

Celebrations erupt as Vizag to house Google’s largest AI data centre

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IT was a celebration of sorts in Visakhapatnam as Google announced a \$15B AI data centre to be set up in the City of Destiny.

As assured by Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu, steps are taken towards transforming the City of Destiny into an IT hub. Unprecedented growth

In the recent past, the Chief Minister has been reiterating that Vizag is set to witness an unprecedented growth in times to come.

Working in tandem with ‘Swarnandhra Pradesh 2047 vision’, the ensuing 1-gigawatt data centre campus will be the largest investment by the tech giant outside the US.

While laying foundation stone for Visakhapatnam’s maiden AI Edge Data Centre and Open Cable Land-

- US tech giant’s AI data centre to create 1.88 lakh direct and indirect jobs
- With the setup of the Google data centre, Vizag garners global attention
- Alliance leaders burst crackers, distribute sweets as the MoU gets signed



MLA Ganababu distributing sweets to party leaders in Visakhapatnam on Tuesday



TDP leaders break into a celebration mode at the party office in Visakhapatnam on Tuesday

ing Station, IT and Industries Minister Nara Lokesh assured that Visakhapatnam will be developed on a par with Hyderabad and that too in a fast-track mode. “Even as Hyderabad took three decades to witness massive development, our commitment is to achieve similar progress in Visakhapatnam in just over a decade,” Lokesh underlined.

With a higher outlay to support for long term

capacity and sustainability goals, Google’s venture, executed in collaboration with Adani ConneX and ecosystem partner Airtel, paves way for the India’s largest AI data centre campus plus new green energy infrastructure.

Supported by a robust subsea cable network and clean energy, the upcoming AI hub aims to drive the most demanding Artificial Intelligence workloads in India. In Visakhapatnam, alliance leaders celebrated the development ahead of

Diwali bursting crackers and distributing sweets.

Terming it as a big achievement for the North Andhra region, Home Minister Vangalapati Anitha highlighted, “The development places Visakhapatnam on a global map.”

Expressing delight over the MoU signed for the centre, District in-charge Minister Dola Sree Bala Veeranjanya Swamy said, “With the establishment of the Google data centre, AP will create 1.88 lakh direct and indirect jobs and Vi-

sakhapatnam to become AI city.”

After the NDA government came to power, industries are thriving, opined Visakhapatnam Metropolitan Region Development Authority Chairperson MV Pranav Gopal. “The up-

coming data centre is a step towards meeting the poll promises made by the NDA government,” he reiterated.

Visakhapatnam west and Bheemunipatnam MLAs and PGVR Naidu (Ganababu) and Ganta Srinivasa Rao participated.

PM to inaugurate, lay foundation stones for key projects in Waltair

- The foundation stone will be laid for the fourth railway line between Kothavalasa and Vizianagaram
- Two crucial double-line projects such as doubling of railway lines between Kothavalasa–Boddavara and Shimiliguda–Gorapur sections will be dedicated to the nation

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IN a significant achievement, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate and lay foundation stones for several key railway projects of Waltair Division of East Coast Railway on October 16.

With a focus to enhance railway operations and encourage economic growth, the foundation stone will be laid for the fourth railway line between Kothavalasa and Vizianagaram, alongside a robust rail flyover between Pendurthi and North Simachalam.



Several key projects will be launched and laid foundation stone across Waltair Division

These multiple projects worth Rs.13,430 crore will be inaugurated from Kurnool. Once the projects get completed, they are expected to enhance operational efficiency, reduce congestion, and bring far-reaching benefits to passengers and freight services.

At the same time, two

crucial double-line projects will be dedicated to the nation. They include doubling of railway lines between Kothavalasa–Boddavara and Shimiliguda–Gorapur sections.

The completion of these sections marks a significant milestone in creating faster, safer and more reliable rail

transport, fostering sustained growth and socio-economic progress in the region.

The newly launched and ensuing projects exemplify Indian Railways’ vision of enhancing network capacity, improving passenger amenities and fostering connectivity that reaches every corner of the nation.

‘Gandhi’s ideas continue to hold relevance in today’s world’

- The lecture focused on ‘Swaraj of Mahatma Gandhi’s Dreams: reflections on contemporary India’
- In the end, Prof. Mukherjee interacted with students and faculty members

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MAHATMA Gandhi’s ideas continue to hold immense relevance in the present-day world, especially for those who understand his journey and communication strategies, stated former Professor at the Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi, Mridula Mukherjee.

Delivering a thought-provoking lecture on ‘Swaraj of Mahatma Gandhi’s Dreams: reflections on contemporary India’ at GITAM School of Humanities and Social Sciences here on Tuesday, Prof. Mukherjee highlighted how



Former Professor at the Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi, Mridula Mukherjee delivering the lecture at the campus in Visakhapatnam on Tuesday

Gandhi effectively used traditional terminology to communicate with masses.

While recounting various phases of Gandhi’s freedom struggle, she cited the example of ‘Rama Rajya’, a term Gandhi frequently used to represent an ideal state based on true democracy and equal opportunities.

Prof. Mukherjee mentioned that Gandhi never equated Rama Rajya with Hindu rule. Instead, he used the term to communicate a

vision of justice, harmony and equality in a language that resonated with the larger population.

Gandhi consistently maintained that all religions are equal and his concept of Rama Rajya was inclusive and not religiously exclusive, she recalled.

Gandhi often explained that religion is like a tree with many branches, each branch essential to the strength and unity of the whole.

Unfortunately, some sections have misinterpreted his idea of Rama Rajya, Prof. Mukherjee noted, laying emphasis on how Gandhi’s philosophies are being embraced globally, particularly during times of crisis.

Addressing a range of questions related to Gandhi’s ideology and its relevance today, the interactive session concluded with Prof. Mukherjee engaging with students and faculty members.

Sugarcane farmers appeal to MLC Nagababu to revive Chodavaram factory

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ANDHRA Pradesh Legislative Council member K Nagababu assured that he will strive to bring back the former glory of the Chodavaram sugar factory.

The MLC interacted with sugarcane farmers at the Jana Sena Party office in Bheemili here on Tuesday.

The sugarcane farmers brought their problems to the notice of Nagababu and appealed to him to resolve them at the earliest.

The farmers informed that they had cultivated crops over thousands of acres in the past and made profits.

Now, they are facing losses and are not even arriving at break-even.

They said that they have become debt-ridden be-



Sugarcane farmers submitting a memorandum to MLC K Nagababu in Visakhapatnam on Tuesday

cause they are not getting a reasonable price for the sugarcane crops, and if the

Chodavaram sugar factory is revived, thousands of farmers will be benefitted.

The farmers appealed to the MLC that the Mahatma Gandhi National Employ-

ment Guarantee Scheme should be linked to agriculture to extend support the sugarcane farmers.

Similarly, the farmers were asked to work towards providing funds to cooperative societies through the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC).

Responding to them, Nagababu assured that he would bring the issues to the attention of Deputy Chief Minister and Panchayat Raj Minister K Pawan Kalyan.

Later, the farmers submitted a memorandum to the MLC.

Chodavaram Constituency In-charge PVS N Raju Bheemunipatnam constituency In-charge Panchakarla Sandeep, AMC Chairman Allam Rama Apparao and farmers were present.

New Vice-Chancellor for JNTU-GV felicitated



Majji Sashibhushana Rao, Director of SITAM felicitating Prof. VV Subba Rao upon taking charge as Vice-Chancellor of Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University – Gurajada Vizianagaram

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MAJJI Sashibhushana Rao, Director of Satya Institute of Technology and Management (SITAM) felicitated Prof. VV Subba Rao upon taking charge as Vice Chancellor of Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University

– Gurajada Vizianagaram (JNTU-GV).

Addressing the gathering, the Vice Chancellor highlighted the significance of teamwork and shared purpose in realising the University’s vision.

“With the dedication of our faculty, enthusiasm of our students and col-

laboration of our affiliated colleges, we can elevate JNTU-GV into a centre of academic excellence, innovation and social impact for the state and the nation,” the VC stated.

Jayasuma, Registrar, JNTU-GV, and Damodhar Naidu, Vice Principal, SITAM, were present.

Ill Gurukul students return home after getting treated at KGH

- Minister Gummidi Sandhya Rani interacts with Gurukul students undergoing treatment at King George Hospital

- Says that of the 65 students who fell ill at Kurupam Girls’ Gurukul School, 59 students have been discharged

- Informs that a total of 146 students fell sick and 65 girls were admitted in KGH for better treatment

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CHIEF Minister N Chandrababu Naidu sanctioned Rs.90 crore for infrastructure and repair works in hostels, Ekalavya schools, Gurukul and residential schools in the State, informed Women and Child Welfare Minister Gummidi Sandhya Rani.

On Tuesday, Minister interacted with Gurukul students undergoing treatment at King George Hospital and enquired about medical services being provided to them from KGH Super-

intendent I Vani. Speaking to the media, the minister said that of the 65 students who fell ill at Kurupam Girls’ Gurukul School, 59 students have been discharged from the KGH and six of them are undergoing treatment, she added.

A total of 146 students fell sick and 65 girls were admitted in KGH for better treatment, the Women and Child Welfare Minister said.

Of them, 59 Students completely recovered and returned home. The minister lauded the efforts of the KGH doctors for providing

quality treatment to the victims.

The doctors informed three more students would be discharged soon. She congratulated the medical officers for providing drawing books and pens to the students to divert their attention and relax.

Sandhya Rani said that most of the girls undergoing treatment at the Parvathipuram Government Hospital were also discharged.

The health condition of the rest of the students is stable at the moment, she informed.



Women and Child Welfare Minister Gummidi Sandhya Rani interacting with the students and doctors at KGH in Visakhapatnam on Tuesday

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