



YSRCP joining hands with SDPI, IUML for municipal polls

YSRCP allies with SDPI, IUML for Nandyal municipal elections

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FORMER Nandyal MLA and YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) leader Shilpa Ravichandra Kishore Reddy announced on Thursday that his party will contest the upcoming municipal elections in alliance with the Social Democratic Party of India (SDPI) and the Indian Union Muslim League (IUML). All candidate partners will contest under the YSRCP 'Fan' symbol.

Addressing a joint meeting at the YSRCP office in Nandyal alongside MLC Ishaq Basha, SDPI district president Atavulla Khan, and IUML leaders, Shilpa Ravi

accused the ruling coalition of deploying undemocratic tactics and intimidation to sway local body results.

Asserting that false cases and threats would not deter them, he pledged to remain in the electoral fray to defend democratic rights.

Highlighting alleged electoral malpractices, Shilpa Ravi cited Ward 51 candidate Avvari Nagamani, claiming her nomination was illegally shown as withdrawn by forging her signature without her knowledge.

Demanding strict legal action against those responsible, he also welcomed the Supreme Court's recent directions ensuring free, fair, and uncoerced elections,

describing the verdict as a blow to the ruling coalition's tactics.

Calling upon democratic forces, opposition parties, and public organizations to unite, the former MLA stated that defeating the ruling coalition remains their primary objective. He urged citizens to challenge current administrative discrimination courageously at the ballot box.

Reassuring party cadre against political pressure, Shilpa Ravi expressed full confidence in winning all municipal seats across Nandyal, thanking SDPI and IUML leaders for strengthening the joint anti-coalition front.

KMC prepares for smooth vote counting process

- Accompanied by Additional Election Authority and Municipal Corporation Commissioner Challa Obulesu, the Observer reviewed strong rooms, vote-counting halls, and material reception counters

- Specific directives were issued to secure ballot boxes, streamline polling material distribution/receipt, and arrange organized parking to avoid traffic bottlenecks

- Officials were instructed to complete all remaining operational works on a war footing in strict accordance with Election Commission guidelines

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DISTRICT Election Observer B Anil Kumar Reddy on Thursday directed officials to make elaborate, foolproof arrangements for the distribution and receipt of polling materials, strong room security for ballot boxes, and smooth vote counting for the Kurnool Municipal Corporation elections.

Accompanied by Additional Election Authority and Municipal Corporation Commissioner Challa Obulesu, the Election Observer inspected the designated counting centre being established at Athena School on

the outskirts of Kurnool city.

During the comprehensive venue review, Reddy inspected the setup of reception counters, material distribution desks, strong rooms, counting halls, staff movement pathways, and vehicle parking facilities. He instructed authorities to ensure all essential infrastructure is provided so that polling personnel and officials face no inconvenience during their duties.

Stressing traffic management, Anil Kumar Reddy ordered the earmarking of adequate parking space for arriving vehicles to prevent congestion along adjacent roads. He emphasized



District Election Observer B Anil Kumar Reddy accompanied by the Municipal Corporation Commissioner Challa Obulesu inspecting the counting centre established at Athena School on Thursday

strengthening multi-tier security around ballot box strong rooms and maintaining robust security coverage inside counting halls.

Directing staff to establish a hassle-free operational environment, the Observer urged officials

to complete all pending civil and logistical arrangements on a war footing while strictly adhering to Election Commission guidelines. Municipal Corporation Commissioner Challa Obulesu briefed the Observer on the progress

of facility preparation and assured that all security protocols and administrative directives are being implemented efficiently to ensure a transparent, peaceful, and seamless counting process for the Kurnool civic elections.

POLITICAL SWITCH



Kalyandurg MLA Amilineni Surendra Babu welcoming members of the Kummara community into the TDP fold during a programme held at 'Praja Vedika' on Thursday

High tension in Chennekothapalli after police lathi-charge TDP leaders

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HIGH tension prevailed at the local body election nomination center in Chennekothapalli on Thursday following allegations of police highhandedness and unprovoked lathi-charge against Telugu Desam Party (TDP) leaders by local police officers.

TDP leaders alleged that In-charge Circle Inspector Ismail and Sub-Inspector Satyanarayana acted with excessive zeal, launching an indiscriminate baton charge



on TDP activists who were standing at a distance.

Local party workers accused the police of showing bias, claiming YSRCP leaders were allowed early access to the nomination center while TDP supporters—present to assist a relative of a

Home Guard filing paperwork—were targeted and assaulted without cause.

Enraged by the police action, TDP leaders prepared to stage a demonstration. Upon receiving information, Raptadu MLA Paritala Sunitha and District TDP

President MS Raju reached the venue to assess the situation.

After speaking with injured party workers, MLA Sunitha contacted District Superintendent of Police Satish Kumar directly to report the officers' heavy-handed conduct despite a peaceful environment. Responding to the complaint, SP Satish Kumar assured that a thorough inquiry would be conducted and action taken against the CI and involved personnel, prompting the TDP leaders to call off their protest. Speaking to reporters, MLA Sunitha asserted that the TDP does not oppose any political party filing nominations legally, but strongly condemns police brutality against peaceful cadre.



JNTUA explores Bajaj BEST center

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IN a major push toward fostering modern, industry-aligned technical skill development, Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University Anantapur (JNTUA) has initiated steps to explore establishing a prestigious Bajaj Engineering Skills Training (BEST) center on its campus.

A high-level university delegation led by Vice-Chancellor Professor H Sudarsana Rao visited SASTRA Deemed University in Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu, to study the infrastructure, training methodologies, and operational practices of its established BEST center.

The visit follows preliminary virtual discussions between officials of JNTUA and the Bajaj Auto Foundation regarding Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funding for the proposed center.

The JNTUA delegation thoroughly inspected six advanced technical laboratories dedicated to cutting-edge domains: Robotics and Automation, Industry 4.0 and IIoT, Electronic Manufacturing Systems, Firmware Development, Electronic System Reliability, and Electric Vehicle Technologies.

Accompanied by Director of Academic and Planning Dr SV Satyanarayana and Engineering Department Heads Dr M Ramasekhara Reddy, Dr K Kalyani Radha, and Dr S Aruna Mastani, VC Prof Sudarsana Rao evaluated the feasibility of replicating the model at JNTUA.

Establishing the BEST center will provide engineering students with vital hands-on practical experience, project-based learning, and specialized skill sets tailored to modern manufacturing and electronics industries. It will also foster interdisciplinary research and faculty development.

Alliance unity is our strength: TC Varun

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EMPHASIZING that unity is the alliance's greatest strength, Jana Sena District President and AHUDA Chairman TC Varun declared that the TDP, Jana Sena, and BJP coalition will achieve a 100 percent strike rate in the Anantapur municipal elections.

A strategy session held at Anantapur Urban MLA Daggupati Venkata Prasad's office brought together Minister Satyakumar Yadav and top leaders to finalize a roadmap for



mayoral candidate Ajesh Yadav.

Candidates received division-level guidance to

ensure seamless coordination, with large numbers of cadres and 'Veera Mahilas' pledging complete support.

JC inspects Kothacheruvu nomination centre

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SRI Sathya Sai District Joint Collector and Returning Officer M Mourya Bharadwaj inspected the local body election nomination process at the Kothacheruvu Zilla Parishad office on Thursday.

Reviewing help desks, reception centers, and security measures, he directed officials to ensure a seamless experience for candidates.

Emphasizing strict adherence to Election Commission guidelines, Bharadwaj ordered thorough scrutiny of nomination papers and affidavits.



He instructed duty staff to remain vigilant and execute duties expeditiously while directing police personnel to maintain tight security to prevent overcrowding and public gatherings around the venue.

Consuming iodised salt key to preventing growth and learning lapses

- An iodine awareness programme was conducted at Municipal Upper Primary School in B. Camp, Kurnool, where medical experts educated students on iodine deficiency disorders
- Dr Chinmayi highlights that adequate iodine intake is essential for children's brain development, warning that deficiency reduces learning abilities and slows physical growth
- RKSK consultant Mallikarjuna listed iodised salt, milk, dairy products, and fish as primary dietary sources, advising proper storage in airtight containers and adding salt towards the end of cooking to preserve iodine content



Doctors unveiling a poster on the consumption of iodine salt at B Camp school on Thursday

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HIGHLIGHTING the critical role of essential nutrients in growth, medical professionals have stressed the

necessity of adequate iodine intake for maintaining good health and ensuring the proper physical and mental development of children.

During an iodine awareness programme organized

at the Municipal Upper Primary School in B. Camp, Kurnool city, Dr Chinmayi educated students on the importance of iodine in their daily diet and the serious health risks associated with

its deficiency.

She emphasized that every household should use iodised salt for cooking to ensure a steady supply of iodine to the body, noting that meeting daily requirements is essential for preventing deficiency disorders.

Dr Chinmayi pointed out that iodine plays a pivotal role in early brain development, cautioning that its deficiency adversely affects cognitive capabilities, reduces learning speed, and stunts growth.

She urged students to adopt healthy dietary habits and spread awareness about iodised salt among their families.

Speaking on the occasion, Rashtriya Kishor SwasthyaKaryakram (RKSK) consultant Mal-

likarjuna listed iodised salt, milk, dairy products, and fish as primary dietary sources. He advised replacing ordinary non-iodised salt with iodised salt while highlighting proper culinary practices.

He noted that iodised salt must be stored in airtight containers to prevent moisture loss, and added toward the end of the cooking process to minimize iodine degradation.

Organisers, including Headmistress Lakshmi, Health Secretary Sivamma, Projectionist Khalil, and Doctors Colony representatives, also unveiled an educational poster on iodine consumption, encouraging students to champion healthy dietary practices within their households.

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