



Collector Sets June Deadline for GGH Critical Care Block Inauguration

Kurnool, April 25 | TPN Bureau

District Collector Dr. A. Siri directed officials to upgrade infrastructure at the Government General Hospital (GGH), Kurnool, to improve patient care and medical services. Chairing a review meeting with Heads of Departments at Kurnool Medical College on Saturday, she emphasised strengthening hospital facilities and ensuring the timely completion of ongoing works.

The Collector instructed APMSIDC officials to complete the oxygen pipeline and lift works in the Critical Care Block by May 31 and ensure its inauguration in the first week of June. She also asked the Medical College Principal to submit proposals for an SDP machine and an immunofluorescence microscope for the Pathology Department. Dr. Siri directed that work on the 'Vishram Sadan' be initiated within a week and instructed officials to expedite completion of the Clinical Lecture Gallery and IPD block. She stressed that



there should be no shortage of doctors and no inconvenience to patients. Highlighting hygiene concerns, she ordered immediate installation of mesh screens in Ward No. 3 to prevent monkey intrusion and directed urgent completion of restroom repairs with daily photographic updates. She also asked officials to procure ventilators, ultrasound machines, and manhole cleaning equip-

ment under CSR and CPO funds. The Collector further instructed efforts to raise the NTR Vaidya Seva scheme performance to 80 per cent and improve hospital service delivery. She also inspected women's hostel facilities and directed the provision of water connections and greenery development. Medical College officials and APMSIDC representatives participated in the meeting.

Narendra Varma Calls for Healthy Diet, End to Child Marriages

Bapatla, April 25 | TPN Bureau

Bapatla MLA Vegesana Narendra Varma urged society to prioritise the health and nutrition of adolescent girls while addressing the 'Kishori Vikas 2026' summer training programme held at Ambedkar Bhavan on Saturday. He called upon Anganwadi workers to spread the message "Say No to Junk Food - Embrace Healthy Food" in every household and promote balanced nutrition among girls from an early age. The MLA stressed the need to eradicate child marriages,

termining them a social evil affecting girls' future. He appealed to Anganwadi staff to educate parents on health risks and work towards making Bapatla a child marriage-free constituency. He also appreciated their role in supporting pregnant women, mothers, and children. Officials from ICDS, supervisors, and Anganwadi workers participated. Narendra Varma said programmes like Kishori Vikas help build confidence among girls and make productive use of summer holidays through awareness and training activities.

Bapatla Police Shine at Thailand World Masters with Five Medals

Bapatla, April 25 | TPN Bureau

Bapatla district police brought international recognition by winning five medals at the World Masters Sports Championship-2026 held in Si Racha, Thailand. SP B. Umamaheshwar (IPS) felicitated the winners at the District Police Headquarters on Sunday and congratulated them for their achievement. Chirala One Town CI Surepalli Subbarao won two gold medals in the 100m and 200m sprint events, showcasing outstanding speed and endurance. District Special Branch Head Constable Naga-

raju secured one gold medal in shot put and two silver medals in discus throw and javelin throw. The SP praised both officers for excelling in sports despite demanding police duties, noting that their achievement has brought pride to the district and serves as an inspiration to fellow personnel and youth. He said participation in sports helps maintain physical fitness and reduces work-related stress. The event highlighted the department's encouragement of sports culture among police personnel while balancing professional responsibilities with personal excellence.

ITC 'Golden Future' Boosts School Infrastructure in Chirala

Chirala, April 25 | TPN Bureau

Chirala MLA Madduluri Malakondaiah said collaboration between the government and corporate organisations is helping strengthen education infrastructure and ensuring a better future for students. He was speaking after inaugurating two additional classrooms at Sri Shankarayya Mandal Parishad Primary School (SMPP Model School), Devangapuri, under ITC's 'Golden Future' initiative on Saturday.

Along with ITC Factory Manager Shyamsundar, the MLA unveiled a commemorative plaque, cut the ribbon, and inspected the newly constructed classrooms and facilities. He said the coalition government is giving top priority to improving school infrastructure to meet the needs of growing student enrolment. He appreciated ITC's contribution, stating that corporate social



responsibility initiatives are helping bridge infrastructure gaps in government schools.

Malakondaiah said the aim is to extend underprivileged students with access to quality education and facilities comparable to corporate standards. He added that the new classrooms would create a better learning environment and improve academic outcomes.

ITC Manager Shyamsundar said the organisation is committed to supporting educational development and will continue extending assistance to more schools under the 'Golden Future' programme.

Education department officials, coalition leaders, school staff, students, and parents participated in the programme.

Collector Inspects Kaikaluru CHC

Kaikaluru, April 25 | TPN Bureau

Eluru District Collector Vetri Selvi conducted a review meeting at the Kaikaluru MRO Office with officials from Panchayat Raj, NREGS, R&B, RWS, Irrigation, Electricity, and Fisheries departments. She reviewed ongoing development works and instructed officials to ensure timely completion of all welfare and infrastructure projects in the constituency.

Later, the Collector made a surprise visit to the Kaikaluru Community Health Centre (CHC), where she inspected facilities and interacted with pa-

tients to understand their grievances. Expressing satisfaction over the overall maintenance and services, she noted that the hospital was in good condition. However, she pointed out the shortage of radiologists across the district and said the issue has already been brought to the government's notice. Considering the summer season, she directed hospital authorities to ensure an uninterrupted supply of safe and hygienic drinking water for patients and attendants. Officials from various departments participated in the review meeting.

Single-Window Help Desk Boosts Industrial Clearances

Nellore, April 25 | TPN Bureau

As part of the state's push for 'Ease of Doing Business' and 'Speed of Doing Business,' the State Pollution Control Board has established dedicated help desks at district-level offices to simplify environmental clearance procedures for industries.

Earlier, entrepreneurs had to undergo lengthy processes and often relied on private consultants, leading to delays in obtaining approvals. With the new system, applicants can directly approach the help desk for guidance and submission support, eliminating the need for intermediaries.

Sri Potti Sriramulu Nellore District Pollution Control Board Superintending Engineer Ashok Kumar said the initiative ensures time-bound clearances as per prescribed deadlines. He noted that approvals for industries under

Green, Orange, and Red categories will now be processed more efficiently, provided applications are complete with proper documentation.

He added that many delays previously occurred due to incomplete applications and lack of awareness among applicants. The help desk will now assist entrepreneurs in correctly filing applications and tracking approvals.

District Collector Himanshu Shukla has directed officials to extend full support to new and existing industries. He said the system will improve coordination between industry and regulatory authorities, especially with major upcoming industrial zones in Duttaluru, Juvvaladinne, Ramayapatnam, and Krish Chittoor.

Officials said the initiative is expected to accelerate industrial growth and ensure timely project execution in the district.

MLA Distributes CMRF Relief Cheques to Beneficiaries

Tirupati, April 25 | TPN Bureau

MLA Arani Srinivasulu distributed Chief Minister's Relief Fund (CMRF) cheques to seven beneficiaries in Tirupati on Saturday, totalling 7,72,601. The assistance was provided to help ease medical expenses of

the poor.

He handed over 50,541 to Venkatesh (Madhuranagar), 37,205 to AMV Latha, 2,00,000 to Kusuma, 1,07,000 to Sushmita, 35,000 to Sudhakar Naidu (Shankar Colony), and 40,000 to J. Bajji (Rajiv Nagar). The MLA said the govern-

ment is committed to supporting poor families with healthcare assistance. He added that Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan are prioritising welfare measures. Local leaders from TDP, Jana Sena, and BJP participated.

Animal Husbandry Sector to Play Key Role in Coming Decade: Collector Himanshu

Nellore, April 25 | TPN Bureau

District Collector Himanshu Shukla said the Animal Husbandry Department will play a crucial role in the next 10-15 years in supporting the rural economy and nutritional security. He was speaking as chief guest at World Veterinary Day 2026 celebrations held at RVS Kalyana Mandapam, Padarupalli. Inaugurating a blood donation camp organised by the Red Cross Society, the Collector said livestock contributes significantly to the State's GDP and stressed the need to in-

crease milk, egg, and poultry consumption in the district through awareness campaigns.

He noted that veterinary professionals are essential "guardians of food and health" and highlighted the growing need for both young veterinarians and retired experts in the sector. He also lauded the blood donation initiative, stating that it saves lives during the summer months.

Around 45 persons donated blood. Retired veterinary doctors were felicitated on the occasion.

Women SHGs Must Emerge as Entrepreneurs: Kurnool Collector Dr. A. Siri

Kurnool, April 25 | TPN Bureau

District Collector Dr. A. Siri has called upon women belonging to Self-Help Groups (SHGs) to transform themselves into successful entrepreneurs and achieve economic independence. She was speaking at the Collector's office on Saturday during a meeting with selected women entrepreneurs from MEPMA SHGs across the district.

Women from Bismillah Podupu Lakshmi Group, Shahjahan SHG, Sri Manikanta Aikya Mahila Sangham, and Gandhi Podupu Lakshmi Group, selected among the top 100 entrepreneurs in Andhra

Pradesh, met the Collector before attending a four-day residential training program at JNTU, Hyderabad.

Dr. Siri congratulated them on their achievement and said the government is actively supporting SHGs through skill development and financial linkages. She enquired about their business activities, turnover, and profits, and encouraged them to scale up operations.

She stressed that every SHG member should aim to become an entrepreneur and contribute to women's empowerment and social progress. MEPMA Project Director Srinivasulu participated in the programme.

KMC Chief Calls for Collective Participation in City Development

Kurnool, April 25 | TPN Bureau

Municipal Corporation Commissioner Challa Obulesu said the city's development will be achieved through the collective participation of citizens, elected representatives, and officials. He was addressing reporters at the Municipal Corporation office in Venkataramana Colony on Saturday.

He said priority is being given to infrastructure development, sanitation, greenery, and grievance redressal. Steps are also being taken to improve

property tax collection, and the new municipal office building work will resume soon.

The Commissioner appealed to citizens to support the census self-enumeration process by registering details at <https://se.census.gov.in> before April 30. He said errors can be corrected during field verification after May 1.

He also urged participation in the Swachh Survekshan feedback process through <https://cf.sbmurban.org/> and highlighted incentives like tax rebates for timely payments.

PIN POINT Sana Satish Babu Meets Kanna Lakshminarayana

Guntur: Rajya Sabha member Sana Satish Babu met MLA and senior leader Kanna Lakshminarayana at his Guntur residence on Friday, following a breakfast invitation. Both leaders held discussions on political matters. Local leaders, including former Mayor Kanna Nagaraju, were present.



Somireddy Offers Prayers at Lord Sri Rama Temple

Nellore: Sarvepalli MLA Somireddy Chandramohan Reddy visited the newly constructed Sri Rama temple at Gangireddu Colony, Kantepalli, in Venkatachalam Mandal. He offered special prayers and performed rituals. He appreciated the villagers for building the temple with donor support and expressed hope for Lord Rama's blessings on all.

Prashanti Reddy Inspects Kovur Hospital

Nellore District, Kovur, April 25 | TPN Bureau

Kovur MLA Vemireddy Prashanti Reddy, along with District Collector Himanshu Shukla, conducted a surprise inspection at the Kovur Community Health Centre on Friday. They examined medicine stock registers, laboratory records, and service documentation in detail, and also visited the pharmacy, lab, and administrative sections.

The MLA interacted with patients in various wards and enquired about the availability of

doctors and medicines. She distributed fruits to patients in the general ward as a goodwill gesture. To assess lab facilities, both the MLA and Collector underwent blood tests during the visit. Speaking later, Prashanti Reddy said the hospital is equipped with modern medical facilities and urged staff to serve patients with compassion. She stressed that providing quality healthcare to the poor is a key government priority and warned of strict action against negligence in duty.

MLA Arani Launches ₹65 Lakh CC Road Works

Tirupati, April 25 | TPN Bureau

MLA Arani Srinivasulu performed the groundbreaking ceremony for multiple CC road and drainage works in the 50th Division of Tirupati city on Saturday morning.

He laid foundation stones for a CC road and drainage system in Srinivasa Nagar at 23.20 lakh, a CC road in Padmavathi Nagar at 15 lakh, and another road project in PV Prasad Nagar at 27.50 lakh. Residents of PV Prasad Nagar requested that drainage be taken up be-

fore road works, to which the MLA assured intervention with officials.

Arani Srinivasulu alleged that the previous government left the municipal treasury empty but said development works are being taken up while clearing pending dues. He added that 280 crore proposals have been submitted for an underground drainage system and works will begin once approval is received.

Local leaders and civic representatives participated in the programme.