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THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 2022

VISAKHAPATNAM 3

**Timings VISAKHAPATNAM**

THURSDAY, JUN. 02

RISE 05:22 SET 18:29

RISE 07:23 SET 21:03

FRIDAY, JUN. 03

RISE 05:21 SET 18:29

RISE 08:14 SET 21:51

SATURDAY, JUN. 04

RISE 05:21 SET 18:29

RISE 09:07 SET 22:35

**Vizag Weather**

	max	min
Srikakulam	34	28
Vizianagaram	34	28
Vizag	34	30

**Vizag Today**  
37°C The weather will be mostly dry. Day will be very warm and humid. Night will be slight warm.

**Vizag Tomorrow**  
36°C A dry weather to prevail. Day will be very warm and humid. Night will be slight warm.

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## NRDC to hold meets on technology, IP

**SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT VISAKHAPATNAM**

National Research Development Corporation (NRDC), Visakhapatnam, will organise one-to-one meetings, advisory and support services to prospective entrepreneurs. The technology and Intellectual Property (IP) clinics will be held separately, according to B.K. Sahu, Manager, NRDC, Visakhapatnam.

The Technology and IP Clinic for MSMEs will be held at Visakha Autonagar SSI Welfare Association (VASSI) at Autonagar from June 6 to 8. The Technology and IP Clinic for Startups will be held at NRDC, Sunrise Incubation Hub, IT SEZ, Madhurawada from June 13 to 17.

IP protection will help defend technological leadership and protect brand, goodwill, originality and novelty and in securing investments in innovative

# Bheemunipatnam beach now a sorry shadow of its former self

### Mounds of plastic waste, broken liquor bottles and garbage greet visitors

**HARISH GILAI VISAKHAPATNAM**

Bheemunipatnam beach, once counted among the few picturesque beaches along the eastern coast with its pristine golden sands and blue waters, has now turned into an eyesore for visitors.

The centuries-old Dutch village of Bheemunipatnam, which is also home to a quaint old church and a clock tower, was a must on any tourist's itinerary. However, the condition of the beach has left tourists appalled, who express dismay over the lack of maintenance and poor sanitation.

The moment a visitor steps on to the beach, they are greeted with the sight of plastic waste, coconut shells, discarded clothes, thermocol sheets, and broken liquor bottles. A thick stench pervades the air, forcing the visitors to beat a hasty retreat.

"The beach was clean till some years ago, but it is very unhygienic these days. Apart from the trash on the shore, there are many stray dogs on the beach. We cannot even think of sitting on the sand



Heaps of garbage have become an eyesore for tourists at Bheemunipatnam Beach in Visakhapatnam on Wednesday.

for a while," says N. Shalini, who came from Vizianagaram.

While tourists are also to blame for the condition of the beach, many argue that the lack of dustbins forces them to discard their waste on the beach. Several tourists routinely click pictures of the garbage dotting the beach and upload them on social media, but to no avail.

According to the local fishermen, the civic body pumps drainage water directly into the sea at several

places, due to which heaps of garbage are washed back to the shore during high tide. The sanitation staff also do not clean the beach regularly and only clean the footpaths and roads, the fishermen say.

### Better facilities needed

Several tourists urged the officials to improve the facilities at the beach. The tourists opined that installing seating facilities, food stalls and planting trees along the lines of what was done at RK

Beach will help bring in more tourists.

"We have come to Bheemunipatnam because RK Beach and Rushikonda were packed with crowds. But the facilities over here are not up to the mark. Sanitation should be given top priority. Having authentic food stalls and backpack beach chairs would go a long way towards improving the experience for tourists," said Madhusudan from Hyderabad who visited the beach along with his family.

# Month-long awareness programme on malaria

### Stagnation of water should be prevented, say officials

**SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT VISAKHAPATNAM**

District Medical and Health Officer K. Vijayalakshmi said that the month of June is being observed as 'Malaria Prevention Month' through awareness drives to control



# Seer slams tussle over Hanuman birthplace

**STAFF REPORTER VISAKHAPATNAM**

AP Sadhu Parishad president Srinivasananda Saraswati slammed the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) and Govindananda Saraswati for the tussle over the supposed birthplace of Lord Hanuman.

The seer added that there was no need to create

# Lack of roads forces tribals to carry pregnant woman in 'doli'

### They urge Collector to get a pucca road laid to their hamlet

**SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT VISAKHAPATNAM**

Pangi Santhi, a pregnant woman of Jajulabandha village of Koyyuru mandal in Alluri Sitaramaraju district, had to be carried in a doli all the way to Arla village of Rolugunta mandal as there is no road to Jajulabandha, on Tuesday evening.

She was shifted from the road point at Arla to the Narisipatnam Area Hospital in Anapalli district at around 11 p.m. Doctors referred her to King George Hospital (KGH) in the city. They reached KGH at around 1 a.m., and by 3 a.m., on Wednesday, the woman delivered a baby girl.

The tribal people of Jajulabandha hamlet had themselves laid the 13 km kutcha road from their village to the nearest road point in December 2020. They were vexed by the governments



A pregnant woman being carried in a 'doli' from Jajulabandha to Arla of Rolugunta in the Agency area.

and officials after they failed to heed their repeated pleas. The kutcha road also provided connectivity to Pithrigidda and Peda Garuvu villages.

"We have been seeking construction of a pucca road ever since the kutcha road was laid. Due to the failure of the government to take up black-topping of the road,

the kutcha road has been washed away several times during rains," says CPI(M) district secretary member K. Govinda Rao.

At least now, the District Collector and the ITDA Project Officer should sanction funds for the road under MGNREGS, the villagers appealed.

# Thunderstorm, gales throw traffic out of gear

### Power supply to several areas hit



Police personnel clearing trees from the National Highway-16 in Visakhapatnam on Wednesday.

**SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT** ing quick restoration of the

# Community service for inebriated drivers

**STAFF REPORTER VISAKHAPATNAM**

Thirty-three youth who were caught driving in an inebriated condition have been ordered by court to take part in an awareness drive on the hazards of drunken driving, at major junctions in the city on Wednesday.

The 33 persons were arrested from various places across the city in random checks being conducted by the traffic police to clamp down on drunken driving. They were produced in court, which ordered them to perform community ser-