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El Niño Impacts Tirumala

Reservoir levels dip sharply; TTD limits water supply to hotels and commercial units

Tirupati, Oct 14:
The impact of El Niño, which is causing climate variations globally, is now being felt severely at the Tirumala hills. Due to insufficient rainfall, water levels in the major reservoirs on the hill have dropped to alarming levels. Ensuring uninterrupted drinking water supply to thousands of devotees visiting Tirumala every day has become a major challenge for the authorities.

Although occasional rains are occurring, rising temperatures and prolonged dry spells are preventing the reservoirs from recharging.



Water level in Tirumala reservoirs has declined due to deficient rainfall.

Daily Water Consumption
60 lakh gallons

In view of the heavy rush of devotees, the TTD Water Works Department has intensified monitoring of water usage. It is learnt that water supply has been significantly curtailed to hotels, fast food centres and commercial establishments on the hill.

TODAY'S PANCHANGAM

14 October 2026, Wednesday

Sri Parabhava Nama Samvatsaram
Dakshinayana, Sharad Ritu
Ashwayuja Masam, Shukla Paksha

Day	Wednesday
Tithi	Chavithi (till 11:30 PM, then Panchami)
Nakshatra	Vishakha (till 01:42 AM tomorrow, then Anuradha)
Sunrise	6:12 AM
Sunset	5:52 PM
Rahu Kalam	12:00 PM – 1:30 PM
Yamagandam	7:36 AM – 9:05 AM
Durmuhurtham	11:44 AM – 12:30 PM
Abhijit Muhurtham	11:38 AM – 12:26 PM
Brahma Muhurtham	4:41 AM – 5:31 AM

Chaturthi Vratham (Vinayaka Chavithi)



As it is Ashwayuja Shukla Chavithi, Vinayaka Chavithi Vratham is observed tomorrow. Worship of Goddess Durga also continues as part of Sharanavaratri. Kapardeesha Chaturthi is observed in the northern parts of India.

Sharannavaratri Celebrations at Indrakeeladri

Goddess appears as Annapurna Devi; huge rush of devotees at Vijayawada

Vijayawada, Oct 14:
The Dasara Sharannavaratri festivities are being celebrated grandly at Indrakeeladri. On the third day today, the Goddess appeared in the form of Annapurna Devi, delighting thousands of devotees. Devotees have been thronging the temple since early morning, and the temple premises are echoing with chanting of the Goddess's names. Authorities have made adequate arrangements to ensure a smooth darshan for devotees.



Goddess Annapurna Devi Alankaram at Indrakeeladri.



Significance of Annapurna Devi

Food is considered the ultimate divine form. Goddess Annapurna provides food to all living beings. It is believed that those who worship Goddess in this form will get the opportunity to serve food to others and receive divine blessings.

Sare from Dwaraka Tirumala

The EO of Dwaraka Tirumala Temple, Trinatha Rao, and board members offered a sare to the Goddess. Director Boyapati Srinu also had darshan and praised the arrangements and services for devotees.

Rising Vision Problems Among Indians

World Sight Day 2026: Love Your Eyes – Act Early, See Clearly

New Delhi, Oct 14:
Many people think about eye health only when a problem arises, by which time some vision loss may be irreversible. On the occasion of World Sight Day 2026, the focus is on creating awareness about eye care. The theme this year is "Love Your Eyes", aiming to make eye care accessible and affordable for everyone through personal responsibility and community participation.



Key Points from Experts

- **93%** of blindness cases in people above 50 are preventable.
- Cataract is the main cause of blindness in nearly two out of three cases.
- Children should spend at least 2 hours daily in natural sunlight.
- Follow the 20-20-20 rule: every 20 minutes look at something 6 metres away for 20 seconds.
- Regular eye tests are essential, especially after the age of 40.
- People with diabetes should get annual retina check-ups.

Common Eye Problems

- Myopia (near-sightedness) in children is increasing.
- Digital screens can cause eye strain, dryness and fatigue.
- Cataract, glaucoma and macular degeneration after 40.
- Diabetic retinopathy in people with diabetes.
- Do not self-medicate with eye drops, especially steroids.
- Use protective glasses during sports or while handling chemicals.
- Consult an eye doctor if you notice any changes in vision.