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Rajnath Singh Praises Uttarakhand Chief Mister, Highlights Growth Under BJP



Uttarakhand: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Saturday underscored the achievements of the "double-engine" BJP government in Uttarakhand across sectors such as tourism, infrastructure, employment, women empowerment and welfare of ex-servicemen, while praising Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami for

his leadership. Addressing an event in Haldwani to mark four years of the BJP government in the state, Singh said, "I bow in respect to the bravery and spirit of the people of Uttarakhand. This land is deeply connected with faith, devotion, and spirituality... the Devbhoomi... and people here have immense respect for the divine." "I am well acquainted with the nature of the people here. The people of Uttarakhand are very gentle by nature. However, I have observed that whenever the need arises, despite their gentle nature, the only place where you can see a deep sense of strength and resilience, like the mountains,

is only in Uttarakhand," he said. The Defence Minister stated that the "pure land" of Uttarakhand infuses new energy into the spirituality of India. "This land has been the home to seers for years. If any state is seen as the place of austerities in India, then it's Uttarakhand. The tradition of knowledge, devotion and respect of people of Uttarakhand gives a path to the country," he added. Praising Dhami's tenure, Singh said, "After Pushkar Singh Dhami became the Chief Minister, he has taken a lot of developmental works for the state.

PM Modi Speaks To Iran President, Stresses Need For Secure Shipping Lanes



File Photo

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday conveyed Eid and Nowruz greetings to the President of Iran, Masoud Pezeshkian, expressing hope that this festive season brings peace, stability and prosperity to West Asia. In his telephonic conversation with the Iranian leader, Prime Minister Modi condemned the attacks on critical infrastructure in the region, which threaten regional stability and disrupt global supply chains, and reiterated the importance of

safeguarding freedom of navigation and ensuring that shipping lanes remain open and secure. "Spoke with President Dr Masoud Pezeshkian and conveyed Eid and Nowruz greetings. We expressed hope that this festive season brings peace, stability and prosperity to West Asia," the prime minister said in a post on 'X'. "Condemned attacks on critical infrastructure in the region, which threaten regional stability and disrupt global supply chains," he

said. The prime minister also appreciated Iran's continued support for the safety and security of Indian nationals in Iran. This was the second telephonic conversation between Prime Minister Modi and the Iranian President since the present conflict started on February 28. On March 12, President Pezeshkian briefed Prime Minister Modi on the current situation in Iran and shared his perspective on recent developments in the region. The prime minister had

expressed deep concern about the evolving security situation in the region and reiterated India's consistent position that all issues must be resolved through dialogue and diplomacy, according to the Ministry of External Affairs. The US and Israel attacked Iran on February 28, drawing retaliation from Iran which targeted its neighbours and Israel. Iran also controls the Strait of Hormuz, a key shipping route through which 20 per cent of the world's energy is transported.

'Not Fit For Constitutional Post'

BJP Slams Mamata Banerjee For Comments On PM Modi

Kolkata: The BJP has criticised West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee over her comments against Prime Minister Narendra Modi, calling her ineligible to occupy a constitutional post. The criticism came after the ruling Trinamool Congress's chief during an Eid event in Kolkata suddenly changed the topic and called PM Modi's policies "anti-minority". "Anyone who calls the prime minister of the county an infiltrator doesn't have the right to occupy the constitutional post.



Did YCP Trouble Vijayamma Too Much?



From Our Staff Reporter Amaravati, March 21: The common opinion in Andhra Pradesh about YSR Congress is that anyone who speaks against Jagan will have to face the wrath of a host of YCP leaders. This became blatantly evident as the likes of Ambati Rambabu, Kodali Nani and Roja used to attack everyone verbally during

Jagan's time as CM. Incidentally, even Sharmila and Jagan's own mother Vijayamma are no exception to the relentless attack from YCP. It has reached a point where Vijayamma had to release a public letter on this matter today. Earlier Sharmila came out in front of the media, and said Jagan is a disgrace to the very word "Anna." She

was of the clear implication that Jagan did grave injustice in property distribution, and also the Viveka Murder case. This invited a sensational reaction from YSR Congress as several leaders had sharp remarks on Sharmila. In particular Pulivendula Leader Satish Reddy, who was with Jagan during Ugadi celebration yesterday sat down for press conference and breathed fire on Sharmila. Satish Reddy went a bit personal against Sharmila as he shared the list of properties that Jagan gave to his sister. To individually point out the land share and also the company dividends that Jagan had given to Sharmila. What should have been private and sensitive data was revealed in front of the Media by Satish yesterday. On top of that, there was absolutely non-stop posts from YCP social media

against Sharmila on this matter. This appears to have serious hurt Sharmila and Vijayamma as well. This invited an appropriate reaction from Vijayamma today as she released a letter saying Jagan did injustice to Sharmila with property distribution. The fact that Vijayamma herself had to roll out a letter against Jagan by pointing out the injustice in property distribution could be an indication of how he misdeeds that had happened. At the end of the day, such incidents are common in almost every family these days. But the public outbreak from a politically and financially affluent YS family isn't expected. The YS family which was fiercely united and held a stronghold in Kadapa has started to dissemble and this is not something positive to look forward to for YS family supporters.

CM to lay foundation for arcelor mittal nippon steel plant

From Our Staff Reporter Amaravati, March 21: Andhra Pradesh has taken a great step forward in its industrial sector. The ArcelorMittal-Nippon Steel India project is going to be a milestone in the industrial journey of AP. This huge project is going to be realized with the efforts of the coalition government in the last 21 months. This steel plant, which will be set up at Nakkapalli in Anakapalli district, will change the face of Uttar Andhra. This project is taking shape with a huge investment of about Rs. 1,35,964 crore. This is one of the largest industrial invest-

ments in the history of the state. About one lakh people will get employment opportunities directly and indirectly through this industry. The youth of Nakkapalli, Payakaraopet and surrounding areas will get job opportunities. If the steel plant comes up, hundreds of small-scale industries dependent on it will be set up in the vicinity. Thus, indirect employment will increase significantly. ArcelorMittal - Nippon Steel companies have targeted to produce 17.8 million metric tons of steel per year. These companies will use the most modern and environmentally

friendly technology here. AP Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu along with Union Ministers will perform the Bhoomi Puja on the 23rd of this month (Monday). Union Steel Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy, Civil Aviation Minister Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu, Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan and other key leaders will participate in the program. The project has come to fruition due to the industrial policies, ease of doing business and speedy clearances implemented by the AP government in the last 21 months. Being close to the



Visakhapatnam port, this area is strategically crucial for raw material transportation and exports. Government sources said that this project is not just a factory, but a strong push towards making Andhra Pradesh the 'steel capital of India'.

AP has suffered financial losses during Jagan's rule: Rammohan Naidu

From Our Staff Reporter Srikakulam, March 21: Union Minister Kinjarapu Ram Mohan Naidu has expressed his deep anger at YSRCP chief YS Jagan Mohan Reddy. He said that AP has suffered a lot financially during Jagan's rule. He said that the mistakes made during the YSRCP rule are being corrected in his government. Here on Saturday, the foundation stone for the development work of the Arasavalli Suryanarayana Swamy temple was laid. The foundation stone for the recon-

struction work of Indra Pushkarini was laid with a cost of Rs. 4 crore. Minister Atchannaidu participated in this program. Rammohan Naidu spoke on the occasion. He said that the coalition government has taken steps for the development of the Arasavalli temple. Rammohan Naidu revealed that development work has been undertaken at Arasavalli temple as part of the master plan with Rs. 4 crore. He said that Ratha Saptami celebrations have been organized as a state festival. He said that efforts



will be made to bring funds for Arasavalli under the Prasadam scheme from the central government. He said that steps have been taken for the development of Pushkarini with Rs. 4 crore. He explained that steps have been taken for the development of the temple keeping in mind the convenience of the devotees. He said that Srikakulam Corporation is being developed in all ways. Rammohan Naidu stated that Kargil Park has been developed with the highest standards.

Efforts of the Centre and states for the advancement of women: Pemmasani Chandrasekhar



From Our Staff Reporter Vijayawada, March 21: Union Minister Pemmasani Chandrasekhar said that here on Saturday the entire country will move forward with the slogan of Women Empowerment from village to village. He said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi and CM Chandrababu Naidu are working to take forward women, who constitute half of the country's population, especially in rural development, with these concepts of self-help groups and Lakhpati Didi. Here on Saturday Pemmasani Chandrasekhar

visited an exhibition organized by Elip in Vijayawada with products made by women. He thanked the organizers Ramadevi and all their members. Pemmasani spoke on the occasion. Pemmasani Chandrasekhar commented that all the members of the Association of Lady Entrepreneurs of India (ALEAP), Ramadevi, who have been in this association since time immemorial, have come together to promote lady entrepreneurs and put up a good exhibition here. He said that various products, new startups, as well as mature products have been brought and put up in one place. He called on everyone to come to this exhibition and encourage all such entrepreneurs. He revealed that some of the startups are very innovative and look like solutions that have come out of the problems faced by people in rural ar-

reas. He commented that this is real entrepreneurship. He said that we should stand up and solve the problems ourselves without being told by others. He explained that the central and state governments are encouraging women from villages for their products. He said that

they are providing loans and forming groups. He said that they are also giving cheques to some people tomorrow. Pemmasani Chandrasekhar said that this promotion through a six-day exhibition in the Vijayawada region is a good development.

TTD Announces June Darshan Ticket Release Schedule for Devotees

Tirumala: The Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) has announced the schedule for releasing tickets for Lord Srivaru's Darshan in June. Starting here on Saturday, various Seva tickets and Darshan slots will be available online in phases. On March 21, at 3:00 PM, the TTD will release the Virtual Sevas Darshan quota on its official website. On March 23, at 10:00 AM, Anga Pradakshinam tokens will be released, followed by Srivani Trust Darshan tickets at 11:00 AM. The free special Darshan quota for the elderly, differently-abled, and chronically ill will be available at 3:00 PM. On March 24, Rs. 300 Special Entry Darshan tickets will be released at 10:00 AM, with room booking quotas in Tirumala and Tirupati available at 3:00 PM. The 'Lucky Dip' quota for Arjitha Sevas was released on March 20. Devotees are advised to book through the official TTD website.

EDITORIAL

Balance between
development and assurance

The day after celebrating the Ugadi festival with six flavors, the Telangana government is impressing the people by presenting the state budget with nine new schemes. This budget, presented with proposals of Rs. 3.24 lakh crore, includes 1. Indiramma Family Life Insurance Scheme 2. Cheyutha 3. Telangana Public Schools 4. Breakfast Scheme for Students 5. Mid-day Meal Scheme for Intermediate Students 6. Cashless Health Security 7. Employee Accident Insurance 8. CM Overseas Employment Program 9. Scholarship Schemes for ATC Trainees. The focus has been on welfare, irrigation, education, health and other sectors. A balance has been maintained between development and promises. Since the Telangana Municipal Corporation elections are going to be held soon, this third annual budget, which has been introduced to keep the promises made to face stiff competition from the opponents in those elections, is like a challenge for the Telangana government. Last year, the 2025-26 budget was presented with Rs. 3.04 lakh crore, while this year it was presented with proposals of Rs. 3.24 lakh crore. This means that this time, almost Rs. 20 lakh crore more has been allocated. In this budget, the revenue expenditure has been proposed at Rs. 2,34,406 crore, while the capital expenditure has been mentioned at Rs. 47,267 crore. Keeping in mind the financial burden, huge projects like Musi Riverfront, Regional Ring Road, and Metro Phase II expansion are being funded through extra-budgetary means. Funds are being raised through government-owned enterprises, special bonds or other means. The focus is on controlling expenses and increasing revenue collection. It is worth mentioning on this occasion that the NITI Aayog has revealed in its report that Telangana has further strengthened its position as one of the best states in the country in public finance management. The government is trying to raise funds by utilizing central government schemes like AMRUT, Smart Cities, and PM Gati Shakti, which are aimed at expanding the infrastructure of cities.

While the national growth rate declined from 9.8% in 2024-25 to 8% in 2025-26, Telangana's growth rate increased from 10.6% in 2024-25 to 10.7% in 2025-26. Similarly, while the national per capita income stagnated at Rs. 2,19,575 with a growth rate of 6.9%, Telangana's per capita income increased by 10.2% in 2025-26 to Rs. 4,18,931. The state's current economic status is up to \$ 200 billion, and the government has announced in the budget that it aims to increase it to \$ 1 trillion by 2034 and \$ 3 trillion by 2047. To achieve this goal, it is preparing to implement various special sector-wise plans. The government revealed on this occasion that despite facing many challenges and financial pressures, the Telangana government is rapidly moving towards a path of development like a phoenix rising from the ashes. It was revealed that the state is moving forward towards sustainable development by giving priority to farmer welfare, women empowerment, creation of job opportunities for the youth, skilled quality education, health security, nutritious food for students, and expansion of infrastructure. During the previous government's tenure, loans were taken without limits. This put an unlimited financial burden on the state treasury. The previous government made loans of up to Rs. 25,612 crore at high interest rates. As a result, efforts were made to revise these loan agreements to lower interest rates. In addition, the repayment period of the loans had to be extended. The original total repayment period of the loans had to be increased from 20 years to 39 years. With the debt restructuring, the debt burden to be paid between 202526 and 203132 has reduced from Rs. 34,058 crore to Rs. 11,915 crore. As a result, cash transactions payable for salary payments and other transactions have decreased by Rs. 22,142 crore. With this, the cash shortage has reduced to some extent and things have been running smoothly. Speaking on the state's financial situation, Chief Minister Revanth Reddy revealed that Rs. 3.30 lakh crore has been paid off for the debts incurred by the previous government, and it is noteworthy that only Rs. 17 thousand crore of the debts raised by them have been utilized. The Chief Minister explained that Telangana's GSDP is better than the national GDP and GST collections have crossed Rs. 4 thousand crore in the last two months. This time, the government is confident in its own tax revenue, and expects that the share of central taxes and fund collection through sponsored schemes will increase further. Also, the state government is thinking of ways to mobilize financial resources rather than taking excessive loans. It is trying to raise an additional revenue of up to Rs. 3 thousand crore by revising the values of agricultural and non-agricultural lands and assets.

DATA ILLUSION: TRICKERY
FOR NEW LEARNERS

As we know people are started doing various things with it by all age groups with or without knowledge like writing school essays, explain complex concepts in simple terms, and generate computer code in a snap. However, there is a subtle danger that comes with this power and ease, and that is that it may be "flatly incorrect". Generative AI and Large Language Models (LLM's) have gone from being in the lab to being in the classroom and pocket and now it's everywhere.

This is what experts in various fields have come to call "hallucinations". In the context of education, this is a dangerous trend because it is a system that is still developing concepts and learning habits.

What AI hallucinations are and why they happen

LLMs don't search from the data bases or don't think for solutions in the way like we humans do. Instead, these system uses its training data to predict the likelihood of the word that follows the current word. Since the information provided by the AI system is well-written and formatted and does not display hesitation or pause, it is nearly impossible for the average person to tell the difference.

A particular problem for beginners

In a recent study conducted in a business school in the UK, it was found that only 20% of students were able to identify a hallucinated answer that had been included in a high-stakes assessment. However, it must be noted that students who were better at interpretation and writing were more able to identify errors more easily; simply being familiar with facts and information was not enough.

For a beginner, however, it is a greater problem because they may not have the subject expertise and may not know how to conduct proper research to

verify what is being said by AI systems. If a chat system confidently states that a physics law does not exist, it makes up a case study about a company, a beginner will most likely believe it and base future understanding on this false premise.

Academic integrity and institutional credibility

The impact that AI hallucinations have is no longer a theory there have been actual cases that have shown how relying on generative AI systems without proper evaluation has damaged the credibility of a learning institution.

For example, in a well-known case that has been reported in various media sources, a state education department in the U.S. circulated a policy document that contained several fabricated references because they relied on a generative AI system to write it without proper evaluation.

This is a two-fold problem that learning institutions are facing today. Students may be committing academic dishonesty by submitting AI-generated content as their own work, and learning institutions may be issuing policies that are based on false evidence and references that have been created by AI systems.

How students experience AI errors

Recent qualitative research is beginning to uncover what students themselves are aware of, as well as how they cope with, AI hallucinations. Among the main problems, according to interviews with and stories from university students, are incorrect or fictional citations, incorrect facts, and incorrect explanations, particularly in technical fields such as computing and mathematics.

Interestingly, while many of the interviewed students admitted that an AI can be "confident but wrong," many of them also rely on gut feelings rather than fact-checking when decid-



ing whether or not to rely on a piece of information now in another experiment, the interviewed students were directly told about the frequency of hallucinations and the difficulty of spotting them, as well as the difficulty of spotting them for their peers, it resulted in a decrease in their confidence about their decisions but also a greater desire for being formally taught about it.

Beyond the classroom: a broader literacy challenge

The impact of AI hallucinations goes far beyond just schoolwork. For example, hikers have followed fake trails suggested by chatbots, and professionals in fields like law, journalism, and policing have been tricked by made-up facts. What's key here? There's no sneaky intent to fool anyone it's just people over-trusting AI, thinking it's always spot-on when it's not.

Experts point out that AI hallucinations are basically an "information literacy" problem like dealing with misinformation or fake news on social media. A recent study in a university setting put it simply: "The real problem isn't that AI gets things wrong sometimes. It's that users can't easily spot

when it's wrong, and it quietly changes how we search for and check facts."

What can be done

The educational community around the world is grappling with the question of what can be done about the issue of AI hallucinations. A growing number of guidelines is recommending that an outright ban of AI tools is unlikely to be effective, as it may result in a generation of students being unable to cope with the use of the technology in the workplace.

Responsibilities for AI developers and policymakers

However, responsibility is not just in the hands of teachers. Developers are working to provide real-world solutions such as better calibration of how confident the system appears to be, better research in the trusted sources of knowledge, and better warn about when it may be extrapolating beyond what it knows. Some systems already identify AI-generated citations as "suggestions" and encourage users to verify them before relying on them.

Policymakers are also working to provide guidelines for the responsible use of AI in

education, law, and governance. In recent reports, policymakers have been urged to provide a minimum level of standards for transparency, accuracy testing, and data protection when AI is used in education.

Learning with, not from, hallucinations

The widespread use of generative AI in our daily lives is not going away. The question is whether we will learn from hallucinations as a nuisance or as a wake-up call to raise our standards for critical thought. The evidence from recent studies suggests that when students are made aware of the limitations of AI, they become more discerning in what they trust but more enthusiastic about learning about responsible use. This may be the most promising finding so far: that perhaps the biggest flaw in AI will be what leads us to become more engaged in learning from information.

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How The Bombing Of World's Largest Natural Gas
Deposit Is Putting Global LNG Supply In Chaos?

Beneath the turquoise waters of the Persian Gulf, straddling the maritime border between Iran and Qatar, lies what may be the single most consequential piece of real estate on earth. The South Pars/North Dome field is the world's largest natural gas reservoir, holding an estimated 1,800 trillion cubic feet of natural gas — enough, according to some estimates, to supply the entire planet for thirteen years.

For decades, this geological giant slumbered as a shared but quietly contested asset. Today, it is a battlefield. And the world is paying the price.

A Field Divided — By Geography, Ambition, and Fate: The Iranian portion, called South Pars, accounts for roughly 70 to 75 percent of Iran's total domestic gas production, while Qatar's side — the North Field — underpins the country's position as one of the world's largest LNG exporters, supplying roughly 20 percent of global LNG demand.

The two sides of the same geological formation have followed starkly divergent paths. Qatar has signed \$39 billion in contracts with major international energy companies to develop the North Field, while Iran — despite possessing the second-largest gas reserves in the world after Russia — faces chronic domestic shortages, with winter deficits reaching 250 million cubic meters per day.

Iran's underperformance is not geological. It is political. Sanctions, mismanagement, and isolation have left Tehran extracting a fraction of what

Doha has built into a global empire. This disparity matters enormously now that the war has begun.

The Strike That Changed Everything: On March 18, 2026, an Israeli air raid targeted treatment facilities at Asaluyeh, the onshore processing hub for Iran's South Pars field. The governor of Asaluyeh confirmed the facilities were "taken offline" to control fires, with no immediate disclosure of production losses.

Initial reports revealed that the damage caused to sections of South Pars makes up nearly 12 percent of Iran's total gas production. While US officials denied prior coordination, one Israeli official told CNN that the strike was carried out in coordination with the US.

The irony is extraordinary. Israel — and arguably the US — struck a field that is geologically inseparable from Qatar's North Dome, a nation that hosts the largest American military base in the Middle East. Qatar's Foreign Ministry spokesperson described the strike as "dangerous and irresponsible," emphasizing that "Iran's South Pars gas field is an extension of Qatar's North Field." This is not diplomatic language. It is a geological acknowledgment of a shared fate. Trump responded by threatening to "massively blow up the entirety" of South Pars if Iran continued striking Qatar — a threat of almost surreal circularity: threatening to destroy the world's largest gas field to protect a country whose gas field is the same reservoir. Iran's

Retaliation: Turning the Gulf into a Target Map; Iran's response was swift and strategic. Iranian authorities announced that five facilities in Saudi Arabia, the UAE, and Qatar would be targeted, naming Saudi Arabia's SAMREF refinery and Jubail petrochemical

the world's busiest for international flights — was shut briefly by a drone strike on a fuel tank nearby. Iran's attacks and threats have nearly halted shipping in the Strait of Hormuz, sending petroleum prices soaring 40 percent and roiling the global economy. Can these fa-

while, was already aging. Iran would need to invest at least \$40 billion in pressure-boosting facilities to sustain output — a technology monopolized by Western companies that Iran cannot access under sanctions. Strike damage compounds an already terminal infrastructure



complex, the UAE's Al Hosn gas field, and Qatar's Ras Laffan refinery and Mesaieed petrochemical complex.

These are not random choices. They are the arteries of the Gulf's petro-economy — refining hubs, LNG terminals, and export nodes that feed Europe, Asia, and South Asia. Iranian aerial attacks caused extensive damage to the world's largest gas plant in Qatar, targeted a refinery in Saudi Arabia, forced the UAE to shut gas facilities, and set off fires at two Kuwaiti refineries. Qatar has been forced to halt all gas production due to Iran's counterattacks, disrupting global supplies and the production of fertilizer. Bahrain's Bapco refinery was struck. Dubai's airport — previously

ilities be resurrected? The short answer is: some yes, some slowly, and some perhaps not for years. Surface damage to refineries and LNG terminals can take 6 to 18 months to repair under peacetime conditions. But damage to Ras Laffan could delay Qatar's ability to get supplies to the market even after the war ends. South Pars, mean-

decline. Who Bears the Pain? The Regional Supply Shock; The impact is not evenly distributed. Japan relies on the Middle East for about 90 percent of its crude oil imports, mostly through Hormuz. South Korea gets about 70 percent of its crude from the Middle East and routes more than 95 percent of that through the strait.



Kargil Victory Park Inaugurated in Srikakulam



Srikakulam, March 21: A new Kargil Victory Park, built at a cost of ₹2 crore under SUDA, was inaugurated with much fanfare by Union Minister Kinjarapu Ram Mohan Naidu and State Minister Kinjarapu Atchannaaidu, along with MLA Gondu Shankar. The park stands as a tribute to Kargil war hero Chintada Mohan Rao and other brave soldiers from the district. Ministers highlighted that the park will help the younger generation learn about the sac-

rifices of 58 local soldiers who participated in the war. Equipped with modern amenities like an open-air theatre, LCD projection screen, solar lighting, and sports courts, the park is designed to be user-friendly. Entry is free, while minimal charges will be collected for using sports facilities. Officials stated that this project is just the beginning, with more development works planned for the district in the near future.

Private Travel Bus from Odisha Catches Fire; Passengers Safe



Vizianagaram, March 21: A private AC travel bus from Odisha caught fire early Saturday morning near Ramabhadrapuram in Vizianagaram district after a rear tyre burst. The bus, traveling from Bhubaneswar to Malkangiri, was carrying 42 passengers. Alert action by the driver ensured that all passengers were safely evacuated, avoiding a major tragedy. Police and fire personnel rushed to the spot and brought the flames under control, but the bus was completely gutted. No casualties were reported. A passenger reportedly lost gold worth around ₹10 lakh in the fire, which was later recovered in burnt condition and handed over by police. A case has been registered and investigation is underway.

Tight Security Arrangements for Chief Minister's Visit

Anakapalli, March 21: Elaborate security arrangements are being put in place for the visit of Chief Minister to Thammayyapeta in Nakkapalli mandal on March 23. He will attend the foundation stone laying ceremony of the ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel India Limited integrated steel plant. District Collector Vijay Krishnan and SP Tuhin Sinha reviewed the security measures during an Advance Security Liaison meeting on Saturday. Officials inspected the helipad, meeting venue, and convoy routes to ensure fool-proof arrangements. Special parking facilities and traffic regulation plans are being implemented to avoid inconvenience. Several dignitaries, including Union Ministers and State leaders like and , are expected to attend the event. Authorities have directed all departments to work in



coordination and ensure the program is conducted smoothly without any security lapses.

IG Gopinath Jetti Visits Nookambika Temple, Reviews Security Arrangements

Anakapalli, March 21: Visakhapatnam Range IG Gopinath Jetti, along with his wife, visited the famous Sri Nookambika Ammavari temple at Gavarapalem on Saturday. Temple officials and priests welcomed the couple with traditional honours. After offering special prayers, the IG reviewed the temple premises and instructed officials to strengthen security arrangements in view of the expected heavy rush of devotees over the next 90 days. He directed measures to prevent overcrowding in queue lines, continuous monitoring through CCTV surveillance, and improved control room vigilance. Considering the rising temperatures, he also suggested providing drinking water, buttermilk, and shaded waiting areas for devotees. Police officials were asked to implement proper traffic management plans to ensure smooth movement of vehicles around the temple.



Joint Collector Conducts Surprise Inspections at Kakinada Port



Kakinada, March 21: To curb illegal transportation of PDS rice, Joint Collector Apoorva Bharat conducted surprise inspections at the Kakinada port area on Saturday. Officials inspected 29 rice warehouses and check-posts, starting from the Bombay Kata check-post. Stock records, transport documents, and distribution systems were thoroughly verified. The Joint Collector warned of strict action against any irregularities, emphasizing that illegal diversion of PDS rice affects genuine beneficiaries. Officials were directed to strengthen surveillance at check-posts and ensure transparency in warehouse management. The administration reaffirmed its commitment to delivering PDS benefits to all eligible families without delay.

PGRS, Revenue Clinic Cancelled in Kakinada on March 23



Kakinada, March 21: The district-level Public Grievance Redressal System (PGRS) and Revenue Clinic programs scheduled at the Kakinada Collectorate on Monday, March 23, have been cancelled due to unavoidable reasons, District Collector Shanmohan announced. In a statement released on Saturday, he urged applicants to take note of the cancellation and advised the public to utilize the government's 1100 call center services for registering complaints and resolving grievances. Citizens can also track the status of their complaints through this service.

Arasavalli Temple Development Gets Boost

Srikakulam, March 21: Union Minister Kinjarapu Ram Mohan Naidu and State Minister Kinjarapu Atchannaaidu laid the foundation stone for development works worth ₹4 crore at the famous Arasavalli Sun Temple. The project includes modernization of the Indrapushkarini temple tank. The Union Minister announced that under the Central Government's PRASAD scheme, proposals worth ₹58 crore have been prepared for the overall development of the temple. Plans include construction of modern kitchens, dining halls, accommodation facilities for devotees, and improved road infrastructure. The works will be executed in two phases. With the increasing number of devotees and tourists from across India and abroad, the government aims to transform Arasavalli into a major spiritual tourism hub.



Free Medical Camp for Journalists on March 26



Rajahmendravaram, March 21: As per the directions of the Andhra Pradesh government, a free medical camp will be held for journalists and their family members in East Godavari district on March 26, District Collector Kirthi Chekuri said. The camp will be held at the Arts College premises under the supervision of the ?????? ?????? ?????? ????, in coordination with the Information and Public Relations Department. Registration will begin at 8:30 AM, followed by medical check-ups. Services will include general health check-ups, blood pressure, blood sugar, hemoglobin tests, ECG, and eye examinations. Specialist doctors from general medicine, orthopedics, pediatrics, gynecology, ophthalmology, and mental health will be available. Free medicines will be provided, and patients requiring further treatment will be referred to government hospitals. Special medical teams, paramedical staff, and mobile medical units have been arranged. Officials urged journalists to make use of this opportunity.

Kakinada Port: 140 Metric Tons of PDS Rice Seized

Kakinada, March 21: Officials cracked down on the illegal transportation of PDS rice at Kakinada Port, seizing 140 metric tons being moved in five lorries. The rice was traced to mills in Gadala, Rajanagaram, Jaggampeta,

ing exported illegally. According to Civil Supplies Officer Satyanarayana Raju, tests confirmed the presence of fortified kernels, indicating PDS stock. A case has been registered under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955, and criminal action will be taken against millers, traders, transporters, and others involved. The seized rice is valued at ₹65 lakh, while the lorries are worth ₹60 lakh, totaling approximately ₹1.25 crore. Officials warned of strict action against illegal diversion and smuggling of PDS commodities, with continuous inspections



Visakhapatnam, and Mothukuru, and was allegedly be-

underway in the port area.

Visakhapatnam Gets Boost with New Rs250 Cr Hyatt Project

Visakhapatnam, March 21: In a major push to international tourism, a ₹250 crore five-star hotel project by was launched at Sagar Nagar-Endada. The project was inaugurated by Tourism Minister and MLA. The hotel, spread across 3 acres and developed by the PVR Group, is expected to be completed within two years. It will feature world-class amenities including conference halls, corporate meeting spaces, and fine-dining restaurants. Minister Durgesh stated that under the leadership of Chief Minister, investment agreements from the CII Summit are materializing. He added that such global-standard hotels will strengthen Visakhapatnam's position as an emerging global city and boost tourism. The project is also expected to generate significant employment opportunities for local youth.



Ramachandrapuram Launches Digital Services Centre



Kakinada, March 21: State Labour Minister Vasanamsetti Subhash inaugurated a Mee Seva / Citizen Service Centre (CSC) in Ramachandrapuram town on Saturday, marking a step forward in expanding digital services. The centre, launched under the "Digi-Lakshmi" initiative by MEPMA, aims to empower women and provide easy access to government and financial services. A total of 256 services, including certificates, Aadhaar, ?????? cards, tickets, and health services, will be available at one place. The centre, located near the old bus stand in the municipal shopping complex, will operate from 9 AM to 8 PM. Officials and local leaders attended the event.

Adequate LPG Supply in the District: Collector



Parvathipuram, March 21: District Collector Dr. N. Prabhakar Reddy assured that there is no shortage of domestic LPG in the district and supply is sufficient to meet the demand. He urged the public not to panic and advised consumers to book gas cylinders only as per their actual requirement and use LPG judiciously. The Collector also directed Civil Supplies officials to implement proper planning to bridge any demand-supply gap and explore alternative arrangements if needed.

SS Rajamouli Reviews Dhurandhar 2 : "Ranveer's Masterclass In Acting"



As celebs have been flooding social media praising Ranveer Singh's Dhurandhar, the newest addition is ace filmmaker SS Rajamouli, who has also shared his views. He took to X and wrote, "I loved Dhurandhar-1, but The Revenge surpassed the original in both scale and soul. The writing, casting, technical execution, music, world design and direction are flawless.... But it's the emotional stakes that really ground it." He continued, "The writing manages to weave plot twists that create genuine tension charged with emotion. @AdityaDharFilms, you hit it out of the park. It takes guts to make and release a film 4 hours long. The audience is glued to the seat till the last frame." Furthermore, the director added, "@RanveerOfficial, what a performance man... The sequence with the sister in the shed is a masterclass in acting. From that beginning to the heart-wrenching climax, you mesmerised us both as Hamza and Jaskirat. @ActorMadhavan garu, you carried the helplessness and frustration of a nation so well that we felt your success as ours." "Congratulations to the entire team for the resounding success," concluded SS Rajamouli.

Other Stars Praising Dhurandhar: The Revenge
Sidharth Malhotra wrote on Instagram Stories, "Dhurandhar: The Revenge hits hard with unapologetic patriotism and razor-sharp geopolitical undertones, paired with stylised action and a background score that keeps you locked in. Ranveer Singh is an absolute force as always!! Along with other power-packed performances across the board-Arjun Rampal,

Sanjay Dutt, R Madhavan, Akshaye Khanna, Sara Arjun and Rakesh Bedi." He further added, "This one doesn't just entertain, it stays with you. Rare to see every department firing at this level!!! The writing really grips you, the direction stays sharp and controlled and there's real conviction in every performance. This is what happens when a team comes together with clarity and intent. Aditya Dhar, your narrative and vision truly stand out. Powerful and purposeful from start to finish." Meanwhile, Kartik Aaryan shared, "#DhurandharTheRevenge is top notch. @adityadharfilms has created an unforgettable cinematic experience. And @ranveersingh delivers a storm. A must watch." Allu Arjun wrote, "Just watched #Dhurandhar2. Patriotism with swag. A film that will make every patriot proud. Many clapping moments. BLAST! Congratulations to the entire team. Fine performances by @ActorMadhavan garu & all actors. Technical brilliance. So proud to have a brilliant and versatile actor like my brother @RanveerOfficial in our country. RVS on fire! @AdityaDharFilms garu hit the ball out of the park. So happy to have brilliant filmmakers like him in our country. Show rocker. An Indian story... International swag! Jai Hind." Interestingly, Allu Arjun's Allu Cinemas-Hyderabad's biggest and India's largest Dolby cinemas-will showcase Ranveer Singh's Dhurandhar: The Revenge as its first new release from today. Vijay Deverakonda watched a special show of Dhurandhar: The Revenge at Allu Cinemas. Ahead of the release, he shared a powerful

message, "Tomorrow onwards-something big is going to happen in Indian cinema and culture. 4 words: 'Bharat Maata ki JAI!' Immense love and respect to the entire cast and crew. @AdityaDharFilms is a mad genius. @RanveerOfficial is all in-explosive. @ Actor Madhavan @rampalarjun. Sara and Jameel uncle were all superb. @shashwatology score was fire. #Dhurandhar The Revenge."

Preeti Zinta wrote, "Just watched Dhurandhar: The Revenge & all I wanna say is 'Revenge ho toh Dhurandhar jaisa ho warna na ho.' Direction, acting, music, editing, story, casting & every other department is mindblowing. The first thing Mom said after watching the movie was that she wanted to see it again in the theater with her friends & I feel exactly the same. @AdityaDharFilms, you have turned me into a fangirl & I love it. Thank you for this incredibly immersive experience. Your skill, your talent and-most of all-your heart are in the right place. @RanveerOfficial: You have my heart. What a stunning performance. What range, what depth, what sincerity. I still need to process everything before I can articulate my thoughts. @ActorMadhavan: You know how I felt about your flawless performance earlier & that's honest, that goes for the entire cast. @bolbedibol: What timing. @duttсанjay: What swag, so much sweetness & sincerity. Sara, Arjun & last but not the least @rampalarjun-you have hit it out of the park again." Ram Charan took to X and wrote, "#DhurandharTheRevenge is raw, gripping and impactful. @AdityaDharFilms brings scale and emotion together

seamlessly. What he has done with this film is truly remarkable." Cheering for the cast, he wrote, "@RanveerOfficial delivers a phenomenal performance-full of intensity and holds your attention throughout. @ActorMadhavan sir, @duttсанjay sir & @rampalarjun sir stand strong with solid performances. #SaraArjun is terrific in her role." "@shashwatology's music elevates the film. Kudos to @jiostudios and #JyotiDeshpande for backing this vision and delivering one of the most riveting films in Indian cinema. Congratulations to the entire team," concluded his post. Taking to X, Mahesh Babu wrote, "#DhurandharTheRevenge is an explosion executed with perfect precision!!!! The finest version of Ranveer unleashed and how... The way Aditya Dhar has conceived and delivered this standing ovation worthy experience is remarkable. Special mention to Maddy's performance and Shashwat Sachdev's music. This is a film meant to be experienced and celebrated.... Congratulations to the entire team..."

Background
The sequel to Dhurandhar follows the rise of Ranveer Singh's Hamza Ali Mazari as Sher-e-Baloch and the undisputed king of Lyari. It also traces his journey from becoming Jaskirat Singh Rangi to Hamza, the man who intrudes into Pakistan as a spy to avenge the terrorist attacks in the nation. The spy-action thriller also brings back the talented supporting cast, including Arjun Rampal, R Madhavan, Sanjay Dutt, Rakesh Bedi, Danish Pandor and Sara Arjun.

Shambhala Makers Comes Up With Interesting Poster



After the success of Shambhala, the same team is coming back with a bigger and more ambitious film. The production house is once again working with director Ugandhar Muni, but this time they are planning a large scale socio fantasy entertainer. Sundeep Kishan has been brought in as the lead for this

project. He is expected to be seen in a completely new and powerful role, something different from his usual films. The announcement poster has already created interest. It shows a face off between a lion and a wolf, hinting at a strong and intense story setup. The makers are aiming for a grand visual experience with high pro-

duction values and strong VFX work. This film is said to be one of the costliest in Sundeep Kishan's career. The team is planning it as a pan India project, targeting a wider audience across languages. The shoot is expected to begin in August 2026, and more details about the cast and crew will be revealed soon.

Raashii Khanna Serves Bold Boss Lady Vibes

Raashii Khanna was recently seen in Ustaad Bhagat Singh starring Pawan Kalyan and Sreeleela. However, her role did not receive much appreciation, as it had very limited scope. The supporting cast overall felt underutilised, and Raashii Khanna's character, in particular, seemed unnecessary and lacked proper closure, making her presence less impactful in the film. Meanwhile, she is now gearing up for her next big project, Farzi 2, alongside Shahid Kapoor. The series is created and directed by the acclaimed duo Raj Nidimoru and Krishna DK. With the success of the first season, expectations are quite high, and the new season is expected to premiere on Amazon Prime Video in late 2026. At the same time, Raashii Khanna has been turning heads with her latest photoshoot. She shared stunning pictures where she is seen in a sharp pinstripe suit paired with a matching shirt and tie, giving a bold and powerful look. The oversized blazer, sleek styling, and statement glasses add a modern boss-lady vibe, while her confident pose and minimal makeup enhance the overall elegance. The look perfectly blends sophistication with contemporary fashion, showing a different, stylish side of her.



It's High Time Dhurandhar 2 Realises Telugu Potential!



The Telugu audience are always particularly receptive of quality films, and they have the tendency to encourage well-made films to the fullest capacity, regardless of the language. This could be put on a scintillating display in the case of Dhurandhar 2 which is having a delayed release in Telugu. Originally this film released in Hindi on March 19, and it was supposed to release even in Telugu on the same day. But due to the content delivery and censorship, it couldn't make it on time. Subsequently, there was a delay of two days in the Telugu release. And now, the latest development are suggesting that the film has completed the censor formalities and is set for a big release in Telugu on March 21. The digital data transfer to Qube and other projection systems is reportedly completed and the film is on track for its big release in Telugu states.

This delayed release in Telugu might come as a blessing in disguise for this film as the positive word of mouth for the Hindi version has spread like wildfire across India. This is a perfect golden opportunity for the film to release in Telugu tomorrow and capture the market to the fullest capacity. There is a lot of void for a quality film watching experience for the Telugu audience and perfectly play into the strengths of Dhurandhar 2. Many people are already disappointed with the delayed release, and hence the team must make sure there are no further issues now. If the film makes it to theatres on time on March 21, and adequate shows are guaranteed, Dhurandhar 2 could create box office carnage on Saturday and Sunday which come with a long weekend advantage.