



Home Minister Vangalapudi Anitha greeting bus passengers at Kotavuratla mandal in Anakapalli on Thursday

Home Minister calls for close coordination for ensuing local body polls

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HOME Minister Vangalapudi Anitha called upon the TDP, Jana Sena and BJP cadre to work in close coordination to ensure the coalition's victory in the upcoming local body elections, asserting that development is possible only under the coalition government.

Addressing a rally organised from Kotavuratla junction to the MPDO office on Thursday in support of coalition candidates contesting the MPTC and ZPTC elections, Anitha urged party workers to take the government's development and welfare initiatives to every household.

Recalling the TDP's 5,000-vote victory margin in Kotavuratla mandal during the 2024 elections, the Home Minister expressed confidence that the coalition candidates would receive similar public support in the local body polls and win the ZPTC and MPTC seats.

- **Home Minister Vangalapudi Anitha called on TDP, Jana Sena, and BJP cadres to work in close synergy to secure a sweeping victory in the local body elections**
- **Addressing a major election rally from Kotavuratla junction to the MPDO office, HM Anitha campaigned in support of coalition MPTC and ZPTC candidates**
- **Highlighting regional progress, the Home Minister emphasized key completed projects like the Jalluru and Pandur bridges, contrasting this with YSRCP's alleged neglect**

Highlighting the development works undertaken in the mandal, Anitha stated that the Jalluru and Pandur bridges were completed under the coalition government.

The Home Minister said the YSRCP neglected development across the region. "But the coalition gave top priority to improving people's living conditions by constructing roads in villages and facilitating basic amenities in the mandal," Anitha stressed.

She said the coalition implemented several devel-

opment and welfare programmes in the mandal to address public needs.

Challenging Opposition leaders to explain their contributions to the villages during their tenure, Anitha appealed to the coalition leaders and activists to highlight the government's achievements and strengthen public support ahead of the elections.

Rajya Sabha member Chintakayala Vijay, along with TDP, Jana Sena and BJP leaders, activists and coalition supporters, participated in the rally.



THEATRE ENTERTAINMENT!

As part of the 11th edition of the 'Rasagina National Multilingual Theatre Festival -2026', artistes presenting 'RepotiSatruvu' Telugu drama at Kalabharathi Auditorium in Visakhapatnam on Thursday

Minister seeks coordinated support for GVMC polls

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DISTRICT in-charge Minister Dola Sree Bala Veeranjaneeya Swamy called upon coalition candidates to work unitedly and intensify their election campaigns to ensure a decisive victory in the Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation (GVMC) elections.

Addressing coalition corporator candidates at a meeting held here on Thursday, the minister offered suggestions on election campaigning, candidate conduct and coordination among alliance partners. He stressed the need to include party leaders and workers who were denied tickets to ensure unity within the coalition.

The minister urged candidates to focus on public issues and take their campaign to the grassroots level. He emphasised that addressing people's concerns and highlighting the coalition government's achievements would be crucial to securing public support.

Highlighting the government's development initiatives, Dola Sree Bala Veeranjaneeya Swamy mentioned that several major companies and industries were brought to Visakhapatnam during the coalition government's two-and-a-half-year tenure, creating employment and job opportunities for youth.

In contrast, he alleged that development in Visakhapatnam remained negligible during the previous YSRCP

regime. He claimed that the NDA government has undertaken development works worth thousands of crores of rupees in the city. Calling for a determined and coordinated effort from each candidate, the minister urged party leaders to work toward victory in all contested wards and ensure the alliance flag flies high in the civic polls.

Visakhapatnam MP M Sribharat, MLAs Velagapudi Ramakrishna Babu and Vamsi Krishna Srinivas, MLC Vepada Chiranjeevi Rao, Visakhapatnam district TDP president Chode Pattabhi Ram, GVMC election observer MA Sharif and coalition Mayoral candidate Mukka Sravani, along with other leaders and candidates were present.



District in-charge Minister Dola Sree Bala Veeranjaneeya Swamy addressing the ward contestants in Visakhapatnam on Thursday

YSRCP FALLS SHORT OF ONE WARD IN GVMC POLLS

- **YSRCP falls short of one count as the party is left to contest in only 119 wards instead of 120**
- **The development follows the last-minute withdrawal of its candidate from ward 14 in Arilova**
- **The last-minute withdrawal exposes the challenges YSRCP faced in finalising contestants for certain wards**

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IN what seems to be an unexpected twist in the Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation (GVMC) elections, the YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) falls short of one count as the party is left to contest in only 119 wards instead of 120.

This development follows the last-minute withdrawal of its candidate from ward 14 in Arilova.



YSRCP Visakhapatnam district president KK Raju extending support to party contestants during the campaign in Visakhapatnam on Thursday

Reddy Jeeva Kiranmayi, fielded by the YSRCP in ward 14 east zone, withdrew her nomination on Wednesday, reportedly citing a lack of adequate support from the party. Her withdrawal leaves the Opposition without a candidate in the ward.

This development draws larger attention because former Mayor Golagani Hari Venkata Kumari represented this zone and served as Mayor during the YSRCP regime. However, this time, members of the former

Mayor's family and other local leaders did not come forward to contest on behalf of the party.

With the party facing a shortage of candidates, Kiranmayi—wife of YSRCP leader Botcha Jhansi Lakshmi's car driver—was eventually included in the second list of candidates.

Following the announcement, former Mayor Hari Venkata Kumari's husband, GolaganiSrinivasa Rao, introduced Kiranmayi to voters in the ward and cam-

paigned on social media, appealing for their support in the civic polls.

However, the campaign took an unexpected turn after a video released by Kiranmayi's husband went viral. In the video, he reportedly questioned the party's financial support and expressed concern about contesting the election by mortgaging their personal assets without adequate financial backing.

Apparently, the last-minute withdrawal exposed



Reddy Jeeva Kiranmayi withdraws her nomination

the challenges YSRCP faced in finalising contestants for certain wards and is a blow to its efforts to contest all 120 seats in the GVMC polls.

Following the withdrawal, the party will now have candidates in only 119 wards, leaving ward 14 without a YSRCP aspirant.

Expressing concern over the nomination withdrawal, YSRCP Visakhapatnam district president KK Raju alleged that the candidate was threatened to do so.

He demanded a probe into the development and sought action against those involved in threatening the candidate.

HM Anitha reaches out to road accident victims

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HOME Minister Vangalapudi Anitha demonstrated kindness by reaching out to accident victims.

On Thursday, the Home Minister provided immediate help to two students who were seriously injured in a road accident along the BRTS road near Arilova Health City in Visakhapatnam.

Anitha reached out to the accident victims while proceeding to Payakaraopeta via the BRTS road. When

she noticed the accident where a four-wheeler hit a two-wheeler, injuring the students. She immediately stopped the convoy and took steps to shift the injured students to the hospital.

Later, the Home Minister directed the doctors to provide quality treatment to the students and instructed the police to take legal action against the driver of the four-wheeler that caused the accident.

Anitha's humanitarian gesture garnered appreciation from various quarters.



Home Minister Vangalapudi Anitha during shifting of the injured victims to the hospital in Visakhapatnam on Thursday

SCoR organises 'Jan Samvad' campaign across stations to enhance passenger engagement

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SOUTH Coast Railway (SCoR) organised a 'Jan Samvad' campaign across more than 350 stations on Thursday to strengthen direct communication between the railways and the public, enhance passenger awareness and encourage public participation in improving railway services and amenities.

As part of the initiative, General Manager, South Coast Railway, Sandeep Mathur, directed railway officers to interact with passengers and members of the public, obtain their feedback and suggestions and understand their expectations regarding railway services and passenger amenities.

The campaign witnessed extensive participation, with more than 220 officers and over 800 supervisors and staff engaging with passengers and members of the public. More than 17,500 people participated in the interactive sessions across the zone, sharing their views, suggestions and grievances concerning railway services, station facilities and passenger amenities.

The General Manager also led a cleanliness drive at Visakhapatnam railway station as part of the ongoing 'Pakhwada', highlighting the importance of maintaining high standards of hygiene and ensuring a clean and pleasant environment for passengers. The GM interacted with the passengers at the station to receive feed-

back. Railway officers and staff participated in similar activities across stations.

The 'Jan Samvad' campaign provides a platform for direct interaction between railway officials, passengers and the public to understand passenger needs, address concerns and gather valuable suggestions for improving railway services. During the campaign, railway officials and staff also sensitised passengers about railway safety, cleanliness, responsible travel practices and the proper use of railway premises.

South Coast Railway encouraged passengers to share their experiences, feedback and suggestions concerning station facilities, passenger amenities and overall travel experience.

'YOU ARE YOUR STORIES' SESSION INSPIRES NCC GIRL CADETS

- **Sashibhushana Rao urged the cadets to think critically, make informed decisions and pursue their goals with determination**
- **He stressed that young people, standing together with a shared sense of responsibility, can strengthen national integration**

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DO not allow fear or past conditioning to limit potential; the ideas believed influence the person one becomes; practice unity and discipline; work as a team; place the nation's interest above the rest.

MajjiSashibhushana Rao, director of Satya Institute of Technology and Management (SITAM), highlighted these points during the session at the Annual Training

Camp (ATC-7) of the 2(A) Girls Battalion, held at the Police Training College, Vizianagaram. The session focused on national integration and its role for today's youth, themed as 'you are your stories'.

Addressing nearly 600 girl cadets, Sashibhushana Rao explained how the stories they hear and believe shape their thoughts, behaviour and character. He encouraged the cadets to question limiting beliefs, think independently and unlock their

true potential. He urged the cadets to think critically, make informed decisions, remain adaptable and pursue their goals with determination.

Emphasising the NCC's core values of unity and discipline, he highlighted the importance of unity in diversity. He stressed that young people, who stand together with a shared sense of responsibility, can strengthen national integration and help build a strong, developed India capable of leading the world.

Camp Commanding Officer Lt Col Ravi Vyas, Deputy Camp Commandant Major Satyaveni, ANOs and other staff attended the session.

The camp continues till October 25th.



Majji Sashibhushana Rao, director of Satya Institute of Technology and Management, addressing girl cadets at the Annual Training Camp (ATC-7) of the 2(A) Girls Battalion held in Vizianagaram