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Farmers and field staff participating in a training programme on identification of coffee berry borer signs and its control measures in coffee plantations

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THE Alluri Sitarama Raju district administration has drawn up a field-level action plan to check the spread of coffee berry borer, a pest that can cause serious damage to coffee plantations. As part of this action plan a special survey planned across 35 tribal villages covering nearly 2,500 acres. This aims to protect the interests of coffee growers in the agency area and minimise the impact of coffee berry borer on production and bean quality. District collector T Nishanthi has directed officials to identify the pest in its early stages and take scientific control measures to protect growers from crop losses. She reviewed the situation with Horticulture and Agriculture departments, DRDA, Coffee Project, APCNF, and Coffee Board, and discussed the field survey, and measures to contain the pest.

The survey will cover selected coffee plantations in Araku Valley and Dumbriguda mandals. Fifty teams have been formed for the exercise, with each team comprising a coffee liaison worker, an ICRP and a VOA. Each team has been assigned a target of surveying 20 acres a day, and the exercise scheduled to continue for four days.

The teams have been instructed to inspect plantations and record the presence and intensity of coffee berry borer, the affected area and other relevant details. The Collector directed officials to identify pest hotspots and give them priority while taking up control measures. Based on the survey findings, Broca traps, lures and Beauveria bassiana will be made available in areas where they are required. Officials said Broca traps would help attract the pest and detect its presence as well as assess its intensity.

Training was given to farmers and field staff on installing the traps, using lures and preparing traps manually.

The district administration is also promoting biological control methods. Coffee AD Ayanti explained the use of Beauveria bassiana to farmers and field staff and imparted training on its application in coffee plantations.

DRDA Project Director Jayakrishna said coordinated efforts by all departments were necessary to tackle the pest problem effectively. Officials from the Horticulture and Agriculture departments, DRDA, Coffee Project, APCNF and Coffee Board have been asked to deploy their field staff and work together during the survey and subsequent control operations. The survey teams were trained before being sent to the field. The training covered identification of coffee berry borer symptoms, detection of affected berries, assessment of pest intensity and systematic recording of field observations. Following the awareness programme, officials and the survey teams visited coffee plantations at Doravalasa village under Chinalabudu panchayat for a field demonstration.

The Collector stressed the need to keep coffee growers involved in the control programme. Farmers will be sensitised on early symptoms, preventive measures, use of traps and biological control methods. They will also be advised to immediately inform field staff of infestation in their plantations.

Officials said early detection, preventive measures and scientific control were essential to prevent the pest from spreading and reducing coffee yields and quality. Once the survey is completed, the data will be consolidated and a detailed report will be submitted to the Collector. Further actions will be taken based on the survey findings.

Green energy initiatives by Vijayawada rly Division

Solar panels with a capacity of 40 kWp installed over Platforms 8 and 9 at Vijayawada Railway Station

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MARKING Indian Akshay Urja Diwas (Renewable Energy Day) on Thursday, Vijayawada Division of South Coast Railway highlighted its growing renewable energy initiatives, with its installed solar capacity reaching 4,864 kWp across 265 rooftop and standalone installations. Of the total capacity, 2,978 kWp has been installed at railway stations, 1,476 kWp at service buildings and offices, 120 kWp at staff quarters and 290 kWp at 70 level-crossing gates, helping ensure uninterrupted power supply at rural and outage-prone locations.

During 2025-26, the installations generated 44,06,903 units of clean energy, resulting in savings of Rs 4.61 crore and avoiding 3,525.52 tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions. During April-July 2026, the Division generated 19,90,741 units, saving Rs 1.85.54 crore and avoiding 1,592.59 tonnes of CO_2 emissions. The Division has also switched completely to LED lighting and installed solar water heaters with a combined capacity of 56,700 litres per day at running rooms, rest houses and hospitals. It has commissioned 81 solar-powered street lights and signal installations. Stations including Kadiyam, Dwarapudi, Madhuranagar, Sarpavaram, Uppuluru, Ulavapadu, Kavutaram, Nidamanuru, Moturu and Pedana have adopted green-energy initiatives. Vijayawada Railway Station has received IGBC Platinum certification for sustainable design, while 610 kWp of building-integrated photovoltaic rooftop solar panels have been installed across its platforms.

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Gram sabha nod must for sand quarries

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Rampachodavaram

Collector K Dinesh Kumar holding a meeting with officials

SAND reaches and metal quarries in Polavaram district should be permitted only after obtaining resolutions from the respective tribal villages, Polavaram District Collector K Dinesh Kumar directed the officials concerned on Thursday. He held a meeting with mining officials, Pollution Control Board authorities and metal quarry owners at the ITDA office meeting hall. Joint Collector Surapati Prashanth Kumar and OSD Javali were also present. The Collector said the government had identified eight sand reaches in the district, including three at Gommukoyagudem, two at Gundala, two at Kannaiahgudem and one at Rayannapeta. He directed the Mining, Police and Revenue departments to jointly inspect the reaches and submit a report before permissions were issued based on resolutions passed by the respective village panchayats.

He said the available sand deposits should be assessed and made available to the public in accordance with government rules. Sand extraction should be restricted to permitted limits and all environmental norms and guidelines must be followed.

He also directed officials to conduct auctions among tribal residents of the concerned villages for allotment of sand reaches and obtain necessary no-objection certificates.

He said APGENCO requires around 10,000 metric tonnes of sand and was currently sourcing it from Rajahmundry, resulting in higher transportation costs.

Steps would be taken to supply sand to APGENCO from reaches in the Polavaram region, he said. District Mining Officer Krishnamurthy and Transport Officer Rajesh Kumar participated.

Meet to regulate traffic held

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Guntur

FOLLOWING orders of SP Vakul Jindal, a coordination meeting was held on Thursday at the Guntur Traffic DSP Office to discuss measures for resolving traffic problems in the city, regulating unauthorised parking, and ensuring smooth movement of vehicles. Guntur Town Traffic DSP B Srinivasa Rao conducted the meeting at his office here on Thursday in which the officials of GMC and traffic police participated. The meeting reviewed traffic problems and unauthorised parking on major roads in the city. The meeting decided to take action to prevent college buses, goods tempos, private ambulances, travel buses, cars, cranes, JCBs, sand-loaded vehicles and other vehicles from being parked unauthorisedly on roads, thereby causing traffic obstruction.

One stop portal launched for industries

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Kakinada

THE State government has launched a One Stop Portal to provide a single platform for resolving issues faced by commercial and industrial units across the State, Kakinada District Collector MN Harendhira Prasad said on Thursday. He said industries and commercial establishments in the district can register on the portal in less than five minutes and bring their problems and requests to the notice of the State government through the online platform. The portal also enables establishments to submit details of their ongoing recruitment and inform the government about the manpower they require for various positions, both at present and in the future.

The Collector urged all industries and commercial establishments in the district to make use of the facility and register on the One Stop Portal. He asked them to submit details of their problems, requests and present and future employment requirements through the portal. Registration can be done through the One Stop Portal: One Stop Portal registration. For assistance with the registration process, establishments can contact the District Industries Centre or call 9394540044 for information, he said. The Collector also explained that resolving the problems and requests of industries and commercial establishments and extending the required support to them was one of the key objectives of the government.

Elaborate arrangements for UPSC Civil Services Mains

- The UPSC Civil Services Main examinations, scheduled from August 21 to 30
- 124 candidates will appear for the examinations at SRR and CVR Government Junior College

Collector Dr G Lakshmisha and UPSC Inspection Officer N Rajeswara Rao reviewing arrangements for the Civil Services Main examinations at the Collectorate in Vijayawada on Thursday

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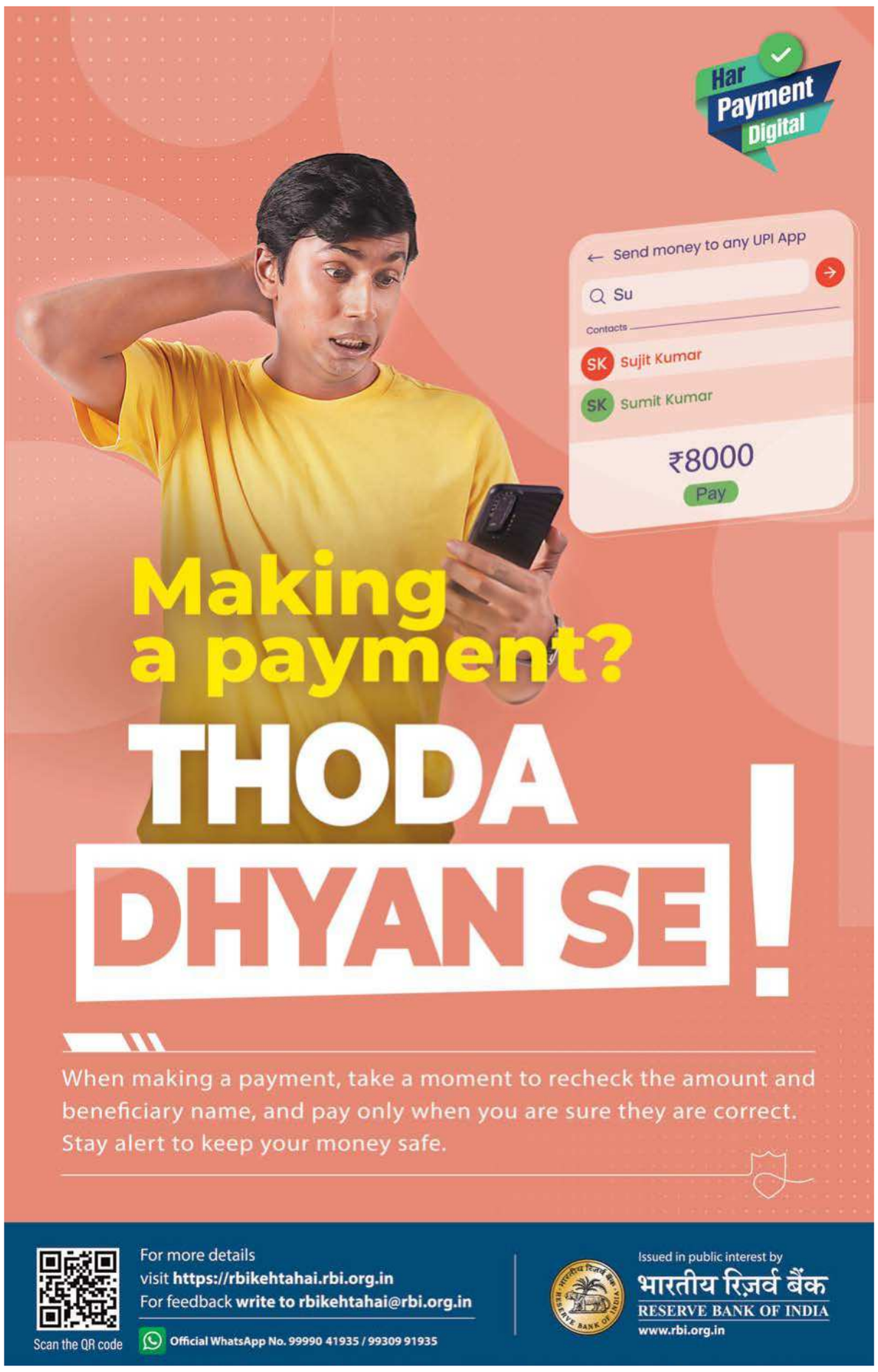
NTR district collector Dr G Lakshmisha has directed officials to make foolproof arrangements for the smooth conduct of the UPSC Civil Services Main examinations, scheduled from August 21 to 30.

The collector, along with UPSC Inspection Officer N Rajeswara Rao, held a coordination meeting with custodians, liaison officers, venue supervisors, and officials of the Revenue, Medical and Health, Postal, Public Transport, and Electricity departments at the Collectorate on Thursday.

He said 124 candidates would appear for the examinations at SRR and CVR Government Junior College in Vijayawada. The Essay paper will be held on August 21, General Studies-I and II on August 22, and General Studies-III and IV on August 23. The Indian Language and English papers will be conducted on August 29 and optional subjects on August 30. The examinations will be held in two sessions, from 9 am to noon and 2.30 pm to 5.30 pm.

Dr Lakshmisha instructed officials to strictly follow UPSC guidelines and ensure security, drinking water, uninterrupted power supply and medical facilities at the examination centre. He stressed that there should be no scope for negligence and officials must exercise utmost caution in every aspect.

He also directed officials to ensure proper facial authentication of candidates through the mobile application. The Public Transport Department was asked to operate buses from different parts of the city to help candidates reach the centre on time. He said that a control room has been set up at 91549 70454 for examination-related coordination. DRO M Lakshmi Narasimham, Vijayawada RDO Vennela Sreenu and other officials attended the meeting.