



Narayana Pushes Mega Infra Plan for Vizag Growth

Visakhapatnam, May 9 | TPN Bureau

Minister for municipal administration and urban development P. Narayana has announced that the Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the proposed 102-km semi-ring road in Visakhapatnam will be submitted by the end of May. Speaking at a press conference on Saturday, Narayana said the project has been designed with a 50-year vision and aims to transform the city's urban infrastructure through a land-pooling model similar to that adopted in Hyderabad. He said the project is expected to improve connectivity and enhance land value for farmers. The minister stated that the Visakhapatnam Metropolitan Region Development Authority (VMRDA) is revisiting the 2021 Master Plan after receiving 3,720 objections, including 717 unique concerns. According to him, the revised plan includes 19 per cent realignment, 14 per



cent road widening, 11 per cent new roads, 6 per cent removal of redundant roads and 15 per cent other modifications. Narayana said final discussions with public representatives, including Bheemili MLA Ganta Srinivasa Rao, are scheduled for Sunday. Highlighting parallel infrastructure projects, the minister said surveys for the proposed Metro Rail project are expected to conclude next month, paving the way for Central government approval. He also stressed the need for modern utility

management through underground ducting for cables, rainwater harvesting systems and telecom lines to minimise repeated road excavations.

Narayana said a 4,000-crore drinking water project aimed at covering 95 per cent of households is being planned, while Rs. 9,000 crore has been approved for drainage works in high- and medium-density areas. He added that 123 Sewage Treatment Plants are under development with Rs. 300 crore support from the Pollution Control Board.



POSH Act Vital for Safe Workplaces, Says SETKUR CEO

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Dr. Venugopal stated that the Prevention of Sexual Harassment (POSH) Act has emerged as a strong safeguard for ensuring the safety and dignity of women in workplaces.

An awareness seminar on "The POSH Act and Women's Empowerment" was organized at Ravindra Women's Engineering College on Saturday under the aegis of the District Youth Welfare Department and SETKUR. Addressing the programme, Dr. Venugopal said the Act, which came into force on December 9, 2013, provides women with a secure working environment and ensures speedy redressal of harassment complaints.

Keynote speaker Dr. Madhavi Shyamala explained the provisions of the Act through a PowerPoint presentation and said organizations employing more than 10 workers are required to establish Internal Complaints Committees. She noted that women filing complaints could expect justice within three to six months.

District Consumer Commission member Nazima Kousar also created awareness on the Consumer Protection Act, highlighting grievance mechanisms available for consumers, including online complaints related to e-commerce transactions. Students, faculty members and SETKUR staff attended the seminar.

Delhi Pilgrims Duped by Fake Srisaillam Room Booking Website

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A group of devotees from Delhi visiting Srisaillam Temple allegedly fell victim to an online accommodation scam after booking rooms through a fake website and paying 15,000 to cyber fraudsters.

such booking existed in the official records.

Realising that they had been cheated, the devotees approached temple authorities for assistance. Officials said cyber criminals have been increasingly targeting pilgrims, especially visitors from northern states, by creating fake websites resembling genuine temple booking portals.

Temple Executive Officer Srinivasa Rao immediately intervened and arranged accommodation and food for the stranded pilgrims.

The devotees later lodged a complaint at the Srisaillam police station. Police registered a case and launched an investigation to trace those involved in the fraud.

According to officials, Anand Kumar, a resident of Delhi, booked nine AC rooms at Mallikarjuna Sadan through an online portal believed to be linked to the temple accommodation system. The payment was made through a banking application. On Saturday, a group of 27 devotees arrived at Srisaillam from Hyderabad in a tourist bus expecting confirmed accommodation. However, officials at Mallikarjuna Sadan informed them that no



Night Enforcement Team Intensifies Anti-Dumping Drive

Quthbullapur, May 9 | TPN Bureau

To strengthen sanitation and maintain cleanliness in the Dundigal Circle limits, CMC officials have formed a dedicated Night Enforcement Team that is actively monitoring illegal waste dumping during late hours. The initiative aims to curb the growing issue of garbage being thrown in open spaces, roadside areas, and vacant plots. Officials said the team is conducting regular night inspections and identifying individuals who are violating waste disposal rules. During recent checks, several offenders were caught dumping garbage illegally and were penalized on the spot. In some cases, violators were also taken

into custody and handed over to the Dundigal Police Station for further action.

Authorities have issued a strict warning to residents, stating that household waste must only be handed over to authorized 'Swachh' auto vehicles assigned for garbage collection. Any attempt to dump waste in public places will result in fines and legal action.

Officials emphasized that maintaining cleanliness is a shared responsibility and urged citizens to cooperate with the sanitation system. They appealed to the public to actively support the initiative and help build a cleaner, healthier Dundigal by following proper waste disposal practices.

Government Doctor Dies in Road Accident

Kalwakurthy, May 9 | TPN Bureau

A government doctor lost his life in a tragic road accident after the car he was travelling in collided with a private school bus near Kalwakurthy New Town on Saturday morning. The incident occurred near CBM College under Kalwakurthy mandal limits on the Raichur-Kodada National Highway.

The deceased, identified as Dr. Vijay Kumar (43), sustained critical injuries in the collision. He was immediately shifted to a private hospital in Kalwakurthy for emergency treatment, but he succumbed to his injuries while undergoing care. Later, his body was moved to the Kalwakurthy Government Hospital for post-mortem examination.

Police stated that Dr. Vijay Kumar had gone to the Vande

Mataram Foundation premises near the town for his morning walk and was returning home when the accident took place. Preliminary reports suggest that the collision occurred suddenly, though the exact cause is under investigation.

Dr. Vijay Kumar originally hailed from Makthal in Narayanpet district and had been serving at the Kalwakurthy Government Hospital for the past three years. He was known for his dedicated service to patients in the region.

He is survived by his wife, Dr. Yashwanth Rani, who is also a medical professional, and their two children. The news of his untimely death has shocked the medical community, with several doctors and colleagues expressing deep condolences and mourning his loss.

Outsourced Employee Attempts Suicide, Alleges Harassment by Ruling Party ZPTC Member

Repalle/Nizampatnam, May 9 | TPN Bureau

A political storm erupted in Bapatla district after an outsourced woman employee from Nizampatnam mandal attempted suicide, alleging sexual harassment and intimidation by ruling party ZPTC member Narra Subbayya. The woman, identified as Shivakumari, is currently undergoing treatment at Tenali Government Hospital.

In a video released from the hospital, Shivakumari alleged that Narra Subbayya had been harassing her for several months and pressuring her to visit a guest house late at night. She claimed he repeatedly called her from different phone numbers, demanding that she leave Agricultural Officer Vijayaraju and "come to him." She further alleged that he threatened to kill her and her children if she refused his demands. The woman also alleged that one of Subbayya's associates contacted her to negotiate a financial settlement. The video, which surfaced on social



media, triggered widespread discussion and outrage in political circles. Shivakumari also levelled allegations against Nizampatnam Agricultural Officer Vijayaraju, claiming that he had promised to marry her and secretly conducted a church marriage, but was now refusing to acknowledge the relationship publicly. She said she had sacrificed her family life trusting him and demanded that authorities en-

sure justice. Stating that her reputation had been ruined, Shivakumari appealed to the government to register criminal cases against those responsible and provide protection to her and her children. She warned that Narra Subbayya should be held accountable if any harm came to her family. The incident has sparked tension in the region, with demands mounting

Mild Tremors Jolt Ongole, Trigger Panic Among Residents

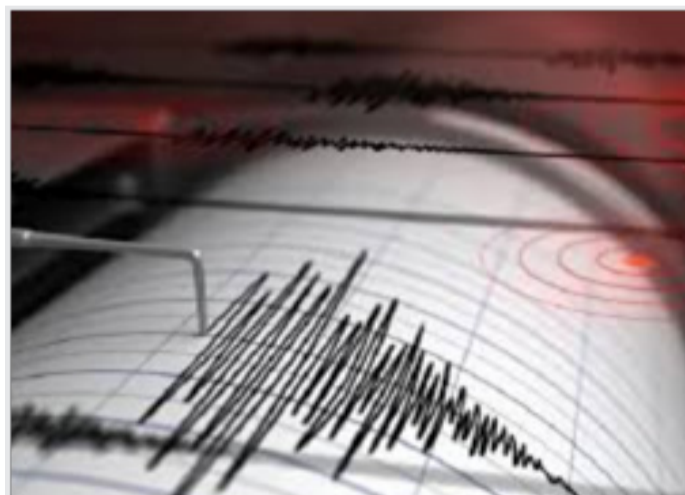
Ongole, May 9 | TPN Bureau

Mild earth tremors were felt in several parts of Ongole city late on Friday night, triggering panic among residents who rushed out of their homes fearing a possible earthquake.

According to local residents, the tremors were experienced around 10.36 p.m. in areas including Devudu Cheruvu, Nellore Bus Stand, Mamidipalem, Gaddalagunta, Vaddipalem, Sanjeev Gandhi Colony, Seetharampuram, RMS Centre and Mungamuru Road.

Residents said ceiling fans, doors and windows shook briefly while families were indoors, causing anxiety and confusion. Several people immediately stepped out onto the streets and remained outside for some time fearing aftershocks.

Though no casualties or property damage were reported,



the incident created concern among citizens, particularly as similar tremors were reportedly experienced twice earlier during late-night and early-morning hours in recent months.

Locals questioned the repeated occurrence of tremors

in the city and urged authorities to ascertain the reasons behind the seismic activity. Information regarding the incident was conveyed to officials. However, authorities are yet to issue an official statement on the magnitude or cause of the tremors.

Two Held with Ganja Worth 52 Lakh

Nalgonda, May 9 | TPN Bureau

Kethepally police arrested two persons near the Kethepally toll plaza in Nalgonda district and seized 104.5 kilograms of ganja valued at around 52.5 lakh, officials said on Saturday. The arrested individuals were identified as Paramvir Singh alias Lambu (42), a lorry driver from Satwari in Jammu, and Shah Alam Parvesh alias Alam Ansari (37), a painter from Mumbai. Police stated that three other suspects connected

to the smuggling network are currently absconding. They were identified as Bikram Singh from Jammu, Farooq alias Raju Bhai from Mumbai, and Bhavu alias Kedar Pradhan from Odisha.

According to Superintendent of Police Sharath Chandra Pawar, officers intercepted a lorry travelling towards Hyderabad after receiving specific information about ganja transportation. During the inspection at the toll plaza, police discovered the contraband hid-

den inside the vehicle. The two accused allegedly attempted to escape but were apprehended by the police team. During questioning, they reportedly confessed that the ganja had been sourced from the Bishmapur forest region in Odisha's Ganjam district and was being transported to Mumbai. Police have formed special teams to trace and arrest the remaining accused involved in the interstate drug smuggling operation.

Tension Grips Kadapa Over 'Hanuman Circle' Banner Row

Kadapa, May 9 | TPN Bureau

Tension prevailed in the Almas Pet area of Kadapa city on Saturday after a dispute erupted between two groups over banners put up ahead of Hanuman Jayanti celebrations, leading to slogan shouting, stone-pelting and a police lathi-charge.

The trouble began after banners installed near Tipu Sultan Circle described the junction as "Hanuman Circle" in connection with the unveiling of a 31-foot Hanuman statue and a proposed scooter rally on Sunday. The situation escalated when stickers were pasted over portions of the flex banners, triggering protests from members of Hindu organizations, including activists associated with the BJP, VHP and RSS.

Soon, members of the rival faction gathered at the circle and objected to the renaming of the junction, stating that it had already been officially des-

ignated as Tipu Sultan Circle by municipal authorities. Both groups staged protests and raised slogans, creating a tense atmosphere in the locality.

Police forces led by Kadapa in-charge DSP Balaswamy Reddy were deployed in large numbers, along with Armed Reserve personnel and Vajra vehicles, to maintain law and order. However, the confrontation intensified and stone-pelting broke out between the groups. Taluq Circle Inspector Narasimha Rao and two constables sustained injuries in the clashes.

Police later resorted to a lathi-charge to disperse the crowds and detained several persons from both sides. Former MLC Putta Narasimha Reddy reached the spot and mediated between the factions, following which the situation gradually returned to normal. Tight security was maintained in the area to prevent further incidents.

Auto Driver Injured After Suicide Attempt Leads to Crash

Sangareddy, May 9 | TPN Bureau

A serious road accident took place on National Highway 161 near Choutakur in Sangareddy district after an auto-rickshaw driver allegedly consumed rat poison and lost control of his vehicle while driving.

According to local sources, the man had reportedly been facing ongoing family disputes and was mentally distressed. In an apparent suicide attempt, he consumed poison before continuing to drive the auto-rickshaw. As the vehicle reached the outskirts of Choutakur, the driver's health reportedly deteriorated, causing him to lose control. The auto veered off the road, rammied into heaps of paddy laid out for drying beside the

highway, and overturned. The driver sustained severe injuries in the crash. Locals who witnessed the incident rushed to the spot, rescued him from the overturned vehicle, and alerted authorities.

During a search of his belongings, locals reportedly found a note mentioning the names of certain individuals whom he allegedly held responsible for his suicide attempt.

The injured man was immediately shifted to the Sangareddy Government General Hospital for treatment, where his condition was said to be critical. Pulkal police reached the accident site, registered a case, and launched an investigation into the incident, including the contents of the note and the