

Council passes 10 Bills amid YSRCP uproar

- Oppn seeks debate on Mega DSC, sports quota
- Chairman adjourns House twice as YSRCP members stage protest
- Bills on municipal laws, higher education and ease of doing business cleared



tation.

Meanwhile, the Chairman administered the oath to the newly nominated MLC under the Governor's quota, Vadde Dalavayi Rama Devi. With the Opposition continuing its protest, the Chairman adjourned the House for a second time at 11.50 am.

Even after the House was adjourned, the YSRCP members continued their agitation by sitting on the floor of the well, demanding a discussion on Mega DSC-2025, implementation of the sports quota and the resignation of Education Minister Nara Lokesh.

The Council resumed at 12.44 pm, after which the Chairman asked Ministers to introduce the 10 Bills passed by the Assembly. The Council passed the Andhra Pradesh Municipal Laws (Fourth Amendment) Bill, 2026 and the Andhra Pradesh Municipal Laws (Third Amendment) Bill, 2026, introduced by Municipal Administration and Urban Development Minister P Narayana. It also passed the Andhra Pradesh Public

Libraries (Amendment) Bill, 2026, the Andhra Pradesh Higher Education Regulatory and Monitoring Commission (Amendment) Bill, 2026, the Andhra Pradesh Private Universities (Establishment and Regulation) (Amendment) Bill, 2026, the Andhra Pradesh State Educational Institutions (Reservation in Teachers' Cadre) (Amendment) Bill, 2026, and the Andhra Pradesh Skills Universities (Establishment and Regulation) Bill, 2026, introduced by HRD Minister Nara Lokesh.

The Council further passed the Andhra Pradesh Omnibus (Speed of Doing Business) Bill, 2026, introduced by Law and Justice and Minority Welfare Minister NMD Farooq.

The other two Bills were the Andhra Pradesh Transplantation of Human Organs (Amendment) Bill, 2026 and the Andhra Pradesh Payment of Salaries and Pension and Removal of Disqualifications (Amendment) Bill, 2026. After completing the listed business, Chairman Koyye Moshen Raju adjourned the Council sine die.

Health centres' buildings on fast-track, says Satya Kumar

- Only 57 doctor posts vacant in PHCs; 1,143 centres already in own buildings
- 4,500 village health centre buildings under construction; 41 tests offered through Sanjeevani Digital Health

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ANDHRA Pradesh is accelerating construction of dedicated buildings for Primary Health Centres (PHCs), Urban PHCs and Village Health Clinics to strengthen primary healthcare, health minister Y Satya Kumar Yadav told the Assembly on Thursday.

He said 1,143 of the state's 1,231 PHCs are already functioning from their own buildings. Of 88 newly sanctioned buildings, 13 have been completed. Of 140 dilapidated PHCs identified for replacement, 118 have been rebuilt and 22 are under construction. Another 948 PHC infrastructure projects have been completed, while 100 more buildings are proposed with 15th Finance Commission funds.

Of 43 buildings being constructed through the Roads and Buildings Department, 14 are complete and 29 are under construction. Another 57 are at the tender stage.

The minister said more than 600 appointments had been made in PHCs over the past two years. Only 57 doctor posts remain vacant, and these would be filled soon.

Of the 560 Urban Primary Health Centres, 175 are functioning from government buildings. The government has sanctioned buildings for the remaining 385 centres. Of these,

327 have been completed and handed over, while 55 are under construction. Three cases are pending in court. With this, 502 UPHCs have dedicated buildings, while 55 continue to function from rented premises.

Satya Kumar said the previous government had built only 3,105 dedicated buildings for Village Health Clinics, Ayushman Arogya Mandirs and Health and Wellness Centres under schemes including the 15th Finance Commission, NHM and PM-ABHIM.

Since the coalition government took office, construction of more than 4,500 buildings has been taken up with Central support. The Panchayat Raj Department is executing the works. He said Community Health Officers would also be recruited wherever required.

The minister said the government had launched Sanjeevani Digital Health to provide patient-centric services. The platform will facilitate 41 types of tests at patients' doorsteps, along with health profiling, follow-up care, appointments, medicines and digital health records.

URBAN INFRA UPGRADE GETS Rs 7,469 cr BOOST

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THE state government has sanctioned Rs 7,469.46 crore for an urban infrastructure programme covering roads, drainage, parks, street lighting and central medians across the state's 123 Urban Local Bodies (ULBs).

The sanction includes Rs 5,500 crore for capital works and Rs 1,969.46 crore towards interest over 10 years under the Hybrid Annuity Model (HAM). The latest programme is aimed primarily at closing the state's remaining 4,388-km urban road gap.

The road works will be taken up along with drainage and other civic infrastructure rather than as standalone projects.

The government said the wider urban infrastructure pipeline now stands at about Rs 40,743.67 crore across 123 ULBs. Of this, 514 projects worth Rs 15,274.21 crore are under implementation through AMRUT 2.0, AIIB and UIDF, while another Rs 25,469.46 crore is being

- Rs 5,500 cr earmarked for roads, drainage, parks, streetlights and medians across 123 ULBs
- Programme targets the remaining 4,388-km urban road gap through integrated civic works

taken up through UIDF, the Urban Challenge Fund and HAM.

The programme excludes nearly Rs 80,000 crore of infrastructure projects under implementation in the CRDA region, officials said.

Of the Rs 5,500 crore capital component, Rs 4,655.82 crore will go towards roads with drains, Rs 509.12 crore for parks, Rs 247.28 crore for street lighting and Rs 87.78 crore for central medians.

The state has assessed its urban road network at 25,626 km. Of this, 21,238 km, or 82.9 per cent, has already been improved, leaving 4,388 km for the latest intervention. Detailed project reports cover 4,388 km of roads, 541 parks,

20,340 street-lighting points and 1,186.56 km of central medians.

Under the financing model, Rs 2,200 crore will be provided upfront through LRS/BPS funds, while the concessionaire will finance Rs 3,300 crore. The latter will be repaid over 10 years in 40 quarterly instalments through an escrow mechanism linked to identified urban revenues. The concessionaire will also maintain the assets for 10 years.

The government has prepared Gap Assessment Reports and Infrastructure Investment Plans for all 123 ULBs, identifying requirements up to 2029. The assessment found gaps of 724 MLD in water-treatment capacity, 9,608 km in water-distribution networks, 1,443 MLD in sewage treatment, 19,081 km in underground drainage, 23,612 km in storm-water drainage and 4,388 km in roads.

Minister P Narayana said the government was moving away from piecemeal works towards



integrated urban planning. "Roads cannot be planned separately from drainage, drinking water, sanitation, lighting and public spaces," he said. Principal secretary S Suresh Kumar said the urban programme also includes a major push on greenery and sanitation. Officials said 58 new parks have been developed and 110 existing parks refurbished, with another 45 under development. About 4.43 lakh saplings have been planted along 2,165 km of urban roads under the Harithandhra programme.

The government is also expanding scientific waste

processing. Work orders have been issued for 108 integrated solid-waste facilities with a combined capacity of 5,385 tonnes a day.

Eight facilities were inaugurated in July, with 66 targeted to become operational by October. Four Waste-to-Energy projects are under implementation at Kakinada, Kadapa, Kurnool and Nellore. Six Compressed Bio-Gas plants are also being developed. Officials said 143 lakh metric tonnes of legacy waste has been cleared against an estimated 157 lakh tonnes.

Kapu Corpn benefits 51.56 lakh in two years

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THE alliance government has benefited 51,56,172 people through various schemes of the Kapu Corporation, spending Rs 11,285.72 crore during its first two years in office, BC, EWS welfare, handlooms and textiles minister S Savitha said. The minister gave this information in the Legislative Council on Thursday in response to a question raised by MLC Thota Trimurthulu on the funds allocated to the Kapu Corporation and the number of beneficiaries since the alliance government came to power.

Savitha said a chairperson had been appointed to the Kapu Corporation and funds were being allocated every year for the development of the Kapu community. She also detailed the expenditure under different budgets.

In 2024-25, the government allocated Rs 4,646.99 crore and spent Rs 4,440.25 crore, benefiting 9,55,144 people. In 2025-26, Rs 4,924.28 crore



was allocated, of which Rs 4,360.28 crore was spent, benefiting 20,63,907 people. For 2026-27, Rs 5,012.10 crore was allocated. So far, Rs 2,485.19 crore has been spent, benefiting 21,37,121 people, the minister said.

Pawan signals bigger Jana Sena share in local polls

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JANA Sena Party (JSP) chief and Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan has signalled that his party will seek a significantly larger share of seats in the forthcoming urban local body elections, responding to growing demands from the cadre for greater political space within the NDA alliance. At a meeting of the Jana Sena legislative wing on Assembly premises on Thursday, Pawan Kalyan discussed the party's performance during the recent Assembly session before turning to preparations for the municipal and municipal corporation elections. Party MLAs and MLCs conveyed the strong sentiment among Jana Sainiks that the party should contest substantially more seats this time. During the 2024 elections, Jana Sena contested only 21 Assembly and two Lok Sabha seats as part of the NDA alliance, making what Pawan has repeatedly described as strategic sacrifices to defeat the then YSRCP government.

Bhu Bharati will permanently resolve farmers' land issues, says Ponguleti

Its implementation will be referendum on our government's performance, he asserts

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SATHUPALLI (KHAMMAM)

REVENUE Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy on Thursday said implementation of the State government's Bhu Bharati land legislation would serve as a referendum on its performance in the next elections.

Addressing a meeting of farmers on the sidelines of a land re-survey at Bethupalli revenue village in Sathupalli Assembly constituency, the Minister said the government was committed to providing permanent solutions to land-related problems and preventing irregularities in land records.

"The implementation of Bhu Bharati will be the referendum for our government's performance in the coming elections. We said this when the law was introduced and we stand by the same com-



mitment even today," he said. He said the Bhu Bharati Act was aimed at providing a permanent solution to land-related problems of farmers and ensuring protection of genuine land rights.

The Minister said nearly 6,000 acres had already been re-surveyed in Bethupalli revenue village, which has a total extent of 12,047 acres.

He said the re-survey was being conducted using modern technology, with precise coordinates and maps being prepared for each land parcel. Farmers would be given 30 days to raise objections after completion of the survey and final rights would be recorded only after resolving the grievances.

Bhudhaar cards, similar to

Aadhaar cards, would subsequently be issued to landholders, he said.

Reddy directed officials to protect access roads to agricultural fields and ensure that such roads were not recorded as private land. He also ordered protection of ponds by clearly demarcating their boundaries and taking necessary measures to pre-

vent encroachments.

The government has selected 70 villages in each district in the first phase of the re-survey and aims to complete the survey of agricultural and abadi properties across Telangana within the next 18 months, he said.

The minister warned of strict action against attempts to illegally regularise 22-A lands and said the government would not permit land grabbers to use poor people as a front to regularise illegally acquired properties.

Reddy said land was an emotional issue for farmers and not a political one, adding that protecting the interests of genuine farmers was the government's responsibility. District Collector Divakara TS said the revenue machinery would work at the field level to examine and resolve land-related grievances in accordance with rules.

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Train No. 01701			Train No. 01702		
Arr.	Dep.	STATIONS	Arr.	Dep.	
----	20.20	Jabalpur Jn.	09.30	----	
21.35	21.40	Katni Murwara	06.10	06.15	
22.55	22.57	Damoh	04.40	04.42	
00.15	00.20	Saugor	03.30	03.35	
05.50	05.55	Virangana Lakshmi Bai Jhansi Jn.	00.05	00.10	
07.30	07.35	Gwalior Jn.	22.25	22.30	
08.50	08.52	Dholpur Jn.	21.18	21.20	
09.30	09.35	Agra Cantt	20.30	20.35	
11.10	11.15	Mathura Jn.	19.35	19.40	
11.43	11.45	Kosi Kalan	17.50	17.52	
14.25	----	Hazrat Nizamuddin	----	15.45	

Days of Run: 01701 Ex Jabalpur Jn. on 29.08.2026 (Saturday) & 01702 Ex Hazrat Nizamuddin on 30.08.2026 (Sunday)
Accommodation: 2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General

Train 09803/09804 Kota Jn.-Hazrat Nizamuddin-Kota Jn. Raksha Bandhan Special Train					
Train No. 09803			Train No. 09804		
Arr.	Dep.	STATIONS	Arr.	Dep.	
----	22.15	Kota Jn.	19.35	----	
23.05	23.07	Indargarh Sumerganj Mandi	17.53	17.55	
23.48	23.50	Sawai Madhopur Jn.	17.28	17.30	
00.35	00.37	Gangapur City	15.55	15.57	
01.05	01.07	Shri Mahaveerji	15.10	15.12	
01.18	01.20	Hindaun City	14.55	14.57	
01.40	01.42	Bayana Jn.	14.20	14.22	
02.18	02.20	Bharatpur Jn.	13.23	13.25	
04.20	04.25	Mathura Jn.	12.30	12.35	
07.00	----	Hazrat Nizamuddin	----	09.00	

Days of Run: 09803 Ex Kota Jn. on 22.08.2026, 24.08.2026 & 26.08.2026 & 09804 Ex Hazrat Nizamuddin on 23.08.2026, 25.08.2026 & 27.08.2026.
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