WEAVERS URGED TO DIVERSIFY DESIGNS

- Handlooms and textiles commissioner Rekha Rani suggests that weavers go beyond saris
- Need to focus on dress materials, modern patterns stressed
- Promises govt training, better prices

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HANDLOOMS and textiles commissioner Rekha Rani has called on handloom weavers to diversify their products, improve designs and align production with changing consumer preferences to expand markets and increase their incomes.

During her visit to the primary handloom cooperative societies at Angara and Pulugurtha in East Godavari district on Friday, the commissioner reviewed the products being woven, the functioning of the societies and their marketing practices.

Interacting with weavers, Rekha Rani said product diversification and design development are essential for the sustainable growth of the handloom sector. She urged weavers to move beyond traditional sarees by converting them into dress materials and introducing products with contemporary designs, colours and patterns that cater to evolving market demand.

She encouraged weavers to focus on value-added products, saying improved quality, innovative designs and an expanded product range would boost the demand for handloom products and help secure better returns.

At the Pulugurtha cooperative society, the commissioner reviewed the production process and directed officials to accord priority to product development and diversification.

She said developing dress materials and other innovative handloom products alongside sarees would create new market opportunities and improve the livelihoods of weaving families.

Handlooms and textiles commissioner Rekha Rani looks at the handloom products at Pulugurtha in East Godavari district on Friday

Rekha Rani instructed officials to focus on design improvement, product development, marketing and quality standards.

She said consumer preferences and market trends should be studied regularly so that handloom products can be designed to meet customer expectations. She said the government's objective is to expand market access through product diversification while ensuring better livelihoods for handloom families.

Training is being provided to weavers in design development, product diversification and market-oriented production to help them create products that are more attractive to consumers, she added.

The commissioner also directed officials to strengthen marketing support and ensure weavers receive better prices for their products.

Handloom products currently fetch between Rs 900 and Rs 4,000 per item, and further improvements in quality, design and product range could significantly enhance their earnings, she said.

Rekha Rani urged weavers to make full use of the government's support for the handloom sector and continue developing products that meet changing market requirements to strengthen the industry.

Paper mill poll exposes cracks in NDA

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THE recognised union election at the Andhra Paper Mill in Rajamahendravaram has thrown up significant political signals, with the ruling NDA parties in the state contesting separately and eventually paying the price for the lack of unity.

Jana Sena and AITUC leaders displaying unity

Though the Telugu Desam Party, Jana Sena and the BJP are partners in the State government, the three parties backed different trade union combinations in the paper mill election.

The split in votes ensured that none of the fronts secured the mandatory support required for recognition. Another political takeaway from the Andhra Paper Mill recognition union election is the growing view that the outcome could have been entirely different had the NDA parties contested together.

Political leaders and trade union activists across party lines openly remarked after the results that a joint front comprising the TDP-affiliated TNTUC, the BJP-backed Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh and the Jana Sena Trade Union would have comfortably crossed the mandatory 51% vote mark and secured recognition.

The election has also triggered discontent within the three parties. Several leaders privately questioned why no serious effort was made to forge a common front despite the TDP, Jana Sena and BJP sharing power in the state. The absence of even a symbolic attempt to arrive at an understanding has become a point of discussion within the alliance, with many party workers describing it as a "missed political opportunity" that allowed the recognition union to slip out of the NDA's reach.

The Jana Sena-backed United Front emerged as the single largest group with 258 votes out of the 706 votes polled. The alliance was followed by the INTUC-led front, backed by YSRCP and other unions, with 228 votes, while the TDP-backed TNTUC alliance secured 220 votes to finish third. Political observers believe the outcome underlined the cost of the NDA partners fighting separately. "Had the alliance remained united, recognition would have been well within reach," was a common view in political circles after the results were announced.

The election has also drawn attention to the political equations within the alliance.

Rajamahendravaram City MLA Adireddy Srinivas, who has remained politically unbeaten in a series of cooperative bank elections in the city, faced his first major organisational setback.

Despite an intensive campaign in the closing phase, including a large public meeting addressed by former MLC Adireddy Appa Rao along with party cadre, the TNTUC alliance could not improve its position beyond third place.

The role played by leaders from neighbouring Rajanagaram also became a talking point.

Rajanagaram MLA Battula Balarama Krishna, serving as honorary president of the Jana Sena Trade Union, is said to have played a key role in mobilising support for the front that secured the highest number of votes.

On the other hand, former Rajanagaram MLA and YSRCP leader Jakkampudi Raja, along with former APIIC Chairman S. Sivarama Subrahmanyam, actively campaigned for the INTUC led alliance and helped it register a competitive performance.

The absence of visible participation by former MP and Rajamahendravaram YSRCP city in-charge Margani Bharat Ram in the election campaign also became a subject of discussion among political circles.

Another aspect that attracted attention was the low-profile campaign by local Jana Sena and BJP leaders. Tourism Minister Kandula Durgesh, Jana Sena constituency in-charge Atti Satyanarayana and BJP leaders largely stayed away from campaigning.

Political observers attributed this to the sensitivity surrounding the NDA partners contesting against one another.

The election also highlighted the growing influence of Rajanagaram leaders over the political landscape of the Andhra Paper Mill union polls. More than the leaders from Rajamahendravaram, it was the Rajanagaram leadership that appeared to shape the campaign and electoral strategy.

The active involvement of Rajanagaram MLA Battula Balarama Krishna on the Jana Sena side and former Rajanagaram MLA Jakkampudi Raja on behalf of the YSRCP-backed front turned the contest into a showcase of Rajanagaram's political influence, overshadowing the role played by leaders from Rajamahendravaram.

The election also witnessed unusual ideological alignments. The INTUC, YSRCP Employees Union, CITU, SWWA and Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh contested together despite their parent political parties holding contrasting positions at the State and national levels.

Meanwhile, the United Front brought together AITUC, Employees Union, United Employees Union and the Jana Sena Trade Union. The TNTUC entered the contest in alliance with the smaller SKS union.

A total of 711 workers were eligible to vote and 706 exercised their franchise, reflecting a turnout of more than 99%.

Since no alliance crossed the 51% threshold, it is learnt that the management is likely to invite two representatives each from all three major fronts as a negotiation committee for future negotiations and agreement talks.

Trade union leaders say the arrangement places greater responsibility on all representatives to work together during discussions with the management so that workers' interests are not affected by political rivalry.

The result is also being viewed as a morale booster for Jana Sena Party in Rajamahendravaram. With its supported front polling the highest number of votes, party leaders are expected to press for a stronger share in the upcoming municipal and local body elections. The paper mill verdict, though confined to a trade union election, has already begun shaping the political conversation in the city.

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Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department
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No.04 to 07/2026-27, Dt.29.07.2026

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Sd/- Chief Engineer-II, RWS&S Dept., Vijayawada

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Place : Visakhapatnam
Sd/- Authorised Officer
Punjab National Bank

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NOTICE FOR REMOVAL OF MOVABLES

With reference to the court order **CRL.MP/0000235/2025 of The Hon'ble Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Visakhapatnam District** and the physical possession of the scheduled property belonging to **1. M/s. Venkata Krishna Enterprises, Prop: Tandrangi Venkata Laxmi,** D No. 13-14-1/1, Ground floor, Opp Union Bank of India, Laxmi Narasayamma Nagar, Chinna musidivada, Visakhapatnam - 530051. **2. M/s. Venkata Krishna Enterprises,** Flat No. 505 B, 4th Floor, Block - B, Balaji's Hill View Enclave, Vepagunta, Visakhapatnam. **3. Smt. Tandrangi Venkata Laxmi,** W/o Tandrangi Venkata Krishna, 2-226, Srinivas Nagar, Near Floor Millu, Gopalapatnam, Gopalapatnam (rural), Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh - 530027. (Scheduled Property) taken over by the Advocate Commissioner on **10-06-2025** with proper Panchanama of the Inventory on the schedule premises as per the order. The Borrower have to remove all the movable articles within 15 days from the day of physical possession. As you aware that the schedule property sold out through e auction long back and we have to hand over the property to the successful bidder as soon as possible. But till now, you have not removed the articles. In this regard, we advise you to remove the articles within 7 days from the date of this publication, else the articles will be sold in auction as scrap.

Place : Visakhapatnam
Date: 20-07-2026
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PROJECT OFFICE, RAYAPUDI, THULLURU MANDAL, AMARAVATI-522237(A.P.)

E PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE

NIT No. 36/PROC/MAU61/194/2026-HB, Dated: 31-07-2026
Name of the work: "Providing Façade Glazing & Cladding works like Glass, Cladding, Crown, Atrium, Canopy Skylight, Column Cladding, PV Panel & BMU works in Integrated Andhra Pradesh State Secretariat & HoD Offices (GAD Tower) in Amaravati Government Complex, Andhra Pradesh" Est. Cost - Rs.442.06 Crores.

NIT No. 37/PROC/MAU61-USI0HB(OTH)/148/2026-HB, Dated: 31-07-2026
Name of the work: "Providing Façade Glazing & Cladding works like Glass, Cladding, Crown, Atrium, Canopy Skylight, Column Cladding, PV Panel & BMU works in Integrated Andhra Pradesh State Secretariat & HoD Offices (Tower 3&4) in Amaravati Government Complex, Andhra Pradesh" Est. Cost - Rs.727.45 Crores.

NIT No. 38/PROC/MAU61-USI0HB(ITWR)/1/2026-HB, Dated: 31-07-2026
Name of the work: "Providing Façade Glazing & Cladding works like Glass, Cladding, Crown, Atrium, Canopy Skylight, Column Cladding, PV Panel & BMU works in Integrated Andhra Pradesh State Secretariat & HoD Offices (Tower 1&2) in Amaravati Government Complex, Andhra Pradesh" Est. Cost - Rs.909.88 Crores.

The bid can be downloaded on AP e-procurement portal from 04.08.2026 to 26.08.2026 up to 14.00 Hrs. Due date for submission of Bid is 26.08.2026 up to 15.00 Hrs, Technical bid opening 26.08.2026 @16.00Hrs. For further details Please refer to www.apeprocurement.gov.in and www.crda.ap.gov.in.

Sd/- Managing Director, AGICL, Amaravati

Rayachoti gets major healthcare boost with Rs 32 cr allocation

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RAYACHOTI constituency in Annamayya district is set to receive a major boost in healthcare after the coalition government sanctioned nearly Rs 32 crore for hospitals, rural health centres and emergency medical infrastructure. The biggest project is a 50-bed critical care block, approved at an estimated cost of Rs 23.75 crore.

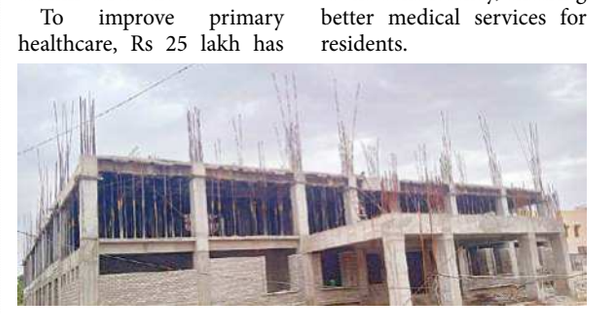
The facility will be built alongside the existing 100-bed Area Hospital in Rayachoti to strengthen emergency and critical care services. Once operational, it is expected to reduce the need for patients to travel to Kadapa, Tirupati and Bengaluru for advanced treatment.

Minister for Transport Mandipalli Ramprasad Reddy, who represents the constituency in Assembly, played a key role in securing funds to improve access to modern healthcare facilities across the constituency. The government has also approved 17 healthcare infrastructure projects worth Rs 29.224 crore, including 12 rural health centres, three Block Public Health Units, one Integrated Public Health Laboratory and the Critical Care Block. The projects aim to improve healthcare services in both rural and urban areas by strengthening medical infrastructure.

To improve primary healthcare, Rs 25 lakh has been sanctioned for repair and renovation of Ramapuram Primary Health Centre (PHC). In Lakkireddipalli, the government has approved Rs 30 lakh for the construction of a new homeopathy building under AYUSH department. In addition, infrastructure works, including a cement road and compound wall, have been completed at the Lakkireddipalli Government Hospital at a cost of Rs 36 lakh. Officials said fresh funding has revived several healthcare projects that had remained incomplete due to a shortage of funds.

These works are expected to be completed in phases. Under National Health Mission (NHM), Rs 81 lakh has been sanctioned for the development of six rural health centres to improve infrastructure and primary healthcare services. Another Rs 82 lakh has been allocated under the 15th Finance Commission for three healthcare infrastructure projects.

Commenting on the development, Minister Mandipalli Ramprasad Reddy said the new critical care block would provide timely emergency treatment to people in Rayachoti and nearby areas. He said the government would continue its efforts to bring more medical institutions, specialist doctors and advanced healthcare facilities to the constituency, ensuring better medical services for residents.



Bhogapuram airport to drive growth over next decade: Sana

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BHOGAPURAM's Alluri Sitarama Raju International Airport will emerge as the economic growth engine of North Andhra over the next decade, said Rajya Sabha MP Sana Satish Babu.

In a statement on Friday, he described the airport's inauguration by Prime Minister Narendra Modi as a historic milestone that will accelerate investment, employment, exports, tourism and infrastructure development across the region. Built at a cost of nearly Rs 5,000 crore over 2,200 acres, the airport is expected to anchor a world-class Aerocity with IT parks, logistics hubs, hotels, educational institutions and commercial centres. Its strategic connectivity with Visakhapatnam and Gangavaram Ports, national highways and future rail links will strengthen exports from seafood, agriculture, pharmaceuticals and MSMEs. The airport will also boost tourism by improving access to Araku Valley, Borra Caves, Lambasingi and other attractions. With sustained policy support, Bhogapuram has the potential to transform North Andhra into one of India's fastest-growing investment and commercial hubs, he added.

Building rule reforms boost housing: CREDAI

CREDAI Vijayawada leaders holding a meeting in Vijayawada on Friday

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CREDAI Vijayawada has welcomed the state government's building rule reforms stating that they will provide a major boost to the housing and construction sector while strengthening Ease of Doing Business and attracting fresh investments.

Speaking at a meeting, Dasari Rambabu, general secretary of CREDAI Andhra Pradesh, said the reforms align with the Centre's Deregulation 2.0 initiative and the State's vision of Speed of Doing Business. Chairman Cherukuri Satish Babu said the measures would help offset rising construction costs and enable developers to offer more affordable housing.

President G S R Mohan Rao described the Uniform Zoning Regulations as a landmark reform that would simplify approvals and boost investor confidence. Kunduru Raghuram and Tummala Vamsi Krishna said provisions such as higher permissible building heights, instalment-based fee payments, simplified setback norms and expanded use of TDR bonds would accelerate urban development. CREDAI thanked Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu, Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, minister Nara Lokesh and municipal administration minister P Narayana for the progressive reforms.