

Working for **wealthy, healthy,** happy AP, says CM Naidu

Highlights role played by police at Amar Jawan commemoration event



DGP of Andhra Pradesh Harish Kumar Gupta paying homage to police martyrs as Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu and Home Minister Vangalapudi Anitha look on at the I memorial of Amara Jawan of APSP 6th Battalion at Mangalagiri on Wednesday

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CHIEF Minister N Chandrababu Naidu on Wednesday underlined the importance of police force in achieving wealthy, healthy and happy Andhra Pradesh. Paying floral tributes at the memorial of Amara Jawan of APSP 6th Battalion in Mangalagiri, he remembered the sacrifices made by police martyrs in their re-

solve to protect the interest of the State and its people. He was speaking after paying tributes along with Home Minister Vangalapudi Anitha, Chief Secretary G Sai Prasad, DGP Harish Kumar Gupta and others. Naidu hailed the police force for effectively discharging its duties and said in the age of deeptech, AI and future tech, what is the use if there is no safety for the people. He advised the

personnel who are doing a highly stressful job should de-stress with yoga and meditation. Naidu said police should be strong not only physically but also mentally. "Every citizen should sleep in peace.. Everyone's property should be secured. AP model is needed in law and order," he emphasized. The Chief Minister said "this is our true and solemn tribute to the immortal police heroes. We stand by the families of immortal heroes. We all work for the welfare of the police as they are rendering a great service." Remembering all the martyrs of the police, he said they will remain a source of inspiration to the force to work with renewed commitment towards the cause for which they have chosen their career.

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K-Harmony Fest 2026 at Shilpakala Vedika on Oct 25

HYDERABAD: International cultural festivals serve as vital bridges to deepen bilateral ties, foster mutual understanding, and showcase Telangana's vibrant heritage on the global stage, Tourism and Culture Minister Jupally Krishna Rao said on Wednesday.

Speaking ahead of the upcoming K-Harmony Festa 2026, the Minister highlighted the significance of cross-cultural exchanges in building enduring friendships between India and the Republic of Korea. Organised by the Korean Cultural Centre India in collaboration with the Telangana government, the day-long event will take place at Shilpakala Vedika in Hyderabad on October 25.

The festival forms a core part of Korea Culture Day 2026, themed "One Light, Two Cities," symbolising the historical and contemporary cultural affinities connecting Seoul and Hyderabad.

A key highlight of the event will be the joint presentation of traditional Telangana art forms including the classic Perin dance and vibrant Dappulu performances alongside high-energy Korean artistic acts. Minister Krishna Rao emphasised that such platforms not only introduce local artists to international audiences, but also drive state tourism and create economic opportunities for traditional performers.

Police vacancies will be filled by 2028: Revanth

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CHIEF Minister A Revanth Reddy has announced that all vacant posts in the Telangana Police Department will be filled by 2028. He also announced that the ex-gratia paid to the families of Home Guards who die in the line of duty will be enhanced from Rs5 lakh to Rs10 lakh.

Addressing the Police Commemoration Parade in Hyderabad on Wednesday, the Chief Minister directed Director General of Police CV Anand to take the necessary steps to implement the enhanced ex-gratia amount for Home Guards who lose their lives while performing their duties.

Stating that the government had already issued a notification to fill 5,000 vacancies in the Police Department, Revanth Reddy reiterated its commitment to filling all vacant posts by 2028.

He said the recruitment of 112 Deputy Superintendents of Police (DSPs) was unprecedented in the history of Telangana.

The government was also appointing transgender persons as traffic assistants, an initiative aimed at enhancing their self-respect and dignity in society, he said.



Chief Minister Revanth Reddy addressing the Police Commemoration Parade in Hyderabad on Wednesday

The Chief Minister called upon police personnel to handle cases involving women and children with greater sensitivity and ensure that justice was not delayed. Ensuring women's safety was not the sole responsibility of the police, and every individual in society had a role to play in protecting women, he said.

Expressing concern over the growing drug menace, Revanth Reddy urged the police to ensure that young people did not fall prey to drug abuse. He commended the Eagle Force for its efforts to curb drug trafficking and appreciated the DGP's initiatives in tackling the menace.

Stressing that the maintenance of law and order was crucial for the State's development, the Chief Minister said the government was according top priority to strength-

ening the Police Department. Modern technology was being deployed to enhance policing capabilities and address emerging challenges, he added.

Revanth Reddy said the police must continue to serve as a pillar of safety and security for the people, assuring them that the government remained committed to the welfare of police personnel and their families.

"Let us honour the sacrifices of our martyrs and carry forward their vision. Together, let us build a peaceful, secure and prosperous Telangana," he said.

Paying tributes to police personnel who had laid down their lives in the line of duty, the Chief Minister recalled the sacrifices of Dev Singh, Pramod Kumar and Gajula Soumya.

Organic Creamery unveils Craft House in Hyderabad

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ORGANIC Creamery by Iceberg has unveiled Craft House, its flagship store in Khajaguda, here. The store spread across 5,000 sq. ft. was inaugurated by Chinna Jeeyar Swamy and popular anchor Suma on Wednesday marking the brand's flagship branch opening in Hyderabad.

One of the most striking features of the store is the magnificent 21-foot cocoa tree at the entrance. More than an architectural centerpiece, the tree reflects the brand's connection with nature and the ingredients behind its offerings. Suhas B Shetty, Founder and CEO, Organic Creamery, said, "With Craft House, we wanted to create a space that gave people more reasons to come together over ice cream. The scale of the store allowed us to explore our ideas around nature, ingredients and design in a much more expressive way. The cocoa tree was an important part of that vision. We also introduced exclusive chocolate offerings for this store, giving our guests something new to discover. As we expand into more cities, we want Craft House to stand apart as our flagship format, with each location reflecting its own character."



UltraTech's ₹2,650-cr Petnikota cement unit expands capacity

The plant will have a 35 MW hybrid wind and solar energy system with battery storage, a 20 MW waste heat recovery system

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ULTRATECH Cement, India's largest cement company, has expanded its capacity in Andhra Pradesh with its Petnikota Cement Works, a state-of-the-art integrated cement plant built at an investment of around Rs2,650 crore.

The plant is at Petnikota village in Kolimigundla mandal of Nandyal district, in the Rayalaseema region.

The plant will provide direct employment to 650 people and indirect employment to 2,000 more. It has a clinkerisation capacity of 3.3 million tonnes per annum (MTPA) and a cement dispatch capacity of 3.6 MTPA. Construction began in May 2025.

Minister for HRD, IT & Electronics Nara Lokesh said: "From groundbreaking to commissioning in just 14 months! UltraTech, India's largest cement company, has expanded its capacity in Andhra Pradesh with its Rs2,650 crore Petnikota Cement Works in Nandyal district."



He said It's a state-of-the-art plant with zero groundwater use, built to run on 100 per cent green energy, and it creates 2,650 direct and indirect jobs. This is the speed of doing business in AP!"

The plant will have a 35 MW hybrid wind and solar energy system with battery storage, a 20 MW waste heat recovery system. It is designed to run on 100 per cent green energy, with no captive thermal power plant.

The project will have zero groundwater use, through conservation and recycling, an alternative fuel system that uses plastic and municipal waste, electric vehicles for mining and clinker transport

and covered raw material sheds, concrete roads across operational areas and an extensive green belt.

It will roll out composite cement made using slag and fly ash. It will have a fully automated robotic laboratory with auto-sampling and analysis, a cross-belt analyser and automatic hot meal analysis for real-time process optimisation.

Combining digital automation, renewable energy and sustainable manufacturing, Petnikota Cement Works is set to be one of India's most modern and environmentally responsible cement plants.

SC steps in over alleged violence in AP municipal polls

HYDERABAD: In a significant development, the Supreme Court on Wednesday directed the Andhra Pradesh State Election Commission (SEC) to consider extending the nomination deadline in urban local bodies where candidates were allegedly prevented from filing nomination papers due to violence, intimidation and law-and-order

problems. A special bench comprising Justices Joymalya Bagchi and V Mohana directed the SEC to examine representations submitted by the YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) and its candidates, along with supporting documentary and electronic evidence, and take a decision by October 22.

Wherever an extension is granted, candidates must be

allowed an additional 48 hours from the publication of the decision to file nominations. The court also postponed publication of the final list of contesting candidates from October 21 to October 25. The bench directed the DGP to ensure adequate security for candidates, sufficient police deployment and CCTV surveillance at nomination centres. It also

stressed the need for suitable arrangements at district headquarters to enable candidates to file nominations without fear or obstruction. During the hearing, the court questioned whether the absence of police complaints could establish that the situation was normal, observing that candidates might hesitate to approach authorities if violence prevailed.

Fiji appoints Dr Boddapati as Honorary Consul

HYDERABAD: Dr Seetha Ramaiah Boddapati has been appointed as the Honorary Consul of the Republic of Fiji in Hyderabad, extending consular jurisdiction across Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, and Karnataka.

The appointment was formally conferred through a Consular Commission signed by Sitiveni L. Rabuka, Prime

Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Fiji. The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Government of India, has officially conveyed its concurrence, establishing Dr. Boddapati's consular office and jurisdiction in the region. In his official role, Dr Boddapati will represent Fiji from Hyderabad, serving as a point of contact for government

institutions, commercial entities, and communities across the three southern states. His primary responsibilities include facilitating diplomatic dialogue, advancing trade partnerships, and extending consular assistance. The diplomatic footprint is expected to drive economic, institutional, and cultural ties between Fiji and Southern India.

Mahavir Motors celebrates Dussehra with 50 luxury car deliveries

Special occasion brought together customers, families and leadership team to celebrate a significant milestone in their luxury automotive journey

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CELEBRATING the spirit of festive aspirations and the joy of owning a Mercedes-Benz, Mahavir Motors, part of the renowned Mahavir Group, marked Mercedes-Benz Dussehra Dream Days with a grand special delivery event in Hyderabad,

handing over 50 brand-new Mercedes-Benz cars to their proud owners.

The special occasion brought together customers, their families and the leadership team of Mahavir Motors to celebrate a significant milestone in their luxury automotive journey. The event was graced by Yashwant Jhabakh, Chair-

man, Mahavir Group; Varun Jhabakh, Managing Director, Mahavir Motors; and Nitin Kumar Singh, CEO, Mahavir Motors, who personally handed over the keys to the delighted customers, making the occasion truly memorable.

Organised at the Mercedes-Benz showroom in Kondapur, Hyderabad, the

celebration captured the essence of making the dream of owning a Mercedes-Benz even more special during the festive season. Coinciding with the auspicious occasion of Dussehra, the event symbolised prosperity, new beginnings and the fulfilment of cherished dreams.

The event celebrates the brand's enduring appeal,

bringing together the distinctive attributes of Mercedes-Benz — iconic design, cutting-edge technology, exceptional comfort and an unparalleled luxury experience. The festive initiative offers customers an opportunity to begin a new chapter with the Three-Pointed Star, making every delivery a moment to remember.



The delivery of 50 Mercedes-Benz cars stands as a testament to the trust customers place in the brand

and the continued commitment of Mahavir Motors to delivering an exceptional customer experience. Be-

yond the handover of keys, the celebration reflected the emotional connection customers share with Mercedes-Benz and the pride associated with becoming part of the brand's distinguished community.

As the festive season unfolds, Mercedes-Benz Mahavir Motors looks forward to welcoming more customers into the world of Mercedes-Benz, celebrating their aspirations and creating memorable ownership experiences through Mercedes-Benz Dussehra Dream Days.