Nellore Enforces Monsoon Ban on Sand Mining

Nellore, May 30 | TPN Bureau

The District Mines and Geology Department has issued an appeal to sand users and transporters in Nellore district to strictly adhere to the monsoon ban on sand mining and transportation in rivers, as per guidelines of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change. According to official instructions based on data from the India Meteorological Department, sand mining and transportation in riverbeds across Andhra Pradesh is completely prohibited from June 1 to October 15 during the southwest monsoon season. In line with these directives, sand mining activities in the Penna River will remain banned during this period in 2026.

Officials stated that the District Collector, along with Revenue, Police, Mining, and Irrigation departments, will monitor enforcement. Free sand tractors, semi-mechanized reaches, and open reaches will not be permitted during the ban.To meet construction needs, sand will be made available through authorized stockyards and desiltation points, including Pothireddypalem, Sangam, Surayapalem, Kaluvaya Rajupalem, Porlukatta, Veeruvur, Apparaopalem, and Venkatachalam yards, upon payment of government-fixed loading charges.

Local residents within gram panchayat limits may obtain sand for personal use by applying through village secretariats or registering on the state sand portal. Manual excavation without machinery is permitted for local use only.

Authorities warned that violations will attract strict action, including vehicle seizure and blacklisting for transporting sand without valid permits.

District Mines and Geology Officer K. Srinivasa Rao urged all stakeholders to comply with regulations.

AI and Transformation in Management Education Debated

Nellore, May 30 | TPN Bureau:

A national conference on artificial intelligence changes in management education was organized by the Management Department of Narayana Engineering College. Chief guests Yogi Vemana University Vice Chancellor Rajasekhar, Sri Krishna Devaraya University Vice Chancellor NVR Jyoti Kumar, VikramaSimhapuri University Vice Chancellor AllamSrinivasa Rao, and MBA Dean Dhanunjay emphasized aligning higher education with the National Education Policy. The leaders stated that transforming education is critical to achieving a 50 percent gross enrollment ratio by 2035 and building a 'Vikasit Bharat' by 2047.

The Vice Chancellors urged strengthening public universities to prevent the corporate commercialization of education, noting that 80 percent of students depend on government institutions. NVR Jyoti Kumar highlighted that humans must remain masters of technology rather than its slaves, urging teachers to instill ethical and legal technological awareness. The conference pushed for field-level implementation of Digital India and Skill India to empower the nation's massive youth demographic.

The successful academic event concluded after intense discussions on curriculum restructuring. Key organizers and participants included Narayana Group Management Secretariat Y. Vinay Kumar, Director B. Dattatreya Sharma, Principal Ravi Prapasad, Conference Director and Head of MBA Department G. Malyadri, Convener N. Lakshmi Narayana, and Organizing Secretary S. Rajeshwari.

Youth Urged to Choose Sports Over Crime

Sri Sathya Sai District, May 30 | TPN Bureau:

District Superintendent of Police S. Satish Kumar stated that the police department aims to encourage youth toward sports while educating them on laws to foster responsible citizenship. S. Satish Kumar attended the closing ceremony of the week-long Friendly Police Cricket Tournament at the Government Degree College ground alongside Kadiri MLA KandikuntaVenkata Prasad. Organized by the Kadiri Sub-Division Police Department, the event featured 16 mandal teams and a friendly match between the SP and MLA line-ups.

S. Satish Kumar highlighted that the tournament builds awareness regarding drug abuse, cybercrime, women's safety, and the legal consequences of crime which can ruin future employment opportunities. Strict enforcement against drug trafficking and severe punishments under the POCSO Act were reaffirmed. Kandikunta Venkata Prasad added that sports reduce mental stress and build discipline, praising the police for proactive crime prevention.The successful sports event concluded with cash prize distributions to the winning and runner-up teams. Key police officials managing the tournament and coordinating the extensive awareness campaign included DSP Siva Narayana Swamy, CI D.V. Narayana Reddy, and CI G. Niranjan Reddy.

Media Must Guide Society as a Torchlight

Kadapa, May 30 | TPN Bureau:

District Collector Sridhar Cherukuri stated that media should act as a torchlight guiding society and driving social change. Sridhar Cherukuriaddressed rural reporters at the inauguration of a two-day refresher training program organized by the State CR Media Academy at the ZillaParishad Conference Hall. Emphasising the need for journalists to upgrade skills alongside changing technology and artificial intelligence, the Collector stressed that news must constructively impact public lives and strengthen democracy without damaging individual reputations.

The program was presided over by State CR Media Academy Chairman Alapati Suresh Kumar, who urged journalists to remain impartial guardians of democracy. Alapati Suresh Kumar expressed concern over commercial and political influences impacting journalism and called for rigorous fact-checking before disseminating social media information. Senior journalist and writer Umamaheswara Rao also participated as a trainer. The academy head reminded rural reporters that their core duty is bringing local community issues to light to bridge the gap between people and welfare development programs.

This intensive training initiative successfully brought together media veterans and district administrators to upskill the rural press corps. Key resource persons leading the sessions included Journalists Union State Leader Ramasubba Reddy, and District Information and Public Relations Department AD Padmaja.

Mega Cleanliness Drive Launched in Kurnool

Kurnool, May 30 | TPN Bureau:

State Municipal Administration Commissioner and Director P. Sampath Kumar, District Collector A. Siri, and Panyam legislator GauruCharita Reddy launched the 'Operation Clean Sweep' program on Saturday to boost city sanitation. The initiative, driving a four-week campaign, focuses on desilting drains and cleaning garbage hotspots to align with the Chief Minister's cleanliness goals. P. Sampath Kumar announced strict enforcement against creating unsanitary conditions, while A. Siri urged residents to manage the city's daily 225-ton garbage output by separating waste. Key participation included Deputy Commissioner Satish Kumar Reddy, Public Health Officer M. Raghu, and SE Ramanamurthy.

Collector Reviews SC/ST Welfare Schemes

Kurnool, May 30 | TPN Bureau:

District Collector A. Siri directed officials to expedite government benefits, pensions, and jobs for affected SC and ST families during a District Vigilance and Monitoring Committee meeting. Addressing fund release issues, A. Siri stated that steps are underway to resolve CFMS ID technical glitches, allocate agricultural lands, resolve housing plot disputes, and consider TIDCO housing allotments. Hostel upgrades, including toilet repairs, RO plants, window meshes, and CCTV installations, will finish within 15 days. A. Siri also mandated Civil Rights Day observations every month-end and ordered a special SC/ST grievance counter starting Monday.

District SP Vikrant Patil instructed police officials to speed up pending investigations. District SC Welfare Empowerment Officer Radhika reported on previous meeting actions. Following this, a sanitation workers' meet held by the Collector ensured the immediate provision of safety gloves and gear.

The extensive welfare meet drew coordinated administrative action from various department heads to ensure speedy grievance redressal and seamless welfare delivery across the district. Key attendees ensuring the implementation of these directives included Housing PD Chiranjeevi, DRDA PD Ramana Reddy, and Municipal Corporation Deputy Commissioner Satish Kumar Reddy.

Operation Clean Space Underway in Dharmavaram

Dharmavaram, May 30 | TPN Bureau:

The 'Operation Clean Space' program is being widely implemented across the Dharmavaram Municipal Corporation since May 23rd to ensure city-wide cleanliness. Under this special drive, the first week focused on deep cleaning roads, canals, and public places in the Red Spot and Yellow Spot Square areas. The second week prioritized cleaning the Darshana mThota wells, drains, and alleys behind the main roads, resulting in the complete cleaning of the first alley on DarshanamThota Street today.

District Collector Shyam Prasad visited Dharmavaram and ordered the expansion of this sanitation initiative.

Shyam Prasad urged everyone to become active partners in making the town clean and beautiful. The Collector appealed to public representatives to personally monitor wards and raise awareness among residents to keep their surroundings clean. Furthermore, clear instructions were issued to ensure the town is made more attractive by painting government offices and vacant lots. The local administration remains committed to achieving complete transformation through ongoing public cooperation. The extensive cleanliness drive is progressing rapidly under the supervision of senior administrative officials. Key leadership steering these structural and field-level sanitation works includes Municipal Commissioner.

Grand AshwavahanaSeva Held at Govindarajaswamy Temple

Tirupati, May 30 | TPN Bureau:

The annual Brahmotsavam of Govindarajaswamy reached a spiritual crescendo on Saturday night with the grand procession of the AshwavahanaSeva. The deity, beautifully adorned, blessed a massive gathering of devotees while riding on a majestic horse-drawn vehicle in the celestial avatar of Kalki.

The divine vehicle service progressed solemnly, preceded by temple elephants, while the air resonated with spiritual enthusiasm, traditional kolattam dances, chants of mangala instruments, and intense GovindaNamasmaranas. Devotees gathered along the procession route offered camphor aartis at every step to catch a glimpse of the deity's auspicious form. Scriptural discourses highlighted that the Upanishads compare human senses to horses, and by appearing in the Kalki avatar, the deity gave a message to stay away from the evils of Kaliyuga through refuge in divine chanting and righteous living. Religious scholars and senior administrative staff ensured the smooth conduct of the ritualistic procession. The sacred event concluded successfully with thousands of pilgrims experiencing the spiritual darshan. Key dignitaries who participated in and supervised this grand vehicle service included Tirumala PeddaJeeyar Swami, ChinnaJeeyar Swami, and Temple Deputy EO V.R. Shanthi.

Mega Ganja Testing Drive Conducted in Satyavedu

Satyavedu, May 30 | TPN Bureau:

Under the directives of Tirupati District SP L. Subbaraidu, a Mega Ganja Testing Program was organized at the VKN KalyanaMandapam in Satyavedu Town. The proactive initiative aimed to curb substance abuse, identify active consumers, and provide counseling to cannabis users across the region.

During the special drive, a total of 54 suspected drug users from the Satyavedu Circle underwent screening using advanced, specialized ganja testing kits. The medical and field examinations revealed that 9 individuals tested positive for marijuana use. Police authorities immediately recorded their profiles, prepared detailed Intelligence Reports, and registered their information into the police department's specialized surveillance monitoring system.

Addressing the gathering, police officials emphasized that the consumption of marijuana and other narcotics severely damages individual health, ruins families, and fractures social security. The youth were strictly advised to stay completely away from drugs and focus their energies on education, sustainable employment, and positive personality development. Authorities re-issued a stern warning that extensive anti-narcotic operations will continue throughout the district, promising strict legal action against anyone involved in drug smuggling, sales, or usage.

The extensive screening program was successfully executed with the coordinated participation of several regional station heads. Key law enforcement officials leading the enforcement drive on the ground included Satyavedu Circle Inspector, Satyavedu SI-1, and Satyavedu SI-2.

MLAKotamreddyVows to Transform District Government Hospital

Nellore, May 30 | TPN Bureau:

Rural MLA Kotamreddy Sridhar Reddy and Telugu Desam Party State Spokesperson KotamreddyGiridhar Reddy visited the District Government Main Hospital, taking its comprehensive development as a personal challenge. The inspection followed a public grievance program where a local youth, Mallela Srihari, questioned the legislator about the hospital's current conditions. Appreciating this questioning spirit, Kotamreddy Sridhar Reddy announced a donation of Rs 50 lakhs from DSR Group Raghurami Reddy to fund an air-conditioned rest house and a water plant for patients' relatives.The legislator stated that the facility will be developed using the Guntur Government Main Hospital as a model. He assured that District Ministers Narayana and AnamRamana

Reddy, Member of Parliament Vemireddy Prabhakar Reddy, Legislative Council Member BeedaRavichandra, and the District Collector will work collectively to transform the institution within six months. Residents of Nellore Rural were encouraged to contact the MLA directly with local issues.

The coordinated developmental roadmap aims to significantly upgrade healthcare infrastructure and civic amenities. Key leadership driving this public health initiative forward includes Rural MLA Kotamreddy Sridhar Reddy, Telugu Desam Party State Spokesperson KotamreddyGiridhar Reddy, and District Minister Narayana.

MLA VijayasreeParticipates in Operation Clean Sweep

Sullurpet, May 30 | TPN Bureau:

Sullurpet MLA NelavalaVijayasree participated in the ongoing 'Operation Clean Sweep' sanitation program held in the local Fish Market area. NelavalaVijayasree worked alongside sanitation staff, inspected the ongoing cleaning operations, and appreciated the rigorous measures being implemented to establish a clean and hygienic environment within the Sullurpet Municipality.

Emphasizing that cleanliness is a shared civic responsibility, NelavalaVijayasree advised residents to maintain hygiene in both their households and immediate surroundings. The MLA explicitly urged the public to act responsibly by halting indiscriminate garbage disposal, highlighting that active public cooperation is crucial for building a sustainable, clean city. Following the field drive, the legislator interacted directly with local residents to understand their civic grievances and issued constructive directives to the municipal department regarding infrastructure upgrades.

The extensive cleanliness campaign concluded successfully with major participation from municipal officials, sanitation workers, coalition leaders, political activists, and local residents. Key public figures spearheading this community-level urban sanitation drive and overseeing field execution included Sullurpet MLA NelavalaVijayasree.

Power Department on Alert Amid Heavy Rains

Tirupati, May 30 | TPN Bureau:

In the wake of strong winds and heavy rainfall affecting several districts, APSPDCL Chairman and Managing Director ShivshankarLoteti issued an emergency statement placing all power officials and ground staff on high alert. To counter sudden disruptions, ShivshankarLoteti announced the appointment of Chief General Manager-level officers as dedicated nodal officers for each district to personally monitor and spearhead power restoration operations.

The management has directed teams to keep essential restoration inventory-including distribution transformers, conductors, and electric poles-fully available at strategic locations. Furthermore, centralized control rooms have been established at both the circle and division levels. Specialized emergency teams are deployed to expedite supply restoration in wind-ravaged areas.

Citizens are strictly advised to avoid touching electrical poles or standing directly under power lines during storms. In the event of uprooted poles or snapped lines, the public can report emergencies immediately via the regional Assistant Executive Engineer's office, the dedicated WhatsApp helpline 91333 31912, or toll-free numbers 1912 and 1800 425 155333. The emergency preparedness protocol remains active across all circles to ensure safety and seamless electricity. Key leadership driving this disaster management initiative includes Chairman and Managing Director ShivshankarLoteti.

SWIMS Hosts World No Tobacco Day Awareness Drive

Tirupati, May 30 | TPN Bureau:

The Medicine Department of Sri Venkateswara Institute of Medical Sciences (SWIMS) organized an awareness program on the eve of World No Tobacco Day at Sri Padmavati OPD Block, according to Medical Superintendent Dr. Ram.

SWIMS Director and Vice Chancellor Dr. R.V. Kumar, Medicine Department Head Dr. Alladi Mohan, Professor Dr. Harikrishna, Associate Professor Dr. Bhargav, Associate Professor Dr. Chandrasekhar, Associate Professor Dr. Babu, and Sri Padmavati Women's Medical College Principal Dr. Nagaraj inaugurated the event. The dignitaries led a public pledge to build a tobacco-free society. R.V. Kumar and Alladi Mohan highlighted how tobacco damages public health and families. Dr. Harikrishna explained the health benefits of quitting, while Dr. Bhargav warned that 42.4% of Indians use tobacco. Dr. Babu detailed nicotine's addictive traits, and Dr. Chandrasekhar shared the WHO theme focused on countering addiction. Dr. Nagaraj added that tobacco claims 24 lakh lives annually and links to 20 cancer types, urging environmental protection from manufacturers.The successful event concluded with a strong call for collective action against nicotine addiction. Key participants organizing and supporting this medical awareness program included Medical Superintendent Dr. Ram, Medicine Department Head Dr. Alladi Mohan, and Women's Medical College Principal Dr. Nagaraj.

Dumping Waste in Sewers Leads to Illness

Tirupati, May 30 | TPN Bureau:

Municipal Corporation Deputy Commissioner Amariah warned residents that dumping waste into sewers dramatically increases the risk of public illness. Speaking during an 'Operation Clean Sweep' drive at Annarao Junction, Amariah highlighted how clogged canals cause underground drainage backups, resulting in stagnant water, mosquito breeding, and widespread unsanitary conditions on public roads.To combat this, the corporation conducted an extensive desilting operation on Saturday morning to clear

accumulated garbage and soil from the main drainage canal. Amariah, alongside GangammaGudi Chairman Mahesh Yadav, Health Officer Dr. YuvaAnvesh, and Sanitary Supervisor Chenchaiah, actively educated the public on source segregation. Residents were strictly instructed to divide household and office waste into wet, dry, and hazardous categories before handing it over to sanitation staff. The administration emphasized that trash should never be thrown into open canals or street intersections. Citizens were urged to fully cooperate with the municipal workforce to achieve a completely clean Tirupati.The mass sanitation drive successfully restored smooth sewage flow across multiple urban pockets with the active participation of health workers. Key officials leading this public awareness and cleaning initiative on the ground included Deputy Commissioner Amariah, Gangamma Gudi Chairman Mahesh Yadav, and Health Officer Dr. YuvaAnvesh.

Woman Attempts Suicide Alleging Verbal Abuse by SI

Anantapur, May 30 | TPN Bureau

A woman allegedly attempted suicide after being verbally abused by a Sub-Inspector in Sri Sathya Sai district, sparking outrage among her family members who have demanded action against the officer.

The incident occurred in Udumalakurthi village of Talupula mandal in Kadiri constituency. The victim, identified as Y. Mamata, reportedly consumed pesticide following mental distress caused by the alleged behaviour of SI Chennayya.

According to family members, Mamata had been called to the police station in connection with a case. During the interaction, the SI allegedly used abusive language against her. When she questioned his behaviour, he reportedly warned her to "complain wherever you want" and continued speaking harshly.

The victim later told her family that when she sought justice, the officer allegedly made insensitive remarks, which deeply upset her. Unable to bear the humiliation, she attempted suicide by consuming pesticide.

Family members rushed her to Kadiri Area Hospital, where she is currently undergoing treatment.

GMH Hosts Advanced Laparoscopy Surgery Workshop

Tirupati, May 30 | TPN Bureau:

Tirupati MLA AraniSrinivasulu attended a specialized Laparoscopy Surgery Workshop as the chief guest at the Government Maternity Hospital (GMH). AraniSrinivasulu stated that the state government aims to provide corporate-level medical care to poor mothers by making free key-hole laparoscopy services fully available at GMH, ensuring quick recovery and minimal pain. S.V. Medical College Principal Ravi Prabhu noted that this Eagle Foundation training helps post-graduate students upskill, ultimately reducing maternal and child mortality. GMH Medical Superintendent Pramila Devi delivered the welcome address, explaining that modern laparoscopy allows patient discharge within 48 hours for conditions like ectopic pregnancies and ovarian cysts. Anesthesia Professor and HOD

Padma, and Tirupati Obstetrics and Gynecology President Parthasarathireddy highlighted the training's focus on safety standards. Nellore Medical College Professor and APMC Laparoscopy Observer Sunitha praised the hospital leadership's perseverance. Prominent laparoscopy surgeon Jahul Patel delivered live surgery demonstrations of complex procedures to 60 participating gynecologists and students. State Yadava Cooperation Chairman Narasimha Yadav promised to discuss further hospital development with the Chief Minister.

The workshop highlighted major benefits including uterine preservation during post partum hemorrhage and accurate treatment for tubal blocks. The event concluded with the hospital management thanking the massive medical cohort that ensured its execution.

The extensive medical training program and valedictory session successfully concluded with active participation from laparoscopy surgeons Uncle Shah, Sandeep Kakwad, Chintan Arvind Patel, City JSP President Raja Reddy, HDS Member Muniswamy, Civil Surgeon RMO Rama Narayana Reddy, Professors Radha, GayatriSrisri, Nirmaladevi, Madhavi, Anesthesia Department Professor JeevanBabu, Associate Professor Kumar, Associate Professor and College Coordinator Bhuvaneshwari, Assistant Professors of Anesthesia Ranganath and Ravikiran, and Gynecologist Jyosna.