

Atmakur Sees Wide Welfare Distribution on CM Birthday

Atmakur (Nellore), April 20 | TPN Bureau

On the occasion of Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu's 76th birthday, large-scale welfare and development programmes were organised in Atmakur constituency on Monday under various government departments.

The main celebrations were held at the AMC premises near Nellore Palem under the leadership of Endowments Minister Anam Ramanarayana Reddy. Special rituals, including Ayushya Homam and other prayers, were performed for the long life and good health of the Chief Minister.

As part of the programme, several welfare benefits were distributed to beneficiaries in the presence of public representatives and officials. A jumbo cheque of 4.40 crore was

handed over as bank linkage loans to 23 women self-help groups under the Atmakur municipality. Tribal women received sewing machines under ITDA support, along with patadar passbooks and possession certificates. DRDA distributed mobile phones to 158 VOAs, while transport department officials issued driving licences to differently-abled persons. CM Relief Fund cheques worth 2.72 lakh were also distributed to six beneficiaries. In addition, a 5 lakh insurance cheque was handed over to a family from Bhimavaram village in Marripadu mandal. Minister Anam also used personal funds to distribute tracksuits to state and national-level sportspersons and supported various temple development works under the Endowments Department schemes.

Teachers' Association Issues Dharna Notice Over Pending Demands

Amaravati, April 20 | TPN Bureau

The Andhra Pradesh YSR Teachers' Association (APYSRTA) has submitted a formal notice to the Chief Secretary's camp office announcing a statewide dharna scheduled for May 6, demanding resolution of long-pending issues of teachers and employees.

In a statement, APYSRTA state president Keshavaraju Jali Reddy and general secretary Sheikh Jamshid said that despite two years of the present government, the Pay Revision Commission (PRC) has not been constituted, and even interim relief has not been announced. They alleged that four Dearness Allowances (DAs) are pending, causing severe financial hardship to teachers and employees.

The association criticised the government for failing to

respond despite repeated representations and protests. They demanded immediate steps including constitution of PRC, announcement of at least 30% interim relief, abolition of CPS, implementation of unified service rules, and integration of contract staff working under Samagra Shiksha into the Education Department with minimum time-scale benefits. Other demands include job security and pay revision for Gurukul contract employees, establishment of PF accounts for municipal teachers, and creation of Urban MEO posts for senior headmasters in municipalities.

The association called upon teachers across the state to participate in large numbers in the May 6 dharna to demonstrate unity and press for immediate resolution of their demands.



SP Narasimha Kishore Extends Support to Differently-Abled Devotee on Tirumala Journey

East Godavari, April 20 | TPN Bureau

A touching gesture by East Godavari District Superintendent of Police D. Narasimha Kishore, IPS, has won widespread appreciation after he extended financial and moral support to a differently-abled devotee undertaking a solo pilgrimage to Tirumala on a tricycle.

Neyyala Prasad, a physically challenged man from Ichchapuram, has been travelling alone to Tirumala on a three-wheeled cycle driven by sheer determination and devotion. On reaching the SP office during his journey, Prasad's story came to the attention of the police chief.

Moved by his spirit, SP Narasimha Kishore immediately stepped out of his office, greet-

ed Prasad warmly, and interacted with him despite the intense heat. He appreciated the devotee's courage and determination.

As a gesture of support, the SP provided 5,000 in cash to assist with travel expenses. He also shared his personal contact number, assuring Prasad that police support would be available throughout his journey in case of any emergency or difficulty.

Speaking on the occasion, the SP said that physical disability lies only in the body, not in determination, and described Prasad as an inspiration to society. Prasad expressed deep emotion, stating that the SP's kindness had given him renewed strength and confidence to continue his journey to Tirumala.

Somireddy Hails Chandrababu as a "Brand of Visionary Leadership"

Podalukur (Nellore), April 20 | TPN Bureau

Celebrations marking the 76th birthday of Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu were held in Uluvarapalli tribal colony of Pragagiripatnam panchayat in Podalukur mandal on Monday, where Sullurpeta MLA Somireddy Chandramohan Reddy participated and addressed the gathering.

The MLA cut a large cake and launched an Anna Daanam programme organised by Telugu Desam Party leaders. Speaking to the media, he said the Chief Minister's birthday is being celebrated like a festival not only in Telugu states but also among Telugu communities across the country and abroad. He described Chandrababu Naidu as a "brand" and a visionary leader who works for the future generations rather than short-term politics. Somireddy credited him for transforming Hyderabad through Cyberabad



and Hi-Tech City and said Amaravati is being developed as a model capital.

He further stated that the completion of Polavaram project works and planned development across all regions reflect the Chief Minister's long-term vision. He alleged that criticism against Naidu stems from political frustra-

tion. Expressing personal gratitude, Somireddy said it was his fortune to work with Chandrababu Naidu for over four decades and serve as a minister in his cabinet three times.

Large numbers of TDP leaders and supporters participated in the programme, which also included community service activities.

CITU State Meet Concludes with Key Resolutions

Vijayawada, April 20 | TPN Bureau

The 17th State Conference of the Centre of Indian Trade Unions (CITU), Andhra Pradesh Committee, concluded successfully in Nandyal from April 17 to 19, adopting several key resolutions on labour issues and electing a new state leadership. The conference witnessed a massive rally and public meeting on the opening day, attended by thousands of workers. Cultural programmes were held for three days starting April 15 as part of the event.

During the sessions, 28 resolutions were unanimously passed, demanding the repeal of labour codes, wage hikes for scheme workers, regularisation of outsourcing and contract employees, implementation of welfare boards for building, transport and hamali

workers, and revision of minimum wages in scheduled employments. Other demands included allocation of 50% share in gas and oil resources to the state, women's safety measures, and implementation of menstrual leave. Delegates from 28 districts and 51 sectors participated in the conference. The general secretary's report was discussed and unanimously approved. The conference also elected a new state committee comprising 152 members and a council of 218 members, along with 31 office-bearers. C.H. Narasinga Rao was elected president, A.V. Nageswara Rao as general secretary, and K.R.K. Murthy as treasurer. The conference appreciated the Nandyal organising committee and concluded with the singing of the International Anthem.

Atmakur Celebrates CBN Birthday with Vedic Rituals

Atmakur (Nellore), April 20 | TPN Bureau

The 76th birthday celebrations of Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu were held grandly in Atmakur town on Monday under the leadership of Minister Anam Ramanarayana Reddy.

As part of the celebrations, a Vedic Purnahuti Homam was performed by priests, praying for the Chief Minister's long life, good health, and prosperity. Large-scale arrangements were made on the outskirts of the town to conduct the religious and public programmes.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister Anam Ramanarayana Reddy said that Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu

should continue to govern the state with prosperity and remain in good health. He described Chandrababu Naidu as one of the most experienced leaders in the country and praised his administrative capabilities.

The minister said that the Chief Minister has the vision and experience to lead the state towards development and welfare. Several leaders from the Telugu Desam Party, along with MLAs and MLCs from the district, attended the celebrations and took part in the events. The programme reflected a festive atmosphere across the constituency, combining religious rituals with public participation.



YSRCP Booth Committee Meeting Held in Vijayawada

Vijayawada, April 20 | TPN Bureau

A booth committee meeting of the East Constituency was held at the YSRCP district office in NTR district on Monday, focusing on organisational strengthening and booth-level coordination.

The programme was attended by Booth Committee State President Sudhakar Reddy and NTR District YSRCP President Devineni Avinash, along with party leaders and cadre.

Speaking on the occasion, Devineni Avinash said that the responsibilities and duties of booth agents were explained during the meeting to strengthen grassroots-level party structure. He alleged that since the coalition government came to power, certain political irregularities were taking place in

the state. He further claimed that YSRCP workers were being targeted and expressed concern over alleged attempts to remove votes of supporters. Avinash said party leaders are alerting booth-level workers about such developments and preparing them to inform the public effectively.

He stated that the party's goal is to strengthen YSRCP and ensure the return of Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy as Chief Minister.

He also referred to alleged voter list issues in other states and said YSRCP is educating its booth agents to understand ground-level realities and act accordingly. Party leaders and booth committee members participated in the meeting.

Elderly Woman Murder Case Solved in 24 Hours

Tirupati, April 20 | TPN Bureau

The Tirupati Rural police have successfully solved a sensational murder case involving the killing of a 78-year-old woman for gold ornaments within 24 hours of the crime.

According to police, the incident occurred in Ambedkar Colony of Avilala Panchayat under Tirupati Rural Police Station limits, where N. Pamma was found murdered in her residence. Her gold earrings were also stolen.

Taking serious note of the incident, District SP L. Subbarayudu, IPS, formed special teams under the supervision of Additional SP (Crime) A. Srinivasulu. Teams comprising the DSP of Chandragiri, police inspectors, Clues Team, Dog Squad, Fingerprint and technical experts were deployed to investigate the case from all angles.

During the investigation, police detained a couple, G. Srinivasulu and G. Shobha, residents of the same locality.



Upon interrogation, they reportedly confessed to committing the crime due to financial difficulties. The accused allegedly strangled the victim using a towel on April 18 midnight and stole her gold earrings.

Police further revealed that the stolen ornaments were pledged at a local pawn broker in Pachikapallam village, identified as J. Bhupendra Patel, who is also being examined for

knowingly receiving stolen property. The gold ornaments have been recovered.

SP L. Subbarayudu appreciated the investigation teams for swiftly cracking the case and warned that strict action will be taken against serious crimes. He also advised elderly citizens living alone to take precautions and immediately report suspicious activity to Dial-100 or 112.

Rahu-Ketu Puja Price Hike Withdrawn at Srikalahasti

Srikalahasti, April 20 | TPN News

In a relief to devotees, the Srikalahasteeswara Swamy Temple Trust Board has withdrawn its earlier decision to increase the ticket price for the popular Rahu-Ketu Puja. The Executive Officer announced that the puja will continue at the existing rate of 500.

Earlier, during the Trust Board meeting held on April 16, a resolution was passed to increase the puja price from 500 to 750, citing rising silver costs and maintenance expenses. The decision had triggered concerns among devotees.

Following several representations and appeals from pilgrims, the temple administration reviewed the matter once again. Considering public sentiment and to avoid financial burden on ordinary devotees, the board decided to roll back



the proposed hike. The EO stated that the puja will henceforth be conducted at the original price of 500 without any change.

The decision has been widely welcomed by devotees, who appreciated the temple author-

ities for responding positively to public requests. Many pilgrims expressed relief, noting that the Rahu-Ketu Puja at Srikalahasti remains an important spiritual ritual attracting devotees from across the country.

Minister Narayana on Singapore Visit

Amaravati, April 20 | TPN Bureau

Andhra Pradesh Municipal Administration and Urban Development Minister P. Narayana arrived in Singapore on Monday on an official visit, receiving a warm welcome from members of the Telugu Desam Forum at

the airport.

Forum members, along with party supporters and well-wishers, greeted the Minister upon his arrival, marking the beginning of his official tour. The visit is aimed at strengthening administrative insights and exploring global best practices in urban

development.

Later, Narayana attended the birthday celebrations of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu organised by the Singapore Telugu Desam Forum, where he participated as the chief guest. The event was held in a festive atmosphere, with members cutting a cake and extending their greetings.

Addressing the gathering, the Minister appreciated the Telugu diaspora for their continued interest and emotional connection

with Andhra Pradesh. He noted that the contribution and support of Telugu people living abroad play a vital role in the State's development and global outreach.

Narayana emphasised that it is encouraging to see Telugu communities across the world coming together and contributing towards the progress of the State. He also interacted with members of the forum and acknowledged their efforts in promoting cultural and social ties.

As part of his itinerary, the Minister is scheduled to participate in special training programmes organised by the Singapore government starting tomorrow. The sessions are expected to focus on urban governance, infrastructure planning, and efficient city management practices. The visit is seen as an opportunity to gain insights from Singapore's development model and apply relevant strategies to Andhra Pradesh's urban growth initiatives.

