



Kakinada Rural MLA PV Rao consoles the family members of victims | EXPRESS

# 4 NREGS workers mowed down by lorry in Kakinada

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kakinada

FOUR women NREGS workers were killed and two others injured after a lorry hit them near Kovvuru village in Kakinada district on Saturday while they were marking attendance through a biometric system due to lack of mobile connectivity at their worksite.

Villagers from Cheediga and relatives of the deceased staged a protest at the accident site, alleging negligence by the lorry driver and the Upadi technical assistant.

According to Kakinada Rural Circle Inspector Chaitanya Krishna and Indrapalem Sub-Inspector M Veerababu, around 20 Upadi workers had gone to Kovvuru bridge to mark attendance because mobile signals were unavailable at their worksite in Kovvuru village.

While the workers were taking photographs for attendance, a lorry travelling from Yanam to Kakinada via Pagadala Peta on the bypass road allegedly rammmed into the group at high speed.

The deceased were identified as Vasamsetti Satyavathi, Palika Krishnaveni, Kada Chittemma and Chelluri Annavaram. Police shifted the bodies to the

mortuary for postmortem.

The injured, Palika Nagamani and Mattaparti Arun Kumari, were admitted to hospitals.

Doctors admitted Nagamani to Kakinada Government General Hospital and shifted Arun Kumari to Apollo Hospital.

Indrapalem police inspected the accident site and registered a case. Police said investigation is underway.

Deputy Chief Minister and Pithapuram MLA Pawan Kalyan expressed grief over the incident.

He said the Central government would provide ₹4 lakh and the State government ₹2 lakh as compensation to the families of the deceased.

He also directed DWAMA officials to install warning boards at work sites and along roads to regulate vehicle speed.

Left party leaders staged a protest at Kakinada Government General Hospital along with relatives of the deceased and demanded immediate compensation for the victims' families.

Kakinada Rural MLA Pantham Venkateswara Rao, popularly known as Nanaji, announced financial assistance of ₹1 lakh to each bereaved family.

# Health Dept tightens biomedical waste disposal norms in hospitals

DME asks hosps to ensure that biomedical waste storage rooms are monitored via CCTVs

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Vijayawada

THE Health Department has ordered an immediate review of biomedical waste management systems in teaching hospitals across the State following a recent incident at the Vijayawada GGH.

Acting on directions issued by Health Minister Y Satya Kumar Yadav, Director of Medical Education (DME) Dr Radhika Reddy instructed superintendents of teaching hospitals to submit detailed reports on the present status of biomedical waste management, transportation, and disposal mechanisms by Monday.

In the orders issued by health authorities, the DME sought

details regarding the maintenance of biomedical waste storage rooms, security measures adopted at entry points, and methods being used to ensure doors remain securely closed.

The hospitals were asked to furnish information regarding approvals obtained from the State Pollution Control Board and the validity of such authorisations.

The DME directed hospital administrations to ensure that biomedical waste storage rooms are monitored via CCTV. The reports must explain how biomedical waste is being transported through vehicles and the procedures followed for shifting waste from operation theatres,

labs, and other departments to storage rooms, along with supporting documentation.

Referring to the Biomedical Waste Management Rules, 2016, the DME instructed hospital superintendents to monitor biomedical waste disposal systems daily.

The department also ordered teaching hospitals to conduct training programmes for doctors, nurses, sanitation workers, laboratory staff, operation theatre personnel, security staff, and medical students on scientific biomedical waste handling practices. The training will focus on segregation of waste using colour-coded bags, safe transportation, and compliance

with prescribed standards.

Officials said the reports submitted by the teaching hospitals would be reviewed at a high level by the department.

Meanwhile, the Health Department initiated action over the incident at Vijayawada GGH where a dog was found carrying a severed human limb that had reportedly been removed during surgery.

Taking note of it, the hospital superintendent issued a show-cause notice to Resident Medical Officer (RMO) over alleged supervisory lapses.

A sanitation worker connected to the incident was removed from duty, while a notice was also served to the private agency responsible for biomedical waste management.



75-year-old Geetha Biswas from West Bengal gets reunited with family after 35 years, in Vizag | EXPRESS

# Bengal woman reunited with family after nearly 35 years

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Visakhapatnam

A 75-year-old woman identified as Geetha Biswas was safely reunited with her son and daughter-in-law in Kharija Kakribari in West Bengal after being separated from her family for nearly 35 years.

Geetha has two sons and daughters. Following the death of her younger son at the age of 11, her mental health reportedly deteriorated. At around 36 years of age, she left her home and went missing, leaving the family devastated and deprived of a mother's care for decades.

In December 2025, AUITD staff rescued Geetha near the railway station in Vizag and shifted her to the TSR Women Shelter Home. She received treatment and care via Shradha, following which her condition improved significantly.

She was taken from Vizag to her native village, where her son and daughter-in-law received her warmly at Howrah.

"Family members became emotional when Geetha asked about her husband, unaware that he had passed away nearly two years ago," AUITD secretary Pragada Vasu said, adding that the family expressed gratitude to AUITD and the Shradha organisation for reuniting their mother, whom they had long believed was no more.

# DLSA sets up special cell for migrants

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Srikakulam

AS per the directions Andhra Pradesh State Legal Services Authority and under the guidance of the District Principal Judge, Srikakulam District Secretary K Haribabu of the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) announced that a special cell is being set up for people who have migrated from the North-Eastern states to Srikakulam district for education and employment.

This initiative aims to expand the reach of legal services. Through this special cell, free legal services will be provided to people of Northeastern region. Additionally, he noted that lawyers and paralegal volunteers belonging to the states will be appointed.

# Out of total 23,198 candidates, 21,205 qualified in AP ICET-2026: AU V-C

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Visakhapatnam

A total of 91.41 per cent candidates qualified in the AP ICET-2026 entrance examination for admissions into MBA and MCA courses in Andhra Pradesh, officials announced on Saturday. Minister for Education Nara Lokesh released the results online and congratulated candidates who cleared the examination.

Later, Andhra University Vice-Chancellor Prof G P Rajasekhara released detailed examination statistics at the university campus. According to officials, 26,219 candidates registered for the examination, of whom 23,198 appeared. A total of 21,205 candidates qualified, resulting in an overall pass percentage of 91.41.

AP ICET Convener Prof M



AU Vice-Chancellor GP Rajasekhara releases AP ICET-2026 results in Vizag | EXPRESS

Sasi said authorities conducted the examination on May 2 in two sessions across 92 centres in AP and Hyderabad. Among male candidates, 10,432 appeared for the examination and 9,380 qualified, recording a pass percentage of 89.91. Among female candidates, 12,766 appeared and 11,825 qualified, registering a higher pass percentage of 92.62.

P Vaishnavi from Kakinada secured the first rank in the State. B Venkata Siddhartha Yadav from YSR Kadapa district secured the second rank, while Shaik Khajaliyahat from Nellore stood third.

P Ramachandra Reddy from Tirupati secured the fourth rank and J Nani Mahesh Babu from East Godavari district secured the fifth rank.

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