STAGE SET FOR MPP, VICE-MPP ELECTIONS

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The NTR Zilla Parishad office near MG Road in Vijayawada

ELECTIONS to the posts of Mandal Parishad Presidents (MPPs) and Vice-Presidents in NTR and Krishna districts will be held on November 19, while elections to the Zilla Parishad Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons will be conducted on November 20. Elections to co-option members of the Mandal Parishads and Zilla Parishads will also be held on the respective dates.

NTR district has 16 mandals with 16 Zilla Parishad Territorial Constituency (ZPTC) segments and 280 Mandal Parishad Territorial Constituency (MPTC) members.

Krishna district has 26 mandals, 26 ZPTC segments and 352 MPTC members. The newly elected representatives will participate in the indirect elections to choose the respective local body office-bearers.

The presiding officers and election authorities concerned will conduct the elections during special meetings convened at the respective Mandal Parishad and Zilla Parishad offices. Notices will be served on all MPTC and ZPTC members by November 14, informing them of the election schedule.

As per the prescribed procedure, elections to co-option members will be conducted first, followed by the election of MPPs and Vice-Presidents in the Mandal Parishads. Similarly, in the Zilla Parishads, co-option members will be elected first, followed by the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.

For the special meetings convened to elect Zilla Parishad office-bearers, Members of Parliament (MPs), Members of the Legislative Council (MLCs) and Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs) will also be invited. However, they will not have voting rights, as the election of Zilla Parishad Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons is restricted to eligible ZPTC members. The elections will be conducted through a show of hands. Each Mandal Parishad will elect one co-option member, while each Zilla Parishad will elect two. In the event of a tie, the result will be decided by drawing lots.

Recognised political parties can issue whips through their authorised representatives in the prescribed Annexure-I format, in accordance with State Election Commission guidelines. The whips must be submitted within the stipulated time. However, there is no provision for issuing a whip in elections to co-option members.

The elections will pave the way for the formation of elected leadership in the Mandal Parishads and Zilla Parishads following the recent MPTC and ZPTC elections in the two districts.

Parties prepare for polls to MPP, ZP posts on Nov 19, 20

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- The elected MPTC members will elect one among themselves as MPP president and another as vice-president


Collector K Dinesh Kumar

Deekshitula Subrahmanyam
Rampachodavaram

THE State Election Commission has issued notifications for conducting indirect elections to the posts of co-opted members, presidents and vice-presidents of 12 Mandal Praja Parishads and the chairperson and vice-chairperson of the Polavaram Zilla Praja Parishad, District Collector K Dinesh Kumar said on Tuesday.

The elections to co-opted members, MPP presidents and vice-presidents will be held on November 19. Similarly, elections to two co-opted members and the ZP chairperson and vice-chairperson will be conducted on November 20. Presiding officers concerned will convene special meetings on the respective dates to conduct the elections, the Collector said. The elected MPTC members will elect one among themselves as MPP president and another as vice-president. Likewise, elected ZPTC members will choose the ZP chairperson and vice-chairperson from among themselves.

Each Mandal Praja Parishad will elect one co-opted member, while the Zilla Praja Parishad will have two co-opted members. Eligible candidates for these positions should belong to religious or linguistic minority communities. The election of co-opted members will be conducted before the elections to the MPP president and vice-president and the ZP chairperson and vice-chairperson posts. The elections to the MPP and ZP leadership posts will be conducted through the Show of Hands method. Members will be required to follow the party whips issued by their respective recognised political parties. However, party whips will not apply to elections of co-opted members, the Collector clarified.

MPs, MLCs and MLAs who are ex-officio members of the respective Mandal and Zilla Praja Parishads will be invited to attend the special meetings.

However, they will not have voting rights in these indirect elections.

Election process of MPP, ZP chairperson reviewed

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Bapatla

THE State Election Commission has announced the schedule for elections to the posts of Mandal Parishad presidents and Zilla Parishad chairperson in the district, Bapatla District collector Dr V Vinod Kumar said.

Addressing a video conference with joint collector, Zilla Parishad CEO, Revenue Divisional Officers, municipal commissioners, tahsildars and MPDOs from the collector's bungalow on Tuesday, he reviewed local body elections, Cyclones Arnab and Murasu, and MLC elections.

He said elections to the posts of MPPs and vice-presidents would be held on November 19. Similarly, elections to ZP chairperson and vice-chairperson posts would be held on November 20. He said one co-opted member would be elected in each Mandal Parishad and two in the ZP. The election of the MPP would be conducted first, followed by the vice-president.

He said the ZP chairperson would be elected first, followed by the vice-chairperson. He directed officials to make necessary police security arrangements. Reviewing cyclone damage, he directed officials of the agriculture, horticulture, drainage, P&R, and R&B departments to conduct a war-footing survey of crop losses and damage to property caused by Cyclones Arnab and Murasu.

Field-level staff were instructed to record damage to houses, property and crops accurately, along with photographs of damaged houses.

Details and bank account information of people staying in rehabilitation centres should be submitted immediately.

Regarding MLC elections for Krishna, NTR, Guntur, Bapatla and Palnadu districts, he directed RDOs and tahsildars to scrutinise applications received for inclusion in the eligible voters' list and forward them to Guntur.

Bapatla, Chirala and Repalle RDOs Harikumar, Narasimha Rao and Sridevi, municipal commissioners and officials from Agriculture, Horticulture, Marketing, Drainage, P&R, R&B and Civil Supplies departments, along with tahsildars, MPDOs, village revenue officers and panchayat secretaries, participated in the video conference.

Release of industrial incentives hailed

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AP Chambers has welcomed the Andhra Pradesh Government's release of approximately Rs 1,400 crore towards pending industrial incentives, including Rs 22 crore for food processing units, describing it as a timely boost to industries, particularly micro and small enterprises.

In a statement, AP Chambers president Potluri Bhaskara Rao said the initiative would provide much-needed financial relief to MSMEs, improve their working capital availability and strengthen their operational capabilities.

He expressed sincere gratitude to Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu for his proactive leadership and commitment to industrial development. He said the State Government had been promoting an industry-friendly ecosystem through its focus on Ease of Doing Business and Speed of Doing Business. Andhra Pradesh was rapidly emerging as a preferred investment destination, attracting substantial investments through its progressive industrial policies, he observed.

AP Chambers appreciated the government's continued efforts to support existing industries while encouraging fresh investments, generating employment opportunities and accelerating the State's overall economic growth.

Dy tahsildar in ACB net

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G Konduru Deputy Tahsildar Pendem Vijaya Kumar, who was caught red-handed by ACB officials while allegedly accepting a Rs 10,000 bribe at his office on Tuesday

THE Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) officials of the Vijayawada Range on Tuesday caught a Deputy Tahsildar red-handed while allegedly accepting a bribe of Rs10,000 at the Tahsildar's office in G Konduru mandal of NTR district.

The accused officer, Pendem Vijaya Kumar (48), Deputy Tahsildar of G Konduru mandal, allegedly demanded Rs 10,000 from a 28-year-old complainant, Chinni Najarenu Rao of Ajit Singh Nagar, Vijayawada, for carrying out official work related to his agricultural land.

According to the ACB, the complainant approached the officer seeking corrections in the Adangal records relating to his land in Survey No 524-B at Vellaturu village and processing of a Pattadar Passbook in his name. The officer allegedly demanded the bribe for extending the official favour.

Acting on the complaint, the ACB registered a case under Section 7 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, as amended in 2018. A trap was laid by ACB Additional SP Sravanthi Roy and DAP BV Subba Rao at around 2.05 pm on Tuesday at the Tahsildar's office in G Konduru, during which the officer was caught red-handed while allegedly demanding and accepting the amount.

Srabanthi Roy said Vijaya Kumar joined the Revenue Department as a Junior Assistant in 2005 and was promoted as Revenue Inspector in 2011. He was promoted as Deputy Tahsildar in 2017 and had been working in G Konduru mandal since July 7, 2022.

She appealed to the public to report corruption in government departments through its toll-free number 1064, mobile number 9440440057 or email complaints-acb@ap.gov.in. She assured that the identity of complainants and informants would be kept confidential.

Basaveswara Rao elected APAS honorary secretary

Dasari Srinivasa Rao
Machilipatnam


Prof MV Basaveswara Rao

PROF MV Basaveswara Rao, In-charge Rector of Krishna University, Machilipatnam, has been elected Honorary Secretary of the Andhra Pradesh Akademi of Sciences (APAS) for the three-year term from November 2026 to November 2029.

His election took place during the constitution of the Akademi's new Executive Council, comprising eminent scientists and academicians from universities and research institutions across Andhra Pradesh. The appointment is considered a recognition of his academic experience and contribution to higher education and research.

His new responsibility will involve working with the Akademi in promoting scientific activities, research and academic collaboration in the State.

Members of the academic fraternity, colleagues, students and well-wishers have congratulated Prof Basaveswara Rao on his election and wished him success in discharging his responsibilities.

Two-day training programme begins for para-legal volunteers

Deekshitula Subrahmanyam
Rajamahendravaram



District Principal Judge Junaid Ahmed Maulana at two-day training programme for para-legal volunteers at the DLSA meeting hall on Tuesday

DISTRICT Principal Judge Junaid Ahmed Maulana has stressed that para-legal volunteers play a crucial role in extending legal assistance to vulnerable sections of society who remain unaware of laws and their rights.

He spoke after inaugurating a two-day training programme for para-legal volunteers from the erstwhile East Godavari district, organised by the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) at the DLSA meeting hall on the district court premises here on Tuesday.

He said para-legal volunteers should act as a reliable bridge between the public and the Legal Services Authority. He urged them to discharge their responsibilities efficiently with discipline, ethics, integrity and a spirit of selfless service.

DLSA Secretary and Senior Civil Judge Y Srilakshmi cautioned them against misusing the identity and powers granted by the Legal Services Authority for personal gains or unauthorised activities. On the occasion, the District Principal Judge released a Telugu book titled "Recognition of Forest Rights Act–2006: Frequently Asked Questions and Explanations", authored by senior advocate Dr P Trinadha Rao.

'Brown revived Telugu literary heritage'

Deekshitula Subrahmanyam
Rajamahendravaram


Faculty and students paying tributes to CP Brown on his birth anniversary in Rajamahendravaram on Tuesday

CP Brown was a great literary patron who breathed new life into Telugu literary heritage at a time when it was facing the threat of extinction, said Dr PVB Sanjeeva Rao, Head of the Telugu Department at SKVT Government College. He spoke as the chief speaker at a programme organised by the Telugu Department and Kala Gowthami at SKVT Government College to mark the birth anniversary of CP Brown.

Sanjeeva Rao said Brown made remarkable efforts to trace, collect, edit and publish several invaluable literary works and classical texts that had remained obscure in the form of palm-leaf manuscripts. IQAC Coordinator Dr DV Nageswara Rao, who attended as the chief guest, said Brown's dedication to the Telugu language, despite being a foreigner, was an inspiration to everyone.

Faculty member Gaddam Venkata Rao said Telugu people would always remember Brown's contributions, including the preparation of bilingual dictionaries and the collection, editing and preservation of folk songs. SKVT College Principal Dr BV Tirupanyam, faculty members S Raj Kumar, Palli Sudha and J Suguna, students CH Ganesh Reddy, G Sandhya Ramani, Deepika and others participated.

Krishna DCCB donates Rs 1 cr to CM Relief Fund


Krishna DCCB chairman Nettam Sri Raghuram, Minister Kollu Ravindra and APCOB chairman Ganni Veeranjaneyulu presenting a cheque to Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu at the Secretariat on Tuesday

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THE Krishna District Cooperative Central Bank (DCCB) has contributed Rs 1 crore to the Chief Minister's Relief Fund to support farmers who suffered crop losses due to natural calamities.

Krishna DCCB chairman Nettam Sri Raghuram, accompanied by Minister for Mines, Geology and Excise Kollu Ravindra and APCOB chairman Ganni Veeranjaneyulu, met Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu at the Amaravati Secretariat on Tuesday and handed over a cheque for Rs 1 crore. Speaking on the occasion, Raghuram said the welfare of farmers was the primary objective of the Krishna DCCB and supporting them during natural disasters was a social responsibility of the cooperative banking sector.

The Chief Minister appreciated DCCB chairman Raghuram, the bank's senior officials and staff for their contribution. He commended the bank for earning recognition in the cooperative banking sector and expressed confidence that it would achieve further progress and set new benchmarks in the future.

Aerobics Gymnastics Championship

Four VPS students selected

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The selected students with the staff

FOUR students of Veeramachaneni Paddayya Siddhartha Public School here have been selected to represent Andhra Pradesh in the All Age Group Aerobics Gymnastics National Championship 2026–27, scheduled to be held in Jaipur, Rajasthan, from November 12 to 16.

According to the selection letter issued by the Gymnastics Association of NTR District on November 9, the selected students include Diya Palakurti and Vadipina Aadvika of Class IV in the National Development Category, and Jahnavi Kollipara of Class VIII and Ananya Vemuri of Class VII in the Youth Category.

The students earned their selection through their dedication, discipline, perseverance and sporting talent. The Andhra Pradesh team will leave for Jaipur on November 11 and return on November 18. N Pawana Phani will accompany the team as its manager. The school acknowledged the support of the Gymnastics Association of NTR District Secretary B Babu Rao and Treasurer L Murali Krishna in promoting gymnastics.

School Principal Meda Seetha Ramaiah, Vice-Principal K Rose Mary, Headmistress Ch Jayalakshmi and Academic Coordinator D Anuradha congratulated the selected students and wished them success in the national championship.

Power restoration work reviewed

Naresh Nandam
Ongole

APCPDCL Director for Projects and HRD, TVSN Murthy, inspected power restoration work in the field that is being carried out after the damage caused by Cyclone Murasu.

The Director visited the Naguluppalapadu section and checked the repair work on the 11 KV Ammanabrolu-Chavatapalem feeder. A power cut had occurred on this feeder due to the cyclone, and the electricity supply needs to be restored. He also reviewed the breakdown repair work on the 11 KV Chadalavada feeder in the same section. He told the officials to speed up the restoration work. He asked the staff to work together and bring back the power supply as soon as possible. He ordered the workers to follow all electrical safety rules while doing the repair work. The Director said the APCPDCL team is working without a break to restore a steady power supply.

He added that the department will continue its efforts until normal supply returns in all the affected areas.