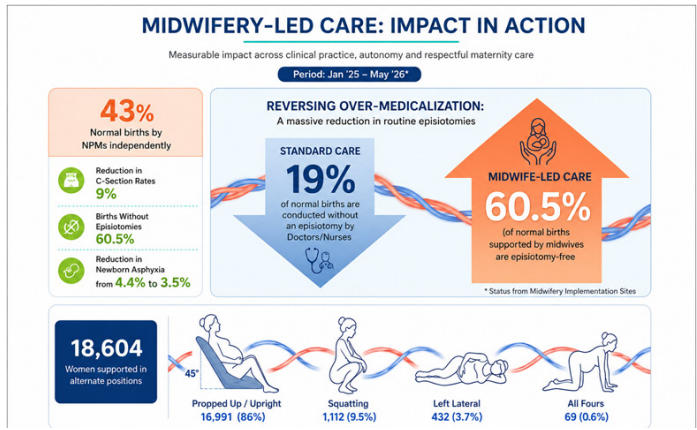




AP Midwifery Model Gains Global Recognition at ICM Congress 2026

Guntur involved in the programme, said the initiative has changed the way childbirth care is delivered. “We are not just training midwives; we are reshaping childbirth experiences. Women are now receiving continuous support, counselling and respectful care during delivery,” she said.

Since 2022, two batches comprising 120 staff nurses have completed 18-month training. The first batch, trained by August 2023, was posted in 13 high-workload facilities in September 2023. The second batch has been deployed in PHCs. Monthly virtual mentoring continues to support antenatal, intranatal and postnatal care.

The third batch, comprising 113 nurses, is focused on tribal areas and is undergoing training at four SMTIs in Srikakulam, Kurnool, Nellore and Kakinada. The programme is expected to be completed by December 2026.

V Ramanamma, GGH Rajamahendravaram, Nurse Practitioner in Midwifery, said the model has improved confidence among healthcare providers and mothers. “Earlier, we were assistants in the system. Now we are empowered to lead normal deliveries with evidence-based practices, ensuring safety and dignity for mothers,” she told True Point.

Sandhya Rani Demands Apology from Amarnath Over Remarks on Women

Vijayawada, July 4 | TPN Bureau

Minister Sandhya Rani has demanded that YSRCP leader Amarnath tender an apology to women, alleging that he made objectionable remarks. She addressed a press conference at the TDP central office, NTR Bhavan, and strongly criticized his statements made after appearing before the Women’s Commission for an inquiry. She said Amarnath has been continuing to make irresponsible comments despite the ongoing proceedings.

Sandhya Rani stated that the public has already given a fitting reply to those who made “reckless comments” about Amaravati. She alleged that the YSRCP has been changing its stand on the capital issue repeatedly, causing confusion



among people. “They say one thing one day and another the next. The YSRCP is trying to create chaos among the public,” she said. She further asserted that women’s dignity should not be compromised in political discourse and warned against such repeated remarks from opposition leaders.

Ambati Demands CBI Probe Sai Krishna Custodial Death Case

Vijayawada, July 4 | TPN Bureau

YSRCP leaders on Saturday appeared before the magistrate conducting the inquiry into the custodial death of Sai Krishna and submitted a written representation listing their objections, concerns and demands. Addressing the media later, former minister Ambati Rambabu, along with former MLAs TJR Sudhakar Babu and Malladi Vishnu, demanded a judicial inquiry and a CBI investigation, stating that only an independent probe can ensure justice for the victim’s family. Ambati Rambabu alleged an attempt to project Circle Inspector Nagaraju as the sole accused while protecting others responsible. He said the custodial death had shocked the country and demanded collection of CCTV footage, mobile data and all evidence, insisting strict punishment for all guilty. TJR Sudhakar Babu sought securing CCTV footage from Markapuram to Vijayawada and disclosure of detention orders, expressing no confidence in SIT and magis-



trate inquiry. Malladi Vishnu called the ongoing probes an eyewash and reiterated that only a CBI investigation would uncover the truth. Ambati Rambabu also alleged that Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu was resorting to personal attacks on YS Jagan Mohan Reddy to divert attention from governance failures, including deteriorating law and order and the custodial death case. He said Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan was spreading false narratives on the case, while attacks on police stations by ruling party supporters were going unchecked. He demanded focus on law and order instead of political diversion and reiterated demand for a CBI probe.

APCO at 50, Strengthening Handloom Legacy and Weaver Livelihoods

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fabrics, Chirala textiles, Bandar weaves and Ponduru Khadi. Beyond marketing, APCO has supported weavers through continuous yarn supply, assured procurement and government-backed welfare initiatives. Successive governments have contributed to APCO’s growth through schemes like Janatha Vastralu, financial assistance from the National Co-operative Development Corporation and procurement support from various departments. Even after the State bifurcation in

2014, APCO continued its operations seamlessly, maintaining its core commitment to weavers. Under the leadership of Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu, the State Government has renewed its focus on the handloom sector. Recent measures include revision of wages and production costs, providing financial relief to weavers amid rising input costs. Government procurement for uniforms, bedding and institutional supplies has also ensured continuous employment for cooperative societies. APCO has also modern-

ized its operations by introducing online billing systems, improving efficiency and transparency. The initiative earned the organisation the SKOCH Award 2025, recognising its digital transformation efforts. As APCO enters its sixth decade, it aims to strengthen cooperative networks, expand market access and preserve traditional weaving skills for future generations. The organisation continues to stand as a symbol of resilience, craftsmanship and collective progress in Andhra Pradesh’s handloom sector.

Golden Jubilee Celebrations on July 6

Amaravati, July 4 | TPN Bureau

APCO will celebrate its Golden Jubilee on July 6 with a grand event at 4 p.m. at APCO Chenetha Samudayam (APCO Thota), Yerrabalem, Mangalagiri.

Minister for IT, HRD, Electronics and Communications Nara Lokesh will attend as Special Chief Guest, while

Minister for BC Welfare, EWS Welfare, Handlooms and Textiles S Savitha will be the Chief Guest. Honorary Advisor for Handlooms and Handicrafts Development Suchitra Ella, Special Chief Secretary R P Sisodia, Commissioner for Handlooms and Textiles G Rekha Rani and Chairman of the Padmasali Welfare and Develop-

ment Corporation Nandam Abaddayya will participate.

APCO Vice Chairman and Managing Director K Kanababu has invited weavers, officials and the public to take part in the celebrations, which will highlight the organisation’s five-decade journey and its contributions to the handloom sector

Secondary Healthcare in State Undergoing Major Transformation

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install CT scanners in district hospitals at Tenali, Atmakur, Hindupur, and Tanuku under a public-private partnership model, with the tender process in progress.

Maternal and child healthcare has received a boost with TIFFA scan machines installed in eight hospitals, benefiting around 1,500 pregnant women each month. Additionally, 403 baby warmers, 200 fetal Dopplers, 221 examination tables, and 307 examination lights are being distributed.

Further, 13 public health laboratories are being set up at a cost of ₹7.49 crore under the National Health Mission.

Ultrasound machines have also been installed in several community health centres and area hospitals.

Related to these developments, Health and Medical Services Minister Satya Kumar Yadav said, “Providing key amenities in secondary hospitals ensures timely care, faster recovery, and reduces financial burden on families.” He added, “Improved infrastructure and equipment are increasing diagnostic capacity and gradually reducing referral cases.” Emphasising the impact, the Minister said, “Access to modern diagnostics and surgical care at the local level is transforming healthcare delivery and improving

patient outcomes.” In addition, BERA machines, audiometers, and soundproof rooms are being set up for ear-related services. Laparoscopic equipment worth ₹5.50 crore has been installed in 15 hospitals, enabling minimally invasive surgeries and quicker recovery.

Recently, 177 mortuary freezer chambers were dispatched to secondary hospitals. Director of Secondary Health Chakradhara Babu reviewed the progress and briefed the government on developments over the past two years. These measures are expected to significantly enhance healthcare access and quality at the secondary level across the state.

Botcha Alleges Coalition Government Failure on Poll Promises

Visakhapatnam, July 4 | TPN Bureau

YSRCP has reiterated that the coalition government has failed on multiple fronts and has not fulfilled its poll promises, alleging that it is adopting a vindictive approach. Speaking to the media on Saturday, Leader of Opposition in Legislative Council Botcha Sayanarayana said all election promises of the coalition gov-

ernment have “gone for a toss” and questioned the accountability of Rs 3 lakh crore loans.

He said there is nothing for the coalition government to boast about, alleging that promises made to women remain unfulfilled, education reforms have stalled, and distribution of school bags and kits has not taken place. He also said government hospitals are in a state of disarray. YSRCP objected to Chandrababu

Naidu not receiving President Droupadi Murmu during her recent visit, terming it disrespectful to the highest constitutional office. He also reiterated that “Mavigun” remains the party’s stand as stated by YS Jagan Mohan Reddy, claiming it is a more viable and cost-effective option than Amaravati. He further alleged corruption in Amaravati works and questioned clarity on capital development and land allotments.

Jana Sena Leader Demands Action Over Remarks Against Pawan Kalyan

Eluru, July 04 | TPN Bureau

Jana Sena Party leader Fatima Rani has strongly condemned the recent remarks allegedly made against Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, warning that party workers would not remain silent if such statements continued.

Addressing the media, Fatima Rani alleged that during a recent public meeting in Eluru, Jada Sravan and Prashna Ravana made provocative comments targeting Pawan Kalyan and the Jana Sena Party. She said the remarks deeply hurt party cadres and accused the speakers of attempting to incite political and social tensions.

Emphasising that the Godavari districts have long been known for communal harmony and peaceful coexistence among people of different religions and communities, she alleged that the speeches were aimed at creating divisions along caste and religious lines. Fatima Rani stated that while the Constitution of India,



drafted under the principles championed by B. R. Ambedkar, guarantees freedom of expression, that right should not be misused to make inflammatory or controversial statements. Demanding legal action, Fatima Rani, accompanied by Jana Sena workers, submitted a complaint at the Nallajerla Police Station to Circle Inspector Ravi Kumar, seeking action against the individuals

concerned. Following the complaint, she led a padayatra along with party supporters from the police station to the Nallajerla main junction while carrying a cross as a symbol of peace. The participants later staged a silent protest, wearing black ribbons on a specially erected stage, urging authorities to take appropriate legal action over the alleged remarks.

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TTD cancels VIP break darshans on July 14 and 17

Tirumala, July 4 | TPN Bureau

TTD has announced cancellation of VIP break darshans at Tirumala on July 14 and 17. A statement said the decision was taken in view of Koil Alwar Tirumanjanam ritual scheduled on July 14 and Anivara Asthanam ceremony at Srivari temple on July 17. It clarified that recommendation letters for VIP break darshans will not be accepted for July 13 and 16. The board also announced cancellation of Kalyanotsavam, Oonjal Seva, Arjita Brahmotsavam and Sahasra Deepalankara Seva on July 17. Devotees are requested to cooperate with arrangements during the period of rituals and restrictions.

Gold, silver, cash stolen from house in Ongole

Ongole, July 4 | TPN Bureau

A major theft was reported in Ongole where miscreants allegedly decamped with gold, silver and cash from a house. According to police, Chandramouli, who resides behind an ashram, along with his family had gone on a trip on June 30. On returning on Saturday night, they found the house doors broken and valuables missing.

The stolen property includes around 700 grams of gold jewellery, 8 kilograms of silver articles, 50 kilograms of copper ingots and 7 lakh in cash, the family informed the police. Chandramouli’s son, Srinath, works at a jewellery shop on Gandhi Road.

Police have registered a case and taken up an investigation to trace the accused and recover the stolen property.

Flood Release from Duduma Reservoir

Koraput, July 4 | TPN Bureau

Floodwaters have surged into the Duduma (Didyam) reservoir, part of the Machkund Hydroelectric Project on the Andhra-Odisha border. Due to incessant rains, the reservoir level has reached a critical stage, rising to 2,587 feet against a maximum capacity of 2,590 feet. Consequently, 1,000 cuces of floodwater are being released through Gate No. 7 into the downstream Balimela reservoir. Officials stated that if the flood intensity does not subside, additional gates will be opened to release more water. Officials are closely monitoring inflows and downstream safety conditions in the region as a precautionary measure.

116-Year-Old Woman’s Tirumala Trek Goes Viral

Tirupati, July 4 | TPN Bureau

An 116-year-old woman has captured attention after walking up the Alipiri steps to visit Lord Venkateswara at Tirumala. A video showing her climbing the steps with the support of family members has gone viral on social media. The elderly devotee reportedly undertook the journey driven by devotion and determination, despite her advanced age. Pilgrims and devotees have widely praised her spirit and faith, calling it an inspiring moment from Tirumala. Officials noted that the Alipiri footpath remains one of the most challenging yet sacred pilgrimage routes. The video continues to circulate widely, drawing admiration from across the country for her remarkable feat. Her journey highlights unwavering devotion and inspires younger generations to embrace faith, endurance, and spiritual commitment across society today, said observers and devotees.



YSRCP Cannot Stop Amaravati Development: Devineni Uma

Vijayawada, July 04 | TPN Bureau

Telugu Desam Party (TDP) State General Secretary Devineni Umamaheswara Rao on Saturday asserted that the YSR Congress Party’s attempts to obstruct Amaravati’s development would never succeed. Addressing a media conference at Gollapudi in Vijayawada, he alleged that the previous YSRCP government subjected Amaravati farmers and women to hardships during its tenure.

Uma described the Amaravati movement as one of the state’s biggest public agitations, stating that the people themselves had protected the capital city through sustained protests. He criticised YCP leaders for speaking about democracy despite allegedly targeting TDP National General Secretary Nara Lokesh during his Yuva Galam padayatra.

He accused the YSRCP of trying to prevent industries from investing in Andhra Pradesh and creating divisions among people based on caste, religion and region to stall Amaravati’s growth. Referring to ongoing construction works, he said development activities



in the capital city were progressing rapidly and no political force could halt them.

The TDP leader said the NDA government, under Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, was committed to balanced regional development and transforming Rayalaseema into a horticulture and investment hub. He claimed that the state had attracted investments worth 24 lakh crore and created employment opportunities for 24 lakh people over the past two years.

Uma also criticised the YSRCP for frequently changing its stand on the capital issue, alleging that its inconsistent position had confused even its own party leaders.