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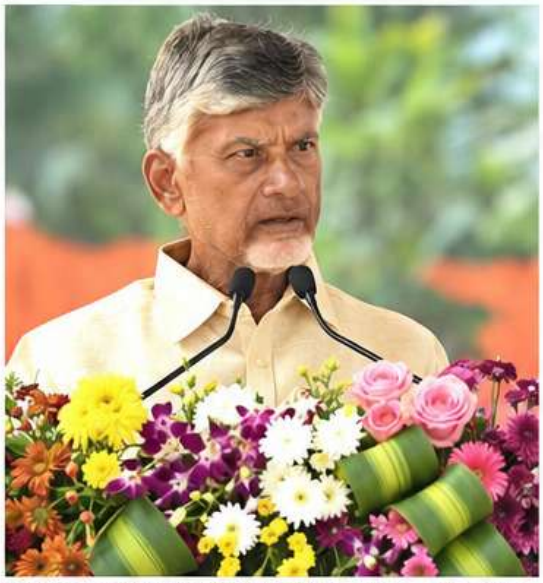
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I WILL DEAL FIRMLY WITH THOSE WHO HARASS THE PUBLIC

CM warns officials against negligence; people's welfare is the top priority

AMARAVATI, Oct 21: Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has said that action will be taken firmly against those who harass the public or act with negligence. Addressing a public meeting, the Chief Minister stressed that the government is committed to transparent, responsive and people-centric administration.

"Officials must work with a sense of responsibility. Public welfare is our top priority. Those who ignore people's problems or create difficulties for them will face stringent action," the Chief Minister warned.



Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu addressing a public meeting in Amaravati on Wednesday.

He reiterated that the government's development programmes are aimed at ensuring better opportunities for all sections of society, and directed officials to resolve public grievances in a time-bound manner.

The Chief Minister said corruption, inefficiency and insensitivity in governance will not be tolerated, and instructed departments to strengthen monitoring mechanisms at the district and mandal levels to ensure accountability.

He called upon public representatives and officials to work together to build a developed and prosperous Andhra Pradesh.



25% SEATS FOR POOR CHILDREN IN PRIVATE SCHOOLS

Government to ensure implementation effectively, say officials

AMARAVATI, Oct 21: The government has reiterated its commitment to providing 25% seats for children from economically weaker and disadvantaged sections in private unaided schools.

Officials said steps are being taken to ensure proper implementation of the Right to Education (RTE) provisions, which mandate 25% reservation for poor children in private schools. They directed educational institutions to complete the admission process transparently and strictly follow the rules.

The government is also reviewing the implementation status and has asked district officials to address grievances, ensure social inclusion and provide quality education to all children.



SRI TEJA GETS A HUGE RESPONSE

Fans throng theatres on the first day

HYDERABAD, Oct 21: The much-awaited film "Sri Teja" received a tremendous response from audiences on its first day of release. Fans thronged theatres across the state, and many shows ran to full capacity.

The film, which has been generating positive buzz, has been appreciated for its entertaining content, strong performances and high production values. The lead actors and the film's team expressed their gratitude to the audience for the overwhelming response.

AIR POLLUTION RETURNS TO DELHI

GRAP Stage I restrictions come into effect



NEW DELHI, Oct 21: Air pollution levels in Delhi have risen once again, with the Air Quality Index (AQI) moving into the 'poor' category. In view of the worsening air quality, the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) has implemented Stage I restrictions under the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP).

Authorities are closely monitoring the situation and have urged residents to follow guidelines, avoid unnecessary travel and take precautions, especially children, the elderly and those with respiratory problems.

APPROVAL TO FILL 7,437 POLICE VACANCIES

Recruitment process to begin soon, says government



AMARAVATI, Oct 21: The government has given approval to fill 7,437 vacancies in the police department to strengthen law and order and ensure better public safety.

Speaking at a programme, the Chief Minister said the recruitment process will be taken up soon and young people will get more opportunities to serve in the police department. He directed officials to complete the necessary procedures promptly and ensure a transpareat recruitment process.

The government said the new recruits will contribute to strengthening policing and improving public safety across the state.

7,437 Cases of Pension Fraud Detected in Palnadu

Action to be taken against officials who failed to identify irregularities

Palnadu, Oct 21: As many as 7,437 irregularities in pension disbursement have been identified in Palnadu district. The authorities have decided to take action against the concerned officials who failed to detect the fraud. A detailed enquiry is underway.

Steps to Permanently End Naxalism

Union Minister Assures

New Delhi, Oct 21: The Union Minister assured that concrete measures are being taken to completely eradicate Naxalism from the country. He said the government is strengthening security, development and rehabilitation to bring lasting peace in affected areas.

Car with Fake Number Plate Seized

Hyderabad, Oct 21: A car with a fake registration number was caught by the police during vehicle checks. The vehicle was seized and a case has been registered. Police are investigating the source and purpose of the fake number plate.



Driver Arrested for Carrying Voter Slips

Hyderabad, Oct 21: The police arrested a driver for transporting voter slips during checking at a vehicle inspection point. The officials seized a large number of voter slips from his car. Election officials are investigating the link and source of the material.

Cattle Washing Places Turn into Breeding Grounds for Mosquitoes

- Stagnant water poses health risk
- Locals urge immediate action
- Need regular cleaning and monitoring

Khammam, Oct 21: Cattle washing places in various parts of the city have turned into mosquito breeding grounds due to stagnant water and lack of maintenance. Locals say these areas are becoming a serious health hazard, especially to children and the elderly. They have urged the municipal authorities to take immediate measures to clean the premises and prevent water stagnation.



Stagnant water at a cattle washing place in Khammam has become a breeding ground for mosquitoes. (Photo: 21.10.2026)

Locals Concerned

Residents said that stagnant water is causing mosquito menace and foul smell in the surroundings. They demanded that the municipal authorities conduct regular cleaning and monitoring.

Demand for Action

People appealed to the Khammam Municipal Corporation to take immediate steps to remove stagnant water, ensure sanitation and prevent the spread of mosquito-borne diseases like dengue and malaria.



Arrested Gang Involved in Theft of Vehicles

Khammam, Oct 21: The police arrested a gang involved in vehicle thefts and recovered stolen vehicles worth several lakhs of rupees. The accused were produced before the media on Wednesday. Police said the gang was operating in different districts and stealing vehicles from parking areas and residential colonies. Further investigation is underway to arrest other members.



Police with the arrested vehicle theft gang in Khammam.

Fire Pot Procession Held Grandly

- Devotees participate in large numbers
- Traditional ritual performed with fervour
- Tight security arrangements in place

Khammam, Oct 21: The annual fire pot procession was held with great devotion and fanfare on Wednesday night. A large number of devotees took part in the religious event, carrying fire pots and offering prayers. The atmosphere was filled with devotional chants and traditional music. Police made elaborate security arrangements to ensure the smooth conduct of the event.



Devotees participate in the fire pot procession in Khammam.

Felicitation to Police Officials for Their Good Work

- Social organisations appreciate services



Khammam, Oct 21: Social organisations felicitated police officials for their commendable services. Representatives of various organisations met the officials and appreciated their efforts in maintaining law and order, ensuring public safety and responding promptly to people's problems. They said the police have been working with commitment for peace and security in the region.

Youth Should Take Up Social Service



Khammam, Oct 21: Youth should come forward for social service and contribute to the welfare of society, said speakers at a programme organised in the district on Wednesday. They stressed that the younger generation has a key role to play in addressing social issues and helping the weaker sections. The speakers urged youth to take inspiration from great leaders and work for a better and stronger society.

Gang Leader Kanakaiah Dies



Khammam, Oct 21: Senior Congress leader Kanakaiah, a native of Kusumanchi mandal, died on Tuesday while undergoing treatment at a hospital in Khammam. He had been suffering from ill health for some time. Kanakaiah was a prominent leader in the Congress party and was known for his active role in social and political activities in the region. Leaders from various political parties paid their tributes to the departed leader.

Funeral Procession for a Respected Leader



Khammam, Oct 21: A large number of people participated in the funeral procession of senior leader Kanakaiah in Kusumanchi. Leaders from different political parties, local representatives and villagers paid their last respects. They remembered his services to the people and his contribution to public life.

HARASSMENT OF WOMEN IN THE NAME OF HIGH-PROFILE GANGS

- Strict action demanded against the accused

Khammam, Oct 21: A serious complaint has been raised over the alleged harassment of women by a high-profile gang in the district. Social organisations and citizens have demanded strict action against those involved. They said that despite several complaints, the accused are moving freely, which is causing fear among women. They urged the authorities to take immediate steps to identify the gang members, ensure the safety of women and prevent such incidents in the future.

Women's organisations have demanded fast-track investigation and stringent punishment for the offenders. They also called for stronger patrolling, better monitoring and awareness programmes to ensure women's safety.

The incident has created concern among the public and highlighted the need for stronger measures to curb crimes against women. Citizens said that such gangs are taking advantage of loopholes and demanded that the police act without delay. The organisations emphasised that ensuring a safe environment for women is essential for a peaceful and progressive society.

Police Department Ready for Local Elections

Khammam, Oct 21: The police department is fully prepared to conduct the upcoming local body elections in a peaceful and transparent manner, said a senior police officer.

Addressing a programme, he said all necessary arrangements have been made to maintain law and order during the election process. Police personnel have been directed to remain vigilant and take strict action against any vilolations, including illegal liquor transport, distribution of money and other malpractices.



He appealed to the public to extend their cooperation and inform the police about any suspicious activities. The officer assured that the elections will be conducted in a free, fair and peaceful manner with the support of all sections of society.

Funds Released for Development of Chintapalli

Khammam, Oct 21: The government has released funds for the development works in Chintapalli mandal, officials said. The funds will be utilised for the construction and improvement of roads, drainage, drinking water facilities and other basic infrastructure. Local leaders hailed the government's decision and said the development works will greatly benefit the people of the mandal. They thanked the concerned authorities for responding to their demands.



Local people expressed hope that the works will be taken up at the earliest and urged the officials to ensure quality and timely completion. The development activities are expected to improve living conditions and boost overall growth in the region.

Khammam / Nalgonda

Extensive Arrangements for Rythu Sangham National Conference

- A march by 15,000 Red Shirt volunteers will be held on the 15th.
- Telangana Rythu Sangham state president Pothineni Sudarshan called for the conference to be made a success.

The 36th national conference of the All India Kisan Sabha (AIKS) will be held in Nalgonda district from 15 to 18 November. The organizers are making extensive arrangements for the four-day event.

Speaking at a press conference at Sundarayya Bhavan in Khammam, **Pothineni Sudarshan** said the conference would be conducted in the spirit of the farmers' movement.



A march involving 15,000 disciplined **Red Shirt** volunteers is planned for the opening day. The organizers are also preparing for a large public meeting expected to draw more than 100,000 farmers.

Key Issues to be Discussed

The conference will discuss the future of Indian agriculture and farmers' rights, with the aim of strengthening united movements involving farmers and agricultural workers.

Sudarshan highlighted the financial difficulties faced by poor farmers, tenant farmers and agricultural workers, particularly those without adequate support in old age.

He called on the government to provide **₹10,000 per month** in assistance to those in need. He also demanded legislation guarantesing a **Minimum Support Price (MSP)** for every crop, rather than limiting the promise to announcements.

He appealed to farmers and the public throughout Telangana, particularly in the Nalgonda region, to cooperate in making the conference successful.

Police Martyrs' Sacrifices Will Always Be Remembered

Khammam — Police Commemoration Day

District Collector Divakar T.S. and Police **Commissioner Sunil Dutt** paid tribute to police personnel who sacrificed their lives to protect people's lives and property.

The commemorative programme was held at the parade ground of the Khammam District Police Headquarters on Wednesday, in observance of Police Commemoration Day, also known as Police Flag Day.

Police officials, staff members and families of the martyrs offered floral tributes at the memorial. Armed police personnel conducted a parade and presented a guard of honour, followed by two minutes of silence.



The District Collector said the dedication and sacrifices of police personnel form the foundation of public safety and social peace. He emphasized that police officers play an important role in protecting democracy and ensuring security while development programmes are carried out.

Police Commissioner Sunil Dutt recalled that on 21 October 1959, ten Indian police personnel were killed in a Chinese attack in the Hot Springs area of Ladakh. The annual commemoration honours their sacrifice.

He also noted that police efforts in Telangana had helped restore peace after years of violence and insecurity.

Several senior police officials, staff members and families of deceased personnel attended the programme.

Karepalli / Khammam district

Migrant Worker Allegedly Assaulted

A 19-year-old migrant worker named Raju was reportedly seriously injured after an alleged assault in Manikyaram village in the Singareni area.

According to local accounts, the young man had come from another state in search of work and was earning a living through daily-wage labour. Allegations have been made that a local farmer attacked him.

The precise reason for the incident remains unclear, and it is not yet known whether a dispute occurred between the two before the alleged assault.

Local residents initially took Raju to the government hospital in Karepalli. After receiving first aid, he was reportedly transferred to a hospital in Khammam for further treatment because of the seriousness of his injuries.



Ambulance Unavailable

According to local information, an ambulance was unavailable when the injured worker needed to be transferred to Khammam, so he was taken in an auto-rickshaw. The reasons for the reported lack of ambulance availability have not yet been clarified.

Mudigonda / Khammam district

Young Lawyer Dies by Suicide After Alleged Threats

A 27-year-old junior advocate, **Ganesh**, reportedly died by suicide after telling family members that someone had been following him and threatening him over the phone.

Ganesh, a resident of V. Venkatayapalem, had been working as a junior advocate at the Khammam court for about a year.

On Monday night, he went with his elder brother, Sai Teja, to visit their grandmother Padmavathi in Peddamandava village in Mudigonda mandal.

When his grandmother and brother returned from a temple on Tuesday, they reportedly found him hanging from a ceiling fan.



According to a complaint filed by his father, Danayya,

Ganesh had said during the preceding four days that he was being followed and harassed. His father also alleged that threatening phone calls had been made to him.

The family had sent him to his grandmother's house.

Preparations in Full Swing for Local Body Elections



Khammam, Oct 21: Preparations for the upcoming local body elections are underway in full swing across the district. As part of the election process, political leaders and workers are intensifying their strategies and outreach programmes. Parties from all sections are focusing on strengthening cadre, finalising candidates and planning campaign activities. Leaders expressed confidence that their respective parties will secure a good mandate in the elections.

Peace Committee Meeting Held



Khammam, Oct 21: A Peace Committee meeting was held at the local police station in view of the upcoming local body elections. Police officials, political party representatives and prominent citizens participated in the meeting. The police appealed to all parties to conduct elections in a peaceful and democratic manner and to cooperate in maintaining law and order in the area.

Illegal Construction of Community Hall Underway



Khammam, Oct 21: An illegal construction of a community hall is reportedly underway without obtaining the necessary permissions in the local area. The building is being constructed on government land, alleged locals. Despite several complaints, the authorities have not taken any action so far, raising suspicions about official negligence. Villagers have demanded that the revenue and municipal authorities immediately stop the construction and take legal action against those responsible.

Massive Crackdown on Drugs

■ 69.53 kg of ganja seized; 16 cases registered: Chinturu Sub-Division Police

Chinturu, Oct 21: As part of the intensified crackdown on narcotics, the Chinturu Sub-Division police seized a total of 69.53 kg of ganja and registered 16 cases. Addressing a press conference at the Sub-Division office, Sub-Divisional Police Officer (SDPO) said that special drives are being conducted to prevent illegal transport, storage and distribution of drugs, especially in the backdrop of the local body elections.

The police seized 69.53 kg of ganja, which was being transported illegally, and booked 16 persons in this connection. He stated that the special drive will continue and stern action will be taken against those involved in narcotic activities.



The police also appealed to the public to provide information about any drug-related activities in their areas. They assured that the identity of informants will be kept confidential.

Police officials urged parents to be vigilant and keep their children away from narcotics. They said that awareness programmes will be conducted in schools and colleges to alert students about the ill effects of drugs. The police reiterated their commitment to make the district drug-free.

Huge Crowds Throng Bonfire Festival; Thousands of Devotees Participate

Khammam, Oct 21: The annual bonfire festival was celebrated with great devotion and enthusiasm, with thousands of devotees participating. Devotees from surrounding villages flocked to the temple premises to take part in the festival. Special arrangements, including drinking water, barricades, medical camps, and security, were made for the convenience of devotees.

The temple authorities and local administration monitored the arrangements to ensure that the festival proceeded smoothly.

The event concluded peacefully with the participation of a large number of devotees.



Gold, Cash and Articles Worth ₹5.84 Crore Seized



Vijayawada, Oct 21: The sleuths of the Enforcement Department seized gold, cash and other articles worth ₹5.84 crore in a major operation. Acting on credible information, the officials conducted raids at multiple locations and recovered three gold bars weighing 115.84 grams, 115.601 grams and 115.600 grams, along with ₹40 lakh in cash, mobile phones and other incriminating material.

The officials said the seized property is suspected to be linked to illegal financial transactions. A detailed investigation is underway to identify the persons involved and to trace the source of the assets. Further action will be taken based on the findings.