedicated Congress workers who believe in the party's ideology and are committed to the values of democracy, secularism, social justice and the Constitution of India. Individuals with no political background but a genuine desire to contribute to public life are particularly encouraged to apply. The initiative seeks to identify and train talented individuals for roles such as spokespersons, researchers, and publicity coordinators, creating a platform for those who wish to serve the nation through the Congress Party. Congress Visakhapatnam east constituency in-charge Priyanka Dandi informed that interested candidates are encouraged to apply and be part of a new generation committed to taking the party's vision and values to the people.

CII IWN Andhra Pradesh Leadership Conclave 2026 today

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vice-chairman of CII AP G Sambasiva Rao, chairperson of CII IWN Southern Region Sivapriya Balagopal and chairperson of CII IWN Usha Panthula, among others, will address the gathering at the conclave scheduled to commence from 10:30 am at Fluentgrid Limited, Rushikonda. The 'IWN AP Leadership Conclave 2026' aims to create a platform for dialogue, reflection and actionable thinking around defining leadership questions of India @100. Building institutions beyond individuals, the deliberations at the conclave will focus on how to create organisations and systems that outlast personalities and remain resilient through change. Moving beyond conversations, the conclave brings leaders together to build institutions, lead systems and secure a sustainable India.

Centre's support for Polavaram tourism sought

MLC Somu Veerraju requests Central assistance for the development of Godavari riverfronts and tourism projects in the Papikonda region



BJP national executive member and MLC Somu Veerraju submitting a memorandum to Union Tourism Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat in New Delhi on Thursday

HANS NEWS SERVICE RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM
BJP national executive member and MLC Somu Veerraju has urged the Union government to extend support for tourism development around the Polavaram project and establish a National Palmyra Development Board in Andhra Pradesh. During a meeting with Union Tourism Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat in New Delhi, Veerraju submitted a memorandum seeking the development of a Rajamahendravaram-Polavaram-Bhadrachalam spiritual, heritage, eco and river cruise tourism corridor centred around the Polavaram project. He requested Central assistance for the development of Godavari riverfronts and tourism projects in the Papikonda region, including eco-tourism, cruise tourism and adventure tourism. He also appealed for special financial assistance under the Swadesh Darshan and PRASHAD schemes to complete the proposed projects before the Godavari Pushkaralu in 2027. Veerraju said the proposed tourism corridor would generate employment, strengthen the local economy and provide significant benefits to tribal communities. Later, he met Union Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Minister Shriyraj Singh Chouhan and sought the establishment of a National Palmyra Development Board at Pandirimamidi village in Ramapachodavaram mandal of Polavaram district. Veerraju also proposed large-scale plantation of palmyra trees under the Vriksha Bharati Green (VBG) programme along village tanks, canal bunds, riverbanks, government wastelands and coastal areas.



As part of his visit to Srikakulam, former chief minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy greeting people who came to get a glimpse of him on Thursday

Neglect of CRDA region alleged

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THE Communist Party of India (Marxist) has urged the Andhra Pradesh government to ensure balanced development of Vijayawada, Guntur, and the entire Capital Region along with Amaravati, warning that public protests would be launched if the alleged neglect of the CRDA region continues. Addressing a press conference in Vijayawada, CPM State Secretariat member Ch Babu Rao, accompanied by State Committee member D Kasinath, welcomed Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu's statement that Amaravati, Vijayawada, Guntur, and the 29 capital villages should be developed together as the state capital. Babu Rao said the CRDA region, spread across 8,600 sq km with 56 mandals, over 1,100 villages, 10 towns, two municipal corporations, and a population exceeding 70 lakh, has witnessed little development despite master plans being prepared in 2015. He questioned why the government was proposing to spend nearly Rs 1 lakh crore on Amaravati while failing to allocate adequate funds for Vijayawada, Guntur, and other CRDA areas. He demanded that at least 50 per cent of the capital development funds be earmarked for the overall development of the CRDA region. City leaders Boyi Satyababu, B Ramana Rao, and P Krishna were also present.



2015. He questioned why the government was proposing to spend nearly Rs 1 lakh CPM leaders addressing the media in Vijayawada on Thursday

3 Gurukulam students enter India Book of Records

- Three Class X students make a mark in reciting periodic table of elements
- After consistent practice, they could recite the periodic table in a few seconds
- Their rare feat earned them an entry into the India Book of Records

RANI DEVALLA ISAKHAPATNAM
IN a highly-competitive world, every second counts. The three Class X students of Dr BR Ambedkar Gurukulam at Sabbavaram in Anakapalli district knew too well how to manage time effectively. For J Nishal, D Manoharsha and D Vishwanath, a few seconds are enough to recite the periodic table of 118 elements. Their time management skills coupled with a competitive spirit, earned them a place in the India Book of Records. J Nishal can recite the periodic table in just 13 seconds, D Manoharsha in 16 seconds and D Vishwanath in 19 seconds.



Students showcasing the India Book of Records certificates and medals at the Gurukulam campus in Anakapalli

Their rare feat brought laurels to the institution. "We never expected to enter the India Book of Records. The achievement came as a pleasant surprise to us.

It motivates us to push our boundaries, coordinating with one another as a team and nurturing healthy competition," the students shared with The Hans India. The trio stated that it took them two months to prepare for the record. Presenting the record certificates to the students, Minister for Social Welfare, Disabled and Senior Citizens Welfare Dola Sree Bala Veeranjanya Swamy acknowledged their efforts and encouraged them to achieve greater heights in the future. Even earlier, the team secured a place in the Telugu Book of Records for reciting the periodic table in a record time. "Now, the chase is for the Guinness World Records. Preparations will be made for it next," mentioned T. Rambabu, Guide Teacher, who trained and motivated the students to break the record, with confidence. Appreciating the students, Principal of the Gurukulam N Ramakrishna informed that they have been excelling in both academics and science-based innovative concepts. He further said that rest of the classmates too draw inspiration from their achievement.

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