

## Poshan Pakhwada Program Conducted at Anganwadi Centre



“NARRA SRINIVAS REDDY (NSR) Medchal - Malkajgiri Staff Reporter, April 13 (INDIAN CHRONICLE):“A Poshan Pakhwada program was conducted at the Old Meerpet Anganwadi Centre under Alwal Project, Mallapur Sector. ICDS Supervisor Bhagyalakshmi attended the event as the chief guest. Speaking on the occasion, Bhagyalakshmi said that Poshan Pakhwada is being observed from April 9 to April 23. She explained that the program is aimed at improving the nutritional status of pregnant women, lactating mothers, children, and adolescent girls. She stated that the initiative helps in increasing nutrition awareness and promoting healthy habits through community participation and collective awareness. She emphasized that nutritious food is essential for the healthy growth of children and advised parents to provide fruits, vegetables, and home-cooked meals daily, while avoiding junk food. She also highlighted the importance of iron supplementation for building strong bodies, active minds, and better immunity. She added that a healthy child leads to a happy family. Anganwadi teachers Srilatha, Sujatha, and Anuradha, helper Sajida Begum, ASHA worker Lakshmi, along with pregnant women, lactating mothers, and local participants attended the program.

## BRS Leader Vijay Kumar Reddy Inspects Parks in JV Colony

“Serilingampalli April 13: Parks within the limits of the Sriram Nagar Division, specifically in JV Colony, are gradually disappearing. On Monday, under the leadership of BRS leader Vijay Kumar Reddy and Serilingampally BRS leader Maraboyina Ravikumar Yadav—along with several other party functionaries—an inspection of the park sites in JV Colony, Sriram Nagar Division, was conducted. “Speaking on the occasion, Vijay Kumar Reddy stated that with the backing of certain politicians, some individuals are utilizing park lands as if they were their own private property. He noted that the original purpose of park lands—to provide a peaceful environment—has been lost; instead, attempts are now being made to encroach upon these parks for personal gain. He criticized officials and politicians who, instead of protecting the parks, are extending their support to certain builders. He urged them to cease such activities immediately and to work towards initiatives that truly benefit the residents of the colony. He demanded that the local MLA and GHMC officials take immediate action regarding this matter. “The BRS leaders and activists declared that if the MLA and officials fail to take action concerning the parks in JV Colony,



they would voluntarily step in to protect them. They affirmed their intention to ensure that every individual plants a tree, thereby restoring a peaceful and serene environment for the residents living in the area. Speaking next, Ravi

Yadav remarked that the current political leaders and officials have failed to provide basic infrastructure facilities to the public. He asserted that it is unacceptable to stand idly by while government lands and parks are being subjected to encroachment. He urged the

government and political leaders to step forward and take the initiative to create a healthy and pleasant environment for the people. Senior BRS leaders, party activists, and others participated in this program.

## Complaint Raised at Prajavani Over Drinking Water and Drainage Issues in Mallapur Division

“KISHORE VADDEPALLI, Uppal, April 13 (Indian Chronicle):“Senior Congress leader Nemali Anil Kumar and his team lodged a complaint during the Prajavani program held at the Water Board office in Beerappa Gadda, Uppal, seeking resolution of drinking water and drainage issues in Mallapur Division. “During the program, the team met Water Works General Manager Santosh Kumar and DGM Venugopal, along with Mallapur AE Rohith, and submitted a representation after a



detailed discussion on the ongoing problems in several localities under the division. “They highlighted that residents in KL Reddy Colony, HCL Colony, Annapurna Colony, and Bhavani Nagar are facing low-pressure drinking water supply. They also requested the laying of a new water pipeline and provision of new connections near Madina Chicken Center in Old Mallapur. Additionally, they brought to the notice of officials the urgent need for new drainage lines in multiple colonies. “The representations were based on issues raised by the public

during the “Basti Bata” program. Responding to the concerns, GM Santosh Kumar assured that the problems would be addressed on a priority basis. “Locals appreciated the efforts of Nemali Anil Kumar for consistently working towards resolving public issues. “Mallapur Congress Party General Secretary Tandra Srikanth Reddy, senior leaders Koyalakonda Rajesh, Shankar Goud, Pidisetty Suresh, Anwar Pathan, Sai Kumar, and Rasheed also participated in the program.

## Auto Driver’s Honesty Shines: Returns Lost Gold and Mobile to Owner Police Felicitate Driver for Integrity.

..“Zaheerabad April 13 ( Indian Chronicle):“An auto driver in Zaheerabad town of Sangareddy district has earned widespread praise for his remarkable honesty in returning lost valuables to their rightful owner. “Jyothi, a resident of Gandhi Nagar (wife of Madhav), had travelled in an auto from Ram Nagar and got down at the Zaheerabad bus stand. During the journey, she accidentally left behind her mobile phone along with a few grams of gold ornaments in the vehicle. “The auto driver, Mohammed Salahuddin, a resident of Satwar village, discovered the items while inspecting his vehicle. Demonstrating integrity, he immediately went to the Zaheerabad Town Police Station and handed over the belongings. “The police contacted Jyothi and, under the supervision of Sub-Inspector Vinay Kumar, safely returned the valuables to her. Jyothi expressed immense happiness and gratitude upon recovering her lost items. Impressed by his honesty, SI Vinay Kumar felicitated Mohammed Salahuddin with a shawl and appreciated his noble act. The incident has become a topic of discussion locally and stands as a fine example of honesty in society.



## Development Works Worth Rs 15 Lakhs Launched in Kothur B Village

“\* CC Road and Drainage Works Initiated... “\* Works Launched by MLA Koninti Manik Rao... “\*Zaheerabad, April 13 (Indian Chronicle):“Detailed Print Media Report:“Key infrastructure development works have been launched in Kothur B village of Zaheerabad mandal in Sangareddy district. The works include the con-



struction of a CC road and drainage system, being taken up at a cost of ₹15 lakhs under NREGS and Gram Panchayat funds. The projects were inaugurated by Hon’ble MLA Koninti Manik Rao. Speaking on the occasion, the MLA stated that the government is giving special focus to the development of basic infrastructure in rural areas. He emphasized that the construction of roads will improve transportation facilities for villagers, while the drainage system will help prevent water stagnation, especially during the rainy season. He reiterated that comprehensive rural development remains a top priority for the government. The event was attended by former Market Chairman Gundappa, Zaheerabad Mandal Party President Tattu Narayana, Village Sarpanch Mahadevi Mallikarjun, Mandal Women President Saraswathi Reddy, along with sarpanchs from various villages including Machender, Mohan Rathod, and Rathod Bheem Rao Naik. “Former sarpanchs Chinna Reddy and Jagadeesh were also present. Other village leaders including Ramesh Reddy, Party President Babu, Srikanth, Narsimulu, Deputy Sarpanchs Mosin, Shivakumar, Nabiyoddin, Pralath Reddy, Samayya, Papanath, Papayya, Boppa Bal Reddy, Srikanth Reddy, Imran, Caleb, Sangameshwar, Aligi Raju, Samad, Toufeeq, Siraj Uddin and several others participated in large numbers. Villagers expressed happiness over the initiation of these development works, stating that they will significantly improve road connectivity and sanitation in the village.

## Goodwill Meeting Between DMAC Representatives and Collector P. Pravanya in Sangareddy

“\* Focus on Media Responsibilities, Accreditation Issues and Journalistic Affairs... “\*Zaheerabad April 13 ( Indian Chronicle):“Sangareddy: In a significant development aimed at strengthening coordination between the media and district administration, representatives of the District Media Accreditation Committee (DMAC), Sangareddy, held a constructive goodwill meeting with District Collector Ms. P. Pravanya, IAS, at the Collectorate. “The meeting served as a platform for in-depth discussions on several key issues concerning the media fraternity. Prominent among them were the roles and responsibilities of journalists in today’s dynamic information environment, challenges related to media accreditation, and the need for a transparent and streamlined process to address such concerns. “The DMAC representatives also highlighted



the importance of ethical journalism, timely dissemination of accurate information, and maintaining a healthy relationship between the administration and the press for the overall development of the district. They emphasized that effective communication between officials and media plays a crucial role in ensuring public awareness and accountability. “On the occasion, the committee members extended their heartfelt congratulations to the District Collector for her dedicated and people-centric services. They also conveyed their best wishes for her continued efforts in the development and welfare of Sangareddy district. “Responding positively, the District Collector appreciated the role of the media in shaping public opinion and assured her support in addressing genuine concerns related to accreditation and journalistic activities. “The meeting was held in a cordial and cooperative atmosphere, marked by mutual respect and exchange of ideas. “Among those present was Mr. Mohd Siddiq Ahmed, Member of DMAC, Sangareddy district, along with other committee representatives.

# Grand 'Arrive Alive' Road Safety Awareness Programme Held in Zaheerabad

\*\*\*\* Focus on Traffic Rules, CPR Training, and Helmet Distribution to Promote Safer Roads...\*\*\*\*Zaheerabad April 13 ( Indian Chronicle ):“As part of the Telangana Government’s prestigious Praja Palana – Pragathi Pranalika initiative, and under the directions of the State DGP and Chief Secretary, the Zaheerabad Town Police organized a grand ‘Arrive Alive’ road safety awareness programme on April 13, 2026.\*\*\*\*The programme was conducted in Ward No. 3 (Pastapur) and Ward No. 2 (Bharatnagar) of Zaheerabad town. The main event at Pastapur witnessed the participation of Zaheerabad Sub-Division DSP Ms. Saida, CI Mr. Shivalingam, Town SI K. Vinay Kumar, SI Srinivas Reddy, along with police personnel.\*\*\*\*Several dignitaries attended the programme, including Municipal Chairman Mr. Yunus, Vice Chairman Ms. Shirisha Surender Reddy, Ward Councillor Mr. Sridhar Reddy, MVI Mr. Venkataiah, RTC Depot Manager Mr. Swamy, and Government Hospital Doctor Ms. Jyothi, among others.\*\*\*\*During the programme, officials and public representatives educated citizens about the importance of road safety and strict adherence to traffic rules. The Zaheerabad Town Police delivered technical presentations through PowerPoint (PPT) and videos to explain traffic regulations in a clear and engaging manner.\*\*\*\*A special highlight of the event was a live demonstration and training session on CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation), conducted under the guidance of Dr. Jyothi, emphasizing the importance of first aid in saving lives during emergencies.\*\*\*\*As part of the awareness drive, 20 helmets were distributed to vehicle riders to encourage safe driving practices. Authorities also administered a pledge to the public to strictly follow traffic rules and contribute to accident prevention.\*\*\*\*Cultural programmes were organized to further spread awareness on road safety through songs and performances. On this occasion, a victim, Ms. Ranamma, emotionally shared that her husband had lost his life in a road accident last year at Algole Cross Road due to not wearing a helmet.\*\*\*\*Addressing the gathering, DSP Ms. Saida urged everyone to follow traffic rules diligently and highlighted that wearing helmets significantly reduces the severity of accidents. She emphasized that only through active public participation can a road accident-free society be achieved.



## Police Conduct Counselling Session for Rowdy Sheeters and Suspects in Zaheerabad

\*\*\* Strict Warning Against Criminal Activities; PD Act to Be Invoked for Repeat Offenders...\*\*\*\*Zaheerabad April 13 (Indian Chronicle ):“an effort to maintain law and order and curb criminal activities, the Zaheerabad Town Police conducted a counselling session for rowdy sheeters and suspected individuals at the Town Police Station on April 13, 2026.\*\*\*\*The session was led by Town SI Mr. K. Vinay Kumar and SI Mr. Srinivas Reddy, along with their team. During the interaction, the individuals were strictly advised to stay away from criminal activities and reform their behavior to lead a respectable life in society.\*\*\*\*Police officials emphasized that rowdy sheeters and suspects must abandon their past habits and adopt lawful means of livelihood. They warned that any involvement in criminal activities in the future would lead to stringent legal action, including the invocation of the Preventive Detention (PD) Act.\*\*\*\*The officials also made it clear that the police department is continuously monitoring the movements of known offenders and that any attempt to disturb peace and public order will not be tolerated under any circumstances.\*\*\*\*As part of the counselling, individuals were encouraged to leave the path of crime, focus on their families, and explore various employment opportunities provided by the government to build a stable and dignified life.



## Indiramma Housing Scheme Fulfilling Dreams of the Poor

### Joy Among Beneficiaries in Villages..

CM Revanth Reddy Praised for Providing Shelter to Homeless Families. ...\*\*\*\*Maniyarpalli April 13 (Indian Chronicle ):“The Indiramma Housing Scheme, being implemented by the Congress government, is turning the long-cherished



dream of owning a house into reality for poor and homeless families across rural areas. Beneficiaries are expressing immense happiness as they receive permanent shelter under the initiative.\*\*\*\*Villagers say that Chief Minister Revanth Reddy is working like an elder son of every poor family, ensuring that those without houses are provided with a secure place to live. The impact of the scheme is clearly visible in villages, where people are celebrating the support extended by the government.\*\*\*\*Speaking on the occasion at Maniyarpalli village thanda, Mr. Srinivas Naik expressed his gratitude, stating that the Congress government had provided them with a house and that they would remain indebted to the party forever for this support.\*\*\*\*Sarpanch

Mr. Raj Kumar assured the beneficiaries that the Congress government would always stand by the poor and continue to implement welfare schemes for their upliftment.\*\*\*\*Responding with happiness, the beneficiaries and their families extended their support and gratitude, promising to stand with the leadership. A festive atmosphere prevailed in the village, with residents expressing hope that the government would continue such welfare initiatives in the future.

## “Arrive–Alive” should continue as a social movement

Inagala Venkataram Reddy, President, District Congress Committee (DCC), and Chairman, KUDA

““““Devulapally Srinivas Warangal Bureau (Hanamkonda), April 13 (Indian



Chronicle) : Hanmakonda DCC President Inagala Venkataram Reddy said that accident-prone black spots (dangerous locations) on roads must be identified and appropriate safety measures taken there. ““As part of the Telangana government’s prestigious Prajapalana–Pragathi 99-day action plan, a road safety awareness seminar titled “Arrive–Alive” was conducted on Monday at Kaloji Kalakshetram under the chairmanship of District Collector Chahat Bajpai. ““Speaking at the event, he said the main objective of the program is to create awareness about road safety among the public, especially the youth. He emphasized that “Arrive–Alive” is not merely a government program but a social movement that every individual must take responsibility for. ““He suggested forming road safety committees in every village to spread awareness at the grassroots level. He urged students and youth to actively participate in the campaign and educate their family members and friends about traffic rules. He expressed hope that everyone would follow traffic regulations and reach their destinations safely. ““He appreciated the government’s 99-day plan under Prajapalana–Pragathi, stating that it gives priority to solving people’s problems and ensuring public safety at the grassroots level.

## ‘Arrive Alive’ Traffic Awareness Posters Unveiled at Zaheerabad Bus Stand Police and RTC Officials Promote Road Safety Awareness Among Passengers and Motorists

....““Zaheerabad April 13 ( Indian Chronicle ):““In a continued effort to prevent road accidents and enhance awareness on traffic rules among the public and motorists, the Zaheerabad Police organized a special awareness initiative on April 13, 2026. ““As part of the programme, road safety posters themed ‘Arrive Alive’ were officially unveiled at the Zaheerabad Bus Stand. The posters aim to educate people on the importance of safe driving practices and adherence to traffic regulations. ““The posters were released jointly by Zaheerabad Town SI Mr. K. Vinay Kumar, RTC Depot Manager Mr. Swamy, and Motor Vehicle Inspector (MVI) Mr. Venkataiah. Following the launch, the officials also ensured that these awareness posters were displayed on TGSRTC buses to reach a wider audience and create greater impact among daily commuters. ““Speaking on the occasion, officials emphasized that it is the fundamental responsibility of every passenger and motorist to follow traffic rules. They cautioned that over-speeding, driving under the influence of alcohol, and violating traffic signals can lead to fatal accidents. ““They further explained that the message ‘Arrive Alive’ signifies reaching one’s destination safely and urged everyone to act responsibly to build an accident-free society. ““RTC staff, police personnel, and passengers actively participated in the programme, making it a meaningful step towards promoting road safety awareness in the region.



## Five-Day Training Programme for Gram Panchayat Representatives Begins in Zaheerabad

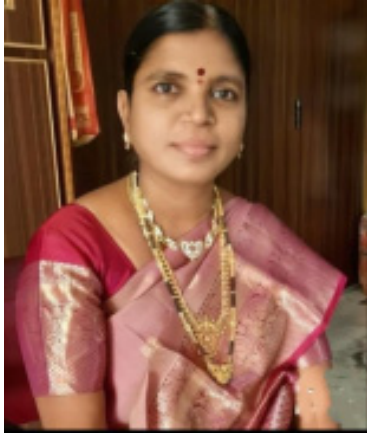
““:106 Deputy Sarpanches and Ward Members Participate in First Batch....““Zaheerabad April 13 ( Indian Chronicle ):““A five-day training programme for Gram Panchayat ward members and Deputy Sarpanches commenced today at the Zaheerabad Mandal Office. ““The programme is



aimed at enhancing the administrative skills of local representatives and creating awareness about the effective implementation of government schemes at the grassroots level. ““In the first batch, a total of 106 Deputy Sarpanches and Ward Members participated in the training. Experts will provide guidance on rural development, transparent governance, and proper execution of welfare programmes during the sessions. ““Officials stated that such training programmes would help local public representatives perform their duties more efficiently and contribute to overall village development.

## Call for International Short Story and Poetry Entries: Urimalla Foundation

“Avnreddy Khammam Town Reporter April 13, (Indian Chronicle): “Urimalla Foundation Founder Urimalla Sunanda has invited entries for international-level short story and poetry competitions for the year 2026, as part of the foundation’s 8th anniversary celebrations. “In a statement released on Monday, she announced that cash prizes will be awarded to winners during the anniversary event. “For the Urimalla Sriramulu Memorial Short Story Competition, the prizes are: “First Prize: ₹5,000 “Second Prize: ₹4,000 “Third Prize: ₹3,000 “Two consolation prizes of ₹1,000 each “Participants are instructed to submit stories on any social issue. Handwritten stories should not exceed 5 pages, while typed (DTP) entries should be limited to 3 pages. A declaration letter must be attached separately with the submission. “For the Urimalla Padmaja Memorial Poetry Competition, the prizes are: “First Prize: ₹4,000 “Second Prize: ₹3,000 “Third Prize: ₹2,000 “Two consolation prizes of ₹1,000 each “Poems should be based on any social theme and must not exceed 25 lines. A separate declaration letter must also be included. “Additionally, individuals from the erstwhile Khammam district who have made significant contributions to literature will be honored with the Bhogoju Samudramma–Purushottam Memorial Award, which carries a cash prize of ₹10,000. “The awards and prizes will be presented during the Urimalla Foundation’s 8th anniversary event, organized with the support of the Aksharathova Literary Organization. “Interested participants are requested to send their entries by May 15, 2026, to: Bhogoju Upendar Rao, H.No. 11-10-694/5, Burhanpuram, Khammam. For more details, contact: 9441815722.



## Defensive Driving Must Be Prioritized: Madhira Rural CI Madhu

“Arvapalli Nagesh Khammam Bureau Madhira April 13, (Indian Chronicle): “Madhira Rural Circle Inspector (CI) Madhu emphasized the importance of practicing defensive driving. As part of the “Arrive Alive” awareness program conducted under the Praja Palana – Pragati Pranalika initiative, awareness activities are being held from Monday until the 18th of this month. “On this occasion, an awareness program was organized today in Maturu village of Madhira Rural Mandal, where helmets were distributed to the public. Speaking at the event, the CI highlighted that road accidents are increasing across the state, with a significant number of fatalities involving two-wheeler riders, pedestrians, and people



near roadsides. “He stressed that both riders and pillion passengers on two-wheelers must wear proper helmets at all times. Drivers of cars and other four-wheelers must also wear seat belts without exception. “He further stated that overtaking from the left side is against traffic rules and should only be done from the right. Heavy and slow-moving vehicles should keep to the left side of the road, while other vehicles should use the right side. Parking on main roads

is prohibited, and reflective (radium) stickers on vehicles are mandatory. “CI Madhu urged everyone to focus on defensive driving, remain alert, and prioritize safe travel. He also advised motorists to observe “Drive Slow” signboards near schools and parks to ensure pedestrian safety. “The program was attended by SI Lakshmi Bhargavi, local public representatives, and villagers.

## Unidentified Dead Body Found in Uppal

“KISHORE VADDEPALLI, Uppal, April 13 (Indian Chronicle): “An incident involving the discovery of an unidentified elderly man’s dead body took place on Monday under the limits of Uppal Police Station. According to Station Admin SI S. Madhava Reddy, police received information that a man was found dead near the Uppal–Chilkanagar substation. Upon reaching the spot, the police found that the deceased was approximately 60–65 years old. “During preliminary inquiry with local residents, it was learned that the man had been living in the surrounding areas for the past five years, surviving by begging and staying at different places. “No identification documents were found on the body. The deceased was wearing a blue and red T-shirt and black jeans pant. “Uppal police registered a case and shifted the body to Gandhi Hospital mortuary for post-mortem examination. Investigation is underway. The Uppal Inspector has appealed to the public to come forward with any information regarding the deceased.



## Demand for Action Against Disrespect to Bheemsang Maharaj and Mairama Bhavani Names

“Avnreddy Khammam Town Reporter April 13, (Indian Chronicle): “Jadav Ramesh Naik, State Chief Coordinator of the Lambadi United Forum, demanded strict action against officials who allegedly disrespected the names of Bheemsang Maharaj and Mairama Bhavani. “Speaking at a press conference held at the local Press Club in Khammam city, he condemned the actions of Endowments Department officials of Makula Thanda in Maripeda mandal. On the occasion, posters titled “Makula Jathara – Majjidevar Jathara, Majir Hat” were unveiled. “He announced that the Gor Matee Self-Respect Conference of the Makula (Lambadi community) will be held on April 15, 2026 (Wednesday) from 10:30 AM to 11:59 AM, led by community spiritual leaders. The program will include rituals such as Bhavani worship and traditional offerings (Bhog/Dhapkar) by six community gurus. He appealed to members of Banjara/Lambadi/Gor community organizations—including



students, employees, public representatives, and political groups—to participate in large numbers and make the event successful. “Referring to the Makula temple construction, he stated that former MP and MLA Surender Reddy, who contributed to the temple and land donation, had personally conducted the installation of the Mairama Bhavani idol on April 9 last

year. However, he expressed concern that no inscription plaque has been installed at the temple so far. “He urged authorities to take action against the alleged misconduct by temple Endowments officials during the Brahmotsavam celebrations. “Ramesh Naik highlighted that every Sunday and during the Jathara, thousands of Lambadi devotees visit Bheemsang Baba to offer prayers and perform rituals like Bhog Bhandar. Similarly, devotees also fulfill vows at the nearby Mairama Bhavani shrine. “He stressed that devotees visit the site specifically for Bheemsang Baba and Mairama Bhavani, and therefore their sentiments should not be hurt. He requested that the traditional names of both deities be retained without alteration, respecting the beliefs of the Lambadi community as well as other devotees. “Several leaders participated in the press meet, including State Secretary of the LIVE Advocate Wing Bhukya Hari Naik, Blue India Party State leader Banothu Linga Naik, LIVE Bhadradi Zonal Coordinator Jadav Mangilal, District Advocate Wing Secretary Mani Mala, district leaders Hari Naik, constituency leaders Praveen Naik (Dornakal), Shobhan Naik (Palair), Sevalal Sena in-charge Naresh Naik, State leader Banothu Seetharam Naik, and Maripeda Mandal President Devender Naik.

## Allegations of Continued Discrimination Against Dalits

“Arvapalli Nagesh Khammam Bureau April 13, (Indian Chronicle): “Yesuratnam, State President of the Dalit Rights Struggle Committee (DHPS), alleged that both the central and state governments are continuing to discriminate against Dalit communities in matters of welfare and development. “Speaking at the Khammam district general body meeting of the organization held on Monday at Giri Prasad Bhavan, he stated that funds allocated under the Sub-Plan for Dalits are not being fully utilized, and are often diverted instead of being spent effectively. “The meeting was presided over by Yamala Gopal Rao and Srujana. Addressing the gathering, Yesuratnam said that governments have failed to focus adequately on socially marginalized communities. He pointed out that despite decades of budget allocations for Dalits, improper utilization and diversion of funds have led to their continued economic and social backwardness. “He further demanded that budget allocations should be made in proportion to the Dalit population. He noted that although Dalits constitute about 20% of the population, only 16% of the budget has been allocated to them this year. “Yesuratnam emphasized that the organization is working to challenge economic and political dominance and to build an egalitarian society. He urged members to focus on politically and socially empowering Dalit communities. “CPI District Secretary Dandi Suresh also addressed the meeting,



calling for reservations in local bodies and other sectors based on population proportion. He highlighted that as employment opportunities are increasingly concentrated in the private sector due to the weakening of the public sector, reservations for Dalits should also be implemented in private industries. “He appreciated the efforts being made for Dalit welfare and social awareness. “Several leaders and members attended the meeting, including CPI District Assistant Secretary Jammula Jitender Reddy, DHPS leaders Yangala Ananda Rao, Pagidipalli Yesu, Tadikamalla Ebu, Thotapalli Seetharamulu, Mamidala Kiran, Varada Narsimha Rao, Narapogu Vasantha Rao, Nageswara Rao, Mathangi Srinivasa Rao, Ramakrishna, Ravi, and others. “New District Committee Elected “ “During the meeting, Pagidipalli Yesu and Yangala Ananda Rao were unanimously elected as District President and Secretary of the Dalit Rights Struggle Committee, Khammam. “A 31-member district committee and 18-member executive body were also formed. Tadikamalla Ebu was elected as Honorary President, while Nageswara Rao and Seetharamulu were chosen as Vice Presidents. Yamala Gopal Rao was appointed as Organizing Secretary, with Varada Narsimha Rao, Mamidala Kiran, and Narapogu Vasantha Rao as Joint Secretaries. Srujana was elected as Treasurer. “The newly elected President and Secretary affirmed their commitment to continue the fight for Dalit rights and welfare.

## Strict Action Ordered to Prevent Dengue, Malaria Spread

“Indian Chronicle (Taj Khan), April 13, Kumuram Bheem Asifabad: “District Collector K. Hariitha on Monday directed officials to take effective measures to control mosquito breeding and prevent the spread of diseases like malaria, dengue and chikungunya. “At a review meeting held at the Integrated District Collectorate Complex with Additional Collector (Revenue) David, and officials from Panchayat Raj, Rural Water Supply, Medical, Education, Tribal and Welfare departments, the Collector stressed daily sanitation drives, removal of garbage, and prevention of water stagnation in villages. “She instructed strict implementation of the weekly “Dry Day Friday” programme, construction of soak pits near hand pumps and wells, and regular monitoring by panchayat and municipal staff. Welfare hostel students should undergo timely health check-ups, while water tanks must be cleaned



regularly and pipeline leakages repaired. “Officials were also asked to keep fogging machines, mosquito spray and oil balls ready, and work in coordination to prevent outbreaks. Officials from various departments attended the meeting. “Issued by District Public Relations Officer, Kumuram Bheem Asifabad.

## Resolve Public Grievances Promptly: District Collector Anudeep Durishetty

“Avnreddy Khammam Town Reporter April 13, (Indian Chronicle): “District Collector Anudeep Durishetty directed officials to ensure that public grievances are resolved without delay. “At the Praja Vani grievance redressal program held on Monday at the Collectorate meeting hall, the Collector, along with Additional Collectors Dr. P. Srija and P. Srinivasa Reddy, received petitions from the public. “Residents of Chandrupatla village in Kalluru mandal submitted a petition stating that land belonging to the Harijanwada Primary School in their village had been encroached upon. The Collector instructed the Tahsildar and Mandal Education Officer to examine the issue and take appropriate action. “B. Swapna from Muthyalagudem village in Kusumanchi mandal requested sanction of a disability pension, stating that she has a mental disability and possesses a valid Sadaram certificate. The Collector directed the DRDO to review the case and take necessary action. “M. Devender Rao from Brahmanapalli village in Bonakal mandal



filed a complaint alleging that his agricultural land in Rapalli, purchased through a registered sale deed, had been fraudulently transferred to another individual using fake documents, and a pattadar passbook was issued in that person’s name. The Collector instructed the Khammam RDO to investigate the matter and take action as per rules. “Residents of Gubbagurthi Gram Panchayat in Konijerla mandal complained about encroachment on land belonging to the Peddamma Thalli temple. The Collector directed the concerned officials to conduct a survey, prevent further encroachments, and submit a report within a week after inquiry through the RDO. “District Revenue Officer A. Padmashri, ZP CEO Diksha Raina, District officials, and Collectorate AO K. Srinivasa Rao were among those present at the program.

## People Advised to Take Precautions Against Heatstroke: District Collector Anudeep Durishetty

“Arvapalli Nagesh Khammam Bureau April 13, (Indian Chronicle): “District Collector Anudeep Durishetty has urged people to take necessary precautions to



avoid heatstroke as temperatures continue to rise. “In a statement, the Collector advised the public to avoid going out in the sun unless absolutely necessary. He emphasized that children and the elderly should stay indoors, and everyone should drink adequate water daily. People are advised to wear loose-fitting clothes, preferably light-colored cotton garments, and use umbrellas or hats while stepping out. “He also cautioned against long-distance travel on two-wheelers during peak heat and advised people to protect themselves from direct exposure to sunlight. “For those working outdoors, the Collector recommended frequent intake of water and Oral Rehydration Solution (ORS) to stay hydrated and prevent heat-related illnesses. “He further advised avoiding high-protein and stale foods. People should not leave children or pets inside parked vehicles, as temperatures inside can rise rapidly and become dangerous. “The Collector highlighted common symptoms of heatstroke, including excessive sweating, intense thirst, weakness, dizziness, and muscle cramps. In such cases, individuals should be immediately taken to the nearest health center. “Until medical help is available, affected persons should be moved to a cool place, their body should be wiped with cool water, and proper ventilation should be ensured. “The Collector reiterated the importance of staying alert and taking preventive measures to stay safe during the ongoing heatwave.

# Arrive Alive program launched grandly in Vikarabad district as part of Praja Palana Pragathi Pranali ka“?? Road safety is everyone’s responsibility Hon’ble State Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar



“Indian Chronicle Babar Vikarabad (April 13)“As part of the State Government’s prestigious 99-day Praja Palana Pragathi Pranali ka, the “Arrive Alive” program aimed at preventing road accidents was launched grandly today under the aegis of the Vikarabad District Police Department. On the first day of this awareness week being held from April 13 to 18 under the leadership of District SP Smt. Sneha Mehra, IPS, a Gram Sabha was conducted in Athvelly village under Vikarabad Police Station limits. Hon’ble Telangana State Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar attended as the Chief Guest, while the District SP participated as the Guest of Honour. “Speaking on the occasion, Hon’ble Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar expressed grief that every life is valuable and many families are left devastated due to road accidents. He stated that accidents can be prevented not just by enforcing rules but only when there is a change among the public. He noted that minor acts of negligence like overspeeding, drunk driving, and using mobile phones while driving are leaving irreparable grief in happy families. He said the main objective of “Arrive Alive” is to strengthen road safety systems from the village level to the district level. “District SP Sneha Mehra, IPS, said that the police department and other departments will work in coordination at the field level to prevent accidents. She announced that ‘Village-level Road Safety Committees’ with 8 to 9 members under the chairmanship of the Sarpanch are being formed in every village. She said steps are being taken to ensure these committees include retired teachers, doctors, Anganwadi and ASHA workers, youth associations, and at least three women members. She called on all of them to take a pledge on road safety and create awareness among the public. She directed that every SHO and MPDO should identify accident-prone areas in their jurisdiction and take up works like filling potholes on roads, closing open wells, and clearing bushes on both sides of roads on a war footing. Special awareness programs will be conducted to prevent accidents caused by tractor driving. She said priority will be given to installing lighting in dark areas and leveling of roads. The SP explained that special WhatsApp groups will be created for road safety campaigns to disseminate information quickly. “As part of the program, a pledge was administered to all participants regarding prevention of road accidents and adherence to rules. “District Additional Collector Uma Shankar Prasad, Vikarabad DSP Srinivas Reddy, Vikarabad Inspector Raghu Kumar, local public representatives, other police officers, coordinators of various departments, and a large number of villagers participated in the program.

## Swift Action Urged on Prajavani Petitions

“Indian Chronicle (Taj Khan), April 13, Asifabad: Additional Collector M. David on Monday directed officials to resolve petitions received through Prajavani promptly after field-level verification.



He was speaking at the Prajavani programme held at the Integrated Collectorate Complex. He stressed that every application must be examined on the ground and disposed of without delay. “Several petitions were received, including requests for Indiramma housing, election-related documents, action against land encroachment, objections to road works, borewell sanction, and pending housing approvals under the Prajapalana programme. Applicants and officials attended the programme. “Issued by the District Public Relations Department.

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## Ambedkar’s Vision: Promise vs Reality

“Indian Chronicle (Taj Khan), April 13, (Ambedkar Jayanti): As India remembers Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, it must confront a pressing question—have we achieved the equality and Swaraj he envisioned? “Ambedkar defined Swaraj as social justice, economic fairness, and human dignity—not just political freedom. While India has succeeded in establishing political democracy, deep social and economic inequalities persist. Caste discrimination, though less visible, continues in new forms, and the dream of a casteless society remains distant. “Reservations and education have empowered many, yet rising privatization and inequality limit equal opportunities. Women have advanced significantly, but violence and discrimination still hinder true empowerment. “The ideals of social reformers like Jyotirao Phule and Kanshi Ram call for collective upliftment, not political gain. “Realising Ambedkar’s



vision requires accountability, active citizenship, and a renewed commitment to constitutional values. — Dr. Kondagurla Kamalakara

## War-Level Measures Needed to Prevent Road Accidents: District Collector Anudeep Durishetty

“Avnreddy Khammam Town Reporter April 13, (Indian Chronicle): “District Collector Anudeep Durishetty has directed officials to take war-footing measures to prevent road accidents in the district. “He chaired a review meeting on the Praja Palana Pragathi Pranali ka at the Collectorate on Monday, along with Additional Collectors Dr. P. Srija and P. Srinivasa Reddy. “The Collector instructed that Praja Palana programs at the mandal level be conducted on April 16 in the format of Gram Sabha-style meetings, as per government guidelines. He also emphasized maintaining cleanliness in all government office premises, continuing sanitation as an ongoing process, and removing unused furniture and scrap vehicles, warning that negligence found during field visits would invite action. “Focus on Road Safety “The Collector stressed the need to intensify the “Arrive Alive” road safety awareness campaign. He revealed that 30 accident-prone black spots have been identified in Khammam district, where over 50% of accidents occur. He directed officials



to rectify these locations immediately and also identify new accident-prone areas for prompt action. “Key Schemes for Accident Victims “He called for wide publicity of the following schemes: “Raah-Veer Scheme: Individuals who help accident victims reach hospitals within the golden hour will receive a reward of ₹25,000. “PM Rahat Scheme: Provides up to ₹1.5 lakh cashless treatment for road accident victims in hospitals. “He urged officials to create awareness about these schemes so that more lives can be saved by utilizing the golden hour effectively. “Additional Measures “The Collector instructed the RTO to: “Inspect the fitness of private school buses and vehicles “Check the health condition of drivers and submit reports “He also emphasized organizing road safety awareness Gram Sabhas and conducting eye screening camps for commercial drivers, especially lorry drivers, on a priority basis. “District Revenue Officer A. Padmashri, ZP CEO Diksha Raina, In-charge RTO J.N. Srinivasa Rao, AMVIs G. Dinesh and G. Sumalatha, RTA Member G. Venkanna, and other officials attended the meeting.

## Ambedkar Reduced to Vote-Bank Politics: BJP District President Nelluri Koteswara Rao

“Avnreddy Khammam Town Reporter April 13, (Indian Chronicle): “Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Khammam District President Nelluri Koteswara Rao alleged that previous governments limited B. R. Ambedkar to vote-bank politics for their own interests. “He was speaking as the chief guest at the Ambedkar Jayanti week celebrations held on Monday at Ramanagutta in the 58th division of Khammam city, organized under the leadership of Mekala Nagender. On the occasion, he paid floral tributes to Ambedkar after lighting a ceremonial lamp at his statue and addressed party members. “Koteswara Rao stated that real recognition for B. R. Ambedkar came only after the government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi assumed power at



the Centre. He said earlier attempts were made to portray Ambedkar as a leader of only certain sections, but the present government has projected him as the architect of the Indian Constitution and a ??? personality belonging to all sections of society. “He highlighted that initiatives such as developing memorial sites, and officially celebrating Ambedkar’s birth and death anniversaries with grandeur, have enhanced his stature. He added that the BJP government is making special efforts to present Ambedkar’s true life story and ideals to future generations. “Remembering Ambedkar’s contributions, he said that by granting and constitutionalizing the right to vote, Ambedkar empowered every Indian to shape their own destiny. He called upon everyone to work towards achieving Ambedkar’s ideals and actively participate in the nation’s development. “Koteswara Rao also assured support for the development of the community hall and infrastructure in Ramanagutta. “Several BJP leaders and local representatives, including Dhanyakula Venkata Narayana, Mandadapu Subba Rao, Mekala Nagender, Boyala Venkat, Nakkala Ravi Goud, Kandula Srikrishna, Rudragani Madhav, Boinapalli Suresh, Nagaraju, and Bhadram, participated in the event.

## FDA publishes 2025 NYTS raw data; Youth tobacco use continues to decline in the U.S. without Bans

“Hyderabad “The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has released the raw data from the 2025 National Youth Tobacco Survey (NYTS) without commentary, revealing a continued decline in tobacco and nicotine use among middle and high school students in the U.S. Notably, the findings show that youth vaping rates have decreased for the third consecutive year, reinforcing the downward trend observed in recent surveys. The annual school-based survey collects nationally representative data on tobacco use, attitudes, and exposure to pro and anti-tobacco messaging among students in grades 6 through 12. “First conducted in 1999, the NYTS has long guided youth tobacco policy in the U.S. The survey was jointly administered by the FDA and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention from 2012 and transitioned to full FDA oversight in 2025. “As per 2025 NYTS survey, overall tobacco use fell to 7.5%, down from 8.1% in 2024; e-cigarette use declined to 5.2% (approx. 1.4 million youth), the lowest level in a decade; cigarette smoking remained low and unchanged at 1.4%; nicotine pouches usage remained low and stable, dropping slightly from 1.8% in 2024 to 1.7%; and other oral nicotine, products like gums and lozenges declined sharply, from 1.2% to 0.6%. “Youth use of tobacco and nicotine has been the FDA’s sole focus in its policy and decision making for so many years, with adult education programs centered on the risk continuum of these products seemingly still far off,” said Laura Leigh Oyler, Vice President of Regulatory Affairs at Nicokick.com. “It’s been a big question throughout the industry as to why they’ve chosen to release this data with no fanfare, and with no guidance on how to interpret it. The FDA has essentially left the industry and other stakeholders to analyze and determine the use rates on their own.”

## HyFarm Collaborates with Sri BioAesthetics to Boost Potato Ecosystem Health through Microbiome-Driven Soil Immunity

“Hyderabad “HyFarm, the agribusiness unit of HyFun Foods and a leader in India’s potato seed multiplication and processing value chain has entered into a strategic partnership with Sri BioAesthetics Pvt. Ltd. The Memorandum of Understanding which was signed between the two companies will see both HyFarm and Sri BioAesthetics jointly develop and evaluate a preventive, microbiome-driven soil immunity model tailored specifically for India’s potato industry. “The coming together of two leaders marks a significant shift from reactive crop protection practices to a proactive, biology-led approach primarily aimed at improving seed health, tuber uniformity and processing recovery, while enhancing long-term soil productivity. “S. Soundararadjane, Chief Executive Officer, HyFarm, said, “At HyFarm, our focus has always been towards building a highly predictable, processing-grade potato ecosystem. This begins from the seed and ends at a quality final output. This collaboration with Sri BioAesthetics allows us to address one of the most critical aspects in farming – soil health, in a far more scientific and preventive manner. “For both HyFarm and Sri BioAesthetics, this coming together is not just about improving yields. It is predominantly about building consistency at scale, which is critical for the potato processing industry. “As a first step in this collaboration, both HyFarm and Sri BioAesthetics will implement the latter’s SoilFirst™ program. “This program is a microbiome-based framework that includes soil diagnostics, pathogen mapping, pre-plant soil conditioning (soil vaccination), seed tuber microbial treatment and root-zone biological strengthening, all tailored to the core requirements of processing-grade potato cultivation.



## Flats for Low-Income Groups at Sriram Hills: District Collector Anudeep Durishetty

“Avnreddy Khammam Town Reporter April 13, (Indian Chronicle): “District Collector Anudeep Durishetty announced that flats for low-income groups are now available at Sriram Hills on Bonakal Road in Khammam district. “At a meeting held in the Collectorate on Monday, the Collector, along with Additional Collectors Dr. P. Srija and P. Srinivasa Reddy, explained the allocation process of flats



constructed under the Telangana Housing Board. “The Collector stated that 126 flats are ready for allotment, each with a 450 sq. ft. plinth area, priced at ₹9.90 lakh. “Application Process “Interested applicants must apply through MeeSeva centers on or before April 18, by paying an advance amount of ₹1 lakh. If a flat is not allotted, the advance amount will be refunded. “Improved Infrastructure “He noted that earlier, due to access issues, there was

less response from applicants. However, those issues have now been fully resolved, and the colony is equipped with proper road connectivity and basic amenities. “Eligibility Criteria “Applicants must be residents of Khammam district “Monthly income should be between ₹25,000 and ₹50,000 “The Collector encouraged low-income employees, especially Class IV staff and outsourcing workers, to take advantage of this opportunity. “Transparent Allotment Process “Flats will be allotted through a transparent lottery system on April 22 among eligible applicants. “Payment Schedule “25% within 15 days of allotment “50% within 60 days “Remaining 25% within 90 days “The Collector directed all district department officials to create awareness among their staff about the availability of these flats. “District Revenue Officer Padmashri, ZP CEO Diksha Raina, and other officials attended the meeting.