

Grand Hanumath Jayanti Celebrations Scheduled for May 12 at Indrakeeladri

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The Sri Durgamalleswara Swamy Varla Devasthanam atop Indrakeeladri is making extensive arrangements for the auspicious occasion of Hanumath Jayanti on Tuesday, May 12, 2026. Following the directives of the temple's Vedic Committee, the festivities will be conducted with profound spiritual fervor across various shrines. The special religious programs are scheduled to commence at 6:00 AM, focusing on the prominent Hanuman temples within the Devasthanam's jurisdiction.

The main celebratory rituals will take place at the Sri Abhaya Anjaneya Swamy Temple on Ghat Road, the Kshetrapalaka Sri Anjaneya Swamy Temple within the main temple premises, and the Sri Anjaneya Swamy Temple located along the steps pathway. These

shrines will host sacred "Abhishekams" and the traditional "Nagavalli Dalarchana," popularly known as Aku Puja, using betel leaves in accordance with Shastric traditions. Devotional activities are being meticulously planned to ensure a divine experience for the visiting pilgrims. In honor of the occasion, temple authorities have decided to decorate all three Hanuman temples beautifully with a variety of colorful flowers and special floral garlands. The Executive Officer of the Devasthanam has extended an open invitation to all devotees to participate in these special prayers and seek the divine blessings of Lord Hanuman. The administration is working to ensure that all logistical arrangements are in place to accommodate the large influx of worshippers expected to attend the sunrise rituals and the subsequent day-long festivities.



National Technology Day 2026 Celebrated

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The Andhra Pradesh State Council of Science and Technology (APCOST) Regional Science Centre in Vijayawada, operating under the Department of Environment, Forests, Science, and Technology, celebrated National Technology Day 2026 with great fervor. The event saw the participation of APCOST Member Secretary Dr. K. Sarath Kumar, along with distinguished scientists, educators, and a large number of students. To mark the occasion, various competitions, poster presentations, and interactive sessions were organized to foster scientific awareness among the youth, drawing enthusiastic participation from multiple educational institutions.

During the celebrations, Dr. G. Lakshminisha visited the exhibits at the Regional Science Centre and engaged in insightful discussions with the participating students. He lauded the innovative ideas and scientific

temperament displayed by the young minds, emphasizing that active involvement in science and technology is essential for societal advancement and national progress. As a gesture of encouragement, prizes were distributed by the chief guest to the students who emerged victorious in the various academic competitions held throughout the day.

Addressing the gathering, Dr. G. Lakshminisha highlighted the critical role of modern technology in shaping contemporary society. He inspired the students to utilize scientific tools and innovative thinking for nation-building and social development, noting that the youth are the primary architects of a technologically advanced India. The program concluded with a vote of thanks to the students, teachers, and organizers whose collective efforts ensured the successful execution of the event, reinforcing the community's commitment to scientific excellence.

Law and Order Top Priority, Says Home Minister Anita

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Andhra Pradesh Home Minister Vangalapati Anita on Monday said maintaining law and order in the State remained the coalition government's top priority and asserted that strict action would be taken against criminals.

The Minister was speaking after inaugurating the newly constructed police station building at Kankipadu in Krishna district along with Excise Minister Kollu Ravindra.

Ms. Anita, who received a Guard of Honour from police personnel during the visit, said the government was strengthening the policing system with modern technology, including advanced CCTV surveillance and tracking systems. She noted that offenders could now be traced and arrested within hours with the help of technological tools. The Home Minister said several new police stations were being established under the present government and recalled that police person-



nel had worked without proper facilities during the previous five years. She said the government was focusing on crime prevention, women's safety and improving policing standards in line with the vision of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu. Mr. Ravindra said the Kankipadu police station had evolved from a modest facility into a modern structure with public support and donations. He added that technology-based policing would help maintain peace and public order more effectively across the State.

Dedicated Commission Reviews Local Body Reservations

Puttaparthi, May 11, 2026 | TPN Bureau

A high-level review meeting was chaired by the Chairman of the Andhra Pradesh Dedicated Commission, Rajiv Ranjan Mishra, a Retired IAS officer, at the PGRS Hall within the Sri Sathya Sai District Collectorate on Monday. The session, which spanned from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM, involved the District Collector and various senior officials to discuss the framework for upcoming local body elections. Chairman Mishra conducted an extensive deliberation on the mandatory guidelines to be followed for finalizing reservations and outlined the necessary administrative measures required for the smooth conduct of the polls.

During the meeting, the Chairman specifically reviewed the progress of the Urban Frame Survey (UFS) in the district and instructed officials to expedite any pending tasks. He emphasized the importance of maintaining absolute transparency during field-level surveys and data collection, urging the concerned authorities



to ensure that the reservation process remains free of errors. Following the official review, the Chairman met with public representatives and citizens who arrived from across the district to submit formal petitions containing their suggestions and objections regarding the local body reservation categories.

The program saw the participation of District Collector A. Shyam Prasad, Revenue Divisional Officer Suvarna, and

Chief Planning Officer Vijay Kumar. Other key attendees included District Panchayat Officer Samatha, various Municipal Commissioners, the ZP CEO, DLDOs, and the Executive Director of the BC Corporation. The meeting concluded with the Chairman reiterating the need for coordinated efforts among all departments, including the SGSW Coordinator and the DBCWO, to uphold constitutional standards in the electoral process.

Minister Bharath Performs Groundbreaking Ceremony for Rythu Bazar Expansion

Kurnool, May 11, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Minister for Industries, Commerce, and Food Processing, T.G. Bharath, along with Kurnool Member of Parliament Bastipati Nagaraju, performed the groundbreaking ceremony on Monday for the expansion of the C-Camp Rythu Bazar, a project valued at 6 crore. Following the foundation stone unveiling, the Minister stated that the expansion is a significant step toward transforming Kurnool into a smart city and will directly benefit 150 local farmers. The new two-story structure will feature modern amenities, including advanced sprinkling and drip irrigation systems, dedicated parking facilities, and improved infrastructure, with instructions issued to the

contractor to complete the construction within nine months.

Minister Bharath recalled that Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu had recently visited this market, which he originally established in 1999, and promised farmers that it would be expanded to meet growing needs. Fulfilling that commitment, the Minister further announced that upon the completion of the Rythu Bazar, an Anna Canteen, the Chief Minister's dream project, will be established to provide nutritious meals to the poor for just 15. He also detailed upcoming infrastructure milestones for the city, including the establishment of a High Court Bench and a state-of-the-art Collectorate office at B-Camp, emphasizing the rapid pace of

development under the current alliance government.

Kurnool MP Bastipati Nagaraju commended the Minister's leadership, noting that developmental activities are being initiated weekly across the district. He highlighted successful efforts to resolve local issues, such as the widening of the Kurnool Medical College road, ensuring the sports hostel remains in Kurnool, and addressing traffic congestion near the market areas. The event was attended by KUDA Chairman Somisetty Venkateswarlu, Market Yard officials including Assistant Director Narayana Murthy and Secretary Jayalakshmi, Market Yard Chairperson Gokonda Azmath Bee, and several other local leaders and engineering officials.



Govt Prioritizes Sports Development and World-Class Infrastructure says Minister

Kurnool, May 11, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Minister for Industries and Food Processing, T.G. Bharath, reaffirmed the state government's commitment to transforming Kurnool Stadium into a world-class sporting facility during his visit to a local summer coaching camp on Monday. Accompanied by Kurnool MP Bastipati Nagaraju and SAAP Chairman Ravi Naidu, the Minister interacted with young athletes, emphasizing that daily physical activity and sports are essential for maintaining peak mental and physical efficiency. He categorically dismissed rumors regarding the relocation of the Kurnool Sports Hostel, stating that the government is instead focused on enhancing its facilities to provide a better environment for resident athletes. The Minister also highlighted that parks across the city are being upgraded to encourage fitness

among the general public, urging the youth to consider sports as a viable career path supported by government initiatives. Echoing these sentiments, MP Bastipati Nagaraju noted that the installation of a modern synthetic track at the stadium was a direct result of the Minister's proactive efforts. To further support the sector, the MP announced an allocation of 15 lakh from his MP Local Area Development funds for stadium maintenance and infrastructure improvements. He observed that sports foster discipline and resilience, qualities essential for high academic and professional achievement. Meanwhile, SAAP Chairman Ravi Naidu lauded the unprecedented coordination between the departments of Education, Youth Services, and Sports in organizing this year's summer camps. He revealed that 50 camps are currently operational across the

district, with the government providing financial aid, dietary supplements, and equipment to ensure a high standard of training for participants.

The officials concluded the visit by distributing sports kits to camp instructors to facilitate better training for the athletes. They collectively urged the youth to utilize these free coaching opportunities to hone their skills for national and international competitions. Chairman Ravi Naidu emphasized that sports are the best remedy for modern-day stress, teaching young people to handle both victory and defeat with equanimity. Senior officials, including SAAP Vice Chairman Bharani and SEKKUR CEO Dr. Venugopal, along with various coaches and sports association representatives, attended the event, marking a unified front in the mission to build a healthier and more athletic society.

₹1.5 Lakh Crore Projects to Transform Puttaparthi into Industrial Hub

Puttaparthi, May 11, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Puttaparthi MLA Palle Sindhura Reddy announced that the constituency is poised for a new era of growth following the establishment of massive industrial projects. She highlighted that Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu, in collaboration with the Central Government, played a pivotal role in securing a 1 lakh crore fighter aircraft manufacturing unit in Puttaparthi. Additionally, a 51,000 crore Reliance Solar Power project is set to be established in Amadagur, a development expected to completely revitalize the regional landscape. The MLA attributed these achievements to the strategic vision of the Chief Minister and the special efforts of State IT Minister Nara Lokesh in attracting high-value investments to the region.

Expressing her gratitude, MLA Sindhura Reddy thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, and Minister Nara Lokesh for their special affection toward Puttaparthi, the sacred land associated with Sri Sathya Sai Baba. She noted that during the Sai Baba Birth Centenary celebrations last year, the leadership showed im-

mense interest in the industrial development of this area. The fighter aircraft manufacturing plant will be set up across 650 acres, creating thousands of employment opportunities for the local youth. To prepare for the high-profile groundbreaking ceremony scheduled for May 15, the MLA, alongside former Minister Dr. Palle Raghunatha Reddy, District Collector Shyam Prasad, and SP Satish Kumar, inspected the ongoing site arrangements. The foundation stone-laying ceremony is expected to be attended by Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, Union Defense Minister Rajnath Singh, and several other central and state ministers, including In-charge Minister Anagani Satya Prasad. High-ranking officials from the Union Defense Department also participated in the site inspection on Monday to ensure all protocols are met for the prestigious visit. MLA Sindhura Reddy reaffirmed the government's commitment to transforming Puttaparthi into a major industrial hub, promising that further developmental initiatives would be launched soon to ensure the economic prosperity of the people in the constituency.



Somasila High Level Canal Project to be Finished Within Two Years: Minister Anam

Marripadu, May 11, 2026 | TPN Bureau

Endowments Minister Anam Rama Narayana Reddy has declared that the state government is prioritizing the completion of the Somasila High Level Canal, aiming for a two-year deadline. During an idol installation event at the Sri Seetharamula Swamy Temple in Pallavolu vil-lage on Monday, the Minister highlighted the critical need to supply irrigation and drinking water to the tail-end regions of the Marripadamandal. He noted that although the canal was initially designed during his previous tenure, the project remained stagnant for the last decade due to neglect by previous representatives. He assured the public that land acquisition is now moving forward and contractors have been mobilized to restart construction immediately.

In addition to the canal update, Minister Anam inaugurated five cement roads constructed at an expense of 25 lakh and distributed Chief Minister's Relief Fund (CMRF) cheques to local beneficiaries. He stated that the government has already extended 1.30 crore in aid to 144 families within the mandal. Furthermore, the Minister emphasized the Endowments Department's renewed focus on temple restoration and the preservation of Hindu traditions under the leadership of Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu, promising monthly grants for village shrines. Concluding his address, he pledged to provide housing for eligible tribal families and vowed to continue enhancing rural infrastructure across the constituency.



Low Pressure to Intensify; Rains, Lightning Alert Issued Across AP

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The Andhra Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority (APSDMA) on Monday warned that the low-pressure area over the southwest Bay of Bengal and near the North Sri Lanka coast is likely to intensify within the next 48 hours, bringing light rains and thunderstorms to several districts across the State.

APSDMA Managing Director Prakhar Jain said districts including Srikakulam, Vizianagaram, Visakhapatnam, Kakinada, East and West Godavari, Krishna, NTR, Guntur, Bapatla, Chittoor and Tirupati are likely to receive light rain

accompanied by lightning on Tuesday.

People were advised not to remain in open areas during rain and thunderstorms and to avoid taking shelter under trees, near old structures or large hoardings. Farmers and cattle rearers were urged to stay alert and move to safer locations during thunder activity. Meanwhile, heatwave conditions are likely to continue in parts of Alluri and Polavaram districts. Vijayawada East recorded the highest temperature in the State at 42.3 degrees Celsius on Monday, while several other areas reported temperatures above 40 degrees Celsius.