

SHORT TAKES

OD FACILITY FOR AEO ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

DC CORRESPONDENT 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

DC CORRESPONDENT VISAKHAPATNAM, FEB. 2

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, Gunapuri 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

DC CORRESPONDENT KAKINADA, FEB. 2

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

DC CORRESPONDENT VISAKHAPATNAM, FEB. 2

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 SP 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 Cheepurupalli 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



The surgical oncology department performs over 1,000 complex cancer surgeries annually at IRCS, Nellore.

SILVER JUBILEE OF TRANSFORMATIVE AND COMPASSIONATE SERVICE AT IRCS

DC CORRESPONDENT 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 Jakkas 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

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, Dr

Dinesh Kumar, Dr Haritha Rani, Dr Nanditha Rani and Dr V. Bhavani.

The IRS Society, Nellore branch, is led by collector Himanashu Shukla as its president, joint collector Mogili Venkateswari, as its vice president, Vakati Vijayakumar Reddy as its chairman, Chamarti Janardhan Raju the vice chairman, Suresh Kumar Jain the treasurer, Yalamuri Ranarao the convener of the cancer hospital, Kaliki Srihari Reddy, another convener.

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

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. More than 650 cancer awareness and screening programmes have been conducted across the district, while pain and palliative care services have been offered since 2007.

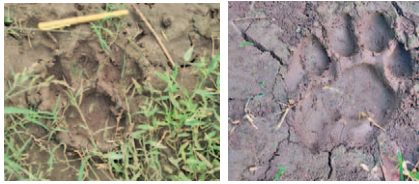
The daily Annaprasadam programme and summer buttermilk service further reflect the institution's humanitarian ethos.

The hospital's growth has been fuelled by sustained support from philanthropists and voluntary organisations, with several facilities named after donors. Recent upgrades include digital mammography, CT scanning, frozen section diagnostics and solar energy systems.

To mark 25 years of service, the IRCS governing body will organise a commemorative programme at the hospital on February 4, 2026, said committee chairman Vakati Vijayakumar Reddy. As it looks ahead with plans for collaborations with leading cancer institutions, the IRCS Cancer Hospital continues its mission of rewriting cancer journeys—from despair to survival, dignity and hope.

Efforts on to cage tiger on cattle killing spree in Eluru

SAMPAT G. SAMRITAN | DC VIJAYAWADA, FEB. 2



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

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 Gundla 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 Pattiseema 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

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 tom-toms 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

trap cages. However, the tiger's movement along the Godavari river complicates this due to the area's uneven terrain, which hinders transport. They have mobilized resources, including trap cages and tranquillisers, to capture the tiger and transport it quickly to a veterinary center as per national protocols. BNN Murthy, the Rajahmundry circle conservator of forests, noted the tiger's increasingly unpredictable behavior.

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

DC CORRESPONDENT VIJAYAWADA, FEB. 2

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 23,255 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.

3 TEENAGERS DIE IN BIKE ACCIDENT

DC CORRESPONDENT KAKINADA, FEB. 2

Three youths died in a road accident at the Road-cum-Railway Bridge under Kovvuru limits in East Godavari district on Monday night. Kovvuru CI P. Viswam said A. Lakshmi Narayana, 29, an advocate at Rajamahendravaram, was travelling towards Kovvuru when a motorcycle carrying three youths, E. Akshaya Kumar, 19, S. Satya Kalyan, 19, and K. Yedukondalu, 18, of Kovvuru, collided with him near pole No. 104. Akshaya Kumar, Satya Kalyan, and Lakshmi Narayana died on the spot. Yedukondalu was injured.

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I, Army No 14829900K Rank Hav Name CHANDRASEKHARA PATNAIK B permanent resident of Garividi – Village & Post, Garividi - Mandalam, Vizianagaram - Dist (AP), PIN - 535101 have changed my father name from NAGESWARA RAO PATNAIK to BALIVADA NAGESWARA RAO (correct as per aadhar card and Voter ID Card) vide Affidavit Notary, Visakhapatnam (AP).

CHANGE OF NAME

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I, DATLA AMMAJI W/o Datla Appalaraju, residing at D.No. 55-122, DNR Residency Flat No. 201, JR Nagar, Venkojipalem, Visakhapatnam, PIN-530 022, have submit that I have obtained APOLLO HOSPITALS ENTERPRISE LIMITED Share Certificate No. 350300, Folio No. 300, Distinctive Nos. 3564693-3564792 (Total 100 shares) in the name of DATLA AMMAJI. Further I submit that on 10-01-2026, I went to Xerox shop near MVP Circle after completion of Rythu Bazar works, I found that original share certificate issued by APOLLO HOSPITAL ENTERPRISE LIMITED has been LOST. Despite a diligent search undertaken by me to find the said SHARE CERTIFICATES, I did not find them. If anyone found please handover in above address or call me.

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BORDER 2

CROSS-BORDER ISSUE Nine freed by neighbouring country arrive in Vizag harbour

Troubled in Bangla prison: Fishermen

K.M.P. PATNAIK | DC VISAKHAPATNAM, FEB. 2

Nine fishermen from Visakhapatnam district, who were released by Bangladesh authorities on January 29, reached the Vizag fishing harbour in the early hours of Monday, escorted by an Indian Navy vessel.

They were received by officials from the Coast Guard, Indian Navy, fisheries and revenue departments. The fishermen had been detained by the Bangladesh Coast Guard after their fishing boat drifted into Bangladeshi waters following an

engine failure. According to officials, the fishermen had left the Vizag fishing harbour on October 13.

While fishing in deep sea, their vessel crossed the International Maritime Boundary and was intercepted by Bangladesh Coast Guard on Oct 21. Recounting their ordeal, the fishermen said they endured nearly three-and-a-half months of uncertainty in detention.

They described being served poor-quality food and suffering from illness. "We were given brown rice and vegetables cooked in mustard oil, which we could hard-



Freed by Bangladesh, all nine fishermen arrive in Visakhapatnam fishing harbour on Monday.

— P. NARASIMHA MURTHY

ly eat. Many of us suffered from fever and nausea and were hospitalised for about 15 days inside the jail," said Marupalli Ramesh. He said communication was difficult as jail staff spoke only Bengali. Though there

was no physical violence, the lack of information about their fate caused constant fear. Ramesh added that his mother fell seriously ill during his detention. The fishermen said they were informed about their release only

after the Bangladesh government agreed to withdraw the case following coordinated diplomatic efforts.

Their return was part of a reciprocal repatriation arrangement under which Bangladesh released 23 Indian fishermen, including 14 from West Bengal, while India released 13 Bangladeshi fishermen arrested in Srikakulam district last November for entering Indian waters. Boat owners later expressed dissatisfaction over the absence of comprehensive medical check-ups for the fishermen on arrival.