

# We will ensure that pending applications are resolved quickly: Minister Kollu Ravindra

Chittoor, June 10 | TPN Bureau

Mines, Geology and Excise Minister Kollu Ravindra announced strict measures against illegal mining traders and committed to restoring the district's mining sector to its former glory. Speaking at a review meeting in the Chittoor collectorate conference hall on Wednesday, the Minister stated that steps are underway to resolve pending quarry applications quickly and address ongoing administrative hurdles. Minister Kollu Ravindra revealed that the mining sector suffered severe setbacks over the past five years due to unusual fines and issues. However, under the new coalition government, the state's mining revenue has surged by 40 percent, reaching approximately



33,000 crores. The government is developing special plans for mineral resources like limestone, iron ore, and beach sand, alongside a dedicated policy for rare earth minerals. Plans are also ongoing to auction and bring 12 identified blocks into production. Out of 682 mining leases in Chittoor district, only half are currently operational, and many of the 500 to 600 mineral-based

industries remain stalled. A special committee will study these industrial issues comprehensively. Addressing granite sector challenges, the Minister promised a comparative policy review of Tamil Nadu and Karnataka regarding royalty grievances. Furthermore, he highlighted Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu's historic decision providing 33 percent reservation to Vadderas, noting that steps to grant quarry leases to Vaddera cooperative societies with a 50 percent subsidy are actively ongoing to expand local employment. Chittoor MLA Gurujal Jagan Mohan, District Joint Collector A Rajendran, and Chuda Chairman Katari Hemalatha Others Participated in this program.

## Comprehensive Development Agenda Outlined at Key Nellore DRC Meet



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The District Review Committee (DRC) meeting in Nellore, chaired by In-charge Minister N.M.D. Farooq, concluded with a focus on prioritizing agriculture, irrigation, and industrial development for the upcoming Kharif season. Key officials, including Ministers Dr. Ponguru Narayana and Anam Ramanarayana Reddy, discussed enhancing Tobacco Board representation for local farmers, increasing urea quotas to three bags, and accelerating irrigation repairs at Somashila and Kandale ru projects. Key decisions included a resolution for improved

Tobacco Board representation for local farmers, increasing urea quotas, and accelerating irrigation repairs at Somashila and Kandale ru projects. Infrastructure development projects, such as the completion of the Chintaladevi Breeding Center water facilities and the upcoming inauguration of the Nellore City MSME park, were highlighted, with MP Bida Mastan Rao announcing a donation of 10 million prawn seeds for local fishermen. The meeting was attended by legislators including Somireddy Chandramohan Reddy, Vemireddy Prashanthi Reddy, Kurugondluru projects. Key decisions included a resolution for improved

# SVU Convocation Focuses on Education and Global Innovation

Tirupati, June 10 | TPN Bureau

Andhra Pradesh Governor S. Abdul Nazeer stated that earning a degree is a direct reflection of a student's hard work, dedication, perseverance, and commitment. Speaking at the 63rd to 68th joint graduation ceremony held at the SV Auditorium in Sri Venkateswara University on Wednesday, he highlighted that the convocation represents a celebration of wisdom, discipline, and community service, marking the beginning of a fresh journey for young graduates. The ceremony saw active participation from VC Tata Narasinga Rao and Registrar Bhupathi Naidu, alongside university professors and scholars. During the mega event, a total of 502 students received gold medals and 260 special prizes were distributed. Additionally, 2,713 students were awarded their degrees directly, 719 received them through attendance exemption, and 12,141 through the advance policy framework.



Governor S. Abdul Nazeer praised the institution's historic journey since its founding in 1954, noting it was established through the foresight of past visionaries like Madras Presidency Premier Tanguturi Prakasam Pantulu and Sixth President of India Neelam Sanjeeva Reddy to serve the educational aspirations of Rayalaseema. The Governor noted that India is progressing fast as a global knowledge center. He stressed that the global perception of India has changed, with people of Indian origin serving exceptionally as corporate chief executive officers, scientists, and researchers worldwide. The university is utilizing Rashtriya Uchatar Shiksha Abhiyan funds to expand its infrastructure and launch critical Centers of Excellence. These advanced setups specialize in satellite technology, nanotechnology, herbal medicine, and water resource management. Notably, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation granted Remote Pilot Training Organization status to the university for drone pilot training, a skill program planned for expansion to the local police and youth. Prominent national

figures were awarded doctorates during the event. Honorary degrees were presented to Government of India Chief Scientific Adviser Ajay Kumar Sood, National Science Academy of India President C. Mande, and Bharat Biotech International Executive Chairman Krishna Y. Y. Ella. TUDA Chairman Dollars Diwakar Reddy also received his doctorate from Governor S. Abdul Nazeer for his research on the economic conditions of tenant farmers in Chittoor district within the Department of Economics. The Governor concluded by quoting former President APJ Abdul Kalam, advising the graduates to dream courageously and work with absolute sincerity for the welfare of humanity. The ceremony concluded with the official presentations made to Government of India Chief Scientific Adviser Ajay Kumar Sood, National Science Academy of India President C. Mande, and Bharat Biotech International Executive Chairman Krishna Y. Y. Ella.

## TDP to Take 700 Crore Nellore Rural Development Schemes to Masses



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Telugu Desam Party state spokesperson Kotamreddy Giridhar Reddy directed party cadres to extensively publicise the 700 crore worth of development and welfare initiatives underway in the Nellore Rural constituency. Speaking at the Cluster-10 meeting held at the Nellore Rural MLA office, Giridhar Reddy highlighted that these large-scale works are progressing rapidly under the leadership of Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu, Deputy Chief Minister Konidela Pawan Kalyan, and State Minister Nara Lokesh, with the support of Nellore Rural MLA Kotamreddy Sridhar Reddy. The meeting was organised under the leadership of former Mayor and

Cluster Incharge Nandimandala m Bhanu Sri, covering the 37th, 38th, and 41st divisions. Giridhar Reddy emphasised that every project foundation stone laid is being strictly supervised to ensure timely completion. He urged local leaders to remain accessible to residents and resolve public grievances promptly. He noted that the coalition government is successfully fulfilling its election promises through the impactful delivery of Super Six and other welfare schemes, including Anna Vodi, Deepam 2.0, Anna Canteens, and NTR Bharosa pensions. The programme saw active participation from 37th Division Corporator Bobbala Srinivasulu Yadav, Co-Cluster Incharge Vishnu Priya, and 37th Division TDP President TS Srinath.

# TTD Annaprasadam Crosses 44 Million Servings in 2026

Tirumala, June 10 | TPN Bureau

The Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) Nitya Annaprasadam programme continues to function as a modern-day 'Akshaya Patra', providing free, nutritious meals to millions of visiting pilgrims. Statistics reveal that between January 1 and May 31, 2026, the department crossed over 44 million servings of breakfast, meals, and beverages. The monthly breakdown highlights 10 million servings in January, 7.139 million in February, 8.485 million in March, 8.5 million in April, and over 9.2 million servings in May. During peak seasons and weekends, TTD caters to nearly 3,00,000 devotees daily, while regular days see around 1.8 to 1.9 lakh pilgrims. The massive Matrusri Tarigonda Vengama mba Annaprasadam Complex serves over 82,000 devotees daily, accommodating 4,000 people in a single sitting across its four dining halls. Additional food distribution occurs at the Sri Akshaya



Kitchen, Vaikuntam Queue Complex, Narayanagiri sheds, and various pilgrim amenities complexes. The scale of operations requires a massive daily inventory, including 15,788 kilograms of rice, 3,110 kilograms of sunflower oil, 2,861 kilograms of red gram dal, and 9,600 litres of milk. To sustain high quality, TTD commissioned the Vakulam ata Centralized Kitchen, expanding services to 28 additional locations. Plans are currently underway to construct a new satellite automated kitchen capable of preparing food for 2 lakh devotees

## Massive TDR Bond Scam Under Previous Government Unearths Rs 400 Crore Corruption

Tirupati, June 10 | TPN Bureau

A major investigation into the issuance of Transferable Development Rights (TDR) bonds during the previous government has unearthed severe corruption and malpractices, causing a staggering loss of Rs 400 crore to the government exchequer. The findings reveal widespread irregularities in land acquisition ratios, inflated valuations, and fraudulent allocations across several master plan road projects. According to the investigation, TDR bonds for master plan road widening—which are legally mandated at a 1:4 ratio of the surrendered area—were heavily manipulated. In one instance, 60 TDR bonds were issued for three roads where only 1,410 square yards were actually acquired, yet bonds were generated for 2,200 square yards, resulting in an excess bond value of Rs 6.50 crore. Furthermore, 10 TDR bonds were illegally issued at a 1:4 ratio for 1,000 square meters of buffer zone land. While the actual value stood at Rs 3.50 crore, bonds

worth Rs 9.00 crore were issued, causing a loss of Rs 5.50 crore. Direct fraud was also detected where a TDR bond worth Rs 2.50 crore was issued for land already owned by the government. The largest chunk of the deficit, inflating to Rs 320 crore, stemmed from changing residential land to commercial status and faking locations to exploit market values. Additionally, a residential or commercial rate was erroneously applied to agricultural lands by the Joint Sub Registrar, Tirupati, across 16 TDR bonds for five master plan roads, leaking Rs 60.17 crore. Further leakages include Rs 5.20 crore for bonds issued without any actual development work and Rs 15.00 crore for a buffer zone in a group housing project. Following these alarming findings, the probe has recommended stringent action against the involved officials. The probe recommended immediate action against Joint Sub Registrar Tirupati, 4 Municipal Commissioners, 6 Sub Registrars, and 20 Municipal employees of town planning.

## MP Vemireddy Prabhakar Reddy Welcomes CM in Delhi

Delhi, Jun 10 | TPN Bureau

Nellore MP Vemireddy Prabhakar Reddy warmly welcomed Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu at the airport upon his arrival in the national capital for a two-day official visit. Following his arrival, Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu attended a special meeting of NDA partners at Bharat Mandapam, held from 3 pm to 9 pm, celebrating Narendra Modi completing 12 years as the Prime Minister of India. As part of his itinerary, the Chief Minister is



scheduled to participate in the 11th Governing Council meeting of NITI Aayog, which will take place at the Rashtrapati Bhavan Cultural Centre on Thursday.

## MLA Prashanthi Reddy Requests Minister to Sanction Funds for Construction of Shaadi Manzil

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Kovur MLA Vemireddy Prashanthi Reddy met with District In-charge Minister of State for Law and Minority Welfare Mohammed Farooq at the R&B Guest House. The Minister was in town to attend the District Review Committee meeting. During the interaction, the MLA submitted a formal petition seeking the immediate sanction of funds for the construction of a Shaadi Manzil in Damaramadugu, located within Buchireddy palem Mandal. They also discussed several other development projects crucial to the Kovur constituency. The initiative follows a recent representation by the Hazrat Malangasha Wali Dargah Anjuman Committee and local Muslim residents. They highlighted that over 700 Muslim families, comprising around 2,000



people, face severe difficulties in hosting social, religious, and auspicious events due to the lack of proper community accommodation. Responding to their plight, MLA Prashanthi Reddy commissioned a report from the Panchayat at Raj Engineering Department, which estimated the project cost at 740 lakhs. She urged the Minister to clear the budget swiftly to benefit the minority community.

## Yoga Week Inaugurated at Apollo Knowledge City

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Apollo University Vice Chancellor H. Vinod Bhatt stated that yoga serves as a powerful instrument for cultivating a healthy society. He urged that yoga practices be woven into daily lifestyles right from the student stage. Speaking at the grand inauguration of the Yoga Week celebrations on Wednesday, he highlighted its immense role in modern life. The campus event was organized by the Apollo Knowledge City Yoga and Meditation Club under the global vision slogan 'Yoga for One Earth.. One Health' to mark International Yoga Day-2026. A large gathering of faculty, students, and staff attended the inaugural function at the Dr. Pratap C Reddy Knowledge Centre Auditorium. Vinod Bhatt explained that yoga extends far beyond basic physical exercise. He described it as a holistic lifestyle choice that actively fos-



ters deep mental peace, emotional stability, and overall spiritual growth. He further noted that regular practice is the ultimate solution to combat the rising stress and anxiety found in modern lifestyles. The extensive Yoga Week celebrations at Apollo Knowledge City feature a specialized three-day SKY Yoga Foundation Course and Wellness Training Program launched on Wednesday. Throughout this training, field experts are set to guide participants through simplified physical movements, rejuvenation yoga techniques, and core meditation practices. The curriculum also targets compre-

## City Union Bank Services Launched in Srikalahasti

Srikalahasti, June 10 | TPN Bureau

The newly opened City Union Bank branch in Srikalahasti town has introduced secure, fast, and advanced banking services tailored for residents, rural communities, traders, and farmers. The bank is offering highly attractive interest rates, housing loans with easy installments, and dedicated business loans designed to support local business expansion alongside small and medium enterprises. For urgent financial requirements, the branch ensures swift sanctions on gold loans. Additionally, agricultural loans are available at low interest rates to provide robust support to the farming community. Local citizens, farmers, and traders are encouraged



to visit the new branch to benefit from these comprehensive loan facilities and modern digital banking services. The banking operations and customer outreach initiatives are being led by Branch Manager Ballepalli Seshadri.

## Balakrishna Birthday Celebrations Held in Nellore

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Nandamuri Balakrishna birthday celebrations were organized grandly at the TDP district office under the auspices of NUDA Chairman Kotamreddy Srinivasulu Reddy. Leaders Somireddy Chandramohan Reddy and Kotamreddy Srinivasulu Reddy first paid floral tributes to the statue of NTR before commencing the event. Speaking on the occasion, Somireddy Chandramohan Reddy expressed his happiness and praised Kotamreddy Srinivasulu Reddy for organizing the celebrations every year with deep affection for the Nandamuri family. He lauded Balakrishna as an unblemished leader excelling



both in the film industry and in public service as an MLA. He highlighted that inheriting the service spirit from NTR, Balakrishna has provided medical services to lakhs of people through Basavatarakam Cancer Hospital, which has now also begun construction in Amaravati. He wished him a long, healthy life.