

Palle Veekshana Speeds Up Village Issue Resolution

Venkatachalam, July 23 | TPN Bureau

Nellore District Collector Himanshu Shukla said the objective of the 'Palle Veekshana' programme is to inspect the implementation of welfare and development schemes at the grassroots level while ensuring the speedy resolution of public grievances. On Thursday, he toured Venkatachalam mandal along with Sarvepalli MLA Somireddy Chandramohan Reddy.

The team inspected Employment Guarantee Scheme works at Vaddipalem, an Anganwadi centre, the Community Health Centre, the restored Veeranna Kanupuru tank, and an artificial insemination camp. During the Gram Sabha, they received petitions related to revenue, irrigation, roads, housing, drinking water, education, and healthcare, directing officials to resolve

‘Atal Bhujal Yojana’ Shows Strong Gains In Groundwater Conservation: Centre

Chittoor (Delhi), July 23:

The Centre has reported significant success under the Atal Bhujal Yojana (ABY), with groundwater levels improving in a majority of project areas, Chittoor MP Daggumalla Prasada Rao said on Thursday. Citing a written reply in the Lok Sabha by Union Minister of State for Jal Shakti Raj Bhushan Choudhary, the MP said groundwater levels improved in 180 out of 229 blocks covered under the scheme. Implemented as a pilot from April 2020 to October 2025, the programme focused on community-led groundwater management across 8,203 Gram Panchayats in seven states.

An impact assessment by the



Quality Council of India found that ₹4,000.80 crore was released for the scheme, of which ₹3,922.21 crore was utilised effectively. The report also highlighted strong participation of women in groundwater management and decision-making. The MP noted that awareness campaigns and capacity-building initiatives played a key



land based on a vigilance report and challenged Bhumana Karunakar Reddy and Abhinay Reddy to clarify whether they had indulged in land grabbing. He also asked Karunakar Reddy to refrain from making what he described as baseless allegations against Heritage.

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Meticulous Arrangements Ordered for CM Visit

Kurnool, July 23 | TPN Bureau

District Collector Dr. A. Siri has directed all departments to ensure meticulous arrangements for the launch of the 'Sanjeevani' programme, which will be inaugurated by Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu at Aspari on July 25. During an inspection of the helipad, meeting venue, parking facilities and the Pri-



mary Health Centre, she instructed officials to ensure foolproof security, efficient event management and adequate public amenities. The Collector said the initiative

State Targets 83.61 Lakh PNG Connections by 2032

New Delhi, July 23 | TPN Bureau

The Union Government has informed Parliament that Andhra Pradesh has provided 2,98,111 domestic Piped Natural Gas (PNG) connections as of May 31, 2026, and aims to extend the service to 83.61 lakh households by March 2032 under the City Gas Distribution (CGD) network. The information was shared in a written reply by the Ministry of Petroleum and Natu-



ral Gas to questions raised by Nellore MP Vemireddy Prabhakar Reddy.

The Ministry stated that CGD network development has been approved across 10 geographical

areas in the state in accordance with Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board guidelines. East Godavari recorded the highest number of PNG connections with 1,15,476, followed by Krishna and West Godavari districts.

The reply also stated that 6,894 new PNG connections were added during 2024-25, increasing the total to 2,82,411, while another 14,029 connections were provided in 2025-26, taking the overall number to 2,96,440 by the end of the period.

Arrest of Bhumana Inevitable: MLAArani Srinivasulu

Tirupati, July 23 | TPN Bureau

MLA Arani Srinivasulu on Thursday asserted that the arrest of former YSRCP MLA Bhumana Karunakar Reddy is inevitable in connection with alleged land-grabbing and other irregularities, stating that the law is taking its own course. Addressing the media at his office, he dismissed allegations that action against Karunakar Reddy was driven by political vendetta for criticising the NDA coalition government and Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu.

He said revenue authorities took possession of the disputed



land based on a vigilance report and challenged Bhumana Karunakar Reddy and Abhinay Reddy to clarify whether they had indulged in land grabbing. He also asked Karunakar Reddy to refrain from making what he described as baseless allegations against Heritage.

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Apollo Offers Discounted Health Check-up for Parents

Chittoor, July 23 | TPN Bureau

Apollo Hospital Educational & Research Foundation (AHERF) has launched the Students' Family Discount Voucher Scheme to promote preventive healthcare among the parents of students studying at Apollo Knowledge City. Under the initiative, a comprehensive health check-up package worth 15,000 will be made available at a subsidised cost of 4,000.

The scheme was launched during an awareness programme held at the AIMSR Board Room,



where Vice Chancellor Dr. Nitin M. Nagarkar unveiled the voucher and distributed the first set to parents. Speakers highlighted the growing incidence of lifestyle diseases such as diabetes and hypertension and stressed the importance of preventive screening and early diagnosis.

The health package will be available at Apollo Clinic, Chit-

toor, and Apollo Hospital, Aragonda. It includes blood investigations, diabetes screening, kidney and liver function tests, lipid profile, ECG, echocardiography, chest X-ray, abdominal ultrasound, and other diagnostic tests. Beneficiaries will also receive a 15% discount on selected additional investigations, while the voucher will remain valid for three months from the date of issue.

Vice Chancellor Dr. Nitin M. Nagarkar, Pro Vice Chancellor Dr. Alfred J. Augustine, and Unit Head S. Balaraj participated in the programme.

YSRCP Alleges Rise in Attacks on BCs, Women Under Alliance Rule

Anantapur, July 23 | TPN Bureau

YSRCP BC Cell State Working President Ramesh Goud on Thursday alleged that security for Backward Classes, weaker sections and women has deteriorated under the Alliance government. Addressing a press conference, he claimed attacks on BCs and women, false cases, illegal arrests and land encroachments targeting YSRCP leaders and activists had increased over the past two years.

He alleged that TDP leaders were attempting to encroach upon land belonging to Jayaku-



mar, son-in-law of YSRCP BC leader Govindu, in the Urvakonda constituency after destroying borewells on the property. He also cited several incidents across the state, including alleged attacks, suicides and assaults, claiming they reflected a decline in law and order. Ramesh Goud demanded immediate action from

officials and justice for the victims, warning that YSRCP would launch statewide protests if the government failed to respond. Party CEC member Sugumanchipalli Ranganna also alleged political vendetta against the BC community, while District BC Cell President Devendra demanded action against those responsible for the alleged land encroachment and destruction of borewells.

YSRCP BC Cell State Working President Ramesh Goud, Party CEC member Sugumanchipalli Ranganna, and District BC Cell President Devendra addressed the media.

Bhumana’s Downfall Has Begun: JB Srinivas

Tirupati, July 23 | TPN Bureau

TDP Tirupati constituency in-charge JB Srinivas launched a sharp attack on former YSRCP MLA Bhumana Karunakar Reddy, alleging that his political career was built on land encroachments and claiming that his downfall has now begun. Addressing a press conference on Thursday, Srinivas alleged that around nine acres of land in Tiruchanur had been encroached upon by constructing compound walls and filling a portion of the Swarnamukhi River, adding that revenue authorities



were reclaiming the land following a vigilance inquiry. He questioned the difference between the land declared in Bhumana's 2024 election affidavit and his alleged actual landholdings, claiming it raised serious questions. Srinivas further alleged that government land meant for cattle fodder had been encroached upon and

Arts for Social Change Conference Campaign Begins

Kurnool, July 23 | TPN Bureau

The publicity campaign for the Praja Natya Mandal's 11th State Conference commenced with a ceremonial drumbeat at Kondareddy Bururu on Thursday. Renowned endocrinologist Dr. Bharat said art should serve the people, promote progress, and inspire social change. Speakers highlighted the organisation's historic role in raising public awareness, questioning injustice, opposing discrimination and superstitions, and supporting literacy and anti-arack movements. host



of the 11th State Conference and the Safdar Hashmi Open Theatre (SHOT) event on July 25, urging people to participate in large numbers.

Dr. Bharat, former MLA M.A. Gafoor, and Praja Natya Mandal State General Secretary S. Anil Kumar participated in the programme.

YSRCP MP Avinash Reddy Seeks Railway Development for Kadapa

Kadapa, July 23 | TPN Bureau

YSRCP Kadapa MP Y.S. Avinash Reddy met Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw in New Delhi and urged him to take up key railway development works in Kadapa district. He requested the development of Yerraguntla Railway Station under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme to improve passenger amenities. The MP also sought the operation of reservation counters in two shifts at Kadapa Railway Station and demanded the restoration and expansion of train stoppages at Kamalapuram and other stations,



including pre-COVID halts. He appealed to the Union Minister to take a positive decision to improve railway infrastructure and passenger services in the district.

YSRCP Kadapa MP Y.S. Avinash Reddy and Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw discussed the proposals.

Police Recover Stolen Anjaneya Idol Within Hours

Tirupati, July 23 | TPN Bureau

Tirupati district police solved the theft of a small Lord Anjaneya Swamy idol from the Mamanduru Mitta temple on the Tirumala Down Ghat Road within hours and recovered the stolen idol. A case was registered following a complaint from TTD AVSO A. Venkata Siva Kumar. Special police teams, with support from TTD Vigilance and the Government Railway Police, traced and ar-



rested Potnuru Jaswanth Kumar of Visakhapatnam, recovering the idol. Police said the accused allegedly stole the idol for personal worship, while all possible angles are being investigated. District SP L. Subbarayudu supervised the operation.

Alliance Govt Focuses on Model Anganwadis

Srikalahasti Rural, July 23 | TPN Bureau

MLA Bojjala Sudheer Reddy said the Alliance government is committed to the comprehensive development of Anganwadi centres by transforming them into model facilities across Srikalahasti mandal. On Thursday, he distributed modern equipment, including induction stoves, pressure cookers, cooking vessels and mats, to Anganwadi workers. He said the government is strengthening Anganwadis through the Department of Women Development and Child Welfare. The MLA directed officials to en-



sure quality early childhood education and effectively implement the 'Nava Chetana' programme for children below three years of age. CDPO Shanthi Durga, MPDO, supervisors Bhagyalakshmi and Priyanka, local leaders, and a large number of Anganwadi workers participated in the programme.

Chittoor Begins Blockchain Pilot For Secure Land Records

Chittoor, July 23 | TPN Bureau

Chittoor District Collector Sumit Kumar on Thursday informed Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu that a blockchain-based land records system has been launched as a pilot project in seven villages of Penumuru mandal, where land resurveys have been completed.

During a video conference with Collectors of seven districts, Chandrababu Naidu reviewed the implementation of blockchain technology and said it would bring greater transparency, security and accountability to land record management in Andhra Pradesh. He highlighted its role in resolving long-pending land disputes through modern digital systems.



The pilot project is being implemented in CS Agraharam, Kaligiri, Kondamagraharam, Mopiredypalli, Sathambakam, Ammagaripalle and Tatireddypalle villages. Collector Sumit Kumar explained that every modification to land records would be permanently recorded, ensuring complete traceability and preventing unauthorised alterations, fraudulent registrations and mutation errors.

Landowners will receive SMS, WhatsApp and phone alerts before any changes are processed, while officials will be accountable through secure digital records of every transaction.

The pilot project will be monitored for one to two months before expansion to nearly half the villages in the district and later across Chittoor based on feedback and performance.

Joint Collector Adarsh Rajendran participated in the review meeting.

Collector Stresses 100% Crop Insurance Coverage

Anantapur, July 23 | TPN Bureau

Ananthapur District Collector O. Anand has directed officials and bankers to ensure crop insurance coverage for every acre cultivated with notified crops under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana. During a District Level Monitoring Committee meeting held through video conference on Thursday, he instructed officials

to intensify awareness campaigns before the July 31 enrolment deadline. As of July 22, 25,621 farmers had enrolled for weather-based insurance covering 38,416 hectares, while 19,908 farmers registered for yield-based insurance covering 32,514 hectares. Officials were also directed to collect details of crop loan beneficiaries, opt-out farmers and those shifting to alternative crops.