

Dasara festivities conclude with Teppotsavam

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THE 10-day Dasara Saranavaratri festivities at Sri Durga Malleswara Swamy Varla Devasthanam atop Indrakeeladri concluded on Tuesday with the traditional Teppotsavam (float festival) on Krishna river, marking the culmination of the annual celebrations. Maha Purnahuthi marked the culmination of the religious rituals associated with Saranavaratri celebrations.

On the final day, Goddess Kanaka Durga appeared as Sri Rajarajeswari Devi, adorned in a green saree and traditional jewellery. Devotees thronged the hill shrine to have darshan of the presiding deity, while Bhavani devotees arrived in large numbers, adding to the spiritual fervour.



Teppotsavam of Sri Durga Malleswara Swamy Varla Devasthanam aboard Hamsa Vahanam on Krishna river in Vijayawada on Tuesday

As part of Teppotsavam, the procession deities of Goddess Kanaka Durga and Lord Malleswara Swamy were taken on a ceremonial ride aboard the illuminated Hamsa Vahanam on Krishna river. The float festival resumed this year after a two-

year interruption caused by high flood levels in the river during 2024 and 2025.

Meanwhile, Governor S Abdul Nazeer visited the temple on Tuesday and offered special prayers to Goddess Kanaka Durga. Temple officials and Vedic scholars

welcomed him with traditional honours. After darshan, the Governor received Vedic blessings at the Ashirvachana Mandapam.

Endowments Secretary K Kannababu, Commissioner K Ramachandra Mohan, temple chairman Borra Radhakrishna (Gandhi) and Executive Officer VK Seena Naik presented the Governor with the deity's sacred garments, prasadam and a portrait of the Goddess.

The temple authorities, district administration, police and other departments coordinated efforts to manage the heavy pilgrim turnout, with a focus on drinking water, sanitation, queue management and security. Police personnel, expert swimmers and officials from the Endowments and Irrigation departments were deployed along the riverfront

and at bathing ghats to ensure devotees' safety during the float festival.

NTR district Collector Dr G Lakshmisha and Police Commissioner SV Rajasekhar Babu supervised the arrangements and ensured coordination among the departments concerned. On the final day, the police regulated traffic across Vijayawada to facilitate the smooth movement of devotees and prevent congestion. The celebrations concluded smoothly, with temple authorities expressing gratitude to all departments and personnel who contributed to the successful conduct of the annual festivities. Temple authorities thanked the departments and personnel who coordinated the arrangements throughout the festivities, which also witnessed a large influx of Bhavani devotees.

77.34% of MBBS seats allotted to SC, ST, BC students: NTR health varsity

1,213 open-category seats allotted to meritorious reserved-category students

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VIJAYAWADA

Dr NTR University of Health Sciences has clarified here that 3,543 of the 4,581 MBBS convenor quota seats, accounting for 77.34 per cent, have been allotted to students belonging to Scheduled Castes (SC), Scheduled Tribes (ST) and Backward Classes (BC) after the completion of three rounds of counselling for the current academic year.

In a press release on Wednesday, university registrar Dr T Sai Sudheer explained the admission procedures and seat-allocation details, strongly refuting what he described as misleading propaganda regarding the allocation of MBBS seats to students from reserved categories.

He said there had been a significant increase in the number of meritorious reserved-category students securing seats under the open category in the 2026-27 academic year through NEET-UG.

Of the 2,026 seats available under the open category, 1,213 seats, or 59.87 per cent, were allotted to meritorious students from reserved categories after three rounds of counseling. In comparison, the corresponding figure for the 2025-26 academic year was 981 seats, accounting for 51.57 per cent.



Against this backdrop, the Registrar rejected claims that Government Order 102 issued this year had disadvantaged reserved-category students in MBBS admissions.

He explained that seats secured by meritorious reserved-category candidates under the open category and subsequently relinquished must be filled by candidates from the respective reserved categories in accordance with the prescribed rules. He added that admissions under the constitutional reservation provisions for SC, ST and BC communities were being implemented separately as required.

Dr Sai Sudheer clarified that merit-based seat allotments under the Meritorious Reserved Category (MRC) system were made in accordance with the web op-

tions submitted by reserved-category candidates and the applicable admission rules.

He said the university had also presented its position on the matter before the Andhra Pradesh High Court recently. Expressing concern over continued misinformation while the issue was under the consideration of the High Court, he urged those making such claims to refrain from spreading misleading information.

The registrar said the university was conducting MBBS admissions transparently and strictly in accordance with established rules and regulations. He regretted attempts to create confusion among students, parents and the public through what he termed deliberate misinformation, and appealed to all concerned to avoid such practices.

Floral tributes offered to late MP statue

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TIRUPATI

RICH tributes were paid to former Member of Parliament late Paturi Rajagopal Naidu on his 29th death anniversary at Diguva Magham village in Thavanampalle mandal on Wednesday.

Amara Raja Group Founder Chairman Galla Ramachandra Naidu, former minister Galla Aruna Kumari, and Amara Hospitals Managing Director Dr Gourineni Ramadevi attended the commemorative event and offered floral tributes at the statue of the late leader.

Addressing the gathering, Galla Ramachandra Naidu recalled the extensive public service rendered by Rajagopal Naidu, stating that he always stood by the people, understood their day-to-day problems, and worked tirelessly for their socioeconomic welfare.

Former minister Galla

Aruna Kumari remarked that the late parliamentarian remains enshrined in the hearts of the public as an accessible leader who maintained a deep, unbreakable connection with his constituency. She emphasized that his commitment to societal advancement and public service was remarkable, adding that walking along the selfless path he showed is the true tribute society can offer to his memory.

Rajanna Foundation head Rallapalli Sathesh, along with local leaders Kumar Naidu, Mahesh Kumar, Gopi, Parandama Naidu, Bhaskar Naidu, and former ZPTC member Venkatesh, were among the prominent figures present to pay their respects.

A large number of villagers and local supporters also gathered at Diguva Magham village to honor the memory of the veteran politician and recall his contributions to the region's development.



Former minister Galla Aruna Kumari and Amara Hospitals MD Dr Gourineni Ramadevi paying floral tributes to the statue of former MP late Paturi Rajagopal Naidu on his 29th death anniversary at Diguva Magham on Wednesday

VMC sets up model polling stations to educate voters



VMC Commissioner HM Dhyanaachandra inspecting the model polling station set up at Varalakshmi Nagar in Vijayawada on Wednesday

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VIJAYAWADA

VIJAYAWADA Municipal Corporation (VMC) Commissioner HM Dhyanaachandra on Wednesday inspected a model polling station set up at Varalakshmi Nagar and the vote-counting centre at Andhra Loyola College to review preparations for the second ordinary municipal elections-2026.

The model polling station has been designed to familiarise voters with voting process, including procedures to be followed at polling stations, duties of presiding officers and polling personnel, marking their choice on ballot papers and dropping the papers into ballot boxes.

Dhyanaachandra said one

model polling station had been established in each constituency within the VMC limits to create awareness among voters about the voting procedure.

He urged people to visit these centres and familiarise themselves with the process before casting their votes.

Later, the Commissioner inspected the counting centre at Andhra Loyola College and reviewed arrangements for transporting ballot boxes from polling stations, their secure storage, the placement of counting tables, the conduct of counting rounds and the deployment of personnel. He also reviewed the infrastructure and logistical arrangements required to ensure that counting was conducted smoothly and transparently in accord-

ance with the directions and timelines prescribed by the Andhra Pradesh State Election Commission.

The Commissioner instructed officials to coordinate in advance on staff deployment, allocation of duties, seating arrangements, ballot box security and other counting-related requirements. He directed them to monitor every stage of the election process and complete all necessary arrangements in time to ensure the smooth conduct of polling and counting.

Chief City Planner Sanjay Ratna Kumar, Chief Engineer P Satya Kumari, Superintending Engineer Chandrasekhar, Assistant City Planner Mohan Babu and other officials accompanied him.

Polling staff urged to ensure free, fair municipal elections

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TIRUPATI

EMPHASIZING the absolute necessity for transparency and impartiality, Joint Collector R Govinda Rao and Tirupati Municipal Commissioner M Jayakrishna directed polling officials on Wednesday to strictly implement Election Commission rules for the smooth conduct of the upcoming Tirupati Municipal General Elections. Addressing presiding officers, assistant presiding officers, and polling staff during a comprehensive training programme organized in the city, the senior officials stressed that election personnel must possess thorough knowledge of their assigned duties and execute them without any operational lapses.

The training session focused extensively on election management protocols, polling station arrangements, basic voter amenities, proper handling of election materials, and the operation of traditional ballot boxes.

The Joint Collector and Municipal Commissioner instructed presiding officers to carefully maintain the Presiding Officer's diary and thoroughly study the official election handbook to eliminate procedural doubts.

They explained step-by-step procedures regarding pre-polling checks, proper sealing of ballot boxes, maintaining strict security,



Tirupati Joint Collector R Govinda Rao addressing presiding officers during a training programme on Wednesday ahead of the Municipal General Elections, as Municipal Commissioner M Jayakrishna looks on

enforcing the model code of conduct, and ensuring the safe transportation and handover of ballot boxes to designated reception centers after voting concludes. Urging all election personnel to remain vigilant, the officials emphasized that strict compliance with Election Commission guidelines is vital to ensuring a free, fair, peaceful, and transparent polling process. Additional Commissioner Sarada Devi, Deputy Commissioner Amaraiah, along with numerous presiding officers and staff, attended the training program to review operational readiness across all designated polling stations.

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Collectors stress transparency in MPTC, ZPTC elections

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TIRUPATI / CHITTOOR

DISTRICT officials in Tirupati and Chittoor inspected arrangements for the MPTC and ZPTC elections on Wednesday and directed election staff to ensure that the nomination process was conducted smoothly, transparently and in accordance with election rules.

In Tirupati, District Collector and District Election Officer Dr S Venkateswar, along with Tirupati Zilla Parishad CEO TN Sobhan Babu, inspected the arrangements at the DRDA office and the Tirupati Rural Mandal Parishad Development Officer (MPDO) office.

During the inspection, the Collector reviewed election preparations, administrative arrangements, maintenance of records and facilities required for election duties. He also examined the arrangements for receiving nominations and obtained details from the officials concerned. Dr Venkateswar instructed

ed officials to follow the rules and guidelines issued by the State Election Commission. He stressed the need to complete all preparations within the stipulated time and ensure that nominations were received without any difficulties.

In Chittoor, District Collector and District Election Officer Sumit Kumar, along with District Superintendent of Police Tushar Dudi, inspected the nomination process for the MPTC and ZPTC elections at the Zilla Parishad office. The Collector reviewed the nomination arrangements in various divisions and issued instructions to election officials on

following the prescribed rules and maintaining transparency.

He said the election process was proceeding peacefully across the district without any difficulties. Security and monitoring measures had been put in place at nomination centres to ensure the smooth conduct of the process.

The Collector also inspected MPTC and ZPTC nomination centres in the GD Nellore and Nagari constituencies, where he checked the arrangements for receiving nominations and advised officials to perform their duties in accordance with election guidelines.

YSRCP has become a 'criminal litigation party': Kotamreddy

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NELLORE

NELLORE Rural MLA Kotamreddy Sridhar Reddy on Wednesday urged citizens to elect NDA alliance candidates in the upcoming local body elections, alleging that the opposition YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) has turned into a "Criminal Litigation Party" aimed solely at destabilizing the state government.

Addressing a press conference at his office, Kotamreddy highlighted that Andhra Pradesh has witnessed remarkable development across all fronts during the two-and-a-half-year tenure of the TDP-led NDA government under Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu.

He pointed out that despite voters reducing the YSRCP to just 11 Assembly seats in the previous elections, the opposition party has failed to reform its attitude and continues to deploy questionable tactics to grab power in civic bodies.

Nation will remain grateful to police martyrs: Collector

District Collector Himanshu Shukla and Superintendent of Police Dr Ajitha Vejjendla paying floral tributes to the Police Martyrs on the occasion of Police Commemoration Day at Police Parade Grounds in Nellore city on Wednesday

NELLORE: Stating that the nation will remain forever grateful to police personnel who laid down their lives in the line of duty, Nellore District Collector Himanshu Shukla lauded the police force for safeguarding citizens' lives, national sovereignty, and internal security.

Participating as chief guest at the Police Commemoration Day ceremony held at the Police Parade Grounds in Nellore on Wednesday, Collector Himanshu Shukla and Superintendent of Police Dr Ajitha Vejjendla paid floral tributes at the Police Martyrs' Memorial. Recalling the origin of the

occasion, the Collector noted that October 21 commemorates ten CRPF jawans who were martyred fighting Chinese forces at Hot Springs in Ladakh in 1959. He urged police personnel to adopt people-friendly policing to strengthen public confidence.

SP Dr Ajitha Vejjendla remarked that wearing the uniform is a responsibility, while ensuring public safety remains a sacred duty. She highlighted that 'Operation Trishul' implemented in Nellore district is yielding excellent results in curbing drug abuse, preventing crimes against women, and reducing road accidents.