



Thousands of devotees thronged Kanaka Durga temple on the last day of Shakambari Devi festival; Goddess Durga adorned as Shakambari Devi | EXPRESS

Shakambari Devi festival ends on a grand note

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Vijayawada

RELIGIOUS fervour and gaiety marked the three-day Shakambari Devi festival, which was concluded at Sri Durga Malleswara Swamy Varla Devasthanam (SDMSD) atop Indrakeladri in Vijayawada on Sunday.

The annual festivities, which started on July 19, attracted huge crowds on the first and third day. On the last day, the temple priests performed Purnahuti and other traditional rituals.

As the conclusion of the special festivities coincided with Guru Purnima, a large number

of devotees visited the temple and offered special prayers to Shakambari Devi, who was decorated with a variety of fruits and vegetables.

More than 40,000 devotees visited the temple on the third day. Serpentine queues were witnessed in the morning hours, and devotees had to wait at least two hours for darshan of the presiding deity.

Speaking to TNIE, Durga temple executive officer (EO) KS Rama Rao explained the festival's significance, stating that worshipping the deity in the form of Shakambari ensures abundant crops and good health for devotees.

The festival was conducted smoothly as the temple authorities took all precautionary measures to manage the crowds. We made elaborate arrangements for the convenience of devotees

KS Rama Rao, Durga temple EO



Goddess Durga adorned as Shakambari Devi | EXPRESS

Tenali medico dies in road mishap in US

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IN a tragic incident, a Tenali medico was killed in a road accident on Oklahoma in Texas of United States on Saturday.

The deceased, Jetti Harika (25) from Ita Nagar in Tenali, went to America in August last year for further studies. She was also doing a part-time job to cover her expenses. On Saturday night, she went out with her friends following which a vehicle hits her at West Triplet Road. Harika died on the spot.

Her parents, J Srinivasa Rao and Nagamani urged Minister Nara Lokesh and Union Minister Pemmasani Chandrasekhar to take necessary action to ensure Harika's body is handed over to them. Reacting to this, Pemmsani instructed the NRI unions in Texas to finish the legal formalities and send Harika's body to India soon.

1st PTU Centre of Excellence comes up at KGH to reduce hysterectomies

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Visakhapatnam

BAYER'S Pharmaceuticals division has partnered with the State government to launch the first Preserve the Uterus (PTU) Centre of Excellence in the State at King George Hospital, Visakhapatnam. This initiative aims to reduce the high rate of unnecessary hysterectomies, particularly for conditions like heavy menstrual bleeding.

The National Family Health Survey-5 (2019-2021) highlighted a hysterectomy rate of 8.7% among women aged 30-39 in Andhra Pradesh, the highest in India. Bayer's PTU campaign, launched in April 2022 with the Federation of Obstetric and Gynaecological Societies of India (FOGSI), intends to raise awareness about the negative impact of avoidable hysterectomies and promote alternative treatments.

At the inaugural event, a training session for doctors from government institutions and healthcare professionals was held at KGH, focusing on effective, non-surgical treat-

AP with highest rate of hysterectomies

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ments for heavy menstrual bleeding. The second Centre of Excellence will be established at Victoria Hospital.

The PTU training sessions included detailed instructions

on the use of LNG IUS (Levonorgestrel-releasing intrauterine system) and other treatment options, covering techniques for insertion, patient selection criteria, and counselling strategies. Dr Priyankur Roy and Dr Sai Lakshmi, a gynaecologist and onco-gynaecologist, led the sessions. The Centre of Excellence for PTU at KGH will provide additional resources for ongoing education and support for healthcare professionals.

KGH superintendent Dr P Sivananda stressed the importance of the training sessions in reducing avoidable hysterectomies and improving women's health in AP. He noted the centre, established in partnership with Bayer's Pharmaceuticals, are a first in the country and will benefit healthcare professionals by making hysterectomy a last resort for treating heavy menstrual bleeding.

6th convocation ceremony conducted at IIT-Tirupati

Director Satyanarayana presents annual report; 300 get degrees

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Tirupati

THE Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Tirupati organised its sixth convocation ceremony at its permanent campus at Yerpedu in Tirupati on Sunday.

A total of 210 B.Tech degrees, 75 M.Tech degrees, 28 M.Sc. degrees, 16 MPP degrees, three M.S. (Research) degrees, five PhD degrees and one Diploma from the Institute were awarded.

Anush Mangal was awarded the President's Gold Medal for the best academic performance amongst all the 2024 B.Tech graduates. Sneha MS was awarded the Governor's Prize for all round performance in curricular and extracurricular activities amongst all the 2024 B.Tech graduates. The toppers of UG and PG programmes were also awarded prizes.

In his annual report, IIT Director Prof KN Satyanarayana described the development of IIT Tirupati during past years.

He mentioned about the efforts taken by the institute for past years to complete the construction of permanent campus.

He also emphasised on the academic activities and research work carried out by the faculty for the past years.

Jindal South West Group



JISW Group chairman (BoG) Sajjan Jindal and Infosys co-founder & chairman of Axilor ventures Kris Gopalakrishnan award a certificate to a student | EXPRESS

Chairman Board of Governors (BoG), Sajjan Jindal, focussed on the key initiatives by the Government of India in the field of Technology and Science like Jai Anusadhan and Viksit Bharat, which will be instrumental in driving cutting-edge research and development across various sectors.

Kris Gopalakrishnan, Chairman, Axilor Ventures and Co-founder, who attended as a chief guest at the outset, congratulated the graduates of the institution.

He has shared five key capabilities that will thrive the graduates in an uncertain world: Embrace Technology as Co-Pilot, Master Adaptive Problem-Solving and Systems Thinking, Lead with Empathy and Resilience, Navigate with

Strong Values as Your Compass and Be Globally Aware and Socially Responsible.

ARE&M signs MoA with IIT-Tirupati

Amara Raja Energy & Mobility (ARE&M) has signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with IIT Tirupati to set up the Dr RN Galla Visiting Chair Professorship in Advanced Energy Storage Technologies. This position honours ARE&M's Founding Chairman, Dr Ramachandra Naidu Galla, and will be funded by the company.

The announcement took place at IIT Tirupati with notable attendees including ARE&M Chairman and Managing Director Jayadev Galla, Chairman BoG of IIT Sajjan Jindal, and others.

'India became pioneer in neonatal, pediatric care'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Vijayawada

Dr Dinesh Kumar Chirila, Director of Rainbow Children's Hospital, announced that India has become a pioneer in neonatal and pediatric care through groundbreaking innovations. Speaking at a national seminar on 'Neonatal and Pediatric Emergencies' held at a Hotel, he emphasised the crucial role of Indian doctors in these advancements. Around 400 doctors took part in the seminar.

Dr Dineshkumar highlighted that the chances of survival for

infants born with cardiac disorders have improved.

He cited a remarkable achievement where a pacemaker was successfully implanted in a newborn weighing only 900 grams, attributing this success to innovative techniques and the expertise of the medical team. He urged parents to be vigilant about dengue fever, noting that 90% of children under 15 affected by the fever are mosquito-bite victims.

RCH Medical Director Dr. N. Ramprasad credited corporate hospitals with saving countless kids from various ailments.



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Chaturmasa Vrata Deeksha of pontiffs at Tirumala commences

Tirumala: The Chaturmasa Vrata Deeksha of senior and junior pontiffs of Tirumala commenced on a grand note on Sunday. Following the tradition, Sri Pedda Jeeyar followed by Sri Chinna Jeeyar and other disciples started from Pedda Jeeyar Mutt located adjacent to Sri Bedi Anjaneya Swamy temple. It reached Sri Bhu Varaha Swamy temple and offered prayers. At the Mahadwaram of Srivari temple, the Jeeyar duo were offered a traditional welcome by TTD executive officer (EO) J Syamala Rao and joint executive officer (JEO) Veerabrahmam. Pedda Jeeyar Swamy was offered 'Melchat' during the Deeksha

Set up film studios in Amaravati and Vizag, FTPC appeals to State govt

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AFTER the iconic blockbusters of Bahubali, RRR and Kalki, the global film industry has begun discussing about Indian cinema, particularly Telugu movies, stated Film and Television Promotion Council of India (FTPC INDIA) president Chaitanya Janga.

On Sunday, Janga commended the State government for be-

ing film-friendly and emphasised CM N Chandrababu Naidu's strong connections with the film industry, as well as Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan's plans to develop the film industry in the State. This is the right time to establish a strong cinematic presence in AP, he said.

FTPC Indian general secretary Vijay Varma Pakalapati appealed to State government to focus on setting up studios in Vizag and Amaravati.

Like Film Nagar in Hyderabad, a separate zone is needed in AP for the film industry to set up infrastructure. The government must open doors to promote the film industry's growth in the State

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