

"Pay Us for Our Work": Chukkavalasa Labourers Appeal for Pending Wages

MGNREGA Workers Submit Petition to Garividi MPDO

Vizianagaram (Garividi), May 25 (Skyline): Workers from Chukkavalasa village under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) appealed to the Garividi MPDO, M.V.B. Subrahmanyam, seeking immediate payment of wages for three days of work completed under the scheme.

In their petition, the labourers alleged that they were not being provided even 50 percent of the promised 100 workdays under the employment guarantee programme. They also demanded a thorough inquiry into alleged irregularities and corruption in the implementation of the scheme at the village level.

The workers stated that they had carried out desilting and maintenance works at the Thotapalli canal for three days, but their wages were yet to be credited. They expressed concern over the delay, saying it was causing financial hardship to daily wage earners dependent on the scheme.

Responding to the allegations, MPDO M.V.B. Subrahmanyam clarified that no corruption or irregularities had taken place in the MGNREGS works. Engineering Assistant Durga Prasad said the canal works were continuing and assured labourers that wage payments would be processed as per procedure. He urged workers not to believe rumours regarding the scheme's implementation.

Across India, MGNREGA workers in several states have recently raised concerns over delayed wage payments and reduced workdays under the rural employment programme.

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'Prices Have Hit Unimaginable Levels': N Sitharaman Says Focus

Sitharaman said the impact of the Middle East crisis stretches far beyond geopolitics.

"The Middle East crisis is not only a diplomatic or geopolitical issue," she said. "For businesses and common people, it can mean higher fuel cost, delayed cargo, costlier shipping, shortage of inputs, pressure on working capital and uncertainty in export orders."

"Just imagine all of them coming together," she added.

Even as she acknowledged the pressure points, the finance minister repeatedly pushed back against what she called an exaggerated narrative of economic collapse.

"India's domestic economic situation remains positive and resilient even today," Sitharaman said. Without naming anyone, she took a swipe at critics and "naysayers" who, according to her, were portraying the situation as if everything was "crumbling".

"There is a section of Indians who very quickly want to decry the achievements of our own people," she said.

"All the good that is being done by the common people themselves, that is forgotten. And a pessimistic, cynical narrative is generated, which is just not right."

"India cannot afford fearmongering. We need to give confidence to our people with our words and with our actions," she added.

Centre Has Taken A Revenue Hit: Finance Minister

Sitharaman also defended the Centre's handling of rising fuel prices, saying the government had already taken a major revenue hit to shield consumers from an even sharper spike.

"The government is estimated to take a revenue impact of over Rs 1 lakh crore" due to the excise duty reduction on petrol and diesel, she said.

The minister also flagged stress in the MSME sector, saying delayed payments worth Rs 8.1 lakh crore were hurting working capital and slowing growth. She urged public sector undertakings to ensure dues to MSMEs are cleared within the mandatory 45-day period.

At the same time, Sitharaman argued that India's broader economic indicators continue to remain strong despite global uncertainty. She pointed to rising GST collections, sustained domestic demand and improving private sector investment as signs that the economy continues to hold firm even as external shocks intensify.

From chip to ship... We will develop AP at jet speed: CM Chandrababu

Rayalaseema will be developed as a horticulture hub with an investment of Rs. 40 thousand crores. He revealed that a testing facility for fifth-generation fighter jets will be set up in Rayalaseema in just 36 days. He said that tourist destinations like Suryalanka and Gandikota will be developed to world-class standards.

The CM said that in line with Prime Minister Modi's 'Chip to Ship' call, the focus has been on manufacturing in the state. He reiterated that not only are we making agreements, but we are also trying to ensure that industries actually start operations, and that 'signing, grounding, opening' is the policy of his government. He revealed that in the last 23 months, a total of Rs. 23 lakh crore investments have been brought to the state at the rate of Rs. 1 lakh crore per month.

Chandrababu said that the government is giving top priority to the MSME sector. He said that to promote this sector, which provides the highest number of jobs after agriculture, policies for private industrial parks have been brought along with the MSME policy. He said that it has been decided to set up an MSME park in every constituency and that the foundation stone for 100 parks has already been laid. He announced that he is working towards the goal of 'One Family, One Entrepreneur' and that this year 5 lakh women from Dwakra will be turned into entrepreneurs. He said that the goal is to set up 100 unicorn companies from the state.

CM inaugurated Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Kalavedika

Earlier, Chief Minister Chandrababu inaugurated the newly built Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Kalavedika on an area of ??4.4 acres and 1.45 lakh square feet in Vijayawada. On this occasion, floral tributes were paid to the portrait of Ambedkar. Several ministers, MLAs, MLCs and other public representatives participated in the program. The CM promised to build five more such convention centers in the state on this platform.

Pawan Kalyan orders audit of pullutants entering Godavari River

flows into the Godavari River via the Nalla Channel. He witnessed firsthand the nature of the pollution occurring along the riverbank. He gathered details regarding the methods being employed to treat the water.

He also interacted with the staff present at the site and observed the waste segregation process. "Statistics indicate that approximately 55 MLD (Million Liters Per Day) of sewage flows into the Godavari River daily. The process of treating this sewage must be conducted in a scientifically sound manner. We are receiving complaints that the river water is becoming contaminated due to the direct discharge of untreated sewage into the Godavari. We must focus our attention on this issue," he said.

The Deputy CM said a comprehensive audit regarding the sources of pollution must be conducted to focus on strategies to mitigate these issues later.

He noted administrative approval has been secured for Rs 95 crore out of the Rs 416 crore allocated under the NRCP (National River Conservation Plan) through the Union Ministry of Jal Shakti. "These funds must be utilised to construct new treatment plants equipped with modern technology. We must take full responsibility to ensure that only completely treated water -- free of any sewage -- is discharged into the Godavari."

Pawan Kalyan also inquired into the issue regarding the discharge of polluted effluents from the Andhra Paper Mills into the Godavari River. He sought detailed information on this matter from Krishnaiah, the Chairman of the State Pollution Control Board.

The Deputy CM visited the treatment plant site and inspected the waste materials being segregated there. He sought information regarding the disposal methods employed for this waste.

Pawan Kalyan later reached the Rajamahendravaram Municipal Corporation office to conduct a review of the ongoing Pushkaram-related works.

Ministers Nadendla Manohar and Kandula Durgesh; Government Whip in the Legislative Council Pidugu Hariprasad; MLC Somu Veerraju; MLAs Adireddy Vasu, Gorantla Butchaiah Chowdary, Bathula Balaramakrishna, and Nallamilli Ramakrishna Reddy, and others were present.

PIB Fact Check debunks fake claim linking Rajnath Singh to support for BLA

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According to the fake post shared online, Rajnath Singh was falsely quoted as saying that India "fully supports the BLA and will continue providing financial aid and weapons to the BLA." The fabricated post further claimed that when a reporter questioned him, the Defence Minister allegedly replied, "Absolutely, I am sure."

However, PIB clarified that no such statement had been made by the Defence Minister. The misleading content also included a YouTube video link from an event held on Saturday in Shirdi, Maharashtra, where Rajnath Singh inaugurated a private sector Defence manufacturing complex.

During the event, the Defence Minister flagged off India's first 300-km Universal Rocket Launching System, 'Suryastra', and emphasised the importance of indigenous Defence manufacturing. He stated that a nation capable of producing its own weaponry "writes its own destiny."

Speaking at the inauguration ceremony, Rajnath Singh highlighted that future warfare would increasingly depend on advanced munitions, automation, and indigenous technological capabilities rather than merely the size of armed forces.

Referring to the Russia-Ukraine conflict, tensions in West Asia, and India's 'Operation Sindoor', he stressed the need for self-reliance in Defence production for both national security and economic resilience.

He also reiterated the government's commitment to transforming India into a global hub for munitions and automated systems through initiatives such as 'Make-in-India', Positive Indigenisation Lists, iDEX, ADITI, and the Technology Development Fund.

Earlier, on May 24, the government had also warned citizens against another fake online investment scheme circulating in the name of Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman.

PIB Fact Check clarified that the so-called 'Quantum AI' investment platform, which falsely promised monthly earnings of Rs 3 lakh on an investment of Rs 22,000, was fraudulent and had no connection with the Government of India or the Finance Minister.

Telangana secures Rs.13,600 cr refinancing support for

refinance existing debt obligations, including non-convertible debentures, commercial papers and working capital loan. The arrangement will provide an orderly exit to existing lenders and significantly improve the long-term financial sustainability of the Hyderabad Metro project, said an official release here on Monday.

The facility has been structured over a 20-year tenure with quarterly repayments. It replaces higher- cost debt with competitively priced long-term rupee financing.

The transaction is supported by an unconditional and irrevocable undertaking by the Government of Telangana for servicing all dues payable to IRFC, a State government guarantee and an RBI-backed direct debit mandate.

Hyderabad Metro Rail Phase-I, spread over 69.2 kilometres across three corridors with 57 stations, is among the largest metro rail projects developed under the public-private partnership model. The network currently caters to over 5 lakh passenger journeys daily and has emerged as a key pillar of sustainable public transportation in Hyderabad.

This refinancing support is expected to strengthen the project's financial viability and enable the government of Telangana to accelerate the planned expansion of Hyderabad Metro, including new corridors, improved connectivity to emerging growth areas and enhanced last-mile connectivity across the metropolitan region.

Chief Secretary Ramakrishna Rao said Hyderabad has emerged as one of the major growth engines of India, and strengthening metro connectivity is essential to support the city's rapid economic expansion, reduce traffic congestion and improve the quality of urban life.

He said the refinancing support from IRFC would provide major financial relief to L&T Metro Rail (Hyderabad) Limited and place the project on a stronger long-term financial footing.

The Chief Secretary said the arrangement would help reduce the financial cost, improve financial flexibility and support the Government's plans for future expansion of the Hyderabad Metro network.

Telugu man becomes key advisor to Vijay government

Chief Minister Kiran Kumar Reddy and Pileru MLA Kishore Kumar Reddy. His father Ramanarayana Reddy earlier served as village sarpanch and also held local political positions in the region.

CM Vijay has been making aggressive political moves in Tamil Nadu after launching his party TVK. The actor turned politician is slowly building a strong strategy team around him.

Vishnuvardhan Reddy was also seen prominently in Vijay's close political circle during that important development. Tamil media earlier reported that he plays a key role in TVK's financial and strategic affairs. Meanwhile, John Arokiasamy is said to be one of the important political strategists behind Vijay's growing political journey.

Will operations at Vizag Airport continue?

Flagging public inconvenience, Visakhapatnam North MLA P Vishnu Kumar Raju urged the authorities to continue operations at the existing Visakhapatnam Airport for at least a few months after the inauguration of the new airport in Bhogapuram.

Similarly, the Andhra Pradesh Air Travellers Association (APATA) also appealed to the government to retain select flight services from Visakhapatnam Airport during rush hours to minimise passenger inconvenience. However, the Centre has not favoured the proposal as it clearly indicates shutting down Visakhapatnam Airport for civilians soon after the new airport becomes operational at Bhogapuram.

Passengers are also worried about the financial burden associated with the extended travelling time to the new airport. A cab ride from Visakhapatnam city to Bhogapuram is estimated to cost around Rs.4,000 per trip, adding to the overall travel expenses at a time when airfares are already witnessing a steady rise.

Andhra Pradesh travel Travellers have expressed dissatisfaction over the prospect of spending additional time and money merely to access the airport. To address these concerns, the state government is planning to introduce air-conditioned electric buses through a dedicated corridor connecting the city to the airport. Officials believe that the proposed EV bus services, once introduced, could offer considerable relief to passengers commuting to Alluri Sitarama Raju International Airport. APATA representatives DS Varma O Naresh Kumar and K Kumar Raju informed that Scoot Airlines is commencing its operation from July 8. With 'muhurat' set for commercial operations from the new airport starting in July, it remains to be seen whether the gates of Visakhapatnam Airport will remain permanently closed to civilians.

Urgent reforms must be undertaken in the education system

that some private educational institutions are increasing the financial burden and pressure on parents in the name of coaching and result-based education. He urged the education department officials to revive the spirit of the Constitution of India, the Right to Education Act, and the National Education Policy 2020. He informed that a comprehensive report has already been submitted to the Central Education Department, the Andhra Pradesh Government, and the relevant education authorities, requesting them to undertake legal reforms in the education system.

Vikas Pandey demanded a ban on comprehensive coaching for IIT-JEE/NEET from class 6 to class 10, strict implementation of the RTE Act and child protection regulations, control of excessive academic burden and coaching pressure, prohibition of forced purchase of study material and commercialization of education, and establishment of a strict monitoring and enforcement system for violations. CRC National Vice President P.V.G. Viswanath said that children need a child-friendly, stress-free, and legal education, and the Right to Education Act, National Education Policy 2020, CBSE regulations, and N. CPCR guidelines should be strictly implemented.

CRC Visakhapatnam District President A. Sarath Chandra said that students are facing severe academic and mental stress due to excessive coaching policies implemented by some private educational institutions. He called on parents, teachers and officials to work together to protect the rights, mental health and dignity of students and not to put the pressure of competitive exams on children at an early age. CRC National Representative Avinash Benjamin, State Secretary K. Sagar, State Executive Member Kunju Joshua and others participated in this meeting.

Efforts to develop MSME parks in the district

He said that Ratan Tata has set up the Ratan Tata Innovation Hub to provide support to young entrepreneurs. He said that in the last two years, the state government has brought 28 industrial policies. He said that in the first year of the government coming to power, 16% of the investment coming to the country came to our state, and in the second year, 25% of the investments coming to our state came to our state. He said that out of the 10 lakh crore investments coming to the state, about 60% came to the Visakhapatnam Economic Region (9 districts). He said that this is a golden opportunity for our region and asked us to take advantage of it.

The aim is to industrialize the youth

MLA Vishnu Kumar Raju said that 725 square feet of land and buildings will be allotted to 36 new industrialists in the area of ??83 cents of the floated factory complex in the North constituency. He said that a Micro Small Facilitation Center has been set up in Visakhapatnam to resolve the problems of industrialists and the government has made a dispute resolution portal available for the speedy resolution of disputes of small industries. According to the MSME Act, payments have to be made within 45 days of supply of goods and if there is a delay, steps will be taken to ensure that payment is made with interest. He said that the government's goal is to bring the youth into the paid labor sector and that special skill training will be provided to ITI and polytechnic students. He said that the government will provide subsidies and incentives to those who establish new industries. He said that the tender problem faced by industry managers has been solved and a special quota has been brought for them. He asked the officials to stop the practice of renting out land in industrial areas to others instead of managing it themselves and to take steps to ensure that if the industrialists are unable to achieve production, those lands are taken back to DIC and allotted to new industrialists. AILA Chairman Jagapathi Raju, APIIC officials, Zonal Manager Simhachalam GM Industries, V. Adiseshu, industrialists, local leaders Lodagala Krishna, Usha, Kiran, Nazir, and others participated in the program.

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APPENDIX-IV-A [SEE PROVISION TO RULE 8(6)] SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to Rule 8(6)] of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower/s and Guarantor/s that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/ charged to Truhome Finance Limited (formerly M/s Shriram Housing Finance Limited), the Physical Possession of which have been taken by the Authorized Officer of Truhome Finance Limited, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis in e-auction on 24.06.2026 between 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for recovery of the balance due to Truhome Finance Limited from the Borrowers And Guarantors, as mentioned in the table. .

Details of Borrowers and Guarantors, amount due, Short Description of the immovable property, reserve price and earnest money deposit and date of Inspection are also given as:

Name of Borrowers/ Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/Mortgagers	Amount of Recovery and date of Demand Notice	Reserve Price (Rs.) & Bid Increment	Date & Time of Auction	Contact Person Details – (AO and Disposal team)
1. MR.MUTIKI SRINIVASA RAO S/O.MR.MALLI BABU 2. MRS.MUTIKI LAKSHMI PRASANNA W/O MR.SRINIVASA RAO both are R/O at DOOR NO: 1 2 204 8 2 VUDA COLONY CHINAMUSHIDIVADA REVENUE WARD 70 NEAR SIVALAYAM PENDURTHI VISAKHAPATNAM ANDHRAPRADESH INDIA 530051 Loan Account No. THLHVIZG0001311 Date of Possession & Type 06th May, 2026 and Physical Possession Encumbranches known Not Known	DATE OF DEMAND NOTICE 15-02-2026 notice Rs.7129024/-(Seventy One Lakh Twenty Nine Thousand and Twenty Four Only) as on 28-02-2026 under reference of Loan Account No. THLHVIZG0001311	Rs.65,54,320/- (Sixty Five Lakhs Fifty Four Thousand Three Hundred and Twenty Only) Bid Increment: Rs. 10,000/- and in such multiples. Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)(Rs.) Rs.6,55,432/- (Rupees Six Lakhs Fifty Five Thousand Four Hundred and Thirty Two Only) Last date for submission of EMD : 26th - June , 2026 Time 10.00 a.m. to 05.00 p.m.	27-JUNE-2026 & Auction Time: 11.00 A.M. to 01.00 P.M	Mr. SURESH & Anjibabu 9182753548 (M) & 9966365296 Property Inspection Date: 26-June-2026 Time 11.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m

Description of Property

All that vacant site measuring an extent of 120 Sq yds or 100.335 Sq mts, out of 240 Sq.yds (VLT Asst. No. 1086583200) together with plinth area 850 Sft in Ground Floor & 850 Sft in First Floor R.C C Residential Building with Electricity Service Connection No 116484229101216 9, bearing Plot No. 119 (East Part) Layout approved by VUDA vide LP No 7/2004, Covered by Survey Nos. 187 of CHINAMUSHIDIVADA Village within the limits of Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation, Pendurthi S.R.O. Limits, Visakhapatnam District and bounded by:- East: 40 Feet wide Road, South: Plot No. 118. West: Remaining Part of site in Plot No.119 belongs to Medisetty Appalaraju. North: 40 Feet wide Road MEASUREMENTS: East Wing: 36.0" Feet or 10.97 Mts. South Wing: 30.0 Feet or 9.14 Mts., West Wing: 36.0" Feet or 10.97 Mts.North Wing: 30.0" Feet or 9.14 Mts. Situated within the Sub-Registration District of Pendurthi and Registration District of

1) For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer the website of Truhome Finance Limited (Formerly Shriram Housing Finance Limited) website.
2) The intending bidders have to submit their EMD amount to be deposited by way of RTGS/NEFT to the account details mentioned herein below: BANK NAME: AXIS BANK LIMITED BRANCH: BANDRA KURLA COMPLEX, MUMBAI BANK ACCOUNT NO. Current Account No. 911020045677633 IFSC CODE: UTIB0000230.

Place : Vizag
Date : 26-05-2026

Sd/- Authorised Officer- Truhome Finance Limited (Formerly Shriram Housing Finance Limited)