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19 killed as truck collides head-on with RTC bus in Telangana's Chevella



Chevella: In one of the most tragic road accidents in recent years, 19 people were killed and over a dozen injured when a gravel-laden truck collided head-on with a Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TGSRTC) bus near Mirzaguda village in Chevella of Ranga Reddy district on Monday morning. The accident occurred around 5.10 am on the Hyderabad-Bijapur National Highway when the Tandur-Hyderabad RTC bus bearing registration number TG 34 TA 6354, reportedly carrying nearly 70 passengers, was hit by a truck laden with gravel

coming from the opposite direction. The truck reportedly had lost control near Khanapur Gate, crashing into the bus. According to the police, the impact crushed the front portions of both the vehicles, and the truck's gravel load fell onto the bus, burying several passengers alive and injuring others.

On receiving information, the Chevella police along with rescue teams and locals rushed to the spot and used excavators to remove the debris. Police said several passengers were trapped under the gravel for hours before being pulled out.



Officials confirmed 21 deaths, including drivers, several women, and children. Over 15 passengers suffered serious injuries and were shifted to Chevella Government Hospital and other hospitals. Among the victims were a family of three sisters, a mother and one-month-old girl child, two couples and

several students returning to Hyderabad after the weekend. In one tragic case, two young girls identified as Bhavani and Shiva Leela were orphaned after their parents, Bandappa and Lakshmi of Hajipur village, died in the crash. Locals described the collision as a thunderous crash followed by cries for help. Recounting the horrific scene, a local from Mirzaguda said, "We saw the bus half buried in gravel. People were trapped under the stones and screaming for help. We tried to pull them out with our hands before the JCB arrived."

Preliminary investigations by the Chevella police revealed that both the truck and the bus were overloaded, contributing to the severity of the impact. Authorities are probing whether the truck's brakes failed or if the driver had fatigue after a night-long trip or if it was a result of other factors including a bad road condition. The Chevella police have registered a case and seized both the heavy vehicles. Forensic teams are analysing the vehicles to determine the exact sequence of events.

RJD, Cong do not understand language of development: PM

Saharsa (Bihar): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday launched a strong attack on the RJD-Congress alliance, alleging that both parties have no connection with development and are still trapped in the politics of jungle raj. Addressing a massive rally in Saharsa, Bihar, the Prime Minister said, "Their dictionary is filled only with words like Katta, cruelty, bitterness, misgovernance and corruption. This is all they have learnt in the school of

jungle-raj. The RJD and Congress simply don't understand the language of development." PM Modi said that while the NDA stands for development, the opposition represents destruction. He claimed that due to the earlier revenge politics of RJD and Congress, people in the Kosi-Mithilanchal region once had to travel nearly 300 km to move from one side of the area to the other, whereas today that distance has been reduced to less than 30 km.



Yogi Adityanath's 'Pappu', 'Tappu', 'Akku' Jab At Opposition Leaders In Bihar

New Delhi: Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Monday took a sharp jibe at the Opposition INDIA alliance, referring to Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) leader Tejashwi Yadav, and Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav as 'Pappu', 'Tappu', and 'Akku'. Addressing a rally at Keoti in Bihar's Darbhanga, Yogi said the

Opposition alliance in the state has called in "three monkeys" to campaign for them. "Just as Mahatma Gandhi had three monkeys, today the INDIA alliance brought in three monkeys in the name of Pappu, Tappu, and Appu (Rahul Gandhi, Tejashwi Yadav, and Akhilesh Yadav). Pappu cannot speak the truth or say anything good.



Building awareness among childless couple



Visakhapatnam: Rheumatologist and obesity medicine physician and Mrs Telugu USA title winner Thirumalini Dasari said that it was a great opportunity to build awareness among childless couples to overcome infertility issues and encourage them to have children. Speaking at a media conference organised here on Sunday, she mentioned that educating people is the key. She stated that she bagged the title of 'Mrs Telugu USA' held in Dallas and informed that she feels very proud of being a native of Visakhapatnam. Speaking on the occasion, Medcy Hospital managing director Sireesha Rani said that free cancer screening tests will be conducted for infertile couples at the hospital for a month. She appealed to women and childless couples to utilise the opportunity. Later, Sireesha Rani felicitated Thirumalini Dasari.

CM focuses on investments in AP Series of meetings with London industrialists

From Our Staff Reporter Amaravati, Nov., 3 : Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu held a series of meetings with London Industrialists to invite investments in AP . Chief Minister Chandrababu met Octopus Energy International Director Chris Fitzgerald in London today (Monday). Octopus Energy International is the largest electricity supplier in London. In this context, CM Chandrababu invited Octopus Energy to invest in AP in the renew-

able energy sector. The CM explained that there are opportunities to work in the field of power supply control through new technology in Amaravati and Visakhapatnam. The CM clarified to the representatives of Octopus Energy that there are opportunities to work in AP in the fields of clean energy, smart grid and data analytics. It was revealed that AP has set a target to produce 160 gigawatts of green energy. The Chief Minister also explained the government's



policies in the power sector. The goals set by AP in this sector were revealed. Chief Minister Chandrababu in-

ited Octopus Energy International Director Chris Fitzgerald to come and invest in AP.

Excise Department petitions seeking 10-day custody of Jogi Ramesh

From Our Staff Reporter Vijayawada, Nov., 3 : The Excise Department has filed a petition in the court seeking custody of former minister and YSRC leader Jogi Ramesh, who was arrested in the spurious liquor case. It has asked the court to give Jogi Ramesh and his brother Jogi Ram to 10-day custody. The court, which took up the matter, ordered the filing of a

counter adjournment till tomorrow (Tuesday). In the same case, the Excise Department has filed a petition seeking custody of the Addepalli brothers for the second time. The hearing on this has been adjourned to the 6th of this month. It is known that the court has remanded former minister Jogi Ramesh and his younger brother Jogi Ramu in the fake liquor case till the

13th of this month. It is known that both of them were shifted from Vijayawada jail to Nellore jail in this context. On Sunday morning, SIT officials went to Jogi Ramesh's residence in Ibrahimpatnam, NTR district and arrested him. Later, he was shifted to Vijayawada and interrogated for about 12 hours at the East Excise Department office.



Rs. 10 lakh crore investment in AP in 16 months: Nara Lokesh

From Our Staff Reporter Amaravati, Nov., 3 : Andhra Pradesh IT and Education Minister Nara Lokesh reiterated that his government's goal is to provide employment to the youth. He said that Andhra Pradesh is number one in the Speed of Doing Business. He said that during this 16-month coalition government's rule, Andhra Pradesh state has received investments of Rs. 10 lakh crore. Speaking to reporters in Undavalli on Monday,

Minister Nara Lokesh explained that ArcelorMittal will invest Rs. 1.5 lakh crore. He made it clear that Andhra Pradesh state will make progress in all sectors. He said that his government's goal is decentralization of development. He said that there is a visionary leadership in the state. He said that 300 industrialists will come to the CII Partnership Summit to be held in Visakhapatnam. Minister Nara Lokesh explained that 410 agreements

will be signed in this summit. He said that their goal is not just to invite companies to this partnership summit, but to create an ecosystem there. He said that many projects are coming to AP in the month of November. He said that neighboring states can compete with AP in terms of incentives. He explained that Google is going to make the largest investment in the history of FDI in the country. He reminded that Andhra Pradesh is at the

top in achieving domestic investments. He said that BPCL will invest Rs. 1 lakh crore in Nellore.

The Chandrababu Naidu-led coalition government is organizing the CII Partnership Conference in Visakhapatnam on November 14 and 15. A large number of company representatives, CEOs of various organizations and high-ranking officials from various countries are expected to attend the conference. The government

has already made appropriate arrangements for this. The government will move forward in co-ordination with all departments to make this partnership conference a success.

On the other hand, CM Chandrababu Naidu, Ministers Nara Lokesh and P. Narayana visited different countries separately. On this occasion, they held a series of meetings with the high officials of the respective countries and CEOs of various organizations. In that order, they explained to them the steps taken by their government for the development of the state, including the capital of AP, Amaravati. They were also asked to attend the partnership conference to be held in November. In this context, representatives from many countries will be coming to this conference in large numbers.



EDITORIAL

Who will take on the corruption of Bharat?

The stench of corruption is everywhere and at any time. From local bodies to central government ministries, the demon of corruption has been raging in all departments/levels. From ward members to central ministers, corruption is eating away at the country's well-being at all levels in all departments. It has become inevitable and necessary to expose corruption in order to get a job in government departments. There is no end to embezzlement. Anti-corruption departments catch some corrupt fish every day and then release them to corruption. Scams and bribes have become a daily occurrence. People are coming to the firm opinion that if work is to be done in government departments, they have to be exposed. The machinery that nurtures corruption in government offices, the games of adulteration of food products, the construction of projects while ignoring the quality, and the intellectuals who take bribes in broad daylight are hunting us in cars with their collars flying in front of us. It should be known that if morality is undermined in a person, floods of corruption will flow.

It is regrettable that no matter how many vigilance and alert departments the central government has set up to curb corruption, the lack of integrity among government officials and unnecessary selfish interference in a way that undermines the autonomy of the respective departments have led to the proliferation of illegal activities. The government has made complete arrangements to organize Vigilance Awareness Week from 27 October to 02 November every year with the objectives of improving the functioning of various ministries, departments and institutions of the Government of India, increasing transparency, conducting capacity building programs, strengthening complaint departments, conducting immediate and impartial investigations when allegations are made, and using state-of-the-art digital facilities in the field of vigilance. As part of this week's celebrations, awareness continues to be raised about protecting the integrity of the country, eradicating corruption, showing nepotism, fostering bias, and not just giving a bribe, but also accepting a bribe.

The awareness campaign continues to highlight the importance of inculcating and promoting moral values ??in our lives to build a new India. The theme of this week is 'Establishing a Moral Society for the well-being of the country'. Every Indian is urged to be vigilant, maintain the highest standards of honesty/integrity at all times, and strive for a corruption-free society. Based on the recommendations of the Santhanam Committee, the Government of India established the Central Vigilance Commission or CVC in 1964, with the aim of protecting the integrity of the country, increasing transparency, implementing accountability, and eradicating corruption. The CVC and other vigilance departments are working with the main functions of monitoring personnel in sensitive areas, investigating complaints, advising on the proper conduct of duties, and monitoring/surveilling contracts.

As part of the Vigilance Awareness Week, it has become a tradition to organize various competitions in schools on the important topics of ethical conduct, organize awareness programs by vigilance departments, honor staff who have demonstrated ethical conduct, conduct a mass vigilance awareness pledge, and promote and nurture ethics for the welfare of the country. Experts are of the opinion that if ethical conduct increases among political leaders, corruption will also decrease in government departments. Today, a majority of public representatives are facing charges of corruption. On the occasion of Diwali, let us all join hands to drive away the anacondas of corruption and work towards establishing a society where ethics flourishes.

The Busan Consensus: Is 'Chimerica' Dawning?

The recent meeting between US President Donald Trump and Chinese President Xi Jinping on the sidelines of the APEC Summit in Busan, South Korea, was, by all accounts, a significant event. Hailed as "amazing" and a "12 out of 10" by President Trump, the summit appears to have yielded a crucial, if tactical, trade truce - and perhaps something more. Trump's use of the term "G2" to frame the gathering - implying a global co-management role for Washington and Beijing - has raised profound questions about the future architecture of international relations. Does it mark the dawning of "Chimerica", a powerful, bilateral condominium carving up the world? Trump, who tweeted (in his usual CAPSLOCK style) that "THE G2 WILL BE CONVENING SHORTLY!" before his meeting with Xi, enthusiastically posted after it: "Just wrapped up a HISTORIC G2 meeting with President Xi in Busan. 12/10. Tariffs down, soybeans up, fentanyl flow STOPPED. Peace through strength. America FIRST!"? He added: "China understands now: we want fair trade, safe borders, and NO DRUGS. Great progress. Great respect. Great deal coming!"? And he told his followers on Truth Social that "My G2 meeting with President Xi of China was a great one for both of our countries. This meeting will lead to everlasting peace and success. God bless both China and the USA!"? His Secretary of War, Pete Hegseth?, claimed that the relationship between the US and China "has never been better". He too went public on social media, announcing his "Positive meeting with Admiral Dong Jun, China's Defense Minister. We agreed: peace, stability, and good relations are the best path forward."? and adding "Admiral Dong and I also agreed to set up military-to-military channels to deconflict and de-escalate any problems that arise. Peace through strength!" The three key takeaways from the Xi-Trump meeting were a partial trade truce, rare earth supply assurances, and a toned-down tariff regime. But the more consequential news was the American enthusiasm at the highest levels for a strategic reset with China.

The Trade Deal

First, on the volatile trade relationship. President Xi clearly emerged as the more confident player, having skilfully maximised China's economic and strategic advantages to secure significant wins. The key victories China secured included tariff relief (a reduction in existing levies and an agreement to hold off on imposing new ones) and export safeguards (the suspension of fees on Chinese vessels and, crucially, a pause on new US export controls that threatened to block more Chinese companies from accessing American technology). At the same time, the deal allowed President Trump to claim a win domestically, primarily by announcing the restart of Chinese purchases of US farm goods like soybeans. In essence, China had brilliantly allowed the US to declare victory simply by restoring the prior status quo, demonstrating President Xi's clear understanding of the domestic political requirements of his American counterpart. This outcome highlights a crucial dynamic: China holds powerful, asymmetric leverage against the US - tools like its near-monopoly on rare earth minerals, which are indispensable for almost all modern, high-tech industry and could severely cripple US manufacturing, and its vast purchasing power over commodities such as American soybeans (as Indian policymakers realise, this sort of decisive economic clout is currently not available to India in its strategic dialogue with the US). China's successful use of economic counter-pressure highlighted its capacity to deliver a powerful strategic message. Beijing can use its global

supply chain dominance and its massive market size as effective weapons. In its official summary of President Xi's statements, Beijing framed the trade tensions as a crucial "lesson", implying that Washington should avoid a self-destructive cycle of mutual escalation. China had the upper hand because the US lacked a cohesive, long-term strategic objective, instead relying on short-term tactical measures. While the US aim was purportedly to address fundamental, complex trade imbalances, China's response was described as a successful game of "Whack-A-Mole". Beijing's tactics forced the US administration to constantly shift focus - from soybeans to rare earths to technology companies - without ever resolving the core issues. This successful demonstration of turning a perceived weakness (being the target of tariffs) into a strategic advantage showcases the high level of coordination in China's statecraft. It ultimately enables Beijing to shape the terms of engagement and remain magnanimous, having proven its ability to dictate the scope of the agreement.

Is Chimerica Dawning?

Second, the emergence of a US-China condominium. With the "G2" narrative, Trump, in his characteristic over-the-top style, has offered China a symbolic elevation, granting Beijing the appearance of equality in managing global affairs in exchange for economic concessions. The twin statements issued by Trump and Hegseth following the summit with Xi mark an extraordinary volte-face in the administration's China policy. Just a few years ago, and indeed until quite recently, the Trump doctrine treated China not merely as a competitor but as a strategic adversary to be confronted, contained, and, if



necessary, defeated. From the outset of his first term in 2017, Trump's rhetoric on China was laced with hostility. Beijing was accused of "ripping off" the United States, "stealing" intellectual property, manipulating its currency, and flooding American markets with cheap goods. The Covid-19 pandemic only intensified this antagonism, with Trump repeatedly referring to the coronavirus as the "China virus" and blaming Beijing for unleashing it on the world. The administration's posture hardened further during his second term, with tariffs, tech bans, and military posturing in the Indo-Pacific becoming hallmarks of a confrontational strategy.

"An Existential Threat"

This adversarial framing was not confined to political rhetoric. As recently as May this year, CIA Deputy Director Michael Ellis declared, "China is the existential threat to US security in a way that we really have never confronted before." That assessment reflected the prevailing consensus within the national security establishment: that China's rise posed a

systemic challenge to American primacy, demanding vigilance, decoupling, and deterrence. Against this backdrop, the tone and content of the "G2 summit" communiqués are nothing short of astonishing. Trump's effusive praise of the meeting suggests not just a tactical pause but a rhetorical rehabilitation of China's global role. Hegseth's parallel statement, highlighting "positive" talks with the Chinese Defence Minister and the establishment of military-to-military deconfliction channels further underscores the shift from confrontation to coordination.

Why The Shift?

What explains this dramatic recalibration? Some observers still see it as a transactional pivot: a temporary thaw to stabilise markets, secure rare earth supplies, and reduce fentanyl inflows ahead of a volatile political season. Others interpret it as a strategic recalibration, acknowledging that unrelenting hostility toward China has yielded diminishing returns and heightened global instability. Whatever the rationale, the implications are profound. If China

is no longer cast as an existential threat but as a partner in peace and trade, then the entire scaffolding of Trump-era foreign policy begins to wobble. Allies who aligned with Washington's hard line may now find themselves adrift. Domestic constituencies primed for confrontation may feel betrayed. And Beijing, long accustomed to American unpredictability, may see this as an opportunity to recast itself as a responsible stakeholder - without conceding on core issues like Taiwan, the South China Sea, or technological self-sufficiency. For India, the message is mixed. On one hand, a cooling of US-China tensions may reduce regional volatility and open space for economic recalibration. On the other, it may signal a return to great-power accommodation that sidelines regional or "middle" powers like the EU, India and Russia. New Delhi, which has invested in strategic convergence with Washington partly on the basis of shared concerns about Beijing, will need to watch closely whether this G2 détente is fleeting, or the start of a new equilibrium.

Trump Has Well And Truly Shot Himself In The Foot With China

Their body language at the meeting in South Korea last week spoke volumes. Trump was animated but looked nervous. Xi was calm, showing hardly any emotions. When Trump came forward for a handshake, Xi stood unblinking. He even whispered in Xi's ear, something the Chinese dislike. Trump heaped praises on Xi for his leadership, a kind of flattery the US leader is accustomed to receiving for himself from other world leaders. Xi was unmoved and acted according to his plan. Trump called his meeting with Xi "amazing" and "great success" and gave it a rating of 12 - on a scale of one to 10. The Chinese side didn't show such enthusiasm, but it knew that Xi had managed to secure a major victory for his country over the US and trumped the American president again. Trump was desperate for a deal with China to end the trade war

he started in April. Xi only offered him a truce. He didn't give up very much, largely withdrawing measures he'd taken in response to Trump's policies. In return, Xi won key concessions from Trump, which could have security implications for the United States. China agreed to suspend for 12 months its latest export control measures on rare earth minerals, crucial for the production of almost every modern product, from smartphones to fighter jets and advanced military systems. It also agreed to resume the purchase of soybeans, which it stopped after Trump's tariffs, threatening the livelihood of American farmers and hurting Trump politically.

The Deal With The Chip

Trump agreed to reduce tariffs on Beijing and suspend port fees on Chinese ships. But he also decided to suspend US export controls that would have

barred more Chinese firms from accessing advanced American technology, a move that has alarmed China hawks in the US. The US security establishment will be even more concerned with Trump giving the green light to the American tech giant Nvidia to discuss the sale of advanced AI chips, which Beijing is keen to procure. Trump, though, asserted that he and Xi had not discussed access to Nvidia's state-of-the-art Blackwell chip. Despite achieving remarkable progress in recent years, China is still not able to produce such chips. By allowing China to access these chips, Trump has been accused of helping America's most powerful rival to further not only its quest for dominance in AI but also its efforts to upgrade its military capabilities. A day before the Xi-Trump meeting, the

US House Select Committee on China warned that selling AI chips to Beijing "would be akin to giving Iran weapons-grade uranium". The White House denied that the Trump administration had reversed America's decades-old export control policy. "Any notion that President Trump is willing to make trade-offs between our national and economic security is flat-out false," said Kush Desai, the deputy press secretary. But if China manages to receive advanced American chips from Nvidia, Trump will not be able to escape those allegations. This has been a crisis of Trump's own making, which began with his "Liberation Day" tariffs. In his first term, he himself tightened exports of cutting-edge technology to Beijing, when the United States took the China threat more seriously.

Tight Security for Peaceful Conduct of Sri Sambamurthy Shoolala Festival



Anakapalli, Pen Power, November 3: The Anakapalli district police have made extensive security arrangements for the famous Sri Sambamurthy Swamy Shoolala Festival in Munagapaka mandal. District SP Tuhin Sinha personally inspected the area, offered prayers, and reviewed the preparations with the festival committee. To ensure smooth movement of devotees and prevent untoward incidents, the police have planned comprehensive measures including traffic control, parking facilities, drinking water, and medical aid. Parawada DSP V. Vishnu Swaroop, Elamanchi CI Dhanunjaya Rao, and Munagapaka SI Prasad Rao are supervising the arrangements. With thousands of devotees expected, additional personnel have been deployed for crowd and traffic management. The SP stated that CCTV surveillance, patrol teams, women police, and 24-hour monitoring will be in place. He urged devotees to cooperate with police and follow instructions to ensure a peaceful celebration.

Illegal Ration Rice Seized – 4,600 kg Confiscated



Amalapuram, Pen Power, November 3: Vigilance officials have seized a large quantity of illegal ration rice being transported unlawfully. On Monday morning, at NH-16 near Ravulapalem Degree College, the officials intercepted a vehicle carrying ration rice from Palakollu towards Jonnada. The person arrested has been identified as Jakkamshetti Srinivas, who was found transporting 94 bags of rice weighing around 4,600 kilograms. The Vigilance team confiscated both the rice and the Tata Ace vehicle (Registration No. AP 39 WF 5794) used for transportation. Based on the Vigilance report, a case has been registered at Ravulapalem Police Station, Sub-Inspector G. Chanti stated. He added that legal action has been initiated against the driver involved in the illegal transportation of ration rice.

Cold Storage to be Set Up Under PPP Model: AMC Chairman Gavireddy Ramana

Anakapalli, Pen Power News (Nov 3):

Anakapalli Agricultural Market Committee (AMC) Chairman Gavireddy Venkata Ramana announced that applications are being invited for setting up a cold storage facility at Pedaboddepalli Market Yard under the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model. Speaking to the media along with Vice Chairman Chitikel Kannan Naidu and Market Yard Secretary Bhuvaneshwari, he said the government has declared Minimum Support Prices (MSP) for 16 agricultural products for 2025-26, and details have been made available at all Rythu Seva Kendras for farmers' awareness. He said plans for the market yard's development were drawn up under



Speaker Aayan napatrudu's guidance. Works worth ₹43 lakh for repairs to godowns and shops, and ₹14 lakh for a fire-damaged godown, have been sanctioned, with tender processes underway. A proposal worth

₹94 lakh for constructing a shopping complex at Kotavuratla route market yard was also submitted to the Speaker. Ramana noted that the committee has intensified surprise inspections at market check posts, collecting ₹1.28 lakh

in taxes in October alone and ₹15 lakh since he took charge. He urged traders with daily transactions above ₹2,500 to obtain trade licenses, warning that action will be taken against those operating without one.

Regular Sanitation Drives in Ashram Schools Ordered: ITDA Project Officer Smaran Raj

Rampachodavaram, Nov 3 (Pen Power):

ITDA Project Officer Smaran Raj directed all MPDOs to ensure regular sanitation drives in all government Ashram schools across the agency area. During a meeting held at the local ITDA office with Tribal Welfare Deputy Director Rukmandayya, Agency DEO Y. Malleshwara Rao, Additional DM&HO Saritha, and several MPDOs (both in person and via video conference), the officer emphasized maintaining cleanliness in school premises and preventing mosquito breeding through frequent fogging.



He instructed officials to check the quality of food served to students and submit reports, and to test drinking water quality in every school. MPDOs were also told to monitor school

maintenance regularly. The Project Officer asked officials to conduct gram sabhas in Rajavommangi Mandal's Sanjeevanagar and Jaddangi schools and submit reports. He also re-

viewed how many schools in each mandal were adopted by MPDOs.

MPDOs Erramshetty Raju, Salman Raju, Kumar, Yadagiri, and Eshwara Rao participated in the meeting.

Jagan Stays in Palace, Chandrababu Stays with People – TDP Leader Varma



Kakinada, Nov 3 (Pen Power): TDP state spokesperson and Pithapuram in-charge Varma hit back at

former minister Kanna Babu's remarks, accusing the YSRCP government of failing in farmer welfare and

disaster management. "Kanna Babu narrates Ramayana and Mahabharata well, but he should explain what Jagan has done for the state," Varma said. He added, "When disaster strikes, Chandrababu reaches people within minutes, while Jagan stays in his palace." Varma highlighted that TDP earlier gave ₹20,000 as crop compensation, which was reduced to ₹15,000 under YSRCP, and now Chandrababu has

raised it to ₹25,000 again. He also stated that the TDP government cleared ₹1,788 crore in fee reimbursement dues left by YSRCP and ensured students received their certificates. During the Montha cyclone, Chandrababu personally monitored relief efforts, preventing loss of life. "A true leader stands with people in their tough times — and that leader is Chandrababu," Varma asserted.

TUDA Chairman Dollars Divakar Reddy attends inauguration of new APSRTC Hospital Complex in Tirupati

Tirupati, Pen Power, November 3:

TUDA Chairman and TTD Ex-officio Member Dollars Divakar Reddy participated in the inauguration of the newly constructed APSRTC hospital complex for RTC employees in Tirupati. The event was attended by Transport Minister Mandipalli Ram Prasad Reddy, APSRTC Chairman Konagalla Narayana Rao, Managing Director

Ch. Dwaraka Tirumala Rao, and local MLA Arani Srinivasulu. Minister Ram Prasad Reddy inaugurated the patient ward along with Chairman Divakar Reddy. Speakers highlighted that Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu fulfilled his election promise by introducing free bus travel for women in APSRTC buses. The program also saw participation from Andhra Pradesh Green-



ing, Beautification, and Yadava Corporation chairpersons, APSRTC Vice Chairman, Kadapa and Tirupati Zonal

Chairmen, public representatives, RTC union leaders, employees, and coalition party members and activists.

Trees Are the Lifeline of Human Existence – Minister Subhash

Kakinada, Nov 3 (Pen Power): Emphasizing that trees are vital for human survival, State Labour Minister Vasamsetti Subhash urged everyone to plant trees.

On the occasion of Karthika Masa Pournami, he planted 108 banyan saplings at the Nandivada Satyanarayana Rao Park near the Sri Bala Tripura Sundari Sametha Agastheshwara Swamy Temple in

Ramachandrapuram under the program "Shiva Sankalpam." The minister stated that the rising use of plastic is worsening air pollution, and each person should contribute to environmental protection by planting and nurturing at least one tree. Municipal Chairperson Gadamshetti Sridevi, Municipal Commissioner Raju, Jana Sena leader Polisetti Chandrasekhar, SKPP Trust Chairman Saladi



Naidu, Temple Trust Chairman Ganesh Sharma, and several others partici-

pated. Minister Subhash also unveiled the 2026 calendar during the event.

NTR — A Visionary Leader: Minister Vasamsetti Subhash

Kakinada, Nov 3 (Pen Power): Andhra Pradesh Labour Minister Vasamsetti Subhash described late Nandamuri Taraka Rama Rao (NTR) as a visionary leader who brought global recognition to Telugu people. He unveiled a bronze statue of NTR at Kotturu village in Ramachandrapuram constituency along with MLC Perabathula Rajasekhar, MLA Nallamilli Ramakrishna Reddy, TDP State General Secretary Ganni Krishna, former MP Chundru Srihari Chowdary, and other alliance leaders. Speaking on the occasion, Minister Subhash said, "NTR believed that people are gods and society is a temple. His ideals should



inspire today's youth." MLC Rajasekhar and MLA Ramakrishna Reddy praised NTR as the leader who introduced ₹2 per kg rice for the poor and gave equal

property rights to women. Senior TDP leader Vasamsetti Satyam said, "Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu is carrying forward NTR's vision

through balanced development and welfare." A large number of local people and NTR admirers attended the event and paid rich tributes to the legendary leader.

Accountability Needed in Resolving Public Issues – Collector Praises Officers for Cyclone Relief Efforts

Rajamahendravaram, Pen Power, November 3:

District Collector Keerthi Chekuri appreciated officials for their effective handling of Cyclone Montha through timely precautionary measures. During a review on post-cyclone management, she announced plans to prepare a Post-Disaster Management Plan to strengthen rapid response systems for future emergencies. The Collector directed officials to record crop loss details quickly and ensure compensation to affected farmers in Anaparthi, Bikkavolu, and Rangampeta mandals. At the District Public Grievance Cell (PGRS) held on Monday, over 200 petitions were re-



ceived. The Collector stressed that public grievances must be resolved with clarity, quality, and within the stipulated time. Petitions included requests for a compound wall for the cremation ground in

Dhavaleswaram Housing Board Colony and corrections in land records from residents of Nidadavolu and Nallajerla mandals. The concerned officials were instructed to inspect and

submit reports. Joint Collector Y. Megha Swaroop, DRO T. Seetha Ramamurthy, DSP Vidya, CPO L. Appalakonda, and other district officers participated in the program.

571 Grievances Received at PGPRS Program



Kakinada, Pen Power, November 3: A total of 571 petitions were received during the District Public Grievance Redressal System (PGPRS) program held

at Vivekananda Hall, Kakinada Collectorate, on Monday. Citizens presented their issues to officials from various departments. Housing PD N.V.V.

Satyanarayana, GGH Administrative Officer N. Sridhar, SSA APO P. Venugopala Rao, KRRC SDC G. Ratnamani, CPO P. Trinath, and DPO V.

Ravikumar participated. Officials were instructed to process applications promptly and ensure quick resolution. Most petitions related to ration card approvals, name corrections, pensions, employment opportunities, housing sites, land records, re-surveys, encroachment removal, drainage cleaning, sanitation, and auto drivers' service issues. Citizens unable to attend the event can submit their grievances at Meekosam.ap.gov.in or check petition status by calling 1100. District-level officers and heads of various Collectorate departments took part in the program.

Resolve Petitions Within the Stipulated Time: District Collector P. Rajababu



Ongole, Nov 3 (Pen Power): District Collector P. Rajababu directed all department officials to ensure quality disposal of petitions received through the Public Grievance Redressal System (PGRS) within the stipulated timeframe, preventing any

need for reopening. At a review meeting held in the Mee Kosam hall of the Collectorate on Monday, the Collector, along with Joint Collector R. Gopala Krishna, District Revenue Officer Chinna Obulesu, and Special Deputy Collectors

Parthasaradhi, Johnson, Vijayajyothi, and Madhuri, personally received petitions from the public. He emphasized that officials must handle grievances courteously, listen carefully, and ensure resolutions are made within legal norms. After

resolving issues, officers should personally contact applicants to confirm their satisfaction, he said. The Collector also instructed that all progress on petitions be regularly updated online. Officials from various departments participated in the program.

State-level “Udbhav–2025” Art Festival Begins Grandly



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Rampachodavaram, Nov 3 (Pen Power): The state-level “Udbhav–2025” art festival for Ekalavya Model Residential Schools was inaugurated grandly at Mareduilli in Alluri Sitarama Raju district on Monday. Joint Secretary of Gurukuls Y.V.S. Prasad, Deputy Secretaries Madhusudhan Varma and M.G. Kishore, Mandal Parishad President Sarla Lalitha Kumari, Tribal Welfare Deputy Director Rukmandayya, Additional DM&HO Dr. Saritha, Tahsildar P. Balaji, MPDO Kishore Kumar, Vice MPPL Ravikumar, and Sarpanch Konda Jacob attended the event. Prasad said that 980 students (346 boys and 634 girls) from 28 Ekalavya Model Residential Schools across the state are participating, along

with 300 staff members. SDPO Sai Prashanth stated that such festivals help boost confidence among tribal students. Deputy Secretary Madhusudhan Varma emphasized that education is the key for tribal students to overcome poverty. M.G. Kishore said these schools are shaping the future of tribal youth. Network Consultant G. Krishna Rao shared that out of 725 model schools nationwide, 473 are operational, and 28 in Andhra Pradesh are performing successfully, placing the state third in the country. With Tata Motors’ support, 1,200 students are being trained, and 40 are receiving coaching for engineering and medical entrance exams in Chintapalli. Deputy Director Rukmandayya said these schools are guiding tribal students toward higher education and better employment opportunities.

Weapon Factory Opposed in Green Fields



Eluru, Pen Power, November 3: CPM state secretary V. Srinivasa Rao and CPI central committee member Akkineni Vanaja demanded that the proposed Navy weapons factory at Vankavarigudem Panchayat not be built on fertile agricultural lands, but instead on vacant government land. The leaders toured Kottha Cheemalavarigudem, Madakam Varigudem, and Datla Varigudem villages along with Left party members. They alleged that the project serves

private interests and questioned why the previous YSRCP government had opposed such a facility but now supports it. The leaders pointed out that even Polavaram rehabilitation colonies lack basic amenities and warned that the project would violate tribal rights under 1/70 and PESA Acts. They urged tribal communities to unite against the project, assuring full support from Communist parties. Several Left leaders and tribal representatives participated in the protest visit.

Organic Farming to be Promoted in the District: Collector A.S. Dinesh Kumar



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Paderu, Pen Power, November 3:** District Collector A.S. Dinesh Kumar emphasized the need

to promote organic farming by forming organic farmers’ associations. Speaking at a review meeting with officials from Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal Husbandry, DRDA, Cooperative, and Marketing departments, he said the inclusion of Alluri Sitarama Raju district under the Pradhan Mantri Dhan Dhanya Krishi Yojana is a great opportunity for local farmers. He urged officials to encourage crop rotation, reduce the use of chemical pesticides, and promote organic fertilizers. Quality seeds and fertilizers should be supplied through Rythu Bharosa Kendras, and modern farming technologies must be introduced to farmers. District Agriculture Officer S.B.S. Nand, Lead Bank Manager Mathu Naidu, and Horticulture Officer Karna participated in the meeting.

Speed Up Jal Jeevan Mission and Swachh Bharat Works: Collector Keerthi Chekuri

Rajamahendravaram, Nov 3 (Pen Power): East Godavari District Collector Keerthi Chekuri directed officials to expedite the works under Jal Jeevan Mission and Swachh Bharat Mission. Reviewing the progress at a district-level meeting in Bommuru, the Collector said 1,168 works worth ₹2,315 crore were sanctioned under Jal Jeevan Mission, of which 731 works costing ₹1,938 crore have begun. So far, 541 works are completed and 190 are in progress. She instructed officials to complete all works by March 2026. Under Swachh Bharat Mission (Rural), 981 individual toilets were sanctioned, and 515 have been completed. In the first phase, 177 out of 224 community sanitary complexes were completed at village secretariats, each costing ₹3 lakh. In the second phase, 237 complexes were sanctioned in tourist and welfare areas, with 20 works started. A site was identified in Kanupuru village, Korukonda mandal, for a Fecal Sludge Treatment Plant, and DPR preparation is underway. Plans are also being made to set up a Gray Water Management Plant at Katheru village, Rajanagaram mandal. Officials including RWS SE Giri, DRDA PD N.V.V.S. Murthy, and ZP Deputy CEO G.S. Rangopal attended the meeting.

Justice for the People Through Grievance Redressal Platform – SP Vakul Jindal

Pen Power, Guntur, November 3: Guntur District SP Vakul Jindal participated in the “Public Grievance Redressal Platform” held at the district police office conference hall and received various complaints from the public. The SP directed all police officers to respond swiftly and provide legal solutions within the stipulated time. He emphasized that complaints should not be repeated and that every grievance must be thoroughly investigated and resolved as per law. SP Jindal stated that the police department must stand as a symbol of trust for the people and that the grievance redressal program would be conducted regularly to strengthen public confidence. Complaints related to family disputes, property issues, financial matters, and other social concerns were received and addressed during the event. Women Police Station DSP Srinivas Reddy said that the police would visit senior citizens personally to hear and resolve their grievances. Additional SP (Admin) G.V. Ramanamurthy, Women Police Station DSP Srinivas Reddy, CCS DSP B.V. Madhusudhan Rao, PGRS CI Bilaluddin, and other police staff participated.



Helmet Mandatory for Entry into District : Collector A.S. Dinesh Kumar

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Paderu, Pen Power, November 3: District Collector A.S. Dinesh Kumar announced that two-wheeler riders will be allowed into the district only if they wear helmets. During a video conference with officials on road safety, he directed police to ensure that those without helmets or driving under the influence of alcohol are not permitted at district check posts.

He instructed officials to prevent parking of jeeps and autos in crowded areas, ensure adequate RTC bus services, and prepare a report on bus shortages. Heavy vehicles exceeding 25 tons or traveling



during daytime and weekends are to be restricted. With tourist inflow expected to rise in the next few months, he emphasized strict safety measures. Weekly markets on highways should be relocated to desig-

nated areas, and solar lights must be installed at bus shelters. The Collector also ordered vigilance on teenage girls traveling in groups and removal of unauthorized shops along roads. SP Amit Bardar reviewed

private vehicle registrations and instructed police to impose fines on drunk drivers. Senior officials from ITDA, R&B, Transport, Health, and Panchayat Raj departments attended the meeting.

Sri Veerabrahmendra Swamy Jayanthi Celebrated Grandly

Visakhapatnam, Pen Power, November 3: The Jayanthi celebrations of Sri Pothuluri Veerabrahmendra Swamy are being held with great devotion near Adavivaram Junction in Visakhapatnam under the auspices of Sri Kamakshi Ekambareswara Sanatana Dharma Peetham Seva Trust. Visakhapatnam City Police Commissioner Shankabrata Bagchi attended the event, offered prayers, and participated in the spiritual congregation. Speaking on the occasion, the Commissioner said that Sri Veerabrahmendra Swamy remains an immortal figure in Telugu spiritual history, and his prophecies and teachings continue to inspire people with moral values. Trust members expressed gratitude, stating that the Commissioner’s visit added special significance to the celebration. Vedic recitations, annadanam (mass food distribution), spiritual discourses, and cultural programs are being conducted as part of the festivities. Police made elaborate security arrangements in view of the large gathering of devotees.



Applicants Must Receive Quality Resolution : District Collector Sridhar Cherukuri

Kadapa, Pen Power, November 3: District Collector Sridhar Cherukuri directed officials to ensure timely and satisfactory resolution of all petitions received through the Public Grievance Redressal Platform (PGRS). Speaking at the grievance redressal program held at the Collectorate meeting hall, he emphasized that officials should personally visit the field, conduct transparent inquiries, and resolve petitions within the stipulated time to the satisfaction of applicants. He warned that negligence or delays will not be tolerated and instructed officers to prevent petitions from being reopened due to poor handling. The Collector also reviewed pending PGRS applications with district officials and urged them to improve the quality of resolutions. Officials including DRVO Visweswara Naidu, SDC Venkatapathi, ZP CEO Obulamanna, MEPMA PD Kiran Kumar, DRDA PD Rajyalakshmi, and others participated in the program.

Complaints Must Be Resolved Properly, Not Casually: Collector Harendra Prasad



Visakhapatnam, Pen Power, November 3: District Collector M.N. Harendra Prasad directed officials to ensure that the Public Grievance Redressal System (PGRS) is implemented more effectively across the district. He emphasized that senior officers should personally interact with complainants to understand the core issues instead of relying solely on lower-level staff. Speaking at the PGRS program held at the Collectorate on Monday, the Collector warned officials against issuing casual endorsements without proper resolution. He reviewed past grievances and the actions taken, stressing the need for speed, clarity, and accountability in resolving public issues. A total of 413 grievances were received during the session — including 148 related to Revenue, 126 to GVMC, 32 to Police, and 107 to other departments. The Collector instructed all departments to act responsibly, ensure transparency and quality in grievance resolution, and keep citizens informed about the progress of their complaints.

Protest Demands Immediate Construction of Annvaram Bridge



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Rampachodavaram, Pen Power, November 3:** Residents, vehicle owners, and auto drivers of Annvaram staged a protest on Monday demanding immediate construction of the collapsed bridge in the area. The bridge had collapsed four years ago, disrupting transport for nearby villages. Locals are still forced to cross the stream on foot, facing daily hardships. They expressed anger that despite repeated representations to officials, no action has been taken. Villagers said that during heavy rains, access to hospitals becomes impossible, endangering lives. Around 40 villages participated in the protest, blocking the main road and declaring that they would continue their agitation until ITDA Project Officer Chinturu visits the site and resolves the issue.