

Student 'falls' into reservoir, dies

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An engineering student died reportedly after falling into the Gambheeram reservoir in Anandapuram mandal on Sunday. The victim, identified as Malinetti Nitin (22), was a third-year computer science engineering student at a private engineer-

ing college in Tagarapuvulasa and a native of Kagita in Nakkapalli mandal. He resided at the Social Welfare Boys' Hostel in Madhurawada.

The incident is believed to have occurred on Sunday afternoon, but it came to light on Monday. According to sources, Nitin, along with his classmates, reportedly left the hostel

around 3 p.m. in an autorickshaw to visit the reservoir without obtaining permission from the warden.

They reached the spot around 4:20 p.m. While some of his friends entered the water for a swim, Nitin sat on a cement wall adjacent to the reservoir. It is believed he lost his balance and fell into the water, police sources said.

GVMC eyes ₹600-cr property tax target

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The Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation (GVMC) has intensified its revenue collection drive as the 2025-26 financial year enters its final 24 hours. The GVMC has 6.02 lakh tax assessments.

As of March 30, the civic body is said to have recovered approximately ₹560 crore in property taxes, achieving nearly 95% of its ambitious annual target of ₹600 crore. To facilitate last-minute payments and ensure the target is met, all "Saukarayam" counters at the GVMC headquarters and zonal offices remained operational throughout the weekend and will continue to function until late evening on the final day of the fiscal year, according to the GVMC sources.

Municipal authorities have deployed special task forces across all zones to focus on chronic defaulters and large-scale commer-



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cial establishments. In several instances, the corporation has initiated stringent measures, including the serving of final warrants and the temporary disconnection of non-essential services, to encourage immediate settlement of arrears.

A significant shift in this year's collection pattern has been the success of the GVMC's digital transition, with over 65% of the total tax being processed through the official mobile application and online portal. Zone III (Madhurawada) and Zone V (Gajuwaka) have emerged as the lead-

ing contributors, driven by rapid urban expansion and industrial density, respectively.

Meanwhile, additional staff have been stationed in Zone IV to assist senior citizens with digital transactions and manual filings.

The GVMC Commissioner has issued a final appeal to citizens to clear their outstanding dues by the March 31 deadline to avoid the mandatory 2% monthly penal interest that takes effect from April 1. The revenue generated from this drive is earmarked for critical urban infrastructure projects.

IN BRIEF



DSNLU wins national moot court competition at AU

The Dr. B.R. Ambedkar College of Law at Andhra University concluded its national moot court competition 2026 on Monday. The three-day event focused on contemporary legal challenges, including AI and criminal liability, data privacy and energy law and saw intellectual exchanges and strategic advocacy from 20 law schools and universities. Damodaram Sanjivayya National Law University (DSNLU), Sabbavaram, emerged the winner, while the NBM Law College, Visakhapatnam, secured the runner-up position. Individual excellence was also recognised, with Geetha Pothina of NVP Law College being named the 'Best Mooter' and Likhitha Sannapaneni of GITAM University receiving the 'Best Researcher' award. The 'Best Memorial' prize was bagged by Vignan University, Guntur.

Timings VISAKHAPATNAM

TUESDAY, MAR. 31		
RISE	05:53	SET 18:10
RISE	16:47	SET 04:34
WEDNESDAY, APR. 01		
RISE	05:52	SET 18:10
RISE	17:38	SET 05:09
THURSDAY, APR. 02		
RISE	05:51	SET 18:10
RISE	18:28	SET 05:43

Vizag Weather	max	min
Srikakulam	32	27
Vizianagaram	32	27
Vizag	33	27

Vizag Today
35°C Morning will be comfortable. Day will be warm. Night will be comfortable. Dry weather to prevail.

Vizag Tomorrow
33°C The weather will be warm. Chances of light rain and thundershower. Night will be comfortable.

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HSL trains youth in marine welding

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Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL) concluded a training programme for 25 unemployed youth from marginalized sections of society on Monday. Operated under the shipyard's CSR initiatives, the three-month residential programme was conducted at the Centre of Excellence in Maritime and Shipbuilding (CEMS) from January 2 to March 30.

All 25 candidates qualified for the Indian Register of Shipping (IRS) 3G certification. This certification is

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a globally recognised benchmark in the maritime industry, validating the technical proficiency and safety standards of the welders. During the valedictory ceremony held in the city, D. Srinivasa Rao, chief general manager of HSL, emphasised the vast employment prospects now available to them, according to a release here.

SOUTHERN POWER DISTRIBUTION COMPANY OF A.P. LIMITED
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Tariffs for Retail Sale of Electricity & Cross-Subsidy Surcharges (CSS) during FY 2026-27

- Pursuant to the ARR, Tariff & CSS filings for FY 2026-27 made by Southern Power Distribution Company of A.P. Limited (APSPDCL), Andhra Pradesh Central Power Distribution Corporation Limited (APCPDCL) & Eastern Power Distribution Company of A.P. Limited (APEPDCL) in OP No 75, OP No 76 and OP No 77 of 2025 respectively, the Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission has determined the Tariffs for Retail Sale of Electricity & Cross Subsidy Surcharges (CSS) for FY 2026-27.
- The Commission has determined the Tariffs for the Retail Sale of Electricity & CSSs for FY 2026-27 after taking into consideration the subsidy committed by the Government of Andhra Pradesh for "Category I(A): Domestic LT" and "Category V(A): Agriculture - LT" under section 65 of the Electricity Act, 2003.
- The Tariffs for the Retail Sale of Electricity and CSSs shall be effective from 1 April 2026 and will be in force during FY 2026-27 unless amended by the Commission.

CMD / APSPDCL					CMD / APCDCL					CMD / APEPDCL				
Category	Consumer Category	Schedule -I Tariffs for Retail Sale of Electricity for FY 2026-27			Billing Unit	Schedule -II Cross Subsidy Surcharges for FY 2026-27								
		LT SUPPLY		Energy Charges (Rs./Unit)		HT SUPPLY								
		Fixed / Demand Charges per month (Rs./HP or Rs./kW)	Energy Charges (Rs./Unit)			Fixed / Demand Charges per month (Rs./kVA)	Energy Charges (Rs./Unit)							
		11 kV	33 kV	132 kV	220 kV	Approved CSS (Rs/unit)								
		APSPDCL	APCPDCL	APEPDCL										
I	DOMESTIC													
	(A) : Domestic (Telescopic)													
	0-30	10/kW	1.90	kWh	-	-	-	-	-	-				
	31-75		3.00	kWh	-	-	-	-	-	-				
	76-125		4.50	kWh	-	-	-	-	-	-				
	126-225		6.00	kWh	-	-	-	-	-	-				
	226-400		8.75	kWh	-	-	-	-	-	-				
	>400	9.75	kWh	-	-	-	-	-	-					
	(B): Townships, Colonies, Gated Communities and Villas	-	-	kVAh	75	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00				
	COMMERCIAL & OTHERS													
A (i) : Commercial														
0-50	75/kW	5.40	kWh/kVAh	475	7.65	6.95	6.70	6.65						
51-100		7.65	kWh/kVAh											
101-300		9.05	kWh/kVAh											
301-500		9.60	kWh/kVAh											
Above 500 units		9.95	kWh/kVAh											
*Time of Day tariff (TOD)-Peak (6 PM to 10 PM)	-	-	kWh/kVAh	-	8.65	7.95	7.70	7.65						
(ii) Advertising Hoardings	100/kW	9.95	kWh/kVAh	-	-	-	-	-						
(iii) Function halls / Auditoriums	-	9.95	kWh/kVAh	-	9.95	9.95	9.95	9.95						
(B): Startup power	-	9.95	kWh/kVAh	-	9.95	9.95	9.95	9.95						
(C): Electric Vehicles/Charging Stations	-	6.70	kWh/kVAh	-	6.70	6.70	6.70	6.70						
(D) : Green Power	-	9.95	kWh/kVAh	-	9.95	9.95	9.95	9.95						
* Note: ToD tariffs for II(A)(i)-LT consumers as shown in the Terms & Conditions of Supply mentioned above.														
III	INDUSTRY													
	(A) : Industry (General)	75/kW	6.70	kWh/kVAh	475	-	-	-	-	-				
	#Time of Day Tariff (TOD) (High Grid Demand) (Apr'26-May'26) & (Sep'26-Oct'26) & (Feb'27, Mar'27)	-	-			7.80	7.35	6.90	6.85					
	Peak (06-10) & (18-22) Hrs	-	-			5.55	5.10	4.65	4.60					
	Off-Peak (10-15) & (00-06) Hrs	-	-			6.30	5.85	5.40	5.35					
	Normal (15-18) & (22-24) Hrs	-	-			7.30	6.85	6.40	6.35					
	#Time of Day Tariff (TOD) (Low Grid Demand) (Jun'26-Aug'26) & (Nov'26-Jan'27)	-	-	5.55	5.10	4.65	4.60							
	Peak (06-10) & (18-22) Hrs	-	-	6.30	5.85	5.40	5.35							
	Off-Peak (10-15) & (00-06) Hrs	-	-	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00							
	Normal (15-18) & (22-24) Hrs	-	-	7.65	6.95	6.70	6.65							
	Industrial Colonies	-	-	475	7.65	6.95	6.70	6.65						
	(B): Seasonal Industries (Off-Season)	75/kW	7.45	kWh/kVAh	475	5.80	5.35	4.95	4.90					
	(C) : Energy Intensive Industries	-	-	kWh/kVAh	475	-	-	-	-					
	(D): Cottage Industries upto 20 HP **	20/kW	3.75	kWh	-	-	-	-	-					
	(E): Solar PV Module Manufacturing Industries (Allocated under GoI-PLI Scheme)	-	-	kVAh	-	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00					
** - Dhobighats shall be extended free power supply as per G.O.Rt.No.75, dt.27-06-2018														
# Note: ToD tariffs for III(A)-LT consumers as shown in the Terms & Conditions of Supply														
IV	INSTITUTIONAL													
	(A): Utilities (Street Lighting, NTR Sujala Pathakam, CPWS and PWS)	75/kW	7.00	kWh/kVAh	475	7.65	6.95	6.70	6.65					
	(B) : General Purpose	75/kW	7.00	kWh/kVAh	475	7.95	7.25	7.00	6.95					
	(C) : Religious Places	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					
	(i): Contracted load up to 2 kW	30/kW	3.85	kWh/kVAh	-	-	-	-	-					
	(ii): Contracted load above 2 kW	30/kW	5.00	kWh/kVAh	30	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00					
(D) : Railway Traction	-	-	kVAh	350	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.50						
V	AGRICULTURE & RELATED													
	(A) : Agriculture													
	(i) Corporate farmers	-	3.50	kWh	-	-	-	-	-					
	(ii) Non-Corporate farmers (Free Power)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					
	(iii) Salt farming units upto 15 HP	-	2.50	kWh	-	-	-	-	-					
	(iv) Sugarcane crushing (Free Power)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					
	(v) Rural Horticulture Nurseries (Free Power)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					
	(vi) Floriculture in Green House	75/kW	4.50	kWh/kVAh	-	-	-	-	-					
	(B): Aquaculture and Animal Husbandry	30/kW	3.85	kWh/kVAh	30	3.85	3.85	3.85	3.85					
	(D): Agro based Cottage Industries upto 20HP	20/kW	3.75	kWh	-	-	-	-	-					
(E): Government / Private Lift Irrigation Schemes	-	6.40	kVAh	-	7.15	7.15	7.15	7.15						
Note:	(i) Temporary Supply: There is no separate category for temporary supply. However, Temporary supply can be released for each category under the applicable terms and conditions, and it shall be billed at the rate and on the other conditions specified in this order.													
	(ii) Categories not defined in either HT- Supply or LT-Supply shall be billed at the rates specified in Category-II(A)(i) Commercial.													
All other Terms and Conditions as specified in Chapter-XI of the Tariff Order for Retail sale of Electricity for FY 2026-27 are applicable.														

