



## Nellore leads in governance performance, says Minister Anam

Atmakur, May 22 | TPN Bureau:

State Minister Anam Ramarayanan Reddy said Nellore district has emerged as a frontrunner in the performance of government departments, calling it a matter of pride for the administration. He was speaking after chairing a review meeting with officials of various departments at the R & B Guest House in Atmakur.

The minister said welfare and development programmes are being implemented effectively due to coordinated efforts between public representatives and officials. He noted that the Chief Minister had appreciated the district's performance and congratulated the officials for their work. He urged them to further accelerate development with the same spirit. Reviewing irrigation-related departments, including Somasila and Telugu Ganga projects, the minister assessed canal repair works and ongoing projects. He directed officials to complete pending works and ensure the release of irrigation water to farmers ahead of the Kharif season. Expressing concern over delays in some canal works, he instructed that projects sanctioned under Cyclone Relief and FDR grants be expedited without delay. He also reviewed issues related to the North and South canals under the So-

masila project and ordered their early completion. The minister said 440 works have been sanctioned under minor and medium irrigation at a cost of Rs 3,212 crore, of which some have been completed, and directed that the remaining works be finished quickly. He added that 336 drinking water projects under the Jal Jeevan Mission, worth Rs 6,588 crore, are under implementation.

Emphasising the need to prevent water scarcity during summer, he directed officials to fully revive schemes under CPWS and NTR Sujala Sravanthi. The minister also reviewed works under the AMRUT scheme worth Rs 36 crore in Atmakur municipality, including roads, drains and drinking water infrastructure, and asked officials to ensure timely completion through better coordination. Anam said a comprehensive master plan for Atmakur municipality has been prepared and the notification process completed. He added that the plan will be submitted to the state and central governments to secure future funding. He also announced steps to expand the municipality from 23 wards to 28 wards. The minister said the focus is on mobilising maximum funds and ensuring all-round development of the Atmakur constituency. District and constituency-level officials from various departments attended the meeting.

## Minister Narayana extends support to bereaved family

Nellore City, May 22 | TPN Bureau:

Municipal Administration and Urban Development Minister Ponguru Narayana extended support to a poor family in Nellore that recently lost its young son, demonstrating a humanitarian gesture despite being on official duty in New Delhi.

According to officials, Yadagiri Nagendra, 24, a resident of Zakir Hussain Nagar Tribal Colony in the 3rd Division of Nellore city, died two days ago, leaving his family in deep distress. With the family struggling to cope both emotionally and financially, local leaders brought their situation to the attention of the minister.

Responding immediately, Narayana directed his office staff in Nellore to provide assistance to help the family secure a livelihood. Acting on the family's request, he arranged

for the purchase and delivery of an ironing cart so that the parents could earn a living from home.

Following his instructions, local representatives including Mamidala Madhu, Adinarayana Reddy, Komari Vijayamma, Kakarla Govardhan, Kamalakar, Sailaja, Krishna, Mallikarjuna and Mastan handed over the ironing cart to the family and offered words of encouragement.

Local leaders praised the minister for his prompt response and compassion, noting that he continues to address the difficulties of the poor even while attending official duties outside the state. They said Narayana is expected to visit the bereaved family in person soon. The gesture has drawn appreciation from residents, who said such timely support can make a significant difference to families facing sudden hardship.

## Lokesh bats for natural farming during Kadapa visit

Jammalamadugu, May 23 | TPN Bureau:

Education and IT Minister Nara Lokesh underscored the need to promote organic agriculture, stating that zero-budget natural farming is the goal of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu. During his two-day tour of Kadapa district, the minister visited an integrated natural farming field at Penikalapadu village in Muddanur mandal of Jammalamadugu constituency. He interacted with farmer Munagala Dwarkanatha Reddy and his family, who welcomed him to their farm.

Dwarkanatha Reddy and his brother Ramana Reddy have been practising organic farming on 17 acres of joint family land for the past five years. Through an integrated approach combining crop cultivation, animal husbandry, poultry and fish farming, the family has achieved a steady income. Their farm includes crops such as mango, sweet potato, amla, coconut, lemon, betel nut, guava, moong, ramaphal and sitaphal, along with rearing around 250 cows, 60 rams and fish.

The minister enquired about their shift to natural farming. The farmers said they were inspired by a 70-year-old organic farmer, Lakshminarayana, from their village. Despite initial setbacks, they continued with encouragement from ag-



ricultural officials, who also provided training in Tirupati and support for a bio-research centre. The family now produces natural fertilisers and preserves 32 varieties of biodiverse seeds on their farm, eliminating the need for chemical inputs.

They explained that reduced investment has improved profitability, with integrated farming providing a regular income. The farmers said even one cow can support organic cultivation on up to 20 acres and noted that dense planting helps suppress weeds and reduces the need for pesticides. They earn between Rs 3 lakh and Rs 3.5 lakh annually from organically grown mangoes and expressed confidence that greater government support

could expand natural farming.

Responding, Lokesh said excessive use of chemical fertilisers and pesticides is harming soil health and increasing cultivation costs. He reiterated the government's commitment to promoting natural farming, small millets, drip irrigation in Rayalaseema and development of chain ponds. He also stressed linking farmers to strengthen organic farming networks.

The minister inspected the farm, including various crops and a 32-lakh-litre water tank. He congratulated the family for their success and assured continued support. Lokesh also tasted organically grown mangoes, which were later presented to him by the family.

## Minister Kollu Ravindra wants to develop the state through the use of natural resources

Kurnool, May 22 | TPN Bureau:

State Mines, Geology and Excise Minister Kollu Ravindra said Andhra Pradesh's vast mineral resources will be developed into a major driver of economic growth. During a visit to the gold mining project operated by Geo Mysore Services India Private Limited near Jonnagiri village in Tugali mandal of Kurnool district, the minister, accompanied by Pattikonda MLA K.E. Shyam Babu, reviewed operations and inspected modern mining and mineral processing techniques.

Addressing the media, Ravindra said the government aims to strengthen the mining sector using advanced technology and make it a key contributor to the state's economy. He noted significant technological progress at the Jonnagiri mines since his previous visit, expressing satisfaction with the use of modern machinery and methods.

The minister said mining operations are currently being carried out up to a depth of about 300 metres, with potential to extend up to two kilometres, which could significantly enhance gold reserves. He stated that the mine is producing around one kilogram of gold per day, or about 30 kilograms per month, with approximately one gram of gold extracted from each tonne of ore. He added that nearly two lakh tonnes of ore have been processed so far and estimated mineral re-



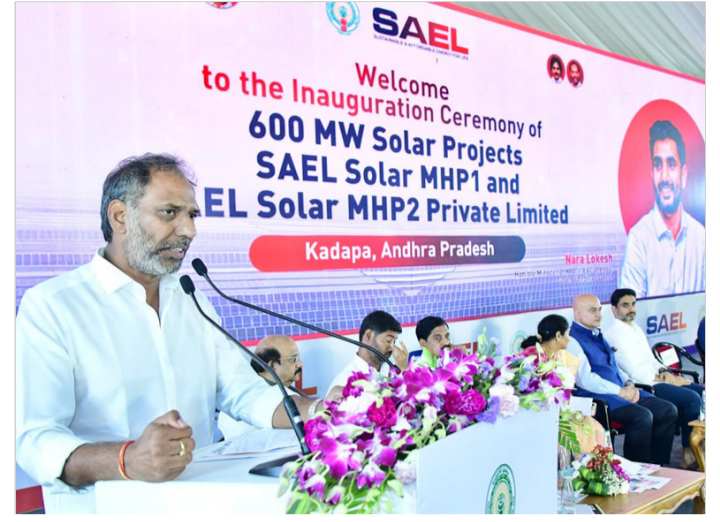
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State Power Minister Gottipati Ravikumar Kadapa, May 22, TPN Bureau:

Andhra Pradesh is standing in a special position in development, industrial progress and employment generation in India. The people have faith that Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu will definitely implement whatever promise he makes, and the welfare and development programs undertaken by the state government are being implemented with strict supervision to reach every section, Minister Gottipati Ravikumar said in Kadapa on Friday. We have successfully completed programs that will

benefit six lakh SC and ST beneficiaries. We are implementing every scheme effectively so that the people get direct benefits. From now on, along with traditional development, we are giving top priority to the green energy sector. He said that huge solar projects like SAEL are providing investments, employment and environmental protection to the state. They stated that the face of Rayalaseema is going to change through solar energy and green industries. This is the beginning of a new era where youth will get jobs locally.

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## Police warn of strict action against those who commit crimes against minors

Tirupati, May 22, TPN Bureau:

Tirupati police have registered a case under the POCSO Act at Tirupati East Police Station and arrested the accused for allegedly sexually assaulting a 16-year-old minor girl multiple times by her cousin Rammurthy 51, who works as a senior assistant in the Tirupati GST Department. Investigation revealed that the accused had forcibly sexually assaulted the victim against her will in Tirupati as well as in other places. Similarly, it was learned that he had kept the chats he had with the victim over phone and shared chat, intimate

photos taken together, and had threatened to make them viral on social media if she did not come when he called her and that he would kill her parents if she told anyone about this. Upon learning of this, the victim's parents filed a complaint at the Jagadrigutta Police Station in Telangana, where the police registered a zero FIR and transferred the case to the Tirupati East Police Station in Andhra Pradesh for jurisdiction. Based on the said zero FIR, a case was registered at the Tirupati East Police Station under the POCSO Act. On the orders of Tirupati District SP L.

Subbaraidu, Tirupati Sub-Divisional Police Officer Sri Bhaktavatsalam investigated the case in depth and collected key evidence. During the investigation, it was found that along with the main accused Rammurthy, the role of the victim's aunt Manasa, Deputy Tahsildar, and Railway Kodur, who helped him escape from the case, was also found. With this, both of them were arrested by the police at 5.30 pm on 21-05-2026 and later produced before the court and sent to judicial remand. The investigation of the case is currently ongoing. Police appeal to the public: Tirupati Po-

lice has advised that incidents of sexual harassment, threats, and blackmail against minor children should not be hidden under any circumstances and should be reported to the police immediately. If anyone is threatened through social media and chat apps, they should contact their parents or the police without fear. Tirupati Police has made it clear that the police department is always committed to the protection of minor children and will take strict legal action against the accused while protecting the privacy of the victims.

## RTC EV charging stations to be set up - AP-SPDCL CMD Shivshankar in review meeting

Tirupati, May 22, TPN Bureau: APSPDCL Chairman & Managing Director Shivshankar Loteti has requested the state road transport corporation to speed up the work of setting up EV charging stations in Nellore, Kadapa, Anantapur, Kurnool and Tirupati districts under APSPDCL. CMD Shivshankar Loteti held a review meeting with the superintending engineers, RTC officials and contractors of the respective districts through video conference from the APSPDCL corporate office on Friday. Speaking on the occasion, he said that EV charging stations are being set up for RTC



buses at Nellore, Kadapa, Anantapur, Kurnool and Mangalam under APSPDCL. The contractors undertaking these works were advised to prioritize quality in their work and to coordinate with the APSPDCL and APSRTC officials and

complete the work by June 20th of this year. If any obstacles arise during the implementation of the works, they were asked to contact the concerned Circle Superintending Engineer, resolve the problems and complete the work on time. The program was attended by the company's Director (Projects & IT) P. Ayub Khan, Director (Technical & HRD) K. Guravai, Chief General Manager K. Sampath Kumar, General Manager Jagadish, Superintending Engineers Raghavendram, Seshadri Shekhar, Pradeep Kumar, Chandrashekhar, RTC Regional Managers and contractors.