

Officials Oversee Smooth Conduct of UPSC Prelims in Tirupati

Tirupati, May 24 | TPN Bureau

The UPSC Civil Services (Preliminary) Examination 2026 was conducted smoothly across Tirupati district on Sunday under the supervision of senior officials. District Observer Seshagiri Rao, IAS, reviewed the examination process to ensure adherence to guidelines and proper conduct.

The examination, conducted by the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC), was held at key centres including Sri Padmavati Girls High School, Sri Padmavati Women's Degree and PG College, and SVU College of Engineering in Tirupati.

District Collector Dr S. Venkateshwar and Superintendent of Police L. Subbaraidu inspected the examination centres and reviewed the arrangements put in place for candidates. The Collector enquired about the facilities provided and directed officials to ensure the smooth and hassle-free conduct of the examination. Officials confirmed that all necessary measures, including security, seating arrangements and basic amenities, were arranged efficiently at the centres. District Revenue Officer Narasimhulu also visited the centres and monitored the process. According to official data, 64.01 per cent of candidates appeared for the morning session, while 63.11 per cent attended the afternoon session. Authorities expressed satisfaction over the orderly conduct of the examination without any major issues.



MLA Gurajala Jagan Mohan pays tribute to TDP leaders

Chittoor, May 24, TPN Bureau: MLA Gurajala Jagan Mohan paid tribute to the senior leaders of the Telugu Desam Party who passed away recently in Chittoor mandal. On Sunday, during the welcome ceremony of Kumaraswamy Naidu in Pai-Venkatapuram village, the MLA paid tribute to his

portrait and visited his family members. Later, he participated in the welcome ceremony of Kovi Nagarajulu Naidu in Vengareddy Palli village and garlanded his portrait and paid tribute. Former MLCs BN Rajasimhulu, Kajuru Balaji, Mohan Raj and local leaders participated in the program.



Encouraging talented students is commendable - Vemireddy couple

Nellore, May 24, TPN Bureau:

Nellore Member of Parliament Vemireddy Prabhakar Reddy said that it is commendable that the All Gandia Telukula Welfare Association is encouraging talented students. He said that he was happy to participate in the Swargiya Grossu Gopalaiiah Memorial Gold Medal Award Ceremony organized by the Telukula Welfare Association. The Swargiya Grossu Gopalaiiah Memorial Gold Medal Award Ceremony was organized by the State Gandia and Telukula Welfare Association at the Kalyana Mandapam on Mini Bypass Road in Nellore on Sunday. Nellore MP Vemireddy Prabhakar Reddy and Kovur MLA Vemireddy Prashanthi Reddy were the chief guests for the program and presented the Pratibha awards to the students. The MP said that he had a share in running an old age home under Grossu Gopalaiiah. He said that by presenting Pratibha awards to encourage the youth, the spirit of competition will increase. He said that it is gratifying to have won the first and second gold medal awards at the state level and to have selected two each from

each district and presented Pratibha awards, and that the tradition of respecting parents is disappearing. He said that everyone should cultivate the qualities of service. He said that they should choose a good path with long-term plans and overcome obstacles and move forward as a pioneer. Kovur MLA Vemireddy Prashanthi Reddy said that congratulating the students should be taken as an inspiration. He said that the Chandrababu Naidu government is the one who is responsible for the grievances of BCs. He said that it is a great thing to encourage and congratulate students who have shown talent in class 10 and intermediate by giving prizes, and the program being done by this association is something that the society should be proud of. Prashanthi Reddy said that they should be taken as inspiration. He said that he hopes to scale many more high peaks in the future. He wants the students to take steps towards higher goals in the coming days instead of being slaves to social media. The Vemireddy couple was honored by the members of the association under the leadership of Gross Subbarao.

"Democracy is Being Destroyed in AP," Alleges YSRCP Leader Gadikota Srikanth Reddy

Rayachoti, May 24 | TPN Bureau:



YSRCP State General Secretary Gadikota Srikanth Reddy strongly criticized the current government, alleging that democracy in Andhra Pradesh is being "burnt away." Speaking at a press meet held at the YSRCP office in Rayachoti (Annamayya district), he accused ruling coalition leaders of encouraging violence, attacks, and lawlessness. He stated that instead of welfare and development, the present government has focused on borrowing heavily, claiming that in just two years it has accumulated debts comparable to what the previous government did in five years. Srikanth Reddy warned that if democracy continues to be disturbed, they will not remain silent and will involve youth to safeguard democratic values.

Referring to Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, he said the Constitution was designed to ensure proper functioning of systems like IAS, IPS, and revenue departments. He also mentioned Ma-

hatma Gandhi's contribution in promoting peace globally. However, he alleged that these systems are now being misused for the benefit of ruling party leaders. He criticized the lack of action in attack cases, pointing out that even after 20 days, no steps were taken regarding an assault on a former municipal vice chairman. He further alleged that despite informing the SP in advance about a possible attack on himself, no preventive action was taken. Srikanth Reddy accused the police of supporting anti-social elements and said that victims are being denied justice. He also alleged irregularities in the revenue system,

claiming that government lands are being distributed arbitrarily. He raised concerns about the condition of Rayachoti, stating that development has stalled. He recalled that during former Chief Minister Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy's tenure, a ring road was developed, and later, during Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy's rule, Rayachoti was made a district center. He alleged that the district status has now been weakened, causing setbacks to local development. He urged the youth to unite and work towards restoring discipline and protecting democracy. He also warned that those indulging in wrongdoing today will face

Govindaraja Swamy graced the devotees in the form of Saraswati on a swan chariot

Tirupati, May 24, 2026, TPN Bureau:

On the second day of the Tirupati Sri Govindaraja Swamy Brahmotsavam, on Sunday night, Sri Govindaraja Swamy appeared as a divine darshan to the devotees on a swan chariot in the form of Saraswati Devi. The vehicle service, which began at 7 pm, was grandly conducted with devotional ecstasy. While bulls, horses, and gajarajas walked in front of the vehicle... the streets of Tirupati were filled with wood bhajans, kolatas, and chanting of Govinda's name. The devotees who watched the Swamy's vehicle service amidst the sounds of auspicious instruments offered camphor aartis at every step and experienced a divine experience. Swan Vehicle - Symbol of Knowledge The swan, the vehicle of Brahma, is mentioned in the Puranas as a symbol of knowledge and wisdom. The nature of the swan, which separates milk from water, is a sign of the wisdom of



the soul and the soul. That is why the Upanishads describe the great ones who have attained oneness with the Supreme Soul as "Paramahansa". Spiritual texts explain that Sri Hari mounts the swan vehicle to remove egoism among the devotees and bestow the knowledge of knowledge and the attainment of Brahmapa-

da. Tirumala Sri Sri Sri Sri Pedda Jeeyarswamy, Sri Sri Sri Chinna Jeeyarswamy, temple Deputy EO Smt. Shanti, AEO Sri Narayana Chowdhury, Superintendent Sri Chiranjeevi, Temple Inspector Sri Dhanunjayulu, temple priests and a large number of devotees participated in this vehicle service.

Chief Minister should intervene in the establishment of Balaji Railway Division

Pakala, May 24, TPN Bureau:

Members of the Railway Division Sadhana Samiti organized a large rally from the Pakala Railway Station to the bus stand. Speaking at a meeting at the Railway Institute, Balaji Division Sadhana Samiti convener Kuppalagiridhar Kumar warned that if the situation in the Rayalaseema region did not improve, they would have to intensify the movement. They said that they were listening to the leaders peacefully and that there was no response. They asked the Chief Minister to intervene in the establishment of the Balaji Railway Division and bring it to the attention of the Central Government. They asked that the Balaji Railway Division be established in the CM's own constituency, Chandragiri constituency. He requested that Balaji Railway Division be established as the fifth division in the Visakhapatnam zone of the South Coast Railway, otherwise he requested that Guntur Division be shifted here. Guntur Vijayawada Divisions are 30 km apart and in 2003 the division was shifted from Tirupati to Guntur. He said this is a good opportunity to develop Tirupati to Pakala as a railway hub. He requested that an electric loco shed, staff zonal training centers and pit lines be set up in Pakala. He said that it has been an important place since the British era and that it is the only station that has gained such recognition after Guntakal. There are hundreds



of acres of railway land here and there are many opportunities to utilize it, but they are not paying attention to it. He said that the pit lines in Tirupati are being shifted here and now they are not taking that step. Chairman M. Venugopal Reddy said that if we had fought for the D.R. Mahal Bridge, R.C. Road Bridge or the Garudadri Express train going to Chennai, we would have achieved these today and submitted a memorandum to the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh stating that this area needs a division. K.V. Chowdhury said that there is an opportunity to export commercial crops like mango, banana, tomato, lemon and papaya in this area, which will benefit

traders and farmers. President Bujji Babu Naidu said that once this area was very developed with steam loco engines, a huge shed with thousands of employees, hundreds of railway colony houses and big bungalows of the British era, but today it resembles a jungle atmosphere with thick thickets and unsightly trees. And in every village around there are tens of families who have worked on the railway, and they will fight till the end to develop this area, he said. Pushparaj, YS Babu, Seshagiri Rao, Radhakrishna, Nikhil, Akhil, Srihari, Anil, Neeladri, Nilesh Krishnamurthy, Rajendra, Venkatesh, Doraswamy and others participated in this program.



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.



Common Devotees Get Top Priority at Tirumala Says TTD Additional EO

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TTD Additional Executive Officer C.H. Venkaiah Chowdhury has said that top priority is being given to common devotees visiting Tirumala, with extensive arrangements made to ensure smooth and comfortable darshan of Lord Venkateswara.

In view of the heavy influx of pilgrims during the summer season, the Additional EO, along with TTD JEO (Medical and Education) Dr A. Sarath, Tirupati District SP L. Subbaraidu and TTD Chief Vigilance and Security Officer K.V. Muralikrishna, inspected the time-slot Sarva Darshan and Divya Darshan token counters at the Bhudevi Complex in Tirupati on Sunday evening.

He stated that all departments are working in coordination to provide seamless services, including darshan, anna prasadam, drinking water, security and other essential facilities. Tokens for time-bound darshan are being issued at

Bhudevi Complex, Srinivasam and Vishnu Nivasam centres.

Special arrangements such as improved infrastructure, fans, drinking water and rain protection facilities have been put in place for the convenience of devotees. Officials are continuously monitoring the rush, queue lines and darshan timings, considering that over one lakh devotees visit Tirumala daily. District SP L. Subbaraidu warned of strict action against those misleading devotees, particularly auto drivers found overcharging or misleading pilgrims. He said criminal cases and vehicle seizures would be initiated if violations continue. TTD CVSO K.V. Muralikrishna urged devotees not to believe false information circulating on social media and to rely only on official TTD updates. He also appealed to report any fraudulent activities to vigilance authorities. Senior TTD officials and Tirupati police personnel participated in the inspection.

Kadapa BJP Leader Appointed Industrial Development Commissioner for Vijayawada Zone

Kadapa, May 24 | TPN Bureau

Senior BJP leader and prominent advocate Gorre Srinivasulu from Proddatur in Kadapa district has been appointed as Industrial Development Commissioner for the Vijayawada Zone. The appointment is seen as a significant recognition of his services. He received the appointment letter at a formal event held in Bengaluru, organised under the aegis of the Federation of Industries Research and Development (FIRD), an organisation affiliated with the Central Government. The letter was handed over by FIRD Vice President Ayanulla Khan and South India Chairman Aravind Govindappa. Srinivasulu will serve in this role for a period of six years, with Vijayawada as the zonal headquarters. As part of its initiative to streamline in-

dustrial approvals, the organisation aims to assist investors in avoiding delays caused by procedural hurdles and multiple office visits. The body will facilitate faster clearances for industries, particularly those under the MSME sector, and extend support to national and international entrepreneurs. It will also ensure timely disbursement of subsidies to eligible industries. As part of administrative restructuring, Andhra Pradesh has been divided into three zones, with Srinivasulu heading the Vijayawada Zone. The zone covers the districts of West Godavari, Vijayawada, Guntur, Prakasam and Nellore. Speaking after receiving the appointment, Srinivasulu said the position is a recognition of his long-standing service and that it increases his responsibility.