

Collector educates people on Central govt insurance schemes

• Tells bankers to make banking services more accessible to the rural population

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WITH the objective of bringing banking services, government insurance, and pension schemes closer to the rural population, an awareness camp on financial inclusion schemes—organised by Union Bank of India—was held at the government school in Nachahalli village, Wanaparthi mandal on Thursday.

District Collector Adarsh Surabhi explained the significance of various government schemes to the attendees.

Speaking on the occasion, the Collector urged everyone to utilise government insurance and pension schemes to ensure their financial security. He highlighted that schemes such as the Pradhan



District Collector Adarsh Surabhi at an awareness camp for financial inclusion schemes, organized by Union Bank of India at the government school in Nachahalli village

Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana, and Atal Pension Yojana are highly beneficial to the public.

The Collector explained that under the Pradhan

Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana, one can obtain accident insurance coverage of Rs 2 lakh by paying an annual premium of just Rs 20. He further noted that through the Pradhan Mantri Jeevan

Jyoti Bima Yojana, by paying an annual premium of Rs 436, one can secure an insurance benefit of Rs 2 lakh in the event of death, subject to the terms and conditions of the policy.

Furthermore, considering the current economic climate and the rising cost of living, it was suggested that people should become better informed about the Atal Pension Yojana. It was explained that by making regular contributions in accordance with the scheme's eligibility criteria and terms, individuals can secure financial stability for their old age.

The Collector emphasised that the three schemes play a crucial role in providing financial protection to families and urged all eligible individuals to enroll. Those who have not yet joined these schemes were advised to contact their nearest bank branch immediately to complete the registration process. The event was attended by RBI AGM Pradeep Chandra, NABARD DDM Manohar Reddy, LDM Shiva Kumar, DLPO Raghunath Reddy, Village Sarpanch Abdullah, as well as relevant officials, bank representatives, and local villagers.

Journalist Satyanarayana appointed IFWJ National Council member

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SENIOR journalist and The Hans India correspondent PV Satyanarayana has been appointed as a National Council member of the Indian Federation of Working Journalists (IFWJ), a prominent organisation representing working journalists.

The appointment was made by IFWJ secretary general Paramanand Pandey on the recommendation of Kappara Prasad Rao, South secretary of the federation.

According to the appointment letter, Satyanarayana's tenure will be coterminous with the existing Working Committee and continue until the next presidential election of the organisation.

Congratulating him on the appointment, the federation expressed confidence that his professional experience and organisational capabilities would contribute to strengthening the organisation. The secretary general also stated that Kappara Prasad Rao had assured his support to Satyanarayana whenever required.

Satyanarayana is a senior



journalist associated with The Hans India and has around two decades of experience in news reporting and field journalism. He has extensively covered public administration, political developments, government programmes, agriculture, social issues and developmental activities in Khammam district and surrounding areas of Telangana.

His reporting has focused

on public concerns, governance, welfare initiatives and regional development, reflecting his long-standing engagement with grassroots journalism.

The appointment is expected to provide him with an opportunity to contribute to the federation's organisational activities and initiatives concerning the interests and professional concerns of working journalists.

Two-day training prog for census officials begins

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DISTRICT Collector Hemanta Keshav Patil directed officials and staff to strictly follow the guidelines prescribed by Central government to ensure smooth and effective conduct of the second phase of the census in Nagarkurnool district.

He stressed the need to maintain accuracy at every stage and ensure that there was no scope for errors in the census process.

The Collector, along with Achampet Sub-Collector Saloni Chhabra and Additional Collectors B. Chennayya and Deva Sahayam, inaugurated a two-day training programme for census officials at the main hall of the Nagarkurnool Collectorate on Thursday. The programme was organised to train district-level officials, Revenue Divisional Officers (RDOs), municipal commissioners, census charge officers and assistant charge officers on their roles, responsibilities and procedures to be followed during the second phase.

Addressing the gathering, Hemanta Keshav Patil



Collector Hemanta Keshav Patil addresses census officials at training programme in Wanaparthi on Thursday

said the census was a crucial government exercise and that officials must ensure the accuracy and reliability of the information collected.

He instructed them to thoroughly understand the rules, regulations and guidelines issued by the Government of India and exercise utmost care while collecting, verifying and recording data.

The Collector directed officials and staff to discharge their assigned responsibilities efficiently and implement the procedures explained during the training while performing their field duties. He advised them to clarify any doubts during the training sessions and follow the prescribed methods without negligence.

At the programme, participants were trained on the

activities to be undertaken during the second phase of the census, the responsibilities of various officials and the procedures to be followed during field-level operations. Trainers Shivaramakrishna and Rishith Reddy, who arrived from Hyderabad, conducted sessions for charge officers and their assistants.

The trainers explained the essential procedures and responsibilities required for the systematic implementation of the census. They emphasised coordination among officials and staff to ensure the successful completion of the second phase.

CPO Sujatha, DEO Ramesh Kumar, RDOs Archana and Janardhan Reddy, and officials from various departments attended the training programme.

Life of Panduga Sayanna truly inspiring, says MLA Megha Reddy



MLA Tudi Megha Reddy and District Collector Adarsh Surabhi paying tributes to Panduga Sayanna Mudiraj his birth anniversary in Wanaparthi on Thursday

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THE birth anniversary of Panduga Sayanna Mudiraj was celebrated with great fervour at the district Collectorate on Thursday, under the aegis of the District Backward Classes Welfare department.

Wanaparthi MLA Tudi Megha Reddy and district Collector Adarsh Surabhi paid floral tributes to the portrait of Panduga Sayanna.

Speaking on the occasion, MLA Tudi Megha Reddy lauded the life, struggles, and contributions of Pandu-

ga Sayanna to society. He described Panduga Sayanna as a great visionary who earned the admiration of the people by fighting for the rights of the marginalized sections of society.

He said that Sayanna's life stood as a testament to his immense courage and his unwavering commitment to public welfare. District Collector Adarsh Surabhi urged the present generation to learn about the ideals of Panduga Sayanna. He encouraged everyone to draw inspiration from Sayanna's life and cultivate values such as social equality, unity, and public service. He emphasised that it is the responsibility of every individual to honor the sacrifices of such great figures and carry their vision forward.

On this occasion, a song about the life of Panduga Sayanna, performed by artist Raja Ram Prakash, captivated the audience.

The event was attended by Wanaparthi Municipality Vice-Chairman Madhusudan Goud, officials from various government departments, public representatives, leaders of civil society organisations, representatives of the Mudiraj community, and other prominent figures.

Khammam to host 48th Junior Girls' Inter-District Handball Championship



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THE 48th Junior Girls' Inter-District Handball Championship—2026 organised in the district from October 31 to November 2.

The poster for the championship was unveiled by Telangana Congress leader Tummala Yugandhar at the camp office of Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao on Thursday.

The championship will be conducted at Sardar Patel Stadium under the aegis of the Khammam District Handball Association, with the support of the Handball Federation of India, Telangana Sports Authority, District Youth and Sports Office (DYSO) and Telangana Olympic Association.

The tournament is expected to provide a platform for

junior girls' handball players from across Telangana to showcase their sporting talent and compete at the inter-district level.

The Khammam District Handball Association is making arrangements for the successful conduct of the championship.

Senior Congress leaders Rayala Nageswara Rao, Khader Babu, Hanumantha Rao and Krishna Mohan, along with Khammam District Handball Association general secretary Varikuti Mohan, senior players and other Congress leaders, were present at the poster unveiling programme.

State Congress leader Tummala Yugandhar unveiling wall posters of 48th Junior Girls' Inter-District Handball Championship—2026 on Thursday at Khammam.

DC calls for proactive plans to ensure no shortage of drinking water until July 2027

Holds discussions with officials on need for creating public awareness on judicious use of water resources, power supply, fodder availability and employment generation in the light of the El Niño effect

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DISTRICT Collector Adarsh Surabhi on Thursday held discussions with officials from the Electricity, Animal Husbandry, Mission Bhagiratha, Irrigation and Agriculture departments on the need for creating public awareness on judicious use of water resources, power supply, fodder availability and employment generation in the light of the El Niño effect.

He called for proactive plans to ensure no shortage of drinking water until July 2027; inform the public in advance about the conditions that may arise in the coming days. The collector inquired about the water levels in irrigation projects across the district, allocation of water for agricultural needs and the requirements for drinking water. He emphasised that any decisions regarding the release of water for agricultural purposes must be made only after obtaining approval



from higher authorities; suggested to the Mission Bhagiratha officials to restore local water sources in rural areas, including old borewells and other resources.

Surabhi instructed them to promptly identify and repair any leaks in drinking water pipelines and to completely prevent wastage. Special awareness campaigns be implemented to educate the public on water conservation and its prudent usage.

Given that the availability of water for the upcoming Rabi is expected to be limited, he advised the public be informed about the status of available resources. They

should be made aware of the declining groundwater levels, encouraging everyone to act responsibly in consumption. The collector noted the high power consumption in the district and urged a special focus on managing the supply. He instructed monitoring of supply based on the requirements reported by the Agriculture department, particularly in areas with high demand, and to ensure no power-cuts. Electricity be provided to farmers during scheduled times; they be informed the supply timings in advance.

Strict action should be taken on illegal electricity us-

age or unauthorised connections. He instructed the Animal Husbandry officials to continuously monitor availability of fodder for livestock; to utilise resources efficiently to prevent any shortage; to ensure its supply.

Surabhi directed officials to be vigilant regarding employment for rural population; asked the DRDA to prepare a village-wise list of potential works under the 'VBG Ramji' scheme in advance. Priority should be given to restoration of borewells, groundwater recharge projects, construction of soak pits and farm ponds.

The collector directed officials from all departments to remain prepared with proactive action plans to ensure that no difficulties arise regarding water, electricity, fodder and employment.

ZP CEO Yadaiah, DRDO Uma Devi, DAO Anjaneyulu, irrigation SE Chandrashekar, Electricity SE, Mission Bhagiratha EE Amjad Basha were among those present.

Collector sets six-month deadline for development works targets

Asks officials to focus on healthcare, education, skill development and chilli processing units to boost employment

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DISTRICT Collector Divakara TS on Thursday directed officials of all departments to work towards clearly defined development goals, setting a six-month deadline for completing all short-term targets.

Reviewing district development plans with Additional Collector P Sreeja at the Collectorate, he instructed officials to classify targets into short, medium and long-term categories. Short-term goals must be achieved within six months, medium-term targets within six to 12 months and long-term objectives within 12 to 24 months. Progress should be reviewed monthly, and revised plans submitted in the prescribed format.

The Collector stressed the need to reduce infant and maternal mortality rates through Advanced Technology Centres, the Skill University and vocational programmes, aligning courses with

measures to reduce Caesarean deliveries, enforce the PCPNDT Act and tackle child malnutrition, particularly in tribal, forest and remote areas.

Emphasising educational improvement, he directed officials to prepare school-wise plans to enhance academic standards, increase student enrolment and improve the quality of meals provided to students.

Officials were asked to inspect drinking water facilities in all residential educational institutions and submit a comprehensive report within a week to ensure access to safe drinking water.

The Collector called for expanding skill training through Advanced Technology Centres, the Skill University and vocational programmes, aligning courses with

industry requirements to improve employment opportunities for youth.

Highlighting the potential of agriculture-based industries, he said chilli processing facilities should be expanded in view of the district's substantial chilli production. Officials were asked to explore processing units for chilli and other agricultural products and specify their potential for employment generation and economic value addition.

The Collector called for



wider adoption of online administrative systems and a dashboard to monitor departmental performance and development targets.

He also stressed improving drinking water supply, sewage treatment, sanitation and footpaths in urban areas, besides preparing long-term plans to address population growth and urban expansion.

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