

Department of Posts Organises Mega GDS Sammelan at Guntur

Union Minister of Communications Shri Jyotiraditya Scindia Addresses 9,000 Gramin Dak Sevak

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The Department of Posts, Andhra Pradesh Circle, organised a grand Gramin Dak Sevak (GDS) Sammelan at Guntur on February 22, 2026. The event witnessed an overwhelming participation of over 9,000 Gramin Dak Sevaks from across the Circle, reflecting their collective commitment and dedication to strengthening rural postal services.



(Over 9,000 Gramin Dak Sevaks participated in the GDS Sammelan at Guntur)

The Sammelan was graced by the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, **Shri N. Chandrababu Naidu**, Union Minister for Communications and DoNER, **Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia**, Minister of State for Communications & Rural Development, **Dr. Pemmasani Chandra Sekhar**, Member (Personnel), Postal Services Board, Shri Suvendu Kumar Swain, MLA Shri Mohammed Naseer Ahmed, and Mayor of Guntur Shri Kovelamudi Ravindra, among other dignitaries.



(Chief Minister Shri N. Chandrababu Naidu, Union Minister Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia and Minister of State Dr. Pemmasani Chandra Sekhar lighting the ceremonial lamp at the GDS Sammelan)

On the occasion, ten best-performing Gramin Dak Sevak were felicitated for excellence in delivering Post Office Savings Schemes, Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana, Postal Life Insurance, Rural Postal Life Insurance and Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) services.



(Chief Minister Shri N. Chandrababu Naidu, Union Minister Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia and Minister of State Dr. Pemmasani Chandra Sekhar felicitating a Gramin Dak Sevak at the GDS Sammelan)

Union Minister for Communications Shri Jyotiraditya Scindia extended warm greetings to the postal family and described Gramin Dak Sevak as the vital force connecting every corner of the nation. He informed that India Post currently manages nearly **38 crore Post Office Savings Bank accounts** with **deposits of about ₹22 lakh crore**. Additionally, around **3.8 crore Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana** accounts hold deposits of approximately **₹2.27 lakh crore**, reflecting the scale of financial inclusion achieved through the postal network.

He stated that India Post's mail and logistics network is being rapidly modernised with conveyor systems, scientific sorting, RFID, barcodes and QR-code-enabled tracking to enhance efficiency. In hilly regions such as Jammu & Kashmir, Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh, drone-based delivery systems are also being introduced to strengthen last-mile connectivity. He emphasised the need to work collectively towards realising **Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision of Viksit Bharat 2047, in line with the call to "Reform, Perform and Transform."**

The Minister of State for Communications & Rural Development Dr. Pemmasani Chandra Sekhar stated that nationally the Department operates through about 1.65 lakh Post Offices with over 4.5 lakh employees. He informed that the Department's annual expenditure stands at approximately ₹35,000 crore against revenue of about ₹13,000 crore. In Andhra Pradesh, expenditure was around ₹1,800 crore against revenue of ₹600 crore last year, which has increased to nearly ₹850 crore this year. He further noted that continuous monitoring has significantly reduced 'nil transaction' post offices from about one lakh earlier to around 1,500, reflecting improved operational efficiency.

Addressing the gathering, the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh highlighted the irreplaceable role of GDS employees in grassroots governance and welfare delivery. He emphasised that despite rapid technological advancements, the human touch and dedication of GDS personnel remain unmatched, and underscored the importance of green initiatives, including support for electric mobility for GDS staff.

The Sammelan served as a platform to recognise the dedication and contribution of Gramin Dak Sevak in delivering financial inclusion and citizen-centric services to the last mile. The Andhra Pradesh Postal Circle expressed gratitude to all dignitaries and participants for making the event a historic success.



Met my GDS family of the Andhra Postal Circle in Guntur today for a heartfelt interaction, in the august presence of the Hon'ble CM Shri N. Chandrababu Naidu garu.

From the coast to the remotest hinterlands, if there is someone every village knows and trusts like family, it is... pic.twitter.com/yudMEsWD0C

— Jyotiraditya M. Scindia (@JM_Scindia) February 22, 2026

Revolutionizing the 'First Mile': The Guntur GDS Sammelan

The energy in Guntur was electric as 9,000+ Gramin Dak Sevaks (GDS) gathered to witness a monumental shift in India's developmental story.

Joined by Hon'ble CM @ncbn garu and Hon'ble Union Minister @JM_Scindia ji, this... pic.twitter.com/VepectuVn

— Dr. Chandra Sekhar Pemmasani (@PemmasaniOnX) February 22, 2026

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