

Violence erupts as ZPTC, MPTC nomination process begins

- Clashes between TDP and YSRCP workers marred first day of nominations in erstwhile Chittoor district

- Punganur witnesses confrontations, including stone-pelting and attacks with sticks, leaving several workers injured

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CLASHES between rival political groups, alleged attacks on leaders and damage to vehicles marred the opening day of ZPTC and MPTC nominations in the erstwhile Chittoor district on Wednesday, forcing police to step up security at sensitive centres.

Tension prevailed at several locations in Annamayya, Chittoor and Tirupati districts as workers of the TDP and YSRCP accused each other of obstructing candidates from filing nominations.

The incidents included stone-pelting, alleged snatching and tearing of nomination papers, and confrontations involving party leaders and their supporters.

Punganur in Annamayya district witnessed multiple clashes, with the situation turning particularly tense at the municipal high school, where nominations



TDP and YSRCP cadre resorting to stone pelting in Punganur on Wednesday



Police dispersing the rival groups in Punganur

were being received for 16 MPTC seats and one ZPTC seat. Workers belonging to the two parties allegedly attacked each other with stones and sticks, leaving several people injured.

In another incident in Punganur town, former vice-MPP Eswaramma of Kamatampalli arrived with her supporters to file MPTC nominations. YSRCP leaders alleged that TDP supporters obstructed them and snatched their nomination papers, triggering protests and stone-pelting. The confrontation reportedly escalated, with sticks and liquor bottles being used during the clashes. Several cars and two-wheelers parked along the roadside were damaged. YSRCP workers

staged a protest, accusing TDP supporters of attacking them and raising slogans against the police over their handling of the situation.

Tension also prevailed in Valmikipuram, where police arrested Chintala Sai Krishna Reddy, son of former Pileru MLA Chintala Ramachandra Reddy, at the YSRCP office. Objecting to the arrest, Ramachandra Reddy staged a sit-in at the Gandhi bus stand, alleging that the police had not informed him where his son was being taken. Police subsequently arrested the former MLA and shifted him to the local police station. In Chittoor, the area outside the district Zilla Parishad office, where ZPTC nominations were being



Car set on fire in Punganur

received, witnessed further commotion.

Former deputy chief minister and senior YSRCP leader K Narayana Swamy allegedly faced an attack when he arrived to support the party's Penumuru ZPTC candidate.

His vehicle was reportedly targeted, and he left the premises amid the disturbance. YSRCP leaders also alleged that nomination papers belonging to their candidates were torn.

In a separate incident, Telugu Mahila president Karjala Aruna was reportedly attacked by an individual while accompanying a ZPTC candidate from Penumuru mandal to file the nomination. Chittoor town police personnel reportedly pursued the suspect.

Meanwhile, a motorcycle belonging to a YSRCP worker was allegedly set on fire in Thottambadu mandal of the Srikalahasti constituency. According

to reports, some persons stopped the worker while he was riding the vehicle before setting it ablaze. Tirupati MP Dr M Gurumoorthy condemned the alleged attacks on YSRCP leaders and candidates in the constituency. He accused coalition leaders and workers, allegedly acting with police support, of targeting former MLA and Srikalahasti constituency YSRCP incharge Biyyapu Madhusudhan Reddy,

MLC Sipai Subramanyam and other party members who had gone to support candidates filing nominations. In Chittoor, police had already imposed prohibitory orders under Section 144 to prevent further disturbances.

During security checks near Gangineni Cheruvu, police identified a group of bouncers from other states whose movements were considered suspicious and escorted them towards the district border.

150 cops take to streets in Nellore to instill confidence among voters



Police during a flag march in Nellore city ahead of local body elections, on Wednesday

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NELLORE

TO maintain law and order and instill voter confidence ahead of the upcoming local body elections, the SP SR Nellore district police conducted a high-visibility flag march in the Nellore Town Sub-Division on Wednesday night.

Around 150 police officers and personnel across various ranks participated in two separate routes covering key commercial and sensitive areas.

One march proceeded from Madras Bus Stand via Fish Market, Shaji Mandir, Kotamitta, Janda Veedhi Centre, and Chinnna Bazaar before concluding at Pedda Bazaar. Another flag march was taken out from Gandhi Bomma Centre to Bose Bomma Centre, ending at the District Police Office (DPO). Through this exercise, the department sent a clear message that robust security arrangements are in place to ensure peaceful and trouble-free elections.

Simultaneously, police escalated surveillance on individuals involved in unlawful activities during past general and local body elections, specifically focusing on those flagged in 2013-14, 2019,

2020-21, and 2024. Preventive security measures are being actively executed across identified sensitive zones.

Superintendent of Police Dr Ajitha Vejendla issued a stern warning that strict legal action would be initiated against anyone violating the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita

(BNS), Panchayat Raj Act, or Model Code of Conduct.

Emphasizing zero tolerance for voter intimidation, inducement, or attempts to disrupt public order, the SP appealed to all political parties, candidates, and citizens to extend full cooperation to ensure elections are held peacefully.

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SP honors families of eight police martyrs

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YSR Kadapa District SP Shelke Nachiket Vishwanath, IPS, paid rich tributes to police martyrs at the Police Parade Ground on Wednesday on Police Commemoration Day. Highlighting the 1959 Ladakh Hot Springs ambush, the SP praised police personnel for perform-

ing hazardous duties during emergencies and festivals.

Additional SP (AR) B Ramanaiah read out the names of 154 fallen police personnel across India. The department presented mementoes to the families of eight district martyrs, with SP Shelke Nachiket Vishwanath reassuring them of full administrative support and care for their welfare.

Heavy downpour forces venue changes for Tirumala Parveta Utsavam

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TIRUMALA

THE heavy rains in Tirumala forced temple authorities to conduct the Parveta Utsavam at the Vaibhavotsava Mandapam on Wednesday. Concluding the Srivari Navaratri Brahmotsavams, Sri Malayappa Swamy was

taken to the venue on a Tiruchi.

Traditionally celebrated on Kanuma day after Makara Sankranti, the ritual is also observed following Navaratri Brahmotsavams held during an Adhika Masam.

TTD officials and temple priests participated in the sacred ceremonies.



Temple priests and devotees offering prayers during the Parveta Utsavam at the Vaibhavotsava Mandapam in Tirumala on Wednesday, following heavy rains

Visiting Tirupati zoo gets costlier as new tariffs come into effect

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A visit to the zoo is becoming costlier for animal lovers, with Sri Venkateswara Zoological Park in Tirupati raising its entry fee for adults by Rs 30 and for children by Rs 20, while four-wheeler charges have been increased to Rs 1,000.

The revised tariffs, approved at the 16th governing body meeting of the Zoo Authority of Andhra Pradesh (ZAAP), came into effect on Wednesday, placing an additional financial burden on visitors, particularly families visiting the popular wildlife attraction.

Under the new rates, adults will have to pay Rs 100 for entry, compared with the earlier Rs 70, while the ticket price for children has gone up from Rs 30 to Rs 50. The charge for bringing a four-wheeler into the zoo premises has been raised from Rs 750 to Rs 1,000. The cloakroom fee has also increased from Rs 10 to Rs 15 per bag. This marks the third hike in zoo entry charges, following earlier revisions on May 12, 2018, and February 1, 2023.

Zoo curator Anurag Meena said the revised tariffs would help meet the recurring expenditure involved in maintaining the zoological park. The additional revenue would be utilised for animal care, nutritious feed, veterinary services, upkeep of animal



A view of the SV Zoo park in Tirupati

enclosures and improvements to visitor amenities.

The increase in four-wheeler charges is also aimed at discouraging excessive vehicular movement within the zoo premises. According to the authorities, restricting vehicle movement would help reduce noise and air pollution and provide a healthier environment for the animals.

However, the authorities have retained the concessional entry fee of Rs 10 per child for students from government schools. The facility is intended to encourage schoolchildren to visit the zoo, observe wildlife at close quarters and develop an understanding of environmental protection and conservation.

The fee revision has nevertheless disappointed several visitors, who feel that the increased charges could make a family outing consid-

erably more expensive. Visitors travelling from other districts are likely to face additional expenditure, particularly if they arrive in hired vehicles.

Madhusudan, a visitor from Nellore, said he was fortunate to have visited the zoo on Tuesday, a day before the revised rates came into force.

Had he visited on Wednesday, he would have had to pay Rs 1,000 for bringing his hired vehicle into the premises. He said the increased vehicle charge, coupled with higher entry ticket prices and other expenses inside the zoo, would substantially raise the overall cost of the visit.

Several other visitors also questioned the decision to increase the tariffs, arguing that the authorities could have explored alternative sources of revenue instead of passing the additional costs on to animal lovers.

Police Commemoration Day 2026 observed with solemnity



Collector Dr S Venkateswar and SP L Subba Rayudu saluting the Police Martyrs' Memorial during Police Commemoration Day-2026 observances at the District Police Parade Ground in Tirupati on Wednesday

VANI MALLELA
TIRUPATI

THE Tirupati district police force observed Police Commemoration Day-2026 with deep solemnity at the District Police Parade Ground on Wednesday, paying rich homage to police personnel who laid down their lives protecting public life and property.

District Collector Dr S Venkateswar and District Superintendent of Police L Subba Rayudu attended the commemorative event as chief guests.

They laid floral wreaths at the police martyrs' memorial, followed by a two-minute silence observed by attendees to honor the supreme sacrifice of the fallen personnel.

Addressing the gathering, District Collector Dr S Venkateswar stated that the sacrifices of police martyrs will remain permanently etched in public memory. Describing the po-

lice force as first responders in times of crisis, he praised their swift, selfless service during traffic accidents, natural calamities, and law-and-order emergencies.

The Collector assured that the district administration will stand firmly by the bereaved families of fallen officers and urged citizens to abide by the law and cooperate with police authorities to maintain public peace.

District SP L Subba Rayudu remarked that police duty is not merely an official job, but a noble public calling. He highlighted that police personnel remain vigilant around the clock, sacrificing personal and family moments to safeguard society. The SP stressed that the truest tribute to martyrs lies in carrying out duties with integrity, courage, dedication, and a humane approach.

Municipal Corporation Commissioner M Jayakrishna, senior police officials, and families of martyrs attended the solemn ceremony.

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