

Tourism attracts Rs 10,644 cr investments, says Minister

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TOURISM, Culture and Cinematography Minister Kan-dula Durgesh announced

that tourism development is accelerating in the state with the support of both the central and state governments. During a press conference at his Rajamahendravaram camp office, he detailed the coalition

government's actions over the past 15 months and the progress of various projects.

He reported that the government has secured MoUs for tourism investments totalling Rs 10,644 crore. He also noted that investor summits in Visakhapatnam, Vijayawada, and Tirupati highlighted the state's tourism potential. So far, 88 projects worth Rs 698 crore have been launched, expected to create 3,554 jobs in the tourism and hospitality sectors. The government aims to attract Rs 25,000 crore

in tourism investments and increase the number of hotel rooms to 50,000 within five years, he added. The tourism department is focused on raising the Gross Value Added (GVA) from 4.6% to 8% and increasing tourism employment from 12% to 15%. The minister said the goal is to develop Andhra Pradesh into a top global and domestic tourist destination by 2047 by focusing on various tourism types, including temple, eco, wellness, adventure, cruise, river, heritage, and religious tourism.

The minister credited Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu with boosting the sector by granting it industrial status. He stated that the government is committed to sustainable, responsible, and eco-friendly tourism policies while prioritising tourist safety.

Tent cities are planned for 25 famous locations, including Lambasingi, Srisailam, and Vontimitta, to provide better accommodation. The new tourism policy also includes 'Caravan Tourism.' He mentioned the recent launch of double-decker

buses in Visakhapatnam for sightseeing.

Addressing political rivals, the minister advised YSRCP leaders to understand the meaning of 'Public-Private Partnership' before commenting on it. He challenged them to account for the number of medical colleges built during their tenure. He criticised the previous government for demolishing the profitable Haritha Resorts, which had an annual income of Rs 7 crore. He also dismissed criticism from RK Roja, questioning her performance as tourism minister and her role as a TV show judge.

He praised Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan for his rapid implementation of 'Grama Sabhas' and for securing MGNREGA funds, stating that the Deputy CM uses only his free time for movies. He also lauded the tourism department for its efforts in getting Erramatti Dibbalu and Tirumala hills included in the UNESCO list and announced plans to get Ahobilam recognised as a natural heritage site.

'Sundays on Cycle' rally organised

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AS part of the Fit India initiative, the East Godavari District Police organised a 'Sundays on Cycle' rally. District Superintendent of Police D Narasimha Kishore stated that the district police department is holding this event every Sunday to create awareness among officials and staff about the importance of physical fitness and leading a healthy life, in line with the call from the central and state governments for the Fit India programme.

The cycle rally was flagged off by Additional SP (Admin) NBM Murali Krishna and Additional SP (AR) L Chenchu Reddy.

Additional SP Murali Krishna explained that the main objective of the programme is to encourage



Additional SP (Admin) NBM Murali Krishna, Additional SP (AR) L Chenchu Reddy and others participating in 'Sundays on Cycle' rally in Rajamahendravaram on Sunday

people to adopt cycling as a habit to maintain physical fitness and good health. He noted that despite modern conveniences like motor vehicles, a lack of physical activity has led to an increase in health problems. Following the District SP's directives, all police

station officials, along with their staff and local residents, will organise the 'Sundays on Cycle' programme within their respective jurisdictions. The rally saw participation from DSP (AR) Ravi Kumar, RIs, SIs, RSIs, and other police personnel.

Goddess Durga Divya Darshan at airport

Durga Temple EO Seena Naik launches two large portraits of Goddess Durga Devi at the airport

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SRI Durga Malleswara Swamy Varla Devasthanam (Kanaka Durga Temple) Executive Officer Seena Naik has launched a unique initiative to extend the divine blessings of Goddess Kanaka Durga to air passengers at Gannavaram Airport. As part of this effort, two large portraits of Sri Ammavaru were unveiled on Sunday—one at the arrival area and another at the departure area of the airport.

The unveiling ceremony was held with traditional puja rituals performed by Deputy Chief Priest Shankar Sandilya, Priest Vempati Sridhar, and temple staff. Special decorations and illumination created a festive and devotional atmosphere within the airport premises.

Speaking on the occasion, EO Seena Naik said the initiative



Kanaka Durga Temple EO VK Seena Naik unveiling Goddess Durga Devi portrait at Gannavaram airport on Sunday

aims to offer Divya Darshan of the goddess to both incoming and outgoing passengers, blessing their journeys with peace and safety.

He added that this would not only promote the temple's development but also enhance the spiritual presence of Bezawada Durgamma beyond the city. EO Seena Naik also stated that more initiatives would soon be undertaken to spread the

fame and glory of Sri Kanaka Durga Devi across the new capital region.

The airport director, along with senior officials, managers, and security staff, actively participated in the programme.

After offering prayers to the goddess, the airport director sought blessings for the safety of passengers and the continued progress of airport services.

Roundtable calls for united movement

Vows to fight for Caste Census, BC quotas in local bodies

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A roundtable of Backward Classes (BC) associations and political parties has demanded that a comprehensive and scientific caste enumeration be conducted in the upcoming census and that BCs be allotted seats in local bodies based on their population, similar to the system in Telangana.

The meeting resolved to launch a statewide united movement, pressing Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu, a key partner in the NDA government, to fulfil his promises to the backward castes. The CPI State Committee organised the meeting at Sri Rama Function Hall here on Sunday. Leaders of various BC groups, artisan communities, people's associations, and political representatives participated.

The roundtable finalised a plan of action, which includes forming Joint Action



Senior Congress leader N Raghuveera Reddy speaking at the roundtable meeting on BC Reservations in AP in Vijayawada on Sunday. Photo: Ch Venkata Mastan

Committees (JACs), submitting memoranda to MLAs in all constituencies, and conducting district-level meetings and conferences to intensify the campaign.

CPI State Secretary K Ramakrishna, who presided, said that while Bihar, Karnataka, and Telangana governments had announced caste censuses, the Naidu government was hesitating despite claiming to be a "BC government." He accused the Chief Minister of pursuing privatisation policies that harm reserved communities, citing the proposed privatisation of the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant, which he said would deprive SC, ST, and BC people of secure jobs gained through reservations.

Congress Working Committee (CWC) member N Raghuveera Reddy stressed that caste enumeration was a TDP poll promise and must be implemented. He said that BC, SC, and ST caste counts were essential for equitable opportunities, while the 10% EWS quota benefited only a limited few.

CPM State Secretariat Member B Tulasidas emphasised that caste census was im-

portant for both legality and representation nationwide.

CPI Assistant Secretary Muppalla Nageswara Rao recalled two decades of BC struggles for constitutional justice, while Visakhapatnam Cooperative Bank President JV Satyanarayana Murthy insisted that only united struggles could achieve the goal.

BC Association leader Keshana Shankara Rao urged Naidu to leverage his NDA influence to secure 33% reservation for BCs in legislative assemblies across the country. Eminent doctor A Venkateswara Rao highlighted injustice in medical admissions under the management quota, which disadvantaged poor and reserved-class students.

Leaders from the Samajwadi Party, Vishwa Brahmin Sangam, Rajaka Sangam, Nayi Brahmin JAC, Padmasali Youth, Yadava Sangam, BC Employees Association, and Vaddera Sangam also addressed the gathering. They demanded fair representation for the 72 small castes among BCs in education, employment, and politics.

SRM-AP introduces astrophysics to school students

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SRM-AP hosted 'Phy-Spark 3.0: Stars, Scopes and Spacetime' on campus, as an outreach initiative for school students. A combination of lectures, experiments, demonstrations, and interactive sessions took place throughout the day-long programme introducing young students to the exciting fields of physics and astrophysics. About 120 students from Geethanjali School, Kunchanapalli, KV School, Nallapadu and Vijetha School, Guntur participated in the programme.

Dr Shivaraj Kandhasamy, renowned scientist from the Inter-University Centre for Astronomy and Astrophysics (IUCAA), Pune



Dr Shivaraj Kandhasamy, Inter-University Centre for Astronomy and Astrophysics (IUCAA), Pune, addressing the students at SRM-AP on Saturday

spoke on the detection of gravitational waves by LIGO. He explained how gravity shapes the fabric of spacetime and introduced the concept of gravitational waves. He walked through the historic Michelson-Morley experiment, the design and functioning of the Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory (LIGO), and the

challenges of detecting such incredibly faint signals.

Dr Gangireddy Salla, Dr Ashmita Das, and Dr Krishna Prasad Maity from the Department of Physics delivered academic sessions on several intriguing topics such as 'Telescope: Fundamentals and Designs', Binary Star Systems and General Theory of Relativity. The lectures were followed by a lab visit and live demonstrations of telescopes, binary star experiment using LED bulbs, Michelson interferometer. Through Phy-Spark 3.0, SRM-AP made complex concepts in physics and astrophysics accessible to school students.

The event was coordinated by Dr Pranab Mandal, Dr Gangireddy Salla and Dr Soumyajyoti Biswas of SRM AP.

SWASTH NAARI

Health camps to mark launch from Sept 17

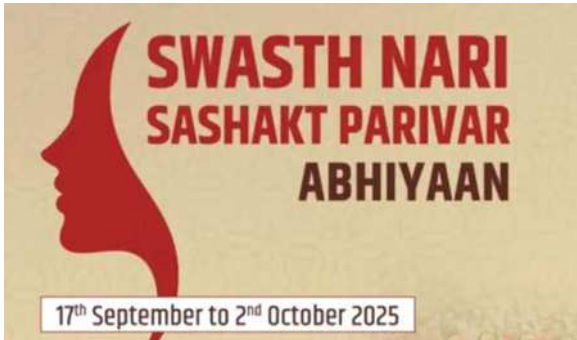
The initiative aims to build healthy families and empowered communities by prioritising the health and welfare of women and children

The campaign will run for 15 days until October 2, Gandhi Jayanti

The health camps will be conducted at Ayushman Arogya Kendras, PHCs, CHCs, and village health centres

DEEKSHITULA
SUBRAHMANYAM
AMALAPURAM

THE Central Government is set to launch the 'Swasth Naari Sashakt Parivaar



Abhiyan, a national health campaign by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare on September 17 to commemorate Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 75th birthday. The campaign will run for 15 days until October 2, Gandhi Jayanti. The Ministry of Ayush is also participating in this initiative. The initiative aims to build healthy families and

empowered communities by prioritising the health and welfare of women and children. As part of this fortnight-long campaign, health camps will be organised to strengthen healthcare services for women and girls and ensure they receive quality medical care.

According to Dr M Durgarao Dora, the District Medical and Health Officer

of Konaseema, daily health camps will be held in every constituency. These camps will have expert doctors who will provide all types of medical services, and blood donation drives will also be organised. The Central Government's goal is to empower families and communities by ensuring women are healthy.

The health camps will be conducted at Ayushman Arogya Kendras, PHCs, CHCs, and village health centres, with the presence of public representatives. These camps will provide special medical services designed for women's and children's health, including immunisation for children under five, nutrition counselling, and health awareness programmes. The

'Poshan Maah' programme will also be observed in all Anganwadi centres during this period.

Dr Durgarao Dora has urged all private hospitals and other healthcare stakeholders to join and become a part of this campaign. He added that the health and medical camps will include personal hygiene programmes, create awareness about the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana and PM Vandana Yojana, and facilitate the creation and registration of Aadhaar IDs.

The process for Aadhaar ID registration is almost complete, and soon, a health profile will be available online through the Aadhaar ID, which will make it easier to provide medical services.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING NOTIFICATION

In accordance with the Environmental Impact Assessment Notification Dt.14.09.2006 and its amendments thereof, issued by the Ministry Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, we hereby notify an Environmental Public Hearing of **M/s. Sri Sessa Sai Metal Suppliers the proposed Establishment of Ordinary Earth, Road Metal, Boulders & Ballast Mine at Sy.No.75-2, 78-2A, 80 & 81 of Lakshimpuram Village, Devarapalli Mandal, East Godavari District.** The details of the project activities given by the proponent are as follows:

- Name of the Company with Address:**
M/s. Sri Sessa Sai Metal Suppliers, Sy.No.75-2, 78-2A, 80 & 81 of Lakshimpuram Village, Devarapalli Mandal, East Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh - 534313.
- Location of the project with extent:**
Sy.No.75-2, 78-2A, 80 & 81 of Lakshimpuram Village, Devarapalli Mandal, East Godavari District.
Extent: 4.684 Ha.
- Name of the Authorised person to be contacted with address and Telephone No.:**
Sri Meda Gangadharam, Managing Partner Mobile No.9959744699
Address :
Sri Meda Gangadharam, Managing Partner, S/o. Meda Ramarao, D.No.25-7-11, Jaya Krishnapuram, Arts College Backside, Rajamahendravaram, East Godavari District - 533105
- Capital cost of the proposed project:**
Rs. 40.0 Lakhs (Rupees Forty lakhs only)
- Line of Activity with Capacity of the Proposed project:**
Earth/Gravel/O.B -26,550 m³/annum & Road Metal / Ballast - 41,300 m³/annum
- Date, Time & Venue of the Public Hearing:**
Date: 15.10.2025, Time: 11:00 AM
Venue : Near the Proposed site of the mine at Lakshimpuram Village, Devarapalli Mandal, East Godavari District.

- Place(s) at which executive summary (English & Telugu) & Draft EIA report of the project is made available for information of the public :**
 - O/o. The Collector & District Magistrate, Rajamahendravaram, East Godavari District
 - O/o. The Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, Kakinada.
 - O/o. The General Manager, District Industries Centre, Rajamahendravaram, East Godavari District.
 - O/o. The Deputy Director (S), MoEF&CC, Gol, Integrated Regional Office, Green House Complex, Gopal Reddy Road, Vijayawada
 - O/o. The Joint Chief Environmental Engineer, A.P. Pollution Control Board, Zonal Office, Madhavadhara Vuda Colony, Madhavadhara Main Road, Visakhapatnam - 18.
 - O/o. The Revenue Divisional Officer, Kovvuru, East Godavari District.
 - O/o. The Tahsildar, Devarapalli Mandal, East Godavari District.
 - O/o. The Mandal Parishad Development Officer, Devarapalli Mandal, East Godavari District.
 - O/o. The Panchayath Secretary, Lakshimpuram Village, Devarapalli Mandal, East Godavari District.
 - O/o. The Environmental Engineer, A.P. Pollution Control Board, Regional Office, Plot No.2, IDA, Ramanayyapeta, Kakinada.

Suggestions, views, Comments and objections of the Public, if any, are invited within 30 days from the date of Publication of notification. All the interested persons can also make written suggestions to the undersigned Officer of A.P. Pollution Control Board. All the persons can Participate in the proceedings of the Public Hearing on the date and venue specified above.

Place : Kakinada
Date : 14-09-2025
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