

SHORT TAKES
OD FACILITY FOR AEO ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

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 KAKINADA, FEB. 2

The state government has granted Other Duty (OD) facility to Andhra Pradesh Agriculture Extension Officers' Association president D. Venu Madhava Rao for the period from January 1 to December 31, 2026.

A Government Order (GO No. 189) was issued in this regard. Venu Madhava Rao, who is also the State JAC secretary, is working as an Assistant Extension Officer in the Agriculture Department at Rajamahendravaram. Under the OD facility, he will be exempted from regular office duties to enable him to tour the State for association-related activities. AP NGOs Association East Godavari president Meesala Madhava Rao thanked the government.

MAN AWARDED 14 YEARS OF RI FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT

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A Vizianagaram district court sentenced a man to 14 years of rigorous imprisonment (RI) and imposed a fine of ₹10,000 in a rape case registered in 2021.

The accused, Gunup Simhadri of Patharega village in Ramabhadrapuram mandal, was found guilty of repeatedly sexually assaulting a woman from the same village. The verdict was delivered by N. Padmavati, Judge of the Vizianagaram Women's Court-cum-5th Additional District and Sessions Court.

The case dates back to 2021, when a complaint led to the registration of a case at Ramabhadrapuram police station by the then inspector S. Krishnamurthy. The investigation was carried out by L. Appala Naidu, then Saluru Rural Circle Inspector and the accused was brought to book.

10-YEAR JAIL FOR CHEATING, SEXUAL ASSAULT ON GIRL

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The 5th Additional District and Sessions Court, Eluru, on Monday sentenced Somireddy Haribabu, 27, to 10 years' rigorous imprisonment and fined him ₹5,000 for sexually assaulting a woman on the false promise of marriage.

Pronouncing the verdict, Judge R.V.V.S. Murali Krishna ordered an additional two months' jail in default of fine. Police said the victim was assaulted after Haribabu promised to marry her and was later threatened when she insisted on marriage. The case was filed by Eluru Three Town police in June 2021. The court acquitted the co-accused, Venkateswara Rao.

BURGLARS LOOT TWO HOUSES OF 150 TOLAS GOLD

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Unidentified burglars broke into two locked houses in GMR Township, Rajam town, Vizianagaram district, on the night of February 1, stealing around 150 tolas of gold worth nearly ₹2 crore.

The thieves targeted the homes while owners were away, taking 125 tolas from one house and 25 from the other.

Rajam police, led by S.P. A.R. Damodar, have formed 10 special investigation teams. CCTV footage shows three suspects, and expert units from the Crime Control Section are assisting under Chepupuralli DSP S. Raghavulu.

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Nellore cancer hospital a lifeline for thousands

IRCS leads the way in affordable treatment since 2001

PATHRI RAJASEKHAR | DC NELLORE, FEB. 2

For thousands of families battling cancer, fear and financial distress often overshadow hope. For the past 25 years, however, the Indian Red Cross Society (IRCS) Cancer Hospital in Nellore has stood as a lifeline for the poor and underprivileged, offering affordable, compassionate and quality cancer care.

Established in 2001 by noted philanthropist late Jakkha Srinivasulu Reddy (JS Reddy) as a cancer detection centre, the hospital—run under the Nellore district branch of the IRCS—is the only cancer hospital operated by the Red Cross in the country.

Over the years, it has evolved into a comprehensive oncology centre, treating patients with dignity and empathy beyond mere clinical care. Nearly 90 per cent of patients receive treatment under the NTR Vaidya Seva Scheme, ensuring access to life-saving care without financial burden.

Operating under the guidance of the district collector, who serves as president of the IRCS district branch, the hospital caters to patients from all sections of society.

Strategically located behind the Government Medical College and close to the Government General Hospital, the facility benefits from seamless referrals and



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SILVER JUBILEE OF TRANSFORMATIVE AND COMPASSIONATE SERVICE AT IRCS

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NELLORE, FEB. 2

All credit for the establishment of the cancer hospital goes to the hundreds of large-hearted donors who liberally paid substantial sums to help the victims of the life-threatening disease out of compassion.

Yeomen medical services being provided by a dedicated doctors' team is led by Dr T Lakshmi, Dr M. Nageswar Rao, Dr Geetha UshaSree, Dr REA Muthu, Dr J. Vishnuvardhan Reddy, another convener

easy access for patients arriving from rural areas via rail and road.

The 105-bed, NABH entry-level accredited hospital offers services in medical, surgical, gynaecological and radiation oncology. It features modern operation theatres, ICUs, advanced diagnostics, emergency services and patient

friendly amenities. A state-of-the-art radiation block includes a Linear Accelerator (LINAC) commissioned in 2023.

HDR brachytherapy and CT simulation facilities.

The surgical oncology department performs over 1,000 complex cancer surgeries annually, while the medical oncology wing conducts 600-700

chemotherapy sessions every month. The radiation oncology unit, inaugurated in 2006 by former President A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, now delivers advanced therapies such as IMRT, VMAT and Rapid Arc. Beyond treatment, the hospital emphasises prevention, palliative care and nutrition.

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Efforts on to cage tiger on cattle killing spree in Eluru

SAMPAT G. SAMIRAN | DC VIJAYAWADA, FEB. 2

The forest authorities are keeping track of the elusive tiger to trap it as it's on a spree killing cattle.

The young male tiger is believed to have come from the forests in Chhattisgarh. It's migrating and looking for a new territory. Ever since it was first noticed in Kavadi gundu forest area of Telangana on January 21, it has been moving on, covering several areas including the Bedanuru reserve forest area and Antarvedigudem forest beat area in Eluru district, foresters said.

The tiger was spotted at Patti seema project on January 31. It swam across the Godavari river and reached the Torredu village falling under Rajahmundry rural mandal in East Godavari. It killed two cows and a calf on February 1.

Learning about the development, the forest authorities led by DFO Prabhakar Rao along with MLA Gorantla Choudhary rushed to Torredu in the morning on February 1. As the



The young male tiger Pug marks of the big cat found at Venkatanagara in village in Rajamahendraram Rural mandal on Monday. -A. MANIKANTA KUMAR

DFO was briefing the media, the tiger that ducked in the bushes ran away through the banana plantations near the high school at Torredu. This shocked foresters and MLA as also the others present there. Foresters have set up tombs in the area to warn people against moving alone at night after a tiger was sighted at Torredu. The DFO reported that they are tracking the tiger using drones and camera traps while planning to deploy

2,500 MORE CNG, E-BUSES TO JOIN FLEET BY '31: MD

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APSRTC plans to introduce 2,500 electric and CNG buses over the next five years under the PM e-Bus scheme, including 1,050 electric buses initially.

New Vice Chairman and MD M.T. Krishna Babu, in a review meeting, highlighted that the Stree Shakti scheme now serves 23-25 lakh women daily, raising women's share to 65-67% and occupancy to nearly 90%.

An Interactive Voice Response System (IVRS) survey showed 80% passenger satisfaction, with concerns over toilets, drinking water, and driver behaviour to be addressed immediately.

Krishna Babu also announced plans to strengthen non-fare revenue, noting APSRTC earns around ₹210 crore annually from vacant lands and cargo services, and unveiled a phased ₹3,000-crore investment to improve 10,700 km of transport infrastructure.

As part of the scheme, any individual who saves the life of a victim of a serious road accident involving a motor vehicle by providing immediate assistance and ensuring medical treatment within the Golden Hour is eligible. The financial assistance (award) of ₹25,000 per incident to a Rah-Veer will be given, and a certificate of appreciation accompanies each award. Ten national-level awards annually for the most deserving Rah-Veers, carrying ₹1 lakh each, along with a certificate and a trophy, will be given. A Rah-Veer may receive awards up to five times in a year.

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