

# Govt to lead all-party team to Delhi - projects by maha, karnataka

**Hyderabad, Aug.17 (NSS):** The TDP President, Mr Nara Chandrababu Naidu on Monday stated that his party was ready to play a lead role in brining pressure on the Centre on the issue of construction of illegal projects on Krishna and Godavari rivers by the neighbouring Karnataka and Maharashtra, if the State Congress would cooperate with them.

Speaking in the Assembly during the question hour, Mr Chandrababu Naidu stated that 16 illegal projects taken up by the neighbouring States on Krishna and Godavari would turn six districts of the State into deserts. The TDP has been agitating against the projects for the last five years. But the Congress in the State was not cooperating with the TDP, he regretted. Stating

that the state was facing drinking water scarcity, he pointed out that people were on agitation for drinking water in Karimnagar. There was no scope of a single drop of water reaching Tungabhadra and Godavari rivers in this year, he regretted.

He pointed out that the Union Law Minister, Mr Veerappa Moily, who had the responsibility to implement Inter-state Water Disputes Act, has made it clear that no illegal constructions were going on Krishna river and the centre would not intervene in the water dispute between Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka. Referring to the appeal of the Finance Minister, Mr K Rosaiah to the opposition to cooperate with the government to protect the interests of the State, he said that his party was ready to

cooperate in actions taken up the government, but not empty words. He questioned as to why the state government was adopting a soft stand, instead of mounting pressure on the Centre.

He opined all the MPs., MLAs and MLCs from the state should jointly hold dharna in Delhi to bring pressure on the Centre. The State Assembly should pass a resolution demanding stoppage of illegal construction on Krishna and Godavari rivers, he added. If the Congress has no guts to lead the movement, the TDP would take the responsibility, he added.

Reacting to the observations made by the TDP Chief, the Minister for Finance and Legislative Affairs, Mr K Rosaiah stated that putting aside the political interests, all the politi-

cal parties in the State should launch a united struggle to protect the interest of the State.

He condemned the allegation of the opposition members that Dr Rajasekhara Reddy government was not acting strongly on the key issue, as the same Congress was in power at the Centre and in Maharashtra. Staging dharnas on the roads would not yield any results, he opined.

The Minister for Major Irrigation, Mr Ponnala Laxmaiah stated that the State Government would lead an all party delegation to Delhi on the issue. "I sought an appointment with the Prime Minister.

The all-party delegation would be taken to Delhi after getting the appointment of the Prime Minister", he added.

## Notification issued for MLC polls

**New Delhi, Aug 17 (TNN):** The Central Election Commission on Monday announced calendar of events for conducting elections for Anantapur and Cuddapah districts local authority constituency (MLC). According to the commission sources, the election notification will be issued on August 21. The last date for filing nominations is August 28 and scrutiny will be held the next day. The Elections will be held on September 15. The counting of votes will be taken up on September 17.

Returning officer and Joint Collector will issue a notification for the conduct of elections to Anantapur and Cuddapah districts.

## HC rejects bail petition of Ponnur SI

**Hyderabad, Aug 17 (TNN):** The Andhra Pradesh High Court on Monday rejected the anticipatory bail petition of the suspended Ponnur Sub-Inspector of Police (of Guntur district) Ranganath Goud, against whom a case was registered for allegedly cheating a college student on the pretext of marriage.

The High Court, after hearing the writ petition, directed the Guntur Range Inspector General of Police K R M Kishore Kumar to arrest Ranganath Goud for cheating a college student.

Based on the complaint of victim Razia Sultana, the police registered a case under Sections 376 (Sexual Assault), 417 (Cheating) and 506 of IPC (Criminal Intimidation) against the SI.

# HC notices to YSR, Dhamaana

**Hyderabad, Aug 17 (TNN):** The Andhra Pradesh High Court on Monday served show cause notices on the Chief Minister, Dr Y S Rajasekhara Reddy, and the Revenue Minister, Mr Dharmmaana Prasada Rao, on the surplus land holdings of the Chief Minister in his Idupulapaya Estates in Kadapa district.

Dealing with a petition filed by former Revenue minister and senior Telugu Desam Party (TDP) leader, Mr P Ashok Gajapathi Raju, that the Chief Minister, Dr Rajasekhara Reddy, owns 450 acres of surplus land which comprise a larger portion of assigned lands in Idupulapaya Estates owned by Dr Reddy in Kadapa district, the High Court on Monday served notices on the Chief Minister and the Revenue Minister. The court posted the case to September 9 for further hearing.

Mr Ashok Gajapathi Raju in his public

interest litigation petition alleged that the Chief Minister has in his possession over 450 acres of surplus land that includes a larger portion of assigned land and is illegally enjoying the proceeds for the past several years. He said that the Chief Minister had violated seven legislations in respect of the Idupulapaya Estates.

The court served notices on the Revenue Minister, Mr Dharmmaana Prasada Rao stating that he had neglected the issue of taking away the assigned land from the possession of Dr Reddy despite having knowledge about the assigned lands.

It may be recalled that the Chief Minister has surrendered a huge tract of land from his Idupulapaya Estates a couple of years ago after allegations were levelled against him that he was having thousands of acres of assigned land in his possession.

## Cong. encroached fertile lands of farmers: PRP

**Hyderabad, Aug 17 (TNN):** The Congress party has encroached fertile lands owned by small and medium farmers in the name of forming Special Economic Zones (SEZ) in the State, charged the Praja Rajyam Party (PRP) legislator Vanga Geetha. Raising this issue during the discussion in the assembly on Monday, Vanga Geetha stated that the Praja Rajyam would support the farmers till they get due justice and compensation for their fertile lands from the government. She stated that the PRP has introduced adjournment motion in the House to take up discussion on encroachment of fertile lands in the name of forming special economic zones in the state.

The PRP also wanted to discuss announcement of special package for displaced farmers and in providing alternative employment to those who lost their lands in the state. She also criticised the state government's indifferent attitude for not providing facilities to farmers' lands which are pending in the various courts regarding the formation of SEZs. Another PRP MLA Anil alleged that the Assembly Speaker Kiran Kumar Reddy is not giving adequate time to the PRP members to discuss the construction of Babli barrage by the neighbouring Maharashtra Government on the river Godavari.

He said the state government has totally failed to prevent the construction of barrage. Terming the project as 'illegal,' the MLA said it would block water to the Sri Ram Sagar Project in Andhra Pradesh's Telangana region. He urged the government to look into alternative measures for providing irrigation facilities in the Telangana region.

## Six killed in road mishap in Anantapur

**Anantapur, Aug 17 (TNN):** At least six people were killed on the spot and nine others injured in a road mishap that took place on National Highway No 7 near Singanamala mandalam in Lolar in Anantapur district on Monday. The identities of deceased are yet to be ascertained. All the nine injured were rushed to the Anantapur Govt. General Hospital for treatment. According to the hospital sources, three of the grievously injured condition is stated to be critical. The mishap occurred when an APSRTC bus belonged to Rayadurgam depot heading towards Anantapur district from Kurnool rammed into a stationary lorry near Lolar in the early hours of Monday.

Supet. of Police visited the spot to oversee the relief and rescue operations. Anantapur police have registered a case.

## Take proper steps to tackle drought: Lok Satta

**Hyderabad, Aug 17 (TNN):** Voicing his concern over the present crisis of drought and the pandemic swine flu, Loksatta leader Jaiprakash Narayan said that the government should take this as a challenge and come up with drastic measures to tide over the crises. Speaking in the assembly on Monday over the government's failure to tackle drought-hit areas in the state, the LokSatta leader said that the government should ensure proper utilization of funds meant for farmers. Emphasizing the need to act promptly, collectively and effectively, he asked the government to keep a close watch on availability of food grains and prices of essential commodities. He warned the government that the reduced production of Kharif crop in the current year may have an inflationary impact on prices of food items in the coming months. He criticised the government for conducting yagas to appease rains gods instead of taking scientific measures to tackle the drought-like situation in the state.

The drought problem should not have arisen, if the government utilized 900 mm rainfall properly in the Telangana region, he added.

## Remove obscene film posters : CPI

**Hyderabad, Aug 17 (TNN):** Communist party MLA Mallesh on Monday demanded the government to impose ban on obscene films and closure of the errant cinema theatres found screening such films.

Speaking in the assembly on Monday, he demanded that the government should ban sticking of all kinds of cinema posters on the compound walls of the educational institutions.

"The authorities should close a town based cinema theatre, which earned notoriety for screening obscene films regularly," he said.

He criticised the Censor Board for failing to curb obscenity in the films. MLA Chandravathi said the government should take steps to protect the Indian culture and traditions. She also said the corporation should prohibit film posters that depict obscenity. Further, it should act tough on those who display commercial hoardings and advertisements promoting products such as liquor and other glamour products which portray women in bad light removed.

## Speaker disallows adj. Motions

**Hyderabad, Aug.17 (NSS):** The Legislative Assembly Speaker, Mr N Kiran Kumar Reddy on Monday disallowed all the adjournment motion notices given by the opposition parties.

The TDP, CPM and CPI gave adjournment motions on the poor quality of food supply in mid-day meals, PRP on land acquired for industrial purpose not being utilized, and TRS on migration of youth to abroad due to unemployment. Soon after the house was assembled, the Speaker has announced that all the adjournment motions given by opposition parties have been disallowed.

## Madiga forum to press for SC categorisation

**Hyderabad, Aug.17 (NSS):** The Madiga Intellectuals Forum will be felicitating the Madiga Ministers, MPs, MLAs and MLCs of the State on August, 21 at 5.30 pm at the Imperial Gardens, Secunderabad here.

Speaking to press persons here on Monday, the Intellectuals Forum convenor Prof Muthaiah, said 51 organizations which have been struggling for SC categorization for the last several years, will be participating in the felicitation ceremony. He mentioned that the Usha Mehra committee has suggested that categorization will only ensure justice for all the SCs in the State. The Community will use this felicitation to

solve the categorization issue by taking it to the State government notice. They were confident that the Chief Minister Dr Y S Rajasekhara Reddy would keep up his assurance on SC categorization. He stated that the Madiga community has full confidence in the

Chief Minister Dr Y S Rajasekhara Reddy that he alone could render justice for the community. He said that as a result of long years of struggle, today there were 24 MLAs of the Madiga community in the State Assembly and four MPs from the State.

## 12-foot clay idol of vinayaka to be installed

**Hyderabad, Aug.17 (NSS):** 'Tree Guard', an organization working for green world, will be installing a 12-foot clay (matti) idol of Vinayaka at KSR complex, KPHB sixth phase in the city on August 22, in connection with the

Ganesh Chaturthi festival.

They are installing the clay idol with a view to create an awareness among the people on the need to protect environment.

President of Tree Guard, Mr Doraraju, said in a press note here today that they would also be distributing 50,000 clay Vinayaka idols on the day free of cost and conducting drawing competitions for local students.

He said that about 40 idol-makers have reached the city from Machilipatnam and making the 12-foot idol.

He said that idols made up of plaster of paris and other chemicals were polluting the lakes, and hence the need for clay idols. For further information, interested can contact mobile:98498 24026.

## Sericulture dept aims to generate 50,000 employment potential

**Hyderabad, Aug.17 (NSS):** The State department of Sericulture proposes to stabilize the existing area under mulberry and bring an additional area of 10,000 acres under mulberry cultivation. Production of 50,000 tonnes of reeling cocoons, production and supply of quality Cross Breed Disease-free layings in Departmental grainages, and generation of additional employment to 50,000 persons both directly and indirectly, were among the objectives of the Department.

This was stated by the Minister for Agriculture, Sericulture, Agri-Technology Mission and Horticulture, Mr N Raghuvendra Reddy, in a note circulated to the Members in the Legislative Assembly today, while moving the Budget demand for grants relating to his Ministry.

According to the Minister, production and supply of quality Tasar layings to 3,000 rearers who are mostly tribal people; production of 200 lakhs of Tasar reeling cocoons; and producing 1350 M Tonnes of bivoltine cocoons for the production of globally competitive Silk required to face the challenges of World Trade Organization (WTO); and expanding the coverage under Eri-culture by including about 2500 new farmers, spread over five districts of Telangana, Rayalaseema and Coastal area were the other aims of the Department.

Explaining the reform measures and policy initiatives, the Minister pointed out that the Department has encouraged the entrepreneurs for establishment of Chinese Automatic Reeling Machine at Jangaon of Warangal District with production capacity of 30 M Tonnes of Bivoltine International graded silk to compete in the World market.



School childer taking out swine flu awareness rally from K B R National Park in Hyderabad on Monday — TN photos.

## BJP protests against rising prices

**Hyderabad, Aug 17 (TNN):** The police have foiled the attempts of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) workers attempts to picket the state assembly on Monday in protest against rising prices of essential commodities. The BJP workers under the leadership of senior leader M Venkaiah Naidu began their rally from Baghlingampally rising slogans against government's total failure on controlling prices of essential commodities.

When the workers who came in rally tried to picket the assembly, the police gave work to their lathis. The police took BJP leader Venkaiah Naidu and Rajiv Pratap Rudy into custody when they proceeded towards Assembly to register protest against soaring prices.

Tension gripped the assembly premises in the morning hour as the BJP workers came in a procession. The police have tough

time to maintain law and order in the assembly premises.

## 'Smart Homes' from Obili Infrastructure

**HYDERABAD:** Obili Infrastructure on Sunday announced its new initiative in affordable housing with a project 'Smart Homes' located about 5.5 km before Chevella.

The upcoming project is nearly 20 minutes away from International airport and the Outer Ring Road.

Speaking to presspersons here, company Managing Director O. Ramachandra Reddy said the project spread over 200 acres would come up as world class township and the inaugural pricing range was offered between Rs. 4 lakh for 400 sft flat to Rs. 9 lakh for 900 sft flat.

The project is aimed at offering dwellings at affordable prices to people, Mr



Hyderabad city policemen seen wearing masks as a preventive measure in Hyderabad on Monday in view of the spread of swine flu disease in the city — TNN photos

## Obili Infrastructure

Reddy added.

Obili Infrastructure is destined to provide its customers fully developed townships to offer comfort, peace, convenience in a totally secured environment. It powers all its real estate ventures with world-class amenities and ambience and cater all types of needs – residential, recreational, health, education, transportation, shopping and so on.

OBILI Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd is promoted by Mr. O.P. Ramachandra Reddy, who is a graduate engineer with 13 yrs of hardcore experience

and expertise in Architecture and Construction since 1994. He has successfully completed many big projects both in Hyderabad & in Bangalore. OBILI has been incorporated with the main objective of carrying on a world class township and the business of development of land for residential and commercial purposes.

Obili Integrated Township is a destination which brings business, residence, office and entertainment dimensions into a single world for enhanced lifestyle, elegant work environment, elevated entertainment and emphatic business circles. Obili offers you all world-class amenities and professional ambience. All the features are decked in 200 acres of sprawling greenery.