



A woman seen protecting her child from summer heat in Vizag | 6SATYANARAYANA

ADVISORY

- Keep updated about weather news
Take special care of the elderly, children, and the sick
Consult a doctor before increasing liquid intake if on a fluid-restricted diet
Use ORS and homemade drinks to maintain body hydration
Wear lightweight, light-colored, loose, cotton clothes
Cover head with cloth, hat, or umbrella while venturing outside
Avoid alcohol, tea, coffee, and carbonated soft drinks

SUMMER PLAN

CS reviews water supply, NREGS works

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Vijayawada

OBSERVING that favourable conditions are prevailing in the State for taking up works under National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS), Chief Secretary KS Jawahar Reddy directed the District Collectors to take up works in villages in a large scale.

Conducting a video conference with the Collectors from his Camp Office here on Tuesday, he took stock of the supply of drinking water, NREGS works and the situation of power supply.

Reviewing the drinking water supply, he said that all summer storage tanks depending on water from Prakasam barrage and Nagarjuna Sagar right main canal should be filled at the earliest. The Chief Secretary also enquired the officials of Transco on resolving the complaints from consumers on power supply.

With 985 forest fires, AP stands top

As many as 423 large fires reported in April as against 214 during the same period in 2023

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AMIDST the hot summer season, Andhra Pradesh has found itself among the top five States in the country with the highest number of large forest fire incidents in the past week. According to data from the Forest Survey of India, the State recorded a total of 95 large fire incidents across various divisions, while Odisha led the tally with 323 incidents. Andhra Pradesh has claimed the top spot for the highest number of large forest fire events in the 2023-2024 period since November 1, with a staggering 985 fires reported.

Large fire events reported in the period from April 1 to 23 have recorded a sharp spike of 97.66% in one year. As many as 423 large fire incidents were reported this year in the 23 days as against 214 during the same period in 2023.

As of 5 pm on April 23 this year, there were 18 active large fire events raging in the State. These incidents were reported in Chittoor, Kadapa, Markapur, SPSR Nellore, Palnadu, Prakasam, Eluru, Alluri Sitarama



Representational image of forest fire

Raju, Anakapalle, Parvathipuram Manyam, Anantapur, Tirupati, Rampachodavaram, Palakonda and Pathapatnam. The large fire event in Tirupati has been persistently active since April 18, making it the longest ongoing incident in the State.

From November 1, 2023 to 2024, Andhra Pradesh recorded the highest number of fire alerts in the country, with 15,864 SNPP alerts and 1,573 MODIS

alerts. In the last seven days, the State received 1,163 SNPP and 105 MODIS alerts, ranking it among the top five States in the country.

Multiple forest areas along the border of Anakapalle and Alluri Sitarama Raju districts, known for their cashew plantations, have been ravaged by forest fires in the recent times. In a recent incident, a tribal family residing in the Zeelugulova hilltop village in Ravikamath-

am mandal of Anakapalle district lost their home and three acres of cashew plantation to a forest fire. The family highlighted the lack of water facilities in the region, which hindered their efforts to extinguish the fire promptly. Tribal communities residing in these hill-top villages have attributed the impact of the hot weather on these forest fires. The forest fires have exacerbated the issue of reduced crop yield in the region.

According to forest officials, the department is implementing protocols to prevent and control forest fires. They are creating fire lines, which act as barriers by removing fuel and stopping the spread of flames. Additionally, 'View Lines' are being marked to help with accessibility and detect fires from a distance. Clear guidelines and awareness campaigns are being conducted to educate visitors on proper behaviour in forest areas. Officials are also using data and alerts from the Forest Survey of India (FSI) to deploy personnel in vulnerable forest areas across the State to prevent fires.

46 AP mandals likely to face severe heatwave

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Vijayawada

AS many as 46 mandals in the State are likely to reel under severe heatwave, while 143 mandals are likely to experience heatwave-like conditions on Wednesday.

The Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) has forecasted a heatwave at isolated places over Rayalaseema, besides predicting hot, humid, and discomforting weather at isolated places across Andhra Pradesh for the next four days.

On Tuesday, Andhra Pradesh largely experienced hot and humid conditions with daytime temperatures being above 40 degrees Celsius at most places.

As many as 66 mandals experienced severe heatwave, and

84 mandals recorded heatwave.

Chagalamarri in Nandyal district recorded the highest maximum temperature of 45.1 degrees Celsius followed by Jami in the Vizianagaram district at 44.9, Khajipeta in YSR district at 44.6, Vagruru in Kurunool district at 44.2, Devarapalli in Anakapalli district at 44.1 degrees Celsius.

The Andhra Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority (APSDMA) advised people not to venture during the daytime between 11 am and 3 pm.

The IMD also emphasised the significant risks of elevated temperatures during heatwaves, particularly for vulnerable populations such as the elderly, children, and individuals with pre-existing health conditions.

Summer spl trains to clear extra rush

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Visakhapatnam

TO clear the extra rush of passengers and demand from the public, East Coast Railway (ECR) has decided to run special trains.

Train no. 08557 Vizag-Chennai Egmore Summer Special will leave Vizag on Saturday from April 27 to June 29, and will reach Chennai Egmore on the next day. In the return direction, train No 08558 Chennai Egmore-Vizag Summer Special will leave Egmore on Sundays from April 28 to June 30, which will reach Vizag on the same day.

EXPRESS READ

Amarnath pilgrims urged to undergo med tests

Vijayawada: Public Health and Family Welfare Department director Padmavati said that it is mandatory for pilgrims going to Amarnath to undergo health check-ups at Government General Hospitals in respective districts. Padmavathi also informed that one can find the district-wise details of specialist doctors hosted on the website https://www.jksasb.nic.in//



Table with 3 columns: Power station, Avg coal required/day (in MT), Stock (in days). Rows include VTPS, RTTP, Krishnapatnam, Hinduja, SEIL.

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