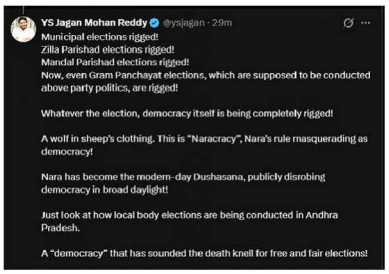
# Jagan calls local polls a 'democracy under siege'

- YSRCP chief accuses Naidu of running 'Naracracy'
- Alleges nomination papers were torn, booths captured and election the officials hadcolluded with ruling party
- Cites attacks on MP Avinash Reddy and former Tadipatri MLA Peddareddy; releases videos alleging poll violence

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YSRCP president Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy has launched a blistering attack on Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu, accusing the NDA government of systematically undermining democracy and turning local body elections in Andhra Pradesh into a process of electoral manipulation, intimidation and violence.

In a strongly worded post on X on Saturday, Jagan described the alleged state of affairs as "Naracracy" - a combination of Nara and autocracy-and accused Naidu of masquerading authoritarian rule as democracy. He alleged that irregularities had spread across municipal, Zilla Parishad, Mandal Parishad and now Gram Panchayat elections, leaving little scope for free and fair polling. Listing his allegations, Jagan claimed that opposition candidates were prevented from filing nominations, submitted nomination papers were torn up by election officials, polling booths were captured and winning candidates were declared defeated.

He further alleged that Returning Officers, police personnel and ruling-party leaders had colluded to manipulate election outcomes and that even the State Election Commission had failed to act independently.

The YSRCP chief also accused the ruling establishment of protecting those responsible for political attacks while foisting criminal cases on the victims. Referring to the alleged attacks on Kadapa MP Y S Avinash Reddy and former Tadipatri MLA Kethireddy Peddareddy during the Panchayat elections, he claimed that the incidents exposed what he described as a "mafia raj" in the State. Jagan alleged that a TDP MLA and his supporters descended on Peddareddy's residence with hundreds of people, attempted to attack him in the presence of police and set vehicles on fire. He questioned why those allegedly involved in the violence were shielded while cases were registered against the victims.

Drawing a sharp contrast with the previous YSRCP regime, Jagan claimed Andhra Pradesh had enjoyed five years of stability and peace under his government, but was now witnessing violence and the erosion of democratic institutions.In an at tempt to substantiate his allegations, he attached videos of incidents during the Panchayat elections and urged people to watch the footage. Ending his post, he wrote: "Hey Ram, Save Andhra!"

# Fire guts toy unit in Vijayawada; loss put at Rs 5 crore

- First and second floors of factory destroyed in blaze that broke out around 7 am
- Unit exports toys and other products to six countries; key records also gutted

DASARI SRINIVASA RAO
VIJAYAWADA



Fire department personnel inspecting the toy manufacturing unit after the flames were brought under control at Autonagar in Vijayawada on Saturday

A major fire broke out at a toy manufacturing unit in Autonagar, Vijayawada, in the early hours of Saturday, causing extensive damage estimated at around Rs.5 crore.

The fire erupted at around 7 am at the unit located on Road No. 2, Third Cross Road. The flames rapidly spread through the premises, engulfing the first and second floors of the factory.

A large quantity of children's toys, manufacturing equipment, raw materials and other goods stored in the unit were gutted in the blaze. On receiving information, fire personnel rushed to the spot with two fire engines and battled the flames before bringing the situation under control.

Speaking about the incident, NTR district central zone ACP Damodar said the fire broke out at around 7 am and was brought under control with the assistance of two fire engines. According to the preliminary assessment, the unit management estimated the property loss at approximately Rs.5 crore.

He said the exact extent of the damage was yet to be determined, as some important records were also destroyed in the fire.

The unit reportedly manufactures children's toys and other products, which are exported to around six countries.

The cause of the fire was yet to be ascertained.

# Four die as car hits culvert in Prakasam district

NARESH NANDAM
ONGOLE

FOUR persons died and a newly-wed couple were injured in a road accident near Pelluru in Prakasam district on Saturday.

A wedding party of six persons, including the new couple were travelling from Tirupati to Bapatla in a car. The driver of the speeding car lost control when he was suspected to have dozed off, resulting in the vehicle crashing into a culvert and a road divider before overturned. Four persons, including the driver Praveen, Venkatarao, Sujatha and Seetha Mahalakshmi died on the spot, while the new couple Sri Teja and Kaivalvya escaped with minor injuries. The bodies were handed over to the families after the postmortem and GGH Ongole. Transport minister Mandipally Ramprasad Reddy said it was most painful that a group going to a wedding met with such an accident. He wished that the newly-married couple would recover soon. He also advised all drivers to follow road safety rules while travelling.

Social welfare minister Dr Dola Sree Bala Veeranjaneya Swamy expressed deep grief over the accident.

He offered his heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families and ordered the officials to take steps so that the injured get better medical treatment. Energy minister Gottipati Ravi Kumar also expressed shock over the accident, and conveyed his sympathy to the bereaved families.


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# Elaborate arrangement for Tiruchnoor Annual Karthika Brahmotsavams

DUSI VENKATESWARA RAO
TIRUMALA

THE Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) is making elaborate arrangements for the annual Karthika Brahmotsavams of Sri Padmavathi Ammavaru at Tiruchanoor from December 6 to 14, with a focus on providing a comfortable experience for devotees, TTD executive officer Muddada Ravichandra said.

Releasing the Brahmotsavam booklet at Sri Padmavathi Rest House in Tirupati on Saturday, the EO said the celebrations would be conducted on a grand scale, on the lines of the annual Brahmotsavams of Lord Venkateswara at Tirumala.

As part of the festivities, Koil Alwar Tirumanjanam will be performed on December 1, followed by Laksha Kumkumarchana and Ankurarpanam on December 5.

The main events include Dwajarohanam on December 6, Gaja Vahanam on December 10, Golden Chariot and Garuda Vahanam on December 11, Rathotsavam on December 13 and Panchami Theertham on December 14. Pushpayagam will be performed on December 15.



TTD EO M Ravichandra along with other officials releases booklet on Karthika Brahmotsavams of Sri Padmavathi Ammavaru at Tiruchanoor, in Tirupati on Saturday

Vahana Sevas will be conducted every day from 8 am to 10 am and 7 pm to 9 pm. The EO appealed to devotees to participate in the celebrations in large numbers and seek the blessings of Sri Padmavathi Ammavaru.

TTD JEOs Dr A Sharath and Prabhala Gopinath, CVSO Muralikrishna, CE Manoharam, temple deputy EO Harindranath, VGO Giridhar, deputy EOs V R Shanthi, Govindarajulu and Selvam, CMO Dr Kusuma Kumari, Additional Health Officer Dr Sunil Kumar, temple priest Babu Swamy and other officials were present.

# Cong to hold statue protection marches on Nov 26 across state

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ANDHRA Pradesh Congress Committee vice president Kolanukonda Sivaji on Saturday said the party will organise Constitution protection marches across the state on Constitution Day, November 26.

The objective of these marches is to take the spirit of the Indian Constitution and democratic values to the people and safeguard the fundamental principles of rights, liberty, equality and social justice guaranteed by the Constitution, Sivaji said in a press release. According to Sivaji, a state-level 'Samvidhan Raksha March' will begin at 11 am on November 26, from



APCC vice president Kolanukonda Sivaji

Andhra Ratna Bhavan, Vijayawada and will proceed to the Dr BR Ambedkar Statue at PWD Grounds. Similar rallies will be organised across all districts of the state, from District Congress Committee offices to Ambedkar statues, along with programmes at the mandal level. Sivaji appealed to Congress leaders, workers, people's organisations, civil society groups, intellectuals, advocates, academicians, prominent citizens and all those who believe in protecting democracy to participate in large numbers and make the programme a grand success.

He said that the programme is being organised under the slogan 'Protect the Constitution -- Save the Nation, Safeguard the Vote'. The APCC vice president underscored that the Congress party strongly opposes the alleged deletion of votes, irregularities in electoral rolls and actions that undermine the voting rights of citizens in the name of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) process.

# Implement poll promises, release funds to ULBs: CPM

DASARI SRINIVASA RAO
VIJAYAWADA

THE CPM has urged the coalition government to fulfil its municipal election promises by releasing adequate funds and devolving powers to urban local bodies to improve civic infrastructure and ensure good governance.

Addressing a press conference at the CPM office in Vijayawada on Saturday, CPM state secretariat member Ch Baburao, state committee member Donepudi Kasinath and newly elected corporator Boyi Satya Babu demanded the abolition of annual property tax hikes and repeal of GO 673, which they alleged facilitated the transfer of municipal assets to private companies.

Baburao congratulated the newly elected mayors, chairpersons, corporators and councillors, who are scheduled to assume office on November 23. He said the NDA's triple-engine government at the Centre, State and local levels should provide adequate funds and administrative powers to urban local bodies.

He demanded the release of pending 15th Finance Commission grants, phased allocation of Rs 28,785 crore under the 16th Finance Commission recommendations over five years and transfer of Rs.26,975 crore recommended by the Fifth State Finance Commission. He also sought the release of all pending grants due to Vijayawada Municipal Corporation and other urban local bodies by December-end.


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| 1 | AP 39 UJ 7670 | EICHER 6016 N CWC OMNIBUS / DIESEL | 2022 / SALOON / BLUE AND WHITE | Rs.8,50,000/- | Rs.85,000/- |
| Place of above Vehicle Inspection : Padmanabhaiah Parking Yard, Bujabuja Nellore, Nellore District | | | | | |
| 2 | AP 39 UJ 7671 | EICHER 6016 N CWC OMNIBUS / DIESEL | 2022 / SALOON / BLUE AND WHITE | Rs.8,50,000/- | Rs.85,000/- |
| Place of above Vehicle Inspection : Sri Balaji Parking Yard, Tirupathi | | | | | |

2) **Borrower Name :** Sri Jagadam Hari Babu, S/o. Jagadam Subrahmanyam, 3-133, Karlapudi Village, Kovanur Post, KVB Puram Mandal, Tirupati District - 517643.

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3) **Borrower Name :** M/s. Royal Indigo Enterprises, Proprietor: Mrs. Kurapati Nagabhushanamma, Cherukumudi Village, Manubolu Mandal, SPSR Nellore District, A.P.- 524405.

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| 1 | AP 39 UK 3243 | EICHER 6016 N CWC OMNIBUS / DIESEL | 2022 / SALOON / BLUE AND WHITE | Rs.8,75,000/- | Rs.87,500/- |
| 2 | AP 39 UK 3244 | EICHER 6016 N CWC OMNIBUS / DIESEL | 2022 / SALOON / BLUE AND WHITE | Rs.8,50,000/- | Rs.85,000/- |
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**Date & Time of E-Auction : 30-11-2026, 11.00 AM to 04.00 PM**

**Last Date & Time of Submission of online bids : 29-11-2026 by 04.00 PM.**

**Bid increment Amount : Rs.10,000/-**

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***Note:*** Interested bidder may deposit Pre-Bid EMD with PSB Alliance before the close of e-Auction. Credit of Pre-bid EMD shall be given to the bidder only after receipt of payment in PSB Alliance's Bank account and updation of such information in the e-auction website. This may take some time as per banking process and hence bidders, in their own interest, are advised to submit the pre-bid EMD amount well in advance to avoid any last minute problem.

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# *Tenant farmers seek collateral-free loans in drought-hit mandals*

## Kisan Sangham urges SLBC to resolve hurdles in rescheduling crop loans and sanctioning fresh Rabi credit

DASARI SRINIVASA RAO
VIJAYAWADA

THE Andhra Pradesh Koul Rythu Sangham (Tenant Farmers Association) has urged the State Level Bankers' Committee (SLBC) to remove hurdles in rescheduling crop loans and sanctioning fresh Rabi loans to farmers in drought-affected mandals without insisting on mortgage security or guarantees.

Sangham state president B Balaram and general secretary M Haribabu submitted a representation to SLBC State Convenor Sridhar Babu and Co-Convenor Srinivasa Rao of Union Bank of India in Vijayawada on Saturday.

In their representation, they stated that the state government had declared 412 mandals as drought-affected due to the impact of El Nino. Further, cyclones Arnab and Murasu had caused extensive crop damage in several parts of the State, pushing farmers into severe financial distress.

They pointed out that under RBI guidelines, crop loans up to Rs 2 lakh could be sanctioned without mortgage security. However, when existing loans are rescheduled and fresh credit for Rabi cultivation is added, the combined amount often exceeds Rs.2 lakh. Banks are consequently insisting on mortgage security, forcing farmers to bear additional stamp duty expenses.

The representatives said farmers who had already suffered crop losses were unable to afford these additional costs. As a result, many were facing difficulties in obtaining fresh loans for taking up Rabi cultivation.




Andhra Pradesh Koul Rythu Sangham State President B Balaram and General Secretary M Haribabu submitting a memorandum to SLBC State Convenor Sridhar Babu and Co-Convenor Srinivasa Rao in Vijayawada on Saturday

They also referred to RBI guidelines recommending a humanitarian approach towards farmers affected by natural calamities and drought conditions.

The Sangham leaders appealed to the SLBC to take up the issue with the State government and issue suitable instructions to banks to reschedule existing crop loans and sanction fresh Rabi loans without insisting on mortgage, surety or guarantees, even if the combined loan amount exceeds Rs.2 lakh.They said timely intervention by banking authorities was essential to ensure that financial constraints did not prevent farmers from cultivating their lands during the Rabi season.