

ASHA workers demand fixed monthly salary of Rs 18,000

Warn of statewide strike from December 15; submit a memorandum to MLA Veerlapalli Shankar

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Shadnagar

LEADERS of the CITU and the ASHA Workers' Joint Action Committee (JAC) have urged the state government to immediately address the long-pending demands of ASHA workers. They warned that a statewide strike would be launched on December 15 if the government failed to respond. As part of their protest, the leaders met Shadnagar MLA Veerlapalli Shankar and submitted a strike notice.

Speaking on the occasion, CITU district vice-president N Raju said that nearly 28,000 ASHA workers across state have been providing essential public health services for the past 20 years. Despite their significant contributions to maternal and child healthcare, disease prevention and Covid-19-related services, they continued to face low wages and lack of job security. He stated that ASHA workers currently receive a monthly honorarium of just Rs. 9,900, which has not been revised for the past five years, causing severe financial difficulties.

The leaders demanded a fixed monthly salary of Rs 18,000, along with PF, ESI and job security. Their other demands include Rs 50 lakh insurance coverage, Rs. 50,000 towards funeral expenses, and Rs. 5 lakh as retirement benefits. They also sought paid leave, maternity leave, medical leave and promotions for eligible workers.

Furthermore, they demanded that the minimum wage be fixed at Rs 30,000 under the Second Pay Revision Commission and that the two pending instalments of Dearness Allowance (DA) announced for government employees also be extended to ASHA workers.

The leaders urged the government to honour its promise of resolving workers' issues under the people's governance and take immediate steps to fulfill their demands. They reiterated that a statewide strike would commence on December 15 if their demands remained unaddressed.

CITU assistant secretary Saibaba, Srinu Naik and ASHA workers from various mandals participated in the programme.

TG land re-survey crossed 1K-village mark so far, says Minister Ponguleti

Comprehensive survey completed across 416 villages to resolve generational land disputes and secure clear ownership rights

Venkateshwarlu Kolishetty
Hyderabad

REVENUE, Housing, and Information and Public Relations Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy directed officials to conduct the comprehensive land re-survey across Telangana with utmost transparency, scientific accuracy, and attention to detail while prioritizing landowners interests. The Minister announced that the re-survey has covered more than 1,000 villages, with the process completed in 416 villages so far. The initiative aims to resolve long-pending land disputes, establish clear ownership rights, and ensure accurate boundaries for every landowner.

On Tuesday, Ponguleti held a review meeting with senior Revenue Department officials at the Secretariat to assess statewide progress. He discussed field-level challenges, farmers feedback, technical issues, and difficulties faced by survey personnel while speaking directly with field staff to understand ground problems. The Minister stated that Telangana contains 10,954 revenue villages. In the first phase, 70 villages were selected from each of 32 districts, excluding Hyderabad. Including villages where land maps were previously unavailable, the re-survey is currently underway across 2,720 villages.



Describing the initiative as a historic exercise undertaken after nearly 125 years, Ponguleti affirmed that the government, led by Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, remains committed to providing permanent solutions to land-related problems. He instructed officials to accelerate work without compromising quality, transparency, or accuracy. Officials were directed to thoroughly examine existing revenue records, including land extent, ownership details, and boundaries, before starting field surveys. Upon completion, formal notices must be issued to respective landowners, allowing sufficient time to verify recorded details and raise objections, which must be examined and resolved according to established rules.

Emphasizing public awareness, the Minister stressed that farmers must be educated regarding survey procedures, objection submission processes, and grievance resolution mechanisms. He insisted that the exercise leave no room for confusion or doubt, noting that success should not be measured merely by updating land records but by permanently resolving generational land disputes and safeguarding public trust across rural Telangana.

Gurukul worker arrested over sexual harassment allegations

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ALLEGATIONS of sexual harassment of minor girl students have surfaced at a Social Welfare Gurukul School in Nidamanur mandal of Nalgonda district. According to the complaints, a sanitation worker employed at the school allegedly subjected minor girl students to inappropriate behaviour. The students alleged that he forcibly took them into bathrooms, locked the doors, and behaved inappropriately.

Initially, the girls were afraid to disclose the incidents, but they eventually shared their ordeal with fellow students and later informed their parents. After learning about the allegations, parents and locals gathered staged a protest at the school, demanding strict action against the accused under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act. They also sought an inquiry into the alleged failure of school authorities to ensure proper supervision and student safety.

District Collector B Chandrashekhar directed Additional Collector (Local Bodies) Prem Karan Reddy to conduct an inquiry and submit a report. Reddy interacted with the affected students. He said the accused had been removed from duty and police had taken him into custody for questioning. Further investigation is underway.

Man in custody for murdering wife

NALGONDA: A 43-year-old woman Home Guard was allegedly murdered by her husband following a domestic dispute at Nalgonda district headquarters on Tuesday.

According to DSP Shivarami Reddy, the victim, Mahaboob Bee (43), was working as a Home Guard at the district police headquarters. She had married Satheesh, who had also previously worked as a Home Guard, 15 years ago. The couple has two daughters and a son. Satheesh was removed from service some time ago. On Tuesday morning, after their children had left for school, an argument reportedly broke out between the couple at their residence. During the altercation, Satheesh allegedly attacked Mahaboob Bee, leaving her with severe injuries. She died on the spot. On receiving the information, the DSP along with Circle Inspector Adi Reddy, Rural Sub-Inspector Shiva Prasad and Nalgonda One Town SI Nampally Venkata Narayana, visited the crime scene and inspected the spot. Police have taken the accused husband into custody and are questioning him in connection with the murder.

Pay crop loss compensation of Rs 50,000 per acre: CPI

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Gadwal

CPI leaders expressed concern that the lack of expected rainfall has led to withered crops and heavy losses for farmers in Jogulamba Gadwal district. Demanding that the governments step in to assist those affected by the drought and announce a special relief package on Tuesday, the Jogulamba Gadwal District Committee of the Communist Party of India (CPI) organised a protest in front of the collectorate.



Led by CPI District Secretary Anjaneyulu, party leaders, activists, and farmers raised slogans against the Central and State governments. Subsequently, a memorandum was submitted to the Additional Collector (Revenue), Madhu Mohan.

The protesters demanded compensation of Rs 50,000 per acre for every farmer who lost their crops due to the lack of rainfall. They highlighted that farmers, who had invested in their crops by taking on debt, are now facing severe financial distress, with the situation being so dire that they are unable to even recover their initial investments. They urged for an immediate, on-the-ground assessment of crop losses and the provision of compensation to all eligible farmers.

They demanded that the central and state governments jointly announce a special drought relief package to support the farming community.

INSURANCE CHEQUE HANDED OVER



District SP Dr Sangram Singh G Patil handing over a Rs 5 lakh insurance cheque to the family of deceased AR Constable Ramaswamy in Nagarkurnool on Tuesday

Nalgonda to host women's football championship in Jan

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THE district is preparing to host the 'Telangana Inter-District Women's Football Championship' in the second week of January 2027. The event assumes special significance as Nalgonda's Under-18 girls recently emerged as champions in the Telangana Inter-District Football Championship in Nizamabad in September 2026.

The championship will also serve as a selection platform for the Telangana women's team for the National Women's Football Championship scheduled for February 2027. Telangana Football Association President Dr. Rafath Ali and General Secretary G.P. Phalguna formally handed over the official proceedings to Nalgonda District Football Association President Bandaru Prasad at the Telangana football Association TFA headquarters in LB Stadium in Hyderabad.



Nalgonda Football Association President Bandaru Prasad receives the official championship hosting letter from TFA President Dr Rafath Ali

Prasad has been making concerted efforts to revive the district's football culture, encourage youngsters, particularly girls, to take up the game and restore Nalgonda's past reputation in football.



District Collector Hemanta Keshav Patil inspecting the KGBV at Nadimpalli

Increase enrolment at KGBV: Collector

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Nagarkurnool

DISTRICT Collector Hemanta Keshav Patil directed officials to provide quality education, nutritious food and better infrastructure to students in Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas.

He stressed achieving 100 per cent enrolment in Intermediate courses and creating awareness about Artificial Intelligence courses. On Tuesday, the Collector, accompanied by Achampet Sub-Collector Saloni Chabra, conducted a surprise inspection of the KGBV at Nadimpalli village in Achampet mandal. He was informed that only 95 students were enrolled against the sanctioned strength of 160 and directed Special Officer Kusuma to take steps to increase admissions.

He also inspected the compound wall construction and reviewed a Telugu slip test being written by Class 10 students.

Negligence in works will not be tolerated: SUDA chairman



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Khammam

SUDA Chairman Puvvalla Durga Prasad has warned officials that negligence and delays in completing pending works related to urban development and public services would not be tolerated. He held a review with officials of the Khammam Municipal Corporation (KMC) Town Planning, SUDA Planning and Engineering departments on Tuesday. Referring to the review of urban development and infrastructure works recently conducted by Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao, Prasad advised officials to discharge their duties with greater responsibility and ensure that all development works were completed within stipulated deadlines. Emphasising the need for continuous field-level monitoring, he said there should be no delays in development works and warned that dereliction of duty would invite serious action. During the meeting, he reviewed issues including unauthorised layouts, illegal constructions, road encroachments, unauthorised ramps, pending building permissions, Occupancy Certificates (OCs), Layout Regularisation Scheme (LRS) applications, No Objection Certificates (NOCs), technical inspections, and pending infrastructure development works.

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Legal awareness key to protecting rights of vulnerable people

Panchakshari highlights free legal assistance and child safety at National Legal Services Day event

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PROVIDING free, effective and speedy legal assistance to underprivileged and vulnerable people is the primary objective of legal services institutions, Telangana State Legal Services Authority Member Secretary Ch. Panchakshari said.

Addressing an awareness programme at the Government High School in Mogullapally on National Legal Services Day, organised under the Surakshit Bachpan Abhiyan, he said Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, women, children and senior citizens were entitled to free legal aid.

He stressed the need to protect children from sexual offences and cybercrime and called for greater awareness of the POCSO Act, laws preventing child marriage, the Right to Education Act and the prohibition of child labour.

Senior Civil Judge Tadoori Mahathi Vaishnavi, Additional Junior Civil Judge G. Akhila and other officials, police personnel and education department representatives attended the programme.

A WARM MOMENT



Bhadrachalam Sub Collector Mrinal Shreshtha having lunch with students at the Primary School in Chinaravigudem Colony on Tuesday