



## Cleanliness is Everyone's Responsibility: MLA

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Kadapa MLA R. Madhavi Reddy has called upon citizens to actively participate in maintaining cleanliness and making Kadapa a model "Swachh" city, stating that environmental hygiene is everyone's responsibility. As part of the "Man Kadapa-Swachh Kadapa" initiative, the Kadapa Municipal Corporation conducted a mega mass gang work programme under Municipal Commissioner Rakesh Chandra in the 42nd division, Ravindra Nagar Secretariat area.

Nearly 100 sanitation workers were deployed to clean major roads, internal streets, drainage lines, colonies, and open spaces. Special attention was given to garbage accumulation points and clogged drains, with machinery and manpower used for quick removal of waste. The programme also created awareness on solid waste management and segregation of wet and dry waste. Green and blue dustbins were distributed to households for proper disposal. The MLA said such drives will continue across all wards to improve urban sanitation standards also in coming weeks on a regular basis.



## Grand Rathotsavam Celebrated at Narapura Venkateswara Swamy Temple

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The Brahmothsavams of Sri Narapura Venkateswara Swamy in Jammalamadugu town were celebrated with grandeur as the Rathotsavam drew thousands of devotees on Thursday. The procession began with special prayers performed by MLA Adinarayana Reddy and his wife, along with TDP district president Chadipirala Bhupesh Reddy at the temple. The chariot carrying the deity's idol moved through major routes including Theertha Road, Tadipatri main road, Gandhi Circle, vegetable market, Gangamma temple, and

Anjaneya Swamy temple. As per tradition, the chariot was halted at noon near the Anjaneya Swamy temple and resumed after lunch, continuing through the main bazaar and nearby temple roads before returning to the shrine by evening. TTD officials and local leaders, including Janasena coordinator Dr. N. Nagarajuna, organised bhajans, kirtans, and cultural programmes along the route. Devotees were served drinking water, buttermilk, and refreshments, while anandanam was arranged near the Tahsildar office, adding to the festive spirit.



## State-Level Ongole Bull Exhibition Held at Maddipadu

Tellebadu, May 07 | TPN Bureau

A state-level Ongole Jathi bull strength exhibition was held at Tellebadu and Doddavaram villages in Maddipadamandal as part of Sri Pothuluri Veerabrahendra Swamy Aradhana Mahotsavam. The event, organised in memory of late Mallipedi Ramakrishna, was attended by Andhra Pradesh Maritime

Board Chairman Damacharla Sathya as the chief guest. He inaugurated the programme and appreciated efforts to promote the native Ongole breed. TDP State Secretary Adaka Swamulu, local leaders, and villagers participated in the event. The exhibition attracted large crowds, showcasing the strength and cultural significance of Ongole bulls in the region.

## UPHC Nurses Welcomed 35 Casual Leaves Order

Ongole, April 07 | TPN Bureau

The District Committee of the UPHC Employees Union, Prakasam district, has expressed gratitude to the government and senior officials of the Medical and Health Department for issuing orders granting 35 casual leaves to staff nurses working in Urban Primary Health Centres (UPHCs).

The union said the decision marks a historic step towards ensuring welfare, dignity, and work-life balance of nursing staff. Along with 35 casual leaves, the provision of weekly off, five special casual leaves for women employees, and three national holidays has been welcomed as a significant reform. Union leaders stated that staff nurses play a crucial role in delivering primary healthcare services and con-

tinued to work with dedication, especially during critical situations. Recognising their service through such welfare measures, they said, will further strengthen the healthcare system at the grassroots level. The UPHC Employees Union District Committee, led by K. Hanumantharao and K. Surendra Babu, thanked the government for implementing the orders and supporting the nursing community.



## Commissioner Expresses Displeasure Over Anna Canteen Mismanagement

Kurnool, May 07 | TPN Bureau

Municipal Commissioner Challa Obulesu expressed strong dissatisfaction over the functioning of the Anna Canteen located near Y Junction in Kurnool city during a surprise inspection on Thursday.

During the visit, the Commissioner found that the operator was absent at the token counter, a lapse he had also observed during a previous inspection. Taking serious note of the repeated negligence, he immediately called the city supervisor of Anna Canteens and directed that the concerned operator be replaced

without delay. He reiterated that the state government gives high priority to Anna Canteens, which serve a large number of people daily, and stressed that staff must remain consistently available to ensure smooth service. He instructed that token distribution and food service should be handled efficiently without inconvenience to beneficiaries. The Commissioner also directed staff to maintain strict hygiene standards and to treat visitors courteously while ensuring proper management of the canteen operations.

## Huge Response to LRS Mela

Kurnool, May 07 | TPN Bureau

The Layout Regularisation Scheme (LRS) mela organised by the Kurnool Municipal Corporation has received an overwhelming response from applicants seeking regularisation of long-pending unauthorised layouts. The mela, conducted at the municipal office, was aimed at clearing pending applications under the LRS process. Large numbers of applicants attended the event, where officials completed verification and issued proceedings on the spot to eligible candidates.



Commissioner Challa Obulesu personally supervised the process and distributed approval documents to applicants after ensuring completion of required formalities such as submission of pending documents and payment of fees. Officials said the initiative is helping speed up long-delayed approvals and providing clarity to landowners. The Commissioner urged applicants to complete pending requirements at the earliest and make use of the facilitation counters set up for smooth processing.

He also advised those who had not yet attended to utilise the opportunity on the next scheduled day. Officials including in-charge City Planner V. Venkataramana, Town Planning Officer Anjad Basha, and other planning staff participated in the programme.

## 72 TDP MLAs Get Positive Feedback in Internal Survey

Amaravati, May 7 | TPN Bureau

An internal assessment conducted by the ruling Telugu Desam Party has reportedly revealed that only 72 MLAs out of the party's 135 legislators are receiving favourable feedback at the grassroots level, raising concerns within the party leadership over the performance of several elected representatives.

According to party sources, the survey found that MLAs in the better-performing constituencies were actively engaging with people, focusing on development activities, and effectively utilising Central government schemes to secure funds without depending entirely on the State Government.

The report also indicated that constituencies where MLAs maintain strong coordination with MPs were witnessing smoother development and improved public outreach. In contrast, areas marked by differences between MLAs and MPs were said to be facing administrative and political difficulties.

Sources said the party leadership has taken serious note of MLAs pursuing individual political styles without maintaining coordination with party structures and alliance leaders. Districts such as Guntur, Krishna, West Godavari, East Godavari, and Vizianagaram were reportedly identified as regions where several legislators were lagging behind in performance and public engagement. Party leaders are now planning to constitute coordination committees to improve cooperation between MLAs and MPs. The leadership is also said to be considering strict action against legislators who remain inaccessible to party cadre and the public.



## Urdu Language Opens Bright Future- AMO Qasim

Chirala, May 07 | TPN Bureau

Students who master their mother tongue along with additional languages can unlock vast educational and employment opportunities worldwide, said Bapatla District Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan AMO (Urdu) Janab Qasim. He attended the "Aao Urdu Seekho" summer training classes held at the Urdu Academy Library and CTC Centre in Chirala on Thursday as the chief guest. On the occasion, he distributed free textbooks to students participating in the programme.

Qasim said Urdu is not just a language but an inseparable part of Indian culture. He appreciated students for utilising their summer holidays for

skill-based language training instead of wasting time. He highlighted that proficiency in Urdu can create opportunities in communication, translation services, and teaching professions. He also noted that the state government is providing several incentives for the development of Urdu language and urged students to take advantage of such initiatives to achieve higher education goals.

Local minority leaders Sheikh Bashir and Syed Maateen said the programme is helping students from remote areas gain quality training and build confidence. NGO representatives, library staff, and community elders also participated.

## Thunderstorms, Lightning Likely Across A. P. for Two Days

Visakhapatnam, May 7 | TPN Bureau

The Andhra Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority has forecast light rains accompanied by thunderstorms and lightning in several districts of Andhra Pradesh over the next two days due to south-easterly and south-westerly winds prevailing in the lower troposphere. Officials said isolated rainfall activity is likely on Friday in Alluri Sitarama

Raju, Polavaram, Visakhapatnam, Anakapalli, Kakinada, Konaseema, East and West Godavari, Eluru, Krishna, NTR, Sri Sathya Sai, YSR Kadapa, Chittoor, and Tirupati districts. Similar weather conditions are expected to continue on Saturday in parts of Coastal Andhra and Rayalaseema. However, severe heatwave conditions are likely in G.K. Veedhi mandal of Alluri district, while a few mandals in Alluri,

East Godavari, and Polavaram regions may continue to experience heatwave conditions.

Meanwhile, temperatures crossed 40 degrees Celsius at several places on Thursday. The highest temperature of 41.7°C was recorded at V.R. Puram in Polavaram district. Rainfall was also reported in some areas, including 21.5 mm at Gamparai in Alluri district and 15.2 mm at Mangalagiri in Guntur district.

## CT Employees Intensify Protest Demanding Chief Commissioner's Removal

Vijayawada, May 7 | TPN Bureau

Employees of the Commercial Taxes Department across Andhra Pradesh have intensified their protest over the past few days, demanding the removal of Chief Commissioner Ahmed Babu, alleging administrative arbitrariness, biased decisions, and irregularities in service matters. The agitation has spread across several offices, with employees staging lunch-hour demonstrations and raising slogans demanding accountability and transparency in transfers, promotions, and disciplinary actions. Andhra Pradesh Government Employees Association General Secretary G. M. Ramesh Kumar said the protest would continue until justice is ensured. "We will continue our struggle against misuse of authority and arbitrary decisions. Employees will not be



silenced and we will pursue legal and democratic means until justice is delivered," he said. He added: "Justice will prevail... Justice alone will prevail. We will ensure accountability and initiate legal action wherever required."

In a related development cited by the association, a court ruling reportedly quashed an order denying promotion to an employee based on pending cases. The High Court is said to have intervened, leading to fresh scrutiny of departmental

developments support their allegation of arbitrary administrative decisions violating service rules. While the protests have remained peaceful, they have gained momentum statewide, with unions warning of escalation if demands are not addressed. They are insisting on a fair inquiry and immediate corrective steps in service matters. Officials from the Commercial Taxes Department have not issued a formal response. However, sources indicate the matter is under review at senior levels. Meanwhile, Ramesh Kumar reiterated: "Justice will ultimately prevail when administrative power is exercised within the framework of law and accountability." He said the court developments in the promotion dispute involving Rajasekhara of the Kurnool Nodal Division underline the need for judicial oversight and fair administrative practices.