

Bidar DC conducts surprise inspection of Andoor PHC, stresses anaemia awareness

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EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bidar

DEPUTY Commissioner Shilpa Sharma paid a surprise visit to the Andoor Primary Health Centre (PHC) on Wednesday and inspected its facilities. Later, she visited several houses in the village, enquired about the health of women and interacted with them regarding the medical services available at the PHC, with particular focus on anaemia.

Officials said the Health Department and the Women and Child Development Department are implementing various programmes to prevent anaemia among children, adolescents and pregnant women. As anaemia is a major cause of maternal mortality in the district, the Deputy Commissioner directed that all pregnant women must compulsorily register at their nearest health centre and obtain a mother card.

She instructed medical officers and health workers across the district to intensify aware-



Deputy commissioner Shilpa Sharma pays a surprise visit to PHC at Andoor village in Bidar on Wednesday | EXPRESS

ness campaigns on anaemia among women.

ASHA workers and primary healthcare staff are monitoring the health of pregnant women and ensuring timely treatment. At present, there are 30,915 pregnant women in the district, of whom 1,258 have

haemoglobin levels below 7 gm and are suffering from severe iron deficiency. They are being provided appropriate medication and treatment.

Under the Matrupurna Yojana of the Women and Child Development Department, pregnant women are being supplied

nutritious food items including eggs, milk, pulses, rice, wheat, jaggery and cereal laddus.

To curb anaemia among children, iron tablets are being distributed weekly in all schools in the district. As many as 3.6 crore pink tablets have been distributed to children aged 5-9

years, 19.50 lakh blue tablets to those aged 10-19 years, and 2.67 lakh bottles of iron syrup have also been supplied.

In Anganwadis, one lakh children have been tested. Of them, 5,047 were found to have mild anaemia (10-12 gm/Hb), 2,870 had moderate anaemia (8-10 gm/Hb), and 890 were suffering from severe anaemia (below 7 gm/Hb). Children with severe iron deficiency have been provided medication, and seven have received injection treatment.

Similarly, under the Swastha Kiran Yojana in schools, 23,589 children were found to have mild anaemia, 14,421 moderate anaemia, and 404 severe anaemia. Of the severely affected children, 73 were administered injections and 30 schoolchildren required blood transfusions.

RCH Officer Dr Sivashankar B said that comprehensive programmes are being implemented across the district to prevent anaemia among pregnant women and school and college students.



JDS party leaders submit a memorandum to SP Arunangshu Giri in Raichur on Wednesday | EXPRESS

JDS slams politically motivated cases against party leaders

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Raichur

JDS leaders and workers staged a protest against filing false and politically motivated cases against JDS party leaders in Raichur on Wednesday. As part of the protest, a procession was taken out from Gunj Circle to the SP's office.

JDS leaders condemned the filing of false complaints against party leaders and MLAs in the district. They opposed the pressure being exerted on the police by a group of Congress leaders to file such complaints.

They expressed anger that a false case has been filed against former municipal council member B Timmareddy to intimidate him from contesting the next city corporation elections. They demanded action against those using youth to file false complaints. They alleged that a systematic conspir-

acy is being carried out against candidates contesting the next municipal corporation elections. They demanded that the false case registered against the JD(S) leaders be quashed, appropriate action be taken against the Congress leaders filing false cases, action be taken against those misusing the Atrocity Act, and action be taken against the police station officer who succumbs to pressure and files false complaints. They submitted a memorandum to SP Arunangshu Giri in this connection. Ex-MLA Raja Venkatappa Nayak, JDS district president M Virupakshi, JDS state vice-president Mahantesh Patil Atnur, district working president N Shivashankar, Ramanagouda Eganur, Sanna Narasimha Nayak, Ramakrishna, Narasappa, Jambunath Yadav, S Raju, Earanna Yadav and many others were present.

LOOK BEYOND TRADITIONAL CAREER PATHS, STUDENTS TOLD

Kalaburagi: "Entrepreneurial thinking in higher education is the need of the hour. Students should look beyond traditional career paths and explore startups as a viable and impactful career option," said head, Department of Commerce, Yogi Vemana University, (Andhra Pradesh) Prof S Raghunath Reddy. Speaking after the inauguration of a one-day workshop on Startup Ecosystem organised by the Department of Commerce, School of Business Studies, Central University of Karnataka (CUK), here on Wednesday. Prof S Raghunath Reddy asked the students to update their knowledge continuously. CUK Incubation Centre director Dr Rajeev Joshi K said that the incubation centre has been established to support student entrepreneurs through mentoring, funding support and industry linkages. Sujay Mudgal, cluster head, Kalaburagi Cluster, Karnataka Digital Economy Mission (KEDM), spoke about government initiatives, opportunities in digital economy and policy support for startups. Basavareddy S M, founder & CEO, eMileAge Initiative Pvt Ltd, Kalaburagi, shared his entrepreneurial journey and discussed challenges and opportunities in building sustainable startups. The programme was presided over by Prof Panduranga V, dean, School of Business Studies, who stressed the need for academic institutions to actively promote innovation-driven learning and industry engagement. The event coordinator Dr G Ranganatham welcomed the guests. ENS

2 sandalwood smugglers held in Ballari

KIRAN BALANNANAVAR
@ Ballari

In a major inter-state operation against the illegal trade of sandalwood, forest officials from the South Ranges and Ballari district arrested two persons for allegedly transporting the precious wood illegally.

The accused have been identified as Lokesh Nayak (32), a resident of Sushilanagar village, and Kiran Kumar H.K. (30), a resident of Sandur town. Acting on credible information, forest personnel seized 110 kg of sandalwood pieces along with a vehicle that was being used to transport the wood without valid permits.

Senior forest officials said the arrests were part of a coordinated three-day operation carried out in association with the Forest, Revenue, and Police departments of Andhra Pradesh. As part of the crackdown, officials conducted a raid on Nishat Fragrance Factory located in Rolla village of Sri Sathya Sai district, Andhra Pradesh. During the search, approximately 179 kg of illegally stored sandalwood was seized. The seized stock from the factory has been handed over to the Penukonda Forest Range Officer.

Shivaji Maharaj's ideals inspire generations, says Minister Rahim Khan



Minister Rahim Khan, MP Sagar Khandre and others at the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Jayanti programme in Bidar on Thursday.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bidar

THE courage and patriotism of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj have inspired crores of Indians, said Municipal Administration and Haj Minister Rahim Khan.

He was speaking after inaugurating the birth anniversary programme of Shri Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj organised by the District Administration, Zilla Panchayat, Municipal Corporation and the Kannada and Culture Department in Bidar on Thursday at Pujya Dr. Channabasava Pattadevara Rangamandira. He said Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj has gone down in Indian history as an unparalleled hero and an efficient ruler. "He dreamt of Swarajya at a young age and made it a reality. Shivaji Maharaj was not only a warrior but

also a pro-people king who respected women, protected farmers' interests and built a capable navy," he elaborated.

He added that Shivaji Maharaj was not limited to Hinduism alone and had many Muslims in his army. "His history is being misrepresented, and it is the responsibility of all of us to bring out the truth," he said, adding that the government is committed to the development of the Maratha community. Bidar MP Sagar Khandre said Shivaji Maharaj fought bravely against injustice and atrocities and urged people to raise their voices against social injustice.

He said great leaders should not be remembered only on their birth anniversaries, but their principles should be implemented in daily life. He also announced that 50 lakh has

been set aside for the construction of a Maratha Community Hall and assured continued support to the community. Historian and Maratha Seva Sangh leader Gangadhar Banabare, Pune, in his special lecture, said efforts were being made to limit Shivaji Maharaj to a particular caste or religion and create divisions.

He also noted the close cultural bond between Kannada and Marathi-speaking people and said linguistic conflicts were unnecessary. Earlier, a portrait procession of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj began at Shivaji Circle and passed through Bhagat Singh Circle, Basaveshwar Circle, Ambedkar Circle and Rotary Circle before culminating at Pujya Dr Channabasava Pattadevara Rangamandira, where the stage programme was held.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Belagavi

COORDINATOR of Sakal Maratha Samaj Belagavi (SMSB), Kiran Jadhav, has urged the government to officially celebrate Shiv Jayanti in consultation with representatives of the Maratha community, noting that a large population of Maratha and Marathi-speaking people reside in Belagavi and surrounding areas. Jadhav was speaking at a programme organised to pay homage to Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj at the Shivaji Garden in Belagavi on Thursday. Responding to the appeal, Deputy Commissioner Mohammad Roshan assured the gathering that from next year, Shiv Jayanti will be officially celebrated on February 19 with the involvement and confidence of community representatives.

Former deputy mayor Renu Killekar, in her address, called upon people to imbibe the character and ideals of Shivaji Maharaj in their daily lives. She emphasised that the true significance of Shiv Jayanti lies in practicing his principles rather than merely observing the oc-

casion ceremonially. SMSB coordinator Gunwant Patil stressed that every household should follow the path of 'Shivachari'-- living according to the ideals of Shivaji Maharaj and draw inspiration from his leadership and values in all aspects of life. Mahadev Patil in-

fused enthusiasm into the gathering with spirited slogans in honour of Shivaji Maharaj, creating an atmosphere filled with pride and devotion. Several other community leaders also shared their views, contributing to the dignity and success of the programme.



Sakal Maratha Samaj performing puja of Shivaji Maharaj statue in Belagavi on Thursday

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— Mohammad Roshan, Deputy Commissioner

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