PhysicsWallah's Akanksha Kunapareddy Ranks 3rd in AP SSC Exams 2026 with 99.5%

Visakhapatnam, 3rd May: A resident of Vijayawada, Akanksha scored 597 out of 600 marks with a perfect 100 in Mathematics, Science, Social Science, and her second language. This helped her secure state rank 3, placing her among the highest scorers this year.



Speaking about her preparation journey, Akanksha said, "I began the year by breaking down the syllabus into small daily goals. Sticking to that plan consistently made a big difference. Instead of just memorising answers, I focused on understanding concepts thoroughly." She added, "My school teachers ensured I was well-prepared for both internal assessments and the board exams and my parents supported me every step of the way. Along with this, studying with PhysicsWallah strengthened my fundamentals. The practice questions and revision sessions were especially helpful in improving my weak areas."

Akanksha prepared for the examinations through PW's Udaan batch and PhysicsWallah Telugu's free modules designed specifically for the Andhra Pradesh SSC syllabus. Alongside regular classroom learning, she solved previous years' question papers and continuously worked on improving accuracy and time management.

Congratulating her on the achievement, Alakh Pandey, Teacher, Founder and CEO of PhysicsWallah, said, "Akanksha's result reflects what disciplined preparation and conceptual clarity can achieve. We are proud of her and all the students who put in the hard work to reach this milestone, and we are glad to have supported them in this journey."

Encouraging Excellence: Kimmidi Ram Mallik Naidu Meets SSC Toppers in Cheepurupalli

By Skyline Staff Reporter,
Cheepurupalli, May 3

In a commendable initiative to promote education, Kimmidi Ram Mallik Naidu, State Executive Secretary, interacted warmly with Class 10 (SSC) toppers from the Cheepurupalli constituency. He congratulated the students for their outstanding performance and shared a meal with them, creating a supportive and inspiring environment.



Speaking on the occasion, he said that students' success brings pride to society and reflects the strength of the education system. He highlighted that under the leadership of Nara Lokesh, the state's education sector is progressing rapidly.

He added that the government's "100 Days Plan" has significantly improved the condition of public schools, introducing better infrastructure and expanding access to digital education.

Interacting closely with the students, Ram Mallik Naidu enquired about their future goals and assured them of financial assistance and guidance for higher education. He also appreciated teachers for their dedication and key role in shaping students' achievements.

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Bengaluru-based start-up launches Drishti, 'world's first OptoSAR

Modi said that the satellite is a testament to the Indian youth's passion for innovation and nation-building.

"Mission Drishti by GalaxEye marks a major achievement in our space journey. The successful launch of the world's first OptoSAR satellite and the largest privately-built satellite in India is a testament to our youth's passion for innovation and nation-building," the Prime Minister said in a post on X.

He further congratulated the GalaxEye founders and the entire team on their successful mission launch.

"OptoSAR imagery enables insights that were impossible with traditional satellites," the company said, adding that it is being designed to be "reliable, predictable, and ready to power the next generation of applications."

Big Day today: Who's going to be the big winner?

Another close battle is going to be witnessed West Bengal where the ruling Trinamul Congress put up a strong fight against the NDA, which is extremely determined to win this state.

As of now, the survey reports are in favour of the Trinamul Congress to a decent degree. But the NDA is extremely committed to winning this state at any cost, and this could pose a big problem to the Mamta Banerjee party.

Assam is anyway going to witness an NDA wave again, which was expected in the first place. The point of difference could be Kerala where the Congress alliance is likely to come to power by replacing the left government which has been ruling the state for many decades. The counting is going to start early in the morning tomorrow, and we will be expecting the initial trends to emerge by around 10 in the morning. Things going to be a busy day for all the poll trackers.

Foundation stone laid for the reconstruction of the Ramalaya in

through social media to everyone who helped make this program a success.

It is known that in the past, there was a dispute and clashes between two communities regarding the construction of this temple on the occasion of Sri Ram Navami. When the matter reached the High Court, the court directed that the work be carried out only with government permissions. In this context, the authorities have deployed a large number of police to prevent any untoward incidents.

People of India are not fools: Kiren Rijiju says 'sins committed by

"befitting reply".

"All opposition parties have attacked the Govt. Agencies, EVMs, Election Commission, Media & now targeting the Judiciary. They don't realise that they are attacking the core of Indian democracy. Wait, People of India will give them a befitting reply, teach a lifetime lesson!" he added.

This came against the backdrop of the Election Commission of India's announcement of a fresh election in all polling stations of the Falta Assembly constituency in South 24 Parganas district after finding severe electoral offences during the second phase of polling on April 29.

As a result, counting of votes will take place in 293 Assembly constituencies in West Bengal on May 4, with Falta excluded. The Commission said the entire polling conducted in the constituency on April 29 stands cancelled, and a fresh poll will be held on May 21.

"On consideration of severe electoral offences and subversion of the democratic process during polling in a large number of polling stations on April 29 in 144-Falta Assembly Constituency, West Bengal, the Commission directs that a fresh poll shall be conducted in all 285 polling stations, including auxiliary polling stations. Fresh polling will be held between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. on May 21," the ECI said in an official statement.

Following the fresh poll, counting of votes in the constituency will take place on May 24.

On Friday, the Commission had announced re-polling in 15 booths across two Assembly constituencies in South 24 Parganas district -- Diamond Harbour and Magrahat (Paschim). Re-polling in these booths was conducted on Saturday.

Falta has been in the spotlight even before the second phase of polling. A standoff had emerged between the Election Commission-appointed Special Police Observer Ajay Pal Sharma, an Indian Police Service (IPS) officer of the Uttar Pradesh cadre, and Trinamool Congress candidate from Falta, Jahangir Khan.

On polling day, allegations of EVM tampering surfaced in the constituency, and petitions were submitted to the Commission seeking re-polling. The Commission subsequently undertook scrutiny to determine the extent of irregularities.

According to sources, the highest number of complaints seeking re-polling was received from the South 24 Parganas district, with Falta among the key constituencies flagged.

On the direction of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar, the Commission-appointed Special Observer Subrata Gupta visited Falta, Magrahat, Diamond Harbour and other affected areas on Thursday to review the situation.

After assessing the ground situation, Gupta submitted a report to the Commission recommending re-polling in around 30 booths in Falta.

Sources said that during scrutiny, serious irregularities were detected, including allegations that surveillance cameras were switched off in several booths and that the information did not reach the control room due to network issues.

Sringeri recount: K'taka BJP claims victory, levels 'vote theft' charge

He added, "As per the High Court's directions, the recounting and reverification have been completed, and the strong room has been sealed. We have submitted a report to the Election Commission with the revised figures."

It may be recalled that the Sringeri constituency drew significant attention during the 2023 Assembly elections, where BJP candidate D.N. Jeevaraj lost to Congress candidate T.D. Rajegowda by a narrow margin of 201 votes. Following the recount, Rajegowda's postal votes have reduced by 250, prompting the BJP to claim victory.

Shetty further clarified, "The High Court issued its order on April 6, 2026, directing reverification and recounting. We have completed the process in accordance with the order. However, the court has not directed us to declare the results."

He also noted that the High Court order pertained only to postal ballots and not to Electronic Voting Machine (EVM) votes. "The court specifically referred to 279 postal ballots. It directed the Election Commission to verify those ballots and recount the remaining postal ballots. We have completed the entire process accordingly," he said.

"As per the High Court's order, the matter concerned only two candidates -- petitioner D.N. Jeevaraj and T.D. Rajegowda. If any discrepancy was found in the votes secured by them, we were required to submit a report to the Election Commission. Accordingly, we have submitted the report," he added.

Providing final figures, Shetty said, "During the 2023 counting, Jeevaraj had secured 692 postal votes, while Rajegowda had secured 569. After recounting and reverification, Jeevaraj now has 690 postal votes, while Rajegowda has 314."

Reacting to the development, senior BJP leader and Leader of Opposition R. Ashoka on Sunday said the Congress party has been "exposed" in the Sringeri Assembly constituency following the outcome of a recount of votes, calling it a victory for truth and democracy.

In a strongly worded statement, Ashoka raised the slogan "Who is the vote thief? Rahul Gandhi is," alleging that Congress had misused its authority to secure an unlawful victory in the 2023 Assembly elections.

Referring to the recount results in Sringeri, he claimed that the development had once again revealed the "dark face" of the Congress party. According to him, the judiciary had delivered an appropriate response to what he described as the misuse of power to subvert the people's mandate.

Ashoka alleged that in the 2023 elections, as many as 279 postal ballots were illegally rejected, thereby depriving voters of their democratic rights. He said that despite objections raised at the time by BJP candidate D.N. Jeevaraj, the Congress candidate T.D. Rajegowda had been declared the winner.

He further stated that Jeevaraj, refusing to bow to political pressure, had approached the High Court seeking justice. Acting on what Ashoka termed a "historic order" by Justice R. Nataraj, a recount of votes was conducted on Saturday, which he claimed exposed irregularities.

9 killd after massive fire at four-storey building in Delhi's Vivek Vihar

enquiry and proceedings at the spot are in progress.

Protective grills in building hampered rescue efforts

New Delhi, May 3 : As a devastating fire incident in Delhi's Vivek Vihar claimed the lives of nine people, fire officials reported that rescue and relief operations were hindered because the fire broke out early in the morning, and the protective grills made it difficult to gain entry and evacuate the occupants.

Fire Officer Mukesh Verma, speaking to IANS, stated that 14 fire brigade vehicles rushed to the scene immediately upon receiving the report of the blaze.

The information about the fire breaking out on the second floor of the building at around 4 a.m. During the rescue and relief operations, 15 people were rescued, officials said.

"This incident took place in Vivek Vihar Extension. Rescue operations faced difficulties as it was dark early in the morning. When our team arrived at the scene, we discovered that it was a four-story building fitted with protective grills on the front facade, which made it difficult to gain entry and evacuate the occupants," Fire Officer Mukesh Verma said.

He further informed that a total of 15 people were safely evacuated during the relief operation.

"The injured were immediately admitted to a nearby hospital. One individual sustained burns covering approximately 30 per cent of their body, while the others were discharged after receiving primary medical treatment," the fire officer mentioned.

"Three people tried to escape from the roof; however, the doors were locked. The three people were not able to escape from any other way, and hence their bodies were found charred on the staircase," Verma said.

He further stated that the cause of the fire is still under investigation and can be confirmed following the inquiry by the Delhi Police.

According to locals, a short circuit is suspected to be the initial cause of the fire, although this has not yet been officially confirmed. So far, the deaths of nine people have been confirmed in this tragic incident, while several others are reported to be injured. Relief and rescue operations remain ongoing.

Upon receiving the information about the fire at around 4 a.m., teams from the police and the fire department were immediately dispatched to the scene. Upon arrival, it was discovered that the fire had spread rapidly across the second, third, and fourth floors of the building.

Teams from the Fire Brigade, Delhi Police, Crime Branch, Traffic Police, and the DDMA (Delhi Disaster Management Authority) collaborated to conduct a large-scale rescue operation. After nearly two hours of arduous effort, the fire was brought under control at 6:25 a.m.; however, a search operation continued thereafter to ensure that no one remained trapped inside.

Shahdara DCP Rajendra Prasad Meena stated that the team had reached the scene immediately after receiving a call around 4:00 a.m.

Yanamala out; Nagababu, Varma in for council?

sacrificed his seat for Pawan Kalyan.

Others who are in the race from the TDP are: former minister Devineni Uma Maheswara Rao, ex-MLA Kommalapati Sridhar, and former MLC Buddha Venkanna.

Minority leader MD Nazir from Visakhapatnam and former Rajya Sabha member Mopidevi Venkata Ramana who quit the YSRCP and joined TDP are also in the fray for the MLC seats.

The BJP is likely to renominate the former MLC P V Madhav for the MLC seat, sources added.

Trump warns of possible re-strikes as he reviews Iran's concept of deal

against Iran has not been ruled out, reinforcing a dual-track approach of pressure and diplomacy.

According to a senior Iranian official, Tehran has put forward a proposal that, if accepted, would reopen shipping through the strategic Strait of Hormuz and bring an end to what Iran describes as a US blockade. However, the proposal reportedly defers detailed negotiations over Iran's nuclear program to a later stage — a point that has so far been rejected by Trump.

Meanwhile, posting on his Truth Social platform, Trump wrote:

"I will soon be reviewing the plan that Iran has just sent to us, but can't imagine that it would be acceptable in that they have not yet paid a big enough price for what they have done to Humanity, and the World, over the last 47 years. Thank you for your attention to this matter!"

On the diplomatic front, Iran has intensified outreach efforts. Deputy Foreign Minister for Legal and International Affairs Kazem Gharibabadi briefed foreign envoys in Tehran on Saturday, outlining what officials describe as a renewed initiative to de-escalate tensions with both the United States and Israel.

Iranian authorities said the proposal was transmitted via Pakistan, which is acting as a mediator in indirect talks between Tehran and Washington. During the briefing, Gharibabadi emphasised that Iran remains committed to diplomacy rooted in national interests, but warned that the country is fully prepared to respond decisively to any military escalation.

Vizag-bound tanker with 46,313 tons of LPG sails safely through Hormuz

between the Persian Gulf and Indian ports.

It was broadcasting its Indian destination and crew details, a safety protocol widely adopted by vessels navigating the region since the outbreak of conflict involving Iran.

The vessel's journey is significant as it represents the first known passage by an India-linked tanker since a US-led blockade targeting ships associated with Iran began weeks ago.

The restrictions had effectively reduced tanker traffic through the Strait of Hormuz to near-zero levels, disrupting one of the world's most critical energy corridors.

Sarv Shakti is also among the largest carriers to navigate the route since a brief and chaotic reopening of the strait last month, which was quickly followed by renewed restrictions.

Meanwhile, the ministry also said that all Indian seafarers in the Middle East are also reported safe, and no incident involving Indian-flagged vessels has been reported in the past 24 hours.

It said it has put in place the necessary measures to safeguard Indian vessels and seafarers operating in the Gulf region.

DG Shipping Control Room has handled 8,373 calls and more than 17,965 emails since activation. In the past 24 hours, 38 calls and 127 emails have been received.

The Ministry, through the Directorate General of Shipping (DG Shipping), has facilitated the safe repatriation of more than 2,953 Indian seafarers so far, including 31 in the last 24 hours from various locations across the Gulf region, the statement said.

Port operations across India remain normal, with no congestion reported.

The government is giving high priority to the welfare of Indian seafarers in the region. Indian missions are extending all assistance to them, including coordination with the local authorities and agencies, extending consular assistance, and assisting with requests to return to India, the statement said.

Meanwhile, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) continues to monitor developments in the Gulf and West Asia region, with focused efforts on ensuring the safety, security and welfare of the Indian community in the region.

It is in regular contact with state governments and Union Territory administrations for the sharing of information and better alignment of efforts. Indian embassies and consulates continue to operate round-the-clock helplines to provide timely assistance and are proactively assisting our citizens. They are also in close contact with the local governments, the statement said.

Updated advisories are being issued, including information related to local government guidelines, flight and travel situations, consular services and various welfare measures being undertaken for the community, the statement added.

Hung House fears? Vijay locks MLAs in Resort plan

over 100 people, is being readied to house TVK's victorious candidates immediately after the results are declared.

According to insiders, Vijay instructed party functionaries to ensure that the facility is fully prepared, signalling a proactive approach to managing numbers in a potentially tight post-poll scenario.

A day after the exit polls were released last week, Vijay issued a directive asking all winning candidates to report without delay to the party headquarters in Panaiyur.

During a subsequent meeting, he reportedly told candidates, half in jest, not to "go anywhere" after securing victory—a remark that reflects the seriousness of the situation.

Alongside logistical planning, Vijay has also activated the party's legal wing to remain prepared for any contingencies during the counting process.

He has further directed party general secretary (election campaign management) Aadhav Arjuna to approach the Election Commission of India seeking enhanced security at counting centres to ensure law and order.

Meanwhile, the ruling DMK has expressed confidence about returning to power as the single largest party. The party leadership has instructed its cadre to remain vigilant and closely monitor counting proceedings.

With the political landscape finely poised and uncertainty looming over the final outcome, Tamil Nadu may witness intense post-result manoeuvring, with "resort politics" once again emerging as a key strategy in the battle for power.

Govt rejects claims of Aadhaar design change,

year to just a photo and a QR code, alone. This is not correct. There is no plan for any such changes," the ministry said.

"Such news reports and social media posts are creating unwanted confusion in the minds of the people," it added.

It advised people to rely only on official communication from the Unique Identification Authority of India through its verified channels and press releases issued via PIB, and urged media outlets not to amplify unverified information.

"People in general are advised to ignore such reports and social media posts and refer to official communication from UIDAI through its official social media handles and press releases issued through PIB. Media is also advised not to encourage such information," the ministry stated.

The clarification comes amid growing circulation of claims online that Aadhaar could soon undergo a major redesign.

The government reiterated that no such decision has been taken and asked citizens to ignore misleading posts.

The statement gains significance given the scale and importance of Aadhaar, which has evolved into the world's largest biometric identification system.

According to the government, Aadhaar currently has around 134 crore users and has facilitated over 17,000 crore authentication transactions so far.

Maintained by the Unique Identification Authority of India, the Aadhaar ecosystem plays a crucial role in enabling identity verification for a wide range of services.