



2024-25 economic divergence in AP and Telangana

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Growth trajectories and economic



size: Both states remain pivotal to India's southern economic landscape. As per the latest official estimates, Andhra Pradesh's economic engine appears robust and accelerating. Its Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) at current prices is projected to be around ₹16.06 lakh crore for 2024-25 (advance estimates). Crucially, the growth rate at constant (2011-12) prices is estimated to have jumped significantly to 9.24 per cent in 2024-25, a 6.18 per cent rise over in the previous fiscal year.

This indicates a strong rebound in real economic activity. In contrast, Telangana continues its high-growth trajectory, leveraging its robust services base. While the final 2024-25 figures are still

developing, the state registered an impressive GSDP of approximately ₹14.64 lakh crore (at current prices) in 2023-24, with a current prices growth rate exceeding 14.2 per cent, ranking among the fastest-growing major states in the country.

Andhra Pradesh currently holds a marginally larger nominal GSDP, while Telangana maintains a stronger average growth rate, demonstrating the economic momentum generated by its focus on urban centers and high-value sectors. Sectoral dominance: services vs. agriculture: The fundamental difference between the two economies lies in their primary drivers, reflected in the Gross State Value Added (GSVA) composition: 1. Telangana-The service

es hub: Telangana's economy is heavily skewed towards the Services sector, which contributed a massive 65.7% to the state's GSVA in the 2023-24 advance estimates. This dominance is driven almost entirely by the rapid expansion of Information Technology (IT), IT-Enabled Services (ITES), pharmaceuticals, and financial services concentrated around Hyderabad. The Industrial sector contributed around 18.5%, with Agriculture and Allied sectors making up the remaining 15.8%. This structure gives Telangana high economic efficiency and resilience but also makes it highly dependent on global service demand and its capital city. 2. Andhra Pradesh-The agrarian base: Andhra Pradesh presents a more balanced, albeit traditional, economic structure. The state is a major agricultural and aquaculture powerhouse. For 2024-25, the agriculture and allied sector is projected for a robust growth of 10.70 per cent (constant prices), making it a crucial source of growth. The services sector is also growing strongly, estimated at 8.53 per cent growth, while the industry sector is expected to grow at 6.58 per cent. AP's strength in food processing, fisheries (being the country's largest shrimp producer), and horticulture provides a broad base but

often leads to lower productivity and higher vulnerability to climatic shocks compared to a purely service-based economy. PCI and standard of living: The sectoral divergence directly impacts the living standards of the residents, clearly favoring the state with greater services density. Telangana boasts a significantly higher Per Capita Income (PCI), estimated at approximately ₹3,47,299 for 2023-24. This figure is way above the national average and reflects the high-paying jobs generated by the IT and pharma industries. Andhra Pradesh, while showing strong improvement, has a lower estimated PCI of ₹2,68,653 for 2024-25. Although this is also higher than the national average, the difference of nearly ₹79,000 compared to Telangana highlights a structural gap in economic opportunities and wealth creation, largely stemming from its reliance on lower-value primary sectors. Fiscal health: The debt burden: A significant common challenge for both states is the rising public debt, though the intensity of the burden differs. Andhra Pradesh carries a heavier fiscal load. Its total outstanding debt is projected to reach approximately ₹5,64,488 crore by the end of 2024-25 (Revised Estimates). Crucially, the state's Debt-to-GSDP ratio is estimated at a high 35.15% for the same

AP clears `1 lakh cr in new investments

Amaravati: Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu on Friday approved a slew of industrial investments totaling Rs 1,01,899 crore across 26 projects during the 12th State Investment Promotion Board (SIPB) meeting, creating employment for nearly 85,870 persons. The approvals raise the total investments cleared by the SIPB since June 2024 to Rs 8,08,899 crore, generating over 7 lakh jobs in 16 months.

Naidu, chairing the meeting at the Secretariat, directed officials to ensure the immediate grounding of the projects reviewed for clearance and facilitate the investors in obtaining required land and permissions without bureaucratic delay. "Officials must take responsibility for converting approvals into operational industries. Any project that remains idle should have its permissions revoked," he said. The Chief Minister emphasised developing a robust electronic manufacturing ecosystem, urging officials to focus on semiconductors, drones, and chip industries. He proposed the setting up of 15 industrial zones as well and forming a state land bank to meet industrial demand. "The state should complement central incentives and ensure investors face no hurdles in power supply or infrastructure," he said.

Highlighting urban expansion as a cornerstone of economic growth, Naidu announced plans to transform Visakhapatnam, Tirupati, and Amaravati into integrated mega cities, linking tourism, IT, and industrial development. "Visakhapatnam should evolve into a hub from Anakapalle to Vizianagaram, supported by the upcoming Google



Data Center," he said. He called for accelerating beach tourism and boosting the hospitality sector, with global hotel chains being invited to invest in the state.

The major industrial approvals granted during the meeting included AMG Metals and Materials Ltd (Rs 44,000 crore -- 3,000 jobs), Indichip Semiconductors Ltd (Rs 22,976 crore - 1,241 jobs), Super Smelters Ltd (Rs 8,570 crore - 1,000 jobs), and Navayuga Engineering Company Ltd (Rs 7,972 crore -- 2,700 jobs). Other significant approvals went to Reliance Consumer Products, Birlanu Ltd, Bharat Dynamics, Cryon Technology, and Visakha Realty, among others. Naidu said that Ministers including Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan and IT Minister Nara Lokesh would lay the foundation stones for SIPB-approved industries in their respective districts to fast-track implementation. Lokesh, Industries Minister TG Bharat, and senior officials attended the meeting. The Chief Minister reiterated that Andhra Pradesh must position itself as a national hub for advanced manufacturing and digital technology. "This is the beginning of a new industrial renaissance for the state," Naidu said. "We are creating a policy environment where investment translates directly into employment and innovation," he concluded.

CM Chandrababu lays stone for seven major projects in Kuppam

In a virtual ceremony from his camp office in Amaravati, Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu laid the foundation stone for seven significant projects in Kuppam on Saturday. Following the ceremony, the Chief Minister engaged in discussions with representatives from various companies poised to establish industries in the area. During the meeting, Naidu emphasised the importance of timely industry commencement, while



the representatives expressed their gratitude for the swift approvals granted by the state government for their projects.

The seven companies are set to invest a total of Rs 2,203 crore in Kuppam, with

the state government allocating 241 acres of land for their operations. The industries planned include dairy production, laptop and mobile accessory manufacturing, cooking oil production, food processing, and

electric vehicle manufacturing. Notable investments include Rs 586 crore from Aditya Birla, Rs 225 crore from S International, Rs 72 crore from SVS Soya, Rs 260 crore from Mother Dairy, Rs 233 crore from Sreeja Dairy, and Rs 200 crore from Royce Industries. The establishment of these industries is expected to create approximately 23,000 direct and indirect employment opportunities in the region.

Private colleges in Telangana call off indefinite strike

Hyderabad: Private professional colleges in Telangana on Friday called off their indefinite strike over the demand for release of fee reimbursement dues. The Federation of Associations of Telangana Higher Institutions (FATHI) announced that it is calling off the strike. This came after a breakthrough in the talks between the FATHI representatives and Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka.

The Deputy Chief Minister, who is also the Finance Minister, gave an assurance that the government will immediately release Rs 600 crore fee reimbursement dues. He also told FATHI that another Rs 300



crore would be released soon. Following talks held in September, the government had released Rs 600 crore out of Rs 1,500 crore sought by the Federation.

Around 2,000 professional colleges, including engineering, pharmacy, MBA, MCA, B.Ed and nursing institutions across the state, were shut since Monday. According to

the FATHI, the total arrears under the fee reimbursement scheme are to the tune of Rs 10,000 crore. It was demanding that the government release 50 per cent of Rs 10,000 crore fee reimbursement dues.

It had stated that the strike will continue until Rs 5,000 crore out of the Rs 10,000 crore reimbursement arrears is released. It was demanding the remaining Rs 5,000 crore in monthly instalments of Rs 500 crore over 10 months. The state government on Tuesday constituted a committee for the mobilisation of finances for the fee-reimbursement scheme.

The government said the committee comprising offi-

Nizam College Alumni Meet - M.Com 1974-76 Batch



Hyderabad, metro udayam November 8. An alumni meet of the M.Com 1974-76 batch of Nizam College was organized today at the college premises in response to a request from the batch members. The event was graced by the Principal, Prof. A. V. Rajashekar, along with several distinguished alumni, including Mr. Laxman Kumar Mailavarapu, Dr. M. G. Gopal, IAS, Mr. V. L. V. R. Ram Mohan Rao (Lecturer in Commerce), Lt. Col. (Retd.) E. S. N. Murthy, Mr. Ramesh C. Ramanagiri, and Mr. Chella Ramesh, who has served as Director and CFO of a reputed pharmaceutical company. Total 15 alumni members are participated along with families. The alumni were warmly welcomed by the Principal, Prof. A. V. Rajashekar, who, along with the Alumni Coordinator Dr. M. Kiran Kumar, Vice Principal Dr. S. Renuka, and Head of the Department of Commerce Dr. Aarti Jadhav, facilitated the event. Prominent among the attendees was Mr. H. Srinivasalu, retired Commissioner of Income Tax, along with several other batch-mates. The alumni expressed their heartfelt gratitude to the Principal, faculty, and organizers for arranging the reunion. They fondly recollected their cherished memories from their student days and appreciated the warm hospitality extended by Nizam College. The event was filled with nostalgia, joy, and a strong sense of belonging, as the alumni celebrated their long-standing bond with their alma mater.

CM Revanth Reddys birthday celebrated grandly under the auspices of NGOs...



RV Foundation distributes notebooks to students..

Medipalli November 8 (Metro udayam)

Peerzadiguda Municipal Corporation Congress Party President Tungathurthi Ravi celebrated the birthday of Telangana State Chief Minister Enumula Revanth Reddy on Saturday under the auspices of RV Foundation. On this occasion, cake was cut at the offices of Amma Vodi

Foundation, Delight Foundation, and Maa Foundation and notebooks were distributed to students. Along with Tungathurthi Ravi, Karre Rajesh and Singireddy Srinivas Reddy participated in this program. Speaking on the occasion, Tungathurthi Ravi said, Chief Minister Revanth Reddy has brought many reforms for the future of students in the state. He said that free bus travel



facility for students, English medium teaching in government schools, establishment of digital classrooms, and various schemes are being implemented with the aim of providing quality education to every poor student. Students should move forward in their studies and contribute to the development of Telangana. He said that the RV Foundation will continue its student promotion pro-

grams with his ambition. Peerzadiguda, Ghatkesar, Pocharam Municipality Congress Party leaders Vanguri Paramesh, Sudarshan Reddy, Surender Reddy, Somaiya, Panduranga Reddy, Satish, Mahesh, Amar Nath, Krishna, Jalagam Sarath Goud, Kapil, Raju and the organizers of the respective foundations participated in this program.

Chief Minister Revanth Reddys Birthday Grand elebrations at DCC office Jangaon

Jangaon, November 8, Metro udayam: With the advice and instructions of Kommuri Prathap Reddy DCC President of Jangaon and Ex MLA, the congress party, on the occasion of the birthday of Chief Minister Enumula Revanth Reddy, the Congress party leaders cut a cake and distributed sweets at the Jangaon district Congress office. Later, the leaders said that they want to see that all the ministers should work together for the development of the state under the leadership of Revanth Reddy. In the meeting Jangaon AMC chairman Banuka Shivaraj Yadav, Town con-

gress party president chencharapu Buchireddy, sevadal state leader Sunkari Srinivas Reddy, Jangaon mandal party president Lingala Narsireddy, AMC directors naamala Srinivas, botla Narsingarao, disha member bakka Srinivas, Ex councillors Vangala kalyaani, gadepaka Ramchander, PACS director vangaala Mallareddy, senior leaders aleti siddiramulu, thupakula Ramulu, Sridher Reddy, Anil, Siddappa, Munni begum, villages and wards presidents, leaders Krishna reddy, Ravi, Yadagiri, Rahe em, Praveen, Parvathaalu, Srinivas, Siddulu, Murali



and youth congress leaders Raghu, Prabhakar, Raju, Rajesh, Karunakar and others participated

DRM INSPECTED VISAKHAPATNAM- NAUPADA-PARALAKHEMUNDI SECTION

Divisional Railway Manager Shri Lalit Bohra conducted a comprehensive inspection of the Visakhapatnam-Naupada-Paralakhemundi section in the Waltair Division today (08.11.2025). During his visit, he assessed passenger amenities and reviewed ongoing infrastructure improvements across stations along the route, including platform raising, enhanced illumination, upgraded drinking water facilities, improved platform shelters, accessibility measures for Divyangjan passengers, Foot Over Bridges, and other critical enhancements. At key stations such as Paralakhemundi, Dusi, and Vizianagaram, DRM evaluated progress on development works, upgrades to circulating areas, cleaning efforts, beautification, and maintenance standards. Particular attention was given to addressing issues and prioritizing targeted improvements at Paralakhemundi station.

While inspecting the Naupada-



DRM Shri Lalit Bohra inspection of Paralakhemundi station

Paralakhemundi section, Shri Lalit Bohra also interacted with local media representatives at Paralakhemundi station. He provided an update on various initiatives underway and outlined future development plans for the section. He attentively noted

suggestions, concerns, and grievances presented by media persons, assuring that these would be addressed as per the norms or forwarded to the appropriate authorities for further action. He conducted window trailing inspection of the



section where he keenly observed crucial railway structures such as bridges, crossings, curves, station yards, signaling system and discussed with the concerned officials on improvements.

DRM was accompanied by Senior Divisional Engineer

(East) Shri B. Sairaj, Senior Divisional Operations Manager Shri A. Avinash, Senior Divisional Commercial Manager Shri K. Pavan Kumar, Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer Shri MSN Murthy, along with other division officials and staff members during the inspection

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बुढ़ापे में चाहिए इज्जत

एक बार पुरुष बुढ़ा होगया तो समझो गया
अब उसे एक ही रास्ता, किसी से कुछ आशा न करना
सीखना होगा
अपने आप जीना
पुरुष विद्यार्थी होगा आजीवन
इस संसार में कोई किसी का नहीं, जानना होगा
किसी पर आश्रित न होकर जीना जानना होगा
स्वाभिमान से जीना जानना होगा
न हुआ तो वृद्धाश्रम का राह पकड़ना होगा

कहीं भी यहां तक की
पौराणिक ग्रंथों में भी
लिखा नहीं गया कि
स्त्रियों के लिए होते हैं
वानप्रस्थ आश्रम या संन्यास आश्रम होते हैं
कोई भी आश्रम पुरुषों तक ही हैं सीमित
यह ऐसे ही समझने का नहीं है विषय समझ पाते तो समझ जाते कि
हमारे पूर्वज कितने हैं सयाने

पुरुष की इज्जत युवावस्था तक ही
वह भी कमाऊ होने तक ही
उस अवस्था के लेते ही उसकी नहीं होती गिनती
किसी से कुछ नहीं बनती
बुढ़ापे में वह हो जाता है अकेला
'उसकी स्त्री तक बदलती है पैतरा
अपने पुरुष के रुख से बदलाव लेती है बहु-बेटों के तरफ
पुरुष को नहीं होता वह मयस्सर
अकेले -अकेले चलो मेरे भैया
तू अब पड़ गया अकेला।'

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शासकों में वही
शासक आदर्शवान
होता है जिसको
मिलने में लोगों को
कोई कठिनाई ना
हो। लोगों से मिलने
के लिए शासक को
जनता दरबार
लगाना चाहिए। ...
(शकील उवाचा
-५२६)



राब्ता (संबंध) बढ़ाने के लिए शासक को जनता दरबार लगाना चाहिए। यही बात पैगंबर साहब मोहम्मद (स्व.) के पहिले उत्तराधिकारी इमाम अली इब्न अबू तालिब अलैहिस्सलाम ने मालिक इब्न हारिसे अशतर (र.) को जब मिस्त्र (इजिप्ट) का वाली (संरक्षक) बनाकर भेजा तब उनको लिखे खत (पत्र) में लिखे हैं।

इमाम अली अलैहिस्सलाम फरमाते हैं के, "(ऐ मालिक!) और तुम अपने औकात (समय) का एक हिस्सा हाजत मंदो के लिए मुअय्यन (निश्चित) कर देना, जिसमें सब काम छोड़कर उन्हें के लिए मखसूस (सीमित) हो जाना। और उनके लिए एक आम दरबार करना (जनता दरबार लगा लेना)। और उसमें अपने पैदा करने वाले अल्लाह (ईश्वर) के लिए तवाजो (ध्यान) हो और इसनकिसारी (विनम्रता) से काम लेना।" (अब्बास बुक एजेन्सी, लखनऊ द्वारा प्रकाशित हिंदी पुस्तक नहजुल बलागह, पत्र क्रमांक 53, पुष्ट क्रमांक 656)।

जब जनता दरबार लगाया जाए तो किसीको भी उसकी समस्या को सबके सामने बताने को न कहते हुए तहाई में सुनी जाना चाहिए। जनता दरबार में कुछ लोग अपनी परेशानी सब के सामने बताने से डरते, शर्माते और हिचकिचाते रहते हैं। इसलिए उनकी बातों को एकांत में सुनने की कोशिश करनी चाहिए। खासकर शासक को चाहिए के जब जरूरतमंदों से मिले तो अपने अंगरक्षकों को भी दूर हटा देना चाहिये ताके लोग अपनी बात को निर्भय होकर आत्मविश्वास के साथ सामने रख सकें।

इमाम अली अलैहिस्सलाम कहते हैं के, "(ऐ मालिक!) और जब जरूरत मंदो से मिलो तो उस वक्त) फौजियों, सिगाह बानों और अंग रक्षकों (पुलिस वालों) को हटा देना। ताकि कहने वाले लोग बेधड़क होकर (निर्भय होकर कहने वाली बात) कह सकें।" (अब्बास बुक एजेन्सी, लखनऊ द्वारा प्रकाशित हिंदी पुस्तक नहजुल बलागह, पत्र क्रमांक 53, पुष्ट क्रमांक 656)।

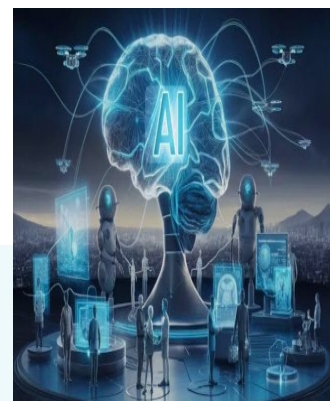
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ativity, and overall well-being. In this way, AI becomes a catalyst for progress rather than a harbinger of disruption.

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BE PRE-PARED!

Once refer Newtons Physics theory!
Aptly applies to life too!
Be prepared to receive!
Reaction to every action!

May it be a word or behaviour!
It may be an action done!
Certain to have reaction!
Hence it is theory of life!

May it not an immediate!
May be also not in the same pattern!
May also with same dose!
But no exception in delivery!

After all what you sow will only reap!
Thats why learned suggest!
Look before you leap!
Prevention is ever better than



cure!

May it a leg slip possible to set right!
No remedy once tongue is slipped!
Balanced talk will have its own value!
Only a root cause to create foe or friend!

Self control,deep analysis help us,
to escape the danger of falling in,
trap of physics theory said above!

Composed by:
B.Satyanarayana Rao, (Ba. Sa. Raa) Vijayawada.

Artificial intelligence (AI) stands at the crossroads of technological progress, presenting both a formidable threat and a remarkable opportunity. Its rapid evolution reshapes economies, societies, and individual lives, demanding a balanced assessment of its potential risks and benefits.

On the one hand, AI threatens job security across many sectors. Automation can perform repetitive tasks faster and cheaper than humans, leading to displacement of workers in manufacturing, transportation, and even some professional services. This shift may widen income inequality, create social unrest, and erode the dignity that comes

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from meaningful employment. Moreover, the concentration of AI power in the hands of a few corporations or governments raises concerns about privacy, surveillance, and the misuse of sophisticated algorithms for manipulation or warfare.

Conversely, AI offers unprecedented opportunities to solve complex problems that have long eluded humanity. In healthcare, predictive analytics can diagnose diseases earlier, personalize treatments, and accelerate drug discovery, saving countless lives. Climate scientists lever-

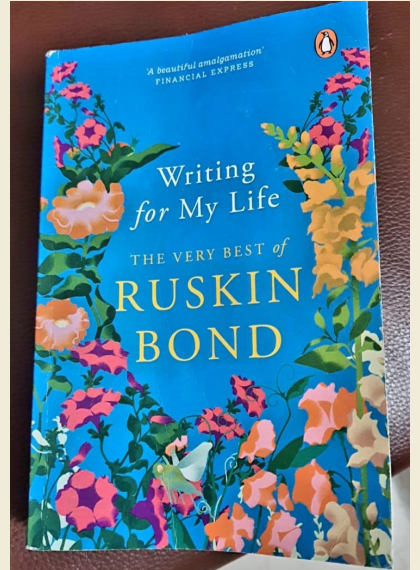
age AI to model environmental changes, optimize energy use, and develop sustainable solutions. Education benefits from intelligent tutoring systems that adapt to each students pace, democratizing access to quality learning.

The key to navigating this dual nature lies in responsible governance, ethical design, and inclusive education. By establishing clear regulations, fostering transparency, and investing in reskilling programs, societies can mitigate the threats while harnessing AIs capacity to enhance productivity, cre-

SUNDAY BOOK REVIEW

THE BEST OF RUSKIN BOND.

Author and poet Ruskin Bond needs no introduction to our readers.As an English teacher I had taught Bond to my students in intermediate and degree classes for 25 years.That shows how popular Bond has been not only with youngsters but also with academicians and officials who prescribe his works for studies and who must have read him at one stage or the other as students.



Writing stories is one thing and remaining in the firmament of literature for a long time as a gifted, prolific, and popular author is altogether another thing.Bond has achieved it almost with hands down as he has been writing for the last seventy years since he had won an award for his maiden novel Room on the Roof at the age of 21 in 1957.He has penned hundreds of stories and most of them are about children or for children and about life at the foothills of the Himalayas where he had spent his almost lonely childhood.This helped him understand better the simple,pure, and tender feelings,dreams,and thoughts of a child.This understanding came handy for him in churning out story after story in which children play main roles or the entire story revolves about them and their action.We all know that the beauty in Bonds writing lies in his simple language,graphic description,direct narration and in his natural,down to earth characters.

If one wants to cull the best out of a kaleidoscopic collection of his stories and writings,one finds it as a daunting proposition.When Bond himself ventures out to do this job for us,the result is this god-send collection of his best pieces titled,WRITING FOR LIFE.

Published some time ago,this book comes with a short and purposeful introduction written by Bond.In fact some twenty five years ago the Penguin Random House had brought out a volume titled The Best of Ruskin Bond Explaining the purpose of bringing out this volume,Bond says that But there were many good things that couldnt get into it:and there have been many stories,essays,poems,and memories written in recent times

This 540 page omnibus is divided into 9 small parts except the part Return to India which runs into some180 pages.It is this part of the book that allows the reader to know a lot about Ruskin Bond the man and Bond,the author.What impresses us here is Bonds honesty and sincerity in talking about his poverty,and struggles to earn a living by writing and waiting for the postman for money orders and cheques from his publishers.

Bond had a strong bond with his mother too.The part Dehra in My Teens tells us how Bond and his mother got on in life after his fathers death and how his mother started to work as the manager to run a small hotel.This book to a large extent throws light on Bonds fond memories about his childhood,friends, parents,about his formative years as a writer.Some new stories and a couple of short poems by Bond are included.This book undoubtedly bears the seal of Bonds easy flow of prose,inimitable style of writing,his verve and flavor for writing,the things that have made Bond a gifted and popular author for long years.

This book is indeed a treat for Bonds readers and it is,as the blurb says a collectors edition My only gripe is that the numbering of the pages is utterly erratic almost through out the book.

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Kurnool / Amaravathi (Metro Udayam) 8 November 2025:

Reporter: Sir, to begin with, could you please explain why National Legal Services Day is celebrated across India and what is its significance?

Secretary, DLSA, Kurnool: National Legal Services Day is celebrated every year on 9th November throughout India to commemorate the enforcement of the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987. This landmark legislation came into force on this day in 1995, ensuring that justice is not the privilege of the rich but a right guaranteed to all citizens, irrespective of economic or social status. The day reminds us of our constitutional duty under Article 39-A, which mandates free legal aid and equal access to justice.

Reporter: What are some of the important schemes being implemented under NALSA to achieve this vision?

Secretary, DLSA, Kurnool: The National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) and its State and District units implement several welfare-oriented schemes to safeguard the rights of marginalized groups. Presently, around 12 core schemes are in operation, including: NALSA (Victims of Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation) Scheme, 2015; NALSA (Effective Implementation of Poverty Alleviation Schemes) Scheme, 2015; NALSA (Legal Services to the Mentally Ill and Mentally Disabled Persons) Scheme; NALSA (Legal Services to Senior Citizens) Scheme, 2016; NALSA (Child Friendly Legal Services to Children and Their Protection) Scheme; NALSA (Protection and Enforcement of Tribal Rights) Scheme, and others. Through these initiatives, we reach out to women, children, senior citizens, persons with disabilities, victims of abuse, and economically weaker sections to ensure that no one is left behind in the justice delivery system.

Reporter: How does DLSA Kurnool strengthen the system through Panel Lawyers, LADCS and Para Legal Volunteers?

Secretary, DLSA, Kurnool:



Excerpts on National Legal Services Day -- 9th November 2025, by B. Leela Venkata Seshadri, Secretary, DLSA, KURNOOL. Ensuring Justice for All -- Strengthening the Legal Aid Movement in India An Interview with the Secretary, DLSA, Kurnool on National Legal Services Day

Panel Lawyers are empanelled advocates who offer free legal assistance to the eligible under the Legal Services Authorities Act. They appear in courts on behalf of those who cannot afford private counsel.

LADCS : The Legal Aid Defence Counsel System (LADCS) is a new model ensuring continuous and professional legal support to under-trial prisoners and accused persons from vulnerable backgrounds. It has been effectively functioning in Kurnool District Since, 06-01-2023 and received 93 cases out of which 70 cases were disposed whereas SC-3, Women-52, Children-19, General-24, Remand-148 (Total -253) have been benefited Under Section 12 of A.P. State Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987.

Para Legal Volunteers (PLVs) form the backbone of grassroots legal awareness. They visit villages, schools, hospitals, and rehabilitation centres to spread awareness about legal rights and welfare schemes, and assist citizens in accessing government benefits.

Reporter: Could you share some notable achievements of DLSA Kurnool in recent times?

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Secretary: Certainly. Some of our significant initiatives and achievements include:

As per directions of the Honble A.P. State Legal Services Authority, Amaravathi, the District Legal Services Authority, Kurnool in coordination with the Legal Services Institutions at Mandal Level and the stakeholders Departments and UIDAI Authorities have identified 125 destitute children (Kurnool District -75 & Nandyal District-50) and initiated necessary steps in issuing Aadhaar cards to destitute and orphan children, enabling them to access educational and welfare schemes successfully.

Medical camps organized in Adivasi (tribal) areas to promote health awareness and extend basic healthcare. The Legal Services Institutions in Kurnool Unit have been conducting medical and legal aid camps for Adivasi communities in interior mandals under the sidelines of NALSA (JAGRITI) Scheme, 2025.

The District Legal Services Authority, Kurnool being the part of Calendar Activities has been conducting Legal awareness programmes for minors and children in conflict with law under the Juvenile Justice system in coordination with Juvenile Justice Board.

The Legal Services Institutions in Kurnool Unit have been providing hearing aids and wheelchairs to the needy persons who are suffering with disabilities in coordination with the District Medical & Health Department, Welfare of Differently Abled, Senior Citizens & Transgender as per NALSA (Legal Services to the Mentally Ill and Mentally Disabled Persons) Scheme.

The Legal Services Institutions in Kurnool Unit have been visiting to Old Age Homes and Observation Homes to ensure residents legal rights and welfare benefits as per Calendar Activities, NALSA (Legal Services to Senior Citizens) Scheme, 2016.

The Legal Services Institutions in Kurnool Unit have been organizing Special legal awareness programs for women, children, and senior citizens, focusing on domestic violence, maintenance rights, and pension schemes as per Calendar Activities and the

directions of the Honble APSLSA., Amaravathi.

In Land Acquisition matters whose lands acquired by the Government for the purpose Srisailem Hydro Electric Project for the 38 Villages, the DLSA facilitated compensation and distributed an amount of ₹ 1,18,83,577/- in 154 cases to the Legal Heirs of the original claimants who died long back in a transparent manner during two National Lok Adalats being conducted the District Legal Services Authority, Kurnool under the Chairmanship of Honble Principal District Judge cum Chairman, DLSA., Kurnool which is huge relief to the LRs.

Mediation and Lok Adalats continue to be the backbone of alternative dispute resolution mechanisms. DLSA, Kurnool has successfully organized National Lok Adalats and Permanent Lok Adalats throughout the year, achieving impressive settlement rates in civil, matrimonial, and motor accident cases. This has not only reduced the burden on courts but also promoted amicable settlements and community harmony.

Mediation Centre, Kurnool -- Out of 2297 Cases 111 Cases have been settled through Mediation across Kurnool Unit.

Recent Welfare and Safety Initiatives

In addition to legal aid, DLSA, Kurnool has taken proactive steps in public welfare by distributing 200 helmets to the general public and to promote road safety awareness. Immediate legal support to victims and families of the recent bus accident near Kurnool, assisting them in filing compensation claims. Awareness drives in coordination with the Police, Education, Social Welfare, and Women & Child Welfare Departments on issues like child marriage, domestic violence, and cyber safety.

Reporter: We recently witnessed a tragic bus fire accident near Chinna Tekuru village on the outskirts of Kurnool. What steps were taken by DLSA Kurnool in response to that incident?

Secretary: That was indeed a deeply distressing incident. The bus, en route from Hyderabad to Bengaluru, caught fire, resulting

in 19 passengers being charred to death and 4 suffering severe injuries. The DLSA Kurnool acted swiftly by deputing Para Legal Volunteers to both the scene of occurrence and hospitals to assist the victims and their families. We sought reports from the District Collector and Superintendent of Police, Kurnool to identify the deceased and injured persons. Based on the reports and the list of dependents, our officers personally contacted the families by phone, informed them about free legal assistance, and extended all possible support to facilitate compensation and claim proceedings. This coordination between the DLSA, district administration, and police ensured timely humanitarian and legal intervention.

Reporter: What role do the Permanent Lok Adalats play in Kurnool District?

Secretary: Permanent Lok Adalats (PLAs) deal with disputes relating to public utility services such as electricity, telecommunication, transport, banking, and insurance. They have become an effective alternative dispute resolution mechanism, providing speedy and cost-free justice. Over the last year, PLAs in Kurnool have settled 54 disputes out of 138 cases, benefitting both consumers and service providers.

Reporter: Finally, what message would you like to convey on this National Legal Services Day?

Secretary: Our message is simple yet profound — Justice must reach the last person in society. Legal awareness is the first step towards empowerment. The DLSA Kurnool, in coordination with all stakeholder departments, continues to work tirelessly so that "Justice is not denied for want of means. On this National Legal Services Day, we reaffirm our commitment to the cause of inclusive and accessible justice for all. In last 4 National Lok Adalats number of cases were settled in entire Kurnool Unit as follows

1. Pre Litigation Cases 876
2. Civil cases 1383
3. Criminal Cases -- 43701
4. Compensation amount in MVOP Cases -- 26,47,35,627/-

Chekumuki science celebrations- 2025 will be held In December at Karimnagar

Jangaon, November 8, Metrodayam:

Additional Collector / District Education Officer The wall paper of Chekumuki Science Talent Test-2025, which is conducted every year by Jangaon District Jana Vignana

Vedika Telangana, was unveiled by Additional Collector and District Education Officer P. Pinkesh Kumar at the office of the District Education Officer, Jangaon. Jana Vignana Vedike State Secretary Akula Srinivasa Rao, Janagama District President Banothu Ravinder and District General Secretary Ananthoju Umadevi informed that this year also Chekumuki Science Talent Test will be conducted at school level, mandal, district and state level Students studying in classes 8,9,10 of all management schools in the district are invited to participate. The Science Talent Test will be conducted in Karimnagar district for three days on November 7 at the school level, November 21 at the mandal level, November 28 at the district level and December 12,13,14 at the state level. It is followed by JVV district bearers KL Marreddy, P.Chandrasekhar Rao, Bandoju Srinivas chary, Sanike Sathaiah, Gopu Shoban Reddy, Maduri Venkatesh, Gunde Kanakaiah, Madishetty Krishna Murthy and others participated



Sudents must maintain balance both studies & social activities: Addl Collector Pinkesh Kumar

Jangaon, November 8, Metrodayam:

Additional collector P. Pinkesh Kumar attended the inauguration of the NSS Unit at KGBV Chilpur as the Chief Guest. Addressing the occasion he advised the students to extend their service at three levels- institution, home and neighborhoods, and society — to the best of their ability. He emphasized the need to develop both physical and mental strength to serve effectively. While doing so, he also urged them not to neglect academics and maintain a proper balance between the studies and service activities and it is followed by special officer G. Prashanthi, programme officer N. Divya, NSS coordinator Esam Narayana, Amo Srinivas, Gousia, chilupur Meo Govardhan and others participated

