

## Utilize Employment Guarantee Scheme Works Effectively: MPDO Y. Yarraiah

“Arvapalli Nagesh Khammam District Nelakondapalli Mandal Staff Reporter March 18, (Indian Chronicle):“Mandala Parishad Development Officer (MPDO) Y. Yarraiah urged people to make effective use of works under the Employment Guarantee Scheme. “On Wednesday, he inspected ongoing works under the scheme in Konayigudem village of the mandal. During the visit, he verified the labor muster rolls and personally captured workers’ attendance using a mobile phone. He also explained the recent changes in the scheme to the workers. “Speaking on the occasion, the MPDO advised laborers to follow the scheme guidelines to receive their wages properly. He stated that necessary steps are being taken to provide basic facilities at work sites. He also assured that arrangements have been made to provide employment to everyone who seeks work under the scheme. “He emphasized that more workers should participate so that the mandal becomes a model in the district in effectively utilizing Employment Guarantee Scheme works. The program was attended by Panchayat Secretary Bairam Dinesh Kumar, EGS Technical Assistant Nagender, field assistant Thigulla Bhaskar, and others.



## Illegal Trafficking and Consumption of Narcotics Must Be Completely Eradicated: Collector Ankit.



““Kukkadapu Naresh Kumar, Bhadradi Kothagudem Staff Reporter, March 18, Indian Chronicle: District Collector Ankit has directed the concerned departments to undertake stringent, coordinated measures to completely curb the control, illegal trafficking, cultivation, and consumption of narcotics within the district. Speaking at a district-level narcotics control committee meeting held on Wednesday—attended jointly by District SP Rohit Raju—the collector instructed officials to submit comprehensive reports regarding the installation of necessary modern equipment to facilitate rigorous inspections at checkpoints. He ordered the relevant officials to conduct special inspections to curb the production and consumption of illicit liquor (Gudumba) in villages. Furthermore, the collector directed every department to submit comprehensive monthly reports detailing the measures undertaken, inspections conducted, and cases registered within their respective

jurisdictions. He instructed officials from the Agriculture Department to conduct meticulous surveys in remote areas and to immediately alert the Police Department if any cultivation of cannabis (ganja) is detected. He also suggested that awareness sessions regarding narcotics be conducted every Wednesday in schools across the district. Additionally, the collector ordered that surprise inspections be carried out to prevent the sale of cigarettes or narcotics at pan shops and other stores located within a 100-meter radius of school premises. Speaking on the occasion, District SP Rohit Raju urged the Transport Department to intensify their inspections and to ensure the timely submission of details regarding these inspections and the cases registered. He directed officials to provide details regarding the cases registered at the de-addiction centers operating under the purview of the Health Department. Noting that this is an interstate border district,

he stated that there is a high likelihood of significant drug trafficking, adding that approximately 6,000 kilograms of ganja were seized last month. He explained that, through special inspections conducted in residential colonies and with the assistance of narcotic sniffer dogs, cases were registered—marking a first for the state. The SP stated that they are identifying college students who are falling prey to drug addiction, summon-

ing their parents to provide counseling, and transferring those with severe addiction issues to de-addiction centers. Excise Superintendent Janayya, District Agriculture Officer Baburao, District Medical and Health Officer Tukaram Rathod, Transport Officer Venkataramana, Drug Inspector Ashwini, and officials from the police, forest, and other relevant departments participated in the meeting.

## Grand Felicitation to Kattekola in Nellore Poetry Recital at Ugadi Kavi S sammelan Honored by AP MLA Somireddy

““Avnreddy Khammam Bureau March 18, (Indian Chronicle):“ Prominent poet and senior journalist Kattekola Chinna Narasayya was grandly felicitated at the Ancient Telugu Special Study Centre in Nellore, Andhra Pradesh. The event was organized on the occasion of the Ugadi festival under the leadership of Madabhushi Sampath Kumar, Director of the centre. A large national poets’ meet was conducted with participation



from over 200 Telugu poets and poetesses from the two Telugu states, as well as from Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, and other regions. “During the Kavi S sammelan, Kattekola Chinna Narasayya recited his poem titled “Inhuman Wars.” “On the occasion, Acharya Sampath Kumar presented him with a certificate of appreciation and honored him with a shawl. Andhra Pradesh MLA Somireddy Chandramohan Reddy also congratulated him and felicitated him with a zari-bordered ceremonial shawl. “Several eminent personalities and literary figures who attended the event extended their congratulations to Kattekola Chinna Narasayya.

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## Ugadi Greetings to Boduppall Circle Residents by Gandipalli Raju

“NARRA SRINIVAS REDDY (NSR), Medchal - Malkajgiri Staff Reporter, March 18, (Indian chronicle):“BJP senior leader Gandipalli Raju extended Ugadi greetings to the people of Chengicherla in GHMC Boduppall Circle, Division 12. May the New Year bring new opportunities and fulfill all your dreams. Times may change, but traditions remain the same. The joy of Ugadi will always stay with us, he said. On the occasion of Ugadi, a festival that symbolizes Telugu culture and the beginning of a new year, Gandipalli Raju conveyed his heartfelt wishes to all residents of Boduppall Circle. He stated that Ugadi is not just the start of a new calendar year, but a time that marks new hopes and fresh beginnings in everyone's lives. He expressed hope that the festival would bring happiness to every household, along with good health and prosperity for families. He wished for new opportunities for youth, a good harvest for farmers, and stability for employees. Gandipalli Raju called upon the people of Boduppall Circle to stay united and move forward on the path of development. He emphasized the importance of maintaining peace and harmony in society and encouraged everyone to leave behind past problems and embrace the New Year with renewed goals. Our goal is the development of Boduppall and the welfare of its people, he said, assuring that he will always remain accessible to the public. He once again extended Ugadi greetings and wished that the festival brings happiness and success to everyone.



## Grand Ugadi Celebrations Held at Shine High School

“Avnreddy Khammam Bureau March 18,(Indian Chronicle):“Pre-Ugadi celebrations were held with great enthusiasm today at Shine High School. On the occasion, traditional Ugadi pachadi prepared with six tastes was made and distributed to the students.“Speaking at the event, Correspondent Ansar Pasha said that Ugadi is one of the most significant festivals celebrated by Telugu people and explained its cultural importance. He also extended Ugadi greetings to parents, teachers, students, and non-teaching staff.“Director Lal Mohammed, Principal Swetha, teachers, and students participated in the program.



## Ensure Timely Distribution of Fine Rice Stocks: Additional Collector Srinivasa Reddy

“Arvapalli Nagesh Khammam Staff Reporter March 18,(Indian Chronicle):“Additional Collector P. Srinivasa Reddy instructed officials to ensure the timely distribution of fine rice stocks to beneficiaries.“On Wednesday, he conducted a review meeting at the Collectorate conference hall with GPOs assigned to buffer godowns and concerned officials regarding the distribution of three months' rice stock.“Speaking on the occasion, Srinivasa Reddy said that the Central Government has issued orders to supply three months' ration (April to June 2026) at one time. He informed that 12 GPOs have been appointed as in-charges for 12 buffer godowns and directed that stock distribution should be carried out ration shop-wise to facilitate smooth supply to beneficiaries.“He emphasized that rice should be transported from buffer godowns to MLS points through Stage-1 without delay. He added that around 25,000 metric tonnes are required for the district, and the quantity meant for other districts should also be properly maintained.“The Additional Collector directed that rice distribution should begin daily at 9:00 AM. He also instructed that transportation of rice from MLS points to ration shops must start at the same time, and adequate availability of hamalis (laborers) should be ensured.“District Civil Supplies Corporation Manager Srilatha, MLS point in-charges, Stage-1 contractors, godown in-charges, GPOs, and other concerned officials attended the meeting.

## Increase Lending to Priority Sectors: District Collector Ankit

“Kukkadapu Naresh Kumar, Bhadradi Kothagudem Staff Reporter, March 18, Indian Chronicle: District Collector Ankit has directed banks to focus special attention on increasing the disbursement of loans to priority sectors within the district. A joint meeting of the District Consultative Committee (DCC) and the District Level Review Committee (DLRC) for the quarter ending December 2025 was held on Wednesday at the conference hall of the IDOC office. District Collector Ankit presided over the meeting, which was attended by the lead bank manager, representatives from NABARD, officials from various commercial and rural banks, and officials from relevant government departments. During the meeting, a comprehensive review was conducted regarding the targets set for priority sector lending and the actual achievements recorded. It was revealed during the meeting that against a total priority sector lending target of ₹4,945.28 crore for the district by December 31, 2025, loans amounting to ₹4,010.50 crore were sanctioned, registering an achievement rate of 81.10 percent. In the agricultural sector, against a target of ₹3,899.28 crore, loans worth ₹3,339.70 crore were sanctioned, recording an achievement rate of 85.65 percent. It was explained that, under this initiative, crop loans amounting to ₹1,415.69 crores (61.77%) were sanctioned against a target of ₹2,291.82 crores; agri-term loans of ₹1,280.21 crores (90.40%) against a target of ₹1,416.09 crores; agri-infrastructure loans of ₹18.44 crores (58.71%) against a target of ₹31.41 crores; and loans for allied activities totaling ₹625.35 crores (390.92%) against a target of ₹159.97 crores. In the MSME sector, ₹563.90 crores were sanctioned against a target of ₹847.80 crores, recording an achievement rate of 66.51 percent. Regarding education loans,



₹9.70 crores (74.62%) were sanctioned against a target of ₹13 crores, while for housing loans, ₹21.68 crores (82.43%) were sanctioned against a target of ₹26.30 crores. It was further noted that in the social infrastructure sector, only ₹0.33 crore was sanctioned against a target of ₹3.30 crore, resulting in an achievement rate of just 10 percent. On this occasion, the collector conducted a bank-wise review regarding the distribution of farmer loans. He inquired into the reasons behind the low disbursement of crop loans by certain banks, questioning the concerned officials. The Collector directed bankers to coordinate with officials from the Agriculture Department to organize special camps, aiming to create widespread awareness among farmers regarding the timely renewal of their loans. He noted with satisfaction that in the renewable energy sector, against a target of ₹3.24 crore, sanctions amounting to ₹12.37 crore were issued, registering an achievement rate of 381.79 percent. He further explained that in other sectors, against a target of ₹152.35 crore, sanctions totaling ₹62.82 crore (41.23%) were approved. Conducting a review of Self-Help Group-Bank Linkage, the reduction of NPAs, and the implementation of government-sponsored schemes (such as PM SVANidhi, PMEGP, PM Mudra, PM Vishwakarma, PMFME, and AIF), he directed the concerned officials to ensure the timely sanctioning of loans to eligible beneficiaries. District Collector Ankit emphasized that measures must be taken to extend banking services to every village in the district and urged all departments to work in mutual coordination to take the lead in achieving their respective targets. Subsequently, the District Collector unveiled the 'Potential Linked Credit Plan' formulated by NABARD. The meeting was attended by Additional Collector (Local Bodies) Vidya Chandana; CPO Sanjeeva Rao; District Agriculture Officer Babu Rao; Lead Bank Manager Rami Reddy; the Animal Husbandry Officer; Fisheries Officer Imtiaz Khan; officials from the Reserve Bank and NABARD; representatives from various concerned departments; and representatives from all banks.

## Free Drinking Water Facility Inaugurated in Peerzadiguda - Aim To quench the thirst of pedestrians during summer

“NARRA SRINIVAS REDDY (NSR), Medchal - Malkajgiri Staff Reporter, March 18, (Indian chronicle):“A free drinking water facility (Chalivendram) was inaugurated on Wednesday near a government school in Peerzadiguda, under Boduppall Circle, Division 10 of Malkajgiri Municipal Corporation. The facility has been set up by Kolthuru Sai Kumar in memory of his parents, Anasuya and Yadayya. Local Congress leader and RV Foundation Chairman Tungaturthi Ravi, along with former Deputy Mayor Kurra Shivakumar Goud and Cheruku Mahesh Goud, attended the inauguration as chief guests. Speaking on the occasion, Ravi appreciated Sai Kumar's initiative, stating that providing safe drinking water during the peak summer is a meaningful social service. He emphasized that such efforts help ease the difficulties faced by the public due to rising temperatures. He further said that youth coming forward to take up service-oriented activities sets a positive example for society. He also expressed hope that the facility will continue to supply clean drinking water to the public throughout the summer season. Others present at the event included Umesh Reddy, Raju Goud, Sai Reddy, Sandeep, Chintu, Bunt, Jangaiah, Irfan, Naveen, Mahender, Sandeep Reddy, and Aslam.



# Severe Setback to Government from High Court BJP Claims Victory for Supporting the Poor in Velugumatla

“Arvapalli Nagesh Khammam Staff Reporter March 18,(Indian Chronicle):“Bharatiya Janata Party Khammam District President Nelluri Koteswara Rao stated that the party’s sustained struggle against alleged government excesses in the Bhoodan lands of Velugumatla has yielded results, delivering justice to the poor. In a press statement issued on Wednesday, he said that the BJP strongly opposed the demolition of houses belonging to poor families who had been residing on these lands for over a decade. He alleged that officials acted inhumanely by demolishing homes and leaving residents homeless, forcing the party to take up the issue legally on behalf of the victims. “He expressed satisfaction that the High Court directed the government to provide houses to all those who lost their homes, calling it a major victory for the displaced poor and a significant setback for the government. “Koteswara Rao further said that the High Court has ordered an immediate halt to demolitions in the Bhoodan lands at Vinoba Navodaya Colony in Velugumatla and directed authorities to maintain status quo. He added that the court instructed the government to provide not only house sites but also constructed houses to all affected families, not just the initially identified 311 beneficiaries. He alleged that over 31 acres of Bhoodan land were subjected to demolitions in February in the name of constructing school buildings, which led to widespread protests by the BJP across the state. “The BJP State President Narapura Rammachandra reportedly took the issue seriously and led a major ?????? (agitation) against the government from Khammam. Senior leader and former minister Eatala Rajender visited Velugumatla village and assured support to the victims, bringing national attention to the issue. “Koteswara Rao also mentioned that Tribal Commission member Jatrot Hussain Naik and BJP State Treasurer Devaki Vasudeva Rao actively intervened and questioned the officials on



behalf of the affected communities, many of whom belong to weaker and tribal sections. He added that apart from ground-level protests, BJP’s legal team presented strong arguments in court, leading to strict observations by the High Court against district and revenue authorities. The court, he said, delivered a landmark judgment directing officials to identify genuine beneficiaries and ensure rehabilitation. “Koteswara Rao concluded that this verdict once again proves that the BJP stands firmly for the rights of the poor.

## Ugadi Festivity – Spirit of Ramzan: Greetings from Sri Narayana Junior College Chairman Madhukar

“NARRA SRINIVAS REDDY (NSR), Medchal - Malkajgiri Staff Reporter, March 18, (Indian chronicle):“Festivals that unite culture and tradition should inspire us to move forward together – Educationist Madhukar extends Ugadi and Ramzan wishes Boduppall: Sri Narayana Junior College Founder and Chairman Madhukar extended warm greetings on the occasion of Ugadi and the holy month of Ramzan to students, parents, and the local community. Speaking on the occasion, he said Ugadi marks the beginning of the Telugu New Year and brings new hopes, happiness, and fresh opportunities into people’s lives. He also ?????? that Ramzan symbolizes peace, patience, compassion, and charity. Both festivals, he said, inspire people to strengthen human values and promote harmony in society. He expressed hope that every household would be filled with happiness, prosperity, and peace, and that communal harmony would continue to grow stronger. Addressing students, Madhukar encouraged them to work harder in the new academic year, achieve excellent results, and reach their goals, making their parents proud. He emphasized that education is a powerful tool in shaping a better future. He also urged parents to pay closer attention to their children’s education and provide proper guidance. He highlighted that students walking on the right path is essential for the overall development of society. Concluding, he wished that Ugadi and Ramzan bring health, wealth, happiness, and unity to all, and once again extended his heartfelt greetings to everyone.



## Government Fails to Address Farmers’ Issues: Rythu Sangham

### Demand for Maize Procurement Through Markfed

“Protest Held at Collectorate in Khammam“Avnreddy Khammam Bureau March 18,(Indian Chronicle):“Telangana Rythu Sangham State President Bagam Hemanth Rao alleged that the Telangana government has failed to resolve the problems faced by farmers and has not fulfilled the promises made to them. “Speaking during a protest organized at the Collectorate under the leadership of the farmers’ union, he warned that if the government does not change its approach, it will face the anger of the farming community. Farmers staged a large-scale agitation, raising slogans and even blocking vehicle entry into the



Collectorate premises. “Hemanth Rao stated that after cotton crops were damaged during the Kharif season, farmers cultivated maize as a second crop across nearly 1.2 million acres in the state. However, due to the government’s inaction, farmers’ hopes have been shattered. While the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for maize is ₹2400 per quintal, private traders are purchasing it at only ₹1200–₹1300 due to halted exports and lack of procure-

ment by Markfed. “He demanded that the government immediately intervene through Markfed and procure maize at the MSP of ₹2400 per quintal. “He further alleged that the government has gone back on its promises regarding Rythu Bharosa and loan waiver schemes. He criticized delays in disbursing financial assistance to farmers and questioned how support meant for agricultural investment can be useful if given after the crop season ends. “On loan waiver, he said the government has failed miserably and accused it of making misleading claims about its completion. He questioned why the promised relief—where the government would pay ₹2 lakh if farmers repaid amounts above ₹2 lakh—has not been implemented. “Hemanth Rao also pointed out that despite election promises, the government has not implemented crop insurance even after five seasons and demanded its rollout at least from the upcoming Kharif season. “He criticized the Bhu Bharati system, calling it a replica of Dharani, and said around 9.25 lakh cases are still pending, leaving farmers without proper land passbooks and facing difficulties. “He warned that if the government does not focus on resolving farmers’ issues, it will inevitably face strong backlash. “Several leaders including Dandi Suresh, Jammula Jitender Reddy, Dondapati Ramesh, Kondaparthi Govinda Rao and other farmer leaders participated in the protest.

## Grand Ugadi Panchangam Celebration at Triveni



“Arvapalli Nagesh Khammam Staff Reporter March 18, (Indian Chronicle): “Triveni School celebrated the Ugadi festival with great enthusiasm. The festivities began in the school premises with a ceremonial puja, after which priests and mathematics teacher Maringanti Kashyapacharya conducted the Panchangam Shravana (reading of the traditional almanac). “Following this, teachers distributed Ugadi Pachadi to students as prasadam. During the event, the priests explained the significance of the Ugadi festival and how the Shad Ruchulu (six tastes) symbolize aspects of human life. “In his address, Dr. Gollapudi Veerendra Choudhary, the School Director, emphasized that Ugadi is the first festival of the year. By partaking in Ugadi Pachadi, students are encouraged to accept all challenges in life with a positive outlook and grow into noble human beings. “The Principal wished that this year brings light into everyone’s lives, good health, and wonderful results, extending Ugadi greetings to all. “The program was attended by Krishnaveni Triveni Educational Institutions Director Yarlagaadda Venkateswara Rao, School CRO Katregadda Murali Krishna, Vice Principal Swapna, Mustafa, Campus Incharge Charles, Transport Incharge Sandeep, along with other teachers and staff.

## The PRC Due to Government Employees Since 2023 Must Be Implemented Immediately:

— Mandadi Upendar Reddy, State Associate President, Telangana Gazetted Officers Association ““The “4” DA Installments Due to Employees Must Be Released Immediately: — Mandadi Upendar Reddy

““(Mandava Srishailam — Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Bureau — Indian Chronicle — March 18): The district executive committee meeting of the Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District unit of the Telangana Gazetted Officers Association was held at the conference hall of the Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Collector’s Office, presided over by District President C. Jagannathan Prasad and Secretary C.H. Srinivas. Mandadi Upendar Reddy, State Associate President of the Telangana Gazetted Officers Association, attended the meeting as the chief guest. Speaking at this executive meeting, Upendar Reddy demanded the immediate implementation of the PRC (Pay Revision Commission) due to government employees since 2023, as well as the immediate release of the “4” pending DA (Dearness Allowance) installments owed to the employees. He further urged that the arrears due to government employees who have already retired be paid immediately. He expressed deep anguish over the fact that 60 government employees had passed away after retirement, unable to cover their medical expenses due to the non-receipt of their retirement-related financial dues. Additionally, he requested that steps be taken to ensure the implementation of the Employee Health Scheme—which has already been approved by the State Government—effective from April 1, 2026. Furthermore, a request was made to all departments to constitute a Promotion Committee and grant promotions to eligible candidates. Speaking at this meeting, District President C. Jagannathan Prasad stated that a memorandum had already been submitted to the District Collector requesting the payment of a 24% HRA (House Rent Allowance) to government employees working within an 8-kilometer radius of the GHMC limits, falling under the jurisdiction of Yadadri Bhuvanagiri district; he assured the gathering that they would ensure its immediate implementation. He further announced that if any Gazetted Officers in the district brought issues pertaining to their respective departments—or matters related to service rules—to the attention of the District Executive Committee, the committee would escalate these issues to the district and state levels to ensure their prompt resolution. District Secretary Ch. Srinivas was felicitated on behalf of the District Executive Committee and extended best wishes upon his promotion from the rank of MPDO to Deputy CEO. The event was attended by Association President Venkat Ramireddy, Treasurer Harikrishna, Association Vice Presidents Saikrishna, M. Rojarani, S. Saidulu, A. Srinivas Reddy, M.D. Aziz Ali Khan, and Srikanth Reddy, as well as Association Secretaries Praveen Kumar, Prasad, Balamani, Bharat, Chandra Reddy, Dr. P. Chaitanya, and other executive committee members.

## Milk Abhishekam Performed for CM Revanth Reddy and Bhuvanagiri MLA Kumbham Anil Kumar Reddy: Yadadri District MRPS Leaders

““(Mandava Srisailam... Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Bureau... Indian Chronicle... March 18):— An event was held on Wednesday at the premises of the local Babu Jagjivan Ram Crossroads, organized under the aegis of the Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Chapter of the MRPS Activists’ Forum, Telangana State. Speaking on the occasion, several MRPS leaders performed a “Milk Abhishekam”



(ritual pouring of milk) to honor the Honorable Chief Minister Revanth Reddy and the Honorable local MLA, Anil Kumar Reddy—both of whom participated in the Legislative Assembly proceedings—marking the one-year anniversary of the Assembly’s approval of the SC (Scheduled Caste) categorization bill. Expressing their gratitude to the Telangana government—which became the first in the country to approve SC categorization following an Assembly resolution—the leaders re-

called the Chief Minister’s pledge made on the floor of the House. During that session, the Chief Minister had promised to support the families of those who were martyred during the MRPS movement and, furthermore, assured that activists would be accorded top priority at all levels regarding the welfare schemes implemented by the government. In light of this, the leaders urged the government to recognize activists across the state—particularly acknowledging the pivotal role played by the Bhuvanagiri region in building and mobilizing the MRPS movement statewide—and to take concrete measures to ensure their welfare. Chilakamarri Ganesh Madiga (Convener, MRPS Activists’ Forum, Telangana), Surpanga Suguna Madiga, Otlala Yadagiri Madiga, Boddu Narsingarao Madiga, Kondapuram Srinivas Madiga, Kondapuram Pratap Madiga, Narasimha Madiga, Lakshminarayana Madiga, Jangam Madiga, and others participated in this program.

## Financial Assistance Extended by Pawan Babumohan Charitable Trust

““(NARRA SRINIVAS REDDY (NSR), Medchal - Malkajgiri Staff Reporter, March 18, (Indian chronicle): “K. Yamuna, a student pursuing M.Sc. at Nizam College, has been facing financial difficulties in continuing her education. Due to her poor economic condition, she approached the Pawan Babumohan Charitable Trust seeking financial support. Responding positively, the Trust Chairman Babumohan agreed to support her education by covering her fees for two years. As part of this commitment, an amount of ₹15,000 has been provided towards her first-year fee. This initiative reflects the Trust’s continued efforts to support deserving students and promote higher education among economically disadvantaged sections.



## Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District: Grand Felicitation for DPRO Arundhati under the Aegis of TUWJ (IJU)



“(Mandava Srisailam – Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Bureau – Indian Chronicle – March 18): On the occasion of International Women's Day, the Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District DPRO, U. Arundhati, was accorded a grand felicitation on Wednesday at the Collectorate, under the auspices of the TUWJ (IJU). During the event, union representatives honored her by draping a shawl and presenting a memento. Speaking on the occasion, the DPRO expressed her special gratitude to the union leaders for honoring

and respecting her as a female district officer under the banner of the TUWJ (IJU). Participants in this program included TUWJ District President M. Narasimhulu, District Secretary Pothamsetti Karunakar, IJU Council Member G.V. Srinivas, TUWJ State Council Member and Accreditation Committee Member Velimineti Jahangir, former Union District President G. Krishna Reddy, and union leaders Kandukuru Somayya, Purugula Malleshram, Gundu Prasad, and Talla Bhaskar.

## 10th Grade Examinations Must Be Conducted in a Peaceful Atmosphere: Bhaskar Rao, Additional Collector (Local Bodies), Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District

“(Mandava Srisailam... Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Bureau... Indian Chronicle... March 18): Additional Collector (Local Bodies) Bhaskar Rao stated that the 10th-grade examinations must be conducted in a peaceful and tranquil atmosphere. “On Wednesday, the Additional Collector inspected the SSC examination centers established at the Zilla Parishad High School in the Motakondur Mandal headquarters and the Zilla Parishad High School in the Alair Mandal headquarters. On this occasion, the Additional Collector reviewed the administrative arrangements at the examination centers as well as the facilities being provided to the students. He issued directives to the concerned officials to conduct the examinations peacefully, without any disruptions, and in a calm environment. “He advised the students to write their examinations calmly, without succumbing to any form of stress. He inquired about essential amenities at the examination centers, such as drinking water, electricity, fans, and other facilities. He further instructed that, once the examinations are concluded, the answer sheets must be transported securely under police protection. “School staff members and others participated in this program.



## Farmers Should Cultivate Crops That Yield High Returns Over Extended Periods with Low Investment

Anurag Jayanti, Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Collector

“(Mandava Srishailam... Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Bureau... Indian Chronicle... March 18): District Collector Anurag Jayanti stated that farmers should cultivate crops that provide high yields over extended periods with minimal investment. On Wednesday, in Datthaipalli village of Turkapalli Mandal, the District Collector—accompanied by Agriculture Department Officer Ramana Reddy—conducted a direct field inspection of the registration processes for various schemes and programs being implemented under the aegis of the Agriculture Department, including Crop Booking (Crop Registration), Digital Crop Booking, and the Farmer Registry. On this occasion, the District Collector inquired with the Agricultural Extension Officers (AEOs) and private surveyors regarding the progress of these initiatives. In Datthaipalli village, under the supervision of the Farmers' Association, the District Collector inspected a Moringa (drumstick) crop being cultivated organically



at the farm of farmer Amarender Reddy. Furthermore, the District Collector personally observed the entire process of drying the Moringa leaves, pulverizing them into a powder, and utilizing that powder to manufacture tea bags and soup mixes. He highlighted that Moringa is an excellent crop that offers farmers high yields and substantial profits over a long duration with minimal investment. He noted that Moringa leaves are abundant in vitamins, as well as high levels of calcium, potassium, iron, and protein, and emphasized that there is a significant international demand for Moringa crops. Commending this project, he issued directives to officials from the Rural Development and Agriculture Departments to establish 17 similar units across the 17 mandals of the district. He advised all farmers to cultivate the Moringa crop—which holds significant commercial value—using organic methods, as an alternative to paddy cultivation, in order to reap higher profits. Subsequently, the District Collector, accompanied by the District Horticulture Officer, Madhavi, inspected an oil palm nursery and oil palm fields. He urged farmers to utilize the National Mission on Oil Palm (NMOP) scheme effectively to cultivate oil palm, thereby securing high returns with minimal investment. Later, within the limits of Husainabad under the Bhuvanagiri Municipality, the District Collector, along with horticulture officials, inspected a mango orchard being cultivated using a drip irrigation system. On this occasion, the Collector inquired about various aspects, including the drip irrigation mechanism implemented in the orchard, water usage efficiency, and plant growth. He emphasized the need to ensure that farmers adopt modern agricultural practices to maximize their profits. Participating in this field visit were District Agriculture Officer P.V. Ramana Reddy, District Horticulture Officer Madhavi, Assistant Director of Agriculture (Yadagirigutta) Shanti Nirmala, Turkapalli Mandal Agriculture Officer Uma, Agriculture Officer (Technical Section) Rajesh, Chaitanya, various Agricultural Extension Officers (AEOs), and farmers, among others.

## Distribution of Ramadan Kits and Tricycle in Ward 20

“(Avnreddy Khammam Bureau March 18, (Indian Chronicle): “Under the auspices of the Lions Club and Great Vision Club, Ramadan kits were distributed to several Muslim families in Ward 20 of Wyra Municipality. In addition, a tricycle was provided to a differently-abled individual. “The tricycle was handed over by Municipal Chairperson Dr. Kapa Chandrakala Murali Krishna along with Ward 20 Councillor Undru Varlakshmi Shyam Babu on Wednesday. Speaking on the occasion, the Chairperson stated that every year during Ramadan, the clubs provide kits to Muslim families, emphasizing that the clubs' mission is to serve people beyond caste and religion. “The program was attended by District Marketing Coordinator Lagadapati Prabhakar Rao, District Vision Coordinator Undru Shyam Babu, Zone Chairman Chintoju Nageswara Rao, Great Vision Club President Jalapulla Rao, Secretary Kishan Rai, Treasurer Uyyuri Ramakrishna, Jal Mahalakshmi, and other members.

## Every Consumer Has the Right to Know About Product Quality, Quantity, and Price: Venga Reddy, Additional District Revenue Collector, Yadadri Bhuvanagiri

“(Mandava Srisailam... Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Bureau... Indian Chronicle... March 18): Additional District Revenue Collector Venga Reddy stated that every consumer possesses the right to be informed about the quality, quantity, and price of goods. On Wednesday, World Consumer Rights Day was observed at the Collectorate conference hall under the aegis of the Civil Supplies Department, featuring a discussion on the theme, "Safe Products, Trustworthy Consumers." Speaking on this occasion, the Additional District Revenue Collector urged everyone to cooperate in efforts to protect consumer interests. He emphasized the need to create public awareness regarding relevant laws in order to combat the proliferation of adulterated goods. He noted that World Consumer Rights Day truly gains significance only when justice is delivered not merely to the educated elite, but to the common people as well. He affirmed that obtaining quality goods and services is a fundamental right of every individual. He added that gaining access to information regarding

any specific government department fosters a better understanding of that department's functions. He further urged officials to strive to ensure that only safe products are made available to the public. Speaking at the event, District Rural Development Officer (DRDO) Nagireddy remarked that his department serves the largest segment of the population; he noted that awareness sessions regarding consumer rights were conducted for members of women's self-help groups and Sangha Bandham groups across both rural and urban areas. He stated that pensions have been disbursed, and wages have also been paid to eligible beneficiaries under the Employment Guarantee Scheme. He added that the toll-free number 15100 may be contacted for free legal services. District Civil Supplies Officer Roja Rani, District Manager of the Civil Supplies Corporation Harikrishna, District Drugs Inspector Balakrishna, District Metrology Officer Venkateswarlu, members of the Consumer Forum, representatives of voluntary organizations, and other concerned officials participated in this program.



## Prime Minister's Sansad Khel Mahotsav: Meeting with Committee Members Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District President Utkuri Ashok Goud

“(Mandava Srisailam... Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Bureau... Indian Chronicle... March 18): A meeting was held with members of the Prime Minister's Sansad Khel Mahotsav Committee at the Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Office, presided over by District President Utkuri Ashok Goud. Speaking at the event, District President Ashok Goud addressed various issues prevailing within the district. He also highlighted that, ever since the Congress party assumed power in the state, it has been deceiving people from all sections of society; consequently, he announced that a protest program regarding these matters would be held on the 20th of this month in front of the District Collectorate office. He stated that the Prime Minister's Sansad Khel Mahotsav fosters a spirit of sportsmanship among students and the



youth, while also promoting mental rejuvenation and physical fitness. Furthermore, he announced that a prize distribution ceremony for the winners of the constituency-level Kabaddi, Volleyball, Cricket, and Women's Kho Kho tournaments—recently conducted across the seven Assembly constituencies falling under the Bhuvanagiri Parliamentary constituency—will be held on Sunday, the 22nd of this month. This event will take place on the premises of the Government Junior College, under the supervision of Rajya Sabha Member Dr. K. Laxman, with the Governor of Telangana State attending as the Chief Guest. State Executive Committee members Dasari Mallesham, Pothamsetti Ravinder, and Vattipalli Srinivas; District Vice Presidents Shyamsunder Reddy, Patnam Srinivas, Ponnala Chandrasekhar Reddy, and Guduru Narotham Reddy; Senior Leaders Padamati Jaganmohan Reddy, Ele Chandrasekhar, and Racha Srinivas; District General Secretaries Achayya, Koppula Yadi Reddy, and Chanda Mahender Gupta; District Secretaries Vijayanthi and Tadisa Mallareddy; Town President Ratnapuram Baram; Presidents of various Morchas (wings)—Patnam Kapil, Rajender Reddy, DLN Goud, and Kasturi Madhuri; District Media Convener Octodo Ramakrishna; Office Secretary Mangu Narasimha Rao; Town General Secretaries Rallabandi Krishna and Chari Dayyala Kumar; and others participated in this program.

## Ramannapeta Government Hospital Must Be Upgraded to a 100-Bed Facility: Telangana Agricultural Workers' State Secretary Kondamadugu Narsimha Demands

“(Mandava Srisailam... Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Bureau... Indian Chronicle... March 18): Kondamadugu Narsimha, State Secretary of the Telangana Agricultural Workers' Union, has demanded that the government upgrade the Ramannapeta Government Hospital to a 100-bed facility and allocate ₹40 crore for a new hospital building during the current Assembly budget sessions. Speaking after extending his full support to the ongoing "indefinite hunger strike"—being held for the past three days under the aegis of the CPM at the Ramannapeta Mandal headquarters—Mr. Narsimha noted that the government hospital, which serves as a vital resource for the rural poor, has unfortunately become plagued by numerous issues. “The hunger strike is being led by CPM District Secretariat member Jellella Pentayya; Mandal Secretary Boddupalli Venkatesh; Mandal Secretariat members Kurella Narasimha Chari and Kandula Hanmanthu; and Mandal Committee members Gorige Somulu, Nagati Upender, Vemula Saidulu, and Shanaconda Ramu. Their demands include upgrading the hospital to a 100-bed capacity, allocating ₹40 crore for a new building during the current budget sessions, appointing doctors to provide treatment for all types of ailments, ensuring doctors are available around the clock, installing the necessary medical equipment to treat various diseases, and resolving all existing issues within the hospital. He stated that comprehensive medical care for all types of ailments is currently unavailable at the Ramannapeta Government Hospital. He noted that even for minor health issues, patients are being referred to the district headquarters or to Gandhi or Osmania Hospitals in Hyderabad. He expressed deep anguish over the fact that many people have lost their lives because they were unable to travel to Hyderabad or lacked the financial means to seek treatment in private hospitals. They demanded that the government respond immediately—even at this late stage—by allocating ₹40 crores to the Ramannapeta Government Hospital in the current budget, upgrading the facility to a 100-bed capacity, and providing necessary infrastructure. Narsimha warned that if the government fails to respond, they would intensify their agitation.



## RV Foundation to Inaugurate Summer Water Stalls on Ugadi - Tungaturthi Ravi

“NARRA SRINIVAS REDDY (NSR), Medchal - Malkajgiri Staff Reporter, March 18, (Indian chronicle):“RV Foundation is set to launch its annual summer initiative of setting up water stalls (Chalivendras) across Boduppal Circle under Medchal–Malkajgiri Municipal Corporation. Continuing a nine-year tradition, the foundation aims to provide relief to the public from the scorching summer heat by offering drinking water facilities. On the occasion of Ugadi, a total of nine (9) Chalivendras will be inaugurated on Thursday (19/03/2026). The first inauguration will take place at 10:00 AM near Hanuman Temple, Vishnupuri Colony, followed by another at 10:30 AM near Sri Veeranjaneya Swamy Temple, Medipalli. The remaining stalls will be opened subsequently as per schedule. Key attendees for the event include Medchal District DCC President Totakura Vajresh Yadav, former MLA Malipeddi Sudheer Reddy, Singireddy Harivardhan Reddy, and Nakka Prabhakar Goud. Former mayors, former deputy mayors, ex-corporators, municipal leaders, corporation representatives, temple committee members, directors, division in-charges, and members of various wings including BC, SC, ST, OBC, Minority Cell, Youth Congress, Seva Dal, NSUI, and Mahila Wing are expected to participate. Local colony representatives, youth, women, and residents have been invited to attend in large numbers and make the program successful. Tungaturthi Ravi, Congress Party President of Peerzadiguda Municipal Corporation and Chairman of RV Foundation, appealed to the public and party members to actively participate in the initiative.”[7:14 PM, 3/18/2026] Nsr: End



## Bhongir Municipal Chairperson Tangallapalli Srivani Ravikumar Participates in Amavasya Breakfast Program at Kanyaka Parameswari Temple

“(Mandava Srisailam | Yadadri Bhongir District Bureau | Indian Chronicle | March 18): Temple organizers announced that, under the aegis of the Kanyaka Parameswari Seva Samithi, a morning breakfast program has been conducted every month on the occasion of Amavasya (New Moon day) for the past five months. As part of this ongoing initiative, a breakfast distribution ceremony was held on Wednesday—coinciding with Amavasya—presided over by the event's chief guests: Municipal Chairperson Tangallapalli Vani Ravikumar and Chenna Swathi Mahesh. On this occasion, the guests were felicitated. Speaking at the event, Association President Chinta Ravindra lauded Tangallapalli Ravikumar, describing him as a noble individual who stands as a pillar of support for the local business community. He praised Ravikumar as a "younger brother" figure who, whenever called upon, responds with the assurance, "I am here for you," and who has worked tirelessly to resolve numerous issues facing the community. “The event was attended by Chinta Ravindra, IDEA Vice President Nune Venkateshwarlu, Dharmidhar, Bhavani, Shankar, Reballi Satyam, Raju, Vinay, Anil, Kishore, Srinivas, Sridhar, Naveen, Kumar, and others.



## SC Action Plan 2025-26 to Be Implemented Efficiently: Addl. Collector Dr. P. Sreeja

“Avnreddy Khammam Bureau March 18, (Indian Chronicle):“Dr. P. Sreeja, Additional Collector for Local Bodies, emphasized the need for meticulous implementation of the SC Action Plan 2025-26. “A review meeting with the concerned officials was held at the Collectorate Conference Hall to assess the implementation of the plan in the district. “Dr. Sreeja stated that under the 2025-26 SC Action Plan, the state government has allocated ₹5.16 crore for 540 units in Khammam district. “The distribution includes: “256 electric two-wheelers worth ₹1 lakh each at 90% subsidy “128 electric three-wheelers worth ₹3 lakh each at 70% subsidy “27 solar pump control units valued between ₹3 lakh and ₹7 lakh at 60% subsidy (up to ₹5 lakh) “Skill training for 103 candidates under wage employment worth ₹40,000 each “Self-employment training for 26 candidates worth ₹15,000 each “The Additional Collector urged eligible SC unemployed youth to register their applications on the online portal by March 24. Applications received online will be displayed on the ED SC office notice board on March 25, and objections will be accepted from 11 AM to 5 PM. “Candidate selection will be conducted on March 26 by the district-level selection committee under the chairmanship of the District Collector. Selected candidates' details will be submitted to banks by March 27. “Government subsidies will be utilized, and the remaining amount will be provided through bank loans. The respective units are to be commissioned and utilization certificates submitted by April 16. Electric vehicles and solar agricultural pump units will be implemented in linkage with banks. “The Additional Collector further instructed that loan processing should be completed by April 4, approval letters issued by district societies to selected candidates by April 7, and government subsidies released by April 9. Necessary training for candidates will also be provided at the field level. “The meeting was attended by ED SC Corporation Naveen Babu, District Agriculture Officer D. Pullayya, District Transport Officer Srinivas Rao, NPDCL SE Inugurthi Srinivasa Chari, LDM Ravi Prasad, and other officials.”[7:16 PM, 3/18/2026] +91 96187 88997: End



## Grand Inauguration of 'The Golden Gala' Banquet Hall in Kapra MLA Bandari Lakshma Reddy attends as Chief Guest

“NARRA SRINIVAS REDDY (NSR), Medchal - Malkajgiri Staff Reporter, March 18, (Indian chronicle):“A new banquet facility, 'The Golden Gala – Banquets & Caterers', was inaugurated with grandeur on Tuesday at G.R. Reddy Nagar in Jammigadda under Kapra mandal. Uppal MLA Bandari Lakshma Reddy attended the event as the chief guest and formally inaugurated the venue by lighting the ceremonial lamp. Speaking on the occasion, he said the establish-



ment of a modern banquet hall in line with the growing population is a welcome development for local residents. He noted that the facility would provide a convenient venue for hosting weddings, birthday celebrations, engagements, and other social gatherings in the area. He also emphasized the importance of maintaining quality in food and service, urging the management to build trust among customers. He added that such business establishments contribute to local development and generate employment opportunities. Several local leaders and public representatives, including former corporators Kotha Rama Rao, Pajjoori Pavani Manipal Reddy, Swarna Raj Shivamani, Bojja Raghava Reddy, Kasam Mahipal Reddy, Pakala Rajanna, Naveen Goud, Mahesh Goud, Kumar Swamy, Manemma, Rahim Allurayya, Kiran, Anand Chari, Vijender, Rajesh, Prakash, and Umesh, were present at the event. The organizers, D. Trishna, D. Sandeep, S. Sai Kumar, S. Santosh Kumar, and D. Shashank, felicitated the MLA and expressed their gratitude. Leaders from various political parties, prominent citizens, and family members attended the program in large numbers and extended their wishes to the organizers.

## Social Feeds Are Powering India's Micro-Drama Boom: Meta-Ormax Report

Hyderabad As short-form video reshapes how audiences consume content on their smartphones, micro dramas are rapidly emerging not only as a new storytelling format but also as a new business vertical in India. At its inaugural Meta Marketing Summit: Micro-Drama Edition, the company shed light on the rising number of micro-drama platforms that are now actively using Meta platforms to reach relevant audiences, launch new shows, and build their business.

To capture the rise of this industry, Meta also unveiled a new audience research report developed in collaboration with media insights firm Ormax Media that examines how this category is evolving and how viewers are discovering and engaging with it. Titled "Micro Dramas: The India Story," the report finds that 65% of viewers discovered micro dramas within the last year, and an overwhelming 89% of viewers discover micro dramas through social feeds, highlighting feed-led discovery and signalling the rapid rise of the format among digital audiences. Unlike traditional OTT viewing, micro-dramas are built around short, episodic narratives designed for smartphone consumption, where audiences encounter stories through social feeds rather than actively searching for them. Said Shailesh Kapoor, Founder-CEO, Ormax Media, "Micro dramas are beginning to show the early signs of becoming a distinct content category in India's digital entertainment landscape. What makes this format interesting is not just the content itself, but the viewing habit forming around it – one that is deeply tied to mobile-first, personal-screen consumption. When a format aligns closely with how audiences naturally engage with their devices, it has the potential to scale very quickly. The signals we are seeing today suggest micro dramas could evolve into a meaningful new layer within India's digital content ecosystem."



## Bhuvanagiri MP Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy Speaks in Lok Sabha Following Revocation of Suspension

Bhuvanagiri MP Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy Participates in the Discussion on 'Demands for Grants' for Agriculture (Mandava Srisailam... Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Bureau... Indian Chronicle... March 18): Bhuvanagiri MP Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy stated that while half of India's population depends on agriculture for their livelihood, the sector contributes only 16% to 18% to the GDP—a clear testament to a structural imbalance within the economy. He asserted that the 2026–27 budget is not favorable to farmers and that the Union Budget, in its current form, offers no benefit to the farming community. He pointed out that while loans amounting to nearly ₹16 lakh crore were waived for corporate entities, farmers' loans were not waived. He questioned: "What crime have the farmers of this country committed? Does the Central Government assume that farmers lack a voice to demand their rights?" He further questioned why the Central Government has failed to implement the recommendations of the Swaminathan Committee and why a Minimum Support Price (MSP) is not being provided for agricultural produce. He asked why the Centre has been unable to address the farmers' demand for a legal guarantee regarding their rights. He also questioned the Central Government's decision to enter into trade agreements with the United States at a time when farmers are facing severe distress. Furthermore, he urged the Centre to extend its cooperation regarding the amendments proposed by the Telangana state government to the 'Seeds Bill 2025,' as well as to provide compensation for crop losses and support for seed production activities. He stated that there is a need to establish a Regional Oil Palm Research Center in Telangana to provide scientific support to oil palm farmers. He urged the Central Government to take sustainable measures to ensure the availability of standard seed sprouts and to establish an agricultural university in Telangana, in accordance with the Andhra Pradesh Reorganization Act of 2014. He emphasized that Telangana requires support from the Central Government and that the budget needs to be revised. He asserted that the government must adopt a pro-farmer stance, noting that 60% of the country's population depends on farmers. Bhuvanagiri MP Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy further pointed out that nearly 50% of employment in the country is generated by the agricultural sector.



## Canon Celebrates 30 Years of PowerShot with a PowerShot G7 X Mark III

Hyderabad Canon Inc. announced on 5 February 2026 that 2026 marks the 30th anniversary of the launch of Canon's PowerShot digital compact camera lineup. In commemoration of this milestone, a PowerShot G7 X Mark III model featuring a special-edition colour in limited quantity and 30th anniversary logo will be released. Since the launch of the inaugural PowerShot 600 in July 1996, the PowerShot lineup has expanded to cater to diverse user needs. Developed for users to enjoy capturing high-quality photos and videos with greater ease, the lineup has been embraced by users of all levels from beginners to advanced enthusiasts. The overall production volume of compact digital cameras including the IXUS series exceeded 200 million units in December 2025 worldwide. The current PowerShot lineup consists of three series that are tailored to suit different lifestyle needs: the G series packs exceptional image quality and rich features into compact and lightweight bodies; the V series, enables effortless advanced video shooting, and the SX series offers powerful zoom capabilities. Canon will continue to address users' evolving needs through the PowerShot series, pursuing advanced technologies and expressive capabilities to contribute to the continued growth of photo and video culture. Launch of the PowerShot 30th Anniversary Commemorative Edition First launched in August 2019, the PowerShot G7 X Mark III delivers rich imaging capabilities with a 1.0-inch stacked CMOS sensor with approximately 20.1 effective megapixels, optics with a large and bright maximum aperture, and a 4.2x zoom lens. In addition to still shooting, it is equipped with convenient video features such as the vlogging-centric Video Blog recording mode.



## Edelweiss Life Insurance targets breakeven by FY27

Hyderabad Edelweiss Life Insurance expects to grow in double digits over the next 2-3 years and hopes to achieve breakeven by FY27, MD and CEO Sumit Rai said. "We are about a 14-year-old organisation. The early years, particularly between 2011 and 2016, were a muted period of growth for the life insurance industry overall. We were also new at that stage and deliberately conservative in how we approached the business. The real inflection in our growth came post 2017-2018," Rai said. The insurer was primarily a one-channel company early on, he said, adding that "we now operate as a multi-channel insurer, with proprietary and partnership distribution contributing roughly 50-50." "The same balance is reflected in the company's product mix as well, Rai said. The company's consistent focus has been on building a well-diversified, long-term business across channels and products, Rai said. The company saw a strong momentum in Q3FY26. Its individual APE grew 38% year-on-year, faster than the industry by a wide margin. In FY26, Rai said, the company is targeting to close around Rs 650 crore of new business and a total premium income of approximately Rs 2,400 crore. From a capital standpoint, Rai said, the company is very well capitalised. "Our paid-up capital stands at around Rs 2,900 crore today. Over the last few years, we have infused approximately Rs 175–200 crore annually, and we expect this level of capital support to broadly continue over the next two to three years as we scale."



## Teach For India Announces 22 March 2026 Deadline for Fellowship Applications Offering an Opportunity to Pursue a Unique Master's in Transformational Learning

Hyderabad Teach For India, a non-profit championing educational equity, has announced the next deadline for its 2026 Fellowship. The deadline to apply is March 22, 2026. Through the Fellowship, aspiring leaders will have the opportunity to make a lasting impact on the lives of children while shaping the future of education in India. In addition to the Fellowship experience, selected Fellows will have the unique opportunity to opt for a two-year postgraduate programme (four semesters), enabling them to earn a master's degree in transformational learning while continuing their full-time, paid teaching...