

Chandrababu Naidu ignored promises made to villagers in Sattenapalli, says AP Water Resources Minister Ambati Rambabu

By Skyline Reporter Visakhapatnam, May 19
Minister for Water Resources Ambati Rambabu on Friday alleged that TDP national president N. Chandrababu Naidu ignored his promises after leaving Sattenapalli Assembly Constituency. Addressing a press conference in Sattenapalli on Friday, Mr. Rambabu said when Mr. Naidu visited the constituency recently, he promised to provide financial assistance for the well-being and education of certain residents of a Dalit colony at Kantepudi village. In reality, however, the TDP leader did nothing for them. Elaborating on his allegation, Mr. Rambabu said that at Kantepudi village in Sattenapalli Assembly Constituency, Mr. Naidu interact-

ed with certain Dalit women. He promised one N. Lakshmi, who is disabled, a financial assistance of ₹1 lakh and a tricycle. He also interacted with Y. Lavanya,

another resident, and promised her help to pursue higher education. "After Mr. Naidu completed his visit at Sattenapalli, TDP party leaders invited them to their

head office and asked them to join their party. But, the women declined and firmly said they would continue in the YSRCP. Hence, the TDP did not extend them the financial support." Saying that the TDP helped those who criticised him, Mr. Rambabu said, "For instance, Mr. Naidu gave ₹2 lakh to Turaka Gangamma, who lost her son in an accident while cleaning a tank in Sattenapalli ... Jana Sena president Pawan Kalyan gave her ₹4 lakh, because she criticised me. But, neither Mr. Naidu nor Mr. Pawan Kalyan gave a single rupee to [the family of] another victim of the same incident. Pallapu Rosaiah lost his son in the same accident. On the other hand, the YSRCP gave ₹2.5 lakh to each of these two families."



Chandrababu exhorts people to fight against corrupt practices of YSRCP government

By Skyline Reporter Vizianagaram, May 19
Telugu Desam Party (TDP) national president N. Chandrababu Naidu asked people to fight against the "corrupt practices of the YSR Congress Party government in Andhra Pradesh." Addressing a roadshow at S. Kota in Vizianagaram district, Mr. Naidu alleged that the YSRCP policies on liquor, sand, and mining were leading to "organised corruption on a large scale." "The government is looting public money by selling local liquor brands at exorbitant prices. People are forced to buy liquor in cash instead of UPI payment channels as the government does not want proper audit of the same. The government also revised the

power tariffs eight times in the last four years, and is planning to increase them again as it is buying power at a higher rate from private companies," Mr. Naidu said. Expressing concern over collection of hefty fees for mineral

extraction, Mr. Naidu urged people to question these policies as they would impact them adversely either directly or indirectly. Referring to the allocation of house sites (one cent) for the poor in the R5 Zone in Amaravati, Mr. Naidu

said the TDP government had earmarked five percent of the total extent of lands for the marginalised sections in the capital region. "The allocation of one cent of land to each family is not enough to construct a house," he opined. Earlier, former S. Kota MLA and in-charge of the constituency Kolla Lalita Kumari and other leaders accorded a rousing reception for Mr. Naidu at Chintalapalem village. She urged Mr. Naidu to include S. Kota in Visakhapatnam district after the TDP comes to power in the State. She has also urged the TDP supremo to undertake the construction of the Central Tribal University in S. Kota, where land had been acquired during the TDP term.



Amusements parks, tunnel aquarium and many other new tourism projects to come up in Vizag

By Skyline Reporter Visakhapatnam, May 19
The APTDC chairman, who recently returned from the Europe Expo organised by the International Association of Amusement Parks and Attractions (IAAPA), has expressed that he is overwhelmed by the response of global investors who are keen on investing in the development of Andhra Pradesh tourism. In Vizag, the chairman said amusement parks, tunnel aquariums and many other tourist attractions would be coming up in the near future, according to the APTDC chairman. The chairman said that he had discussed with the global investors all the possible ways of collaboration with the state government. As many as 11 international companies are willing to invest in AP, the chairman added. It has been ascertained that the chairman has had discus-

sions regarding setting up tourist attractions in Vizag and other cities. According to the chairman, he has interacted with Intamin Worldwide from Switzerland, one of the global leaders in monorails and amusement ride manufacturers. He shared that the international brand is interested in being a part of the Sky Tower project in Visakhapatnam.

The Swiss brand will invest 100 crores as a joint venture with the government. Secondly, the Polin Group from Turkey will invest in setting up a tunnel aquarium project in Visakhapatnam, according to the APTDC chairman. The Huss Park Attractions, based out of Germany, has agreed to arrange suppliers'

credit to entrepreneurs willing to set up amusement parks. To revive the gas balloons in Araku, the chairman held discussions with Aerophile from France. The European company has accepted to invest in tethered gas balloons with a 30-person capacity, which will soon be back in Araku. Attraction, a Switzerland-based company, is keen on setting up attractions like the Telugu Museum on the Kailash Giri Hills, added the chairman. Apart from Visakhapatnam, all these above-mentioned European companies and others have expressed interest in setting up world-class tourism projects in Andhra Pradesh. The chairman, who visited the expo on the advice of Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy, said that he was overwhelmed by the response from the European companies.



Rail users hopeful of fund allocation for construction of SCoR headquarters in Visakhapatnam

By Skyline Reporter Visakhapatnam, May 19
Rail users in the region are optimistic that Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman will allocate funds for the construction of the South Coast Railway (SCoR) Zonal Headquarters, a third line to Gopalapatnam, and additional platforms in the upcoming budget to be presented in Parliament. It may be recalled that the proposed foundation stone ceremony for the construction of the SCoR Zonal headquarters at Wireless Colony (Railway Colony), by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, during his last visit to the city, was deferred. Though funds were sanctioned and the foundation stone was readied ahead of Mr. Modi's visit to the city, the programme was deferred at the eleventh hour. A day before the arrival of the Prime Minister, the Railway Ministry had sanctioned ₹106 crore for the construction of the SCoR Zonal Headquarters. The railway land identified for construction of the zonal headquarters at Wireless Colony is a

stone's throw from the Visakhapatnam Railway Station. An alternative 42-acre plot was given to the Railways at Mudasarlova by the Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation (GVMC), in exchange for the land it had taken from the Railways in the past. However, a small extent of this land is mired in a legal dispute, and the railway authorities hope that the GVMC and State government clear the hurdles and hand

over the entire site to them. Railway authorities are likely to commence work at Wireless Colony if the entire land is not handed over to them by the end of this financial year. The other projects, reportedly proposed by Waltair Division, include: development of satellite stations like Pendurthi and Simhachalam to ease congestion at the main station in the city, funds for redevelopment of Visakhapatnam Railway Station,

construction of additional lines between Visakhapatnam and Vizianagaram, construction of a third line between Vizianagaram-Palasa and Bhadrak and construction of a new line between Gunupur-Therubali and Jeypore-Malkangiri, for which a survey was completed. It is learnt that proposals have been sent for introduction of new train between Visakhapatnam and Varanasi and regularisation of the special train between Visakhapatnam and Bengaluru. The Visakhapatnam Railway Station's redevelopment project work, for which the Prime Minister had laid the foundation during his last visit, is yet to begin. With the focus on station redevelopment and construction of additional platforms, the Mairipalem Passenger Halt upgradation, which was proposed to be taken up at an estimated cost of ₹76 crore, and the third line to Gopalapatnam, for which a survey was completed, are likely to be put in cold storage, according to sources.



Vizag athlete Jyothi shines with double gold at National Federation Cup Athletics Championship



By Skyline Reporter Visakhapatnam, May 19
The national record holder, Jyothi Yarraji, an athlete from Visakhapatnam, showcased her exceptional skills once again at the 26th National Federation Cup Athletics Championship. After securing a gold medal and setting a new meet record in the women's 100-meter hurdles with a remarkable 12.89 seconds, Jyothi continued her winning streak by triumphing in the women's 200-meter event. She outperformed other top female athletes, including Archana Suseendran and Himani Chandal, and clocked an

impressive time of 23.42 seconds. This outstanding achievement not only earned her another gold medal but also made her the sole athlete to qualify for the Asian Athletics Championship. In the women's 100-meter hurdles event, Jyothi's impressive performance was followed by R Nithya Ramraj (Tamil Nadu), who finished in second place with a time of 13.44 seconds, and Sapna Kumari (Jharkhand) secured the third position with a time of 13.58 seconds. Jyothi had already set a meet record with a time of 13.18 seconds. However,

she surpassed her record in the final, clocking a remarkable 12.89 seconds. This not only secured her the gold medal but also exceeded the qualification standard of 13.63 seconds set by the Athletics Federation of India for the Asian Championships. The exceptional performance by Visakhapatnam-based athlete Jyothi at National Federation Cup Athletics Championship positions her as a strong contender for the upcoming Asian Championships, scheduled to be held in Bangkok from July 12-16.

Gangs selling sedative injections busted by Visakhapatnam police

By Skyline Reporter Visakhapatnam, May 19
In a major catch, the city police busted four gangs who were allegedly involved in supplying and selling sedative injections to people across the city. The police arrested eight persons and seized 7,250 ampoules of Pentazocine Lactate (Fortwin sedative injections) from them. In one case, the II Town Police on the night of May 14, in association with City Task Force (CTF), conducted a raid near a dilapidated area at Railway Quarters and arrested three persons while they were allegedly involved in supplying these sedative injections to youth. The arrested persons were identified as Kalla Hari Padma Raghava Rao, P. Ravi and K. Chiranjeevi. Five more accused who were involved with this gang are yet to be arrested. Among them, Raghava Rao is an ex-offender who is involved in six cases. The police have seized 2,100 ampoules of injections in 42 boxes and 21 kg of ganja from them. In another case, the police along with a CTF team on May 17 night conducted raids near a lodge at



Allipuram and busted another gang of three persons — B. Srinu alias Lara, B. Lakshmi and G. Venkata Sai, while they were allegedly trying to supply sedative injections. One more accused is yet to be arrested in the case. The police have seized 2,050 ampoules of sedative injections in 41 boxes. In another case, the officials from Special Enforcement Bureau (SEB) Pendurthi arrested a person named G. Uma Maheshwar for allegedly being in possession of 3,000 ampoules of injections in 60 boxes. Another team of SEB in PM Palem arrested B. Venkatesh who was in possession of 100 ampoules of injections. Addressing a press conference at police conference hall here on Thursday, Commissioner of Police, CM Trivikrama Varma said that in all the cases, the accused

procured the sedatives from persons from West Bengal. "The sedative is a synthetic narcotic drug used as anaesthesia before surgery. This should not be sold without a doctor's prescription. Even after prescription, the medical shop representative should note down the details of those to whom it is being sold. But it is sold unauthorisedly," said the Police Commissioner. The Commissioner said that using the sedative leads to addiction and may cause severe respiratory issues. "We urge the youth to stay away from such sedatives as they can be life-threatening," he said. In all the cases, the accused procured injections for Rs.30 to Rs.40 each and were selling the same at Rs.300, he said, adding that further investigation is on.

Working with GVMC to ease traffic congestion, says Visakhapatnam Commissioner of Police

By Skyline Reporter Visakhapatnam, May 19
Commissioner of Police C.M. Trivikrama Varma said that the police is working closely with the Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation (GVMC) to come up with a plan of action to ease traffic congestion in the city. The Commissioner held a coordination meeting with officials from GVMC including Municipal Commissioner C.M. Saikanth Varma. Personnel from Law & Order, Traffic and other wings were also present. Mr. Trivikrama Varma said that both the wings will focus on encroachments on footpaths and on roads, which are sighted commonly at One Town, Jagadamba Junction and many areas especially in the surroundings of rytu bazaars. "The police have submitted a representation over

some of the issues. Many areas do not have proper illumination, which will help prevent not only accidents but also crime. Eight major traffic signals are dysfunctional in the city. As many as 232 CCTV cameras at various areas are also not working in the city. We have informed

the civic body about this," he said. He said that the police have also sought the requirement of speed-breakers, and barricades at a few areas to reduce accidents. The GVMC Commissioner assured that they would be looked into at the earliest.

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