

Revamp of gurukuls, hostels with ₹3,364 cr

Development works worth ₹1,500 cr will be taken up in the first phase of Nadu-Nedu for benefit of students: CM

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MORE than 3,000 gurukuls (residential schools) and hostels in the State will be revamped with an estimated cost of ₹3,364 crore under the Nadu-Nedu programme...

to ensure a good and conducive atmosphere for children in residential schools and hostels. Most of the children studying in the institutions hail from poor families.



It is our responsibility to ensure a good and conducive atmosphere for children in residential schools and hostels. At no point of time, they should feel neglected and say facilities are not good.

YS Jagan Mohan Reddy, Chief Minister

schools and hostels should be constantly monitored at the mandal level. The vacant posts of 759 welfare officers and 80 caretakers should be filled up, he ordered.

The Chief Minister gave his nod for the appointment of 171 hostel welfare officers for tribal gurukuls. Further, he instructed them to focus on recruitment of class IV employees for post matric hostels.

Taking stock of Anganwadis, Jagan instructed the officials to ensure that they run on sound lines. The filling up of existing vacancies should enable them function efficiently.

Briefing him about the measures taken, including filling up posts of supervisors in Anganwadis to ensure their efficient functioning, the officials said flavoured milk will be supplied in select Anganwadis from December 1 on a pilot basis.

Women and Child Welfare Minister KV Ushasri Charan, Chief Secretary Sameer Sharma, Principal Secretary (BC Welfare) G Jaya Lakshmi, Principal Secretary (Women and Child Welfare) M Ravichandra, Finance Secretary KVV Satyanarayana, APDDCF MD A Babu, Director (Women and Child Welfare) A Siri, Tribal Welfare Director M Jahnavi and Minority Welfare Director GC Kishore Kumar were present.

Naidu spewing lies on YSRC govt: Minister

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LAMBASTING TDP chief N Chandrababu Naidu for his comments and aggressive posturing during his Kurnool visit on Friday, Minister for Women and Child Welfare KV Ushasri Charan said there is no big liar than Naidu. Speaking to media persons at the party headquarters in Tadepalli, she said Naidu claims to be the person to have started the thrift movement, but the fact is that it was started way before TDP was found.

fore during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's public meeting in Visakhapatnam recently. "Everyone saw the importance given to the Chief Minister by the Prime Minister. For this very reason, TDP chief spewed lies in Kurnool," she said.

Ushasri Charan said no SHG member can forget the deception of Naidu, who went back on his promise to waive their loans, resulting in tremendous losses to them. "Whereas, our leader, who promised to clear their dues and debts, came true on his promises," she said. Dismissing Jana Sena's social auditing of housing scheme as an empty talk, she said beneficiaries are teaching befitting lessons to JSP leaders. The YSRC government has laid emphasis on women's empowerment, she asserted.

Businessmen's attempts to evade taxes will not be tolerated: Buggana

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STATING that the government will extend all support to the business community, Minister for Finance and Commercial Taxes Buggana Rajendranath said that they would safeguard the interests of the businessmen as long as they are honest in paying taxes.

While saying 'Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan and Jai businessmen' as their slogan, he said the government will follow the honey bee model in collection of taxes. The honey bee will squeeze honey without hurting the flower. Similarly, the government came up with such a model to collect taxes without harassing the businessmen, he added.

Addressing the Trade Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting held here on Friday, Buggana



said to reduce physical inspections on business premises, the government is setting up a data analytics cell to detect tax evasion. In case of finding any tax evaders, the officials will go for physical inspection on such business firms, he said.

Maintaining that the government is able to implement several schemes and programmes from the revenue generated through taxes, he such a system has been running since the days of kings. While agriculture is the main source of

taxes in those days, gradually, business emerged as the major source of taxes at present, the minister said.

Observing that traders have a tendency of evading tax intentionally going by the advice of tax consultants, he recalled that at one point of time when he handled his business after completion of studies, got the advice from the consultant to evade tax. But my father made me understand the importance of paying tax promptly to the government, which in turn will spend on the welfare and development of the needy people, he said.

While assuring that the government will look into all the grievances raised by the traders and will put sincere efforts to resolve them, Buggana, however, cautioned that any malpractices to evade taxes will be dealt seriously.



TDP chief N Chandrababu Naidu unveils the statue of NTR at the Kurnool district Telugu Desam office in Kurnool city on Friday | EXPRESS

'Naidu go back' slogans annoy TDP supremo

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TDP supremo and leader of opposition N Chandrababu Naidu appeared visibly angry when YSRC activists created hurdles to his meeting in Kurnool. On the final day of his three-day visit to Kurnool on Friday, Naidu unveiled the statue of party founder NT Rama Rao in the district party office.

Addressing the gathering, Naidu heard some commotion from the backside with YSRC activists raising 'Babu go back' slogans. This irked Naidu, who lost his cool and threatened to rob of the clothes and chase the YSRC leaders and activists. The TDP chief termed Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy a traitor of Rayalaseema and attempted to create rift between regions for political mileage. Knowing pretty well that the YSRC will not come back to power, Jagan is trying to create rift among the people on regional lines, he said.

Calling those who tried to cause disturbances at the meeting as 'Paytm' batch, he asserted "if necessary I will stay here overnight to see your end."

"I came to Kurnool several times but did not get such an unprecedented response from people, who in large numbers turned up for my meetings. The YSRC could not digest it and created disturbances," he said. Maintaining that he will not be afraid of anyone except the people, he asserted that he will go to any extent in safeguarding the democracy.

In fact, I myself proposed to set up a High Court bench in Kurnool and also unveiled the plans to develop Kurnool as a mega city while announcing Amaravati as the capital, he said.

Seeking to know what the police are doing when the YSRC goons disturb his meeting, he wanted them to remove the uniform.

Observing that it is TDP which completely uprooted factionism in Rayalaseema, he cautioned the people of the region to be careful about political rowdies. Maintaining that he is not alone, the TDP chief made it clear that the five crore people of Andhra Pradesh are behind him as he never resorted to cheap politics like the YSRC leaders. He called upon people to join hands to bring down the YSRC government.

It takes seven months to build LakshyaSAT II for Divya

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"So, to build affordable small satellites that are easily deployable and to bring space technology to the masses and inspire young minds, I founded N Space Tech," she said. N stands for her mother Nagaja who passed away 3 years ago. In March this year, CubeSat LakshyaSAT I was launched successfully with the help of a high-altitude balloon into the stratosphere from the United Kingdom. After its success, there is no stopping Divya.

Divya along with her business partner and co-founder of N Space Tech Raghuram Kothamas worked for seven months to build LakshyaSAT II and set up a telecommunication module and a few other communication subsystems to make it better than its former version. The current payload has seven sensors that can measure temperature, pressure, humidity, and various parameters and collect flight data even in extremely adverse conditions.

With its success, Divya will next work on the next version of LakshyaSAT which will be launched into low earth orbit through Vikram I. Asked about her dream project, she replied it's the orbital launch of 1U CubeSat which will establish two-way communication and later, to send a constellation of CubeSats for more enhanced communication.

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'CHINNARI KI CHEDODU' Srikakulam police launch new initiative to motivate children

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Srikakulam

IN an attempt to inculcate leadership qualities and moral values among children, Srikakulam police have come up with a new initiative called 'Chinnari Ki Chedodu'. Srikakulam SP GR Radhika has appointed special volunteers with senior citizens to create awareness about the initiative in hostels and orphanage home for children.



District Collector Shrikesh B Lathkar launches 'Chinnari Ki Chedodu' in Srikakulam on Friday | EXPRESS

the people have been depending on the government for education and health. It has more than 300 welfare hostels. However, majority of the hostels did not have psychiatrists to give counselling to children who are in depression. According to statistics with police department, at least 98 minor children went missing in 2022 due to lack of mental coverage.

After coming to know about the missing cases registered in the district, the SP came up with new initiative.

The programme will help children to learn moral values as grandparents are experts in telling tales. Senior citizens will visit the hostels and interact with the children. Later, they will resolve the issues with the help of officials concerned.

B Lathkar, Collector

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