

Srisailam gears up for Dasara festivities from Oct 11 to 20

- Srisailam Devasthanam will celebrate the Dasara Mahotsavams from October 11 to 20, featuring daily Vahana Sevas, Navadurga Alankarams, and traditional rituals
- EO holds a preliminary planning meeting with chief priests, Vedic scholars, department heads, and engineering staff
- Continuous drinking water, snacks, and Anna Prasadam will be provided in queue complexes, backed by LED screens for live proceedings and round-the-clock sanitation

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SRISAILAM Devasthanam is making elaborate preparations for the annual Dasara Mahotsavams, scheduled to be celebrated from October 11 to 20.

Executive Officer M Srinivasa Rao chaired a preliminary review meeting with temple priests, Vedic scholars, and department heads on Wednesday to outline

operational plans for the 10-day festival.

The discussions covered ritualistic schedules, daily Vahana Sevas, Navadurga Alankarams for Goddess Bhramaramba Devi, and major festival highlights, including the Nijaroopa Alankaram, Shami Puja, and Teppotsavam on Vijayadashami.

EO Srinivasa Rao instructed temple departments to work in total co-



Srisailam temple EO M Srinivasa Rao addressing a meeting on Wednesday

ordination, ensuring strict adherence to traditional ritual timings.

Final operational blueprints will be presented at the upcoming Dharma-Karma Mandali meeting.

To handle the anticipated influx of pilgrims, the engineering wing was directed to setup LED screens at key locations and execute extensive electrical illumination across the shrine.

The gardens wing will decorate the premises traditionally with fresh flowers, while security personnel and police will enforce strict traffic and parking management to prevent bottlenecks during village processions.

For pilgrim comfort, the queue management team was instructed to maintain an uninterrupted supply of drinking water, milk, and snacks in queue lines, alongside regular Anna Prasadam service. The sanitation wing has been tasked with continuous cleaning of public utilities and temple surroundings. Cultural programs including Harikatha, discourses, instrumental music, and traditional dances will perform at the Nitya Kala Vedika, while folk troupes featuring Kolatam and Chekka Bhajana will accompany the daily processions.

CPI demands immediate relief from soaring fuel, LPG, and food prices

- The CPI organized rallies and dharmas against rising essential commodity prices
- CPI cadres staged a unique protest by carrying LPG cylinders, rice sacks, and edible oil cans during their march through Somappa Circle
- Protesters demanded immediate price cuts on rice, pulses, cooking gas, petrol, and diesel, alongside strict action against black marketing and hoarding

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PROTESTING the continuous escalation in the prices of essential commodities, cadres of the Communist Party of India (CPI) staged demonstrations across Nandyal and Yemmiganur on Wednesday, demanding immediate intervention by the Central and State governments to control inflation. Leading a rally in Nandyal from Gandhi Chowk to Kalpana Centre, CPI Nandyal District Secretary Ranganayudu criticized



CPI leaders staging a protest at Yemmiganur on Wednesday

both governments for shifting financial burdens onto working-class and middle-income families. Following the rally, protesters sat on a dharna at Kalpana Centre, demanding immediate price reductions on daily staples including rice, pulses, edible oil, salt, and sugar, alongside cuts in petrol, diesel, and cooking gas rates. Ranganayudu urged authorities to clamp down heavily on hoarding and black marketing to stabilize retail markets.

Meanwhile, CPI leaders in Yemmiganur organized a novel protest by carrying gas cylinders, rice sacks, and edible oil cans during a rally through major thoroughfares.

The procession culminated in a sit-in demonstration at Somappa Circle, where activists raised slogans against government economic policies.

Addressing the gatherings, CPI leaders highlighted that skyrocketing commodity prices have severely eroded household budgets while public purchasing power continues to decline.

They demanded that the state and central administrations establish efficient market intervention mechanisms, ensure adequate public distribution of essential food items, and guarantee remunerative prices for farming communities. Warning that minor palliatives would not suffice, CPI leaders cautioned that failure to provide swift relief to ordinary citizens would force the party to mobilize a massive, state-wide sustained agitation.

BCs are not weak; self-respect drives the community: Minister Satya

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AFFIRMING that Backward Classes (BCs) are social pillars who never compromise on self-respect, Health Minister and Dharmavaram MLA Satyakumar Yadav hailed Prime Minister Narendra Modi for elevating India's global standing while originating from a BC background.

Addressing the BJP OBC Morcha district executive meeting at Gotluru village in Sri Sathya Sai district, Satyakumar commended Gotluru residents for achieving national "Best Village" awards twice by keeping local development above party politics. He urged party cadres to actively participate in nationwide service initiatives starting September 17 to mark PM Modi's 25-year public service journey.

He called on workers to organize "Seva Setu" outreach camps, verify central welfare



delivery, honor Anganwadi staff, and light "Ashirvada Deepam" across all villages.

Outlining major infrastructure projects in Dharmavaram constituency, the Minister highlighted ongoing Rs 650 crore highway works between Kadiri and Mudigubba, the sanctioning of an Ayurveda Medical College, establishment of a Mega Handloom Cluster, and expanded dialysis facilities.

He reiterated that coalition welfare schemes—including doorstep pension delivery of Rs 4,000, Talliki Vandanam, and Deepam—are being distributed without political

bias.

Satyakumar noted that the "Stree Shakti" free bus travel scheme has significantly improved healthcare access for women, leading to increased outpatient and inpatient registrations at government hospitals. He advised party cadres to spread awareness regarding the Ayushman Bharat scheme, which provides free medical coverage up to Rs 5 lakh for eligible families.

He promised to treat every constituent as a family member and continue driving inclusive development across the region.

Choose eco-friendly clay Ganesha idols to protect water bodies: APPCB



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CLAY Ganesha idol-making competitions promote student creativity while driving environmental awareness, said organizers at an event in Kotla Vijaya Bhaskar Reddy Memorial Municipal High School.

APPCB environmental engineer PV Kishore Reddy and school authorities urged students to avoid Plaster of Paris (PoP) idols and toxic

chemical dyes, which pollute local water bodies during immersion.

Speakers highlighted that natural clay idols dissolve safely, preserving aquatic ecosystems.

Appealing to the public to choose eco-friendly idols for Ganesh Chaturthi, organizers called for sustainable festival practices. School Headmaster Rayapati Srinivas and Lions Club of Kurnool Melvin Jones representatives attended.

AP ST Commission chief interacts with tribal residents



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STATE ST Commission Chairman Solla Bojji Reddy, alongside Commission members P Venkatappa and K Malleswara Rao, held an interactive meeting with tribal residents at Palyam Thanda in Pamidi mandal on Wednesday.

Local tribal families submitted representations outlining various civic and welfare grievances. Chairman Bojji Reddy assured residents that their issues would be taken up with key department officials for prompt resolution.

RDO Srinivasulu, District Tribal Welfare Officer Srinivasulu, Tahsildar Sharma, MPDO Prabhakar Naik, Medical Officer Dr Sudhakar, local ST leaders, and villagers participated in the outreach drive.

All-new 3-row Kia Sorento SUV launched



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MG Brothers Kia launched the all-new 3-row Kia Sorento SUV at its Anantapur showroom, with ex-showroom prices starting at Rs 27.99 lakh. CEO Aditya Machani, Kia ASM Kiran Bangarimath, and dealership officials attended the event, where valued customers lit the ceremonial lamp.

Tailored for India, the Sorento offers 2.2-litre diesel and 1.6-litre turbo GDi hybrid engine options with AWD terrain modes.

Advanced features include Level-2 ADAS (29 safety functions), 10 airbags, a 360-degree camera, a panoramic sunroof, and a 12-speaker Bose audio system, establishing a new luxury benchmark in the segment.

“Nijam Gelichindi” rally held to commemorate Naidu’s 53-day detention

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TDP leaders and activists organized a "Nijam Gelichindi" torch rally in Anantapur on Wednesday to mark the anniversary of TDP President N Chandrababu Naidu's arrest, which they termed a fabricated political case.

Local MLA Daggubati Prasad led the rally from the 'Pedda Gadiyaram' (Big Clock Tower) to Saptagiri Circle, carrying 53 torches to symbolize Naidu's 53 days in detention.

Addressing the gathering, leaders noted that the global Telugu community stood by



Naidu until truth ultimately prevailed.

Corporation chairpersons, party directors, and large numbers of TDP cadres participated in the procession.

Defeat taught me more lessons than victory in politics: Former MP

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FORMER MP Talari Rangaiah stated that political defeat teaches more valuable life lessons than victory, instilling a strong resolve to succeed.

Speaking at a YCP local body election preparatory meeting in Anantapur—attended by Rayalaseema Coordinator Peddireddy Mithun Reddy—Rangaiah noted that defeat reveals people's true character, separating opportunistic



followers from honest supporters.

Exhorting party workers not to fear the ruling coalition government, he promised that the YCP leadership would stand firmly behind cadres and urged them to fight bravely to secure victory and hoist the party flag in upcoming local body elections.

Shun drugs and focus on skill development: SETKUR CEO

- SETKUR organizes a narcotics awareness session at the AP Residential Junior College (Minority Boys)
- SETKUR CEO Dr K Venugopal urges students to resist peer pressure, avoid narcotics, and focus on academics, sports, and skill development to secure their future
- Excise CI Chandrahass details the severe legal consequences of involvement in drug trafficking and advised students to report suspicious narcotics trade via the toll-free helpline 1972

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URGING students to channel their energy toward education and career development, Society for Employment Generation and Training in Rural Areas (SETKUR) CEO Dr K Venugopal called upon the youth

to stay strictly away from narcotic substances.

Addressing an anti-drug awareness program organized under the aegis of Youth Services-SETKUR (Kurnool and Nandyal) at the AP Residential Junior College (Minority Boys) on Wednesday, Dr Venugopal highlighted that youth rep-



SETKUR CEO Venugopal addressing a meeting in Kurnool on Wednesday

resent the nation's most vital human resource.

Warning that substance

abuse degrades physical health, damages family stability, and derails educational growth, he advised students to withstand peer pressure and consult parents or teachers during personal crises rather than resorting to harmful habits.

Elaborating on the judicial framework, Excise Inspector Chandrahass cautioned students against participating in the illegal purchase, transportation, or sale of narcotics, noting that aiding drug networks carries severe legal penalties.

He urged students to act responsibly and report any suspicious drug-related activities by dialing the toll-free helpline 1972, emphasizing that timely information could save lives and safeguard families.

CS directs Collectors to fast-track land resolution for 38 pending MSME parks



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CHIEF Secretary G Sai Prasad held a video conference with District Collectors to review preparations for the 'Partnership Summit 2026' and SIPB MoU implementations.

The CS directed officials to select high-performing MSMEs to display products at five regional meets planned for October 2026.

He also instructed Collectors to resolve land issues for 38 remaining MSME parks out of 175 state-wide.

Anantapur Joint Collector C Vishnu Charan, District Industries Officer Srinivasa Yadav, Horticulture DD Umadevi, NEDCAP Manager Kishore, and other officials attended the virtual meeting from the Anantapur Collectorate's mini-conference hall on Wednesday.