Storytelling Key in Medical Education

Chittoor, June 3 | TPN Bureau

AIMSR Dean Dr. Alfred J. Augustine stated that story-based teaching is an effective tool to teach complex medical topics easily and interestingly. Speaking at a faculty development program on "The Art of Storytelling in Health Professional Education" organized by the Medical Education Unit at Apollo Institute of Medical Sciences and Research, Chittoor, he noted that stories boost critical thinking, analytical perspectives, and problem-solving skills. Citing Narrative Transportation Theory, he added that stories create emotional connection and ensure long-term retention.
Resource faculty Dr. Ajay Kumar Sharma, Senior Consultant Transplant Surgeon from Apollo Indraprastha Hospital, raised awareness on adult learning principles. Explaining Kolb's experiential learning cycle, he stressed that knowledge is retained longer through direct experiences, observations, analyses, and practical application rather than mere theoretical teaching.The program included group activities providing practical training to faculty on designing story-based lessons. AIMSR Associate Dean (Academics) Dr. Ramya Ramakrishnan, departmental heads, and faculty members from AIMSR and The Apollo University participated in the event.

APSPDCL to Ensure Uninterrupted
Power for Industries

Tirupati, June 3 | TPN Bureau

APSPDCL Chairman and Managing Director Shivshankar Loteti directed officials to ensure industries face no power issues. Speaking at a monthly video conference connecting nine districts, he addressed ten consumers from Tirupati, Chittoor, Anantapur, and Kurnool demanding uninterrupted supply. Loteti stated that APSPDCL prioritizes quality supply and is constructing sub-stations where needed to support industrial growth. Responding to Allur aiah from Gandrajupalle Industrial Estate near Chittoor, who reported disruptions due to infrastructure gaps, the CMD announced that a dedicated sub-station has been sanctioned for the area and construction will begin shortly.
Chief General Managers M. Umapathy, M. Murali Kumar, and K. Sampath Kumar participated in the program.

Tirupati Laddu Sales Hit All-Time High of 1.21 Crore in May

Tirumala, June 03 | TPN Bureau

The sacred Srivari Laddu prasadam of the Venkateswara Swamy temple recorded an all-time high sales figure of 1,21,35,528 (12.13 million) units in May 2026, marking a substantial year-on-year increase from 1.10 crore in 2025. To meet rising demand, Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) has increased daily production to over 4 lakh units by utilizing advanced machinery in the Srivari Potu while strictly adhering to traditional "Dittam" ingredient standards. To ensure quality and efficiency, 68 tonnes of daily raw materials are processed for the GI-tagged, FSSAI-licensed, offering, which is sold through 56 counters and new digital kiosks. TTD maintains a buffer stock of 8 to 10 lakh laddus for peak periods to guarantee uninterrupted supply for pilgrims.

MR Pally Cemetery to be Fully Developed

Tirupati, June 3 | TPN Bureau

MLA Arani Srinivasulu announced that the MR Pally Cemetery will undergo comprehensive development following a joint inspection with officials and public representatives on Wednesday morning. Addressing local complaints, the MLA stated that the housing title dispute blocking the cemetery expansion has been resolved by allocating an alternative site. He added that the District Collector has approved the development plans for the remaining land following an SPDCL land survey. Immediate infrastructure upgrades will include a community hall and a compound wall.Municipal Corporation Commissioner Sarada Devi confirmed that basic amenities will be established to ensure smooth rituals. Under the directives of the District Collector and Special Officer, the corporation will install a special hall, a borehole, and a water tanker to assist locals without further inconvenience. Superintendent Engineer Shyamsunder, Municipal Engineer Tulasi Kumar, and DE Mahesh participated in the inspection program.

Government to Purchase Mangoes Till Last Fruit : Minister

Tirupati, June 03 | TPN Bureau

State Agriculture Minister Kinjarapu Atchannaidu assured mango farmers that the government will ensure the purchase of their crop down to the very last fruit. Speaking at a state-level virtual review meeting on Wednesday, the minister advised farmers against panic harvesting and suggested a phased approach to maintain stable prices and reduce pressure on processing units.
The high-level meeting discussed crop conditions, marketing, and processing with key corporate representatives from Pepsi, Coca-Cola, and Parle. Horticulture Department Director Srinivasulu requested these companies to maintain their high purchase demand. Food Processing Society Chief Executive Officer Chiranjeevi Chowdhury highlighted plans for a value-addition workshop.Tirupati District Collector S. Venkateswar reported that despite a 25 to 28 percent dip in production across 40,000 hectares, proactive measures have improved market conditions compared to last year. Current prices stand at Rs 7 to Rs 7.50 per kg, with efforts underway to secure a minimum of Rs 8 per kg. Officials were also instructed to resolve pending incentives for the struggling Nawab Foods unit in Erravaripalem.The high-level virtual review meeting concluded with the participation of State Agriculture Minister Kinjarapu Atchannaidu, Horticulture Department Director Srinivasulu, and Food Processing Society Chief Executive Officer Chiranjeevi Chowdhury.

Grand Ganga Jatara Celebrations in Nennur

Ramachandrapuram, June 03 | TPN Bureau

The Ganga Jatara festival was celebrated with religious fervor and grand splendor in Nennur panchayat of Ramachandrapuram mandal, under the Chandragiri constituency. Following a special invitation from local mandal leaders and village elders, Pulivarthi Vineel, the son of Chandragiri MLA Pulivarthi Nani, attended the festival as the chief guest.
Upon his arrival, village elders, alliance leaders, and party workers gathered in large numbers to accord a grand welcome to Vineel. He then presented sacred silk robes (Pattu Vastralu) to Goddess Gangamma and performed special prayers. Vineel prayed to the deity for the health, prosperity, and well-being of every individual in the village. A large number of local residents and devotees participated in the event to seek blessings and receive prasadam.The event concluded successfully with the participation of Chandragiri MLA Pulivarthi Nani and Chief Guest Pulivarthi Vineel.

MLA Somireddy Meets CM Chandrababu Naidu

Velagapudi, June 03 | TPN Bureau

Sarvepalli MLA Somireddy Chandramohan Reddy held a courtesy meeting with Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu at the CM office in Velagapudi Secretariat on Wednesday. During this key discussion, the legislator brought several critical developmental and regional issues concerning his constituency to the immediate attention of the government. The discussion primarily focused on securing financial sanctions to accelerate local infrastructure growth. The legislator formally requested the allocation of necessary funds to complete various pending public works. He emphasized the urgent need to finalize several key irrigation projects that are vital for the agricultural sector and farmers in the Sarvepalli region.

Admissions Open at SV Oriental College

Tirupati, June 03 | TPN Bureau

The admission process for the academic year 2026-27 has commenced at Venkateswara Oriental College, run under the auspices of TTD. College authorities termed this a golden opportunity for students wishing to study Indian culture, literature, and languages.Applications are invited for the three-year B.A. (OL) degree course in Telugu, Sanskrit, Hindi, and Tourism and Travel Management departments. Admissions are also open for the two-year pre-degree course, which is equivalent to intermediate, in Sanskrit, Telugu, and Hindi. Admitted male and female students will be provided with separate free hostel facilities and free meals.For the pre-degree courses, candidates under 18 years with an SSC qualification are eligible. For the degree courses, candidates under 21 years with an intermediate or pre-degree qualification can apply. Direct admissions with original certificates will begin at the college from June 17, 2026. Application forms can be obtained for Rs 25 from the college office on K.T. Road and must be submitted by July 31, 2026. Interested candidates can contact 9848642346 or 6281894208 for further details.The enrollment process is being monitored by the Venkateswara Oriental College Management.

Petitions to be Resolved Within 30 Days: Collector

Kaluwai, June 03 | TPN Bureau

District Collector Himanshu Shukla announced that all public grievances received during the innovative village view program will be resolved within 30 days via a special online portal. Speaking at Kullur village in Kaluvai mandal, the official warned that individuals creating fake documents or committing land irregularities will face imprisonment.
Accompanied by Venkatagiri MLA Kurugondla Ramakrishna, the Collector inspected local employment guarantee works, anganwadi centers, drinking water quality, and village health clinics. Following an extensive village tour, they held a face-to-face meeting with residents to receive petitions regarding re-surveys and land encroachments. A special team has been formed exclusively to handle these revenue issues.
The MLA noted that development works worth Rs 6.80 crore were executed in Kullur panchayat over the last two years. Later, the dignitaries distributed certificates to meritorious tenth-class students, Chief Minister Relief Fund cheques, and land titles to disabled individuals. Numerous district-level officials, including DFO Mahbub Basha, RDO Pavani, and ZP CEO Sridhar Reddy, participated.
The developmental program concluded successfully with the participation of District Collector Himanshu Shukla, Venkatagiri MLA Kurugondla Ramakrishna, and DFO Mahbub Basha.