



Speaker Chintakayala Ayyanna Patrudu Calls for Tough Action Against Drug Peddlers

Narsipatnam, August 3 | TPN Bureau

An awareness programme on the dangers of ganja and drug abuse was organised by the Anakapalli District Police at Star Homes in Narsipatnam on Monday. Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly Speaker Chintakayala Ayyanna Patrudu attended as the chief guest, while actor Brahmaji, Anakapalli SP Tuhin Sinha, and Narsipatnam DSP Srinivas were also present.

Addressing the gathering, the Speaker praised the police for creating awareness but stressed that lectures alone would not eliminate the drug

menace. He called for stringent action against those involved in the cultivation, transportation, and sale of ganja, including seizure of their properties.

Ayyanna Patrudu warned that drug syndicates were targeting students and youth to expand illegal networks and urged parents to monitor their children's activities. He also highlighted the installation of 65 CCTV cameras in Narsipatnam to strengthen surveillance and maintain law and order. He appealed to students to stay away from drugs and contribute to building a drug-free society.

MP Launches Godavari Drinking Water Project Under AMRUT 2.0

Eluru, August 3 | TPN Bureau

Eluru MP Putta Mahesh Kumar said the coalition government is focusing on development and farmer welfare while launching major infrastructure initiatives in the district.

The MP, along with Eluru MLA Badeti Chanti, laid the foundation stone for a 5-lakh-litre overhead water storage tank at Chodimella in Ward 27 under the AMRUT 2.0 scheme. The project, aimed at supplying protected Godavari drinking water to villages merged into Eluru municipal limits, will be constructed at a cost of 1.65 crore. Putta Mahesh Kumar announced 57 lakh from MPLADS funds for road and borewell works in Chodimella. He also stated that 12 railway overbridges worth 1,300 crore are being developed across the Eluru parliamentary

constituency.

Speaking at a Praja Darbar, the MP said the Centre and State governments were taking measures to support tobacco farmers affected by declining prices. He said the Tobacco Board had agreed to provide an interest-free loan of 50,000 per curing barn, while additional support was being planned for low-grade tobacco growers.

He advised farmers to consider oil palm cultivation for better returns and said more industries would be established in the region. He also handed over a 8 lakh Letter of Credit to Namburu Ramayya of Lakkavaram village for medical treatment.

RTC Vijayawada Zone-2 Chairman Reddy Appala Naidu, BJP district president Choutupalli Vikram Kishore, officials, public representatives and residents participated in the programmes.

Krishna Delta Farmers Seek Irrigation Water Release

Eluru, August 3 | TPN Bureau

Krishna Delta farmers staged a protest at the Eluru Collectorate on Monday, demanding immediate release of irrigation water. The agitation was organised by Andhra Pradesh Rythu Sangham.

Farmers were stopped by police while trying to enter the Collectorate and later staged a sit-in near the main gate. A delegation submitted a memorandum to Eluru Collector K. Vetriselvi through the Public Grievance Redressal System (PGRS). Rythu Sangham State Assistant Secretary K. Srinivas demanded diversion of Pattiseema water, supply through



Ponangi Puntha canal, full water release to Tadipudi ayacut and modernisation of the Godavari Main Canal. Farmers warned of intensifying protests if their irrigating demands were not addressed. Collector Vetriselvi assured necessary action.

MLA Chanti Launches Subsidised Rice Counter

Eluru, August 3 | TPN Bureau

Eluru MLA and TDP District President Badeti Chanti on Monday inaugurated a special subsidised rice counter at Sri Potti Sriramulu Rythu Bazaar in Pattebad, Eluru, to provide affordable rice to consumers amid rising prices.

The initiative, organised with the support of the District Rice Millers Association, offers steam rice at 52 per kg and raw rice at 50 per kg. Consumers can purchase rice by producing their ration card or

Aadhaar card. Speaking at the event, Badeti Chanti said the coalition government was implementing measures to reduce the financial burden on poor families and appreciated the coordination between the Rice Millers Association and Civil Supplies Department. Later, the MLA interacted with farmers and arnd traders at the market and assured them that their concerns would be addressed. Officials from the Civil Supplies Department and Rice Millers Association attended the programme.

Durgesh Directs Completion Of Drinking Water Project By 2027

Nidadavole, August 3 | TPN Bureau

Tourism, Culture and Cinematography Minister Kandula Durgesh inspected the ongoing Jal Jeevan Mission works in Peravali mandal and said the coalition government aims to supply treated Godavari drinking water to every household before the upcoming Godavari Pushkaralu. Reviewing the construction of overhead balancing reservoirs, the Minister said the project would provide safe drinking water to around 15 villages through a modern water treatment system being established at Vijeeswaram. He directed officials and contractors to complete the works by March 2027 without compromising quality. Durgesh said the project is being implement-



ed with support from the Central Government under the leadership of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan. Earlier, the Minister visited Ujjinivari Veedhi in Nidadavole town after residents

complained about an overflowing drainage problem. He instructed officials to take immediate action, resulting in a temporary solution, and assured residents that permanent measures would be implemented soon.

Mega Job Mela in Dharmavaram on August 28: Minister Satya Kumar

Amaravati, Aug 3 | TPN Bureau

Minister for Health, Medical, Family Welfare, and Medical Education and Dharmavaram MLA Satya Kumar Yadav urged unemployed youth to utilise the mega job mela scheduled to be held on August 28 at CNB Kalyana Mandapam in Dharmavaram. The Minister released the poster for the job fair in Amaravati on Monday, organised by the State Skill Development Corporation in association with Samskruthi Seva Samstha. He said the objective of the programme

was to bring companies directly to Dharmavaram and provide employment opportunities without forcing youth to travel to cities in search of jobs. He stated that more than 90 multinational companies will participate in the job mela, where on-the-spot interviews will be conducted. Selected candidates will receive job opportunities with salaries ranging from 10,000 to 50,000 per month based on qualifications. Satya Kumar Yadav said candidates aged 18 to 35 years with qualifications including 10th class, Intermediate, ITI, Diploma, B.Pharm-

acy, D.Pharmacy, Nursing, Degree, B.Tech and PG are eligible. He advised candidates to bring qualification certificates, Aadhaar card and passport-size photographs. He encouraged youth to register through the government portal or QR code and make use of the opportunity. Manohar, Executive Director of Andhra Pradesh State Skill Development Corporation, Dinakar Reddy, Imran, Director of Samana College of Design Studies, Onteru Srinivasulu, Secretary of Samskruti Seva Samiti, and others participated.

Rajamahendravaram Needs International Stadium: Visweswara Reddy

Rajamahendravaram, August 3 | TPN Bureau

Rajamahendri Educational Institutions Chairman T.K. Visweswara Reddy expressed concern over the absence of an international-standard stadium in Rajamahendravaram, saying it was unfortunate that the city still lacked such a facility despite repeated promises by successive public representatives. Addressing a press conference

on Monday, he alleged that leaders had made assurances about constructing a stadium for years without delivering results. He said that if given an opportunity in the future, he would work towards establishing an international cricket stadium for the city.

Visweswara Reddy also highlighted the activities of the Rajamahendri Sports Academy, which has been promoting

sports since 2023 through cricket, athletics, karate, volleyball, and shuttle events. He announced affordable Sunday coaching in rifle shooting, archery, horse riding, and skating at Rajamahendri International School, adding that experienced national-level coaches would train participants and outstanding performers would be encouraged to compete at state and national levels.

Bapatla MLA Vegesana Narendra Varma Leads ‘Intintiki TDP’ Campaign

Bapatla, August 3 | TPN Bureau

Bapatla MLA Vegesana Narendra Varma on Monday launched the “2 Years of Trust – Welfare and Development” campaign at Yetravaripalem village in Karlapalem mandal under the coalition government's ‘Intintiki Telugu Desam’ outreach programme.

During the campaign, the

MLA visited households, interacted with residents, and distributed pamphlets explaining the welfare schemes implemented by the coalition government over the past two years and the development works carried out in the Bapatla constituency. Speaking on the occasion, Narendra Varma said the government has remained committed to public welfare and constituency de-

velopment since assuming office. He stated that welfare benefits had reached eligible families as promised and reaffirmed the government's commitment to further development. Mandal TDP president Sheikh Baji, village president Yetra Redanka Reddy, ZPTC member Pitla Venugopal Reddy, coalition leaders, party workers, and residents participated in the programme.

Minister Kandula Durgesh Launches Nidadavole–Vijayawada RTC Express Service

Nidadavole, August 3 | TPN Bureau

Tourism, Culture and Cinematography Minister Kandula Durgesh on Monday inaugurated a new RTC Express bus service connecting Nidadavole and Vijayawada, aimed at improving public transport and benefiting women under the Stree Shakti free bus travel scheme.

The new service will operate via Ernagudem, Nallajerla, Bhimadole, Eluru, Hanuman Junction, and Gannavaram before reaching Vijayawada. The Minister flagged off the bus and travelled on its inaugural trip with local leaders.

Speaking on the occasion, Durgesh said the service was introduced following requests



from residents, particularly women commuters. He added that the coalition government remains committed to providing safe, convenient, and affordable transport facilities for women, persons with disabilities, and transgender persons.

The Minister directed RTC

officials to maintain buses in good condition and ensure passenger safety. He also said the government would examine the feasibility of introducing more express services to major cities, including Visakhapatnam, based on public demand



Five BSNL 4G towers sanctioned for Srikakulam

Srikakulam, August 3 | TPN Bureau

The Union Ministry of Telecommunications has approved the installation of five new BSNL 4G mobile towers in the Srikakulam parliamentary constituency under the Digital Bharat Nidhi scheme.

The approval follows a request by Union Civil Aviation Minister Kinjarapu Rammo-

han Naidu. The towers will be installed at Althi-Chidiguda,

Arli, Mokasa Avalangi, Penubarthi and Singupuram to improve mobile connectivity. Rammohan Naidu directed officials to expedite land allocation and other administrative clearances for the project. He also thanked the Union Ministry of Telecommunications and Minister of State Pemmasani Chandra Sekhar for their support in sanctioning the towers.

Ravi Kumar Pushes Speedy Completion Of Drinking Water Scheme

Addanki, August 3 | TPN Bureau

Energy Minister Gottipati Ravi Kumar on Monday reviewed the progress of the 101.96-crore protected drinking water scheme for Addanki and directed officials to complete the works within the stipulated timeline to ensure a permanent solution to the town's water requirements.

During a review meeting with Public Health officials at his camp office in Puttavari- palem, the Minister examined the progress of key components of the project, including construction of water storage tanks with a combined capacity of 5.1 million litres, an 83-km water supply pipeline and a 15-km feeder channel. He instructed officials to speed up the works and ensure quality standards are maintained. Ravi Kumar also reviewed the construction of the 12-million-litre-per-day water treatment plant and directed officials to complete it on priority. He further ordered the development of the town's lake with an estimated cost of 5.10 crore, including beautification works and a walking track. Later, the Minister participated in the



Telugu Desam Party's “Intintiki Telugu Desam” outreach programme at Cheruvukom- mumapalem village. He interacted with residents, distributed pamphlets highlighting the coalition government's development and welfare initiatives and assured people of continued focus on public welfare. During the visit, Ravi Kumar inaugurated a 1-crore BT road connecting Jarlapalem and Cheruvukommupalem and a 30-lakh causeway aimed at improving rural connectivity. He also visited the Anganwadi centre, distributed nutrition kits to lactating mothers and reviewed the quality of services provided to women and children. The Minister later conducted a public grievance programme, received petitions from residents and directed officials to resolve their issues promptly.

Ailing Landowner on Oxygen Support Seeks Justice at Spandana

Ongole, August 3 | TPN Bureau

Ailing landowner Ravi Poornachandra Rao of Pamidipadu village in Naguluppala- padu mandal attended the Spandana public grievance programme in a wheelchair while on oxygen support, seeking justice over an alleged land encroachment. He alleged that 75 cents of his land had been encroached upon and claimed that repeated complaints to mandal-level officials had not yielded any action. Despite his health condition, he personally approached the District Collector and submitted a representation seeking intervention and a fair inquiry. Meanwhile, the Centre of Indian Trade Un-

ions (CITU) submitted a representation to the Collector demanding immediate release of pending paid holidays and service weightage increment dues for contract and outsourcing employees in the power sector. Responding to the appeal, the Collector assured that necessary steps would be taken to clear the pending dues within 15 days. CITU District Vice-President G.V. Konda Reddy and District Secretary G. Ramesh said thousands of electricity contract workers in Prakasam district were facing financial difficulties due to delayed payments. They welcomed the Collector's assurance and hoped for early settlement of the issue.

Bapatla Police Conduct Shakti App Awareness Session

Chirala, August 3 | TPN Bureau

Under the directions of Bapatla Superintendent of Police B. Umamaheshwar, the district Shakti Team conducted an awareness programme on the Shakti App for employees of Flux Tech Solutions at KK Complex in Chirala on Monday. The session, chaired by company manager V. Chandrasekhar, fo-

cused on women's safety and the effective use of the Shakti App. Constable K. Subba Rao explained how women can use the app's SOS feature or dial 112 to seek immediate police assistance in cases of eve-teasing, harassment, or inappropriate behaviour at the workplace or in public. Employees were encouraged to report incidents without fear and make use of the safety services provided by the police.