

Draft voter list released for Anantapur district

Collector Anand says that claims and objections can be filed till August 30

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DISTRICT Collector and District Election Officer O Anand has released draft voter list for Anantapur district on Friday at the Collectorate and handed over copies to Electoral Registration Officers.

The Collector said that the draft voter list was published as part of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) programme, in accordance with the directives of Election Commission of India. He informed that the list shows 1,790,436 voters, including 8,83,174 men (49.33%), 9,07,053 women (50.66%), and 209 transgenders (0.01%). A total of 2,48,087 voters (12.17%)



District Collector O Anand and others releasing draft voter list at Anantapur Collectorate on Friday

were deleted under ASDD category—46,276 untraceable/absent, 79,582 permanently shifted, 75,378

deceased, 46,452 duplicates, and 399 others. The Collector said that claims and objections can

be filed from July 31 to August 30. Voters may verify the roll online or at the Collector's office, ERO/

AERO offices, or through their BLO between 10:30 am and 5 pm.

He explained the constituency totals as - Rayadurgam 2,36,579; Uravakonda 2,03,306; Guntakal 2,44,853; Tadipatri 2,19,095; Singanamala 2,22,458; Anantapur Urban 2,28,673; Kalyandurg 2,10,918; Raptadu 2,24,554.

There are also 2,021 service voters.

DRO A Malola, Election Wing Deputy Tahsildar Kanakaraj, Senior Assistant Samuel, Election Deputy Tahsildars Sujatha, Hariprasad, Keshavareddy, Nagendraprasad, Habibakhanum, Nagamani, and Suvarna and Senior Assistant Srinivas were present at the meeting.

MLA assures justice to all during PGRS

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PUTTAPARTHI

PUTTAPARTHI MLA Palle Sindhura Reddy stated that the alliance government aims to swiftly resolve public grievances and ensure justice for people. Along with former Minister Dr Palle Raghunatha Reddy and RDO Suvarna, she received representations from people at a public grievance redressal system (PGRS) programme at the MLA camp office here on Friday. TDP activist Shyamala from Puttaparthi told the MLA that the then TDP government in 2014 had granted her a title deed for 2 cent house plot in Beedupalli village in 2014, sanctioned a permanent house for her and construction bill had been issued in her name. Stating that during previous YSRCP government's tenure, some individuals encroached her land, and she pleaded for justice, she sought justice.

Responding immediately, MLA Sindhura assured her



MLA Palle Sindhura Reddy receiving representations from people during a public grievance programme at Puttaparthi on Friday

that an inquiry would be conducted with district officials concerned and that justice would be ensured.

Several Muslim leaders from Kothacheruvu submitted a representation to MLA Sindhura and Dr Palle Raghunatha Reddy, urging a comprehensive inquiry into the irregularities and corruption that plagued Syed Mastan Vali Dargah over the past 30 years and also sought appropriate action to be taken against those re-

sponsible. The MLA assured them that she would facilitate a thorough investigation by the district Collector or higher officials into the corruption at the Dargah and ensure that the government takes appropriate legal action against the guilty. MLA Sindhura Reddy instructed officials to examine every petition received during public grievance programme with priority and to take measures ensuring justice for all eligible individuals.

Prof Durga Prasad assumes charge as JNTUA in-charge Registrar

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SENIOR Professor B Durga Prasad assumed charge as the in-charge Registrar of JNTUA on Friday. He expressed gratitude to university Vice-Chancellor Prof H Sudarsana Rao for placing trust in him and entrusting him with this responsibility. He assured that he would discharge his duties diligently and pledged to contribute his best towards the university's development under the Vice-Chancellor's leadership. University directors, teaching and non-teaching staff and outsourcing personnel congratulated Durga Prasad.



APTIDCO housing refund beneficiaries to get money soon



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A mega cheque model for refunds under APTIDCO-PMAY (U) NTR Nagar Housing Scheme was distributed at a programme at Anantapur Municipal Corporation premises on Friday.

A cheque model worth Rs 3,25,42,445 was handed over to 1,174 beneficiar-

ies under the Corporation's jurisdiction. Of the 5,707 eligible APTIDCO beneficiaries identified, the State government has released Rs. 8,91,40,000. So far, 1,964 have submitted the required details. The current distribution covers those, whose particulars were verified in Phase-I and Phase-II.

Commissioner Jaswanth Rao said the beneficiaries' details would be forwarded

to the banks, and the refund amounts would be credited directly to their accounts within one or two days after formalities. Another 707 cases are under re-verification, which is being expedited.

Eligible persons who paid under the scheme but have not yet received refunds or houses were urged to submit their documents at the Corporation office.

Applications invited for Tenzing Norgay Adventure award

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KURNOOL

THE Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports has invited online applications from eligible candidates for Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award-2025. SETKUR CEO Dr K Venugopal on Friday said that individuals, who had shown outstanding performance in adventure sports and activities on land, sea and air during 2023, 2024 and 2025 could apply for the prestigious award.

He said the Government of India will present the award annually to recognise individuals, who had made significant contributions to development of adven-

ture sports and demonstrated exceptional skill and achievement. The award is presented along with Arjuna Awards.

Each awardee would receive a bronze statuette of Tenzing Norgay, a certificate and a cash prize of Rs 15 lakh.

Eligible candidates can submit their applications online through awards.gov.in by August 20, 2026. Applications with required details can also be submitted at SETKUR office in Kurnool.

Dr Venugopal urged eligible youth with notable achievements in adventure sports to utilise the opportunity and apply within the deadline.

AFTER SIR-2026, TIRUPATI DISTRICT RECORDS 14.81 LAKH VOTERS

- Total voters reduce by nearly 2.88 lakh when compared to the earlier 17.69 lakh electors
- Collector Venkateswar says, mapping is pending for 1.62 lakh voters though their names are retained in the draft roll
- After receiving claims, objections, corrections etc., final electoral roll will be published on October 3

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TIRUPATI

THE total number of voters in Tirupati district has come down to 14,81,603 in the draft electoral roll prepared under Special Intensive Revision (SIR)-2026, compared to 17,69,429 voters before the revision exercise. The draft electoral roll was released by Tirupati district Collector and District



District Collector Dr S Venkateswar addressing the media in Tirupati on Friday. JC R Govinda Rao and DRO G Narasimulu are also seen.

Election Officer Dr S Venkateswar on Friday.

Addressing the media at the Collectorate, the Collector said the revision was carried out as per the directions of Election Commission of India through a door-to-door verification drive. During the exercise, officials identified 2,87,826

cases involving absent voters, shifted voters, deceased voters and duplicate entries.

He said enumeration forms were submitted by 14,81,603 voters. Although mapping process is still pending for 1,62,230 voters, their names have been included in the draft electoral roll. Notices will be is-

sued to these voters between August 1 and August 30, giving them time to submit documents prescribed by Election Commission. Eligible voters, who produce required documents will continue in final electoral roll.

The Collector said the highest number of pending mapping cases were in Tirupati Assembly constituency with 96,280 cases, followed by Chandragiri with more than 50,000 cases. Sharing details of the identified cases, he said Tirupati Assembly constituency recorded 90,882 absent, shifted, deceased and duplicate cases, followed by Chandragiri with 50,273, Venktagiri with 36,497, Srikalahasti with 32,836, Sullurpeta with 27,946, Railway Koduru with 26,047 and Satyavedu with 23,345. These lists have been made available with Booth Level Officers (BLOs) for public verification.

The Collector said claims, objections, corrections, fresh voter registrations and deletion requests can be submitted until August 30. The final electoral roll will be published on October 3. According to draft electoral roll as on July 31, 2026, the district has 7,20,329 male voters, 7,61,188 female voters and 86 transgender voters and 2,221 polling stations. The draft electoral rolls are available with Electoral Registration Officers, Assistant Electoral Registration Officers, all polling stations and on Election Department website for public verification. Voters have been asked to verify their details and submit applications within the stipulated period if any corrections are required.

Joint Collector R Govindarao, DRO G Narasimulu and Election Department officials were present at the meeting.

Breastfeeding builds strong foundations for child health: Dr Bharath Reddy

NARENDRA KUMAR VARIKUNTLA
KURNOOL

BREASTFEEDING provides essential nutrition, infection protection and supports healthy growth, said paediatrician and neonatologist Dr G Bharath Reddy. Speaking ahead of World Breastfeeding Week (August 1-7), he stressed the need for greater awareness and support from families and society.

Dr Bharath said ideally, breastfeeding should begin within one hour of birth—whether normal or caesarean—unless medically contraindicated. Early skin-to-skin contact helps regulate baby's temperature and promotes successful feeding.

The World Health Organisation recommends exclusive breastfeeding for the first six months, with no water or other foods unless advised. He said that lactating mothers need proper



Dr Bharath Reddy

nutrition and fluids; unnecessary dietary restrictions are not required. Counseling should start in pregnancy and continue after birth, with trained lactation counsellors assisting when needed.

Workplaces should offer clean, private spaces for

breastfeeding or expressing milk. "Breastfeeding is not the mother's responsibility alone," Dr Reddy said. Family, healthcare professionals, employers and society must all create a supportive, breastfeeding-friendly environment so every child gets the best start in life.

Cash incentives of Rs 10 lakh to outstanding sportspersons: MLA Kotamreddy

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NELLORE

NELLORE Rural MLA Kotamreddy Sridhar Reddy has inaugurated AP 1st Ranking Carrom Tournament 2026 (Men& Women) at Nellore Club here on Friday. As many as 200 men and women players from various districts across the State participated in the event, jointly organised by Nellore District Carrom Association and Andhra State Carrom Association.

Addressing the gathering, MLA Kotamreddy claimed that the State government is giving high priority to develop sports and providing cash incentives of up to Rs 10 lakh to outstanding sportspersons. He encouraged the players to make the best use of these opportunities and bring laurels to both State and nation.

ASCA general secretary Sheik Abdul Jaleel informed that top six players in both men and women categories will be selected to represent

Andhra Pradesh State team in forthcoming national-level competitions. Free accommodation, food and all necessary arrangements were provided to the participants.

Nellore District Carrom Association president Mannarayana, Chairman and former Ranji Cricketer Malireddy Kotareddy, AP-TRANSCO Director J Venkateswara Rao, APSPDCL SEs BV Sessa Reddy and K Raghavendra and others participated in the event.

Two Odisha migrant workers killed in accident

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TWO migrant labourers from Odisha died after they were allegedly struck by a speeding car near Konduru village in Tada mandal of Tirupati district on Friday morning. The deceased have been identified as Arjun Bhatarra (50) and Chaitu Goud (34).

Police said the two men had stepped out and were walking along the roadside when an unidentified vehicle rammed into them, leaving them critically injured.

Locals rushed to their aid and immediately alerted police. The injured workers

were shifted to Government Hospital in Sullurupeta in 108 ambulance for emergency treatment. However, doctors declared them dead despite efforts to save them.

Preliminary investigation suggests the accident occurred when the victims had gone out to attend nature's call. The vehicle involved in the incident fled the scene soon after the collision.

A case has been registered, and police have launched an investigation into the incident. Officials are examining available evidence to identify the offending vehicle and trace the driver responsible for the fatal hit-and-run.

‘Utilise Praja Darbar’

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NELLORE

RURAL MLA Kotamreddy Sridhar Reddy appealed people to utilise Praja Darbar programme for speedy and transparent solutions to their grievances. He participated in the weekly Praja Darbar here on Friday.

Addressing the gathering, the MLA said his office remains open and accessible to people of Nellore rural every day from 7 am to 8 pm

to address their concerns and ensure timely assistance. He added that development works in Nellore Rural constituency are being carried out based on suggestions and feedback received from people.

Nellore Rural Cluster in-charges Jaladanki Sudhakar and Sabir Khan, Nellore Rural MLA Office Grievance Cell in-charge Mangalapudi Bhaskar Reddy, TDP leaders Obul Raju, Pavalla Prasad, Chitteti Surendra, and others were present.