

Tribal villages remain tense

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DAMMAPET, (Khammam dist), Nov. 7.

Situation in the villages of Dammamet revenue mandal continued to be tense on Saturday. Both the tribal and non-tribal groups which involved in the clashes mobilised their supporters in a big way fearing retaliatory attacks. The Joint Collector, Mr. Mohd Ali Rafat, held discussions with leaders of both the groups after which the groups left peacefully.

Police pickets were posted at Malkaram and Gangulagudem villages and additional forces were deployed all along the route to the villages. Cases were registered against 50 persons in connection with the clashes between the tribal and non-tribal farmers. The Collector, Mr. A. Giridhar and the Superintendent of Police, Mr.P.S.R. Anjaneylu, also reached Dammamet to take stock of the situation.

The Minister for Major Irrigation, Mr. Tum-mala Nageswra Rao, visited the district headquarters hospital and consoled the injured persons. He reviewed the developments with the police and revenue officials at the Dammamet mandal revenue office before going round the affected villages. At Gangulavarigudem, the tribals appraised him of the developments.

IG to conduct probe

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The Inspector General of Forests, Ministry of Environment, will enquire into the alleged venison dinner arranged by the supporters of a political party at Marlakunta village in Khammam district on October 13, according to official sources.

The Forest Department officials who are on a hunt for material evidence in support of the alleged killing of wild animals for the feast, on Saturday, seized six deer skins in Gudipadu village of Sathupalli area. A case was registered against those involved in the killing of the six animals. The accused are all absconding.