



Contract Sanitation Workers Continue Protest Over Wage Delay

Vijayawada, April 29|TPN Bureau

Sanitation workers employed on a contract basis at a government hospital here staged a protest demanding the immediate release of their pending wages, which have reportedly remained unpaid for the past three months. The workers, engaged in essential services, urged the authorities to intervene urgently and resolve their financial distress. CPI Vijayawada city secretary G. Koteswara Rao, who visited the protest site on Wednesday, expressed strong support for the agitating workers and criticized the contractor for failing to disburse salaries on time. He demanded that the government cancel the existing contract and absorb the workers into APCOS, ensuring direct payment of wages by the State. Rao condemned the contractor's claim that salaries would be

paid only after receiving pending bills from the government, terming it unjust and exploitative. He also alleged administrative lapses in awarding contracts without ensuring provisions for advance salary payments. Further, he accused the contractor of underpaying workers despite government norms mandating a monthly wage of 21,000, and misappropriating the remaining funds. Leaders of AITUC, including city president K.R. Anjaneyulu and general secretary MultiSambasiva Rao, along with representatives of the Vijayawada Municipal Workers Union, participated in the protest and extended their solidarity. The unions demanded immediate clearance of the pending wages and called for stricter accountability measures to prevent recurrence of such issues.

Cordon Search in Vetapalem, 34 Vehicles Seized

Vetapalem, April 29|TPN Bureau

Police conducted a cordon and search operation in Vetapalem mandal of Bapatla district on Wednesday morning, aiming to curb crime and ensure public safety. The drive was carried out in Jabbar Colony of Challareddypalem under the directions of District SP Umamaheswar and the supervision of Chirala DSP Md. Moin, with Rural CI Sudhakar Yadav leading the team. During the operation, officials thoroughly checked vehicle documents and seized 30 two-wheelers and 4 auto-rickshaws for lacking valid papers. Police also verified details of tenants and kept a close watch on the movements of known offenders.

The DSP highlighted concerns over illegal sale of ganja and other narcotics targeting youth. He urged residents to immediately report suspicious activities. Emphasizing that such operations act as a protective shield, he called for greater public cooperation in maintaining law and order.

Door-to-Door Birth Survey from May 1

Tirupati, April 29|TPN Bureau

In-charge Municipal Commissioner Sharada Devi announced that a door-to-door birth survey will be conducted from May 1 to May 31. Speaking at a media meeting, she reviewed preparations for the Gangamma Jatara, summer drinking water supply, and sanitation measures. The municipal corporation is making elaborate arrangements for the festival, including sanitation in three shifts, continuous drinking water supply, temporary toilets, and market facilities for devotees. Steps are being taken to prevent water contamination, with daily



quality checks in place. Adequate water reserves are available until the monsoon. Shade structures will be set up at key junctions to provide relief from heat. Citizens are requested to cooperate with enumerators during the survey.

Sujana Chowdary Supports Infant's Medical Treatment

Vijayawada, April 29|TPN Bureau

A baby girl was born two days ago to Katta Ramya Krishna, a resident of 46th Division, Old Town, Vijayawada. Due to health complications, doctors advised that the infant requires treatment in the NICU, with an estimated cost of 7,05,000. The child's family approached the office of MLA Sujana Chowdary for assistance. Responding promptly, the MLA wrote a letter to the Chief Minister's Relief Fund. The Letter of Approval (LOA) related to this was handed over to the family members on Wednesday.



day. MLA office secretary Prathipati Sridhar, Buddavari Temple Chairman Pilla Sudarshan Rao, temple trustee Upudhi Ramu, and Sujana Mitra members participated in the program.

Drive to Boost Enrolment in Government Schools Gains Momentum

Pakala, April 29|TPN Bureau

Chandragiri MLA Pulivarthi Nani on Wednesday criticized the previous YSRCP leadership, alleging that the education system had been commercialised during their tenure. He was speaking as the chief guest at the "Badi Pilus-thondi" (School Calling) programme held in Pakala town of Chandragiri constituency.

The event saw participation from education department officials, teachers, students, and coalition leaders, who formed a human chain at the Pakala bus stand junction to promote awareness on school enrolment. A campaign vehicle for door-to-door outreach was also flagged off by the MLA. Nani stated that the coalition government's primary objective is to ensure quality education and a bright future for children. He emphasised that with



the support of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, and Education Minister Nara Lokesh, significant improvements are being made in the education sector. Highlighting welfare initiatives, he noted that schemes such as student kits, mid-day meals, and attendance drives are helping

increase enrolment in government schools. He added that public schools are now delivering results comparable to private institutions. A rally was conducted from the bus stand to Chittoor Road as part of the programme, with officials and leaders reiterating their commitment to strengthening the public education system.

Dhwajastamba Reinstallation Ceremony Held

Rajamahendravaram, April 29|TPN Bureau

Rajamahendravaram witnessed a spiritually significant event as the Jiva Dhwajastamba reinstallation ceremony at the historic Uma Markandeya Swamy Temple was held with grandeur and devotion. Ram Sena founder and BJP state leader Kambala Srinivasa Rao took part in the ceremony, describing his participation as a blessing earned through past deeds. During his visit, he offered special prayers to the deity and announced a contribution of 5 lakh for the temple's development. The cheque was formally handed over to Executive Officer P. Rajababu in the presence of MLA Adireddy Srinivas and members of the temple committee. Addressing the media later, Srinivasa Rao reiterated that the protection of Hindu Dharma remains the core objective of Ram Sena. He also recalled his recent 7 lakh donation to



the Venkateswara Swamy Temple in Satellite City and assured continued support for religious and spiritual initiatives across Rajamahendravaram, Kakinada, and other regions. While affirming respect

for all religions, he expressed concern over recent incidents affecting temples and stated that any harm to Dharma would be strongly opposed, with readiness for large-scale action if required.

TUDA Chief Stresses Nursing Offers Vast Global Opportunities

Tirupati, April 29|TPN Bureau

The Aarambh 2K26' freshers celebration of OVR College of Nursing, OVR School of Nursing, and VBR Educational Society was held grandly at Guest Line Hotel in Tirupati. The event was attended by Dollars Divakar Reddy, Chairman of TUDA and Ex-Officio Member of Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams, as the chief guest. Addressing students, he emphasized the crucial role nurses play in delivering healthcare services and ensuring effective implementation of doctors' treatment, earning them great respect in society. He stated that while Kerala nurses once dominated globally, students from Andhra Pradesh are now securing wide international opportunities. Noting that 95-98% of the nursing workforce comprises



women, he encouraged them to achieve success through discipline and dedication. Sharing his experience, he spoke about representing India in South Korea among delegates from 30 countries, addressing environmental issues. He urged stu-

dents to aim for global exposure. The program began with a lamp-lighting ceremony, followed by awards for meritorious students. The management felicitated the chief guest, with faculty and students attending in large numbers.

Grand Annual Day Celebrations Mark Golden Jubilee at Acharya Nagarjuna University

Guntur, April 29|TPN Bureau

The Annual Day Celebrations-2026 of Acharya Nagarjuna University were held with great grandeur at the Dr. H.H. Deichmann & Dr. S. John David Auditorium as part of its Golden Jubilee festivities. The programme commenced with Ganapati Puja, the University Anthem, and the ceremonial lighting of the lamp, followed by captivating musical and classical dance performances. Vice-Chancellor K. Gangadhar Rao graced the occasion as Chief Guest. Eminent personalities including Ghazal Srinivas, Olympian Mangal Singh Champia, and Damodara Ganapathi Rao attended as distinguished guests. Speakers emphasized discipline, cultural values, and persever-



ance. Dr. Srinivas enthralled the audience with his ghazal performance, while university officials highlighted achievements in academics, placements, and innovation. The Vice-Chancellor

urged students to pursue higher education and emerging opportunities. The event concluded with felicitation of guests, prize distribution, and vibrant cultural programmes.



Faculty Development Program Held at AIMS&R

Chittoor, April 29|TPN Bureau

A Faculty Development Program was conducted on Wednesday at the Apollo Institute of Medical Sciences and Research (AIMS&R), Murukambattu, under the aegis of the Department of Medical Education. The session took place at the Dr. Prathap C. Reddy Knowledge Centre auditorium and focused on the theme, "Effective Feedback Delivery in Health Professional Education." Speaking at the inaugural session, Dean Dr. Alfred J. Augustine emphasized that teaching should go beyond mere transmission of information and must encourage critical thinking among students. He noted that true learning happens when both educators and learners understand the purpose behind teaching and learning. He highlighted the importance of experiential teaching and effective methods in imparting long-lasting knowledge. Associate Dean Dr. Ramya Ramakrishnan

stated that such programs played a vital role in strengthening medical education. She underscored the importance of collaboration among faculty members, adding that sharing experiences and best practices helps create a comprehensive and effective learning environment, ultimately improving student outcomes. Guest speakers Dr. Dinesh and Dr. Lokesh elaborated on innovative teaching methods that make learning engaging and outcome-oriented. They stressed that timely and constructive feedback enhances students' confidence and fosters greater interest in learning. They also encouraged faculty members to adopt modern teaching strategies in their practice. A large number of faculty members from AIMS&R and The Apollo University attended the program. Participants expressed that the training and shared insights would significantly help in improving their teaching methodologies.

Insurance cheque handed over to kin of deceased Home Guard

Eluru, April 29|TPN Bureau

The services of late Home Guard M. Veerababu have been described as unforgettable, with officials calling his death an irreparable loss to the department. Veerababu (HG 574), who was serving in the Eluru District Home Guard Unit, tragically passed away in an accident on January 19, 2026. On Wednesday, Eluru District Superintendent of Police K. Pratap Shiva Kishore presented an insurance cheque of 11,40,000, sanctioned under the Government General Insurance (PGI) scheme, to Veerababu's wife, Rama Lakshmi Devi, at the district police

headquarters. Speaking on the occasion, the SP praised Veerababu's dedication, discipline, and commitment to duty. He assured that both the district police department and the Home Guard organization would continue to support the bereaved family. He expressed hope that the financial assistance would provide some relief during this difficult time. The SP also commended officials for ensuring the timely processing of the insurance claim and reiterated the department's commitment to personnel welfare. Senior staff and Home Guard representatives attended the event.



Collector Orders Beautification and Quality Infrastructure Works

Kurnool, April 29|TPN Bureau

Kurnool District Collector Dr. A. Siri directed municipal officials to undertake beautification of major junctions and ensure all city streets are clean and visually appealing. During inspections at Bangarupeta, NR Peta, Ulchala Y Junction, Ballari Chowrasta, and Kids World Park, she emphasized planting greenery, maintaining dividers, and improving road infrastructure without

disrupting traffic. She instructed speedy and high-quality completion of the new municipal office building and road connectivity projects. The Collector also called for better park maintenance, clean swimming pool water, and artistic painting along canals. She stressed regular garbage clearance, repair of damaged canal grills, completion of pending TDR processes, and plantation in open spaces with public participation.