80% subsidy on alternative crop seeds

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Vijayawada

IN view of the prevailing El Niño conditions and the associated rainfall deficit, the Agriculture Department has launched a Contingency Crop Plan to support farmers and encourage cultivation on lands that remain unsown during the current Kharif season.

In a statement issued here on Wednesday, Director of Agriculture Dr Manazir Jeelani Samoon said seeds of short-duration and low-water-requiring alternative crops were being supplied to eligible farmers at an 80% subsidy under the contingency plan. The initiative aims to help farmers utilise vacant cultivable land where sowing could not be taken up due to inadequate rainfall, he said.

Further, he said a total of 90,222 quintals of seeds have been allotted under the scheme. The seeds include horse gram (ulavalu), black gram (minumulu), green gram (pesalu), red gram (kandulu), foxtail millet (korralu), finger millet (ragulu) and sesame (nuvvu). Of the total allocation, 54,036 quintals are horse gram, 17,953 quintals black gram, 6,858 quintals green gram and 2,852 quintals red gram, he said.

Additionally, Dr Samoon said seeds would be supplied to eligible farmers based on the extent of their cultivable land, subject to a maximum limit of five acres per farmer. He advised farmers to make use of the seeds supplied under the Contingency Crop Plan and take up alternative crops on vacant lands that could not be sown due to deficient rainfall.Farmers can contact their local Agriculture Officers for details regarding crop-wise subsidy rates, seed dosage and their contribution and collect the seeds at the earliest, he added.

Rs 300 cr sanctioned for roads ahead of Pushkaralu

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Amaravati

- **Govt clears Rs 300 cr to upgrade 431 km of R&B roads across six Godavari districts**
- **SH and MDR works fast-tracked to ease travel for millions during Pushkaralu-2027**
- **Priority on restoring damaged stretches, improving key routes and ensuring smooth pilgrim movement**

THE state government has sanctioned Rs 300 crore for the repair, renovation and development of roads and buildings (R&B) roads in six districts in preparation for the Godavari Pushkaralu-2027.

R&B minister B C Janardhan Reddy said the finance department had given immediate approval for the funds following the directions of Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu. The works are aimed at providing safe, smooth and improved transportation facilities to the millions of devotees expected to attend the prestigious religious event.

The minister said 78 roads covering nearly 431 km would be developed in East Godavari, West Godavari, Kakinada, Dr B R Ambedkar Konaseema, Polavaram and Eluru districts.

Of the total allocation, Rs 185.75 crore has been earmarked for 41 state highway (SH) projects covering about 275 km. Another Rs 114.25 crore will be spent on 37 key major district roads (MDRs) extending over nearly 155 km.The government has accorded priority to restoring badly damaged roads and modernising key routes in and around the Godavari region. The works will be taken up on a priority basis to ensure better connectivity to important pilgrimage and bathing locations during the Pushkarams.

Janardhan Reddy said the government's objective was to ensure that devotees arriving from across the country do not face traffic congestion or travel difficulties. The Rs. 300-crore investment would significantly improve the condition and appearance of R&B roads across the Godavari region, he added.

The minister said the road development programme reflected the coalition government's commitment to providing devotees with safe, comfortable and hassle-free transportation during Godavari Pushkarams-2027.

Paddy procurement preparations reviewed

District joint collector Apoorva Bharat reviews the arrangements at a District Procurement Committee meeting

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Kakinada

DISTRICT Joint Collector Apoorva Bharat has directed officials to complete all advance arrangements within the stipulated time for smooth, transparent, and farmer-friendly paddy procurement during the Kharif 2026-27 season.

He reviewed the arrangements at a District Procurement Committee (DPC) meeting held at the Kakinada Collectorate on Wednesday. Officials from Agriculture, Civil Supplies, Cooperation, Legal Metrology, Marketing, Transport, FCI and APSWC, along with representatives of the Rice Millers Association, attended the meeting.

Apoorva Bharat directed officials to equip the proposed procurement centres at Rythu Seva Kendras (RSKs) and Paddy Procurement Centres (PPCs) with computers, printers, internet connectivity, weighing machines, moisture meters and other required infrastructure.

Officials were asked to inspect the centres personally before procurement begins and rectify any deficiencies. He instructed Agriculture and Cooperation officials to complete e-Crop, e-KYC and social audit processes within the prescribed time frame, ensuring there were no discrepancies in farmers' Aadhaar, crop and variety details.

The joint collector ordered Legal Metrology officials to inspect weighbridges attached to rice mills and complete calibration and stamping.

Regular inspections should be conducted to prevent irregularities in weighing, he said.

He also directed officials to appoint adequate staff at procurement centres in advance and provide them with necessary training.

GPS-enabled vehicles should be identified and linked to RSKs and PPCs to ensure timely transportation of procured paddy to rice mills. Adequate gunny bags should be stocked in advance, while rice millers were asked to keep machinery, storage facilities, power supply and weighbridges ready.

Labour and Civil Supplies officials were directed to ensure sufficient Hamalis were available at procurement centres.

The joint collector made it clear that rice millers should be tagged with RSKs only after submitting valid e-BGs and the prescribed MoUs. He said the government's priority was to ensure that farmers faced no inconvenience during procurement.

ENDOWMENTS DEPARTMENT
SRI LAXMI VENKATESWARA SWAMY TEMPLE
Uyyalawada (V), Orvakal (M), Kurnool (Dist)
e-Procurement Tender
NIT.No.TTD-20022DY(GEN)/39/ 2025-EE-XV-SEC, Dt: 16.05.2026
E-Tenders are invited through the e-Procurement portal for the **Laying of CC Road to Temple.** Interested bidders may visit the official website **www.apeprocurement.gov.in** for detailed information, eligibility criteria, and submission guidelines.
Executive Officer

AP STATE POLICE HOUSING CORPORATION LTD
e-Procurement Tender Notification-7
Tenders for Civil work is invited for Tender No.21/2026-27 dated 09/09/2026 for 1 work: Last date/ time for submission of bids for Tender No.21/2026-27: 18/09/2026, 5.00P.M.
For details, please visit www.apeprocurement.gov.in
Sd/- CHIEF ENGINEER
DIPR Ro.No.5409PP/CL/ADVT/1/1/2021-22
Date: 09/09/2026

GREATER VISAKHAPATNAM MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
01. Tender Notice No.: Short Tender Notice
No.17/2026-27/GVMC/SE-Gwk/E.E-GWK Zone, Dt:08.09.2026 (07 days)

1	Number of Works	:	04 No's.
2	Value of Works	:	Rs. 265.90 Lakhs
3	Down Load Starting Date	:	09.09.2026 @ 02.00 PM
4	Down load Ending date	:	16.09.2026 @ 03.00 PM

Note: Further details @ www.ape.procurement.gov.in
EE-Gwk or SE-Gwk (Contact No.9848933235)
sd/- For Commissioner

Soaring prices a burden on commoners: CPI

Hans News Service
Guntur

CPI Guntur city committee taking out a protest rally on Wednesday

CPI national executive member Muppalla Nageswara Rao demanded that the government immediately reduce the prices of essential commodities, stating that the steep rise in prices is causing severe financial hardship to the common people. As part of the CPI state-wide agitation demanding control over the continuously rising prices of essential commodities, the Guntur City Committee of the CPI organised a protest rally on Wednesday. The rally was taken out from Mallaiah Lingam Bhavan at Kothapeta to the Gandhi statue at Himani Centre. Protesters carried the essential commodities around their necks as part of the demonstration. Speaking on the occasion, Muppalla Nageswara Rao alleged that whenever public sector assets in sectors such as aviation, shipping, petroleum and diesel were sold, they were ending up in the hands of Adani and Ambani.

CPI Guntur district secretary Kota Malyadri, Guntur city secretary Akiti Arun Kumar, city committee members Nuthalapati Chinna, G Suresh Babu, Gundeboyina Lakshmi, Manga Srinivasa Rao and B Venkateswara Reddy were present.

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APPENDIX-IV-A [See Proviso to Rule 8(6)]
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES
E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to **Union Bank of India,** the **Physical possession** of which have been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Union Bank Of India** (Secured Creditor), will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis** on **29.09.2026,** for recovery of below mentioned amount plus further interest, costs and charges due to the Union Bank of India from below mentioned Borrower/s and Guarantor/s.
The details of the Reserve Price of the secured assets and earnest money deposit are mentioned below:

Date & Time of E-Auction : 29.09.2026 From 12:00 Noon to 05:00 P.M (with unlimited extension of 10 minutes duration each till the conclusion of the sale)

Borrowers: 1. M/s. Sri Ayyappa Enterprises, Address -1: Proprietor: Mr. Dwarampudi Saiyeesh Reddy, Cookwear Manufacturing, S No 90/1,93/1, Rampuram, Pendurthi, Visakhapatnam. **2. M/s Sri Ayyappa Enterprises, Address- 2: Proprietor: Mr. Dwarampudi Saiyeesh Reddy,** Plot No 39, APIIC, Aganampudi Industrial Park, Visakhapatnam-530046. **Proprietor: Mr. Dwarampudi Saiyeesh Reddy,** S/o Satyanarayana Reddy, MIG-II-352, Rajiv Nagar, Kurmanapalem, Visakhaptanam-530046. **Guarantor: Mrs. Lakshmi Bhayi Dwarampudi,** W/o Late Satyanarayana Reddy, Flat No.102, Ground Floor, Sri Sai Apartment, Vayuputra layout, Bakkanapalem, Madhurwada, Visakhapatnam-530028.

Outstanding Amount: Rs.1,85,21,143.86 Ps (Rupees One Crore Eighty Five Lakh Twenty One Thousand One Hundred Forty Three and Paise Eighty Six Only) as on **31.07.2026** with further interest, cost & expenses.

Description of the Property: 1. All that the vacant Plot No.538, admeasuring 111.11 Sq.yds in part of Sy.no. 94/34, Ward no.1, Block no.1, Ravichettu Street, Tajbabanagar, Jarajapupeta Village, Nellimarla panchayat and Mandal, Vizianagaram District belongs to Mr. Dwarampudi Saiyeesh Reddy, S/o Satyanarayana Reddy. **Bounded by: East:** Plot No.539, **South:** Layout Road, **West:** Layout Road, **North:** Plot No.537.
Reserve Price: Rs.3,06,000/-; EMD : Rs.30,600/-; Bid Increment Amount: Rs.3,100/-

2. All that the vacant Plot No.543, admeasuring 111.11 Sq.yds in part of Sy.no. 94/34 and Part of Sy. No.94/38 Ward no.1. Block no.1, Ravichettu Street, Tajbabanagar, Jarajapupeta Village, Nellimarla panchayat and Mandal, Vizianagaram District belongs to Mr. Dwarampudi Saiyeesh Reddy, S/o Satyanarayana Reddy. **Bounded by: East:** Property of Secure Investment Making Services, **South:** Plot No.556, **West:** Plot No.544, **North:** Layout Road.
Reserve Price: Rs.3,06,000/-; EMD : Rs.30,600/-; Bid Increment Amount: Rs.3,100/-

3. All that the vacant Plot No.544, admeasuring 111.11 Sq.yds in part of Sy.no. 94/34 and Part of Sy. No.94/38 Ward no.1. Block no.1, Ravichettu Street, Tajbabanagar, Jarajapupeta Village, Nellimarla panchayat and Mandal, Vizianagaram District belongs to Mr. Dwarampudi Saiyeesh Reddy, S/o Satyanarayana Reddy. **Bounded by: East:** Plot No.543, **South:** Plot No.555, **West:** Plot No.545, **North:** Layout Road.
Reserve Price: Rs.3,06,000/-; EMD : Rs.30,600/-; Bid Increment Amount: Rs.3,100/-

4.All that the vacant Plot No.545, admeasuring 111.11 Sq.yds in part of Sy.no. 94/34 and Part of Sy. No.94/38 Ward no.1. Block no.1, Ravichettu Street, Tajbabanagar, Jarajapupeta Village, Nellimarla panchayat and Mandal, Vizianagaram District belongs to Mr. Dwarampudi Saiyeesh Reddy, S/o Satyanarayana Reddy. **Bounded by: East:** Plot No.544, **South:** Plot No.554, **West:** Plot No.546, **North:** Layout Road.
Reserve Price: Rs.3,06,000/-; EMD : Rs.30,600/-; Bid Increment Amount: Rs.3,100/-

5. All that the vacant Plot No.553, admeasuring 111.11 Sq.yds in part of Sy.no. 94/34 and Part of Sy. No.94/38 Ward no.1. Block no.1, Ravichettu Street, Tajbabanagar, Jarajapupeta Village, Nellimarla panchayat and Mandal, Vizianagaram District belongs to Mr. Dwarampudi Saiyeesh Reddy, S/o Satyanarayana Reddy. **Bounded by: East:** Plot No.554, **South:** Layout Road, **West:** Plot No.552, **North:** Plot No.546.
Reserve Price: Rs.3,06,000/-; EMD : Rs.30,600/-; Bid Increment Amount: Rs.3,100/-

6. All that the vacant Plot No.554, admeasuring 111.11 Sq.yds in part of Sy.no. 94/34 and Part of Sy. No.94/38 Ward no.1. Block no.1, Ravichettu Street, Tajbabanagar, Jarajapupeta Village, Nellimarla panchayat and Mandal, Vizianagaram District. **Bounded by: East:** Plot No.555, **South:** Layout Road, **West:** Plot No.553, **North:** Plot No.545.
Reserve Price: Rs.3,06,000/-; EMD : Rs.30,600/-; Bid Increment Amount: Rs.3,100/-

7. All that the vacant Plot No.555, admeasuring 111.11 Sq.yds in part of Sy.no. 94/34 and Part of Sy. No.94/38 Ward no.1. Block no.1, Ravichettu Street, Tajbabanagar, Jarajapupeta Village, Nellimarla panchayat and Mandal, Vizianagaram District belongs to Mr. Dwarampudi Saiyeesh Reddy, S/o Satyanarayana Reddy. **Bounded by: East:** Plot No.556, **South:** Layout Road, **West:** Plot No.554, **North:** Plot No.544.
Reserve Price: Rs.3,06,000/-; EMD : Rs.30,600/-; Bid Increment Amount: Rs.3,100/-

8. All that the vacant Plot No.559, admeasuring 111.11 Sq.yds in part of Sy.no. 94/39 and Part of Sy. No.94/40 Ward no.1. Block no.1, Ravichettu Street, Tajbabanagar, Jarajapupeta Village, Nellimarla panchayat and Mandal, Vizianagaram District belongs to Mr. Dwarampudi Saiyeesh Reddy, S/o Satyanarayana Reddy. **Bounded by: East:** Plot No.558, **South:** Plot No.570, **West:** Plot No.560, **North:** Layout Road.
Reserve Price: Rs.3,06,000/-; EMD : Rs.30,600/-; Bid Increment Amount: Rs.3,100/-

9. All that the vacant Plot No.560, admeasuring 111.11 Sq.yds in part of Sy.no. 94/39 and Part of Sy. No.94/40 Ward no.1. Block no.1, Ravichettu Street, Tajbabanagar, Jarajapupeta Village, Nellimarla panchayat and Mandal, Vizianagaram District belongs to Mr. Dwarampudi Saiyeesh Reddy, S/o Satyanarayana Reddy. **Bounded by: East:** Plot No.559, **South:** Plot No.569, **West:** Plot No.561, **North:** Layout Road.
Reserve Price: Rs.3,06,000/-; EMD : Rs.30,600/-; Bid Increment Amount: Rs.3,100/-

10. All that the vacant Plot No.571, admeasuring 111.11 Sq.yds in part of Sy.no. 94/39, Ward no.1. Block no.1, Ravichettu Street, Tajbabanagar, Jarajapupeta Village, Nellimarla panchayat and Mandal, Vizianagaram District belongs to Mr. Dwarampudi Saiyeesh Reddy, S/o Satyanarayana Reddy. **Bounded by: East:** Plot No.572, **South:** Layout Road, **West:** Plot No.570, **North:** Plot No 558.
Reserve Price: Rs.3,06,000/-; EMD : Rs.30,600/-; Bid Increment Amount: Rs.3,100/-

11. All that the vacant Plot No.572, admeasuring 111.11 Sq.yds in part of Sy.no. 94/39, Ward no.1. Block no.1, Ravichettu Street, Tajbabanagar, Jarajapupeta Village, Nellimarla panchayat and Mandal, Vizianagaram District belongs to Mr. Dwarampudi Saiyeesh Reddy, S/o Satyanarayana Reddy. **Bounded by: East:** Property of Secure Investment Making Services, **South:** Layout Road, **West:** Plot No.571, **North:** Plot No 557.
Reserve Price: Rs.3,06,000/-; EMD : Rs.30,600/-; Bid Increment Amount: Rs.3,100/-

There are no encumbrances known to the Bank on the property. 1) Online E-Auction will be held through web portal/website **https://baanknet.com. 2)** For Registration and Login and Bidding Rules and Terms and Conditions of Sale visit **https://baanknet.com** (Buyer Registration – link provided in the home page of the website). **3)** Terms and Conditions of E-auction sale are available in bank's **website www.unionbankofindia.co.in**

Date : 31.08.2026
Place : Visakhapatnam
Sd/- Authorised Officer,
Union Bank of India, Asset Recovery Branch

Kanthi Kiran Thamma named chef of the year finalist

Hans News Service
Vijayawada

UK-based Telugu celebrity chef Kanthi Kiran Thamma, Chef and director of The Spice Circuit Ltd., Brighton, has been named a finalist in the Chef of the Year category at the BIH Spotlight Awards 2026.

Chef Kanthi's selection follows an overwhelming response to his nomination in the nationwide recognition programme, with finalists chosen from more than 3,000 nominations across the UK hospitality industry. His achievement highlights his contribution to South Asian cuisine and the UK's diverse culinary landscape.

The Spice Circuit Ltd. was previously honoured with the Best South Asian Restaurant award at the BIH Spotlight Awards 2025, recognising its distinctive contribution to South Asian cuisine and hospitality.

Now in its fifth year, the BIH Spotlight Awards have attracted more than 1,000 attendees from across the UK and Ireland and recognised 60 winners. The awards also provide a platform for established professionals and emerging talent in the hospitality sector.

Chef Kanthi's latest nomination adds to his growing recognition in the UK culinary industry and places him among leading chefs competing for the coveted Chef of the Year title.

The winners will be announced at a glittering ceremony at Quaglino's, London, on October 12, 2026, in the presence of leading chefs, restaurateurs, hospitality professionals and food connoisseurs from across the UK and Ireland.

Chef Kanthi Thamma, born in Guntur and raised in Hyderabad, is an acclaimed chef and entrepreneur based in Brighton, UK. Over 12 years, his culinary ventures have earned numerous awards and international recognition. As a guest chef, he has represented South Indian, particularly Telugu, cuisine across Sweden, the Netherlands, Spain, Germany, Italy and the USA.

AMRUT Centre team inspects projects in Vijayawada

The team reviews the progress of works and maintenance conditions of the facilities at the field level

Hans News Service
Vijayawada

A team from the AMRUT Centre under the Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) inspected various development works taken up under the AMRUT scheme in Vijayawada on Wednesday.

The team comprising AMRUT and MoHUA Technical Consultant Dr Avinash K Varma and Deputy Adviser Vipin Kumar Patel visited the Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) at Ramalingeswara Nagar, Elevated Level Service Reservoir (ELSR) at Ranigarithota and AMRUT Park at HB Colony.

The team reviewed the progress of works and the maintenance conditions of the facilities at the field level.

Vijayawada Municipal Corporation (VMC) Additional Commissioner (Projects) Dr D Chandrasekhar and Chief Engineer P Satyakumari explained the details of the works being implemented under the AMRUT scheme. They discussed the progress of the projects, construction quality, technical aspects and services being provided to the public with the central team. Dr Chandrasekhar said the AMRUT scheme was playing a key role in strengthening urban infrastructure, sewage treatment and drinking water supply systems in the city. He said steps were being taken to complete the projects in accordance with prescribed standards and quality norms and ensure better services to citizens.

A team from the AMRUT Centre under the Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) inspecting the Sewage Treatment Plant at Ramalingeswara Nagar in Vijayawada on Wednesday

Representatives of APUFIDC and PDMC, including Mohammed Bhutto, Team Leader, South Region; V Jayaprakash, Deputy Team Leader, North Region; VMC Superintending Engineer (Projects) K Dushyanth; Executive Engineer Surekha and other engineering staff participated in the inspection.

IOB opens new branch at Ranastalam

Ranastalam
(Srikakulam district)

THE opening of Indian Overseas Bank's (IOB) new branch at Ranastalam will strengthen banking services in the region and provide greater financial support to local people, farmers and entrepreneurs, said Etcherla MLA Nadukuditi Eswara Rao (NER).

The MLA made the remarks after inaugurating the bank's new fully air-conditioned branch at Ranastalam in Srikakulam district on Wednesday. IOB Visakhapatnam Region Senior Regional Manager Ravi Kumar Gupta was present on the occasion.

Eswara Rao said the establishment of the public sector bank would improve access to banking and financial services for people in Ranastalam and surrounding areas and support local economic activity.

Ravi Kumar Gupta said Ranastalam was the seventh IOB branch in Srikakulam district and the 80th branch under the Visakhapatnam Region, reflecting the bank's continued expansion.

He highlighted IOB's special 444-day term deposit scheme, offering interest rates of 6.60 per cent for the general public, 7.10 per cent for senior citizens and 7.35 per cent for super senior citizens.

He said IOB was committed to supporting Andhra Pradesh's economic development and contributing to the vision of "Swarna Andhra 2047 – One Entrepreneur in Each Family."

The programme was attended by Kalisetti Prabhavathi, Kalisetti Suryanarayana, Branch Manager P. Manikantha Manohar, Regional Office officials, branch managers from Srikakulam, Balagathopu and Palasa, AIOBEU AGS D. Umamaheswara Rao, bank employees, customers and retired IOB employees.