Govt's decisions for library development hailed

Chairman of the Zilla Grandhalaya Sanstha MS Baig says timely availability of financial resources will enable dist and rural libraries to improve services and infrastructure

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MS Baig, chairman of the Zilla Grandhalaya Sanstha for the erstwhile Krishna district, has welcomed the Andhra Pradesh government's initiatives to strengthen and modernise libraries across the State, particularly the proposed direct transfer of library cess funds to Grandhalaya Sanstha and the plan to establish libraries in all 175 Assembly constituencies.

Baig appreciated Education Minister Nara Lokesh for the key announcements made in the Assembly regarding the development of the library sector. He described the decision to directly credit funds collected through the library cess into the accounts of Sanstha as a historic and welcome move.

MS Baig, chairman of the Zilla Grandhalaya Sanstha

He said the timely availability of financial resources would enable district and rural libraries to improve their services and infrastructure. The proposal to establish libraries in all 175 constituencies and upgrade facilities in places where libraries already exist would give a new direction to the library movement in Andhra Pradesh, he added.

According to Baig, modern and accessible libraries in every constituency would greatly benefit students, unemployed youth, competitive examination aspirants, readers and researchers.

Libraries, particularly in rural areas, play a crucial role in providing access to quality books, newspapers, magazines, digital resources and a peaceful environment for study.

The direct availability of library cess funds would allow all the Zilla Grandhalaya Sansthas to address local requirements and improve infrastructure, including library buildings, furniture, books, computers, digital facilities, drinking water, toilets and reading halls, he said.

Vijayawada aims to become model town for road safety

- District collector Dr G Lakshmisha unveils posters for the project
- The programme will focus on four key areas – Engineering, Enforcement, Education and Emergency Care
- Traffic regulations will be strictly enforced through zero-tolerance zones as part of the enforcement measures

Collector Dr G Lakshmisha releasing a poster on Friday

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DISTRICT collector Dr G Lakshmisha on Friday called for the active participation of all stakeholders to transform Vijayawada into a model town for road safety, stating that the Ideal Town on Road Safety Project would play a key role in achieving this objective.

The collector unveiled posters for the project at the Collectorate on Friday. The initiative is being implemented with the support of the Transport and Police Departments, with the Honda India Foundation as the CSR partner and TRAX – Road Safety NGO as the implementing agency. Speaking on the occasion, Dr Lakshmisha said the project aims to reduce road accident deaths and injuries by 10 to 15 percent, while promoting responsible road behaviour among the public.

The programme will focus on four key areas — Engineering, Enforcement, Education and Emergency Care. Under the engineering component, infrastructure deficiencies at accident-prone black spots will be identified and rectified. Traffic regulations will be strictly enforced through zero-tolerance zones as part of the enforcement measures.

Under the education component, road safety awareness programmes will be conducted for nearly 70,000 students in 105 schools and 14 colleges. Special campaigns will focus on the importance of wearing helmets and seat belts, maintaining lane discipline and ensuring pedestrian safety.

The emergency care component will focus on training first responders to provide timely first aid and assistance to accident victims. Dr Lakshmisha said coordinated efforts involving government departments, the police, private organisations, educational institutions, voluntary groups and other stakeholders were essential to reducing road accident fatalities and injuries. The project seeks to bring all concerned agencies onto a common platform and promote coordinated action to make Vijayawada safer for motorists, pedestrians and other road users. Among those present were representatives of the Honda India Foundation, Vijayawada–NHAI Project Director Vidyasagar, TRAX – Road Safety NGO, Delhi, General Secretary Rajani Gandhi, Regional Programme Officer M Vasu and others.

MINISTER INSPECTS ANNAVARAM BUS STATION

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TRANSPORT Minister Mandipalli Ramprasad Reddy inspected the RTC bus station at Annavaram on Friday and reviewed the facilities being provided to passengers. He went around the bus station and checked the basic amenities available for commuters.

He also interacted with passengers and sought their views on the implementation of the free bus travel scheme for women under the Stree Shakti scheme. Several women passengers expressed satisfaction over the implementation of the scheme and said it had been useful for them. At the same time, some women requested the minister to increase the number of Pallevelugu and Express services and take steps to ensure that buses halt at all authorised stops. Responding to their requests, the minister directed RTC officials to take measures to provide better facilities and ensure that passengers do not face inconvenience at the bus station. Later, the minister had breakfast with RTC drivers, conductors and other staff at the bus station canteen. The RTC staff brought several issues to his notice, which the minister discussed with them.

Minister Mandipalli Ramprasad Reddy inspecting the RTC bus station at Annavaram on Friday

SPECIAL PUJAS PERFORMED

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SPECIAL pujas were performed to Goddess Bhramaramba at Pedakakani temple on Friday on the occasion of auspicious Varalakshmi Vrutham. The deity was colourfully decorated with Pasupu Kommulu. A large number of devotees visited the temple and performed pujas seeking blessings of Goddess Bhramaramba to fulfil their wishes. Devotees believe that if they perform special pujas on the occasion of Varalakshmi Vratham, they will be blessed with Aidavatanam. Devasthanam authorities made necessary arrangements for the convenience of the devotees visiting the temple.

Women performing Varalakshmi Vratham at Ashtalakshmi temple in Guntur on Friday

Similarly special pujas were performed to Goddess Lakshmidevi at Ashtalakshmi Temple in Arundelpet here. Special pujas were performed to Goddess Lakshmidevi with various flowers and Kumkum. Deity was colourfully decorated. Devotees visited the temple and performed the pujas seeking blessings of Goddess Lakshmidevi.

Similarly, special pujas were performed to Goddess Kalika Devi, Pratyangira Devi at Courtallam Peetham in Pattabhipuram here. Women devotees perform pujas to Goddess Vara Lakshmi at their houses.

Arrest of accused in TDR bond scam demanded

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THE BJP has urged the State government to register criminal cases and arrest those held responsible in the alleged TDR bond scam in Kakinada, expressing surprise that no arrests have been made despite a Vigilance inquiry and the submission of a report to the Chief Secretary. In a letter addressed to the Chief Secretary, BJP leaders alleged that TDR bonds worth around Rs 10,000 crore were issued across the State between 2019 and 2024 during the YSR Congress government in violation of rules. They alleged that in Kakinada alone, TDR bonds worth around Rs 500 crore were issued for acquisition of about 9.5 acres at Dummulapeta, allegedly benefiting private individuals.

The BJP alleged that the then Kakinada City MLA, municipal officials and revenue authorities had acted in collusion in the matter. The party said it had lodged complaints through registered post on February 3, 2024, with the then Chief Vigilance and Enforcement Department, Chief Secretary, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Town and Country Planning and Municipal Administration authorities, seeking an inquiry into the alleged irregularities. According to the BJP senior leader Duvvuri Subrahmanyam, the Vigilance Department subsequently conducted an inquiry and submitted its report to the present Chief Secretary on April 20, 2026. The party leaders questioned why criminal cases had not yet been registered against those found responsible. He urged the Chief Secretary to initiate criminal proceedings immediately and take action against all those responsible for the alleged irregularities.

The complaint addressed to the Chief Minister, Deputy Chief Minister, State Municipal Administration Minister and Chief Secretary was signed by BJP Kakinada district president Bikkina Visweswara Rao, Civil Supplies Corporation director Enimireddy Malakondayya, BJP State spokesperson Yarlagadda Ram Kumar, senior leader Duvvuri Subrahmanyam and others. They questioned why the vigilance report did not hold the then RDO and members of the scrutiny committee responsible. They demanded that their role also be examined and that criminal cases be registered against them if found responsible.

Sowcar Janaki: A cinematic legacy with Rajahmundry roots

Deekshitula Subrahmanyam
Rajamahendravaram

THE passing of veteran actress Sowcar Janaki in Chennai on Friday has brought back memories of her close association with Rajamahendravaram, the city where she was born and grew up before embarking on a remarkable journey that made her one of the most respected actresses in South Indian cinema. Janaki died in Chennai at the age of 94 following age-related ailments, bringing the curtain down on a career spanning more than seven decades. She acted in nearly 400 films in Telugu, Tamil, Kannada and Malayalam and remained active in cinema and on stage for several generations.

For Rajamahendravaram, her story has a special significance. Born Sankaramanchi Janaki on December 12, 1931, she belonged to a Kannada-speaking Madhwa Brahmin family. Her parents were T Venkoji Rao and Sachi Devi. Janaki was brought up in Rajahmundry, where her early years were shaped by the cultural atmosphere along the banks of the Godavari. They reside in the Papermill officers' colony at that time.

Her father, Venkoji Rao, was a paper industry specialist. He studied paper manufacturing and chemical engineering in England and later worked in the paper industry. His professional career brought the family to Rajahmundry, where Janaki spent her formative years. Her mother, Sachi Devi, hailed from Guwahati in Assam. Though the family had links with different parts of the country, Rajahmundry became an important part of Janaki's early life. According to sources, the family lived in the papermill officers' colony and an old building opposite the Gokavaram bus stand area in the city at that time. The artistic atmosphere around the family gradually found expression in Janaki. She was drawn to performance from a young age and became associated with radio programmes before entering films. Her younger sister Krishna Kumari too went on to become a celebrated actress, making the family's connection with cinema even more remarkable.

Janaki entered the film industry in 1949, and her breakthrough came with the 1950 Telugu film Shavukaru, directed by LV Prasad. She played the female lead opposite NT Rama Rao. The success of the film gave her the name by which generations of film lovers came to know her, Sowcar Janaki.

According to veteran film actor and noted stage musician of Rajamahendravaram, Sripada Jith Mohan Mitra, Janaki's family left Rajamahendravaram for Calcutta in 1948, when she was around 17 years old. He said that she did not return to Rajamahendravaram later for film shootings or stage performances. He expressed his condolences for her. He praised that her contribution was not confined to cinema. She performed extensively on stage and was associated with radio in her early years. Her career spanned more than seven decades.

Her long career brought several honours, including the Kalaimamani award from the Tamil Nadu Government and the Padma Shri from the Government of India in 2022. Janaki's death has been mourned across the film industry, but in Rajamahendravaram the memories are especially personal. The city remembers not only a celebrated actress who went on to make her mark across South Indian cinema, but also the young girl who grew up along the banks of the Godavari before her name became part of Indian film history.

Vice-President to visit Eluru dist on Aug 24

Hans News Service
Eluru

VICE President of India C P Radhakrishnan will visit Eluru district on the August 24th. He will leave Delhi in a special flight at 7.15 am and reach Gannavaram at 9.35 am. He will leave Gannavaram by road at 9.45 am and reach Gourmet Popcorn Factory in Musunuru at 10.45 am. He will participate in the launch of new popcorn seeds till 12.15 pm. Farmers will be felicitated. After that, he will leave Musunuru by road at 12.35 am and go to Gannavaram airport.

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Mandal-level leadership to strengthen safe drinking water access

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Amaravati

WHILE India has made significant investments in drinking water infrastructure, ensuring that safe water systems continue to function effectively requires more than infrastructure alone. Strong local ownership, coordination among departments and frontline workers, and effective accountability mechanisms are essential for translating policy into sustainable access to safe drinking water. In Andhra Pradesh, the mandal or block level is increasingly emerging as a crucial link between district administrations and Gram Panchayats. It is at this level that policies are translated into action, implementation challenges are identified, and locally relevant solutions can be developed.

Mandal-level workshop on Safe water for all and always at Vissannapet in NTR district on Friday

Through the India Safe Water Programme, Evidence Action (EAII Advisors), in partnership with the Rural Water Supply and Sanitation (RWS&S) Department and the Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Department, has been facilitating mandal-level workshops across 10 districts including Krishna, NTR, Kadapa, Annamayya, Vizianagram, Bapatla, Parvathipuram, Eluru Palnadu and Bapatla of Andhra Pradesh.

Unlike conventional training programmes, these workshops bring together government officials, water supply engineers, Panchayat representatives, ASHAs, Anganwadi Workers, ANMs and other frontline personnel. The objective is to collectively identify challenges affecting safe drinking water delivery and develop practical solutions suited to local conditions. The initiative highlights the importance of integrating water quality monitoring into regular mandal and Gram Panchayat review meetings rather than creating parallel systems. It also focuses on strengthening accountability for the operation and maintenance of In-Line Chlorination (ILC) devices, which play an important role in ensuring the safety of drinking water.

Frontline health and community workers, including ASHAs, Anganwadi Workers and ANMs, along with Panchayat representatives, have an equally important role in addressing misconceptions surrounding chlorinated water and building public confidence in safe water systems. "These mandal-level workshops reflect the Andhra Pradesh government's commitment to strengthening water quality governance right down to the last mile. By bringing together engineers, health workers and Panchayat representatives on one platform, the government is ensuring that operational challenges are resolved quickly," said Manoj Kumar M, AP Programme Lead, India Safe Water, EAII Advisors.