

## Green Ambassador MLA of West Godavari in Andhra Pradesh leads by example



Dr. Karumuri Venkata Nageswara Rao, the MLA of Tanaku constituency in West Godavari District of Andhra Pradesh recently participated in door-to-door collection of garbage. Playing the role of a Green Ambassador, he is keen to lead by example and demonstrate to the community that the cleanliness of the Gram Panchayat lies in their hands.

His involvement in Relangi village of Iragavaram Block to gather wet and dry garbage has drawn attention to the importance of segregation at source by households, as well as collection and transportation of the same to the Solid Waste Processing Centres.

The move has inspired public representatives, officers, and field functionaries to implement the ongoing Swachh Sammelanam programme currently underway across the State.

Swachha Sammelanam is a congregation on cleanliness, intended to train and motivate Sarpanches, Panchayat Secretaries, Anganwadi Workers, SHG women and health workers on sanitation issues and ODF Plus activities to prepare them for AP Government's prestigious ODF Plus Programme called Jagananna Swachha Sankalpam that is scheduled to be launched on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2021 in 13,234 Gram Panchayats across the State.

Meanwhile, similar Swachha Sammelanams were conducted in all 660 Blocks of Andhra Pradesh on 9<sup>th</sup> August 2021.

Seeing the MLA in action has triggered the public who have resolved to handover only segregated garbage to the panchayat worker. They have also given their word that they will not throw litter on the roads or public spaces.

