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Meeting with Political Parties on Electoral Roll Revision in Kakinada



Kakinada District, November 28: A meeting with representatives of various political parties was held on Saturday at the Kakinada Municipal Corporation office, chaired by the Electoral Registration Officer (ERO) and Additional Commissioner, K.T. Sudhakar. During the meeting, the second phase of the special elec toral roll revision process was explained. It was stated that 49,400 forms for the registration of eligible voters have been printed and distributed to Booth Level Officers (BLOs). According to the draft electoral roll released on July 30, 2026, there were 1,93,114 voters in the Kakinada city constituency; this number has reached 1,96,884 as of November 27. There are currently 261 polling stations, and the final electoral roll is scheduled to be published on December 22. Political parties were requested to have their booth-level agents cooperate with the officials conducting the door-to-door survey. Regarding the registration of voters for the East and West Godavari Teachers' MLC constituency, a total of 958 applications—comprising 243 offline and 715 online submissions—have been received so far. The meeting was attended by Election Deputy Tahsildar Govindarajulu, Social Welfare Officer Shesh Kumar, and representatives from various political parties.

No room for errors in the conduct of elections



Kakinada, November 28: District Collector M.N. Harendhira Prasad has directed officials to ensure that the second phase of Gram Panchayat elections—including polling and the counting of votes—is conducted in a transparent and impartial manner, in accordance with the guidelines of the State Election Commission. On Saturday, he visited the election material distribution center set up at the Gollaprolu Mandal Parishad office to inspect the arrangements. He instructed polling staff to verify all materials against the provided checklist and to complete all necessary preparations to ensure that polling begins on time. He specified that polling should take place from 7:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Regarding the counting process, he stated that postal ballots must be counted first, followed by the votes cast in the ballot boxes. He further directed that ballot papers for Sarpanch and ward member positions be separated and counted according to the established rules. He also mandated that the details of each round of counting be computerized and the results recorded transparently. The visit was attended by P. Shailaja, PD of MEPMA and the Returning Officer for the Gollaprolu Mandal elections, along with other staff members.

Remove College Advertisements Placed in Violation of Regulations



Anantapur, November 28: Pratibha Bharati, District Secretary of the PSF (Progressive Students' Federation), has demanded the immediate removal of all flex banners, advertisement boards, and wall posters put up by Resonance College in Anantapur city, stating that they violate the regulations set by the Department of Education. On Saturday, a memorandum was submitted to the City Commissioner on behalf of a coalition of student organizations. Speaking on the occasion, USFI District Secretary Bheemesh and JVS Founding President Manohar alleged that the college is deceiving students and parents by displaying advertisements without obtaining the necessary official permissions. They noted that although a complaint was filed with the RIO (Regional Inspection Officer) on Friday—who subsequently issued a public statement—the college management has chosen to ignore it. They urged the authorities to instruct field-level staff to remove the advertisements from across the city and to initiate departmental action against the college management for violating the regulations. Student leaders including Shahid, Madhav, Ghouse, and Shiva participated in this event.

Mahatma Jyotiba Phule: The Man Who Lit the Lamp of Literacy in the Lives of the Oppressed



Nalgonda, November 28: On the occasion of the 136th death anniversary of Mahatma Jyotiba Phule, Jajula Lingam Goud, State Convener of the BC JAC (Backward Classes Joint Action Committee), paid a glowing tribute by garlanding his statue. Speaking on the occasion, he hailed Phule as a great social reformer who fought throughout his life against caste hegemony, untouchability, and social inequality. He noted that Phule dedicated his life to the mission of providing education to the oppressed, women, and the poor. He recalled how, together with Savitribai Phule, he laid the foundations for the education of girls. He emphasized that Phule's vision would only be truly realized when the BC, SC, ST, and minority communities are granted opportunities in education, employment, and politics in proportion to their population. The event was attended by Bantu Venkateswarlu, Yerrabelli Durgaiah, Aribandi Srinivas, Bantu Kavitha, Kummarikuntla Sudhakar, S.P. Naidu, Korra Pidatha Suresh, Bantu Saidulu, Thaduri Saidulu, Basham Srinu, and others.

Resonance Junior College Must Stop Misleading Propaganda



Kadapa District, November 28: RSU State General Secretary Thondanati Prashanth has alleged that Resonance Junior College in Kadapa city is misleading students and parents by spreading false information regarding its IIT-JEE and NEET coaching programs. In this regard, a protest was held on Friday in front of the Regional Inspection Officer (RIO) of Intermediate Education, and a formal representation was submitted to the officials. Prashanth stated that although the college lacks the necessary approvals from the Education Department, it has been falsely claiming to possess all required clearances. He demanded a comprehensive inquiry into the college's authorizations, recognition, and eligibility to operate, and urged that criminal cases be registered against the management for deceiving students. He further warned that if the authorities fail to take action, a large-scale protest will be organized in front of the District Collector's office. RSU District Vice-President Jaswanth Kumar, District Assistant Secretary Vamsi, along with Naveen, Basha, Kiran, and others, participated in the event.

Ayyappa Swamy Puja Celebrations Delight Devotees



Visakhapatnam, November 28: The Ayyappa Swamy Puja festival was celebrated with great grandeur at the residence of Gantla Srinubabu, Secretary of the National Union of Journalists and a state-level leader of the Andhra Pradesh Working Journalists Federation. The atmosphere was filled with devotion, resonating with the chanting of Ayyappa's name, *Saranu Ghosha* (devotional calls), and *bhajans*. Following *Ganapati Puja* and *Mahalakshmi Puja*, special *abhishekams* (ritual bathing) and prayers were offered to Lord Ayyappa. Former Minister and Bheemili MLA Ganta Srinivasa Rao attended the event, offered his prayers to the deity, and participated in the special rituals. He mentioned that he prayed to the Lord for the well-being, happiness, and good health of everyone in the world. Former MLA Tippala Gurumurthy Reddy also took part in the prayers. Following the rituals, the family members of Gantla Srinubabu honored Ganta Srinivasa Rao with a *sheshavastram* (ceremonial cloth).

Everything Set for the Second Phase of Gram Panchayat Elections



Nandyal District, November 28: District Collector G. Rajakumari announced that all arrangements have been finalized to conduct the second phase of Gram Panchayat elections in Nandyal district in a peaceful and transparent manner. She stated that elections will be held for 123 Gram Panchayats and 1,982 wards spanning 11 mandals, with 2,108 polling stations prepared for the process. Out of a total of 195 Gram Panchayats, 72 have seen candidates elected unanimously, while elections will take place in the remaining 123. The Collector noted that special surveillance and robust police security are being arranged for sensitive and highly sensitive polling stations. She has directed officials to ensure the provision of basic amenities, such as drinking water and electricity, at all polling stations. Furthermore, she instructed that the allocation of election materials and the appointment of staff be completed well in advance.

Chinagani Narasimha Yadav calls on Paritala Sriram



Sri Sathya Sai, November 28: Chinagani Narasimha Yadav, the Mudigubba Mandal TDP General Secretary and in-charge of the third cluster, paid a courtesy call to Paritala Sriram, the Sri Sathya Sai District ZP Chairman and TDP in-charge for the Dharmavaram constituency. During the meeting, they discussed the recently concluded Panchayat elections and the efforts put in by party leaders and workers. They exchanged views on the action plan required to further strengthen the party at the village level. It was requested that party workers who have worked hard for the organization be given due recognition and importance. Chinagani Narasimha Yadav stated that they also deliberated on matters concerning funds and functions of local bodies, as well as the development of villages.

Nettem Raghuram Appointed as Special Observer for Nandigama Elections





NTR District, November 28: TDP National General Secretary Nara Lokesh has appointed former Minister and Krishna District Cooperative Central Bank Chairman, Nettem Raghuram, as the Special Observer for the Gram Panchayat elections in the Nandigama constituency. In this capacity, Raghuram met with MLA and Government Whip Tangirala Sowmya to discuss the electoral landscape, the selection of candidates, and the coordination among party leaders and workers. Subsequently, he held meetings with the party presidents of Kanchikacherla, Chandarlapadu, Veerulapadu, and Nandigama mandals to review the election situation in each village and the campaign progress of the Sarpanch candidates. He also met with Sarpanch candidates, local leaders, and party workers from the villages of Kodavatikallu and Keesara, providing them with guidance on election strategy. Nettem Raghuram urged the leaders and party workers to work in coordination and provide all necessary support to ensure the victory of the party's candidates.

Election Expenditure Accounts Must Be Submitted Within the Stipulated Deadline

Baireddypalli, November 28: MPDO K. Anandababu has advised all candidates who contested for the positions of MPTC member, Sarpanch, or ward member in the Baireddypalli mandal during the 2026 general elections—regardless of whether they won or lost—to submit their final election expenditure accounts within the prescribed deadline. These accounts must be submitted to the District Election Officer through the Baireddypalli MPDO office within 45 days from the date of the declaration of election results. Candidates for MPTC positions, whose results were announced on November 7, must submit their accounts by December 22, 2026. Candidates for Sarpanch and ward member positions, whose results were announced on November 26, must submit their accounts by January 10, 2027. However, as January 10 falls on a Sunday, the MPDO has requested that the submissions be made by January 8, 2027. The maximum expenditure limit for an MPTC candidate is Rs. 4 lakh. For villages with a population of less than 10,000, the expenditure limit is Rs. 2.50 lakh for a Sarpanch and Rs. 60,000 for a ward member. In villages with a population of 10,000 or more, a Sarpanch may spend up to Rs. 4 lakh, and a ward member may spend up to Rs. 1 lakh. Candidates are required to record their daily expenses—from the date of filing nominations until the declaration of results—along with a summary of total expenditure, in the prescribed formats. These records, accompanied by the relevant bills and receipts, must be submitted to the MPDO office, and



an acknowledgment receipt should be obtained. MPDO K. Anand Babu warned that failure to submit these accounts within the stipulated deadline could lead to disqualification by the State Election Commission for a period of three years, and, in the case of an elected candidate, could also result in the loss of their position.

Telugu MPs should defy the party whip on the delimitation issue and vote according to their conscience



NTR District, November 28: APCC Vice-President Kolanukonda Shivaji has alleged that the BJP-led central government is orchestrating a political conspiracy by introducing the delimitation bill under the guise of the Women's Reservation Bill. Speaking at a press conference held at Andhra Ratna Bhavan in Vijayawada, he stated that the Congress party advocates for reserving 181 out of the 543 Lok Sabha seats for women, with implementation set to begin from 2029. He expressed concern that the redrawing of constituencies could lead to an injustice against the southern states, adding that it is inappropriate for the Centre to take unilateral decisions without consulting state Chief Ministers or political parties. He further criticized the proposal to increase the number of Lok Sabha seats to 850, describing it as an unnecessary additional burden on public funds. He urged Telugu MPs to defy their party whips and vote in the interest of their respective states, following the dictates of their own conscience. Additionally, he condemned the assassination attempt on former MLA Amanchi Krishna Mohan, demanding that security be provided to him and that both the perpetrators and the conspirators behind the attack be arrested.

Grand Annual Sports Meet at Hyderabad Public School



Kadapa District, November 28: The annual sports meet was held with great enthusiasm over two days, November 27 and 28, at the Hyderabad Public School in Kadapa. The first day featured various running races and games for younger children, with a Taekwondo demonstration proving to be a major highlight. On the second day, sports competitions were organized for students from classes 5 to 10. The chief guest, Jagannath Reddy, Special Officer of the YSR Sports School, encouraged the students to excel in sports and bring international recognition to the nation. Principal Amit Singh remarked that sports contribute not only to physical health but also to mental well-being. The event included a march-past, gymnastics, running races, relays, and a tug-of-war. Special competitions were also held for parents, with prizes awarded to the winners. Among the four competing houses, Nalanda House emerged as the overall champion. The event was attended by Vice-Principal Srinivasa Murthy, along with teachers, students, and parents.

Dr. Perugu Ramakrishna: A World-Class Humanist Poet



- Remarks by the SVU Vice-Chancellor at the launch of the book "Pidikili Vadilinappudu"

Tirupati, November 28: Sri Venkateswara University (SVU) Vice-Chancellor, Professor Tata Narsinga Rao, described Dr. Perugu Ramakrishna as an international-caliber poet who skillfully addresses various social issues through a humanist lens. The book launch for "Pidikili Vadilinappudu" (When the Fist Relaxes)—a collection by the renowned international poet and SAARC award recipient, Dr. Perugu Ramakrishna—was held with great fervor on Saturday at the SVU Senate Hall. The event, organized under the auspices of the Department of Student Welfare and Cultural Affairs, was presided over by the prominent writer Dr. V.R. Rasani. SVU Vice-Chancellor Professor Tata Narsinga Rao attended as the chief guest and unveiled the book. University Registrar Professor M. Bhupathi Naidu participated as a distinguished guest and addressed the gathering. Noted writer and literary critic Shailaja Mitra provided an excellent review of the work. Senior poet and critic Dr. Kotwalu Amarendra, along with Gutta Harisarvottama Naidu—poet and state president of the Sri Sri Kalavedika—offered their reflections. Dr. Pattipati Vivek, Convener of the Department of Student Welfare and Cultural Affairs at SVU, extended the welcome and skillfully coordinated the proceedings. Speaking on the occasion, VC Narsinga Rao commended Perugu Ramakrishna, a native of Nellore, for authoring this—his 33rd book. He noted that the poem 'Pidikili Vadilinappudu' (When the Fist is Released) poignantly explores human relationships, love, freedom, and the optimism found in old age. Registrar Bhupathi Naidu remarked that the poet conveys a profound insight: just as sand held tightly in a fist slips through one's fingers, love—if constrained—tends to drift away; true intimacy flourishes only when freedom is granted. The poet delicately suggests that excessive closeness can stifle a relationship, and that if one cultivates their mind like a garden, others—like birds—will naturally come and alight there. The session chair, Dr. V.R. Rasani, highlighted the poet's optimistic perspective, asserting that old age is not merely an 'empty chair,' but rather fertile soil awaiting new seeds. Renowned poet Shailaja Mitra, who reviewed the collection, noted that this is the 12th poetry volume by Perugu Ramakrishna and contains a rich diversity of themes. She pointed out that the collection addresses contemporary issues, including the nature of 'OTP moments,' the 'world of screens,' the experience of a 'toll plaza,' and the shifts in lifestyle and technology brought about by 'Gen-Z.' The poet has touched upon various themes, ranging from childhood memories with his mother to social issues such as anti-war sentiments, violence along the borders, and environmental changes. The event was attended by senior poets and writers—including Dr. Swarajyalakshmi, Akula Malleswara Rao, Murisetti Govindu, Enugu Ankama Naidu, M. Kesavulu, Arava Jayapal, Dr. P. Gopal, and Chennai Kondaiah—as well as several literature enthusiasts and students.

Budda Venkanna Expresses Condolences on the Demise of Vasantha Haimavathi



Vijayawada, NTR District, November 28: Budda Venkanna, the in-charge for the Vijayawada West constituency, has expressed deep shock over the passing of Vasantha Haimavathi, wife of former minister Vasantha Nageswara Rao. He met with the family members of Vasantha Nageswara Rao to offer his heartfelt condolences. While providing words of comfort to the bereaved family, he prayed to the Almighty for the departed soul of Haimavathi to rest in peace. MLA Vasantha Krishna Prasad, Repala Mohana Rao, Prabhakar, Koganti Rama Rao, and others were present on the occasion.

The Ideals of Mahatma Jyotirao Phule Serve as an Inspiration for Future Generations



NTR District, November 28: MLC Ramesh Yadav praised the contributions of Mahatma Jyotirao Phule toward educational development, women's empowerment, and social equality, describing them as truly memorable. On the occasion of Phule's 136th death anniversary, MLC Ramesh Yadav, along with the State President of the Nagavamsam wing, Boddu Appala Naidu, and other party leaders, paid tribute by garlanding his statue at the YSR Congress Party central office in Tadepalli. Speaking on the occasion, Appala Naidu stated that the ideals of Phule continue to serve as an inspiration for future generations. He noted that former Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy introduced reforms ensuring that BC, SC, ST, and minority communities received more than 50 percent representation in nominated posts, local bodies, and the state cabinet. He further added that the credit for providing political and social recognition to the backward classes belongs to Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy.

A Grand Tribute to Mahatma Jyotirao Phule



Guntakal, November 28: The death anniversary of social reformer Mahatma Jyotirao Phule was observed with great reverence in the town of Pamidi. On this occasion, Sarpanch Chilakala Rajagopal, former Market Committee Chairman Prabhakar Chowdary, and former Municipal Chairman Ghouse Peera paid tribute by garlanding a portrait of Phule. Speaking on the occasion, Chilakala Rajagopal highlighted Phule's unforgettable contributions toward the educational advancement of the poor, the marginalized (Bahujans), and women. He emphasized that every child should receive an education, noting that the development of society is possible only through education. Prabhakar Chowdary and Ghouse Peera remarked that Phule's struggle for a society free from caste-based discrimination serves as an inspiration for the current generation. They urged everyone to work toward the promotion of education and the welfare of the poor, in line with Phule's vision. The event was attended by TDP ward members, community leaders, village elders, youth, and people from various walks of life.

Attacks on TDP Workers During Panchayat Elections



Raptadu Constituency, November 28: TDP leaders and workers from B. Yaleru and Thopudurthi villages in the Atmakuru mandal of the Raptadu constituency were attacked by YSRCP workers. Following the incident, those injured—Pujari Eswaraiah, Pujari Prasad, G. Obilesu, G. Eswaraiah, Dasari Venkataramudu, and Dasari Lakshmidevi—were visited at the Anantapur Government Hospital by Vijay, accompanied by local mandal and village-level leaders. He urged the medical staff to ensure the victims receive the best possible care.

Despite the Hype Around Development, When Will Public Grievances Be Resolved?



Raptadu Constituency, November 28: There is growing discontent among the public in rural areas regarding the coalition government. Allegations of corruption and bias have surfaced against field assistants of the employment guarantee scheme (MGNREGS). Critics point out that individuals aligned with the YSRCP are being given preference over TDP workers. Furthermore, there is frustration that government officials dominate administrative affairs, while TDP leaders and party workers are not being accorded due respect. It is reported that eligible beneficiaries have been waiting for over two and a half years for new pensions, housing plots, and individual welfare scheme benefits. The lack of access to corporation loans and self-employment opportunities for the marginalized and weaker sections has left many unemployed individuals feeling disheartened. Despite the extensive publicity surrounding development initiatives, there is criticism that the personal problems faced by ordinary citizens remain unaddressed. There are calls to ensure due recognition and respect for party workers who have contributed to the organization, alongside a demand for greater oversight of the administrative machinery. Political analysts suggest that the coalition will only retain public support for the 2029 elections if it ensures that welfare schemes reach the eligible beneficiaries and that grassroots-level issues are effectively resolved.

Village Pulse to be Decided Today All set for Panchayat elections

-Polling from 7:00 AM to 1:00 PM
-Counting begins at 2:00 PM
-Election materials dispatched to polling stations

Nagari: Following the conclusion of the territorial (MPTC/ZPTC) elections, the battle for the Panchayats is set to take place, deciding the rural pulse today. The official machinery has completed all preparations for the Panchayat elections scheduled to be held on Sunday across the constituency. Out of 95 panchayats in the constituency, 25 were elected unanimously, and necessary arrangements have been finalized to conduct elections in the remaining 70 Gram Panchayats.





Mandal-wise Election Details

Nagari Mandal: 59 Sarpanch candidates and 279 ward member candidates are contesting across 20 panchayats, with polling set to take place at 147 centers.Vijayapuram Mandal: 38 Sarpanch candidates and 89 ward member candidates are in the fray for 19 panchayats across 119 polling centers.Nindra Mandal: 31 Sarpanch candidates are contesting for 13 panchayats, while 85 candidates are vying for 40 ward seats across 68 polling centers.Puttur & Vadamalapeta Mandals: Elections will be held on Sunday in 9 panchayats each in Puttur and Vadamalapeta mandals.On Saturday, polling staff collected election materials from the distribution centers and reached their designated stations. Meanwhile, Sarpanch and ward member candidates intensified their campaigns with victory as their sole goal, heating up the political atmosphere in the villages. Distribution centers were set up at the local Government Degree College grounds. RDO Anupama, Tahsildar Ravikumar, MPDO Vani, and RO SKVS Narayana oversaw the distribution of materials from there, dispatched the staff to polling stations, and issued necessary instructions.

Arrangements Complete at Polling and Counting Centers

Candidates contesting for Sarpanch and ward positions campaigned aggressively in their respective villages, going door-to-door to meet voters and seeking support until the very last minute. Polling will commence at 7:00 AM on Sunday and continue until 1:00 PM. Subsequently, vote counting will begin at 2:00 PM, followed by the announcement of results. Officials have completed all required arrangements at the polling and counting centers in the respective villages.

Tight Police Security

The police department is on high alert to ensure the Panchayat elections are conducted peacefully. DSP Chandrasekhar has issued special directives to prevent any untoward incidents in the villages, and tight police security will be deployed at all polling and counting centers. Police have warned of strict action against anyone obstructing the election process or disrupting law and order, appealing to everyone to cooperate for peaceful and democratic polling and counting. During an inspection of the panchayats, residents of Agaram Panchayat requested heavy security, expressing concerns about potential clashes on election day. Responding to their plea, the DSP assured them that tight security would definitely be provided.

Be Alert on Election Duty:Additional SP S. Shanu



-Guidance issued to Nagari Sub-Division Police
-Orders to maintain special surveillance on problematic areas

Nagari, November 28:Police are fully prepared to conduct the polling and counting processes for the second phase of the Gram Sarpanch elections—scheduled for Sunday—in a peaceful atmosphere. Under the instructions of District SP Tushar Dudi, Additional SP (Operations) Smt. S. Shanu briefed the police officers and personnel deployed for election security duties in the Nagari sub-division on Saturday.Speaking on the occasion, she instructed the personnel to discharge their election duties with utmost responsibility, alertness, and impartiality. She ordered them to take precautionary measures to prevent any untoward incidents at polling stations, especially maintaining special surveillance over problematic and sensitive areas.

Strict Action Against Disturbing Law and Order

The Additional SP made it clear that strict action must be taken against anyone disrupting law and order during the elections. She stated that duties must be performed legally according to regulations without succumbing to any political pressure. She advised preventing unnecessary gatherings around polling stations and providing tight security so voters can exercise their franchise freely without fear.

Tight Security at Counting Centers

She ordered the safe transportation of election materials immediately after polling concludes, along with tight security arrangements at counting centers. She emphasized that personnel must work in mutual coordination during counting. She reiterated that conducting elections in a peaceful environment for the public is the police's primary goal, and urged that no one show negligence in their duties.

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