

People should be partners in Operation Clean Sweep: MLA Arani Srinivasulu

Tirupati, May 23, TPN Bureau:

MLA Arani Srinivasulu has urged all the people to be partners in keeping Tirupati city clean. On Saturday morning, the Operation Clean Sweep program was launched at the fish market in Narayanapuram by MLA Arani Srinivasulu, along with Deputy Commissioner Amariah, Greenery and Beautification Chairperson Sugunamma, Yadava Corporation Chairman Narasimha Yadav, Gangamma Gudi Chairman Mahesh Yadav, Nayi Brahmin Corporation Chairman Rudrakoti Sadasivam, SC Corporation

Director Kumaramma, Rajaka Corporation Director Karate Chandra and others. Later, sanitation workers and NDA coalition leaders cleaned the surroundings. MLA Arani Srinivasulu said that Operation Clean Sweep will be held in municipalities and corporations across the state till June 22. He said that the aim of Operation Clean Sweep is to clean the city with a different topic each week in this four-week program. He urged NGOs and people to participate in this program in large numbers. He said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi is giving priority to cleanliness of the environ-

ment as part of the cleanliness survey. He said that Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan are organizing programs for clean cities and panchayats every third Saturday under the name of Swarnandhra-Swachhandhra. He said that cleanliness of the environment along with personal hygiene is very important. Superintendent Engineer Shyamsunder, Municipal Engineers Tulasi Kumar, Gomathi, Health Officer Dr. Yuva Anvesh, DCP Devikumari, DEs, staff, public representatives and others participated in this program.



30-Day Action Plan to Transform Anantapur into Clean City

Anantapur, May 23 | TPN Bureau

Anantapur Urban MLA Daggupati Prasad and District Collector O. Anand on Saturday announced a comprehensive 30-day action plan to transform Anantapur city into a clean and hygienic urban centre. The initiative, titled "Operation Clean Sweep," was launched as part of the Swachh Andhra-Swarna Andhra programme.

The drive was formally inaugurated at Surya Nagar Road, Fifth Circle Muster Point and Gooty Road bus stop. The MLA and Collector personally participated in sanitation activities at identified open urination spots and later reviewed the detailed action plan for the city.

Speaking on the occasion, MLA Daggupati Prasad said the programme would be implemented over four weeks

with a structured plan to clean roads, drains and market areas. He said residents would be informed in advance about garbage collection timings and staff schedules to ensure timely disposal. The initiative will involve municipal staff, secretariat personnel and local leaders, with monitoring through CCTV cameras. District Collector O. Anand stated that visible improvements had been achieved over the past three months, and the new plan aims for complete cleanliness. He said similar measures would be extended to all municipalities in the district. Information boards displaying sanitation staff details, GIS mapping and a control room would support the effort. Officials urged public cooperation, stressing that sustained cleanliness depends on active community participation.



Shakti Teams Conduct Awareness Drives on Women and Child Safety in Sri Sathya Sai District

Sri Sathya Sai, May 23 | TPN Bureau

Under the directions of District SP S. Satish Kumar, Shakti Team units on Saturday conducted district-wide awareness programmes focusing on women and child safety, the POCSO Act, cybercrime prevention and road safety.

Officials explained the objectives of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act and highlighted issues such as child sexual abuse, misuse of social media and strict legal consequences for crimes against minors. Awareness was also created on laws protecting women and girls and the legal actions taken against offenders.

Children were sensitised about the concept of "good touch and bad touch" in a simple manner and advised to immediately inform parents, teachers or police in case of

any uncomfortable or suspicious situations. The teams also educated the public on the dangers of child marriage, domestic violence, eve-teasing, sexual harassment and cyber frauds. Parents were advised to closely monitor children below 18 years, especially their use of mobile phones and social media, and to remain cautious about interactions with strangers and online scams.

Residents were urged to report any suspicious persons in villages and school surroundings to the police. The teams appealed for public cooperation in ensuring a safe and respectful environment for women. As part of road safety awareness, people were advised to wear helmets, follow traffic rules and avoid allowing minors to drive vehicles. Helpline numbers including 100, 112, 181, 1930 and 1098 were highlighted for emergencies.

Minister Satya Kumar Yadav Joins Clean Sweep Drive in Dharmavaram

Dharmavaram, May 23 | TPN Bureau

State Minister for Medical, Health, Family Welfare and Medical Education and Dharmavaram MLA Satya Kumar Yadav on Saturday participated in the "Operation Clean Sweep" programme launched by the State government at Pothukunta Shiva Temple in Dharmavaram town. He took part in the drive along with Jana Sena State General Secretary Chilakam Madhusudan Reddy. As part of the programme, the Minister personally cleaned roadside areas by removing weeds and garbage and later joined municipal workers and local residents in sanitation activities. He also created awareness among the public on the importance of cleanliness.

Addressing the gathering, Satya Kumar Yadav said that since the formation of the NDA government, large-scale sanitation drives have been conducted across the State on



the third Saturday of every month under the Swachh Andhra-Swarna Andhra initiative. He said the "Operation Clean Sweep" campaign is being implemented from May 22 to June 20 with a structured four-week plan covering red and yellow spots, drains, residential areas and commercial zones. The Minister stressed that

public participation is key to achieving a clean and healthy Andhra Pradesh, recalling Mahatma Gandhi's message that cleanliness is next to godliness. He also highlighted the impact of the Swachh Bharat Mission launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2014. Local leaders and officials, including municipal staff, participated in the programme.

Dedicated Commission Reviews Data to Fix BC Reservation Quota in Local Bodies

Kurnool, May 23 | TPN Bureau

Dedicated Commission Chairman Rajeev Ranjan Mishra, IAS (Retd.), on Saturday said the panel is undertaking a comprehensive exercise to determine the percentage of Backward Classes (BC) reservations in local bodies in line with constitutional provisions and Supreme Court guidelines.

Addressing a meeting at the Collectorate Sunayana Auditorium, Mishra received representations from caste associations, social organisations, public representatives and citizens on BC reservations in ru-

ral and urban local body elections. He said district-level visits are being conducted to gather field data, including population statistics, BC representation in previous elections and current socio-economic conditions.

The Chairman stressed that accurate population estimation is crucial for determining reservation quotas. The Commission is examining two key factors — social backwardness and population share of BC communities. Data from previous caste surveys and the ongoing Unified Family Survey is being analysed, with emphasis on accuracy and reliability

rather than mere completion percentages.

Mishra noted that timely conduct of local body elections is essential for the release of 16th Finance Commission grants, and the process can proceed only after submission of the Commission's report. District Collector Dr. A. Sireesha said detailed data on district demographics and BC representation has been submitted. Officials highlighted that BC communities form nearly 50-60 per cent of the district population. The Commission assured transparent evaluation of public inputs before finalising recommendations.

TDP Targeted for 'Mudslinging' as It Fails to Answer Jagan's Questions: YSRCP Leader

Kadapa, May 23 | TPN Bureau: YSRCP State Joint Secretary

Kishore Busipati on Saturday accused the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) of resorting to baseless allegations against his party after failing to respond to questions raised by Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy. Addressing a press conference in Kadapa, Busipati alleged that TDP leaders are attempting to create unrest in peaceful regions like Pulivendula by provoking local leaders and spreading misinformation. He criticized the ruling coalition government for what he termed as "complete failure" across sectors and accused it of claiming credit for development works carried out during the previous YSRCP regime. He further alleged large-scale corruption and unchecked exploitation of natural resources under the current administration. Referring to recent remarks by Jagan, Busipati said serious questions regarding past inci-



dent and governance failures remain unanswered. The YSRCP leader also launched sharp criticism against N. Chandrababu Naidu and Nara Lokesh, accusing them of political opportunism and failing

to uphold promises made to the public. He urged the ruling leadership to focus on governance and development, particularly in the Rayalaseema region, instead of engaging in political blame games.



Minister Narayana reviews virtual Mahanadu

Nellore, May 23, TPN Bureau:

State Municipal Administration and Urban Development Minister Dr. Ponguru Narayana directed the city TDP leaders to make preparations to organize the virtual Mahanadu in a prestigious manner. He advised that there should be no shortage of cadres participating in the cluster-wise Mahanadu. He called for arrangements to be made to strengthen the prestige of Nellore. Minister Narayana held a review meeting with party leaders on Saturday evening at the camp office of Nellore Narayana Medical College. He directed the city TDP leaders on the organization of the virtual Mahanadu. As per the call of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Mahanadu to be

held in Nellore was canceled in the context of energy conservation and the party's national president Chandrababu Naidu and working president Yuvaneta Nara Lokesh decided to organize a virtual hybrid Mahanadu on the 27th and 28th of this month at the party headquarters in Mangalagiri. They advised to work hard to make the virtual Mahanadu a success. They ordered to set up LED screens in 14 clusters within the city constituency and make all arrangements to watch the virtual Mahanadu. Deputy Mayor Roop Kumar Yadav, city party president Mamidala Madhu, state BC cell vice president Dharmavaram Subbarao, corporators, cluster in-charges, co-clusters, division presidents and TDP leaders participated in this meeting.



14.67 Crore Rest House Project Launched to Boost Kurnool Government Hospital

Kurnool, May 23 | TPN Bureau

Industries, Commerce and Food Processing Minister T.G. Bharat Gupta on Saturday said that the development of Kurnool Government General Hospital is his top priority, with efforts underway to elevate it from the third position to the number one hospital in Andhra Pradesh. The Minister laid the foundation stone for a 150-bed rest house to be built at a cost of 14.67 crore within the hospital premises. The project is being taken up with funds from Power Grid Corporation of India under its Corporate Social Responsibility initiative.

Addressing the gathering, Bharat Gupta said the hospital is already equipped with skilled doctors and good facilities, attracting patients not only from Andhra Pradesh but

also from Telangana and Karnataka. The proposed rest house will provide accommodation for patient attendants and improve overall services. He directed the National Buildings Construction Corporation to complete the construction within ten months. He also urged Power Grid to extend further financial support for additional infrastructure.

Power Grid Chairman and Managing Director Vamsi Ram Mohan Burra said the company has spent nearly 100 crore in Andhra Pradesh under CSR initiatives and expressed happiness in contributing to the hospital's development. Panyanam MLA Gowru Charitha called for timely completion and proper maintenance of the facility. A battery-operated vehicle for cancer patients was also inaugurated.