SEVA SANKALPA ABHIYAN

BJP to take Modi's 25-year public journey to people

- Month-long programmes across AP from Sept 17 to Oct 17
- Alliance coordination strengthened for forthcoming local body elections

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BJP state president P V N Madhav, along with party leaders, addressing a press conference at the party state office in Vijayawada on Thursday

BJP state president P V N Madhav said the party would organise a month-long 'Seva Sankalpa Abhiyan' across the state to take Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 25-year public life and his government's achievements in development and welfare to the people.

Addressing a press conference at the BJP state office in Vijayawada on Thursday, Madhav said a series of service and social programmes would be conducted from September 17 to October 17. He said the party would highlight the country's progress in digital economy, infrastructure, Make in India, Atmanirbhar Bharat, green hydrogen, quantum technology and artificial intelligence under Modi's leadership.

He said the campaign would begin on September 17 with large-scale blood donation camps, while an 'Aashirwad Deepam' programme would also be held in the evening. Painting and essay competitions would be organised in schools and colleges on the theme of Viksit Bharat. Street plays and Burrakathas under 'Namo Seva' would explain welfare and development initiatives to the public.

Madhav said the party would honour Anganwadi and ASHA workers and organise medical camps, service activities, a 'Seva Jyothi Yatra', and 'Marpu Katha' programmes highlighting development-led transformation. A large-scale palm plantation drive titled 'Palm Tree–Kalpavruksham' would also be taken up in Andhra Pradesh.

He said the campaign would explain the Centre's support for AP, including assistance to Polavaram and Amaravati, the Visakhapatnam South Coast Railway Zone, support to Visakhapatnam Steel Plant and investments in industrial corridors, green hydrogen, green steel, semiconductors and AI.

On local body elections, Madhav said the BJP was preparing in coordination with the TDP and Jana Sena. Field teams had already assessed the party's strength in panchayats, MPTCs, ZPTCs, municipalities and corporations. Seat-sharing discussions were yet to be finalised, he said.

He added that the three alliance partners would soon meet again to chalk out a joint strategy.

A State office-bearers' meeting would be held in Guntur on Friday to review the Seva Sankalpa Abhiyan and election preparedness.

State media in-charge Kilari Dileep, MLC Pothula Sunitha, state office in-charge Uppalapati Srinivas Raju, NTR district BJP president Adduri Sri Ram, and BJP state spokespersons Sheikh Baji and Jalli Madhusudan were among those who participated in the press conference.

CPI demands scrapping of Bal Sanjeevani tenders, independent probe

- Eswariah seeks cancellation of contracts awarded to Kendriya Bhandar, NCCF
- Wants priority for SHGs and local manufacturers in fresh tendering

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CPI state secretary Gujjula Eswariah has urged Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu to order an independent inquiry into the tender process for the Bal Sanjeevani and Bal Sanjeevani Tribal nutrition schemes, alleging irregularities in awarding contracts and exclusion of women's self-help groups (SHGs).

In a letter to the Chief Minister on Thursday, Eswariah alleged that the tender process for supplying nutritional kits to pregnant women, lactating mothers and children through Anganwadi centres was not conducted in a manner that ensured fair competition and equal opportunities.

He said the state had divided 26 districts (before creating Markapuram and Polavaram districts) into four zones for the procurement of nutrition kits. According to him, 53,787 Anganwadi centres are covered under the programme and around 4.52 lakh kits are to be supplied every month, with an annual procurement value of about Rs.172.80 crore.

Eswariah alleged that the kit price had increased from Rs.241 to Rs.283.19 in the general zones and from Rs 350 to Rs 446 in the tribal zone. He claimed that the difference in rates could result in an estimated additional burden of around Rs 29.22 crore on the public exchequer, and sought an independent financial audit comparing the tender rates with previous rates, market prices and those prevailing in other States.

He also questioned the eligibility of agencies such as Kendriya Bhandar and NCCF, alleging that they did not have their own manufacturing facilities despite tender conditions requiring manufacturing capacity, food safety licences and production-related certifications. He asked the government to explain why agencies disqualified in earlier tenders were subsequently considered eligible.

The CPI leader further alleged that the requirement to supply to thousands of delivery points favoured large contractors and prevented small and medium-sized local units and SHGs from participating. He said the Supreme Court and government guidelines emphasised the participation of SHGs in supplementary nutrition programmes and urged the State to give them greater priority.

Eswariah demanded cancellation of the existing contracts, scrapping of the zonal system and fresh tenders on a district-wise basis to promote local employment and wider competition. He also sought re-tendering at the earlier rates of Rs.241 and Rs.350 unless the government could substantiate the revised rates.

He urged the Chief Minister to examine the tender notification, government orders, eligibility criteria, qualification and disqualification records, contract awards, quality-testing reports and payment details. He sought action against officials and contractors if violations were established and called for permanent guidelines to ensure transparency, competition, quality and social responsibility in future child nutrition procurements.

AP races to unlock Central funds

- Chittoor topped with 87% utilisation while Vizianagaram was lowest at 52%
- Rs 9,986 crore in 'mother sanctions' and Rs 135 crore in SNA accounts under review
- Reforms to unlock Rs 3,525 crore under SASCI to be completed on priority

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THE state government has launched a major exercise to improve utilisation of Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) funds, recover cancelled allocations and implement reforms needed to unlock additional Central incentives, as part of a broader financial restructuring exercise.

At a review with collectors, finance department principal secretary Piyush Kumar and secretary D Ronald Rose said 86 CSS schemes were being implemented during 2026-27. Against a Central allocation of Rs 25,304 crore, the State had received Rs 10,552 crore so far. Including previous unspent balances and other adjustments, Rs 18,516 crore was currently available with implementing departments, of which Rs 8,694 crore (47 per cent) had been spent by September 7.

The panchayat raj and rural development department had the largest available pool at Rs 7,440 crore but had utilised only 38 per cent. Housing spent 26 per cent of its Rs 829 crore, while water resources utilised just 6 per cent of Rs 28 crore. In contrast, BC Welfare recorded 99 per cent utilisation, spending Rs 313 crore out of Rs 316 crore. District-wise performance also varied sharply. Chittoor topped with 87 per cent utilisation, followed by NTR and West Godavari at 85 per cent. Visakhapatnam recorded 59 per cent, while Vizianagaram was lowest at 52 per cent.

The government has identified Rs 135 crore lying unspent in SNA accounts and ordered tighter banking management. As many as 88 idle SNA accounts across 20 departments are to be closed immediately.Officials were also directed to pursue the Centre for re-release of Rs 116.98 crore in cancelled mother sanctions, including funds for PMAY-Urban, BC scholarships, NRLM-RSETI and used-water management. AP is eligible for Rs 8,226 crore under SASCI 2026-27, of which Rs 3,486 crore has already been received. The government is implementing reforms to secure the remaining Rs 3,525 crore, including mining reforms, Telecom RoW integration, AgriStack digitisation, livestock data entry and SNA-SPARSH reforms.

The exercise could also unlock Rs 650 crore through public-health improvements and Rs 175 crore through the Compressed Bio-Gas policy. All prescribed SASCI reforms have been ordered to be completed by December 1, 2026, while departments must immediately release Central funds to districts and remit interest accrued in SNA accounts to the Centre through PFMS.

Ram Mohan Library regaining lost prominence

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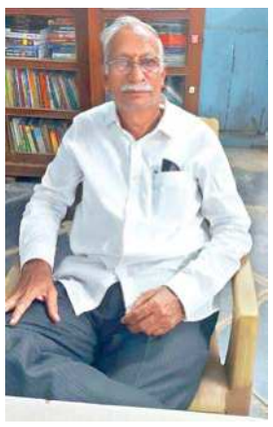
Chintalapudi Koteswara Rao

FOR more than a century, the historic Ram Mohan Library has silently witnessed the growth and transformation of Vijayawada. Established during the formative years of the public library movement, the institution has survived periods of glory, neglect and uncertainty. Today, however, this heritage institution is gradually regaining its lost prominence under the committed leadership of its present managing committee. Centrally located near Bandar Locks, Ram Mohan Library is one of the oldest cultural and educational landmarks of Vijayawada.

Speaking to 'The Hans India', committee president Chintalapudi Koteswara Rao said the institution is making determined efforts to reconnect with readers, students and the younger generation.

The library has a rich collection of nearly 20,000 books covering literature, spirituality, devotional subjects, education, personality development and contemporary issues. Of these, nearly 7,000 books relate to spiritual and devotional literature. It reportedly began in 1903 with around 200 books under the name Asthika Pusthaka Bhandagaram. Inspired by the ideals of social reformer Raja Ram Mohan Roy, the institution was later renamed Ram Mohan Library in 1911 and shifted to its present locality.

Padma Shri awardee Ayyanki Venkata Ramaiah, regarded as one of the pioneers of India's public library movement, served as its first secretary and played a significant role in the development of the institution.

The library also shares a proud association with India's freedom movement. Mahatma Gandhi reportedly visited the institution on several occasions to address meetings and participate in Congress activities. The premises also hosted important library conferences and public gatherings during the pre-Independence era. Despite its rich legacy, the library suffered neglect for several decades. After assuming charge, the new committee headed by Koteswara Rao initiated efforts to restore its activities and revive its public relevance.

Today, the library conducts quizzes, literary and cultural competitions and observes the birth anniversaries of Mahatma Gandhi, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, Swami Vivekananda and Dr BR Ambedkar. Independence Day and Telugu Language Day are also celebrated. The library provides free access to books for students preparing for competitive examinations, while special classes are organised for Class X students. At present, nearly 100 readers visit the library every day.

Speaker Ayyanna to attend Commonwealth Parliamentary meet in SA

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LEGISLATIVE Assembly Speaker Ch Ayyanna Patrudu will participate in the 69th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference (CPC) to be held in Cape Town, South Africa, from September 13 to 18. The Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference is a prestigious international forum that brings together Presiding Officers and parliamentary representatives from Commonwealth countries to deliberate on parliamentary democracy, effective legislative functioning, good governance and strengthening democratic institutions.

Ayyanna Patrudu will represent the Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly at the conference and participate in various proceedings and deliberations.

The event will provide an opportunity to exchange views and experiences with Presiding Officers and legislators from different Commonwealth jurisdictions and showcase the parliamentary traditions, practices and functioning of the Andhra Pradesh Legislature.

Secretary general of the Andhra Pradesh Legislature Prasanna Kumar Suryadevara will also participate in the Conference of Secretaries, an integral part of the CPC. The participation of the Speaker and Secretary General will enable the Andhra Pradesh Legislature to engage with parliamentary institutions across the Commonwealth and exchange experiences in legislative procedures, parliamentary administration and institutional best practices.

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Lok Adalat at 44 Benches tomorrow

RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM: A National Lok Adalat will be held on September 12 at 44 Benches across East Godavari, Kakinada, Dr BR Ambedkar Konaseema and Polavaram districts, District Principal Judge and District Legal Services Authority chairman Junaid Ahmed Maulana said on Thursday. He said wide publicity was being given to the Lok Adalat through ministry and government department websites and digital platforms to create awareness among the public about its purpose, benefits and the types of disputes that could be settled through the forum. The National Legal Services Authority has been undertaking various programmes under the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987, to promote access to justice and create awareness about legal services and alternative dispute resolution mechanisms, he said. Lok Adalats play an important role in providing an accessible, speedy and inexpensive forum for settlement of disputes through mutual consent, he said. Cases that are suitable for settlement can be resolved in an amicable atmosphere, helping parties avoid prolonged litigation and expenses, he added. Legal services authorities were taking steps to educate people about the procedure and benefits of Lok Adalats and encourage them to make use of the facility. Junaid Ahmed Maulana appealed to people to utilise the National Lok Adalat being conducted on September 12 and come forward to settle eligible disputes through mutual agreement.

Mayor offers to solve problems in Islampet Peta

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MAYOR Devarakonda Sujatha Ashok assured residents of Islam Peta in Venkateswarapuram that steps would be taken to resolve their local issues.

As part of city tour, along with officials and party leaders she conducted a door-to-door visit in Islam Peta area of 53 Division on Thursday and interacted with residents to understand their problems. The Mayor instructed sanitation staff to maintain the division cleanly and to remove silt and waste from drains regularly.

She appealed to residents to segregate wet and dry waste while handing it over during door-to-door garbage collection and cooperate with the recycling process. She urged eligible residents to apply for old-age, widow and other pensions and avail themselves of government welfare benefits.

AP Chambers seeks expansion of air connectivity

Vijayawada

THE Andhra Pradesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry Federation (AP Chambers) in an interactive session with a delegation from FLY91, led by Rubaina Shaik, discussed strengthening air connectivity from Vijayawada and other cities across Andhra Pradesh.

The session was led by AP Chambers President Potluri Bhaskara Rao, along with senior office-bearers B Rajasekhar and R Subba Rao. They congratulated FLY91 on the commencement of its proposed services from Thursday and welcomed the airline's efforts to improve regional connectivity.

FLY91 representatives outlined plans to operate services on routes including Vijayawada–Tirupati, Rajahmundry–Tirupati and Hyderabad–Tirupati. The proposed services are expected to benefit business travellers, tourists and the general public by improving access between key cities.

The AP Chambers delegation urged FLY91 to explore direct flights from Vijayawada to Kochi, Goa, Coimbatore and Shirdi, citing the growing demand for connectivity to these destinations.

CM SETS DEADLINES TO SEE EVERY ELIGIBLE FAMILY GETS A HOUSE

- Comprehensive housing action plan to be prepared within 10 days
- 1.43 lakh beneficiaries identified; 1.26 lakh applications under scrutiny
- 5.32 lakh houses under construction to be completed by March 2027

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CHIEF Minister N Chandrababu Naidu has directed officials to ensure that every eligible person in Andhra Pradesh gets a house or house site, with strict deadlines for beneficiary identification, site distribution and house construction. Reviewing housing issues at the 8th Collectors' Conference, the Chief Minister ordered officials to prepare a comprehensive action plan within 10 days covering house-site distribution, construction and regularisation of house plots.

Officials informed him that 1.43 lakh beneficiaries had been identified as eligible for housing, while another 1.26 lakh applications were under scrutiny. The verification process is expected to be completed by October 15.

Land has been identified in 1,692 villages for providing house sites to around 18,000 beneficiaries. Chandrababu directed officials to complete the distribution of these house sites within one year and prepare a clear list of beneficiaries requiring new house sites. The Chief Minister also reviewed the progress of housing construction. Officials said 5.92 lakh houses had been completed so far, while another 5.32 lakh houses were under construction at various stages.

Chandrababu ordered that all houses under construction be completed by March 2027 and handed over to beneficiaries. He stressed that there should be no delay at any stage, from identifying eligible beneficiaries and distributing house sites to completing construction.

District in-charge ministers were asked to take special responsibility and coordinate with district administrations. Officials were directed to monitor each stage against the prescribed timelines and give top priority to ensuring that every eligible family gets a house or house site.